

## **Nelson Recreation Center & Pepin Gymnasium *Renovation***

The Nelson Recreation Center, formerly Nelson Arena, and Pepin Gymnasium were renovated soon after the construction of the *Chip Kenyon '85 Arena*. Nelson Arena and Pepin Gymnasium were built on campus in 1949. The original structure, a hangar from an Air Force base in Rome, NY, was shipped in pieces to Middlebury where it was reassembled. The decision to renovate was influenced by the remarkably good condition of the wood structure and copper roof, and a cost comparison of renovation vs. the cost of new multipurpose facilities of this size at other colleges.

The major components of the Nelson renovation were a new sports floor, a skylight that runs the length of the roof ridge, and a new climbing wall. The interior lighting system and controls were upgraded; and offices, changing rooms, and storage rooms were created using existing spaces.

Pepin Gymnasium received a new floor, a skylight, and a new entrance. New bleachers, light fixtures and an improved ventilation system were also installed.

The renovated Nelson Recreation Center hosts intramural sports, in addition to providing a venue for social events at the College.



*Pepin Gymnasium*



*Nelson Recreation Center*

### [History of the Nelson Recreation Center.](#)

<b>Completed:</b>	2003
<b>Total Square Footage:</b>	Nelson Recreation Center    27,500 sf Pepin Gymnasium                16,218 sf
<b>Project Cost:</b>	\$3,400,000
<b>Project Manager:</b>	Tom McGinn
<b>Architect:</b>	Moser Pilon Nelson / Architects, LLC
<b>Construction Manager:</b>	MLB Industries Inc.