

OUTDOOR ATHLETIC FACILITY ENHANCEMENTS



FOCUS ON THE
FUTURE



BUILDING ON A FOUNDATION OF SUCCESS

Thanks to generous gifts from alumni and friends received during the Transforming Tomorrow Campaign, Wartburg made significant enhancements to its outdoor athletic facilities. Improvements included:

- **BASEBALL** – Installation of FieldTurf at Hertel Field
- **SOCCER** – Construction of a press box and new sound system
- **SOFTBALL** – New dugouts and on-field enhancements
- **HERTEL FIELD/SOCCER AREA** – Construction of Knief Pavilion, providing restrooms, concessions, indoor hitting and storage, and the addition of a multipurpose practice/game field with FieldTurf surface

These enhancements improved the co-curricular experience for nearly 350 student-athletes; that's nearly one-quarter of the College's overall student body.

Focus on the Future, Wartburg's recent constituent-based planning initiative, recommended the College go a step further and complete much-needed improvements to the spectator seating areas for baseball, softball, and men's and women's soccer. When realized, **these seating enhancements** will leverage the on-field upgrades and create venues that both reflect positively on the image of the institution and its athletics programs, and further enhance the College's ability to recruit student-athletes and support overall enrollment.

Our vision is to package these enhancements to the baseball, softball, and men's and women's soccer venues, along with the Max Cross Country Course, into one combined project, estimated to cost \$1.5 million and provide significant benefit for years to come.

SALZWEDEL CHALLENGE GIFT SETS THE PACE

Jack '82 and Sarah Slife '82 Salzwedel have made a \$750,000 challenge gift that, when matched with gifts from other alumni and friends, will provide funding to complete the Outdoor Athletic Facilities project. The Salzwedels are the parents of two Wartburg graduates, both soccer players, and appreciate the importance of quality facilities and spectator venues to enable the Knights to continue to attract outstanding student-athletes.



Please consider a gift or pledge to help meet this challenge and complete the College's Outdoor Athletic Facilities project.

OUTDOOR ATHLETIC FACILITY PROJECT COSTS

Anticipated costs for the spectator seating enhancements along with the other elements of the project will be provided for exclusively through charitable gifts.

- **MEN'S & WOMEN'S SOCCER VENUE** – \$389,000
- **SOFTBALL VENUE** – \$354,000
- **BASEBALL VENUE** – \$520,000
- **CROSS COUNTRY COURSE START/FINISH AREA** – \$132,000
- **PARKING LOT ENHANCEMENTS** – \$105,000
- **TOTAL PROJECTED COST** – \$1,500,000



Architectural rendering of the Hertel Field Baseball Venue. The image shows a large stadium with multiple tiers of black seating. A press box is visible on the left side, with the text "WARTBURG COLLEGE KNIGHTS BASEBALL" on its side. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

HERTEL FIELD BASEBALL VENUE

The project will provide permanent seating for 500 spectators and include about 140 chairback seats, as well as enhance handicap accessibility to the venue. A new hard-surface parking area adjacent to the Knief Pavilion and a press box with improved sight lines and technology capabilities will be included.

ESTIMATED COST
\$520,000

Architectural rendering of the Lynes Field Softball Venue. The image shows a softball field with aluminum bleachers. A press box is visible in the background, with the text "WARTBURG COLLEGE KNIGHTS SOFTBALL" on its side. A "W Knights" logo is visible on the wall in the foreground. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

LYNES FIELD SOFTBALL VENUE

Temporary bleachers will be replaced with a permanent aluminum bleacher structure to provide seating for 300 spectators, including 100 chairback seats and improved handicap accessibility. A new press box with technology enhancements and better sight lines will be constructed.

ESTIMATED COST
\$354,000

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SOCCER VENUE

The temporary bleachers will be replaced with a permanent aluminum bleacher structure, integrated with the recently added press box, to provide seating for 400 spectators. One-third of the seats will include seatbacks, and handicap accessibility to the venue will be improved. In addition, the facade of the permanent bleacher structure will allow for signage to celebrate the tradition of success within the soccer programs.

Permanent fencing will be installed around the perimeter of the grass competition field, and the nearby multipurpose FieldTurf field, often used for soccer practices and junior varsity matches, will have lights installed to allow for greater usage.

ESTIMATED COST
\$389,000

THE MAX CROSS COUNTRY COURSE

The Max Cross Country Course has been home to NCAA and conference championship races. In an effort to improve spectator viewing and safety, the start/finish area will be moved, placing the entire course north of the existing railroad tracks that had divided the course.

ESTIMATED COST
\$132,000

These significant enhancements to our outdoor facilities will greatly improve the experience of both student-athletes and spectators in seven of our sports by providing the needed accessibility and amenities required to host NCAA post-season competition. This comprehensive project will also play an important role in allowing the coaches to attract prospective student-athletes. We're grateful for the continued support of our alumni and fans and encourage your participation in helping to meet this goal.



— **Rick Willis**

Director of Athletics, Head Football Coach



NAMING GIFT OPPORTUNITIES

All donors who make gifts of \$1,000 or more will receive permanent name recognition on a seat back in either the new baseball, softball, or soccer venues, or signage at the Max Cross Country Course. Additionally, the following naming opportunities are available in recognition of donors who make leadership gifts:

- **NORTHWEST ATHLETIC COMPLEX** – \$250,000
- **BASEBALL STADIUM** (at Hertel Field) – \$100,000
- **SOFTBALL STADIUM** (at Lynes Field) – \$100,000
- **MULTIPURPOSE FIELD** – \$100,000



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