

BEARCAT VOLLEYBALL

QUICK FACTS

University of Cincinnati Facts

Location Cincinnati, Ohio 45221
 Founded 1819
 Enrollment 35,244
 Affiliation NCAA Division I
 Conference BIG EAST
 Nickname Bearcats
 Home Court Fifth Third Arena
 Capacity 13,176
 Colors Red and Black
 President Dr. Nancy L. Zimpher
 Alma Mater Ohio State, '68
 Director of Athletics Mike Thomas
 Alma Mater Colorado State, '83
 Faculty Representative Dr. Fritz Russ
 Asst. AD/SWA Robin Martin

Coaching Staff

Head Coach Reed Sunahara
 Alma Mater UCLA, '89
 Record at UC 161-63 (seven seasons)
 Overall Record 180-103 (nine seasons)
 Assistant Coach Erin Virtue
 Alma Mater Illinois, '05
 Assistant Coach Myanna Hellsten
 Alma Mater Cincinnati, '07

Bearcats At A Glance

2006 Overall Record 22-7
 Home 13-2
 Away 5-5
 Neutral 4-0
 2006 BIG EAST Record/Finish 10-4/T-3rd
 Home 7-0
 Away 3-4
 2006 BIG EAST Tournament Lost in quarterfinals
 Total NCAA Tournament Appearances 6
 Last NCAA Tournament Appearance 2003
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost 8/3
 Starters Returning/Lost 4 (+libero)/2

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THE UNIVERSITY

The University of Cincinnati traces its origins to 1819, the year in which Cincinnati College and the Medical College of Ohio were chartered. In 1870, the City of Cincinnati established the University of Cincinnati, which later absorbed the earlier institutions. In 1906, the University of Cincinnati created the first cooperative education program in the United States through its College of Engineering. For many years, the University was the second-oldest and second largest municipal university in the country. In 1968, UC became a "municipally sponsored, state affiliated" institution, entering a transitional period culminating on July 1, 1977 when UC became one of Ohio's state universities. The University of Cincinnati is classified as a Research Extensive University by the Carnegie Commission, and is ranked as one of America's Top 25 public research universities.

Cincinnati Firsts

UC has been the source of many contributions to society, including:

- the first electric organ
- the first oral polio vaccine
- the first observations of the National Weather Service
- the first safe anti-knock gasoline
- the first antihistamine
- the first use of lasers to remove brain tumors
- the first bachelor's degree program in nursing and first emergency medicine residency program
- the first degree program offered via satellite

Cincinnati Sports Firsts

- Cincinnati hosted one of the first night football games in the United States in 1923
- George Smith, captain of the 1934 football team, wore a device to protect a facial injury, a fore-runner of the facemask
- In 1961, Hank Hartong became college football's first soccer-style kicker
- UC was the first school to make five consecutive appearances in the men's basketball Final Four, 1959-63



ALL-AMERICAN CITY



The City of Cincinnati provides the perfect complement to the UC educational experience.

Cincinnati and the surrounding area provides recreational and leisure time activities to meet every interest — from rock climbing, canoeing and camping for outdoor enthusiasts to theatre and arts for the culturally inclined.

Cincinnati is truly a “major league city.” Fans flock to the waterfront to attend games and events at a pair of new venues — the Bengals’ Paul Brown Stadium, opened in 2001, and the Reds’ Great American Ballpark, opened in 2003.

The variety of museums and galleries, fine dining, festivals and events, attractions and sports, parks, recreation facilities, and shopping are the reasons millions visit the “Queen City” year after year.

Kings Island theme park and the world-renowned Cincinnati Zoo are just two major attractions on the list of “must see” items on any trip to Greater Cincinnati.

Numerous concert facilities attract big-name entertainers and acts to the Cincinnati area. The Ohio River offers a variety of scenic views and entertainment options.

Five-star dining, revolving circular restaurants, and riverboat dining are just a few of the succulent options that Cincinnati offers. Its visitors find themselves coming back for classic “Cincinnati-style” chili, tasty

barbecue ribs, and local homemade ice cream.

Annual surveys of the area’s quality of life resulted in Cincinnati being listed as one of the most livable cities in North America.

Cincinnati and the Tri-State area are the corporate headquarters of 10 Fortune 500 companies. Major corporations, such as Procter and Gamble, Chiquita Brands, and Kroger, make Cincinnati their home while carrying the city’s trademark to worldwide marketplaces.

The corporate community has strong ties to UC and provide a wealth of employment opportunities.

Cincinnati is one of America’s truly spectacular cities. Its character provides a prime place to enjoy all of the best in life. A great place to visit, an even better place to live and learn.

RICHARD E. LINDNER VARSITY VILLAGE



The future arrived for the University of Cincinnati athletics program in May, 2006 with the completion of the Richard E. Lindner Varsity Village.

The extensive renovation and upgrade of all of UC's athletics facilities, and the construction of some new venues, positions the Bearcats' sports programs to compete among the nation's best.

