Before the Malley Center or the Leavey Center were constructed, students used the Seifert Gymnasium as their recreation facility. This picture shows how the Seifert Gymnasium and tennis courts used to be located on the complete opposite side of campus near O’Connor Hall and the Santa Clara Mission.
In the late 70’s the tennis courts were located where the current Pat Malley Fitness and Recreation Center is today. The tennis courts are now located in parking lot next to the Leavey Center. Bellomy Field has not been built yet, but will end up going where the factories are situated in the picture.
In 1985 Bellomy Field opened as the newly constructed intramural playing field. The field would continue to grow and take over the area where the factories are located in the picture.
Bellomy Field was able to expand because of street construction on the Alameda and El Camino Real Drive. This aerial map also shows how the location of the tennis courts are where the Malley Center currently is located today. Students and Athletes shared the Leavey Center as their recreation and athletics headquarters until the Pat Malley Fitness & Recreation Center was built.

Aerial Map from 1990
In 1999 the Pat Malley Fitness and Recreation construction began, and the tennis courts found their new home next to the Leavey Center. Campus Recreation and Varsity Athletics now have separate buildings, but both programs still shared Bellomy Field. Varsity softball and baseball used Bellomy Field for practices until new facilities were built for them.

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Aerial Map from 2001
Aerial Map from 2004

In 2004, we lost a small part of Bellomy Field to the Facilities Parking lot. Baseball and Softball stilled used the field for practice.
In 2008 the Sullivan Aquatic Center expanded and was completely renovated. SCU also installed solar panels on both the Pat Malley Fitness and Recreation Center and the Leavey Center in 2007. It is estimated that the 338-panel array reduces carbon dioxide emissions by up to 5,880 metric tons per year.

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The latest improvements to Campus Recreation facilities in 2012 were the installation of the 4.7 acres of synthetic turf from natural grass on Bellomy Field, new field lights which allows for extended use of the area, and moving the fence to just surround the field making the running track available to use all the time. We also lost more of Bellomy Field to softball’s future stadium that was completed in 2013.
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The Seifert Gymnasium was built in 1924 when SCU had an all male student population of 300. Its main facilities included a pool, basketball court, locker and shower rooms, and a lounge. The site of the Seifert Gymnasium later became the location for the Louis B. Mayer Theatre.
In 1975 the Leavey Center was still under construction and almost complete. It included three basketball courts, one lower court and two upper courts, racquetball courts, an indoor running track, a weight room in the basement, and the pool. From this picture you can see the factories are located where Bellomy Field is today.
Basketball Game in the Leavey Center 1985-1987

This basketball game was played on the facility’s lower court. There were bleachers on the second level on both sides that were able to push back and expose the two other basketball courts. Student and athletes used the Leavey Center as a place to be active and socialize.
Basketball Courts

Just like today, pick up basketball was a very popular activity on campus. This game was being played on one of the upper basketball courts. You can see the mesh and railing that separated the indoor running track from the courts. While this photo looks like it was taken outdoors, the Leavey Center’s bubble kept the everything inside – including the plants.
Indoor running track in the Leavey Center

Students had access to an indoor running track in the Leavey Center. The track was located on the second level of the Leavey Center, and they over looked the courts. Today we have a 0.43 running track surrounding Bellomy Field that students, faculty, and staff can use whenever it is available.
The Sullivan Aquatic Center used to be covered with a bubble just like the Leavey Center. There was concrete stadium seating on both sides of the pool. Patrons could only access the pool through the Leavey Center.
The Sullivan Aquatic Center’s bubble was removed. The pool used to be deep enough for a diving board and dive blocks. Since this photo we have flip the shallow and deep end of the pool and added new diving blocks to the opposite side of the pool.
Here is a picture of the Sullivan Aquatic Center after the Leavey Center was remodeled. There were no diving boards or blocks and the Lifeguards had no office. Students used the pool to swim laps and catch some sun in between classes.
The Sullivan Aquatic Center opened after renovations in October 2008. The pool is now 52 meters by 25 yards. In 2009, the lifeguard office was constructed and added to the pool deck. Seven lap lanes are regularly available for open recreation lap swimming and we have one shallow lane for water walking. In 2014 we added new dive blocks for the club swim team.
The Pat Malley Fitness & Recreation was a $8.8 million project that opened in September of 1999. Named after the late SCU football coach, the center is full with exercise machines, a 2,100 square foot multi-purpose room, men and women locker rooms, three full basketball courts, indoor and outdoor lounge area, and new offices for campus recreation staff.
When the Malley Center first opened the lobby was furnished with couches and chairs. Today the lobby has a Ping Pong table and leather benches that patrons can use.
Basketball Courts

These are the original basketball courts that Malley opened with.
Basketball Courts

After a visit to a NIRSA Conference in Texas, we decided to give our courts a face lift. We added the Campus Recreation logo to the center court and a “Santa Clara Red” alley that surrounds all three courts.
Weight Room

When the Malley Center first opened it had grey carpet flooring on both sides of the weight room. Since then we have replaced the grey carpet with black carpet on the cardio side of the weight room and a black and red flooring on the free weights side of the weight room. We have also upgraded many of our exercise machines.
During Summer the Club Sports Training Room is converted into the Bronco Kidz All Sport Camp Office. Inside they put two computers, book shelves, and other camp supplies to help make the camp run more smoothly. Moving the camp office to the front of the Malley Center allows for easier access to the camp directors for coaches, campers, and parents.