The University of Vermont Athletics and Recreation Master Plan

Project Update

November 7, 2007
Agenda

- Campus Tours Discussion
  - Dartmouth
  - UNH
  - BU
  - Northeastern
  - Miami University
- Sub-Group Progress Reports
- Interviews/Focus Group Summary
- Next Steps/ Student Survey
- Upcoming Meetings
Dartmouth University

**Background Information**

Location: Hanover, NH
Founded: 1769
Campus: 269 acres
Total Enrollment: 5,700
Undergraduate: 4,100
Graduate: 1,600
Athletic/Recreation: Centralized

Athletic and Recreation Facilities
Dartmouth University – Recreation Facilities

Recreation Information

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Key Facility Components

Alumni Gym

- Two swimming pools – Upgraded championship pool (1,000 seats)
- IM basketball courts
- Weight & Fitness
- Squash Courts
- Jogging track
- Sauna
- Fencing lanes
- Rowing room
Dartmouth University – Recreation Facilities

Gymnasium

Elevated Jogging Track

Multipurpose Room
Dartmouth University – Recreation Facilities

Aquatics
# Dartmouth University – Athletics

## Athletics Profile

**Varsity Sports:** 34 Intercollegiate Sports  
- 16 - women’s  
- 16 - men’s  
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Dartmouth University – Athletic Facilities

Football Team Room

Football Meeting Room

Football Lockers
Dartmouth University – Athletic Facilities

Strength Training

Meeting Room overlooking Field
Dartmouth University – Athletic Facilities

Field House

Tennis Center

Arena
Dartmouth University – Athletics

**Outdoor Fields**

1. **Blackman Fields** – (3) Lighted practice grass fields – football
2. **Chase Fields** – (3) grass practice fields for soccer and lacrosse and (1) lighted field for soccer games
3. **Scully-Fahey Field** – (1) Lighted synthetic field for field hockey and lacrosse.
4. **Memorial Field** – Football stadium and outdoor track. 20,000 seat capacity
5. **Red Rolfe Field** – Varsity baseball
6. **Sachem Fields** – (7) grass field for varsity softball and practice sites for varsity, IM, and club sports.
University of New Hampshire

**Background Information**

Location: Durham, NH  
Founded: 1866  
Campus: 2600 acres  
Total Enrollment: 14,811  
Undergraduate: 11,958  
Graduate: 2,853  
Athletic/Recreation: Centralized
## UNH – Recreation Facilities

### Recreation Information

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### Key Facility Components

- Bouldering wall
- 5 Volleyball/Basketball courts
- 3 Badminton courts
- 2 Floor hockey/Indoor soccer rinks
- Elevated jogging track
- 7,500 Fitness center
- Lounge area with large screen TV
- Multipurpose rooms
- Offices
UNH – Recreation Facilities

Equipment Check-out

Jogging Track/MAC

Fitness Room

Racquet Courts
### UNH – Athletics

#### Athletics Profile

Varsity Sports: 20 Intercollegiate Sports  
12 - women’s  
8 - men’s

#### Facility Information

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UNH – Athletic Facilities

Fitness Room

Fitness Room

Fitness Room

Fitness Room
Outdoor Fields

1. Bremner Field – Lighted synthetic field for varsity soccer
2. Lewis Fields – Lighted grass pitch primarily for women’s soccer program
3. Memorial Field – Lighted synthetic field for field hockey and lacrosse.
Boston University

**Background Information**

- **Location:** Boston, MA
- **Founded:** 1839
- **Campus:** 132 acres
- **Total Enrollment:** 31,574
  - Undergraduate: 18,521
  - Graduate: 13,053
- **Athletic/Recreation:** Centralized

**Athletic and Recreation Facilities**
### BU – Recreation Facilities

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#### Key Facility Components

- Aquatics Center
- Fitness Center
- 35-Climbing wall
- Racquetball and Squash Courts
- Jogging Track
- Dance Studio
- Seven Multipurpose Rooms
- Demonstration Kitchen
- Lounge/Concessions Area
BU – Recreation Facilities

- Jogging Track
- Multipurpose Room
- Multipurpose Court
- Juice Bar
BU – Athletics

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BU – Athletic Facilities

Hockey Team Room

Athletic Training

Equipment

Strength Training
BU – Athletic Facilities

Ticket Sales

Concessions

Lobby

Club Room
BU – Athletic Facilities

Basketball Set Up

Ice Hockey
BU – Athletic Facilities

Strength Training

Field House
**Outdoor Fields**

1. Nickerson Field – Lighted synthetic field for varsity soccer, lacrosse, and recreational sports – capacity 10,412
2. Softball – Natural grass softball field
Northeastern

