Background

All-time high enrollment
- This fall, undergraduate enrollment hit 1,813, partly due to the campus’s 95% job placement rate.
- Of these students, 1,000 take classes on campus.
- With three new residence halls built since 2006, the number of students choosing to live on campus has nearly doubled.

Limited recreation for students
- The Sports Center, built in 1930 and expanded in 1980, is the campus’s only recreational facility.
- The center houses only 15 cardio machines, a small gym, and weight room, which are typically inaccessible to non-athletes until 10 p.m.
- Lockers are not available for non-athletes, let alone sufficient for athletes.
- An average high of 20 degrees in winter impedes outdoor recreation.
- Addressing this issue is students’ number one priority; however, student fees alone cannot build a new facility.

Project Description

Build a 35,000-square-foot facility to serve all students
- One gymnasium with two courts
- A fitness area including weight and cardio equipment
- A multipurpose room and a classroom
- Locker rooms and showers
- Student study and gathering spaces
Benefits

More academic opportunities
• Enhance existing programs such as sport and recreation management and health sciences.
• Create new programs serving high-demand fields such as public health, physical therapy, and nursing.
• Provide internships in facilities management, event planning, recreational programming, and coaching.

A healthier community
• Host nutrition and fitness classes and youth recreation programs.
• Partner with health care organizations to provide rehab services for public employees in surrounding communities.

The existing weight room is typically inaccessible to non-athletes.

This small fitness area was built in 1930.

State investment: $10 million
• University funding: $5 million
• Total project cost: $15 million

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