

Bexley Baseball Blueprint for Clowson Field

Up through 2006-baseball season:

- Permanent fence around both softball and baseball field.
- Renovation of first base dugout. (Storage and locker facility)
- New dugouts on softball diamonds.
- Concrete put down in dugouts on both baseball and softball dugouts.
- Windscreen and capping placed on baseball diamond.
- Capping placed on softball diamond.
- Sound system put up on baseball diamond.
- Practice field put in right field outside the fence.
- Scoreboards put up on both baseball and softball fields.
- Batting cages concreted.
- Hourly grounds crew working on both baseball and softball fields year around.
- Columbus police on regular routine watch of Clowson field.
- Bexley police on regular routine watch on game days.
- All but one house has been torn down on the hill. (Waiting on a lean on the last house to be taking care of.)

A couple of years ago, a committee was put together to met on the direction of Clowson field. It was the first time in my understanding of a group looking at what was in the best interest of that field. It was always the facility nobody wanted to take ownership of. For the first time as a whole, people are buying in to Greg Weywrich and my plan for that field. We have two great schools involved and there is no reason why Clowson field can't be one that we all can be proud of.

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- Capital put forth the initial \$60,000 in the permanent fence and dugout renovations.
They have also spent \$10,000 a year on a grounds crewmember for those two years.
That puts them at about \$80,000 just through Capital University.
- The City of Bexley recreation budgeted about \$7,500 for the purchasing of the two scoreboards on both the baseball and softball fields.
Mayor Madison had the city concrete the batting cages for us at about a cost of \$3,000.
- Capital softball came up with about \$2,000 to have the scoreboards put up.
- Three years ago the Bexley Boosters came up with about \$4,000 for the windscreen and capping. The also came up with \$500 for concrete for the

dugouts. The Bexley Athletic department came up with the other \$500 for the concrete for the dugouts.

Future Plans for Clowson Field

- The next phase of the project is to reconstruct the backstop behind the baseball field as well as building a concession stand and press box. We also need to rebuild the third base dugout before it falls down on somebody. The plan for the dugout would be to close it in and make it a locker facility for one of the teams, as well as add storage on to it. We are also planning to have bleachers on both sides of the newly constructed concession stand / press box.
- We are hoping that the cost of the project, with some free labor along the way, will cost us about \$35,000. This is a definite low-ball figure, but feel we could make it happen with that. We have already got a commitment of about \$6,000 through the Bexley schools. Through an event that Capital baseball is holding and we are supporting, we feel we will have another \$9,000. I am coming to my Bexley Boosters for would be about \$20,000. I know that it is a large sum of money. I want you to look at it this way; Capital's long-term goal is to build another facility off site so anything we do eventually will be just Bexley baseball and softball.

In closing I just want to say that we have utilized every resource that is available to us. We have been working hard to make Clowson field one that our athletes will feel proud of as well as safe at. If anyone remembers that field 5 years ago, when I took over the program, you would laugh to think we put our athletes out on it for competition. We do not want to stop after this phase of renovations. We would even like to put lights up down there eventually.

I want to thank Greg Weywrich (head baseball coach at Capital), Roger Welsh (AD at Capital), Doug Jackson (Parks and Rec.), Mayor Madison, Columbus Police Department, Bexley Police Department, John Morgan, Barry Zwick, Bexley Athletic Boosters, Baseball Parents, and anyone that I might have forgotten that has helped with Clowson up till now. I am proud to be the Baseball coach in such a great community.



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During the past two years, Capital's investment for the baseball and softball facilities has been approximately \$80,000.