**Background Information**

Location: Boston, MA  
Founded: 1898  
Campus: 67 acres  
Total Enrollment: 23,411  
Undergraduate: 18,001  
Graduate: 5,401  
Athletic/Recreation: De-centralized

**Athletic and Recreation Facilities**
# Northeastern – Recreation Facilities

## Recreation Information

| Facilities          | - Marino Recreation Center  
|                    | - Cabot Center  
| Intramural Sports: | 8  
| Club Sports:       | 26  

## Key Facility Components

- Fitness Center
- Retail
- Jogging Track
- Multipurpose Rooms
- Three-Court Gymnasium
- Lounge/Concessions Area
- Racquetball
- Tennis
- Track
Northeastern – Recreation Facilities

Lobby

Fitness Equipment

Jogging Track

Weight Room
Northeastern – Recreation Facilities

Multipurpose Room

Fitness
Northeastern – Recreation Facilities

Gymnasium

Multipurpose Room

Roller Hockey Court
## Northeastern – Athletics

### Athletics Profile

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Miami University

Background Information

Location: Oxford, OH
Founded: 1809
Campus: 2000 acres
Total Enrollment: 16,329
Undergraduate: 14,551
Graduate: 1,778

Athletic and Recreation Facilities
### Miami – Recreation Facilities

#### Recreation Information

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#### Key Facility Components

- Aquatics Center
- Fitness Center
- 40’-Climbing wall
- Racquetball
- Jogging Track
- Health Bar/Deli/Food Service
- Four-Court Gymnasium
- Spa
- Outdoor Pursuit Center
Miami – Recreation Facilities

Aquatics

Diving Well

Fitness Equipment

Fitness Equipment
Miami – Recreation Facilities

- Climbing Wall
- Jogging Track
- Gymnasium
- Lounge Space
Miami – Recreation Facilities

- Food
- Outing Pursuits Center - Retail
- Outing - Storage
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### Miami – Athletics

#### Athletics Profile

Varsity Sports: 14 Intercollegiate Sports
- 7 - women’s
- 7 - men’s

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Miami – Athletics

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Entrance – Skate Rental

Fitness Equipment

Roller Hockey Court
Miami – Athletics

Club Room

Club Room

Club Seats

Suites
Miami – Athletics

- Lockers
- Training Room
- Smart Board – Locker Room
- Locker Room Entrance
UVM – Recreation

Guicciardi Fitness Center

Training Room

Gym/Track

Climbing Wall
UVM – Recreation

Field House

Entry/Corridor

Indoor Track
UVM Indoor Facilities
UVM Indoor Facilities
UVM Outdoor Facilities
Stakeholder Interviews/Focus Groups/Intercept Interviews

**Interviews**

- Steering Committee
- Varsity Coaches
- Athletics Administration
- Alumni, Parents, Friends
- Facility Planning and Operations Staff
- Health & Wellbeing Staff
- University Events Representative
- Student and Campus Life
- Faculty and Staff
- Board of Trustees
- Athletics Trainers
- Campus Recreation Administration
- Development Staff/Graduate Students

Approximately 100 Participants

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**Student Focus Groups & Intercept Interviews**

- SGA/Club Sports
- Intramurals
- Athletes
- Off-Campus Students
- On-campus Students

Over 50 Participants
Why UVM?
- Great quality of life.

As a Spectator......
- Vermont athletics is “only game in town.”
- Patrick Gym resembles a high school facility.
- Difficult to get tickets to hockey games.
- Concern about the rise in ticket prices if a new facility was built.

As a User....
- Wayfinding issues.
- Some safety issues in building.
- Small lockers needed for keys and wallet.
- Not comfortable changing in the locker rooms.
- Condition of the Pool
- Facilities are crowded. Some paying over $50/month to join off campus clubs.
- Location difficult to get to during lunch.
**Alumni, Parents, and Friends**

- Renewed energy and excitement
- Improved town/gown relationships.
- Burlington is on the upswing but limited corporate and media
- Need for a community asset – UVM is Vermont’s “professional team”
- Great energy at home basketball and hockey games.
- Chittenden County vs. the rest of Vermont
- Current Facility is in great location. Easy access.
- Victory Club has improved camaraderie but some concerns about it
- Want additional value
- Need to focus on the economic impact of UVM to the community
- Without community involvement, project won’t work
- Federal funding options
- Creative financing
- Limited state support – but could be last piece
- Timing seems to be right for improved facilities
- Prospective student parent’s concerned about the Health Center
Stakeholder Interviews/Focus Groups/Intercept Interviews

