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YMCA fund drive concludes: more than \$300,000 raised

By ANN PETERS

The three-week YMCA Capital Fund Campaign has raised more than \$300,000, and campaign volunteers are trying to reach their goal of \$800,000 by today's fund drive deadline.

Campaign director Ed Ewen said the campaign was going well. The funds raised during the campaign that began May 13 will be used to pay off a construction loan of \$460,000. Other funds raised will pay the balance on the YMCA property on Airport Road and minor building changes.

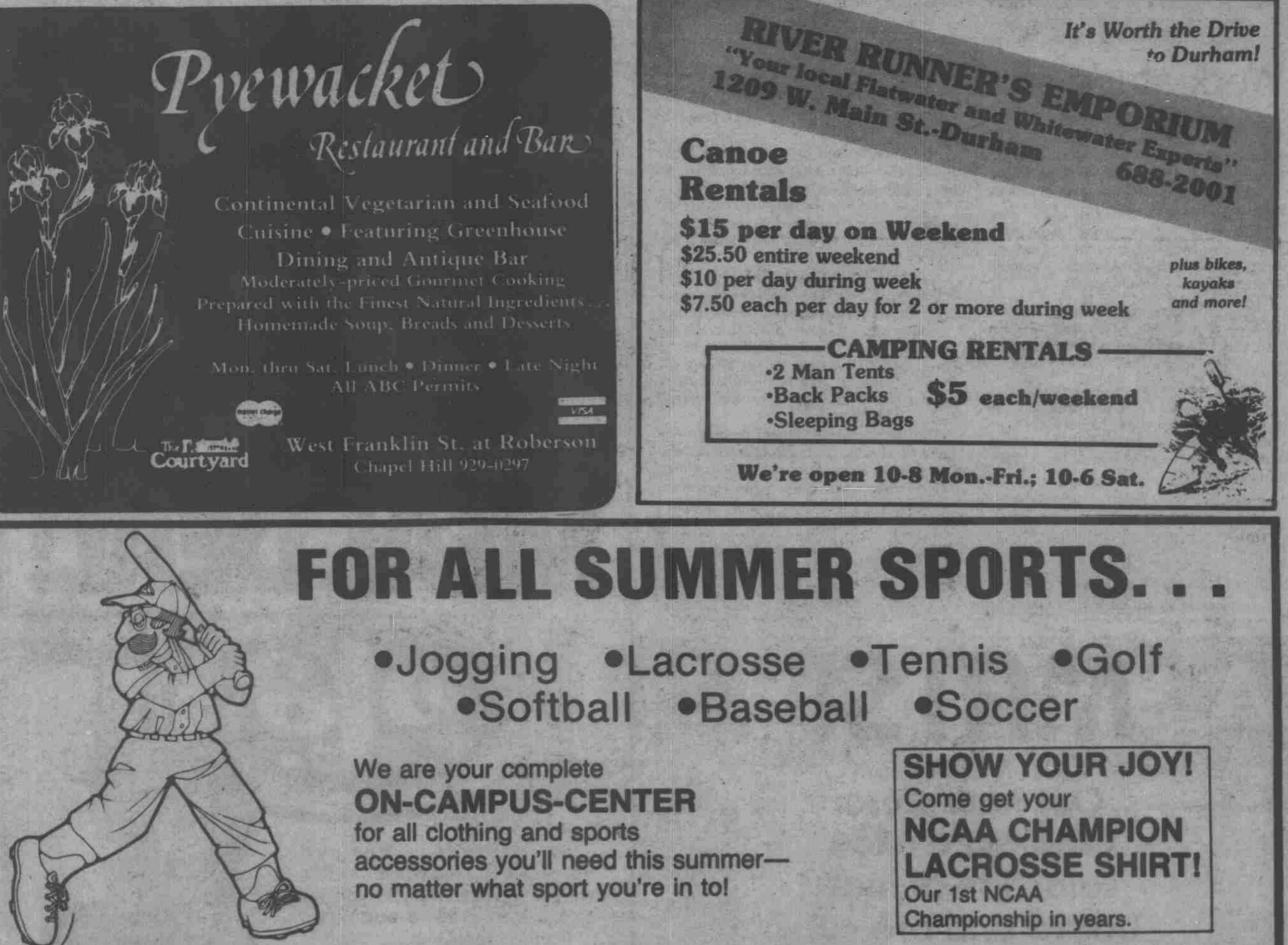
"The construction debt of \$460,000 was due to the unforseen high interest rate for the construction of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA," Ewen said. The YMCA, located on

the corner of Airport Road and Estes Drive, provides a 25-meter swimming pool, a gymnasium, racquetball courts and child-care rooms.

Another project included raising funds for improvements to the Clearwater Lake Recreation Center. The Dr. John Gulick family donated \$150,000 in memory of Mrs. Margaret Eaton Gulick for these specific improvements.

The campaign is divided into three groups of volunteers who are assigned different quotas as part of the overall goal. Each group has potential donors in the community. The Top Level Group identifies donors who may contribute \$12,000 or more, the Big Gifts Committee contacts donors with a potential giving level of \$1,500-\$12,000, and the Teams Organization aims for donors with a potential of under \$1,000.

With a goal of \$100,000, the Teams Organization had collected \$19,425, the Big Gifts Committee had collected \$46,105 of its \$250,000 goal, and the Top Level Group had collected \$255,050 of its \$450,000 goal as of Monday.



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