

Expansion

Gym money being raised

By MARK SCHOEN
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Almost one-third of the \$30.5 million required to build The University of North Carolina's new 21,100-seat athletic center has been collected, and pledges for the remaining amount are expected by February 1982, officials announced recently.

Construction of what will be the fourth largest college sports arena in the country and the largest capital development project ever at UNC is expected to begin during the summer of 1982.

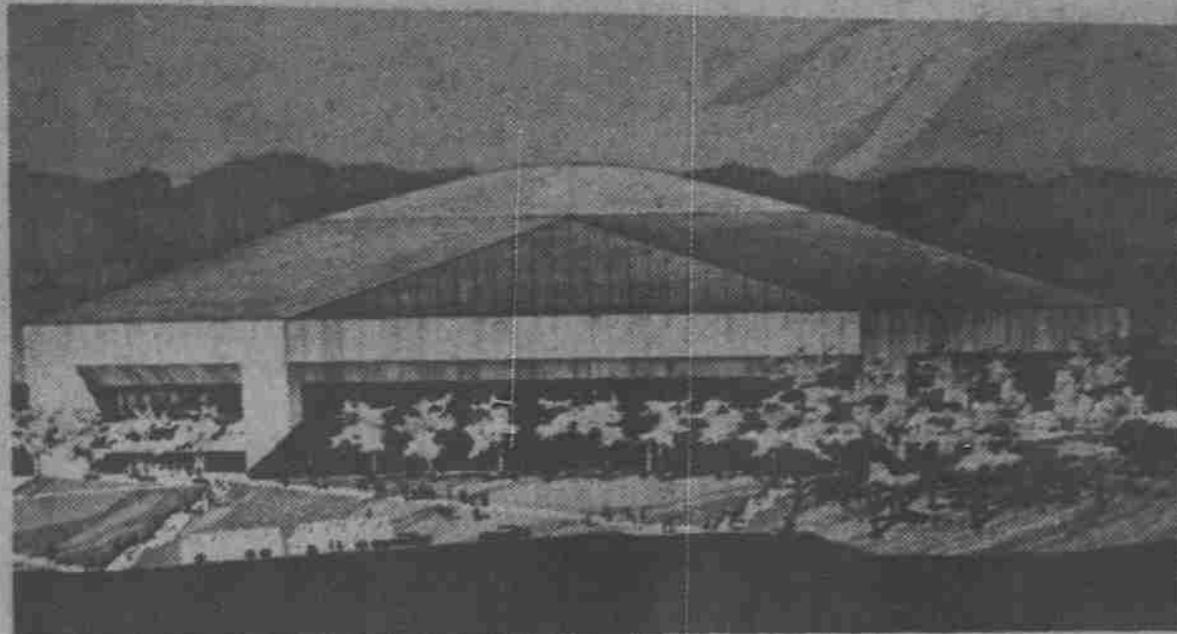
The facility will be located south of Hinton James Residence Hall on a tract of land bordered by Manning Drive, Mason Farm Road and the 15-501 Bypass. The land was purchased by the University in 1974.

The arena, which is expected to be ready for 1984-85 basketball season if all goes according to schedule, will serve a wide variety of purposes, UNC Athletic Director John Swofford said.

"The impossible ticket situation (for varsity basketball) will be alleviated of course," he said. "At this time we can't fulfill all the ticket needs, so the new arena will help us tremendously in that sense."

Besides hosting basketball, wrestling, volleyball, gymnastics and other sports, the arena will have non-athletic uses as well.

"The building will be a student center," Swofford said. "It'll be



Fund-raising for new University athletic center underway ... construction expected to start next year

available for concerts and top-name entertainment. It'll be a facility to attract political conventions, the symphony and other cultural events that Carmichael Auditorium can't attract.

"It'll have a positive impact not only on athletics, but on the student body and the community as well," he said.

The arena will be funded entirely from private donations, although the yearly maintenance cost of \$500,000 will be paid by state taxes.

