

PORTSMOUTH ABBEY SCHOOL SQUASH & FITNESS CENTER

Portsmouth, R.I.

Portsmouth Abbey School is situated on 500 acres along the scenic shores of spectacular Narragansett Bay and boasts an enrollment of 340 students in grades nine through 12. Founded in 1926 by Catholic Benedictine monks and embodying a classical curriculum steeped in history and tradition, the coed school also embraces the importance of physical activity, with 23 varsity and 38 athletic teams in 20 different sports.

School officials wanted to enhance the athletic, recreational and leisure offerings available to students and faculty, as well as provide opportunities within the community for summertime activities such as squash camps. Located next to the existing student center and overlooking playing fields and

an outdoor track, the new Squash & Fitness Center features a combination of gray cedar siding, gray split-faced concrete block, fieldstone and light green-tinted glass — allowing it to seamlessly blend with the existing stone accents and architecture found elsewhere on campus.

Visitors to the one-story facility step into a spacious lobby with quarry-tile flooring, recessed lighting and an abundance of large windows that provide natural light. From the lobby, visitors are treated to interior views of the fitness center on the left-hand side of the building and squash courts on the right.

The school's maroon-and-black color theme is carried throughout the flooring, carpeting, finishes, trim and accents.



THE ONE-STORY SQUASH & FITNESS CENTER FEATURES A COMBINATION OF GRAY CEDAR SIDING, GRAY SPLIT-FACED CONCRETE BLOCK, FIELDSTONE AND LIGHT GREEN-TINTED GLASS.



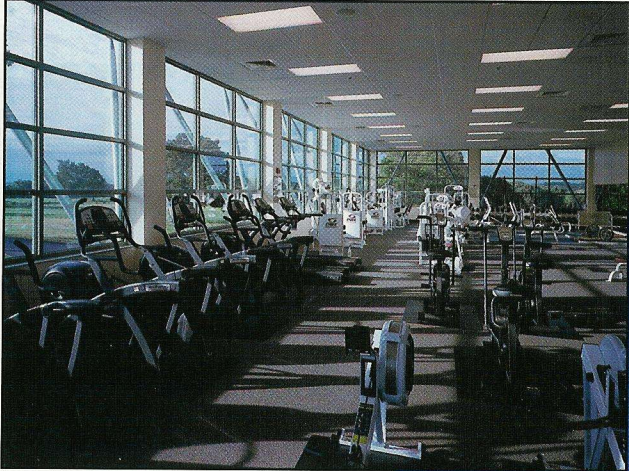
THE MAIN LOBBY'S LOUNGE SERVES AS A CENTRAL MEETING PLACE, AND GUESTS CAN STORE THEIR PERSONAL BELONGINGS IN NEARBY "CUBBIES."



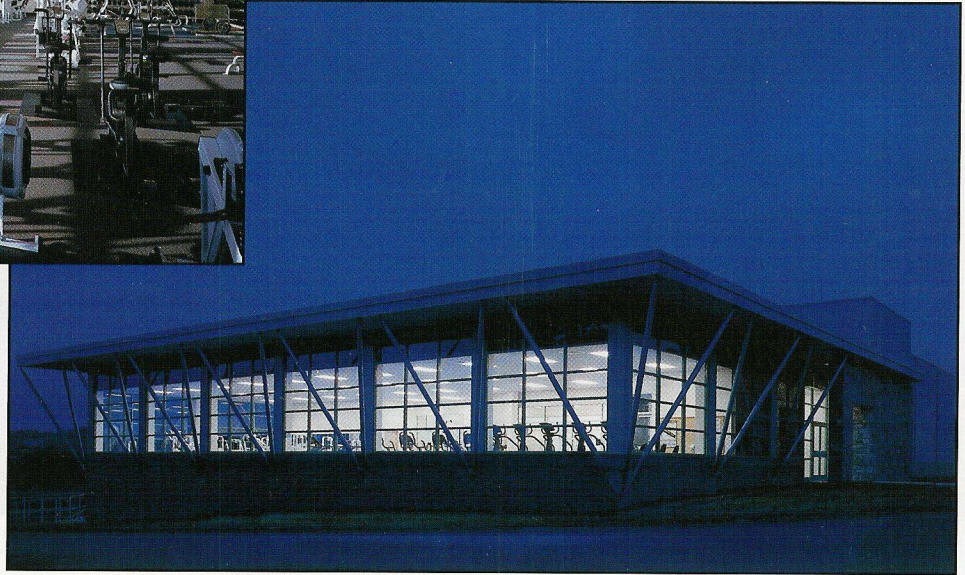
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THE LARGE FITNESS CENTER FEATURES GLASS ON THREE SIDES, OFFERING SPECTACULAR EXTERIOR VIEWS OF NARRAGANSETT BAY TO THE WEST AND ROLLING COUNTRYSIDE AND PLAYING FIELDS TO THE NORTH.



SEVEN INTERNATIONAL SQUASH COURTS, ONE COMBINATION INTERNATIONAL SQUASH/RACQUETBALL COURT AND PORTABLE SPECTATOR SEATING FLANK THE LOBBY.



Architect of Record:
Stanmar Inc.
Sudbury, Mass.

Cost: \$3.17 million
Square Feet: 18,700
Occupancy: April 2004