



Sports Facility/
Gymnasium/Fitness
Center

New Construction

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Type of School and
Grades Served:
University, Post-secondary

Area of Building:
18,000 square feet

Volume of Building:
307,270 cubic feet

Square Foot Cost: \$117

Cost of Construction:
\$3.5 million

Contract Date:
Oct. 2002 (Architect);
Feb. 2004 (Contractor)

Completion Date: Fall 2004

Percent of Completion: 100%

COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

University of Arkansas, Walker Family Training Center

Fayetteville, Arkansas

Wittenberg, Delony & Davidson, Inc. Architects



NORTH SIDE

The Walker Family Training Center was designed to provide strength-training facilities for the men's athletics department at the University of Arkansas (UA). This 30,000-square-foot brick and glass building nearly doubles the size of the former facility.

Replacing the existing small, cramped facilities in the Broyles Complex, the Walker Center meets the program requirements set by the client: to aid in national recruitment and retention; to serve athletes across a diverse range of sports; to centralize athletic training facilities; to provide a venue for various equipment and activities; to add support spaces such as coaches' offices, nutrition counseling, athlete evaluations, and storage; and to offer technological capability for video monitoring and taping of exercise regimens. The design of the Walker



FREE WEIGHTS AREA

Family Training Center fulfills all of the client's needs in addition to enhancing the visual appearance and master plan for the UA Athletic Valley.

The Walker Center spans more than 350 feet in length and is 50 feet wide. This narrow rectangular form allows for tight insertion between two practice fields and the creation of a two-way section focus for the building. The center's south side overlooks

the indoor practice facility and the north side has a full view of the outdoor practice field. The north facing windows are outwardly stepped to maximize indoor space as well as screen bright morning sun and help lower HVAC costs. Interior spaces are expansive through use of high ceilings as well as minimal separating walls and support beams. The finishes include vibrant colors, textures, and team graphics.

PHOTOS: DEBO SANFORD



WEIGHT ROOM



INDOOR PRACTICE AREA AND OBSERVATION AREA



NORTH SIDE AND PRACTICE FIELD

The linear, column-free plan also allows for sprint tracks on level one; storage, mechanical, and training on level two; and a weight room, offices, and a nutrition center on level three. Rather than encroaching on existing field usages, the long building footprint enhances them. The outdoor practice field now has a shaded overhang for practice times while the indoor field has an air-conditioned observation area. Easy

accessibility was created among the indoor, outdoor, and training areas.

The Walker Center is one of several University of Arkansas athletic facilities where WD&D recently served as architect. Others are the Willard and Pat Walker Indoor Football Practice Facility, the Randall Tyson Indoor Track Center, Razorback Stadium additions and renovations, and the John McDonnell Track. ■



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