

SPORTS

Feasibility study gives the college options

By Jon Samples
Sports Editor

A plan for renovation of the colleges track surface and installation of a proposed soccer complex has returned with a feasibility study which highlights various construction options for the athletic department.

The study explored multiple directions the college could take in developing a soccer complex, which vary from the installation of four new soccer fields to the conversion of the football field to also be used for soccer games.

Also under consideration is the installation of an artificial surface for the football field.

Four different options of varying amounts were laid out in the study, three of which exceed the current proposed budget of \$1.6 million.

However, none of the options will be approved until an agreement is reached concerning the budget, which according to director of athletics Paul Zakowski is "not set in stone."

"We're going to meet on this next week and try to make some decisions," said Kay Nielsen, vice president of student affairs. "However, nothing is final until approved by the Board [of Trustees]. At this point, there's nothing settled."

Zakowski, Nielsen and Tom Ryan, vice president of administrative affairs, will hold a meeting to determine the best course of action for the college.

The feasibility study resembles more of a menu, containing the prices of different materials and options for the project, and is not a binding commitment.

Staying on track

Last weekend's Wheaton Invitational, held at Wheaton College, helped the colleges track team get one step closer to the national tournament with five national qualifications.

- 3000SC: John Fry [10:05.70]
- Discus: Alex Salinas [38.42meters]
- 100m: Stephanie Frasca [13.52]
- 200m: Frasca [28.16]
- Women's 4x100: Katie Dyer [70.0], Becca Smith [71.0], Jennifer Vail [72.0] and Frasca [73.0] Team [4:49.0]

Chaps extend streak

By Jon Samples
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Coming into Tuesday's home doubleheader against conference foe Harper College, the women's softball team was tied for its longest win streak of the season.

The Chaps have won 12 of their last 13 games, with their sole loss, a 1-10 blowout at the hands of Madison Area Tech, bisecting the teams two six win stretches.

After starting the season 2-6, the Chaps have managed to take control of a weak N4C conference with the help of a dominating pitching core.

Tuesday, head coach Danielle Cline sent freshman pitcher, Jessica Franco, to the mound in an attempt to extend their undefeated conference record. Prior to the game the Chaps were 4-0 in the N4C and Franco looked to continue this streak, as she shut down Harper's bats through five innings.

Franco retired the first eight batters she faced and the Chaps went into the sixth inning allowing zero runs on zero hits and one error.

The Chaparral hitters were just as inspired, getting the scoring going from the very first inning. Laura Bohannon got things going with a single in the first. A wild pitch by Harpers Calli Klatt moved Bohannon into third, and two batters later she was driven in on a Samantha Keifer single.



Photos by Russell Augustine

Amanda Brandenburg rounds first base after blasting a 2 RBI double to center field in the bottom of the fifth inning during the first game of Tuesday's doubleheader.

Up next was Katie Zinn who smashed a line drive double to center field, moving Keifer into third. On more wild pitch from Klatt allowed Keifer to stroll home, giving the Chaps a 2-0 advantage after the first.

The team continued to hit in the second inning, but couldn't move any runners across the plate despite having bases loaded with two outs.

Chap hitters took a couple innings off before they got things going again in the fifth.

The Chaps put five more runs on the board off three

clutch doubles. Amanda Brandenburg's double scored Danielle Curylo and Zinn, who reached on consecutive singles to start the inning.

Two batters later a Megan Schroeder double drove in Brandenburg and a Keifer double three batters later tallied the final two scores of the inning with bases loaded.

After five innings the Chaps had applied a strangle hold on Harper, but the Hawks were not ready to tap out. With two outs in the sixth inning Franco was one away from ending the side.

Harper rallied, however, put-

ting together a four hit burst which scored three runs.

Stephanie Walton got things going for Harper and by the end of the sixth inning the Hawks were only down four.

"They [Harper] never got down and that makes a huge difference," said Tatiana Gipsen, Chap center fielder. As long as you think you can win there's always a chance. They didn't but they tried."

Three more runs in the seventh, however, sealed the Chaps fate and one more stellar inning by Franco ended the game 10-3.

