University Recreation

University Recreation is committed to creating healthy environments that engage students and the University community in learning and personal development. As the administrator of the Student Recreation Center (SRC), the department caters to a diverse population of internal and external patrons, as well as regional and state organizations.

University Recreation continues to contribute to WMU’s ability to recruit and retain students, faculty and staff by offering programs and services that meet the needs and expectations of this constituency.

During Fall 05 and Spring 06, over 330,894 patrons utilized the SRC engaging in some form of leisure activity. Through survey assessment, 91% of respondents indicated that utilizing the SRC positively impacts quality of life.

University Recreation employs 7 professional staff and 178 students who support the vision for a positive, healthy and active lifestyle through recreational programs and services.

- 13,000 participated in various Fitness and Wellness programs provided by University Recreation
- Intramural Sports offered 32 different sports ranging from Arena Football to Ultimate Frisbee with 6,568 participants
- 240,000 square feet of activity space accommodated a series of rentals and sponsored events
- Facility is in operation 198 hours per week during the academic year

The Western Herald

The Western Herald is Western Michigan University’s student newspaper. The Herald is published Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during the fall and spring terms; Monday and Thursday during the Summer I term; and each Wednesday during the Summer II term. Throughout the year the Herald also publishes several special sections on topics of interest to students. Students at the Western Herald gain practical experience for careers in journalism, communications, website development, printing, graphic arts, design, advertising sales, business, management, and photography.

- During an academic year, more than 80 students are involved in publishing the Western Herald. Their commitment ranges from the editor, who averages 24 hours per week, to writers who may contribute one story per week. The paper averages 10 pages per issue.
- The Herald budget is approximately $550,000 annually, which is generated by student sales of classified and display advertising. The Herald receives no university funding.
- The Western Herald website, Western Herald Online, www.westernherald.com, has been publishing electronically since 1995.