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When Baum Stadium opened in 1996 it was the class of college baseball venues. Now, more than a decade later, Baum Stadium remains the gold standard for college baseball facilities.

The 2007 season saw the completion of the third renovation of Baum Stadium since Van Horn's arrival in 2003. Another 20 luxury boxes and more than 1,000 chair back seats were added along with two additional restroom buildings and an expanded Hog Pen and picnic area.

The additions brought the total Baum Stadium capacity to 10,737 seats with 8,237 chairbacks and 34 luxury boxes.

A new ticket office and Razorback Foundation building also now sits down the left-field line on Razorback Road. The Baum Stadium lights were also upgraded with the installation of state-of-the-art Musco Field Lights. New field wall pads also adorn the outfield walls.

The combination of the upgrades and a top 10 baseball team produced record numbers through the turnstiles in 2007 as UA smashed the school record for the fourth straight year.

Arkansas became the first team in NCAA history to average more than 8,000 tickets sold per game (8,069) with a total of 266,270 tickets sold for the 33 home games in 2007. UA also set a new school record for actual attendance with 198,218 (6,007 per game) fans passing through the gates for the season.

The Hogs' set single-game attendance records with 10,727 tickets sold and an actual attendance of 10,581 vs. LSU on May 5, 2007. UA also set the school and Southeastern Conference three-game series attendance record with 30,564 tickets sold vs. LSU on May 4-6, 2007.

Baum Stadium hosted its fourth NCAA Regional in 2007 and the third in the past four years. Once again the regional was one of the best attended, leading all regionals with an average crowd of 6,452 over six games.

In 2004, Baum Stadium served as host to its second NCAA Regional and first NCAA Super Regional, drawing the largest total attendance in the nation for both events. The largest on-campus crowd to ever witness an NCAA Super Regional game turned out for the Razorbacks' series-clinching win over the Florida State Seminoles.

An amazing 10,027 fans turned out for the second game against Florida State, breaking the previous record set just the night before when 9,338 fans showed up for game one of the series.

In all, a combined 58,138 fans attended the NCAA Regional and Super Regional at Baum Stadium.

The Razorbacks' amazing attendance number climbed even higher in 2005 when the Hogs finished second in average paid attendance at 7,156 (200,378). The NCAA and SEC recognize paid attendance as their method of ranking attendance, but Arkansas keeps both an actual attendance and paid attendance.

In 2005, the Razorbacks also set a school record in actual attendance with 146,902 fans showing up at Baum Stadium. That averages out to 5,247 fans per game and is believed to have led the country.

All of the records set in 2005 were once again demolished in 2006 as Arkansas finished second nationally in attendance. The Hogs sold 206,325 tickets to 29 home dates in 2006, behind only LSU. That average of 7,116 also finished just behind the Tigers, who averaged just 7,320 per game.

The actual attendance number rose as well as Arkansas set school records for total actual attendance 164,608 (29 dates) and average actual attendance (5,676).

The Razorbacks also hosted their third NCAA Regional in 2006 and the second under Van Horn.

Additional chair back seats were added for the 2003 season and the 2004 season saw 12 new luxury boxes and permanent coaches' offices added to the upper level. Two of the new luxury boxes and coaches' offices were made possible by contributions from the Willard and Pat Walker Charitable Foundation, Bob and Marilyn Bogle, the Pagnozzi Charities, John Tyson and Stan Ley.

Adding to the character of the park, a new state-of-the-art scoreboard complete with video board, message center and a traditional hand clock was built in right field. The scoreboard stands 39 feet high and is 76 feet wide and features four classic brick pillars.

Perhaps the most treasured addition to the 2004 renovations was the addition of a natural grass field. A rye grass was initially used for the 2004 season, but was replaced by a hybrid bermuda grass in 2005.

The 2004 season marked the second round of renovations since Dave Van Horn became head coach of his alma mater.

Baum Stadium underwent renovations prior to the 2003 season as 2,600 chair back seats were added with 1,300 going down each foul

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line. In addition, the hitting and pitching cages were enclosed so Razorback players would have access to the facility year-round.

In 2003, Baseball America ranked Baum Stadium as the second-best collegiate baseball stadium in the country. The survey was conducted prior to the additions of natural grass, luxury boxes and the new scoreboard.

Named the country's No. 1 college baseball facility in Baseball America's 1998 survey, the stadium - which can accommodate more than 10,000 patrons with auxiliary seating - stands as a tribute to the UA baseball program and to longtime coach Norm DeBriyn, who has seen Razorback baseball rise from the dust of Fairgrounds Field and take up residence in a structure with amenities that put it "in a class of its own," according to Baseball America.