Hawks drop two to Chaps

By Kevin Murphy
Correspondent

After having consecutive games canceled, the Chaparrals were once again in danger of yet another cancellation Saturday due to unplayable weather conditions on the Chaps home field.

However, a last minute scheduling change saw the start time of Saturday's doubleheader against conference foe Harper College get bumped up from 1p.m. to 2p.m. at a neutral site compliments of Benedictine college.

The Chaps didn't mind the change in scenery as they were able to roll in both games of the doubleheader showing just how well rounded a team they could be.

The first game saw dominate pitching and stellar defense propel the Chaps to a 2-0 victory and in the second game the Chaps showed there offense could compete with the best as they were able to club eleven runs en route to an 11-7 victory.

Game one pitted Chaparral starter Jon Christopher

against Hawk starter Caleb Johnson. In what was a true definition of a pitchers duel.

Christopher looked calm, cool and collected the entire afternoon retiring the Hawk hitters in order on three separate occasions.

In the fourth inning Hawks manager, Mike Palmer, if his team was going to stand a chance they would need to create their own scoring opportunities against very stingy Chap pitching.

After Hawks lead-off man Scott Kerr was able to successfully reach first Palmer, out of pure desperation, decided to send Kerr on a straight steal attempting to jump start his offense and produce some kind of rally.

However, Kerr's attempted steal was instantly shot down as Chaps catcher Chris McCall threw a laser to second base gunning him out by a good five feet. This effectively took any the wind out of the Hawks sails.

With Christopher throwing a gem it was the offenses turn to step up and put him in line for the victory. However, this

proved to be a difficult task for the Chaparrals as the Hawks starter was not willing to give in to his counterparts dominating pitching performance.

The Chaps had Johnson on the ropes in the first two innings, but stranded a man at third in the first and another man at second in the following inning blowing two crucial scoring opportunities.

Johnson sailed through the third retiring the Chaps in order, but something would ultimately need to give between the two right-handers, and on this day, it was not going to be Christopher.

The Chaparral offense would come to life in the fourth inning against Johnson and the Hawks. It started with back-to-back singles to right field off the bats of Brennen Hagensee and Steve Gilletly.

After Gilletly's single the Hawks missed a cut off man, allowing him and Hagensee to move up one base each putting runners on second and third.

Things continued to got the

Chaps way, as Bobby Gentile was able to deliver a clutch two out opposite field triple that cleared the bases and gave the Chaparrals a two nothing lead.



A weeks worth

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| Thu. | WAUBONSEE cancelled | 8-8 |
| Fri. | at McHenry cancelled | 8-8 |
| *Sat. | HARPER at Benedictine W 3-0, W 11-7 | 10-8 |
| *Sun. | at Harper L 8-15, L 4-10 | 10-10 |
| Tue. | PRAIRIE STATE cancelled | 10-10 |
| Wed. | Elmhurst at Butterfield 7:00 pm | |

The two runs scored by the Chaps in the fourth would be there only tally's of the game, but would be more than enough for Christopher, as he went on to a solid two-nothing shut out win.

