

Under Construction

NPHS embarks on \$2.8 million addition, changes

Two years ago, North Putnam Community Schools and the architectural firm of Odle, McGuire & Shook began talks that set the framework for a \$5 million construction project involving all three North Putnam schools. By 1999, the two groups came to an agreement and last October high school students lost the south parking lot to groundbreaking for the 8 new classrooms. The resulting changes to the agriculture/industrial technology area, student services, administrative offices, and art, home economics, and science

classrooms totalled a whopping \$2.8 million. Besides the loss of the student parking lot, construction blocked the doors to the front and south sides of the building and forced students and visitors to use the band/choir entrance. While the new "walls" made the building feel closed in, the chain link fencing added to the "prison look", one not especially admired by NPHS students or staff. But, by August 2000, all that will remain of the construction project will be new classroom space, a new TV studio, and renovated office space and west hallway classrooms.



The Giving Tree!

One of the first tasks of the construction crew was to move a large blue spruce tree from its former location in front of the main entrance, to the front of the bandroom, in preparation for the renovation of the main foyer and room 134 into the new administrative offices.



Time to make a change - The main entrance to North Putnam High School underwent several changes during the school year. First, the walkways were dug up (above), then the walls and ceilings were knocked out (right top) in preparation for the steel studding which will provide walls for the various administrative offices (right bottom).