**Center for Health & Well Being**

- Decentralized facilities and staff – impacts communication
- Current location is difficult to find
- Distance from most of the residence halls
- No front door
- Limited office space – spend $160k to rent space
- Centralized location needed to assist new model & help with efficiencies
- Parents very concerned about location
- PFG location has its pros and cons
- Staff like the new location in the planning study
Athletic Trainers

- Local high school athletic training rooms are larger than UVM
- No rehab and therapy space—they go in the hallway
  - Whirlpool/ice bath are crowded (doubling up)
  - No room for cardio rehab
- Strength and Conditioning should be adjacent to the main training room.
- Limited facilities to market to faculty and staff
- Would like to do more prevention training.
- Limited storage, cabinet, and secured locked space
- Like possibility of health center facility adjacency
Stakeholder Interviews/Focus Groups/Intercept Interviews

Coaches

- Support from the administration
- Need for more funding (scholarships)
- Facilities are biggest recruitment issue
- Losing students to Binghamton and Quinnipiac
- Athletic/Recreation facility use tension
- Security and maintenance upkeep of facilities
- Very challenging to schedule practice
- #1 priority – basketball/hockey arena
Athletic Administration

- Aggressive vision and support from the administration
- Low turnover
- Improving sponsorship/corporate support but starting to tap out
- Operating budgets are challenging
- Competitive market for recruitment – not getting the top athletes
- Outstanding student/athletes (Conference Academic Cup)
- Facility limitations
- Operation and maintenance issues and confusion
Stakeholder Interviews/Focus Groups/Intercept Interviews

**Campus Recreation Staff**

- Staff turnover
- Need to have a centralized office location – currently split
- Growing intramural sports program that they can’t accommodate
- Need for more dedicated recreation spaces
- Scheduling difficulties
- More drop-in / recreation time
- Fitness Center undersized
- Not ADA accessible
- People go into facility and just walk out and never come back
- Concern about charging students for everything
Stakeholder Interviews/Focus Groups/Intercept Interviews

SGA/Club Sports/General Students

General

- Davis Center has become the Center of campus life. Heart of the campus has shifted.
- Not enough space for club sports at the Davis Center.
- Very active student body. Many were varsity athletes in high school.
- Wonderful atmosphere at hockey games.

PFG Complex

- Great location for most. Near residence halls and commuter parking.
- Some students unaware of the facilities available.
- Wayfinding issues
- Current facilities do not support people with disabilities.
- Too crowded

- Health Center is off the beaten path
SGA/Club Sports/General Students

Sports Clubs:
- Significant out of pocket funding for club sports students.
- Lots of travel and rental of off-campus facilities.
- Limited multipurpose space available.
- Pick-up cannot be scheduled due to limited space. Must schedule intramurals on field. Need an outdoor track.
- Confusion over who is in charge and priority of spaces.
- Club sports feels they are last on the list behind athletics, rec, fitness, and open gym.
- Outing Club seen as “exclusive” and location off the beaten path – new facility would help promote it.

List of Needs:
- Help support their outdoor recreational pursuits
- More open gym time
- Additional weight and fitness
- New rock climbing wall with bouldering
- Skateboard park & Practice Pit
- Leisure pool with sauna, hot tub
- Video/resource room
- Boxing & martial arts room
- Equipment storage
Student Athletes

- Overall pleased with the UVM experience
- Facilities significantly impact recruiting.
- Look forward to away games to play in better facilities.
- Students have to report earlier to the game to get taped up
- Need dedicated practice time
- Wish training room was closer to strength and conditioning room
- Need to go inside building to use restrooms
- Share locker rooms during halftime
- Facility Needs:
  - Storage, Media/Video Review Room, Team Meeting Space, Team Locker Rooms, New Arena, Indoor Turf field, New fields w/lights, Outdoor Track, Better Food Options, AC/Ventilation
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Next Steps

- Additional User Interviews
  - President and Provost
  - Finance
  - Campus Safety
  - Parking
  - Athletic Director
- Quantitative Survey of Students
- Competitive Context Analysis
- Scheduling Analysis
- Preliminary Program
- Meeting on November 29, 2007
- Meeting on January 4th / Hockey Game
Interviews/Focus Groups/Students