

27. Gym Update to Reflect Current Needs.

Goal B7

- B7. Examination of adequacy of current commitment to Athletics/Physical activity space including:
1. Future of Recreation Deck.
 2. Improved Functioning of Current Gym Support Spaces.
 3. Expansion of Aerobics/Dance/Weight Space.

Problem Statement

The College's Athletic programs are currently impaired by several deficiencies in facilities. Several of the College's outdoor sports team, including baseball, softball, track and soccer, do not have adequate practice fields in easy adjacency to the College. The College's Recreation Deck, which was developed in 1985, has a surface which is worn out, constitutes a safety hazard, and will require an investment approaching one million dollars if it is to be replaced with a new surface capable of meeting the current programmatic designs for the Recreation Deck. The Recreation Deck is further encumbered by the fact that it is an outdoor deck atop a Center City office building, meaning that the Recreation Deck is viable for use only approximately 33 percent of the time. The remainder of the year either temperature conditions and/or inclement weather keep it from being usable. The Recreation Deck also is deficient with respect to vertical transportation access, and the permanent nature of the standards which have been installed for basketball and tennis make it difficult for the Recreation Deck to function in a multi-sport capacity supporting practice activities in such areas as baseball and soccer. The College's gymnasium, which opened in 1992, has an inadequate amount of space devoted to aerobics and dance. Current student demands in that area would warrant an expansion of space devoted to lifetime physical fitness activities. In addition, there are deficiencies in the design of the locker rooms and coach's areas within the gymnasium. Of particular concern is the size of the visiting team locker rooms, which are inadequately sized to allow reasonable usage by a visiting team.

Proposed Solution

Potential strategies to enhance the College's Athletics/Physical activity space include the following: (a) redesign of the Recreation Deck (see Goal 9) and (b) limited



expansion of the current gym. The Gymnasium should be moderately expanded to include additional space for dance and aerobics and potentially a larger table tennis room. Two additional 1,500 square foot dance and aerobic rooms are desired. The first floor of the Gymnasium should be reworked to improve the layout of the locker rooms to accommodate visiting teams and to provide more appropriate space for equipment distribution and a Coach's Office. The modifications to the gym are projected to be part of an overall expansion of the Winnet Building with construction of a new building which joins the current Winnet and Gymnasium Buildings.

Cost Estimate

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Total Construction Cost	\$216,300.00
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(Note: All estimates are in 2003 dollars. On average, construction costs increase 1% to 2% per year. See detailed cost estimate prepared by Turner Construction in Appendix A)



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