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TIGER PROWL



Dear Friends,

The University of West Alabama intercollegiate athletic teams compete successfully in the Gulf South Conference, which is considered the strongest conference within NCAA Division II. In order for UWA Tiger Athletics to continue to compete successfully within the GSC, regular facility enhancements are needed to ensure UWA's facilities are on that same competitive level. The young men and women who represent the University of West Alabama depend upon assistance from friends of UWA to support these facility enhancements.

To this end, the UWA Athletics Department has launched ***Tiger Prowl: A Major Gifts Initiative for the University of West Alabama Athletics***. Phase 1 of the initiative seeks to raise \$550,000 for facility upgrades. Subsequent phases are also planned for the future.

We are on the ***prowl*** to ensure our men's and women's intercollege athletic teams remain competitive in the Gulf South Intercollegiate Conference and earn a reputation of success on the national level.

Go Tigers!

Stan Williamson
Director of Athletics

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VISION PROJECTS FOR FUTURE PHASES

Multi-Purpose Arena \$20-\$28 million A new multi-purpose arena planned for basketball, volleyball, graduation, concerts, and other university and community events would not only enhance campus life, but would enhance the entire community and bring additional economic development opportunities.

Tiger Stadium Expansion \$4 million Enhancements to the Tiger Stadium Press Box and the addition of a luxury suite area would greatly improve the opportunities at Tiger Stadium. This expansion would add upgraded seats and provide an entertainment area for UWA supporters.

Track Facility \$1.2 million A new track facility would assist with UWA Track & Field Teams and other sports teams as well as serve as a recreation location for many in the community.

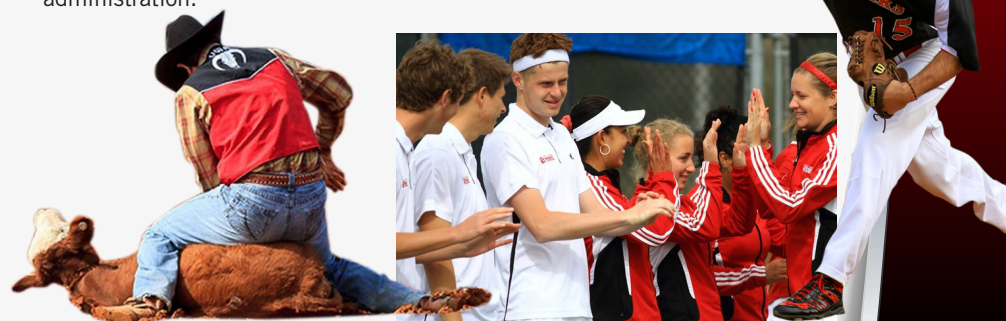
Tiger Stadium Turf \$800,000 The artificial surface inside Tiger Stadium which has been instrumental to the success of football and soccer will need to be replaced and upgraded by the 2019-20 academic year.

Vaughan Tennis Facility \$250,000 A building adjacent to the Vaughan Tennis Courts would provide needed office and locker room space for the UWA Tennis Teams.

Tartt Baseball Field \$125,000 This fine facility provides a great experience for NCAA Division II baseball. However, a new scoreboard is needed to replace the current board. And, enhancing the seating behind the plate with improved chair back seats has been a request of many fans.

Softball Facility \$95,000 Improved seating and an enhanced Press Box area would improve the game-day experience.

Rodeo Arena This project is under review by University administration.





