



Ritchie Coliseum

DESCRIPTION

Opened in 1931 as the home to the Maryland Terrapin athletic teams until the opening of Cole Field House in 1955, Ritchie was used for campus activities until the early 1980's when deterioration of the facility became a major concern. In 1997, University Recreation & Wellness opened the renovated recreational facility for informal recreation, sport club activities, tournaments/competitions, concerts, socials/dances, trade shows, commencements, and many other special events.

FACILITY FACTS

ARCHITECTS/CONTRACTOR

Ayers, Saint Gross
Baltimore, MD

Glen Construction Company, Inc.
Gaithersburg, MD

COST
\$8 million

OPENED
Original Build—1931
Renovations—1996–1997
Rededicated—September 20, 1997

TOTAL SF
51,000 SF

FACILITY FEATURES

- 11,000 SF arena floor with floating maple hardwood
- 600 fixed folding chair-type seats in an upper mezzanine
- 700 molded bench seats in pull-out bleacher module on main floor
- 1,900 SF weight room with free weight and selectorized equipment
- 1,900 SF fitness room with cardiovascular equipment, including bikes, treadmills, ellipticals, rowers, climbers, etc.
- 1,200 SF multi-use space with hardwood floors, sound system and mirrored wall
- 2 locker rooms in close proximity to lower level activity spaces
- 2 multi-use locker rooms and 1 gender-inclusive locker room on arena level to serve as secondary locker rooms and/or accommodate special events
- lockers available for rental and day-use
- 408 SF functional training zone
- lounge/gaming area
- concessions stand for special events
- Wi-Fi internet access