Sports Schedule Spring 07

Sports Briefs

| BASEBALL | | | SOFTBALL CON'T | | | TRACK & FIELD CON'T | | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--|-----------|
| FEBRUARY | | | Tue., 31 | JOLIET | W3-2, W5-0 | APRIL | | |
| Sat., 17 | at Southwestern Illinois | cancelled | | | | Thu., 5 - | Chicagoland Championship | 10 a.m. |
| Sun., 18 | at Southwestern Illinois | cancelled | APRIL | | | Sat., 7 | at North Central College | |
| Sat., 24 | at Southeastern Illinois | cancelled | *Tue., 3 | at Triton | postponed | Sat., 14 | Wheaton Invitational | 10 a.m. |
| Sun., 25 | at Southeastern Illinois | cancelled | *Wed., 4 | at Triton | W10-1, W15-1 | Sat., 21 | at Wheaton College | 10 a.m. |
| MARCH | | | Thu., 5 | MADISON AREA TECH | W13-7, L1-10 | Fri., 27 | Benedictine Eagle Invitational | tba |
| Sat., 3 | at Shawnee | cancelled | *Tue., 10 | KISHWAUKEE | W9-6, W15-1 | Sat., 28 | at Benedictine College | tba |
| Sat., 4 | at John A. Logan | L-11, L0-11 | Wed., 11 | ROCK VALLEY | W15-3, W5-1 | | Super Regional Championship | |
| Sun., 11 | vs. Southwestern CC (IA) at Metrodome | W7-2, W7-6 | Fri., 13 | ELGIN | W9-0, W11-2 | | at Rend Lake CC Ina, IL | |
| Sat., 17 | at Carl Sandburg | W6-2, W7-4 | *Sat., 14 | at Oakton | cancelled | | | |
| Sat., 24 | at Kankakee | L1-5, L2-7 | *Tue., 17 | at Harper | postpomed | | | |
| Sun., 25 | CARL SANDBURG | cancelled | Wed., 18 | HARPER | W10-3, W13-6 | | | |
| *Sat., 31 | at Joliet | W5-0, L1-10 | Thu., 19 | McHENRY | 3 p.m. | MAY | | |
| APRIL | | | Fri., 20 | SOUTH SUBURBAN | 3 p.m. | Sat., 5 | Wisconsin Twilight Invitational | tba |
| *Sun., 1 | JOLIET | L7-12, L5-13 | Thu., 19 | PRAIRIE STATE | 3 p.m. | Thu., 10 - | at University of Wisconsin Madison, WI | tba |
| Tue., 3 | at Oakton | L4-6 | *Sat., 21 | at Kankakee | 3 p.m. | Sat., 12 | NJCAA Division III Men's | tba |
| Thu., 5 | at Olive-Harvey | W15-1, W13-1 | Wed., 25 | LAKE COUNTY | 3 p.m. | | National Championship at Howard | |
| Fri., 6 | BENEDICTINE | cancelled | Fri., 27 | at Moraine Valley | 3:30 p.m. | | Community College Columbia, MD | |
| Sat., 7 | at Illinois Tech | cancelled | *Sat., 28 | TRITON | 12 p.m. | | | |
| Mon., 9 | at South Suburban | W7-5 | MAY | | | Thu., 10 - | NJCAA Division III Women's | tba |
| Tue., 10 | KISHWAUKEE | 4 p.m. | *Tue., 1 | at Joliet | 3 p.m. | Sat., 12 | National Championship at Howard | tba |
| Wed., 11 | at Concordia | 2 p.m. | Fri., 4 | Region IV Tournament at Joliet | tba | | Community College Columbia, MD | |
| Thu., 12 | WAUBONSEE | cancelled | Sat., 5 | Region IV Tournament at Joliet | tba | | | |
| Fri., 13 | at McHenry | cancelled | Thu., 17 - | NJCAA Division III Nationals | tba | | | |
| Sat., 14 | HARPER | W3-0, W11-7 | Sat., 19 | at Rochester, MN | | | | |
| Sun., 15 | at Harper | L8-15, L4-10 | | | | | | |
| Tue., 17 | PRAIRIE STATE | cancelled | TRACK & FIELD | | | MEN'S TENNIS | | |
| Wed., 18 | ELMHURST | 7 p.m. | FEBRUARY | | | MARCH | | |
| *Sat., 21 | at Rock Valley | 12 p.m. | Sat., 3 | Tadd Metzger Indoor Invitational | n/a | Sat., 10 | at St. Joseph (IN) | n/a |
| *Sun., 22 | ROCK VALLEY | 12 p.m. | Sat., 10 | at Carthage College Kenosha, WI | n/a | Tue., 27 | at Lewis University | L1-8 |
| Mon., 23 | at Benedictine | 6 p.m. | Sat., 16 | Dick Pond Indoor Invitational | n/a | Thu., 29 | WAUBONSEE | W6-0 |
| Tue., 24 | OLIVE-HARVEY | 5 p.m. | Fri., 16 | at Lewis University | n/a | Sat., 31 | DAVID WEBSTER DOUBLE CLASSIC | n/a |
| Wed., 25 | TRINITY INTERNATIONAL | 7 p.m. | Sat., 17 | Chicagoland Women's Indoor | n/a | APRIL | | |
| *Sat., 28 | TRITON | 12 p.m. | Sat., 17 | Chicagoland Men's Indoor | n/a | Mon., 2 | at Moraine Valley | L3-6 |
| *Sun., 29 | at TRITON | 12 p.m. | Fri., 23 | Chicagoland Men's Indoor | n/a | Mon., 9 | at Oakton | postponed |
| MAY | | | | Championship at University of Chicago | n/a | Wed., 11 | ROCK VALLEY | L2-7 |
| Tue., 1 | MORTON | 6:30 p.m. | | University of Chicago Indoor | n/a | Sat., 14 | at Vincennes University | 9 a.m. |
| Fri., 4 - | Region IV Tournament at Waubonsee | tba | MARCH | at University of Chicago | | Mon., 16 | NORTH CENTRAL | L1-8 |
| Sun., 13 | NJCAA District Tournament | tba | Fri., 2 | Carthage Last Chance Meet | cancelled | Thu., 19 | at Joliet | 3 p.m. |
| Sat., 12 | NJCAA District Tournament | tba | Fri., 16 | at Carthage College Kenosha, WI | 2 p.m. | Sat., 21 | at University of Chicago | 12 p.m. |
| Sat., 19 - | NJCAA Division III World Series | tba | Sat., 24 | COD INTERSQUAD | n/a | Wed., 25 | ELGIN | 3 p.m. |
| Fri., 25 | | | Sat., 31 | Early Spring Opener | 10 a.m. | Sat., 28 | N4C & Region IV Tournament ay Joliet | 9 a.m. |
| SOFTBALL | | | | at Augustana College | | MAY | | |
| MARCH | | | | Elmhurst College Open | | Sun., 13 - | NJCAA Division III National | tba |
| Fri., 16 - | Disney Spring Games at Orlando, FL | n/a | | at Elmhurst College | | Thu., 18 | Tournament at Plano, TX | |
| Fri., 23 | | | | | | | | |

