

CHARLES E. SMITH CENTER RENOVATION

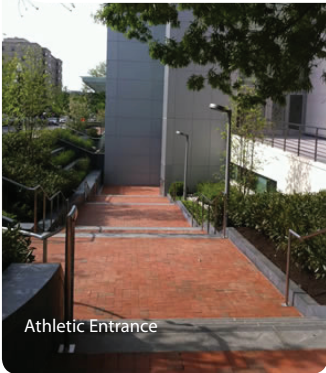
Main Entrance



Overview:

Built in 1975 and named for developer and philanthropist Charles E. Smith, the Charles E. Smith Center is the university's main athletic and campus event facility. The 5,000 seat arena hosts entertainment and athletic events as well as a number of signature university events such as freshman orientation and commencement ceremonies. Additionally, the Center is home to GW's Department of Athletics and Recreation, which supports 22 NCAA sports teams, club sports, and recreational sports activities.

A generous \$10 million challenge commitment from the Robert H. Smith and Charles E. Smith Family Foundations and Robert and Arlene



Athletic Entrance

Kogod—combined with the over \$11 million contributed in support of the challenge as of the completion of this fact sheet—allowed the University to undertake this multi-phase renovation and transform the facility to a state-of-the-art athletic complex and center for student life.

Renovation Plans:

The estimated \$43 million renovation occurred in three phases between 2009-2011. Phases 1 & 2 (which included the majority of the interior transformation) were completed fall 2009. Phase 3 (the exterior transformation) was completed in fall 2011 and included:

- **Upgraded Arena:** Updates to finishes and displays as well as new flooring, lighting and equipment
- **Academic Center:** Academic support space for GW athletes including dedicated areas for individual or group study and tutoring.
- **Natorium (pool):** New finishes and HVAC upgrades plus new GW graphics and displays.
- **Locker rooms:** Complete renovation of locker rooms as well as sports medicine and strength training facilities.
- **VIP and meeting areas:** New Colonials Club will offer VIP courtside seating and members' lounge. A renovated Athletic Director's Club will continue to host game-day receptions and special events.
- **Exterior renovations:** Modern glass façade and dynamic 22nd Street entrance with renovated lobby concourse, box-office and concessions' area.

Concept Rendering



Outreach: GW began presenting architectural concepts to University and community stakeholders in summer 2008 and continues to provide project updates at GW's athletics website (gwsports.com) and neighborhood website (neighborhood.gwu.edu/cd) throughout the project.

PROPOSED RENOVATION TIMELINE

Winter/Spring 2009:
Phase I
Initial structural work

Spring/Summer/Fall 2009:
Phase II
Major interior renovations

Fall 2009:
Building open for '09-10 Academic Year

Spring/Summer 2010:
Phase III: Exterior façade, box office, concessions area

Mid 2011:
Substantial Completion

VISIT: www.neighborhood.gwu.edu/cd for more details on the Mount Vernon Campus Plan or Ames Hall Redevelopment project.
EMAIL: talktogw@gwu.edu to participate in upcoming community meetings regarding these projects