

# Baldwin-Wallace College Athletic and Recreation



*The expanded and renovated Lou Higgins Center is the centerpiece of the B-W athletic facilities. Renovation began during the summer of 2004 and was completed in October 2005. The 170,000 square-foot complex houses the Ursprung Gymnasium, Harrison Dillard Track, natatorium, updated workout and personal fitness spaces, a state-of-the-art athletic training facility, classroom space and offices for coaches and staff.*

The Baldwin-Wallace College student is afforded the opportunity to learn, exercise, practice and play in some of the finest facilities in small college athletics. In addition, as a student at B-W, each has an opportunity to use a group of facilities that are unparalleled in Division III athletics.

The Lou Higgins Center, The George Finnie Stadium, the B-W Baseball Field, the "Pop" Collins Tennis Complex and other outdoor recreation and athletic areas at Baldwin-Wallace make the Yellow Jackets physical plant second to none among

small colleges.

The newly renovated Lou Higgins Center is the centerpiece of the B-W athletic facilities. The 170,000 square-foot complex houses the Ursprung Gymnasium, Harrison Dillard Track, Natatorium, updated workout spaces, a state-of-the-art athletic training facility, classroom space, and offices for coaches and faculty.

Rudolph Ursprung Gymnasium is home to the Yellow Jackets basketball, volleyball and wrestling teams. The completely renovated gymnasium has housed B-W

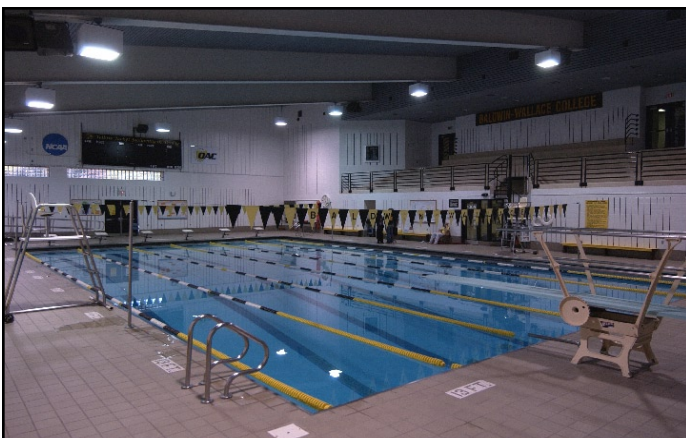
basketball since 1949 and is also used by the Ohio High School Athletic Association for its sectional and district tournaments for boys.

A 200-meter, six-lane track is named for 1949 B-W graduate and four-time Olympic gold medalist Harrison Dillard. The track, with its Mondo surface, is both fast and comfortable for the walker, jogger or serious runner. Pits for the field events are also incorporated. The track surrounds three multi-purpose courts that can be used individually or in tandem for volleyball, tennis, basketball or other activities. On many occasions, the B-W basketball team has been playing a game while a wrestling match or an intramural basketball game

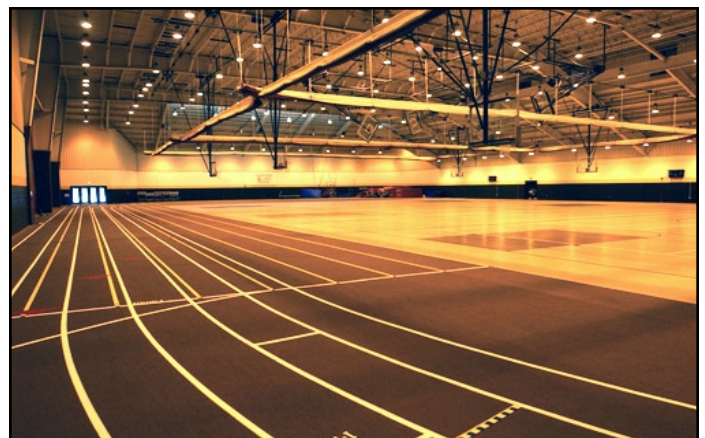
was taking place in the field-house.

The Harrison Dillard Track, along with the multi-purpose courts are home to the B-W indoor track teams, the John Summa Invitational Wrestling Tournament, the Ohio Sports Festival (basketball and wrestling venues) and many local high school track meets.

Also in the Lou Higgins Center is the B-W Natatorium, home to the Yellow Jacket swimming and diving teams. The facility includes a 25-yard, six-lane pool



*The Baldwin-Wallace College natatorium is home to Yellow Jacket swimming and diving. The pool is also available to all B-W students and receives use by the community and elderly.*



*The Harrison Dillard Track is a six-lane, 200-meter oval that has served as the site of many B-W, OAC, high school and amateur championship meets.*

# Facilities Are Among the Finest In The Country



*The Ursprung Gymnasium was renovated in 1986 and seats more than 2,800 fans for basketball, volleyball and wrestling. The basketball stands are situated away from the floor with an excellent view from any angle.*

a one-meter diving board. The movable pool bottom has adaptive physical therapy applications and can be used by the handicapped.

As part of the renovation of Ursprung, chair back seating and a new media center were constructed while training and physical therapy, laundry and eight locker rooms were added. Other features include a room for news media as well as exhibit and storage areas for the B-W Athletic Archives. The Archives give students, alumni, parents, friends and visitors to Baldwin-Wallace a glimpse of the rich tradition and heritage of Yellow Jacket teams and athletes. Finnie Stadium is one of the nation's best small college stadiums for football and track and field. The Yellow Jacket men's and women's soccer teams also play at Finnie and, at times, the stadium and its artificial turf surface has been used for women's softball games.

B-W already has hosted three NCAA Division III national championship track meets, numerous NCAA and Ohio High School Athletic Association football play-off games as well as being the home field to both Berea High School and Middleburg Heights Midpark High School. The Ohio Sports Festival/Ohio State Games also use Finnie as both a regional and state championship site.

The B-W Baseball Field is located on the campus within walking distance of the students residence halls. The facility has a manicured playing surface and seating for approximately 200 fans. The B-W Baseball

Field has been the host site for four OAC Baseball Tournaments and is home to the Yellow Jacket baseball squad.

The "Pop" Collins Tennis Complex is named in honor of former B-W tennis coach and teacher Arthur Worth Collins, the father of nationally-renowned sports-writer and television tennis analyst, Arthur

"Bud" Collins '51. The facility is on campus and includes six courts which are lighted for night play.

In addition, the Lady Yellow Jackets softball team plays off campus at the Cuyahoga County softball field.

Does such a strong group of facilities benefit the Yellow Jacket men's basketball program? Definitely! Practice time is available in the Ursprung Gym or the fieldhouse. This means the men and women can practice at the same time without conflict. Players have a wide variety of operations for preseason and postseason weight and conditioning programs.

"The entire Lou Higgins center is a plus for our program," says head coach and Athletic Director, Steve Bankson. "The playing, practice and dress facilities are among the finest in Division III. Having a number of courts in the fieldhouse gives us the opportunity to work with a greater number of players in our varsity and junior varsity programs."

"It is one of the finest training centers of any small college in the nation," notes Bankson. "We feel the Lou Higgins Center has answered the needs of the B-W community."



*The B-W weight and training rooms also received a facelift as part of the renovations to the Lou Higgins Center. The weight room doubled in size and allows students and athletes have access to new and top-of-the-line exercise equipment.*