

# New Baseball Clubhouse Dedicated



DBU baseball player Tyler Haile with DBU supporter June Hodges



Harold Sadler with DBU catcher Damian Gomez after throwing the ceremonial first pitch



DBU Alumnus Doug Tabor (left) with DBU Executive Vice President Dr. Blair Blackburn

Thanks to support from friends of Dallas Baptist University's baseball program, the Patriots moved into a new clubhouse at the beginning of the 2006 season. The clubhouse's namesake, Harold and Mildred Sadler, made possible the team's new home through a pledge of \$250,000.

"The DBU family is grateful for Mr. and Mrs. Sadler's commitment to having a baseball program that reflects DBU's core values," said DBU President Dr. Gary Cook. "The Harold and Mildred Sadler Clubhouse is a reminder of Mr. and Mrs. Sadler's example of faith and service."

Mr. Sadler serves on the board of trustees at DBU. The Sadlers' grandson, Cody, was once a Patriot baseball player, and another grandson, Alex, recently graduated from DBU. Still another grandson, Samuel, has just recently become a DBU student.

"Mildred and I are humbled to have this new clubhouse named in our honor. We have watched with excitement all of the wonderful things that the Lord has done at DBU

over the years, and we hope and pray others will join with us in supporting Christ-centered baseball at DBU as God continues to use the coaching staff and players to make a difference for the glory of God," said Mr. Sadler. "I have seen first-hand the Lord using DBU baseball as a discipleship and evangelistic ministry. Mildred and I wholeheartedly join with DBU in advancing God's Kingdom through this extraordinary baseball program," he shared.

Raul and Jymme Gomez stepped up to the plate to make an important contribution of \$100,000 for the new clubhouse. The Gomezes have been faithful supporters of DBU, and their son, DBU student Damian Gomez, currently competes on the Patriot Baseball team.

DBU alumnus Doug Tabor also made a significant contribution. Today, he works at Team Worldwide but is still a faithful fan of Patriot Baseball, contributing more than \$50,000 to the team's new clubhouse, along with a \$25,000 donation from Team Worldwide. 🏠



Harold and Mildred Sadler (second and third from right) along with family members during the new Clubhouse's dedication service.

# 2006 SEASON WRAP-UP

Successful Season Yields  
Accolades, Victories, and  
7 Players Drafted into Major Leagues

The DBU Patriot Baseball team finished its first season as an active member of the NCAA Division I with an overall record of 33-23. The season produced key victories over opponents such as Texas A&M University, University of Southern Mississippi, Fresno State, University of Oklahoma, and Texas Christian University, the latter three of which received bids to the NCAA National Tournament.

A high-powered offense carried the Patriots throughout the season, finishing in the top 20 in several categories, including fourth in homeruns, fifth in slugging percentage, sixth in triples, tenth in runs scored, and fifteenth in doubles.

In addition, several Patriots received special recognition for their outstanding performance on and off the field. Seniors Drew Holder and Cody Montgomery and sophomore Austin Krum were named to the NCAA Division I All-Independent First Team, junior Rodney Brantley was named to the Second Team, and senior Brad Boles and junior Matt Tucker received honorable mention honors. Holder and Boles, along with fellow seniors Damian Gomez and Israel Victor, as well as junior Ross Olson, were named to the NCAA Division I Independent All-Academic Team.

"I am very proud of the way our team played this year," said Head Coach Eric Newman. "These young men devoted themselves to the dream of making DBU into one of the best programs in the country, and this year, they showed that the dream is becoming a reality. I expect us to continue the excellent tradition in the years to come." 🏆

## SEVEN PATRIOTS DRAFTED

The DBU Patriot Baseball Program set a school record with seven players selected in the 2006 Major League Baseball Draft. These players included:

Jordan Craft, sophomore	pitcher
<i>Boston Red Sox</i>	
Cody Montgomery, senior	infield
<i>Philadelphia Phillies</i>	
Drew Holder, senior	outfield
<i>Houston Astros</i>	
Ricky Sparks, junior	pitcher
<i>New York Mets</i>	
Eric Schaler, sophomore	pitcher
<i>Cincinnati Reds</i>	
Stuart Sutherland, senior	pitcher
<i>Milwaukee Brewers</i>	
Jeremy Goldschmeding, senior	infield
<i>Washington Nationals</i>	



DBU Patriot Head Coach Eric Newman shares about the baseball season and the Sadler Patriot Clubhouse during the dedication ceremony for the new building.



Players gather prior to a game in the lobby area of the new Sadler Patriot Clubhouse. The Clubhouse includes a study area, training room, meeting room, and lockers and is adjacent to Patriot Field.