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THREE PHASES TO COMPLETE RENOVATION OF CLOWSAN FIELD

Phase I:

Press Box/Concession Stand and Construction of Backstop Renovation

- **Approximate cost - \$35,000.00**
- **This renovation will give both programs continuous revenue through concessions.**
- **Revenue will also be generated through hosting tournaments.**

Phase II:

Dugout Renovation and Storage Facility Construction

Phase III:

Lighting the Field

**CAPITAL BASEBALL FUNDRAISING
2003 – Present**

Improvements to Baseball and Softball Fields

Dollar Amount	Facility/Fields	Improvement	Organization
\$7,500.00	Baseball & Softball	New Scoreboards	Bexley Parks & Rec
\$5,000.00	Baseball	Windscreen	Bexley High School
\$2,500.00	Baseball & Softball	Concrete for both dugouts	Bexley High School
\$2,000.00*	Baseball	Concrete for batting tunnels	City of Bexley
\$6,000.00**	Baseball	New hitting tunnels and astro-turf	Bexley High School
\$7,500.00**	Baseball	New Press Box	Bexley Parks & Rec

*Approximate

**Pending

Dollar Amount	Facility/Fields	Improvements/Equip.	Organization
\$5,500.00	Baseball & Softball	Purchase of Gator	Capital Baseball & Softball
\$2,000.00	Baseball	Clubhouse Renovation	Capital Baseball
\$1,500.00	Baseball	Field Maintenance Equip.: mowers, rakes, shovels, trimmers, etc.	Weyrich Woods

Money for Travel, Equipment, Etc.

2003-2004: \$12,000.00
 2004-2005: 20,500.00
 2005-2006: 35,000.00
 \$67,500.00

- TOTAL AMOUNT RAISED THROUGH THE BASEBALL PROGRAM:
\$107,000.00**

The baseball staff and players would like to communicate that we are working hard to raise funds for our program, but it is very difficult to meet all the important needs we have through fundraising.

One area that is lacking in finances is that of field maintenance. At present, we are spending \$60 - \$90 per week, depending on the growing season, for gasoline for our lawnmowers. This is personally funded by Coach Weyrich. We are also providing the equipment for the work that needs to be done, as well as volunteer time from Coach Weyrich, for both the baseball and softball fields. We are grateful that there is one employee that is provided through the Athletic Department, but the work is too much for one part-time person.

We believe that it would be extremely helpful to have additional funds (or help from the Maintenance Department) in our yearly budget to offset these costs. This would be accomplished by:

- 1.) Budget for gasoline
- 2.) Purchase the equipment used to care for the fields from Weyrich Woods
- 3.) In the future, work out a plan for baseball to inherit equipment ready to be retired/traded-in from Capital Maintenance Dept.

We appreciate your consideration in this matter.



**BEXLEY
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Bexley High School Baseball and Capital University Baseball
are joining together for an evening of socializing,
meeting the teams and fund raising

**The Crusader Diamond Club
Annual Benefit Auction and Raffle
Saturday, February 11, 2006
Doors open at 5:30pm, dinner at 6:00pm
Cap Center, Capital University**

Evening events:

Dinner, continuous silent auction throughout the evening,
live auction, cash raffle, door prizes, 50/50 drawing.

Come and meet the teams and coaches,
socialize with other baseball players, parents and fans.
And help raise funds for a worthy cause.

All proceeds benefit Clowson Field,
Capital Baseball and Softball

Admission \$17.50 for a single or
\$30 for a couple, this includes dinner

We would like reservations made prior to the event,
however there will be limited tickets sold at the door.

To purchase tickets or if you have any questions, please contact

Joni Hughes 235-0627

Cheryl Rice 231-4126

Judy Kopp 253-5533

Athletic Department

<u>Qt</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Price per unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
8	R100 Baseballs	\$49	\$392
5	Bucket balls 3doz.	\$99	\$495
5	Batters helmets	\$65	\$325
2	HS catchers Gear	\$220	\$440
1	MS catchers gear	\$140	\$140
10	"B" Decals for helmet	\$6	\$60
1	Point and shoot radar gun	\$139.99	\$139.99
1	Multi purpose mound	\$329.99	\$329.99
3	Replacement fence shield	\$69	\$209.97
1	30 sheet line-up chart	\$15.99	\$15.99
1	Pitch Counter	\$9.99	\$9.99
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			\$2,557.93

Boosters

Team t-shirt	\$500
10 Set's of coaching jackets and shorts	\$480
Double Cage Batting tunnel for clowson field	\$1553.00
(note bringing old beat up one back up to high school outside)	
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Total:	\$2533.00

Thanks
Coach Mitch