



## Recreational Programs and Facilities Under Review

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George Mason has retained consultants to create a 10-year master plan for athletic and recreational programs and facilities on the Fairfax Campus. The facility planning firm Brailsford & Dunlavey began the project last week, and a final report is expected in 90 days.

John Spaldo, director and chief operations officer of University Services, explains the decision to develop this master plan. "We realized the Patriot Center is almost 15 years old," he says. "It is a huge asset for the university and needs to be kept on the cutting edge." Spaldo says the report also will compare George Mason's programs and facilities with those of five peer institutions within the state.

The project calls for an assessment of the Patriot Center, Field House, Aquatic and Fitness Center, Physical Education building, and the outdoor athletic fields to identify future university needs relating to enrollment, new intercollegiate sports, and community recreational opportunities. The goals of the study are to determine what changes are needed in existing programs and facilities, to identify new programs and facilities, and to realign current activities within existing facilities.

Brailsford & Dunlavey is nationally known for its work with universities, student unions, and campus housing facilities. The firm also is reviewing potential sites for the 2012 Olympics in the Washington/Baltimore area.