

Help Bring Pro-Baseball to Loudoun County

My name is Pat Pinkman. I was born in Reston and have lived there for 30 years. I was an All American pitcher for Virginia Tech. Since leaving Tech I have been a full time, baseball teaching professional with my father, John, and brother, Jeff.

Our efforts have sent over 150 local players on to college baseball, 12 to the Ivy League.

Last week 2 of our college students were named Academic All Americans. This past weekend two pitched on TV in the NCAA Super Regional's. For the 4th year in a row, one will pitch for UNC in the College World Series in Omaha. Tomorrow, another one of our students will most likely be selected in the 1st to 5th rounds of Major League draft.

Last year, in cooperation with the United States Naval Academy, we produced a classroom course for junior and senior high school students on athletic leadership. My father is currently working with the Naval Academy, on a book for the teenage reader, entitled how to become an athletic leader in the new millennium.

To say that the Kincora project would help our business is truly an understatement. We are in discussions with the project to relocate our Academy next to the stadium, so that we may provide Loudoun student athletes with the opportunity to gain life values through baseball education.

We are also nationally recognized experts in diagnosing the cause of sore arms.

We have for many years worked closely with local medical professionals and orthopedic surgeons to identify and resolve painful injuries. The expansion possibility to the Kincora project, of Dr. James Andrews', American Sports Medicine Institute, would be a fantastic benefit for Loudoun and our continued work.

The Kincora project makes enormous sense to our family that is so deeply rooted in this area. It also presents a wonderful opportunity for Loudoun County. It is needed entertainment development and is appropriately located in the Rt. 28 corridor.

But this needs to be said.

We know that this body is not apart of the past.

In the past groups of Northern Virginia planners have run off fantastic entertainment venues who wanted to locate in Northern Virginia. They include Walt Disney, The Redskins Stadium, and the most recently The Nationals Stadium. Yet they never met a strip mall they didn't love!

Please do not align your self with the past.

For 25 years and as teaching professionals since 1992, my family has been committed to training area youths. We are consumed with the goal of teaching athletic values and leadership skills through recreational baseball.

Please help us approve the Kincora project.