Building a dream
Only one-third complete,
the CajunDome is already in the news

Contractor asks for $5 million

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The Cajun Dome was in the limelight recently with a plea by contractors for an additional $5 million. Blount Construction appealed to the state for the money to cover a list of items. They include mill work, parking, meeting rooms, energy management, elevators, rigging, draperies, and electrical wiring in exhibitions.

“We’re just waiting on word from the governor,” said Al Thierry, director of community affairs. He says he feels confident that the money -- or at least 75 per cent of it -- is forthcoming. “The 65-million-dollar question is when,” he says.

Some $45 million was initially budgeted for the project. Of that approximately two-thirds was paid by the state, and one-third by the city.

The CajunDome in its present state indicates the enormity of what will be. Despite all, work is on schedule and it should be complete in the Spring of ’85 as planned. (Photo by John Hollier).

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