New Practice Field \$85,000

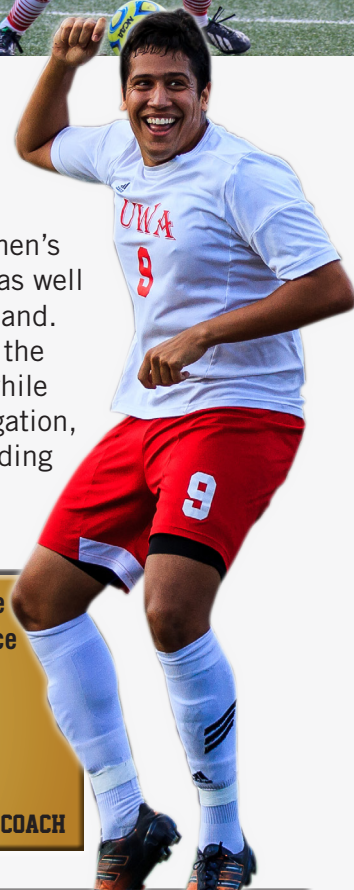
A new grass practice field is needed adjacent to Homer Field House to provide more practice opportunities for football, men's soccer, women's soccer, and other sports as well as other organizations such as the UWA Band. This project will start with simply grading the space and enhancing the grass surface, while additional enhancements will include irrigation, lights, fencing, video tower, and steps leading to Hughes Gym.

"As a young program, we are very happy with the support we have received from UWA and the fans. Becoming conference champions in just three years of existence would not have been possible without such support. However, to allow us to reach the next level as a program and compete with our competitors, a new practice facility is vital."

MATTHEW THORNE HEAD MEN'S SOCCER COACH

"We are very fortunate to be able to play our games inside Tiger Stadium; however, with four programs using the facility, it has become increasingly challenging to access training times daily. The possibility of a grass practice field would open up the main dead class period of the day for the majority of student-athletes between 3-6pm. This would be huge, because it would lead to less conflicts and free up more time for study hall, mentoring and tutoring."

GRAEME ORR HEAD WOMEN'S SOCCER COACH



THE PROJECTS

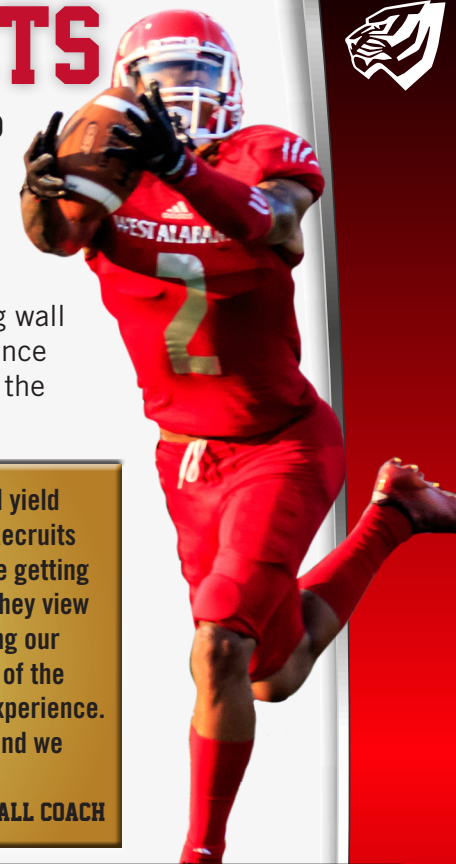
Football Locker Room \$225,000

The football locker room inside Homer Field House has not been renovated in almost 20 years, and upgrades are needed. A renovation of the area – replacing lockers and flooring and adding wall enhancements – will improve the experience of student-athletes as well as assist with the recruitment of those student-athletes.

"The renovation of our football locker room will yield tremendous results in our recruiting efforts. Recruits and their parents like to see where they will be getting ready for practice and games every day, and they view it as a window into our entire program. Bringing our locker room up to date is the next large piece of the puzzle to enhance our student-athletes' full experience. Our current locker room is greatly outdated, and we have outgrown it as a football program."

BRETT GILLILAND HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

"Homer Field House has been an extremely positive facility for UWA Athletics for many years, but a football locker room upgrade is needed. The last several years of UWA Football have been some of the most competitive in the history of UWA Athletics. For these Tigers to continue this success, an upgraded locker room is needed to assist in recruiting the best football student-athletes at the NCAA Division II level." **STAN WILLIAMSON DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS**





Golf Practice Facility \$120,000

A new golf practice facility has been added near the UWA Rodeo Arena and the Livingston Country Club. This area was developed to provide the new UWA Golf Teams a place to practice and to provide a recreation area for UWA students as well as the general public. The initial phases are in place, and now several other pieces of this facility need to be added. These include:

- A storage building to store equipment and supplies
- A lobby, restroom and office space for the golf teams
- Equipment including mowers, ball retrievers and ball dispensers
- Protective fencing



"UWA's new men's and women's golf programs are working hard to develop into competitive programs within NCAA Division II. UWA has started developing a golf practice facility, but improvements are needed to ensure the effectiveness of this special facility."

