

Denton ISD  
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NEW FACILITIES

CW  
(EXHIBIT)

Denton Independent School District  
1307 N. Locust St., Denton, TX 76201

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**PROPOSED NAME FOR FACILITY**

In accordance with policy CW(LOCAL), the Board has invited written nominations for the naming of a District facility. A period of 45 days will be given for the nominations.

Date of Call for Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Facility to be Named: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Date of Board Action: \_\_\_\_\_

The following provisions will govern the naming or renaming of school facilities:

- Facilities will generally be named for deceased persons who have made a significant contribution to society as may be deemed appropriate by the Board, streets or geographic areas within the District, or historical sites.

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**I. BUILDING AND/OR LOCATION PROPOSED FOR NAMING OR RENAMING**

I propose that the Denton High School Athletic Field House  
(designation of building and/or location)  
1006 Fulton Street, Denton, TX 76201  
(address)

**II. PROPOSED NAME**

be named for: JIM BATEMAN ATHLETIC COMPLEX

**Check all that apply:**

- Deceased                       DISD staff member                       Historical Name  
 Geographic Name                       Other

**III. COMPREHENSIVE BIOGRAPHICAL REPORT (with work history if DISD employee) or INFORMATIONAL REPORT if historic or geographic name:  
(Attach extra sheets if needed.)**

(See Attachment...)

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**IV. REASONS FOR NOMINATION**

**I believe the facility should be named for this (person) (place) (historical event) because:**

Coach Jim Bateman is the winningest football coach in the storied history of Denton High School. He served as a coach at DHS from

1976-1994. He was the head football coach for sixteen seasons with a record of 109-62-4. (His cumulative record was 130-80-5).

His influence and impact was immeasurable, on his players; the staff/faculty; and the community. Naming this facility after

him would be a true representation for DISD of a man who gave not only his time, but his heart to the students and community of Denton.

**V. Name(s) of person(s) or supporting group(s) responsible for nomination:**

Randall Patzkowski (Athletic Coordinator--Denton High School)

Darrell Muncy (Principal--Denton High School)

  
(signature)

July 6, 2009

(date)

1007 Fulton, Denton, TX 76201

940-369-2098

(address)

(telephone number)

This form must be submitted to the Superintendent prior to

(date)

## Braswell, Ray

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**From:** j.c. browning [justan72@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2009 12:38 AM  
**To:** Patzkowski, Randy  
**Cc:** Braswell, Ray  
**Subject:** Coach Bateman

Mr. Patzkowski and Mr. Braswell,  
It has been brought to my attention that Denton ISD is considering naming the new athletic field house at Denton High School after my football coach Jim Bateman. That is a great honor for a great man. I can tell you many stories about coach Bateman both on the field and off. I moved to Denton from Abilene in the summer of 1988. Coach Bateman met me in person in early June and invited me to use the weight room during that summer, even before I was one of his players. During that first summer, Coach Bateman would come into the weight room and check in on me. He had a few leaders on the team show me around Denton and help me get adjusted to a new school. He made me feel like I was a part of the team very early on. I could tell he genuinely cared about his players. Coach Bateman was a great man. He touched the life of every player he coached. I'm sure you are getting many letters of support for honoring him with his name on the Field House. I remember the day I found out that he had passed on. It made me think back to my days wearing the purple and gold, and having Coach Bateman on the sidelines. It's hard to explain the feeling I get when I think back to my playing days. I can't even watch the movie Friday Night Lights without tearing up. It takes me back to the sidelines with my friends, and our coach that led us into battle every Friday night. And as I sit here in Portland, Oregon watching my young sons playing football in our yard, I can honestly say, I will never forget my Coach. What an honor to play for such a great man.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,  
Justan Browning  
Denton High School Class of 1990

April 2, 2008

Dear Patsy and Family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of your loss of Jim. I just wanted to write a note to say a couple of things about Jim that I will always remember as he impacted my life. In 1986 as my family and I moved to Denton, I came here from a background of being in small private schools all of my life. Needless to say walking into Denton High School was a very horrific and scary time and day for me. After Mr. Long enrolled me I was directed to my first class that morning which was Mr. Bateman's health class. Mr. Bateman, being only the second person I had met so far that day, I will never forget it! He greeted me with a wonderful smile and made me feel right at home. His sincerity and genuineness I have never forgotten. I let him know right away that due to health problems I could not participate in sports, and I so appreciated the fact that he never made me feel any different than any of the other students (many of them football players). Denton High, Denton, and so many others have been very blessed to have been touched by such a mentor and **SUCCESSFUL COACH AND LEADER** with such aspiring qualities to look up to. I feel blessed to have been able to have known him.

