

Olsen Field's near completion, among nation's premier stadiums

C.E. "Pat" Olsen Field is one of the premier college baseball facilities in the nation.

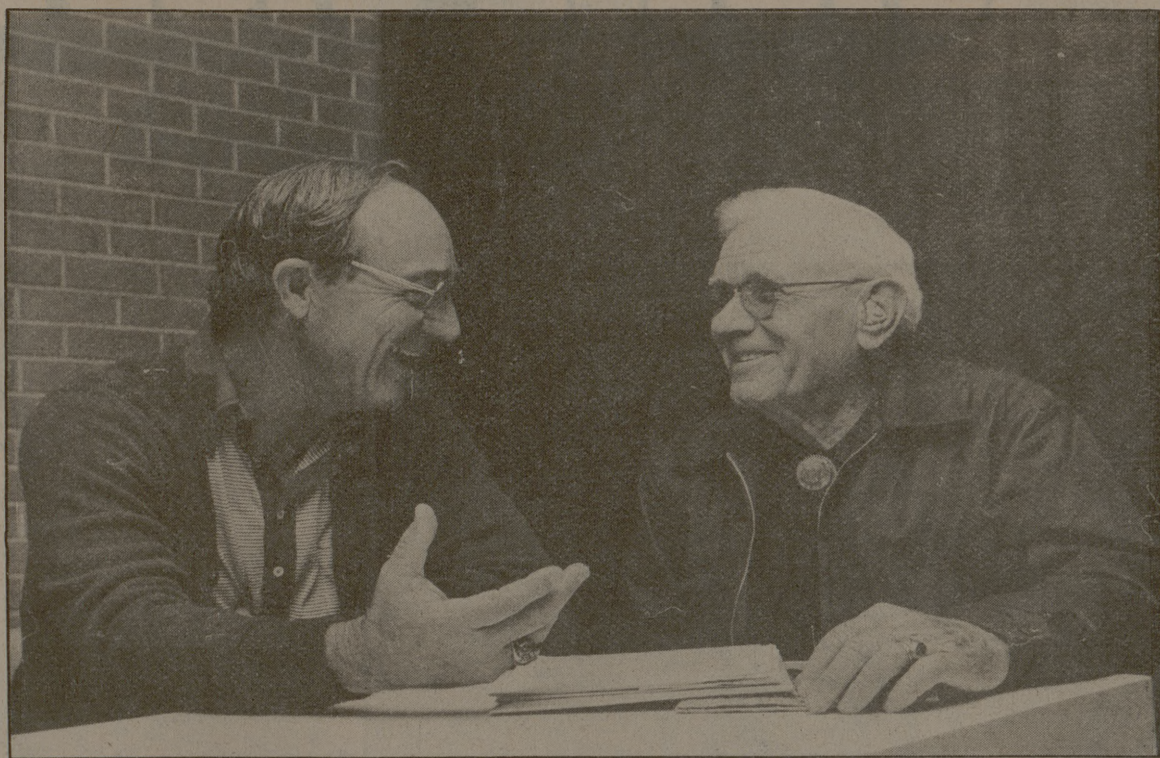
The playing field is surfaced with natural turf-grass and is aligned in a north-south direction with the pitcher facing south. The field's dimensions are 330 feet down each foul line, 375 feet to the power alleys in right and left-centerfields, and 400 feet to straightaway center. There is a 15-foot warning track next to the outfield fence and from first base to third base in front of the grandstand.

The partially-roofed concrete grandstand seats approximately 5,000 people. Seating for 2,600 in the central section of the grandstand is riser-mounted and has aluminum folding chairs with armrests. Seating for 1,200 on each side of the central section is benchtype aluminum seating with backrests.

An enclosed pressbox provides two broadcasting booths for radio, an official scorer's booth with a public address system, controls for the electronic scoreboard and work space for 12 writers.

Beneath the grandstand are dressing facilities for the Texas A&M team and the visiting team, complete with lockers and showers. Tunnels lead from the dressing room to the dugouts. There is also a dressing room for umpires with a tunnel leading to the field. An office for Texas A&M coach Tom Chandler, a training room, equipment storage room and a groundskeeper's room are also located beneath the grandstand.

Olsen Field has several features designed for spectator's convenience. Among these are a large concessions facility, an asphalt parking area with room for 800 cars adja-



Texas A&M baseball coach Tom Chandler (left) and Pat Olsen discuss plans for the March 21 dedication of C. E. "Pat" Olsen

Field. Ceremonies will begin at 2 p.m. Tuesday, followed by a game between the Aggies and the Southern Cal Trojans at 3 p.m.

cent to the field and a special access ramp for the handicapped.

Built for the future as well as for the present, the stadium provides room for growth. Room has been left for the extension of the grandstand on each side and electrical power capability has been provided for future lighting on the field.

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