STAN WILLIAMSON DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

"My favorite golfer of all time, Ben Hogan, once said, 'The secret is in the dirt.' What he meant was that you have to work hard to get where you want to go. In golf this means constantly working and pushing yourself to get better. If we had our own fully functional range on campus, we would be able to work on our games here at home and not have to drive 30 minutes every day to other courses."

ADAM BUIE HEAD GOLF COACH

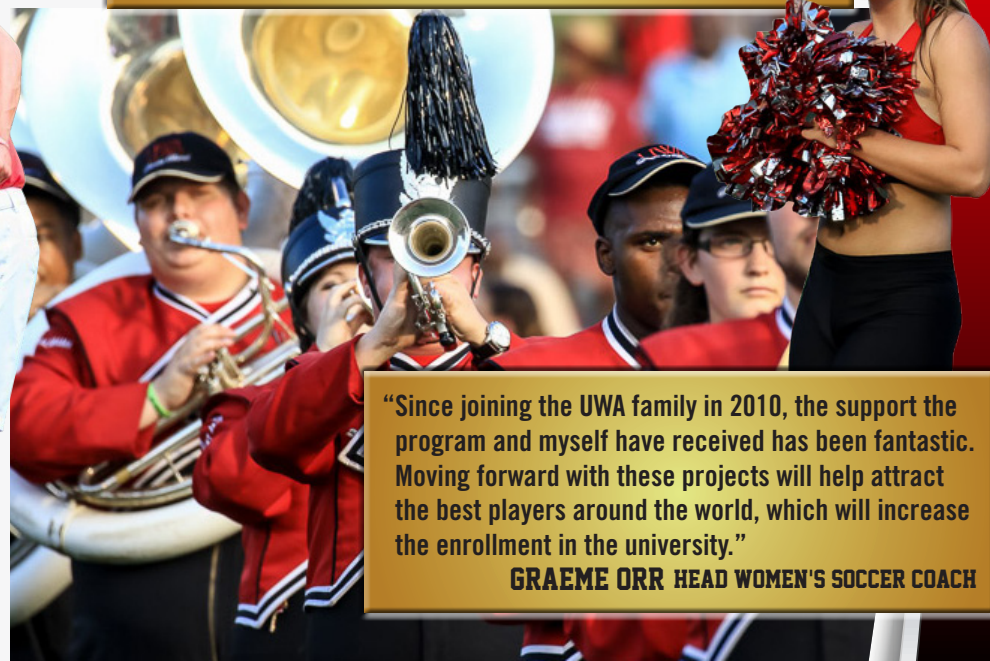


Tiger Stadium Seating \$120,000

In order to enhance the Tiger Stadium seating space for UWA students and fans, the general admission seating area needs to be improved. Adding aluminum bleacher planks to cover the current concrete steps in the lower section of the stadium and adding chair back seats in the center section of the lower level will enhance the look and feel of the game day experience at Tiger Stadium. In addition, adding a special bleacher section for the UWA Band will support the band as well as add more seating for UWA students.

"Upgraded seating in Tiger Stadium will go a long way in enhancing the experience for Tiger fans. The more comfortable the fans are and the better experience they have, the more likely they are to return and bring new fans with them. This will also greatly enhance the visual aspect of Tiger Stadium, which will help us in recruiting future student-athletes."

BRETT GILLILAND HEAD FOOTBALL COACH



"Since joining the UWA family in 2010, the support the program and myself have received has been fantastic. Moving forward with these projects will help attract the best players around the world, which will increase the enrollment in the university."

GRAEME ORR HEAD WOMEN'S SOCCER COACH

