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05.11.2011 | Athletics  The University of Dayton has dedicated its baseball field in honor of former player and long-time supporter Larry Woerner '76 and his wife Rosemari.

The baseball facility has been christened Woerner Field at Time Warner Cable Stadium.

“When we first began working on a baseball stadium project, Larry Woerner was there from the beginning,” said Tim Wabler, vice president and director of athletics. “The corporate and personal support that followed was in response to Larry and Rosemari’s generosity. Their continued significant support of the athletics division, as well as the College of Arts and Sciences, makes it very appropriate for the University to recognize them in this manner.”

Woerner and Wabler played baseball together at the University of Dayton. A four-year pitcher for the Flyers, Woerner graduated from the University in 1976 with a degree in mathematics, summa cum laude. After earning a graduate degree from the University of Iowa, Woerner parlayed his education and athletic experiences into a prestigious business career.

In 1982, Woerner co-founded MW-de Montigny Woerner Ltda., based in Sao Paulo, Brazil. His firm grew to be the largest benefits and human resources consulting firm in Latin America. In 1993 the company merged with New York-based Mercer Inc. Woerner currently holds the title of chief human resources officer and global head of regions with Mercer.

Over the last decade, the Woerners have made significant gifts to athletic projects and scholarships. They made a leadership commitment to the baseball stadium project — what is now Time Warner Cable Stadium — in 2003. Numerous contributions of the Woerners have benefitted the College of Arts and Sciences, where Larry Woerner serves as a member of the advisory council.

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