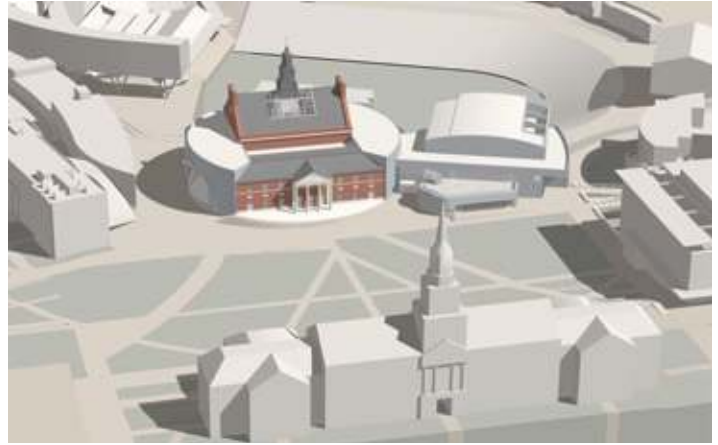


## University of Cincinnati

Tangeman University Center  
Cincinnati, Ohio



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The Tangeman University Center is a key component of a major initiative to redevelop the University of Cincinnati's campus core. As the centerpiece of the revitalized central campus, the rehabilitated student center manifests the University's expressed commitment to design excellence as a means of enriching the educational experience, increasing enrollment, and improving overall competitiveness.

The transformation and expansion of the center, a 1935 neo-Georgian campus landmark, significantly expands and updates the students' facilities. The center now provides student lounges, a food court and dining area, a movie theater, an expanded campus bookstore, a multi-purpose great hall, meeting rooms, a game room, a café, a restaurant and the central campus kitchen.

The renovation preserves several of the landmark's historic elements including the façade facing the central commons, the original shed roof and its distinctive cupola. Its expansion was accomplished by wrapping the building in a circular form, which mediates disparate context and topography, and by replacing a previous addition with a new, more efficient structure.

The primary organizing element is a new, three-story skylit atrium, a dramatic space where students can see and be seen. The

center's circulation core is an open stairway rising in the middle of the atrium, which was created by cutting through the building's floors and stripping the central area to its structural elements. Glazing replaces much of the original gabled roof, flooding the atrium with natural light and exposing the original cupola above.

The upper floor houses a conference center with flexible meeting spaces arranged around the new atrium. Beneath the new skylight at the quadrangle level of the atrium, an open lounge provides a place for informal meetings and performances. Additionally, this level offers computer stations where students can work in an informal social setting.

On the Main Street level, a student dining lounge adjoining a food court features a two-story glazed wall overlooking the stadium. The dining facility surrounds a 200-seat theater, which occupies the bottom of the atrium with direct access off the new Main Street pedestrian promenade. The lower level of the student center houses a game room and provides access to the newly created Stadium Plaza.

The new south wing houses the relocated campus bookstore, a restaurant, the central campus kitchen, and a new multi-purpose great hall accommodating up to 1,000 people for various events.

1 Aerial view of McMicken Commons prior to renovation and expansion

2 New Student Center with quadrangle



*View from McMicken Commons*



*View from McMicken Commons*



*View from Main Street*



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Tangeman University Center



*Aerial view*



*View from Main Street*





*Dining commons*



*View of atrium from dining level*





*Great Hall showing projection booth and entry foyer off terrace*



*Great Hall*



*Student meeting room gallery*

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Tangeman University Center

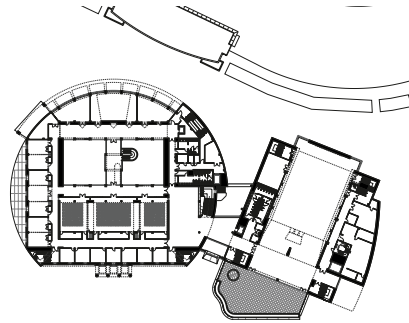
### Key Project Information

- food court/dining area
- cyber lounge
- atrium/ casual seating area
- 200 seat movie theater
- game room
- 3-story central atrium
- great hall, multi-purpose space
- multiple flexible meeting rooms
- central campus bookstore
- café
- new outdoor plaza connection to sports stadium

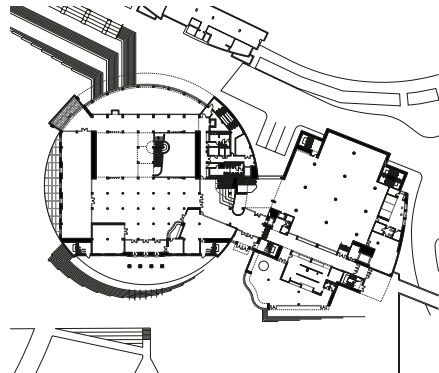
- completion      Phase I: 2003  
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- gsf                180,000

### Recognition

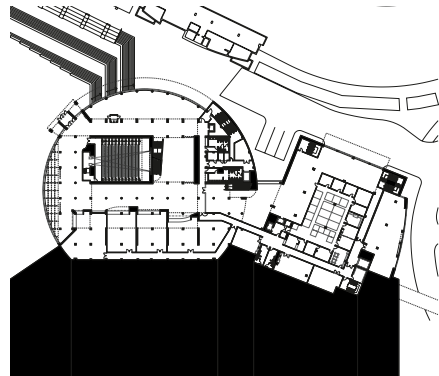
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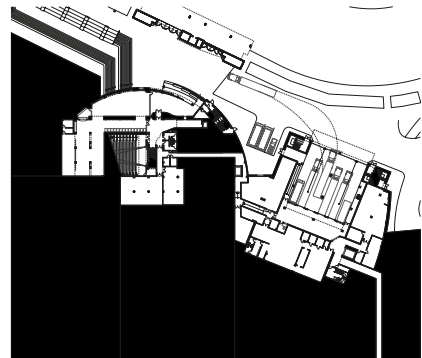
*Fourth level plan*



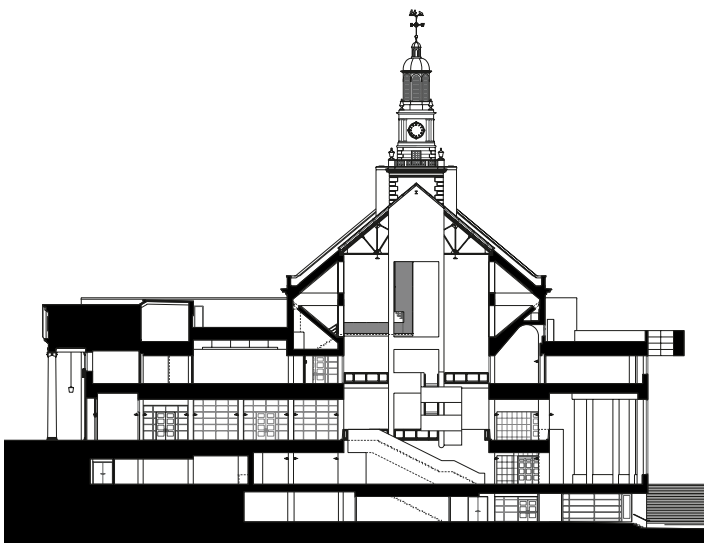
*Quad level plan*



*Main Street level plan*



*Stadium level plan*



*Transverse section North wing*