



Sports Facility/
Gymnasium/Fitness
Center

New Construction

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

Capacity: 52,568 students

Size of Site: 9.5 acres

Area of Building:
285,000 square feet

Volume of Building:
13.8 million cubic feet

Space per Student:
5.4 square feet

Cost per Student: \$224

Square Foot Cost: \$413

Cost of Construction:
\$117.6 million

Total Project Cost: \$153 million

Contract Date: 1999

Completion Date:
Phase I-2005; Phase II-2007

COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

The Ohio State University—Recreation and Physical Activity Center

Columbus, Ohio

Moody•Nolan, Inc.

The collaborative partnerships formed by users of this facility have proved mutually beneficial. The athletics unit largely funded a 50-meter competition pool and diving pool that are shared by the recreation center and the academic unit. Activity spaces throughout the facility are used for both recreational activities and educational purposes. By combining the programs, the economy of scale allowed for the inclusion of major public spaces that provide gathering places for all students.

A particular challenge was fitting this nearly four-block-long facility into the existing context of its central campus location. This was done successfully by breaking the building into four smaller elements, all interconnected below ground or by bridge. The education unit, with its need for unrestricted access, is connected to the remainder of the building by a bridge with a distinctive red glass wall and its own control point into the recreation center.

In addition to all the amenities the building features—including state-of-the-art technology—it is relatively maintenance free. The exterior is concrete, stainless steel, and glass. Inside, the public spaces are finished with durable materials—terrazzo floors; walls that are full-height, integral-color concrete block; exposed acoustical deck for the ceilings; and concrete-encased columns. ■



ENTRANCE WITH ARCHED WALKWAY



EXTERIOR PASSAGE BETWEEN NATATORIA



VIEW OF THE MAIN FITNESS SPACE

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