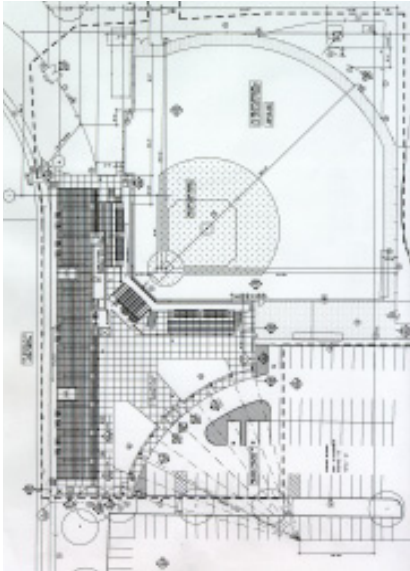


Audrey J. Walton Stadium Complex

University of Missouri-Columbia



The back-to-back seating offers an innovative solution, allowing each to share a central ticketing facility, pressbox, and concession area.



"I remember when I first saw the design I thought it was the smartest thing I had ever seen."

*- Rick McGuire, Ph.D.
Head Coach Track and Field*



The entrance to the complex features a theme park feel and intensifies team spirit.

It was challenging to program and design stadium facilities for an already existing track, soccer, and softball areas, as well as other track and field competitive events. The fields were adjacent to each other. One stadium facing in one direction would not solve the problem, but a modified form of back-to-back stadia would.

To keep crowds controlled but fully serviced, this unique solution allows the University of Missouri fans to enjoy events. A landscaped plaza provides an almost theme park entrance to the complex. This pleasant entry is enclosed with brick piers and a decorative steel fence.

In keeping with the goals of today's society, both stadia are completely accessible to all. Even

the press box level meets accessibility guidelines. Additionally, the lines of sight were carefully studied, as well as the effect of the sun at certain times of the day, to assure that each fan gets "the best seat possible."

Accolades of "a world class facility" and "what a joy" have been continually reiterated. The usual constraints associated with any project were present, but a dedicated team of client, architect, consultants and contractor coordinated a project to not only meet challenging goals, but to surpass them.

