

THE BUZZ ON BIZZELL

A grand entry plaza centered between an active scrim of existing live oaks welcomes students into the new recreation center. The perforated metal scrim at the entry continues the dynamic expression of the live oaks along Bizzell.



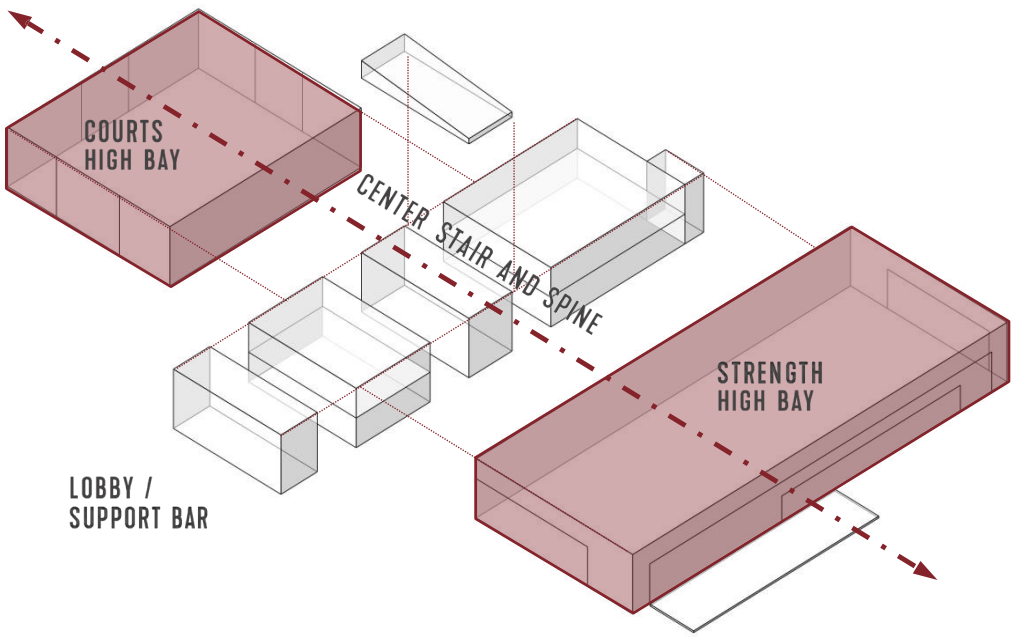


INTEGRATED WITH THE SITE

The building and site work in harmony as the west canopy (left) engages the campus pedestrian paths while preserving the live oaks. A large fitness terrace along the south overlooks the detention area filled with native grasses.

