

Austin E. Knowlton Outdoor Athletic Complex

Thanks to a multi-year gift from the Knowlton Foundation, the facility named Ericson Field for nearly a century will undergo a makeover and be known as the Austin E. Knowlton Outdoor Athletic Complex.

New facilities included in the complex will be the Charles D. Lindberg Stadium, the Ken Anderson Academic All-America Club, the Players' Plaza, and the Viking Patio and Overlook. Those projects are scheduled to be finished in August 2013. The field's playing surface has been redone last summer. The Paul V. Olsen Track was installed in 2008.



The centerpiece for the project will be Lindberg Stadium, which will be located on the north side of the Knowlton Complex. Lindberg Stadium will have a three-story grandstand that will include team facilities with a spacious locker room, 110 lockers, training and taping facilities and team meeting rooms on the ground level.

There will be seating for 1,800 that will include chair-back seats along the 50-yard line and a designated student section. The second level, which overlooks Ericson Field and Olsen Track, includes offices for the football coaching staff, a conference room and display and reception areas. The third level will have a press box

The Players' Plaza will provide a new entrance to the Knowlton Complex and will serve as a gathering place for fans before and after games. The plaza will be located at the northwest corner of the complex, adjacent to the Carver Center and parking lot designed for tailgating during the football season.

Another component of the project will be the Viking Patio and Overlook. This area will serve as a place where fans can gather to watch the game from the northwest corner of the field between the Anderson Club and Lindberg Stadium. It will include a concession area and a view of Augustana's Old Main.



A unique feature of the Knowlton Complex will be the Anderson Academic All-America Club, an indoor gathering area with televisions, room to socialize during games, innovative concessions, and picture-window views of the action.

The building will feature Viking football memorabilia and a display of Academic All-Americans, of which Augustana has had 139 throughout the years. That number ranks sixth nationally among all NCAA divisions. The Anderson Club will be open throughout the year for social gatherings and meetings of up to 80 people.



Phase one of the Knowlton Outdoor Athletic Complex was completed in August, 2012. Field Turf Revolution was installed and runways for track and field were relocated. Charles Lindberg Stadium will replace the visitor bleachers shown in this photo.

