

Pittsburg State University

Pittsburg State University Digital Commons

Paper and Posters Presentations

2017 Research Colloquium

4-2017

Building a Legend: The Construction of Brandenburg Field

Brett Collier

Pittsburg State University

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.pittstate.edu/papers_2017



Part of the [Political History Commons](#), and the [United States History Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

Collier, Brett, "Building a Legend: The Construction of Brandenburg Field" (2017). *Paper and Posters Presentations*. 22.

https://digitalcommons.pittstate.edu/papers_2017/22

This Presentation is brought to you for free and open access by the 2017 Research Colloquium at Pittsburg State University Digital Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in Paper and Posters Presentations by an authorized administrator of Pittsburg State University Digital Commons. For more information, please contact digitalcommons@pittstate.edu.

Building a Legend: The Construction of Brandenburg Field

Presented by: Brett Collier



The construction of Brandenburg Field and Stadium began in 1922 and was completed two years later. When it seemed a state appropriation for a permanent stadium was impossible to obtain, the Stadium Committee solicited donations from students, alumni, faculty, and Pittsburg citizens. It is said that the stadium was built by virtual slave labor, as each male faculty member was required to contribute several hours each week to work on its construction. The erection of Carney Hall, the gymnasium, and the cafeteria made necessary the relocation of the original athletic field and the wooden bleachers.

Initial Research Question:
“Why was the construction of
Brandenburg Field considered
to be slave labor?”

Primary Research

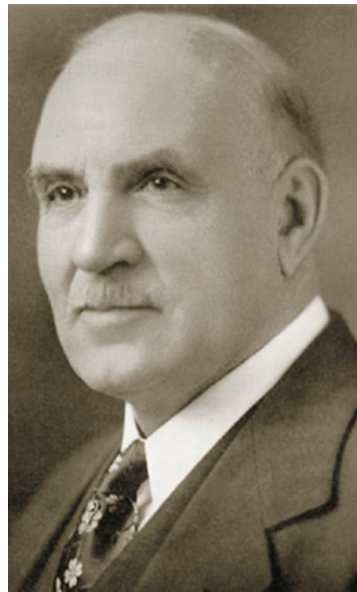
- Research was conducted using primary sources available through the Axe Library microfilm collection, and the main source was the University's newspaper, *The Manualite*.

Final Research Question:
“How did the relationship
between athletics and academics
influence the construction of
Brandenburg Field?”

Research Conclusions

1. President William A. Brandenburg and Coach Garfield Weede were instrumental in the beginning stages of gaining support for the construction of the stadium.

President
Brandenburg



Coach Weede
with the 1921
track team



2. Alumni and local support from the city of Pittsburg were critical to the stadium project becoming a reality.



3. Student support for the stadium was vital to the completion of the project. Students wanted a stadium that they could be proud of and that would measure up to the other stadiums that had been built at other Kansas universities.

