

Tuesday, December 2, 2008

Dear Colleagues,

As we near the completion date of the Dedmon Center renovation, I would like to take this opportunity to update you all on the status of this multi-million dollar overhaul of our state-of-the-art athletics facility.

Earlier this semester, we were able to move back into our athletic offices in Dedmon. Last month, our swimming and diving teams resumed their practice schedules in the natatorium. Barring no complications in the construction schedule, we will officially reopen the entire center January 21 with the return of men's basketball against VMI and women's basketball January 24 when it hosts Coastal Carolina.

The university administration and athletics department have been wrestling with the Dedmon Center usage policies once it reopens. Here at Radford, the number of student-athletes is growing – as is the reputation of our overall athletic program – and to help them excel in the top-tier Division I environment we believe that their development requires priority usage of the Dedmon Center.

That being said, the Radford swimming and diving team require use of the natatorium on a limited basis. Therefore, we can open the pool to Radford students, faculty and staff during hours specified by the swim and dive coaches. In addition, we have enough flexibility to offer swim memberships to the general public. Public hours and swim memberships will be published within the next week.

The natatorium will be available to Radford students, faculty and staff beginning Monday, December 8, 2008. Please see the attached schedule for the hours of operations.

I certainly appreciate your understanding of these changes to the Dedmon Center usage policy. Thank you for your support, and go Highlanders!

Robert Lineburg  
Athletic Director