Baum Stadium is the culmination of a vision that was possible only through the dedication of DeBriyn, UA Athletics Director Frank Broyles, and the contributions of the Willard and Pat Walker and Charlie Baum families.

While the efforts of DeBriyn and Broyles have been instrumental in maintaining a state-of-the-art home for UA baseball since the original George Cole Field opened in 1975, it was the generosity of the Baums and Walkers that allowed Arkansas to abandon plans to renovate its former facility and replace it with a new standard in college baseball venues.

The support of the George Cole family has been an integral part of the program's growth since the former Razorback athlete, coach and athletics director donned the cardinal and white many years ago.

"Without the support of the Charlie Baum, Willard Walker and George Cole families, this wouldn't have been possible," DeBriyn said. "It's an incredible facility and there is not one like it anywhere in the country. There is no way to describe the excitement our players and coaches have when they take the field."

Representatives of all three families attended groundbreaking ceremonies on Oct. 12, 1994.

Eighteen months later, Arkansas' Matt Carnes delivered Baum Stadium's first pitch to Russell Whittenburg, completing the dream. The Razorbacks defeated the Auburn Tigers 9-2 in the stadium's inaugural contest.

Official dedication ceremonies were held three weeks later as Arkansas downed Alabama 9-3 on May 3, 1996.

Baum Stadium is an intimidating venue for Razorback opponents, and never was that more evident than during the Hogs' 1999, 2004 and 2006 SEC schedules.

Baum Stadium at George Cole Field

- Architect:** HOK Sport
- Contractor:** Kinco, Inc.
- Capacity:** 10,737
- Chairback Seats:** 8,237
- Surface:** Natural bermuda-hybrid grass (installed 2005)
- Construction Cost:** \$8.9 million (initial - 1996)
- Parking:** 1,100 spaces
- Groundbreaking:** Oct. 12, 1994
- First Game:** April 13, 1996 (Arkansas 9, Auburn 2)
- Dedication:** May 3, 1996 (Arkansas 9, Alabama 3)
- Largest Crowd (All Games, Actual):** May 5, 2007 - 10,581 (Arkansas 5, LSU 0)
- Largest Crowd (Regular Season, Actual):** May 5, 2007 - 10,581 (Arkansas 5, LSU 0)
- Field Dimensions (L-LC-C-RC-R):** 320-375-400-375-320
- Grandstand Canopy:** Masted, cable-suspended
- Dugouts:** Built to major-league specifications with tunnel access to clubhouses
- Batter's Eye:** 40' x 80' wall behind center field
- Bullpens:** Allow field visibility
- Concourse:** Elevated, with unobstructed views of the playing field throughout from first to third base
- Restrooms:** On first- and third-base side of grandstand, in clubhouses, luxury boxes and in press box
- Concession Stands:** Eight (full-service)
- Hog Pen:** Area beyond left-field fence with 40 picnic tables and 40 grills
- Hog Heaven:** 98 premium, outdoor seats on the press box level
- Suites:** 34 luxury suites on press level
- Johnny Mike Walker Lounge:** Located on press level, accessible to Hog Heaven ticket holders and Swatter's Club members
- Press Box:** Two seating rows and spacious work area
- Press Level Booths:** Two radio booths and a television booth
- Sound System:** Includes on-demand access to sound effects and music
- Batting Cages:** Four, enclosed cages
- Tom Pagnozzi Clubhouse:** Includes big-screen television, lounge, oak lockers, pool table, custom chairs and tables.
- Visitor's Clubhouse:** Spacious locker areas, showers and coaches offices
- Umpire Locker's Room:** Includes dressing, shower and restrooms
- Offices:** Spacious coaches' offices located on third base line overlooking the field
- Training Room:** Adjacent to home clubhouse; includes two whirlpools
- Equipment Room:** With laundry facilities
- Novelty Stand:** Located on third-base side of grandstand
- Ticket Offices:** Located in new Razorback Foundation building down the left-field line
- Fountain:** Natural water feature with underwater inlet and lighted fountain; located behind batter's eye
- Terrazzo Hog:** A Baum Stadium trademark; located outside the main entrance
- Scoreboard:** Stands 76 feet wide, 39 feet tall with video board, message center, traditional hand clock and four brick pillars

