

UMBC RETRIEVER ACTIVITIES CENTER (RAC) RENOVATIONS PROJECT

UMBC Athletics in the spring of 2004 began Renovations to the Retriever Activities Center (RAC) in UMBC Athletics' continuous effort to bring top-notch facilities to their student-athletes. The 2.4 million dollar construction plan was set out to provide newly renovated varsity locker rooms for men and women's basketball and swimming and diving teams along with a new state of the art Media Center, Sports Medicine training room, and Student - Athlete Academic Center and outdoor Tennis Complex.

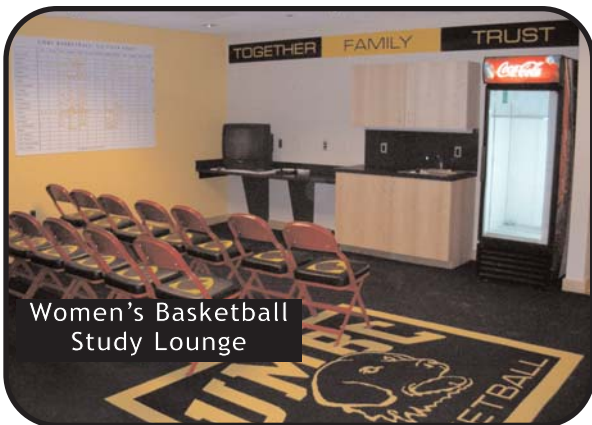
The initial phase one of the plan is the men and women's basketball locker rooms, a new media center and a study/lounge area for the women's basketball team that will be attached to their locker room. Completed prior to the start of 2004-05 basketball season, the newly designed locker rooms, which are highlighted in school colors and more than double the size of their former locker rooms, are highlighted by individual wooden lockers, audio and visual sound system and plasma televisions.

The men's locker room, which is located at the far end of the arena, features full length wood lockers, bathroom and shower facilities a separate coach's Locker room area and entry way. The entire facility is equipped to have plasma and projection TV's and a sound system to provide the athletes with the comforts of home. In addition, a new media center/team film



UMBC Basketball Locker Room

room, which is located next to the men's locker room, is accompanied with 8-to-10 media work areas equipped with data ports using high-speed internet access and phone lines for media filing. The media room can also double as a hospitality room before, during and after events and serving as a room for all athletic teams to use for team meetings and watch game film.



Women's Basketball Study Lounge

The women's locker room, which will be located behind the Retrievers' team bench, will feature full length wood lockers with mirrors, bathroom and separate shower facilities, a separate study/lounge area specifically for the women's basketball program equipped to have plasma and projection TV's and a sound system to provide the athletes with the comforts of home. The lounge will feature a study area with a computer set up for academic work and a meeting area for team meetings and to watch game film.

The second phase of the project is a newly designed Student-Athletic Academic Center and Sports Medicine Training Room both on the second floor of RAC Arena and located to the right of the main entrance. Both new centers will increase the current size by each almost three-fold, giving all of UMBC's student-athletes the proper space and attention

needed to excel academically and athletically.

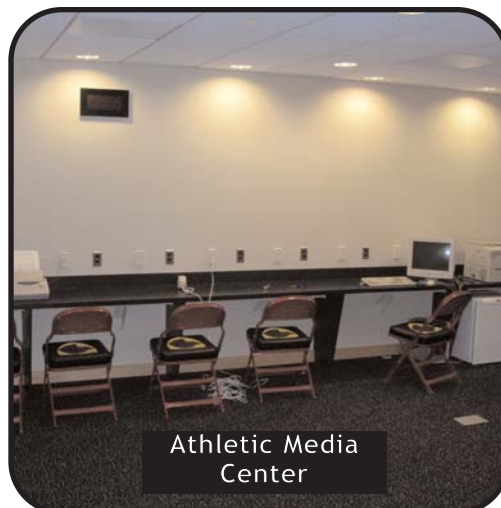
The Academic Center will consist of 12 computer stations, a tutoring area, presentation area, resource center and a lounge for student-athletes while giving the full-time academic support staff three new offices. Highlighting the room will be study desks, round table areas for group work and in the lounge tables and couches for student-athletes to relax and work in a more comfortable environment.

The new capabilities of the Sports Medicine training room will allow student-athletes to rehabilitate with greater ease. A hydro-therapy room, treatment areas, separate and private exam rooms, rehabilitation area and offices for athletic trainers will be among the many new features in the training facility. The new renovations will allow the training staff to fully accommodate all student-athletes and provide the most current forms of treatment.

Phase three of the renovations is underway with the swimming and diving locker rooms and the UMBC Tennis Complex. The new varsity locker rooms for the swimming and diving team have been increased in size and equipped with a suit dryer and brand new lockers for the student-athletes. The UMBC Tennis Complex behind RAC Arena, to be finished in the Spring of 2005, will see the addition of two new courts to bring a total of eight courts to the center, lights, bleachers for spectators and a new patio allowing UMBC the potential to host night tennis, tournaments and expand camp programs.



Athletic Academic Center



Athletic Media Center



Sports Medicine Center