

Upgrade to Stadium Starting Soon

Staff Report

We will upgrade the old Sports Complex and its going to tie right in with Capel Arena.

What we are planning to do is move the visitor side to the west side and the home side will be on the east side. The same side as Capel Arena.

We are looking forward to seating 10,000 people. Our stadium now sits 5,000 to 6,000 people.

So we want to upgrade that so we can seat 10,000 people in the stadium. It will be from the ground up and under the 1st level of bleachers. We will have locker rooms for the coaches, offices, restrooms and also an eating area.

We will do the same thing on the west side for the visiting teams. There will also be room under the bleachers for locker rooms, restrooms and an eating area.

The 2nd level on the home side will have another set of bleachers. Right above those will be the VIP viewing lounge. The chancellor's suite will be in there.

There will be restrooms for both men and women. On 3rd level we will have the press box. There will be rooms for the coaches to do their work, in conjunction with the ball game. The off-field coaches and visiting coaches will have scouting rooms and restrooms. We anticipate

having an elevator to carry us up to those levels.

We are also going to do some work in the end zones.

We're going to put in new bleachers in the end zones areas also. We anticipate being able to seat 2,000 to 3,000 people in our end zones.

So it's going to be an outstanding arrangement.

We are going to fence in the stadium with rough iron and brick so it will look like a stadium.

We are looking forward to this. This project is supposed to start the end of 2003 football season, which is next year. We hope our first home game will be in the stadium in 2004. It will be a completely new

stadium. It will have a completely new audio sound system, new lights plus new bleachers. It's going to be a complete re-vamping of the football stadium. We feel real

fortunate to have this opportunity to do this.

We are going to have to move, in 2003, our last two football games on the road. So we will start immediately after our home season.

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brother, lovingly, firmly inquiring just what the @#\$%* he was thinking. They'd strongly advise him to straighten up, get off that stuff, leave that woman alone — whatever it is that allowed him to shame God, himself, family, friends, humanity and a people. 'Cause, supposedly, we don't do that kind of stuff.

If Muhammad truly is the sniper — and despite loony conspiracy theories, mounting evidence suggests he is — then he should be

charged with taking the life of one more victim: suspected accomplice John Lee Malvo. Here was a child looking to an adult for love and guidance. In return, he was manipulated and used, his future tragically disregarded — by a man whose own misguided search for the same things ultimately led him to do things we don't usually do.

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State Budget Crunch Taking Toll On FSU

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Budget crunches and state cutbacks have hit the American economy hard and now Fayetteville State University students are feeling the tight squeeze. State funding for the university has been reduced and students have faced a raised in tuition with another possibly in the near future, according to SGA President Deon Winchester.

Students see little evidence of the benefit behind such actions. Many students, including Winchester, are asking, "What are you doing with our money?" He reported asking for \$85,000 from the school's budget for SGA, but was only given \$57,000, most of which he says is spent on school spirit promotion.

There are also departmental cutbacks as profes-

sors and instructors complain of lack of funding for simple tasks such as having tests for students printed at the print shop. While the school is trying to make improvements — such as the construction taking place behind the Student Center and Collins Building and the renovation of Gerald's Stadium — many students would like to money go towards improving conditions of current facilities.

Freshmen residents of New Residents Hall have concerns as to furniture upkeep and maintenance. Harris Hall residents have concerns about living conditions — the basement has flooded twice in October and residents residing therein had to be moved.

Renee Jones, a flood victim, suffered a loss of close to \$200. She is having difficulty replacing many of

those items. She says, "Administration is still processing my claims."

Nicholas Howell of Honors Hall has concerns about technology and getting computers fixed. "I've put in at least four work orders," he says. Regina Locust, the Resident Director of Honors Hall, says new computers should be on the way.

The problems continue to pile up. So the students are asking, "Where exactly is our money going?" Winchester says, "We are looking to make sure there is no misappropriation of funds."

We students do not believe that these problems will go away easily. Our hope is that the incoming chancellor, whoever he or she may be, will be financially savvy and good at fundraising.

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