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8. LSU	9,438	May 6, 2007
9. *Florida State	9,338	June 11, 2004
10. Vanderbilt	9,326	March 24, 2007
11. Vanderbilt	9,216	March 23, 2007
12. LSU	9,133	April 23, 2006
13. Auburn	9,119	May 19, 2006
14. LSU	8,806	April 22, 2005
15. Tennessee	8,782	April 1, 2006
16. Ole Miss	8,657	May 17, 2007
17. Auburn	8,653	May 21, 2004
18. Wichita State	8,622	April 25, 2007
19. Vanderbilt	8,541	March 25, 2007
20. Kentucky	8,486	April 15, 2006

* NCAA Super Regional
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13. Auburn	8,841	May 19, 2006
14. LSU	8,593	April 22, 2005
15. Auburn	8,526	May 21, 2004
16. Tennessee	8,431	April 1, 2006
17. \$Albany	8,372	June 1, 2007
18. \$Wichita State	8,178	June 7, 2004
19. Kentucky	8,166	April 15, 2006
20. \$Oklahoma State	8,128	June 3, 2006

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2007 NCAA Attendance Leaders

Average Home Attendance

Team	Dates	Total	Average
1. Arkansas	33	266,270	8,069
2. LSU	35	256,537	7,330
3. Mississippi St.	32	217,438	6,795
4. South Carolina	32	159,545	4,986
5. Mississippi	35	173,523	4,958

Total Home Attendance

Team	Dates	Total	Average
1. Arkansas	33	266,270	8,069
2. LSU	35	256,537	7,330
3. Mississippi St.	32	217,438	6,795
4. Texas	43	203,449	4,731
5. Florida State	41	183,481	4,475

Top 20 All-Time Crowds (actual)

1. LSU	10,581	May 5, 2007
2. LSU	10,147	May 4, 2007
3. *Florida State	10,027	June 12, 2004
4. Ole Miss	9,812	May 18, 2007
5. \$Oklahoma State	9,572	June 2, 2007
6. Ole Miss	9,508	May 19, 2007
7. *Florida State	9,338	June 11, 2004
8. Ole Miss	9,227	May 20, 2005
9. LSU	9,203	May 6, 2007
Vanderbilt	9,203	March 24, 2007
11. Vanderbilt	9,078	March 23, 2007
12. LSU	9,012	April 23, 2005



New Cut Line

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2008 SEASON



George Cole Field

Named for the late Razorback shortstop and athletics director, George Cole Field served as Arkansas' home field from 1975 until 1996.

With a capacity of 3,000, George Cole Field was located north of John McDonnell Field where the UA softball facility now stands.

When it opened in 1975, George Cole Field enabled the Razorbacks to leave the field at the Washington County Fairgrounds and move into an on-campus facility for the first time.

Considered one of the finest college baseball parks in the nation, George Cole Field was one of the few with artificial turf.

Donations from former Razorbacks Tim Lollar, Johnny Ray and Kevin McReynolds and their agent, Tom Selakovich, provided for the installation of lights at George Cole Field in 1985. On March 22 of that season, the Hogs defeated Southwest Conference rival Texas 5-4 in the first night baseball game on the Arkansas campus. Later that season, George Cole Field played host to the Southwest Conference Tournament for the first time. Arkansas defeated Texas 10-6 in the championship game to win its first - and still only - conference tournament title. The SWC tourney came to Fayetteville again in 1988.

When the Razorbacks entered the Southeastern Conference in 1992, UA officials recognized the need to improve the school's baseball facility. While plans originally called for the improvement of George

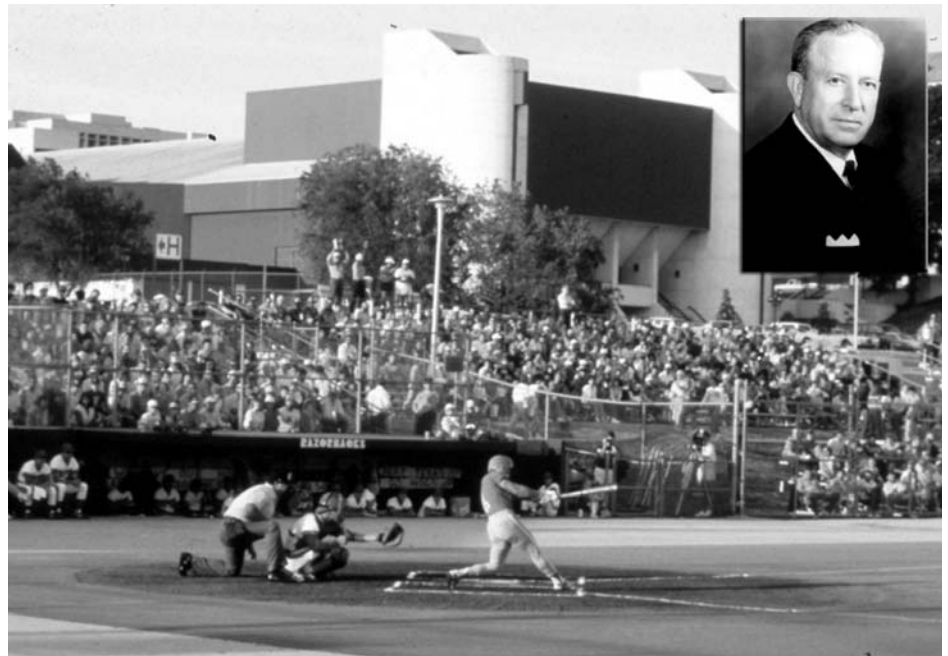
Cole Field, generous donations from the Willard and Pat Walker and Charlie Baum families, along with former Razorback Tom Pagnozzi, enabled the Hogs to scrap the renovation plans and start from scratch with an entirely new state-of-the-art facility.

