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THE TIME FOR ACTION IS NOW

Defiance College's Wellness & Fitness Center/Field House project -- \$3,500,000 -- becoming a reality

The unveiling of the latest design of the long-awaited Wellness & Fitness Center/Field House has sparked a new wave of energy and excitement for The Transforming Difference, The Campaign for Defiance College. This project has gone through several revisions in an effort to provide for the needs of the College and its students in the most fiscally responsible manner possible, or as it has been succinctly summed up, achieving the biggest bang for our bucks. The end result is a plan for an outstanding facility of steel and masonry, constructed on property already owned by the College,

that will meet the needs of Yellow Jacket sports and student fitness, while being the recreational hub of the DC campus.

This new 80,000 square foot facility will feature a six-lane NCAA approved track, with accommodation for pole vaulting, practice areas for all sports, and an expanded fitness center that will promote campus-wide physical and social vitality.

The construction of the new complex will put the athletic facilities of Defiance College on a competitive basis, and will greatly enhance recruitment of gifted student athletes. Equally important, the fitness and

recreational benefits the new Center offers will make it a valuable asset in recruitment and retention of all students while also benefiting the broader community.

Academically, the Wellness & Fitness Center/Field House will assist the academic programs of Athletic Training, Sport Management and Wellness & Corporate Fitness to achieve a new level of success.

"The \$3.5 million price tag on this facility is well within reach," Campaign Chair George Smart emphasized when revealing the plans. "We are within not millions but just hundreds of thousands of our goal."

President Mark C. Gordon concurred, adding that the College wants to move on it immediately. "Now is a unique opportunity for us with the decreased cost of steel and construction in general."

With the drive to secure the remaining funds underway, groundbreaking for the new sports facility will occur once gifts are committed. ♦



AND IT'S ABOUT TIME

After 56 years, a field house is within the reach of Defiance College

It's about time ... these are three very important words, particularly to us. We have a "history" at this great college in the classroom and on the playing fields as well. You share that history, too! Many of you have heard directly from us about our individual enthusiasm and support for the new wellness and fitness center/field house as a way of impacting recruitment and retention of students. Dick Small says it has only been 56 years since he was promised a field house!

Well, the time has come and the project is within reach. There are some details about the new facility on the college's website. This article comes just as we see the goal in sight. We are thrilled with the way that President Mark C. Gordon has shown the leadership to make this effort a top college priority, and we are doing everything we can to put him in a position to present a plan to the Board of Trustees at their spring meeting to begin construction because the funds are committed. He cannot secure Board approval without the necessary cash and pledges to support the construction. There is a running gift total listed at <http://www.defiance.edu/dcfieldhouse.html>.

We need your help. This is the closest we have been to making this dream a reality. Join us in making your gift that can be paid over five years. The Institutional Advancement team at the college can help you work out the details that fit your circumstances. No matter how you do it, please join us in committing to this important project today.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Randy Buchman
Dick Small

Bev Harrington
Duane Hocking

Marv Hohenberger
Gerry Mallott

Craig Rutter

BUILDING THE DREAM - BRICK BY BRICK

Your gift will make the long-awaited Wellness and Fitness Center/Field House a reality.

- ___ \$ 1,000 per year for five years (\$5,000 brick) ___ \$750 per year for five years (\$3,750 stepping stone)
___ \$500 per year for five years (\$2,500 half brick) ___ \$250 per year for five years (\$1,250 quarter brick)
___ \$ ___ per year for five years (\$ ___ total)

Names(s) _____

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Signature _____ Date _____

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All gifts are tax deductible to the extent by law. Make gifts payable to Defiance College.

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701 N. Clinton St., Defiance, OH 43512 or Fax the form to: 419-783-2491



Yellow Jacket coaches firmly support this outstanding addition to campus

As the coaches of Yellow Jacket sports, and as trainers in the program, we firmly support the College's proposed field house and ask for your support of this important project. The completion of this facility will be an outstanding addition, not only to the DC sports program, but to the College at large.

With the completion of this project, Defiance College will reap benefits in the areas of:

- ◆ Improved student recruitment. The construction of an outstanding facility will put us on a level playing field with the Division III institutions that we compete with for the best student-athletes.
- ◆ Improved student retention. Having an outstanding facility for athletics and fitness will enhance our ability to keep students once they've been recruited.
- ◆ Facility usage. This 80,000 square ft. facility will remove the pinch from scheduling practice times. It will make it easier for all sports to have access to training facilities, and allow room and time for intramurals as well.
- ◆ General fitness. The new facility will become the recreational hub of the campus, offering facilities for exercise and recreation for the entire student body.

LET'S GET IT DONE!

All of these benefits will improve the overall sports program and the competitive edge of each Yellow Jacket sports team – not just track and field, but also football and basketball, baseball, softball, volleyball, tennis, golf and soccer. It will expand our space for intramurals and allow us to consider adding other sports. And with some creative potential partners in the facility in sports training and physical therapy we should be able to enrich our academic programs as well. Additionally, it will take the Defiance College campus to the next level, making it an even more attractive and interesting location for prospective students to contemplate spending four years of their lives. All aspects of Defiance College will be enhanced from the construction of this facility.

We have needed this facility for years, and we have been talking about it long enough. The time is now. Please help make the dream a reality.

Yours in sports,

Jenni Morrison
CO-ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

John Hartpence
TRACK & FIELD

Alex Van der Sluijs
SOCCER

Kevin Tong
ATHLETIC TRAINING

Matt Lydum
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Jodie Holava
SOFTBALL

Steve Oberlin
TENNIS

Myra Stockdale
ATHLETIC TRAINING

Nate Jensen
FOOTBALL

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

David Kwan
VOLLEYBALL

Craig Rutter
WOMEN'S GOLF

Nick Tabacca
FOOTBALL