

Athletics listened to your comments and suggestions.....

During the past month, we had 63 individuals share their questions, comments, and suggestions about the Kneller Athletic Center, Bickman Fitness Center, Dolan Field House, and the pool. We wanted to share a quick summary of what we heard, what we've done, what we'll work on doing and what is not possible to do at this time. Thanks to those of you who took time to tell us how we're doing. As suggested, the next time we do this, it will be an on-line.

Bickman Fitness Center (32 responses)

- We have repaired the water fountain, ellipticals, and had the air circulation checked.
- We are working on creating additional stretching space and purchasing 3 new mats, getting better signage for our recycling bins to include plastic bottles, replacing some of the padding on our equipment, and getting more people to donate updated magazines.
- We will not reinstitute the disposable wipes or be adding TV's in the foreseeable future due to the cost involved.
- By far, the most comments we received was about the lack of adequate space and machines. Any new space and new equipment is a longer term discussion involving University building priorities. In order to provide some relief during peak hours, we have created some training space for varsity athletes elsewhere in the building. We will continue to do whatever we can to maximize the space we have and improve equipment.
- When equipment breaks down, we call our equipment service company and have to wait for them to come out to evaluate what is wrong and possibly order parts before any repairs can be made. Broken equipment can not be repaired overnight, so be patient. We get things repaired as quickly as possible, but it is rarely the next day.

Kneller Athletic Center (24 responses)

- We have taken care of most of the proctor's requests, made repairs to the women's bathroom located in the lobby, put better signage outside the multi-purpose room, and ensured there are plenty of lockers that can be permanently assigned for those who want one.
- We are working on a better sign-out system for equipment requests and where a permanent ball pump could be placed. Unfortunately, any balls/equipment that we have put out for use manages to disappear.
- We will look into the feasibility of adding some spring morning hours to the pool, now that the swimming/diving team's season is completed.
- There were a few requests for vending machines, something we have no immediate plans to do until there is a better configuration of the lobby/foyer/proctor office area. There is a drink machine located outside the locker rooms.

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Dolan Field House (7 responses)

- We have added more open hours this year, including Friday and Saturday's and will be adding more hours from November 1-February 1 starting next year. Any further additional hours will focus on the academic year and when classes are in session.
- We initially had vending machines in the DFH, but there were not utilized enough so Coke removed them after a year.
- There are currently no plans to add an "athletes only" fitness area in the DFH due to space constraints and resources. We are providing 15 hours a week for athlete's use of the rowing room located in the Kneller.
- The hours of the DFH are not intended to duplicate the Kneller Athletic Center, but provide an alternative space when the Kneller floor is being used; indoor practice space for the outdoor teams; intramural space; University Campus School gym class space; organized campus group space; general recreational space; and outside rentals.

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