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SMC Breaks Ground on New Stadium

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Saint Mary's has begun a new development project that will address the needs of students and the baseball team. On Thursday, May 5 there was a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the first phase of the extensive project, the new baseball stadium. In addition to a 1,500-seat baseball park, the project includes a 50,000 square-foot recreation center. The recreation center is named after alumnus and former mayor of San Francisco, Joseph L. Alioto.

The Joseph L. Alioto Recreation Center will include a fitness center, a multi-purpose swimming pool with lawn and plaza, multi-purpose rooms, locker rooms and three full-sized courts. Currently, more than 75 percent of Saint Mary's students participate in intramural activities and applications for undergraduate admission increased by 32 percent last year.

The school has already raised \$21 million for the \$30 million project.

President Brother Ronald Gallagher noted at the groundbreaking ceremony that this project was an important milestone in the history of the college and a step toward improving the campus in honor of the upcoming sesquicentennial anniversary. "This will improve the quality of life of students and contribute to good health and successful competitive spirit of Saint Mary's College."

Co-captain for the Saint Mary's baseball team, Dorsey Ek added that the project will not only improve campus life but assist with the success of the baseball team. "The new stadium is the next step in excellence. It will level the playing field and help us compete for a WCC championship."

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