During its 21 seasons, George Cole Field was home to a number of future major-leaguers, including Pagnozzi, Ray, McReynolds, Lollar, Les Lancaster and Jeff King.

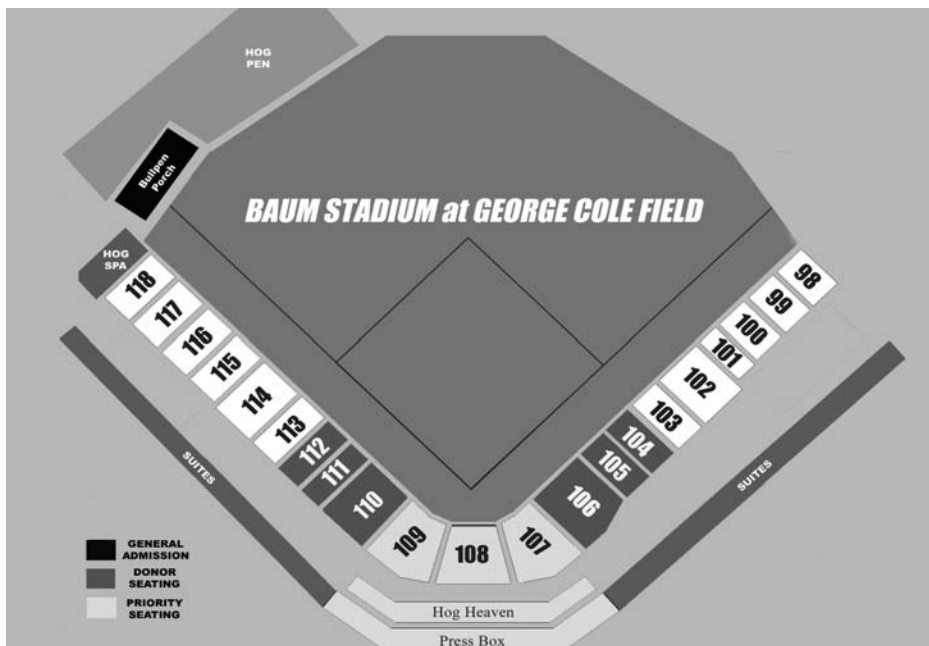
Although the original George Cole Field played host to its last game on March 31, 1995, as South Carolina defeated Arkansas

13-2, the spirit endures in the official name of the Razorbacks' current facility: Baum Stadium at George Cole Field.

A native of Bauxite, Ark., Cole served as athletics director from July 1, 1970, until his retirement on July 1, 1973. A former All-SWC quarterback for the Hogs, Cole scored a school-record 85 points as a senior in 1927. He began his administrative career at UA as a football line coach in 1936 and became an assistant athletics director under the legendary John Barnhill in 1957.



Baum Stadium Seating & Ticket Information



Ticket Information

Single Game Adult Tickets	\$10
General Admission	\$8
Season Tickets	\$140
Faculty, Staff, Youth and Senior Season Tickets	\$110

For more information regarding tickets contact the **Razorback Ticket Office** at 1-800-982-4647.

Priority seating (sections 107, 108 and 109 and Hog Heaven in upper level) are available through membership in the Razorback Foundation.

For more information contact the **Razorback Foundation** at 479-443-9000 or by e-mail at gohogs@uark.edu.

For information on Baum Stadium skybox luxury suites call the Razorback Foundation at 479-443-9000.

The HogSpa is available to rent on a per-game basis. It features an eight-person hot tub and can accommodate a party of up to 50 people. For more information contact the **Razorback Sports Marketing office** at 479-575-5914 or 479-575-4412.

