The Renovation of War Memorial Gym
“Our goal is to build a model Jesuit intercollegiate athletic program at the University of San Francisco. To achieve this goal, our student-athletes and coaches need athletic facilities to put them on equal footing with our WCC competitors. The Campaign to Renovate War Memorial Gymnasium will give all 15 of our athletic teams the training and conditioning facilities necessary for Division 1 competition.”

Stephen A. Privett, S.J., President, University of San Francisco
Renovating and modernizing War Memorial Gymnasium will meet the changing needs of our athletic teams.

Since 1958, War Memorial Gymnasium has been a storied venue—a great place to watch college basketball and other athletic events. It is the special place where USF students, alumni, and friends have for generations gathered to share in the excitement of intercollegiate sports.

Yet, this home to USF athletics has not had a major upgrade since its completion nearly 50 years ago. It was built at a time when the university had only male student-athletes. Today, USF boasts 15 teams, eight of them for women’s sports. Each of USF’s teams, even those that do not compete there, call War Memorial Gymnasium home as they all use the gym’s locker, weight, and training rooms.

Several other West Coast Conference schools have new athletic facilities. War Memorial Gymnasium must go through a major renovation if USF is to be competitive and preserve its time-honored athletic tradition.

“I am still proud and humbled for having been a member, along with Bill Russell and my other fine teammates, of USF’s National Championship teams of ’55 and ’56. Many of us still follow the progress of basketball at our alma mater and certainly support the planned renovations of the gymnasium. We hope an updated facility will contribute to successful, winning teams in the future that will bring back memories of those ‘glory days.’”

K.C. Jones ’56, USF Men’s Basketball, 1954-56
As part of The Campaign for USF, the university is seeking to raise $5 million for the renovation of War Memorial Gymnasium.

In September 2004, the USF Board of Trustees adopted a five-year plan to improve USF athletics. “Reaching New Heights on the Hilltop” set specific goals for winning at the WCC and national levels, while maintaining high graduation rates and compliance with NCAA regulations. Improving USF’s major athletic facilities is essential to achieving these goals and renovating War Memorial Gymnasium is the key step for USF’s overall success in all sports.

This project will vastly improve conditions for student-athletes and coaches by transforming the entire ground floor into a modern, first-class center. Also included in this renovation are:

- Expanded and well-equipped facilities for athletic training (including physical therapy) and strength/conditioning
- Expanded locker and shower facilities so that each team has adequate space that is both functional and comfortable
- Greatly expanded office space for coaches in each sport
- Additional support offices, conference rooms, and reception areas that are attractive and hospitable to staff, visitors, recruits, and media

“When we played at War Memorial Gym, we had an advantage. It’s been a winning setting for USF volleyball teams for years. I’m excited about the plans for rebuilding the gym. Today’s student-athletes will have showers and locker rooms better than what other teams in the West Coast Conference have.”

Brittanie Budinger ’03, Women’s Volleyball, 2001-2003
We want to make the achievements and tradition of USF athletics more visible to all visitors.

The renovation of War Memorial Gymnasium will enhance both the experience of fans in this unique sports arena and the image of USF athletics. Plans include:

- Improved comfort including enhanced concessions and rest areas
- Upgraded Bill Russell Room into a first-class reception area
- Remodeled entrance area that preserves our athletic tradition yet adds modern enhancements
- Modernized façade of War Memorial Gymnasium facing Golden Gate Avenue
- Facelift of court and seating areas

All those who care about USF athletics have a role to play. The Campaign to Renovate War Memorial Gymnasium is co-chaired by Rick Curotto ’53, JD ’58, and Joe Phair ’70, JD ’73.

Rick and Therese Curotto launched this campaign with a lead gift of $2 million to name the Rick and Therese Curotto Student-Athlete Center. Joe and Bonnie Phair have made a lead gift to name Coach Jessie Evans’ office in the new basketball center in the gym.

“I cannot over emphasize that the key to successfully attaining the ‘Reaching New Heights’ goals is improved and modernized athletic facilities, which will not only enhance recruiting and support, but also result in beautification of the Golden Gate Avenue campus corridor.”

**Rick J. Curotto** ’53, J.D. ’58
USF Trustee
Chairman, War Memorial Gymnasium Renovation Committee
“Playing in the West Coast Conference is tough and we need all the advantages we can get. Rebuilding War Memorial Gymnasium will help our program, especially in recruiting. We’ll be able to attract the top high school players and return to the Dons’ championship tradition.”

Jessie Evans, Head Coach, Men’s Basketball

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES
(additional opportunities are available)

War Memorial Gymnasium Complex $ 5,000,000
Basketball Center $ 1,000,000
Special Event Center $ 500,000
Training Center $ 500,000
Entry Area/Hall of Fame $ 250,000
Women’s Basketball Head Coach Office $ 150,000
Team Conference Room $ 150,000
Men’s Basketball Locker Room $ 100,000
Baseball Locker Room $ 75,000
Golf Coach Office $ 50,000
Men’s Tennis Coach Office $ 50,000
Women’s Rifle Locker Room $ 25,000
Track/Cross Country Locker Room $ 25,000

Your support for the campaign will ensure the future success of USF athletic programs on both the West Coast Conference and national levels.

Gifts may be made in cash, securities, real estate, and other appreciated assets and may be pledged over several years.

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