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Campus Rec expands no-smoking area outside Rec Center

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"Over the 10 years of our operation we have received consistent complaints from students and members who have to walk through a haze of smoke right outside our front doors either on their way in to work-out or when they leave after using the variety of services in the facility," said Greg Jordan, director of Campus Recreation. "I can't think of a more unpleasant way to start or finish participation in our building that is designed to promote healthy lifestyles."

After consulting with students, staff and offices within the university, Jordan indicated that several institutions in Michigan have adopted smoking zones away from entrances to buildings.

"With OU's recent partnership with Beaumont Hospitals to establish a medical school, what better way to contribute to developing a healthy campus," Jordan said. "We're also beginning our third year of Shape Up OU, the employee wellness program. With 175 faculty and staff participants this year, creating a comfortable environment is critical to the success of each individual."

For more information on the Recreation Center, including the programs offered by Campus Recreation, visit the [Campus Recreation](#) Web site.

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