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Oregon's number one fans, the Daisy Ducks are not your run-of-the-mill booster club.



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Jeff Dickerson thinks the Oregon band should be marching to the beat of a different drummer.



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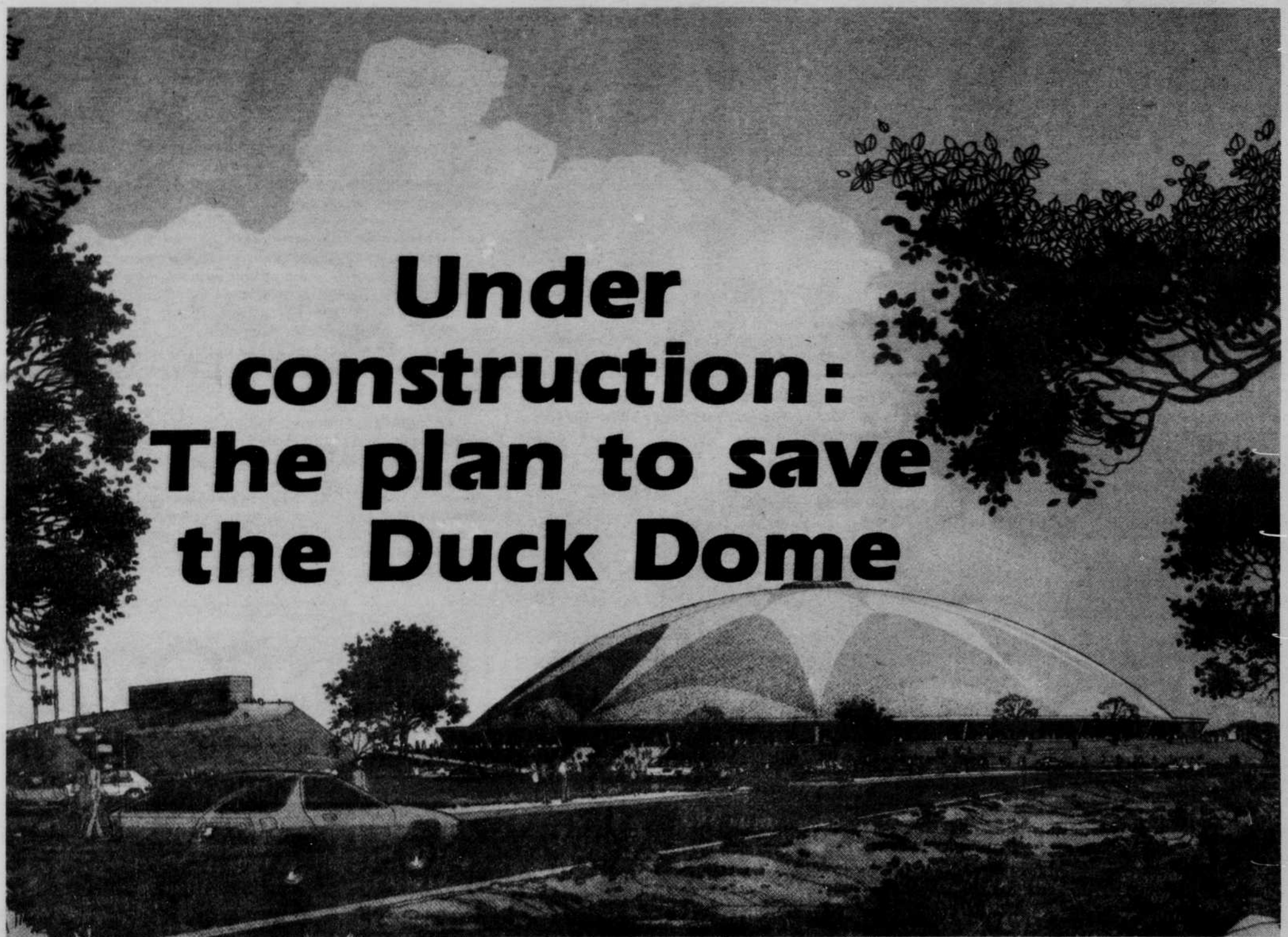
It takes bucks to support the Ducks, and athletic director Rick Bay says he must find more.



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Under construction: The plan to save the Duck Dome

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Printed on the cream-colored cover is the University of Oregon's seal, and just above it, two lines of black type.

A Prospectus The University of Oregon Arena

Opened, the folder reveals a full-color artist's conception of a dome, and within are 10 individual brochures, each bearing a striking color photo and a variety of titles.

Need for an Arena
Use of the Arena
Financing the Arena
Cost of the Arena
Plan for the Arena
Existing Community Support

The folder was presented to a select group of Oregonians in the late summer of 1979, a group that the University felt could come through with individual six or seven figure pledges toward the construction of a proposed 17,000 seat wooden-domed basketball arena which would replace aging McArthur Court.

Now, in the fall of 1981, those folders sit tucked away in desk drawers and file cabinets, thanks to a bad economy and the stain of the athletic department's various run-ins with the NCAA and Pac-10.

But Oregon's new athletic director, Rick Bay, has begun the arduous process of putting plans for the dome back on course.

Bay has directed recently-appointed assistant athletic director Randy Balogh — who heads the Duck Athletic Fund — to survey the current state of the dome project and begin setting plans back on course.

First step

As a first step, the University has gone ahead with construction of a new facility on the east corner of Autzen Stadium that will include meeting rooms for the football team and a pre-game and post-game gathering area for alumni.

It is a first step, says Bay, that is long overdue. "Right now Rich Brooks doesn't even have a spot over there where he can dress his entire team for a home game in one place," Bay says. "And you can't have a full squad meeting anywhere in our facilities."

The stadium club was begun in September using over \$600,000 in private donations, following a summer drive by Brooks to raise the needed money. The new structure will serve a number of purposes, says Bay, and in the process fulfill a promise the University made to Brooks when he was offered the head coaching job at Oregon almost five years ago.

"It's my understanding that when he came to

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