

momentum

THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF MANY

*Groundbreaking for the Field House nears,
and the campaign moves closer to its goal*



Preliminary architect's drawing of Field House entrance

By Michele Tinker, Director of Annual Giving

Momentum on the Defiance College Field House project grows with groundbreaking for the new facility scheduled for Homecoming.

Fundraising on the long-awaited Wellness and Fitness Center/Field House took off in earnest in December, when Coaches Dick Small and Randy Buchman threw their support behind it. Coaches Duane Hocking and Craig Rutter joined the effort with letters and phone calls to their former students and athletes. The project also received an assist from Rev. Gerald Mallott, who connected with more DC alumni to garner their support. The following months showed such a groundswell of support for the new field house that in April, the College's Board of Trustees voted to move forward with construction.

"All of us at Defiance College are thrilled that this long-held dream is now about to become a reality," said Mark C.

Gordon, president. "This new facility will benefit students, faculty, and staff, help DC attract and retain quality students, improve our overall sports and academic programs, and provide much-needed additional space for student recreation and fitness. It will also enable the College to host a series of meets and other events that can bring added economic activity to Defiance."

The approval by the board gave the College the ability to begin the formal process for seeking local city approval of the College's plans as well as the bidding process for contractors. "We hope to move as quickly as possible in working out the necessary details with the city and in moving toward groundbreaking during the Homecoming celebration," said President Gordon.

As of June 30, fundraising for the projected \$3.5 million facility had reached 97 percent of goal -- \$3,415,379. "We are continuing our fundraising efforts so that this facility can be fully-funded when construction begins," President Gordon

said. Any amount raised above the \$3.5 million will allow for the opportunity to add extra amenities and address any unforeseen contingencies.

The new field house will be located next to the Weaner Community Center on Webster Street. It will be the largest facility of its kind in Northwest Ohio, featuring a six-lane NCAA-approved track, with accommodations for other track and field events, practice areas suitable for football, soccer, baseball, softball, basketball, volleyball, golf and other sports. With provisions for indoor tennis courts, and a fitness center as well, the facility will benefit the entire DC campus as well as members of the broader community.

Echoing President Gordon's enthusiasm, incoming board chair Rita Kissner said, "I am personally extremely gratified by the Board's strong support for moving forward with this project. DC is a significant part of the community, and we are very pleased that we can contribute to the increased vitality of the community in this way." ♦

THE TRANSFORMING DIFFERENCE, A Campaign to Defy the Ordinary ... UPDATE!

Our fiscal year (July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010) spanned one of the most difficult economic years in recent history.

However, as a result of the consistent and loyal support of Defiance College alumni and friends, we have made significant advances toward our campaign goals despite the economy.

In addition to the incredible support given to the Field House project, with your help, we have added several new endowments and grown others, fortified existing programs and exceeded our Annual Fund goal of \$1,112,503!

THANK YOU! In a year that we faced with some apprehension, your commitment to the College has been the Transforming Difference!

Additionally, DC was the recipient of three substantial grants:

- ◆ **\$145,000** was received from the Office of Justice Programs (U.S. Department of Justice) for the purchase of equipment to complete DNA analysis for forensic science work. This grant was secured with the assistance of our local congressmen.
- ◆ Defiance College was selected as one of 50 schools throughout the country and the only Ohio college to receive **\$50,000** from the Wal-Mart Foundation, through the Council of Independent Colleges to strengthen our support of first-generation students.
- ◆ Defiance College is the recipient of a **\$753,112** federal grant to improve energy efficiency. This money will be used to upgrade windows in McReynolds and Dana Halls and to improve lighting efficiency across campus.

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FIELD HOUSE CAMPAIGN PROGRESS
97.48%
RAISED: \$3,411,944 | GOAL: \$3,500,000

THE dream IS NOW
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.

MAKING THE CONNECTION: COACH RUTTER
When Craig Rutter, longtime baseball coach and faculty at Defiance College, jumped in to help raise funds for the new field house, he wasn't sure what he was getting into. He knew he wanted to reach out to his former ballplayers to let them know how important this project is for Defiance College, and how committed he is to seeing the field house built.

HEAR FROM DICK SMALL
As you know, Defiance College has been working to raise money for a field house as part of the current Transforming Difference capital campaign...

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For up-to-date information on the project and the list of contributors to the field house, go to

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