Tennis tryouts
Tryouts for the men's tennis team have begun. Tryouts started in January. Anyone interested in trying out for the tennis team should contact Jim Bowers at 942-2800 ext. 53382 or stop by the Athletic office P.E. 205.

Men's and women's Track & Field tryouts.

The college's track & field team is looking for anyone interested in trying out for the men's or women's team.

Athletes must be enrolled in 12 or more credited hours and display a strong work ethic. For more information contact Jane Vatchev at 942-3329 or stop by the Athletic office P.E. 205.

Tennis club

A Club Tennis Team is being formed at the College of DuPage. All skill levels are able to compete in this spring/summer league.

Contact Jim Bowers/COD tennis coach at 630-942-2800 ext. 53382 or email: bowers@cdnet.cod.edu.

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Athlete of the Week



Name: Tatiana Gipson
Sport: Softball
Major: Social work
Year: Sophomore
Age: 26



Q: How long have you been playing softball?

A: I've been playing softball for 17 years. I started playing when I was nine years old. I started playing slow pitch then I made my way up to fast pitch when I started high school.

Q: Why did you start playing?

A: It was totally by accident actually. I was going out for the local basketball league and it was full so I got a softball sign-up sheet and it went from there.

Q: Why did you continue playing softball

A: My mom played it every week so I kind of grew up around it. also, the first time I went out I was kind of a natural. I had a good hit, an arm and I thought if I good at it I should just stay with it.

Q: Do you play any other sports?

A: Well, I play softball. Recently I

picked up football. I've gotten in to a couple local flag football leagues.

Q: What do you like more football or softball?

A: Always softball. No matter what I do softball is my life [because] I grew up playing it.

Q: So, are you rooting for the Cubs or Sox?

A: Neither. Cardinals [laughs].

Q: A lot of people compare softball and baseball. What are the differences in your eyes?

A: honestly the speed in softball. The game is just so much faster. The bases are so much closer, the pitcher's closer; everything is a lot quicker. in baseball you can lay back and hit the long ball, but out here you have to know a variety of different things.

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