

FORWARD PROGRESS

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RENDERING COURTESY OF OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY



During the groundbreaking ceremony for the 24,300-square-foot **MEEK AQUATICS AND RECREATION CENTER** (above), officials at **OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY** used an auger to demonstrate how more than 90 geothermal wells will be created to produce energy to heat and cool the building, and heat the water in the 10-lane, 25-yard pool. Situated on an 8.5-acre site on the southwest edge of the Battling Bishops' campus, the approximately \$10 million center will include a 13-foot diving well, 1- and 3-meter diving boards, offices and a multipurpose seminar room. Designed by Toledo, Ohio-based **THE COLLABORATIVE INC.**, the center is expected to open in fall 2010 ... The Collaborative Inc. also led the design of the **ALMA (Mich.) COLLEGE ARENA AND CONVOCATION CENTER**, for which ground was broken in May. The \$12.65 million project includes a 29,000-square-foot addition to the college's main indoor athletics building, the Hogan Center, as well as renovations to locker rooms, an athletic training suite, a natatorium, coaches' offices and classrooms. Sustainable strategies include the use of recycled content, light-pollution reduction, water-efficient landscaping and a reflective roof system. The new arena will feature seating for 2,430 spectators and a center-hung

scoreboard, and will be augmented by a 6,600-square-foot lobby. The facility is expected to open in August 2010... Although \$40 million has yet to be raised for the approximately \$132 million project (which will also add a new student center and a parking facility to the St. Paul, Minn., campus), work has begun on the \$52 million **UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS ANDERSON ATHLETIC AND RECREATION COMPLEX** (below). The 180,000-square-foot complex will feature an aquatics center with a 25-yard pool and seating for 250 spectators, a new athletic arena with seating for 2,000 that will be the home court for the Tommie basketball and volleyball teams, and cardiovascular and weight training areas for both athletes and the campus community at large. The building's second floor will feature an NCAA-regulation track-and-field facility, complete with a 200-meter track, as well as offices and labs for the university's Health and Human Performance Department. The complex also will house athletic department offices and video and meeting rooms. Designed by Minnetonka, Minn.-based **OPUS ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS** and St. Louis-based **HASTINGS & CHIVETTA ARCHITECTS INC.**, the complex is expected to open in fall 2010.



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Grand Openings

Following the vision of Joan Kroc — who bequeathed \$1.6 billion to The Salvation Army upon her passing in 2003 — the \$35 million **Coeur d'Alene (Idaho) Ray & Joan Kroc Corps Community Center** opened in May. (An additional \$35 million endowment will be used to offset operating costs.) The 123,000-square-foot center includes multiple major components: an aquatics center, a fitness

and recreation center, special event facilities, a center for worship and a performance hall. The aquatics center includes a 10-lane, 25-yard competition pool that is being used by four local high schools, and a separate 11,000-square-foot leisure pool. The fitness and recreation center features a multipurpose court with synthetic flooring, a 5,350-square-foot cardio and strength training area,



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an elevated track, a climbing wall and group exercise studios. The performance venue features seating for as many as 400 spectators, and other amenities

include a teen game room, an arts and technology classroom, party rooms, a childcare area, an indoor playground, a café and a recording studio for community use. ☐