



Sports Facility/
Gymnasium/
Fitness Center
New Construction

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OWNER/CLIENT

Butler University
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Type of School and
Grades Served:
College
Capacity: 4,384 students
Size of Site: 4 acres
Area of Building:
83,000 square feet
Volume of Building:
2.2 million cubic feet
Space per Student:
18.93 square feet
Cost per Student: \$3,193
Square Foot Cost: \$169
Cost of Construction:
\$15.5 million
Total Project Cost: \$14.7 million
Contract Date: 2004
Completion Date: 2006
Percent of Completion: 100%

Butler University Health and Recreation Complex

Indianapolis, Indiana

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MAIN CAMPUS ENTRANCE

This collegiate facility integrates the functions of student-health services, student recreation, and counseling services into one integrated and dynamic center.

The building consists of a primary bar shape to simplify the overall structure, which is balanced by a curved façade to enhance the connections to campus. Using a simple primary roof plane, the roof appears to float above the structure by use of clerestory windows and metal overhangs that point to the main campus. Openings in the brick curved façade and the curtain wall pattern draw inspiration from the adjacent historic gym. Building on a modest budget, the design team maximized use of a brick fore-

ground and a limestone background, then used insulated industrial precast panels for the back of the building.

The building interior creates excitement by opening up from a single control point in a pass-through zone to three levels—down to a gym, up to a track, and out to a woods beyond—creating a sense of openness and inspiration. The jogging track provides distant focal points and views of multiple spaces, angling out over the gym and gently curving above the lobby space to create excitement throughout the building. It is also visible from the building exterior.

The overall design creates connections between all physical aspects of the campus and provides a social atmosphere for students. ■



FITNESS SPACES OVERLOOKING GYM



SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

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