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## *More Than Just a Stadium.....*

### *Golden Lion South End Zone Facility— University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff*

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Golden Lion Stadium has rapidly become a significant focal point and source of pride for the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and the local community in terms of entertainment, athletics and education. The stadium, of course, provides a quality venue for Golden Lion Football; however other activities and events are utilizing the facilities as well.

The television, fiber optic and wireless computer network technology installed at the stadium is providing a “living classroom” for UAPB’s radio/TV broadcasting and computer programs. Broadcast majors are currently participating in game day set-up, broadcasting, and production, gaining valuable work situation experience.

The natural turf playing field and surrounding 30 acre natural wetlands have provided educational opportunities as an outdoor classroom for various departments within the School of Agriculture. Recent activities include field trips, testing, erosion control and stream bank restoration projects.

Other events recently hosted at Golden Lion Stadium include outdoors concerts, band events, meetings, shows, and youth camps.

Now, continuing in the spirit in which the project was originally conceived, planning is underway for the new 37,000 s.f. **Golden Lion South End Zone Facility** and



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other improvements to allow for an even greater level of usage and access. Objectives for the new improvements include increased **educational opportunity, better community access** and much needed **athletic training and game day facilities**.

## The New Golden Lion South End Zone Facility Program Goals

### Education Opportunity

The new Golden Lion South End Zone Facility will contain 5 multi-purpose classroom/meeting spaces equipped with state-of-the-art multi-media capabilities. Classes from various departments, in addition to the Athletic Department, will be scheduled in the facility. The facility will be used for a tutoring program as well as regularly scheduled classes.

### Community Access

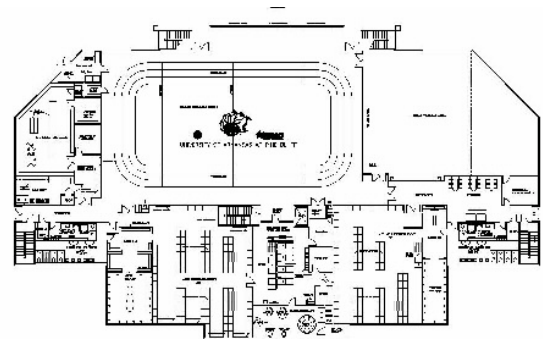
The new facility will feature an indoor turf room and jogging track that will be available for student and community use in addition to being used by the Athletic Department for training purposes. The classrooms and multi-media capabilities will also be available for community use with priority being given to community health related concerns. In addition, walking, jogging and fitness trails are to be developed in the natural areas of the site for community use in an effort to promote community health awareness.

A **Golden Lion Athletic Hall of Fame** will also be a featured component of the new facility. The hall of fame will be prominently located in the building's main lobby and corridor. Plans are for the hall of fame to be open to the public during regular operating hours, on game days, and on special occasions. The Golden Lion Athletic Hall of Fame will feature memorabilia, photos and mural artwork depicting former players, coaches and their accomplishments both on and off the field.

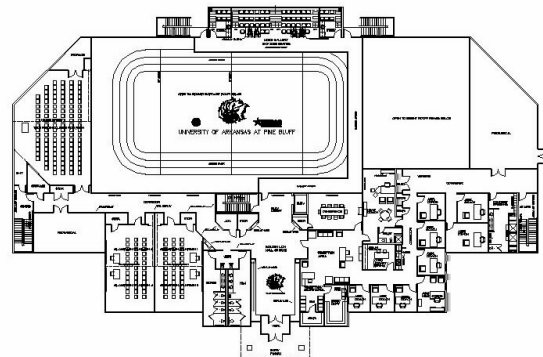
The hall of fame will provide direct access to the **Lions Gallery**, a new south end zone indoor seating area for approximately 60 persons. The Lions Gallery will feature a panoramic view of the playing field from the south end zone. Seating will be similar to that currently found in the Golden Lions Den press box seating.



The Lion's Gallery seating in the new end zone facility will be similar to the current Golden Lions Den pressbox seating.



First Floor Plan- Golden Lion South End Zone Facility



Second Level- Golden Lion South End Zone Facility

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### Athletic Training

Currently, all teams dress off-site and are bused to the stadium on game day. Weight training and coaches offices are also off-site. The new endzone building will bring all needed facilities to one location, in one building. The new Golden Lion End Zone Facility will contain dressing rooms, weight rooms, training and hydrotherapy areas, equipment storage and offices for the athletic program. The facility will have direct access to the playing field and the proposed new practice field.

### Other Proposed Stadium Improvements

#### Concourse Rain-shield Project

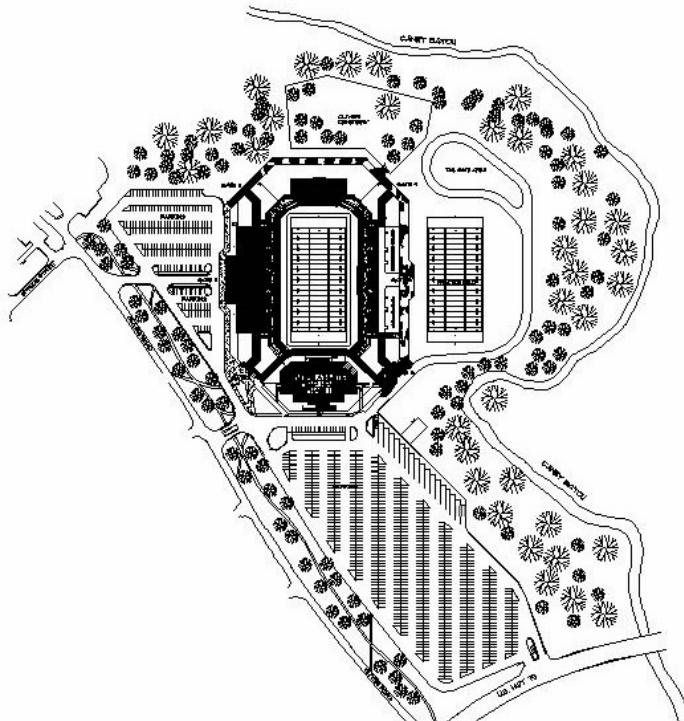
Plans are also underway for a protective rain-shield for the west concourse. This project will allow for all-weather use of the home side concourse for outdoor shows, events and game day vendors. Plans currently call for the rain shield project to be complete in time for the 2003 football season.

#### Possible Grandstand Expansions

The existing east grandstands are currently structured for an expansion of 4000 seats. The entire complex and infrastructure was designed for an ultimate capacity of 28,000 fans.



View towards the south where the Golden Lion South End Zone Facility will be located.



Site Plan -Golden Lion Stadium Including Golden Lion South End Zone Facility



Marquee Message Center with Caney Bayou Woodlands in background