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### ATH: SVU Announces Construction of Practice Fields

BUENA VISTA, Va. (May 28, 2008) – Southern Virginia University has announced that construction is underway on athletic practice fields northeast of the main campus.



“This is a very exciting time for the university,” Southern Virginia athletic director Tom Longenecker said. “The fields will provide our teams with a place to practice and to call home.”

The fields will be located above The Lofts, Southern Virginia’s new residence hall on Maple Avenue. It is anticipated that there will be two full-size practice fields for football, soccer and club lacrosse, and two smaller multi-purpose practice fields. Depending on how well the grass fills in, the university hopes the fields will be ready for use late in the fall.

“This is a beautiful setting for fields,” Longenecker said. “The natural surroundings have been preserved and the fields will be of a very high quality. We’re fortunate to have Hunter Young and Civil Consulting Group helping with the project. They have worked on a lot of projects in the area and are very good at what they do.”

Vice President of Student Life and Enrollment Walt Ralls compared the addition of the fields to the construction of Knight Arena, where basketball and volleyball are played, in 2002.

“Before we had Knight Arena we were using other people’s gyms for practice times and games and had to rely on their schedules,” Ralls said. “To be able to have control of our own facilities makes a huge difference. It means we have a lot more flexibility and it will ease the strain on our academic schedules. I’m elated.”



Workers are currently leveling the road that will lead to the fields. Next steps include transferring soil and leveling the land, installing an irrigation system and planting grass. In addition to the fields there will be parking available for more than 50 cars.

“We are starting simple so we can make sure we do this right,” Longenecker said. “Getting the fields in is phase one of the project. We hope to start phase two soon which would include adding lights and other amenities so we can get even more use out of the fields.”

Work on the fields commenced in 2003, but was halted due to the expense of leveling the ground. Funds received from an anonymous donor have allowed the university to pick up where the work crews left off.

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