

# JEANETTE AND EDMUND T. PRATT, JR. RECREATION CENTER LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY-C.W. POST CAMPUS

Brookville, N.Y.

The eighth-largest private university in the United States, Long Island University has six campuses in New York State, plus seven international extension sites. One of its New York campuses, C.W. Post, boasts an enrollment of approximately 11,000 students and is located on the north shore of Long Island. The school had outgrown its existing athletic and recreational facility, Conolly Gymnasium, constructed in 1961. The 77,100-square-foot Jeanette and Edmund T. Pratt, Jr. Recreation Center now accommodates those needs, quickly becoming the campus' centerpiece facility.

Visitors to the single-level recreation center (which is connected to the existing field house) first encounter a modern, red-brick exterior with a covered, columned walkway. A portico and dramatic pitched metal roof at the building's entrance are signature elements that carry into the lobby via a vaulted ceiling constructed of laminated wood trusses and decking, creating an impressive, airy space. This feeling of openness is further enhanced by soaring columns and clerestory windows, which allow for ample daylighting.

The lobby offers views into the cardiovascular fitness/weight room and natatorium on either side. Located left of the lobby, the fitness room houses a variety of cardio and strength-train-

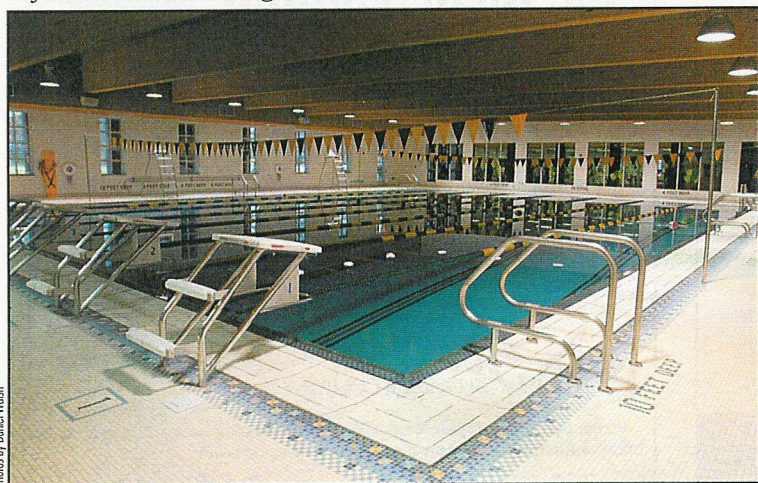


VISITORS TO THE SINGLE-LEVEL RECREATION CENTER FIRST ENCOUNTER A MODERN, RED-BRICK EXTERIOR WITH A COVERED, COLUMNED WALKWAY.

ing equipment, a free-weight area and a small office. To the lobby's right is the natatorium, which features an eight-lane, 25-yard lap pool, a chair lift, an aquatic director's office, a pool storage room, and electrical and mechanical rooms. At the far end of the lobby is a large multipurpose room accommodating aerobics classes, a concessions area and two racquetball courts. Across the hall from these spaces is the gymnasium, which includes three full-size wood courts for basketball and volleyball, 3,500 bleacher seats, a batting cage and a stairwell leading to an elevated jogging track.



ABUTTING THE FITNESS ROOM ARE OFFICES FOR INTRAMURAL RECREATION DEPARTMENT STAFF.



THE NATATORIUM FEATURES AN EIGHT-LANE, 25-YARD LAP POOL, A CHAIR LIFT, AN AQUATIC DIRECTOR'S OFFICE AND A POOL STORAGE ROOM.

Photos by Daniel Walsh



FEATURING A VAULTED WOOD CEILING, THE LOBBY IS AN IMPRESSIVE, AIRY SPACE AND IS FURTHER ENHANCED BY SOARING MASONRY COLUMNS AND CLERESTORY WINDOWS.

THE GYMNASIUM INCLUDES THREE FULL-SIZE WOOD COURTS FOR BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL, 3,500 BLEACHER SEATS, A BATTING CAGE AND A STAIRWELL LEADING TO AN ELEVATED JOGGING TRACK.



LOCATED LEFT OF THE LOBBY, THE FITNESS ROOM HOUSES A VARIETY OF CARDIO AND STRENGTH-TRAINING EQUIPMENT, A FREE-WEIGHT AREA AND A SMALL OFFICE.

**Architect of Record:**

Stanmar Inc.  
Sudbury, Mass.

**Cost:** \$13.25 million

**Square Feet:** 77,100

**Occupancy:** April 2002