

Construction, "Sick School" Tested Our Patience

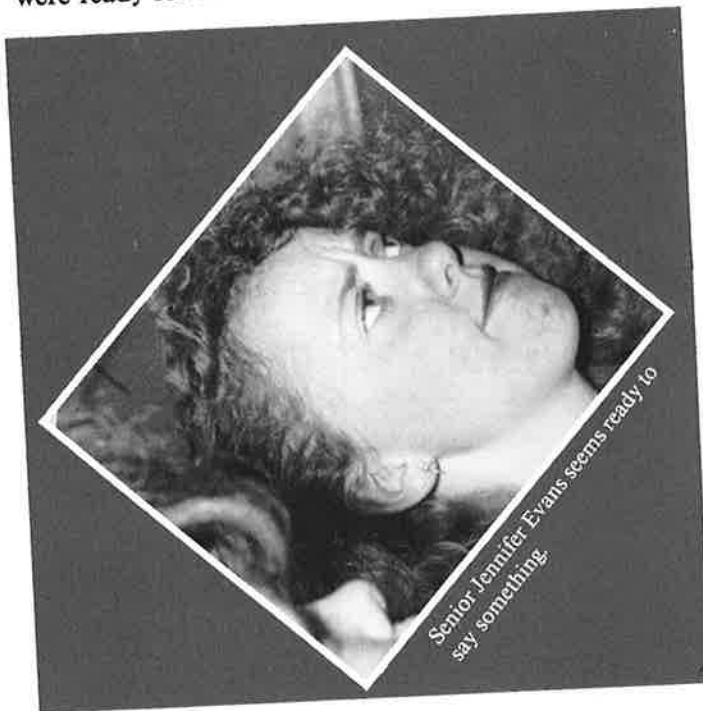
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The 1993 school year was indeed a long, strange trip for most of us. The most obvious reason was the construction of the new middle school. Because of the construction, our football team played all "home" games at Danville High School. Most students found it "weird" to attend our Homecoming at another football stadium.

A new parking lot on the south end of the school made the trip in to school different for the first three months. The reason for this was that the band had to use the asphalt lot for practice in the morning. This meant that most students had to make do with a small gravel lot out front.

Midway through the year, our school developed a so-called "sick school syndrome." Several students came down with severe breathing problems. Teachers and administrators tried to alleviate the problem by opening classroom doors and windows (even in the winter!) to allow air to circulate. Word of the "sickness" spread, and TV news crews began arriving at school, and at a school board meeting, to interview administrators and students. Finally, the administration decided that enough was enough. School was dismissed one day early to allow workmen to clean out the ventilation ducts. Nothing definite was ever found to be the cause of the "illnesses," but one thing was for sure: everyone had a theory.

In May, students displayed the usual restlessness and eagerness to get out of school. After 36 weeks of rigorous and academic endeavors, and many interruptions, students were ready for summer vacation to begin.



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and boy is it "strange!"

Page 1: Top picture shows the view of the school from the south during September. The middle picture reveals the look of the Hossier Dome during the North Putnam-South Putnam football game. The bottom picture is a view of the new middle school under construction.