

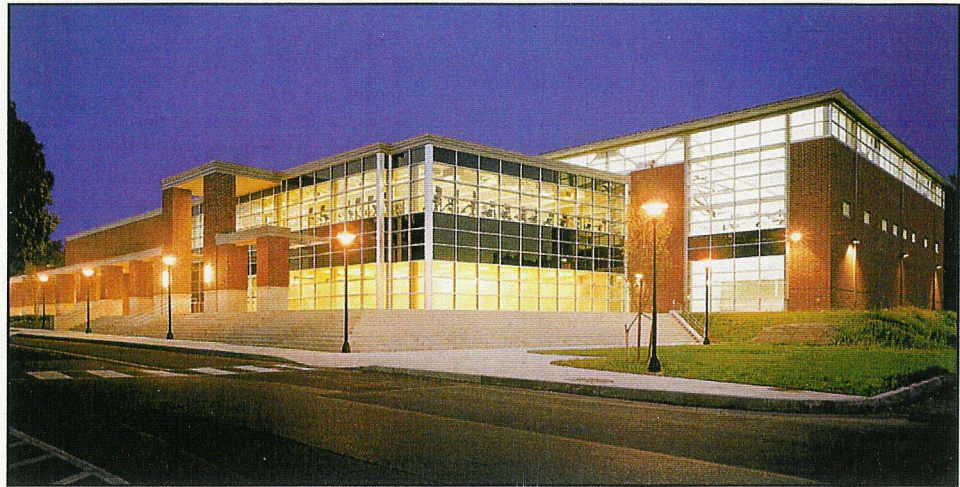
# EAST STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY STUDENT RECREATION CENTER

East Stroudsburg, Pa.

For its new student recreation center, East Stroudsburg University envisioned spaces that would support fitness and wellness while providing a safe, secure environment for students. The university also wanted the new building, the first in its long-range campus plan, to set the tone for subsequent campus architecture. The resulting 59,000-square-foot, student-friendly facility presents an elegant and uplifting face to the campus.

The exterior features traditional forms with brick and stone details. To add visual excitement day and night (and allow for energy-saving natural daylighting), expansive glass walls highlight the front facade and a linear skylight illuminates the main promenade. The expansive glass curtainwall draws attention to the building, providing a glimpse of the activities taking place within. As a result, the building seems alive with motion. Complementing the curtainwall is the monumental entry stair, which does double duty as the primary access to the building and a gathering place for students.

Inside, the building boasts a variety of recreational amenities, including a fitness center, a dance/aerobics room, and racquetball/squash courts. The multipurpose gymnasium fea-



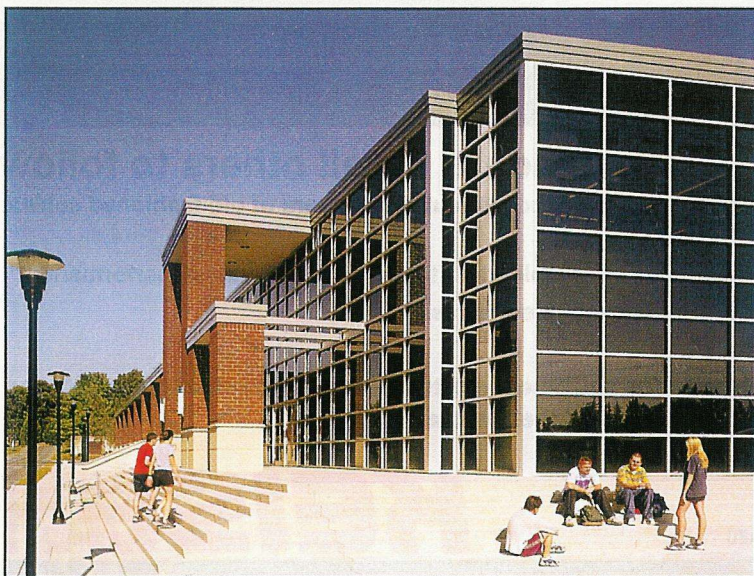
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tures four courts that can be segmented via motorized divider curtains. Clerestories line the walls of the gym, allowing natural light into the space. To provide lighting conducive to sporting events, fixtures are directed upward to the white acoustical metal deck.

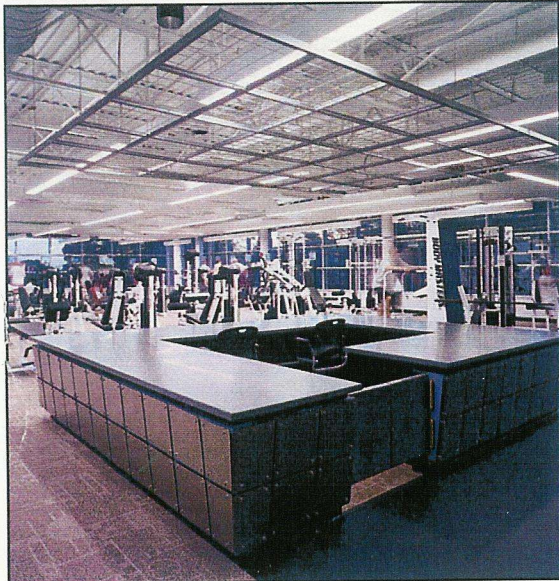
Interior walls of transparent glass create an open aesthetic and allow easy supervision of the numerous activity areas from the central lobby and control desk. The central promenade encourages students to relax, enjoy a snack from the juice bar, and observe activities in the multipurpose space and racquet courts.



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*MODERN, INDUSTRIAL ACCENTS CONVEY STRENGTH WITHIN THE FITNESS CENTER.*



*THE MULTIPURPOSE GYMNASIUM'S FOUR COURTS INCORPORATE BOTH NATURAL AND INDIRECT LIGHTING.*



*THE CENTRAL PROMENADE ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO RELAX, ENJOY A SNACK FROM THE JUICE BAR AND OBSERVE ACTIVITIES IN THE MULTIPURPOSE SPACE AND RACQUET COURTS.*

**Architect of Record:**  
Spillman Farmer Architects  
Bethlehem, Pa.

**Design Consultant:**  
HNTB Architecture  
Boston, Mass.

**Cost:** \$7.6 million  
**Square Feet:** 58,975  
**Occupancy:** June 2003