



Friends,

As you know, there is a project underway to build a rink on campus which will be a great benefit to Northern Arizona University Hockey. We are extremely excited about the possibility of holding our practices and games on campus. The rink in the Fieldhouse would be a tremendous lift to the NAU Hockey program. It will provide a venue for NAU students to participate in ice skating activities and a safe place to watch the very popular NAU Ice Jacks Hockey team. First, here is a little history of the progression of the rink construction at Northern Arizona University.



Opened in 1962 and funded by a \$1.2 million state grant, the Field House provided facilities for track, volleyball, tennis, spring baseball practice, and physical education classes. A bowling alley, pool tables, lockers, and restrooms were located on the mezzanine level. Currently this facility is used for student recreation, intramural competition, and athletic team practices.

There have been plans in the works for years to convert the Fieldhouse building on campus next to the Student Union to a rink suitable for hockey. Several things had to take place for that to happen. First, we had to keep NAU Hockey as a viable entity to allow for both NAU Hockey ACHA DII and ACHA DIII teams to be the major tenants. Second, the tennis team and the basketball teams both had indoor facilities built for their practices freeing up space for the rink construction at the Fieldhouse. Third, the pipes below the Fieldhouse burst causing damage to the interior of the facility. This required the large area at the center of the Fieldhouse to be completely dug up and repaired.

NAU's insurance got the transformation started. The area was completely dug up and the pipes were repaired. The work continued and the concrete was poured for the rink. The University has made further investment for the ice plant and the requirements to change the facility under code. We expect these costs to be over two million dollars. The construction company was authorized to upgrade the restroom facilities to accommodate the fans at the NAU Hockey home games and other ice events. Here is a photo of the construction at the Fieldhouse.

Northern Arizona University would like NAU Hockey to assist in providing funds to complete the conversion of the facility for hockey. NAU is looking for funds for boards and glass, locker room conversion to hockey, a scoreboard and a Zamboni to resurface the ice. NAU Hockey will provide hockey goals, rubberized flooring and any other items necessary to complete the

facility for ice hockey. The goal set by University for the NAU Hockey program to raise \$250,000.00. With the support of our local businesses, fans, Alumni and parents, we can reach our goal to make our rink on campus a reality.

As a non-varsity sport at NAU, the school is not building a rink expressly for NAU Hockey. The rink is seen by the President of the University and the other officers of the school as a means of recreation for all NAU students. There will be skating clubs, learn to skate programs and open ice for recreational skating at the new facility. NAU clubs, sororities and fraternities will be using the ice for gatherings for both skating and broomball. As the top Club sport at NAU, the hockey program will take the lead in assisting in the building of the facility.

This will lend to a growing partnership between NAU Hockey and the University. NAU Hockey would be the major tenant and allow for better times for games and practices. There will also be opportunities for our players to work at the new facility to maintain the ice and work with other user groups as we do at the City rink currently. We also see the facility as a great place to assist our local youth hockey by providing additional ice for practices, games and youth tournaments in Flagstaff.

NAU Hockey's Varsity ACHA Division II team and JV ACHA Division III team will be the major tenants of the new facility at the Fieldhouse. NAU Hockey will pay for ice for practice, camp, tryouts and games. The capacity will allow for over 1500 fans for our home games in our first season with room to grow larger. The ticket sales will make a tremendous difference to the team which is currently averaging 300 fans per game at Jay Lively Arena.

The large crowds will allow for a great advertising opportunity for local businesses. There are signage opportunities at the Fieldhouse which would be great exposure during 30 NAU Hockey home games and all other events held at the Fieldhouse. Current advertisers are promoted at our web site at www.nauhockey.com and are listed on our game programs. Please contact me directly regarding advertising opportunities or if you have any questions about the rink funding.

You may support the rink fund by clicking the link below. This would send money directly to the University expressly ear-marked for rink construction. You would receive a tax credit for the donation as a 501C3. Or direct purchases could be made in groups or as an individual to directly purchase the boards and glass, scoreboard, Zamboni or locker room conversion to hockey. We are working with vendors to make sure we will get the best quality and pricing for these items.

To see the artist's renderings, click the link below to see the future completed rink in the Fieldhouse Building on campus next to the Student Union on central campus at NAU. Here is a great rendering below.



Betsy Mennell the NAU VP of Alumni Development and Engagement sent me the link to donate funds directly to the Fieldhouse rink fund below. This is where the tax-deductible donations will go to directly support the new rink for the boards and glass,

Zamboni, fans restrooms, locker rooms and other support construction specific to the NAU Hockey program. We are in close contact with the University and the construction group. We will keep everyone apprised of the progress of the new facility. Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions.

Link:

Here is the donation link: <https://alumni.nau.edu/Giving.aspx?fnds=05510>.

If you would rather mail your donation please send to:

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Thank you for your support,

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