

# The Pennsylvania State University Recreation Hall Wrestling & Student Fitness Center Renovation and Addition

University Park, Pa.



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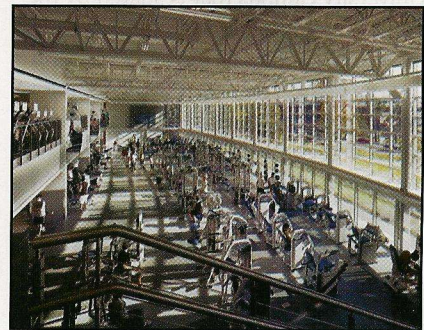
**R**ecreation Hall is a historic gymnasium on the west side of the Penn State campus. Until the 1990s, Rec Hall served as home to many of Penn State's major indoor varsity sports programs, including basketball and wrestling. With the opening of the Bryce Jordan Center, basketball relocated to the new venue, and wrestling continued to practice, train and compete in Rec Hall.

The renovation of Rec Hall creates a club atmosphere in a campus setting for recreational users, while creating a dedicated wrestling complex that has become a benchmark facility for Big Ten wrestling programs. A dynamic volume

sheathed in layered glass, brick and metal, the facade successfully integrates the addition into the existing context, blending high-tech materials with traditional ones. Inside, the fitness center rivals the best the private or collegiate sectors can offer.

The wrestling components are located on two levels of the building. A new entrance to this dedicated wrestling complex was provided, announcing to recruits and team members alike that they have entered the wrestling zone. After crossing this threshold, visitors are greeted by a "Walk of Honor," which showcases the legacy of Penn State wrestling. Next, visitors enter the new wrestling training

suite, which includes four training areas, a recruiting lounge, spectator seating, a state-of-the-art sound system and a nearly 5,000-square-foot strength-training facility.



The light-filled main two-story fitness space was designed to be a high-tech, rugged environment in which the array of equipment merges with the space itself.

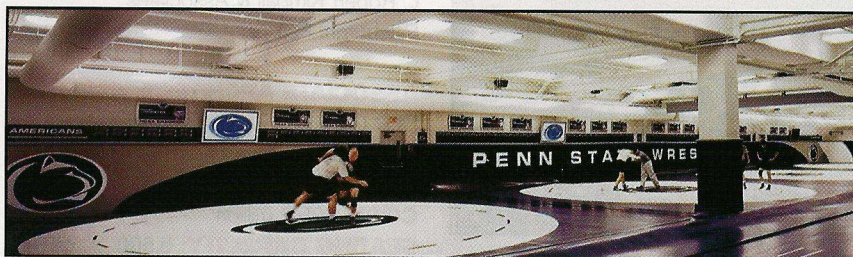
#### ARCHITECT OF RECORD:

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**COST:** \$14.35 million

**SQUARE FEET:** 48,000

**OCCUPANCY:** August 2006



Four wrestling areas are situated in the wrestling training room, which is twice the size of the former wrestling facility.