

PUBLIC NOTICE:
UNDER CONSIDERATION
FOR DEMOLITION

C.M. “Tad” Smith Coliseum, located on the campus of the University of Mississippi, Oxford, Lafayette County, is currently under consideration for demolition under the provisions of the Antiquities Law of Mississippi, Section 39-7-3 et seq. of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended. The C.M. “Tad” Smith Coliseum, opened in 1966 as Rebel Coliseum, was designed as a joint venture by Mississippi architectural firms Pritchard & Nickles and Brewer, Skewes & Godbold. It was renamed in 1972 to honor former University of Mississippi athlete and coach, C.M. “Tad” Smith. Smith Coliseum is the largest of the state’s round modernist college coliseums, and is eligible for designation as a Mississippi Landmark.

The Antiquities Law provides that if a potential Mississippi Landmark would be adversely affected by public construction, alteration, or demolition, then the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History may act to place that project under consideration for a permit and accept public comments. After the conclusion of the public comment period, the proposed project and written public comments may be placed on the Board's agenda for action. Based on the public comments, the Board may act to approve or deny the permit. If the Board denies the permit due to an adverse effect, it may also consider the property for Mississippi Landmark designation in accordance with the Antiquities Law of Mississippi, Section 39-7-3 et seq. of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

The Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History invites public comment on the proposed demolition of the C.M. “Tad” Smith Coliseum. Comments and requests for more information should be sent to Clay Mapp, Mississippi Landmarks Coordinator, Historic Preservation Division, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, P. O. Box 571, Jackson, MS 39205 or mslandmark@mdah.ms.gov, within thirty (30) days of the date of this publication.

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