The term "village" aptly applies because the close proximal location and interconnection of the facilities provides ease of use and access to services for all of the

sports teams and their student-athletes, similar to that of a small town.

There was nothing small about the vision for Varsity Village, a \$105 million project, over half of which was privately financed.

The centerpiece of the project was the construction of the Richard E. Lindner Center, to serve as the home for all of the sports programs as well as the centralized support services.

Located between Nippert Stadium and Fifth Third Arena, the Lindner Center is a futuristic eight-story structure which houses offices, locker rooms, and reception and meeting space for each of the sport programs. The administrative services and support areas are also housed in the building.

The emphasis of the Lindner Center programming is on the student-athlete. One entire floor of the building is devoted to the Nancy Hamant Academics Center, which

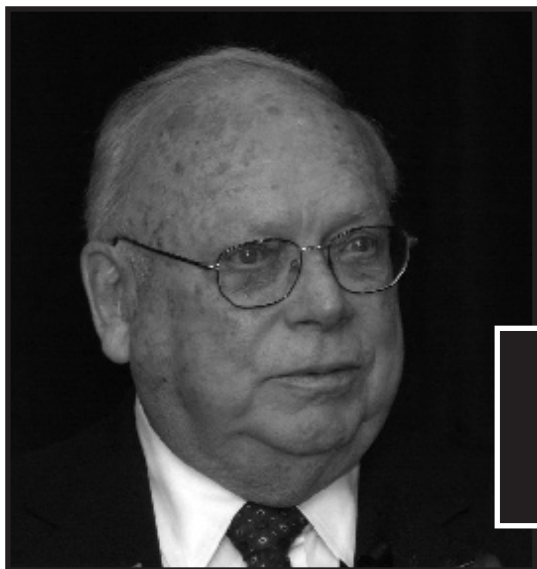
contains study facilities for UC's 560 student-athletes, including over 70 computer stations.

A new athletics training center, equipped with state-of-the-art diagnostic and treatment equipment, including three hydrotherapy pools, is included in the Lindner Center. The University Health Services for students has been relocated to the Lindner Center and provides expanded medical coverage conveniently located for UC student-athletes. An MRI diagnostic center is also part of the building.

Space for strength and conditioning training in the adjacent Fifth Third Arena has doubled to 18,000 square feet and has been furnished with the latest in weight training equipment. A new 12,000-square foot practice gymnasium will ease the scheduling of workouts and practices.

While the Lindner Center provides for the present and future of UC athletics, it also recognizes and celebrates UC's proud past. The ground level of the five-story atrium features the George and Helen Smith Museum detailing the history of both the athletics program and the University. Sports histories are portrayed in graphic murals and on video screens. Terminals in the Jack Twyman Traditions Lounge enable former student-athletes and their families to look up photos and records of their participation. A five-story trophy case houses the Bearcats' championship memorabilia.

The unique building was designed by signature



Varsity Village is named in honor of Cincinnati philanthropist and businessman Richard E. Lindner, who gave the founding gift to get the project started.

architect Bernard Tschumi. UC graduate Eva Maddox (DAAP 1966) orchestrated the design of the museum.

Varsity Village created three new sports venues and made significant upgrades and enhancements to two others.

The new baseball stadium, named for late Cincinnati Reds owner and area philanthropist Marge Schott, opened late in the 2004 season. UC's tennis program benefits from a new on-campus tennis center. The swimming and diving teams have a new training and competition home, the Keating Aquatics Center, in the nearby new student recreation center.

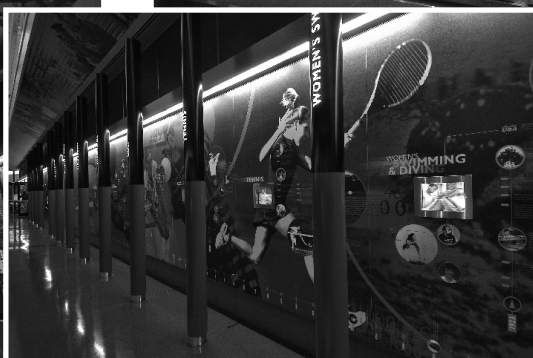
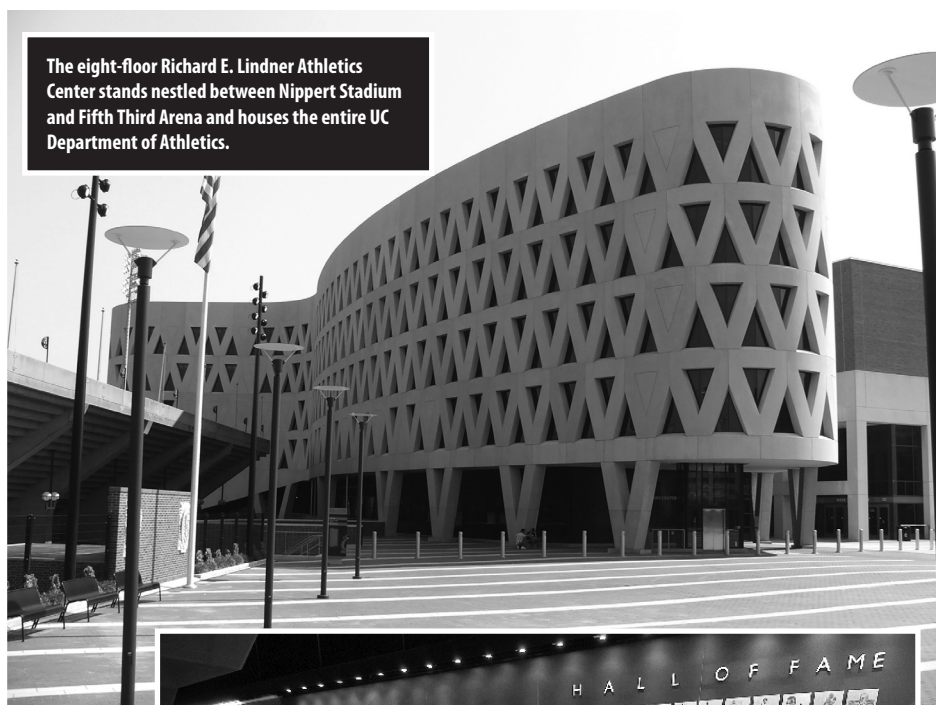
UC's track and soccer complex was totally renovated and permanent seating for 1,400 was added, along with a press box, and reopened as Ben and Dee Gettler Stadium.

