OSU baseball club looks to university for new facility

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The OSU baseball club is in search of a new facility to enable it to function as easily as other clubs.

Joel Gonzales, club president, thinks the university does not take the needs of the club seriously.

"There are tons of on-campus fields that the university can give to us but they don't understand the need we have for a field on campus," Gonzales said.

Steve Subit, club vice president said it would be good to have more consideration from the university.

"It would be great if the university would support us more," Subit said.

The club now plays its games at the Old North High School on Arcadia Road. Gonzales said the field there is in terrible shape.

"The grass is never cut and there is no lighting for night games, so we have to play during the day, which is inconvenient for many members," Gonzales said.

"This year we raked the field, moved the dirt, and rebuilt the 1st and 3rd baselines," Subit added.

Gonzales said the club needs a full-size diamond, which can be found on campus. He thinks the facility should be well-lit and properly taken care of.

Brian Harris, an assistant director of the Recreation and Intramural Sports Department, is aware of the need for a new facility for the club and believes measures will be taken in the near future to see that the club gets a field.

"Things will happen if everyone is patient. There are many channels we must go through so we don't disturb the balance (of the system)," Harris said.

Subit said that the original plan for the club this year was to have eight teams, but the club had to cut back to five because of a lack of attendance by members.

Gonzales added the club would be willing to maintain the upkeep of a new field if the university would give it one.

He believes the club would be more popular if it had the proper facilities.

"We have approximately 75 members in our club which is minute compared to intramural softball and other clubs," Gonzales said.

Harris added that the university is in the planning stages of finding space, a process that will take approximately three years.

"We will heighten or increase space for all clubs including baseball. The renovation process should begin within the next couple of years," Harris said.
OSU baseball club adds traveling team

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While the Ohio State varsity baseball team gets into gear with tournaments in the South, the OSU baseball club prepares to add one new wrinkle and iron out another.

The club will add a traveling team to its calendar this spring and is currently talking to the university athletic department about using the now vacant Trautmann Field.

The traveling team, like the soccer and rugby clubs, will play teams from other schools in the area. The roster will rotate from week-to-week as the team's high performers are selected to play on Saturday by team travel director Jim McCormick.

The team already has games lined up against Bowling Green State University and Dublin High School's baseball team, said Steve Subit, president of the baseball club.

According to Kevin Waugh, the vice president of the club, the team is also looking into games with Northwestern, Depaul and a branch campus of Penn State, as well as Division III college teams.

But the field situation is still in question.

The team currently plays at Mohawk Field, which is located on Livingston Avenue and is the property of the Columbus Board of Education.

"South High stopped playing there a couple of years ago, so it's not available to us whenever we want it," Subit said. "But, we're responsible for the maintenance.

Mohawk Field, however, is not in the best shape.

"Mohawk field is an embar-

mohawk field, located on livingston avenue, has been used by the osu baseball club as their home field for the past few years. the club hopes to move into trautmann field since the varsity baseball team will now play at the new bill davis stadium.

$100 a game, which would be odd considering we are a university group," Subit said.

When asked about the fee, Athletic Events Manager Dick Sloan said that the fee would be 50 percent of the rental fee, plus set up charges, like dragging the field.

"We're not sure what kind of shape Trautmann Field is going to be in come spring quarter," Sloan said.

The club has had attendance problems in the past. According to Waugh, the field may be to blame.

"I've talked to players, the reason a lot of them don't show is because of the field situation," Waugh said. "It's not up to their level."

The club has also increased its dues from $20 to $50.

"We hope this will help guarantee attendance, plus it gives us the money to buy equipment, including catcher's gear for every team and allow us to set aside $1,000 for field maintenance," Subit said.

This year the baseball club will also be hosting a wiffleball tournament in the Brown Gym at Lakins Hall on April 19.

"We don't have the details finalized but it will be seven person coed teams and half the proceeds will go to the baseball club and the other half to the sports club general fund," Subit said.

Subit said club members will organize and umpire the games.

"We've gotten really involved with the intramural and recreational sports department this year, but they can only help us so far in dealing with the athletic department," Subit said.

"I completely understand their position, being a high school athlete and not wanting someone coming in and destroying your field," Waugh said. "There's a lack of communication here. I don't know if they don't want us on the field for legitimate purposes or just because. It's a big thing for us. We'd love to be able to work with someone on it."