I hope you can take comfort in knowing that he is so happy now in a heavenly place with the Father where all the winners already there were cheering when he came in for the eternal touchdown with always a perfect score. May God bless you and be with you in the days, months, and years ahead.

With prayers and sympathy,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Brent Chow". The signature is written in black ink and is centered below the text "With prayers and sympathy,".

## COACH

*A familiar man stands at the practice field,  
District 5-5A Champs, he strives to yield.  
His dark hair tucked under a baseball cap,  
Crowns a head full of knowledge to unwrap.*

*The whistle which hangs from a string at his neck,  
Sounds as a warning that errors must be checked.  
He leads and directs and seldom will yell,  
The team responds quickly, in attempts to do well.*

*Each year is a challenge; he's put to the test,  
But the staff that assists him is truly the best.  
Not noted for possessing enormous stature or size,  
How can a small man look so big through a young  
man's eyes?*

*Victories and titles are just part of his scheme,  
He also molds men from boys on his team.  
Coach Bateman personifies an admirable blend,  
Of a teacher, a mentor, a coach and a friend.*

TRENT LEGGETT  
BRONCOS '83

## Reflections

Jim Bateman, 67, passed away March 26, 2008 at Denton Presbyterian Hospital. He was born June 13, 1940, in Fort Worth to Eddie and Bud Bateman. He graduated from Benjamin High School in 1958 and Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. He received his Master of Education Degree from Sul Ross State University. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, lifetime member of Texas High School Coaches Association and managing partner for the Bateman Ranch Partnership. Bateman, who was the head football coach of the Denton Broncos for sixteen years, began his coaching career at Knox City, 1962-64, Breckenridge, 1965-68, Wheeler, 1969-73, Uvalde, 1974-75, and Denton, 1976-94. His total record as a head coach was 130-80-5. Bateman led the Broncos into the state play-offs seven times, six consecutive from 1982-87. From 1985 to 1988, the Broncos went undefeated in twenty-four consecutive regular season games. Coach Bateman's record as Bronco coach was 109-62-4. He was chosen District Coach of the Year four times and Area Coach of the Year five times. He was one of the coaches of the Oil Bowl All-Star Game in 1984. Bateman also served as 5A committeeman of the North All-Star selection committee in 1987 and as chairman of the committee in 1988.

Over the years, Jim had a love for his players and students and taught them the meaning of perseverance. He displayed that same great quality over the last three years in his courageous battle against leukemia. His participation in clinical trials at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston provided for the research for AML in hopes of finding a treatment and a cure. The family would like to thank the Presbyterian Hospital nursing staff on floor 2, Dr. Tim McGuire, and Dr. Mohammed Qasim and his staff for their loving care and compassion, especially during the past 42 days.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents and older brother, Dusty. Survivors include his wife, Patsy, of 50 years; three sons, Mark and his wife Kim; Mike and his wife Donna; and Matt; five grandchildren, Vanessa Deering and husband Will, Mandi and Brian, Bo and Chelsea, Lyndie, and Mitchell; two great grandchildren, Michael and Kaylee Deering; sister, Sue Fletcher and husband Johnny; two brothers, Charlie and his wife Karen, Terry and his wife Liz; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Services will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2008 at 10:00 am at First United Methodist Church, 201 S. Locust, Denton. The family will receive friends Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at DeBerry Funeral Home, Denton. Following the Denton services, graveside services will be held at The Bateman private cemetery in King County at 6:00 pm with Derrell Marion officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Coach Jim Bateman Scholarship Fund, Denton School Foundation, 1307 N. Locust, Denton 76201.