Nippert Stadium, which has been the home to UC football, and the activities of just about every other outdoor sport since 1902, has undergone significant improvements in seating and other accoutrements for the spectators, such as expanded concourses and concessions areas, and a new video board. Teams benefit from field-level game day locker rooms and a grass-like FieldTurf artificial playing surface.

Even UC's Marching Band benefited with the creation of the Rockwern Band Center.

Landscaping has created a major walkway, O'Varsity Way, that leads visitors through the heart of Varsity Village. The Raymond D. Sheakley Lawn and Victory Plaza provide gathering and activities space for UC fans attending events.

The eight-floor Richard E. Lindner Athletics Center stands nestled between Nippert Stadium and Fifth Third Arena and houses the entire UC Department of Athletics.



The main entrance of the Lindner Center opens into a five-story atrium (far left) that features a history of the University down one side and a timeline of UC Athletics down the other (left). Also in this area is the George & Helen Smith Athletics Museum, which houses the Bearcats' two men's basketball national championship trophies (above) and the James P. Kelly Athletics Hall of Fame (above right).

CATAPULT

BIG EAST Championships in every sport within the next five years, continued leadership by UC student-athletes in academics, and community engagement are the main goals of CATAPULT, an action plan for University of Cincinnati athletics unveiled by Director of Athletics Mike Thomas.

Thomas' five-year vision for UC's 18-sport intercollegiate program was launched on the six-month anniversary of his hiring as AD. The plan focuses on three main initiatives: winning BIG EAST team championships, high-level academic achievement, and a comprehensive integration with the Greater Cincinnati Community.

CHAMPIONSHIPS:

UC will win a BIG EAST championship in every sport within the next five years. The Bearcats picked up their first BIG EAST championship in 2006 as the men's soccer team captured the regular-season title.



CATAPULT

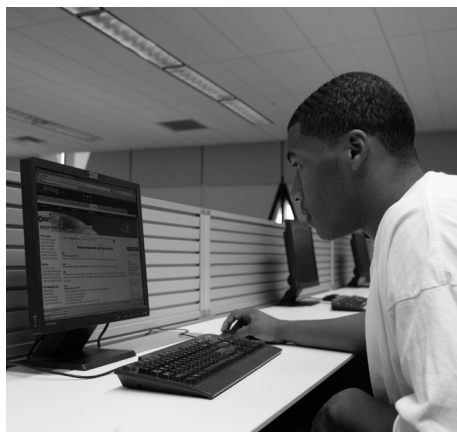
CHAMPIONSHIPS ... ACADEMICS ... TOGETHER

"It is critically important for our student-athletes, past, present and future, along with our coaches, staff, alumni and fans to know that we are 100 percent committed to being a championship program within the BIG EAST," said Thomas. "Setting specific goals will keep

all of our stakeholders focused on where we need to go. The title of the program, CATAPULT, is truly symbolic of what our department is poised to do over the next five-years which is to leap over the rest of the BIG EAST, all the way to the top."

ACADEMICS:

UC student-athletes will set the pace academically by continuing to lead the general student body in graduation rates and over a five-year period outperform the general student body in grade point average. UC student-athletes are graduating at a 61 percent rate, exceeding the 48 percent rate of the school's general student body and is on par with the national student-athlete rate of 62 percent. In the most recent compilation of grade point averages, UC student-athletes posted an accumulated grade point average of 2.90 while the overall GPA of the UC student body was 3.04.



TOGETHER:

UC student-athletes, coaches and staff will respect and honor the privilege of competing as Cincinnati Bearcats. All participants recognize that UC's goals cannot be achieved without engaging the UC family and the Cincinnati community.