Fund raising, which is being conducted by the Rams Club, is exceeding all expectations, Swofford said.

"We're very encouraged," he said. "We don't have anything to compare it to, but everyone is very pleased."

"On a scale of one to 10, I'm an 11," said Hargrove "Skipper" Bowles of Greensboro, chairman of the fund-raising campaign and chairman of the UNC Board of Trustees. "We are right on track and getting into high gear."

The arena will replace out-dated Carmichael Auditorium which opened

in 1965 and seats only 10,000.

The arena, which was designed by the architectural firm of Hakan-Corley and Associates, Inc., will be 12 stories high at the center and wide enough for the Greensboro Coliseum to fit inside. Built in the shape of an octagon, it will have two tiers of seating with more than 14,000 seats in the upper tier. The building will be covered by a translucent fabric roof, which will allow increased ventilation, cut construction costs and provide more lighting.

A new swimming pool, replacing the 42-year-old Bowman Gray Pool, will be built adjacent to the arena.

Space for 2,000 to 2,500 cars will surround the building. When not being used for large crowds, the space will be used for additional campus parking.

Swofford said that as soon as funds were raised, ground-breaking can take place.

"The planning is basically completed," he said. "There's still fine tuning to be done, but most of the planning has been done."

Construction running smoothly

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Progress on campus construction is running smoothly, as a whole, and most of the current projects — the new art building, the new central library, Fetzer Gymnasium and the addition to the Carolina Union — will be completed in time to meet their target dates.

The new \$6.1 million art building, being constructed behind Ackland Art Museum, is coming along well, said Gordon Rutherford, director of planning at the University.

Funded by state appropriations, the new facility will serve as the classroom and studio building for the department of art.

"This will be a home for the department of art, which is now in the rear of Ackland," Rutherford said.

He added that the new building would house the classes now meeting in Lenoir and Caldwell halls. The entire art department, except the sculpture studio, which is located near the Physical Plant, will be relocated in the new art facility.

The scheduled completion date for the building is August 1982, Rutherford said.

Construction on the new central library is also running almost on schedule, Rutherford said.

"It's probably 30-60 days behind schedule, but it's going well," he said. "There's no real major delay."

The new nine-story library will serve a purpose similar to that of Wilson Library and will cost approximately \$22.4 million, Rutherford said.

The targeted date of completion for the library is April 1982. The new library will house an estimated 2.8 million volumes, enhancing the UNC library system, which is presently ranked 15th in the nation.

Fetzer Gymnasium, the only structure running behind schedule, is targeted to be finished by the end of June or the first of July, Jake Bryant, head of planning for the facility, said Tuesday.

Bryant cited the structure of the buildings and bad weather as reasons for the delay of the \$5.5 million facility.

The new gymnasium complex will include 15 handball courts, six squash courts, three gymnasiums with seven basketball courts, a wrestling arena, an area designated for fencing, four student locker rooms, a staff locker room, classrooms, offices, a general purpose area and a sports medicine facility.

"It's going to be an excellent facility when it's completed," Bryant said. "One worth waiting for."

The last major construction work on campus is the \$1.8 million addition to the Carolina Union, which is essentially completed. The remaining work on the project involves some final details on the offices on the second floor, Rutherford said.

"It was a larger project than that (just the new part) and envisioned some renovations in the North and South galleries of the Student Union, consisting of work on the International Center and a hallway connecting the new part to the Union," he said.

The new addition was constructed mainly to house offices of campus organizations, Rutherford said.

He added that he was extremely pleased with how smoothly and efficiently the project was completed.



