

## VALLEY FIELDS

The Marquette men's and women's soccer teams are entering their 12th season of play at Valley Fields, an athletic complex and recreational area for Marquette students and Milwaukee Community. Located at 1818 Canal Street, Valley Fields is Marquette's first-ever on-campus soccer facility.

The \$8 million facility includes a grass field that is the home to Golden Eagles soccer.

A practice facility was constructed east of the soccer stadium that give the men's and women's soccer teams the benefit of practicing on campus adjacent to the playing surface. The installation of the FieldTurf surface took place in the summer and was completed prior to the start of the 2006 season.

Valley Fields also houses an eight-lane 400-meter running track that surrounds a football-sized artificial turf field; and an area for field events such as the long jump, high jump, triple jump, pole vault, shot put, discus and javelin.

Among other things, Valley Fields features a lighting system, first-aid and vending areas and a high-tech security system. A donor wall also is located in the vestibule of the facility's main building.

Future renovations to the soccer stadium and practice facility will make Valley Fields one of the state of the art soccer venues in the BIG EAST and the country and will certainly give the Golden Eagles a distinct home field advantage.



## THE BIRDCAGE

Marquette students have their own cheering section at all Golden Eagles home matches called "The Birdcage." These are the loudest and most intense fans at Valley Fields. The Birdcage creates an intimate experience for fans as it is located directly behind the east endline, closest to the visiting team's bench.



## ATHLETICS FACILITIES



Marquette University offers its student-athletes the finest in athletic facilities. The 14 athletic teams that represent the university train, strengthen and get treatment at the Marquette Gym on campus. The MU Gym also serves as home for many of Marquette's sports.

MU's men's and women's basketball as well as the volleyball teams have the opportunity to call one of the finest facilities in the country home, the Al McGuire Center. The state-of-the-art on-campus training and competition facility opened in October of 2003. The men's basketball teams also play at the Bradley Center.

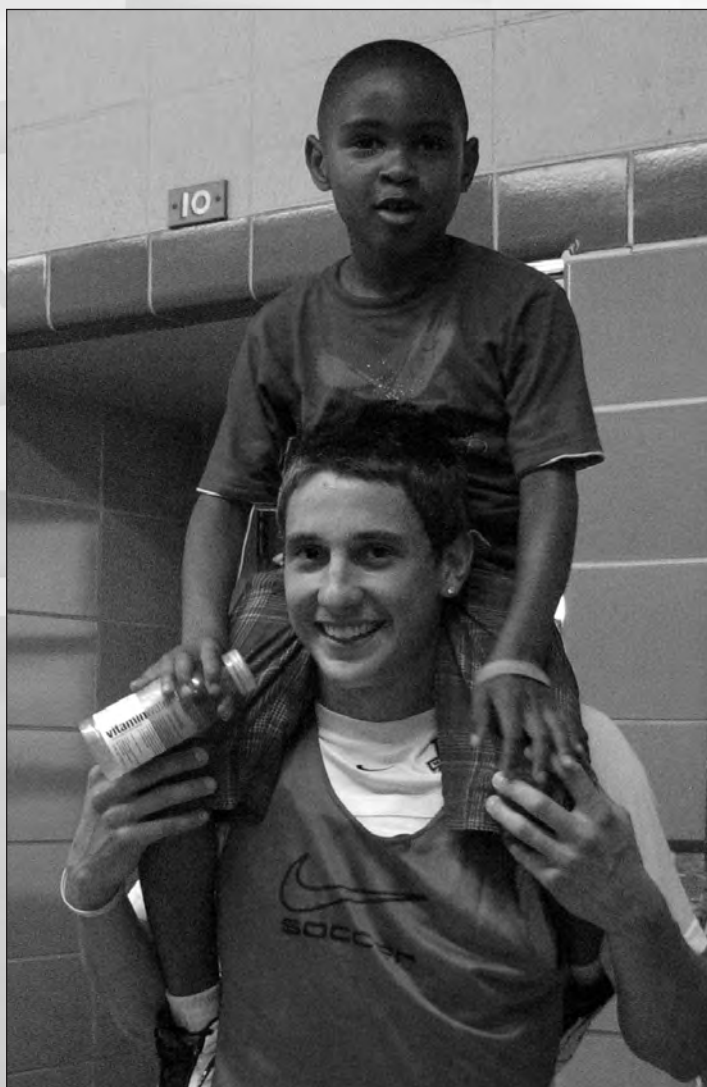
Valley Fields serves as home to Marquette soccer and track and field with its sprawling, three-field complex providing plenty of room for the Golden Eagles to practice and compete. The soccer facilities will be going through a major upgrade at the end of this season.

Men's and women's tennis plays in one of the finest facilities in the region. The Helfaer Tennis Stadium is a six-court indoor facility that offers year-round playing and training.



## IN YOUR COMMUNITY

The Marquette men's soccer team is very active in community involvement through soccer. The team routinely takes part in activities that benefit greater Milwaukee using soccer as a vehicle. The 2008-09 academic year was no exception as the team was very busy promoting the program through a positive message.



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## MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY SOCCER SCHOOL

### [GoMarquette.com/SoccerSchool](http://GoMarquette.com/SoccerSchool)

The Marquette University Soccer School is a series of camps and clinics aimed at reaching out to the soccer community in south-eastern Wisconsin, while helping participants, ranging in age from the youth level to adults, improve their all-around soccer abilities.

"Marquette Soccer School is a great way to see what Marquette Soccer is all about and gives us an opportunity to work directly with local soccer players of all ages, utilizing our great facilities and great staff. In all, it provides every participant with quality instruction and a fantastic soccer environment."

- Louis Bennett, head coach





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