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Photo by Hannah Haggerty.

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A new facility that houses restrooms, a ticket pickup stand and concessions has been added to the Spangler Stadium as part of Gardner-Webb's latest project in making athletic amenities more accessible, welcoming and aesthetically pleasing to visitors.

Previously, the only bathroom options for visitors were portable toilets, which were unappealing and created a sore appearance for how the school wanted to look for its guests.

"People drive around campus and see the porta potties. That doesn't quite have the appearance we want to project through our university," said Chuck Burch, Vice President of Athletics.



Photo by Hannah Haggerty.

The ticket pickup will give visitors a quicker, easier way to receive their pre-purchased tickets rather than having an extra employee sit at the side entrance waiting for the guests to pick up their tickets.

Concessions will also be sold from the facility allowing there to be more room for storage of foods in addition to allowing visitors to get food faster with more room. They will also be selling concessions in this facility during soccer matches.

The facility is designed after the same architecture as the Baseball and Softball buildings in order to keep the same appearance as other buildings around campus.

"The sports represent the school and what they are about. Our athletic program plays a strong part of the University experience," said Burch.

Throughout the past year, the football score board and the softball stadium have been refurbished and new speakers have been added to the Paul Porter Arena. The addition of this new facility is only a small part in the larger goal for Gardner-Webb athletics to represent the school in the best light possible.



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