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University of Montana Student Recreation Center

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Project Description:

- 1 \$10 million project budget including \$750,000 for renovation of Grizzly Pool; \$6.7 million building construction cost for the Rec Center.
- 2 38,000 sf remodel space and 40,000 sf of new construction.
- 3 Facility usage had increased from 700 users/day before remodel/addition to 2600-3000 users/day currently. The student population is 12,000.

From the inception of the new University of Montana Student Recreation Center the process has been one of true collaboration and consensus. With the results of the recreation survey completed and the subsequent passing of the student referendum, the ground rules were established to move quickly into the design stage. From the student oriented recreation opportunities to the building spaces and image, the mission for this place is to provide a comfortable, unintimidating place to gather, learn, and care for the body and soul. To this end, a

concerted effort has been made to provide and open, well-lighted building with activities and services that will attract students and enhance health and well being.

The new UM Student Recreation Center is a 78,000 s.f. facility located at the north side of the Adams Center field house. With limited buildable site area (8500 s.f. on the west, 2000 s.f. on the north and 4500 s.f. on the east) new space was envisioned at the basement, main and upper levels as well as building over some existing parking area. (Parking spaces will not be sacrificed) As a result of the programming effort, the following major space allocations were included in the new facility:

- 1 8660 s.f. of weight and fitness space
- 2 1300 s.f cardio theater
- 3 950 s.f. Juice bar/lounge
- 4 1700 s.f climbing area including 45' tower
- 5 2 remodeled basketball courts and 1 multipurpose court
- 6 2-2000 s.f and 1-1200 s.f multipurpose rooms