

Officials announce plans to build Quakerdome

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After years of controversy, the Guilford athletic department has finally cleared plans to build a multi-trillion-dollar sports complex dubbed "Quakerdome." The facility will be constructed on the other side of the lake in the Guilford woods. The school was planning on replacing the floor of Ragan-Brown Field House; then they thought about remodeling the whole complex; then they decided to build a new facility—but with what money?

Said Athletic Director Worry, "the success of our sports programs have been very impressive recently, but the fact of the matter is that up until now we haven't had anywhere near the amount of money we needed for such a facility." Worry gave the go-ahead for plans after an anonymous donation of 1.4 trillion dollars from an alumna earlier this year.

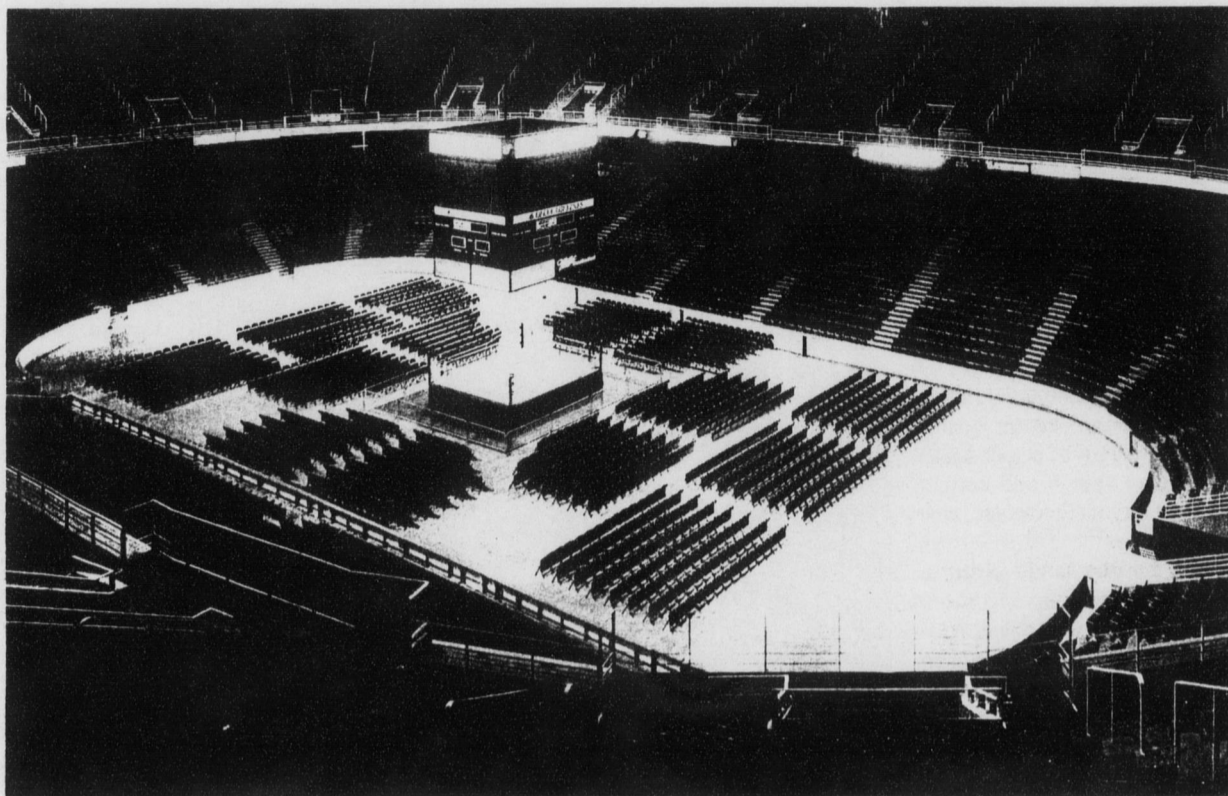
The Quakerdome, upon completion in 1998, will seat approximately 193,500 fans, more than any other indoor sports complex in the world. It will accommodate

almost every kind of sporting event including major golf tournaments.

A forum was held last week to discuss the impact of a new sports arena and the Guilford community. Some students voiced concern for the thousands of acres of forest that will need to be torn down to make way for the facility saying, "How can we tolerate such senseless destruction of nature?" Controversy has been high as some students have questioned Guilford's emphasis on academics. Said one irate student,

"How can I take my classes seriously when 150,000 people are storming onto campus to see Wrestlemania Ten?"

Some positive aspects of plans



The planned interior design of the Quakerdome. (Inset: Artist's rendering of the facility by the lake.)

to build the facility include a dramatic increase of interest from Guilford sports recruits. Glen Robinson of the Purdue Boilermakers is rumored to be declining to finish school in Indiana and in-

stead planning to transfer to Guilford next fall. Also, the admissions office has processed a record 14,000 applications this spring from eager high school seniors apparently eager to cash in on "free

student admission" to sporting events. Student employment should see a dramatic increase in jobs, as a staff of 400 people will work full-time to maintain the facility.

Star athlete looking for change

Ferrell bored with basketball, pursues other interests

Rupe Hall
Cross Dresser

After three years on the all-conference basketball team in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference, Senior Paul Ferrell has decided to put away his sneakers and try on some cleats. No, he's not pulling a Jordan—he's making the switch to women's rugby.

Ferrell said that Division III basketball was no longer challenging for him and that he thought playing rugby would be the best way to showcase his endurance and athletic ability.

"I've always had respect for rugby players," Ferrell said. "You have to like the down-and-dirty, non-stop action."

But why women's rugby? We have a men's team at Guilford.

"I got to wear a dress!" Ferrell answered, talking about last weekend's Spring Fling in which



Ferrell (kneeling fourth from left) poses with his teammates before the Spring Fling.

the women's rugby team played a game in prom dresses and bridal gowns.

After the game, there was a con-

test for best dressed and worst dressed. Ferrell didn't win either, but on the bright side, he was named Miss Congeniality.



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