The new intramurals gymnasium nears completion ... only project that is far behind schedule

Undergraduate Library Examination Schedule:

Friday, May 1	8 AM to 12 Midnight	Thursday, May 7	24 Hours
Saturday, May 2	8 AM to 2 AM	Friday, May 8	8 AM to 2 AM
Sunday, May 3	9 AM to 2 AM	Saturday, May 9	9 AM to 2 AM
Monday, May 4	10 AM—ALL NIGHT	Sunday, May 10	10 AM to 2 AM
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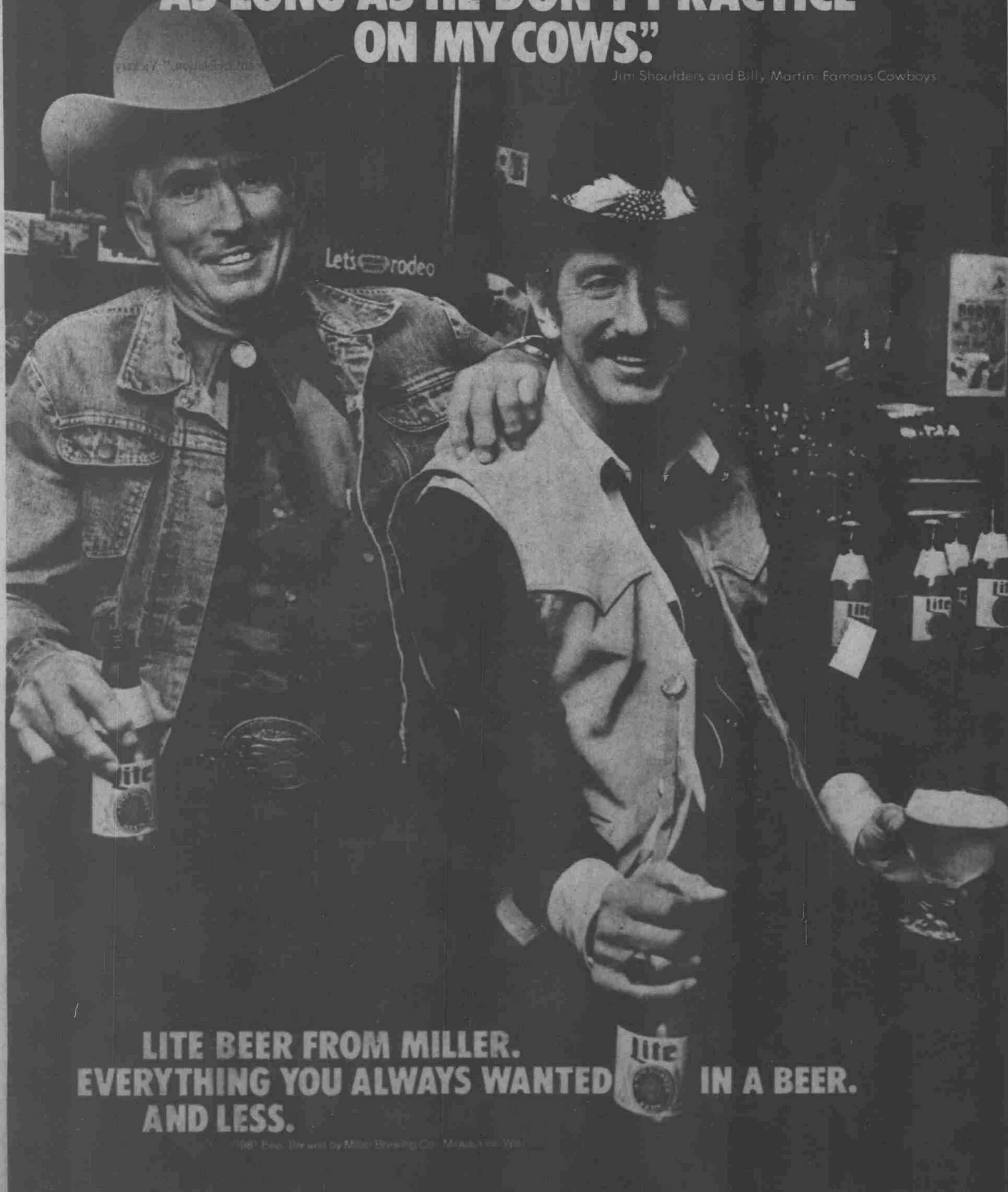
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