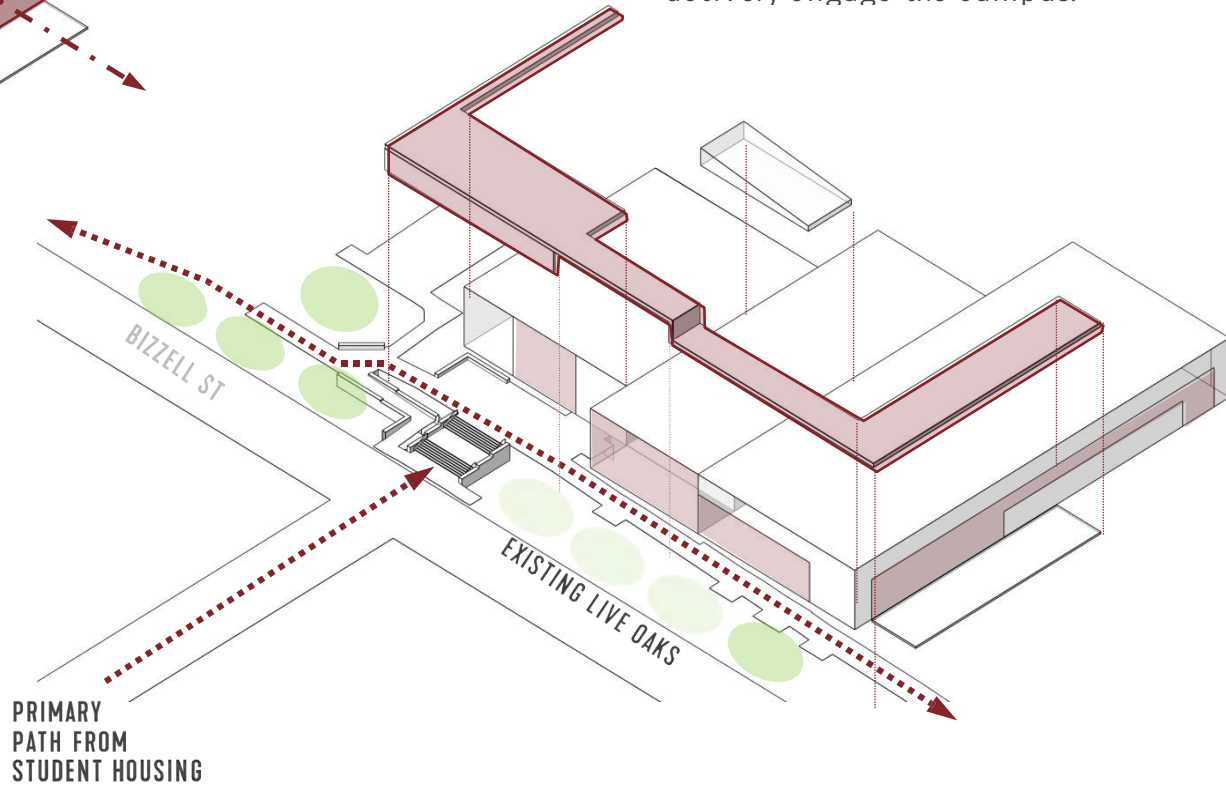
CONCEPT

PROGRAM PARTI: THE SPLIT HIGH BAY



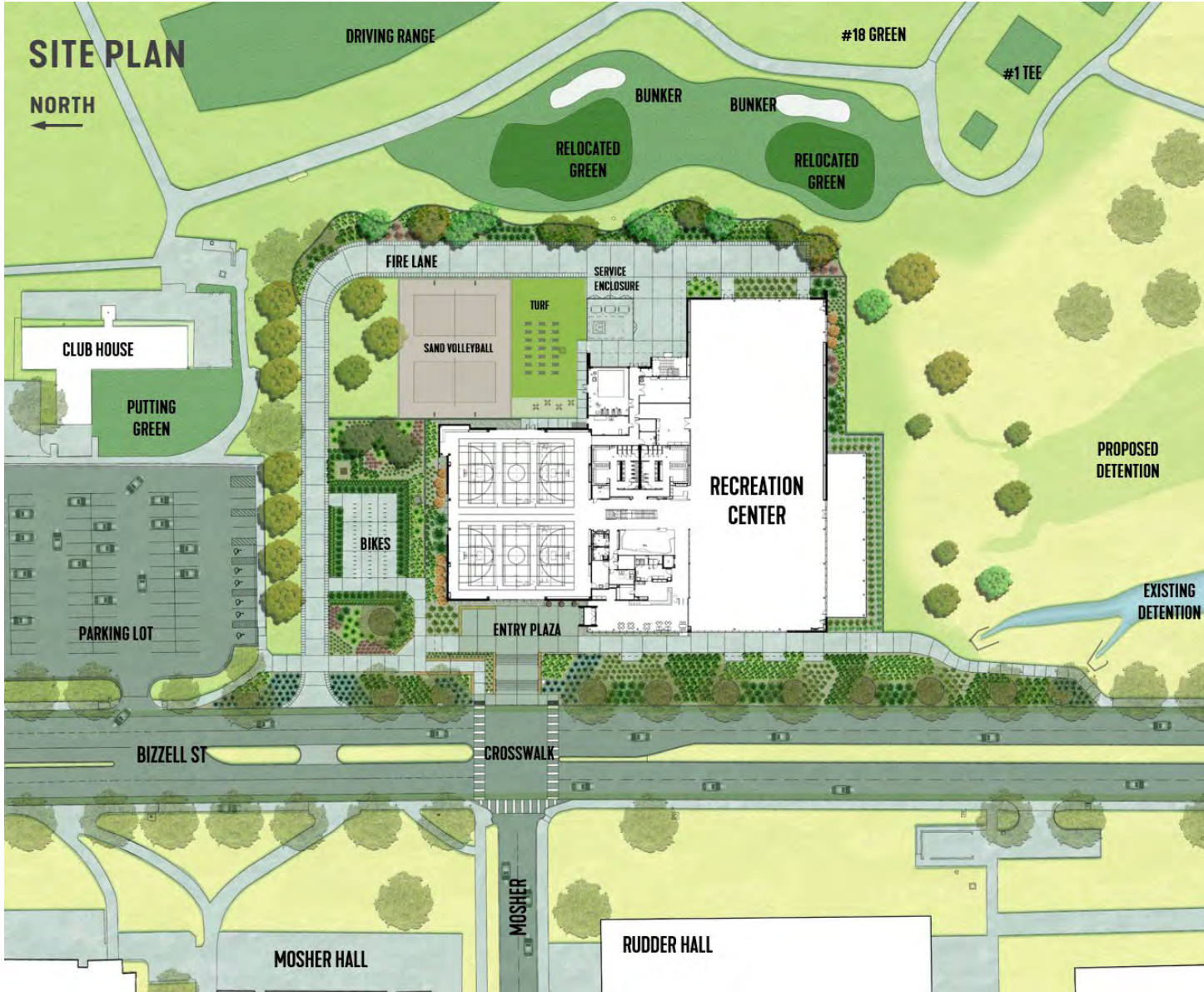
THE ACTIVE BIZZELL EDGE

Canopy and live oaks work together to shade the west façade's "windows to wellness" as site and architecture merge to actively engage the campus.



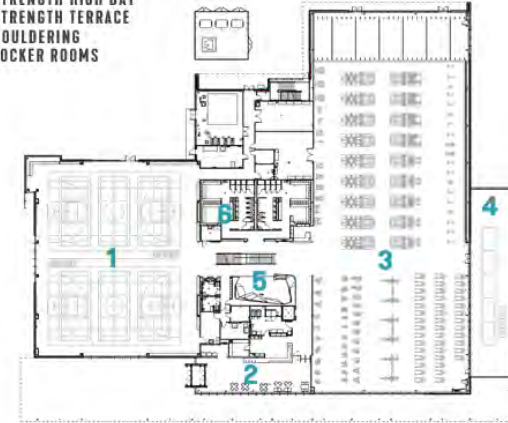
LAYERS OF MOVEMENT

Groups of plantings reflect the movement of the existing live oaks and provide a dynamic base that controls rainwater run-off. A bioswale around the bikes gathers water and distributes it to the proposed detention to the south. The east landscape provides a subtle buffer to the relocated practice greens and campus golf course.



LEVEL 1

- 1 MULTI-PURPOSE COURTS
- 2 ENTRY AND CONTROL DESK
- 3 STRENGTH HIGH BAY
- 4 STRENGTH TERRACE
- 5 BOULDERING
- 6 LOCKER ROOMS



LEVEL 2

- 7 GROUP EXERCISE STUDIO
- 8 CARDIO MEZZANINE
- 9 OFFICES



CELEBRATING THE LIVE OAKS

The design celebrates the existing live oaks as the site and building work with the location and rhythm of the trees.





ENTRY PLAZA

The large canopy provides shade and covers the main entry plaza, which functions as a campus “front porch” where students can gather and host events.



AGGIE MAROON

The Aggie maroon reinforces the main control and secondary desks into the strength and conditioning high bay (right).



MAX OUT

The branded strength and conditioning high-bay space is designed for maximum equipment layout functionality: a simple rectangle measuring 100'x200'.



VISUALLY CONNECTED

The center stair and mezzanine strategically connect the two large programs of the strength and conditioning high bay and the courts. A center clerestory delivers natural light to the heart of the building.



FITNESS TERRACE

The popular exterior fitness terrace affords students a variety of spaces to warm up, cool down, or focus on their functional workout.



CENTER COURT

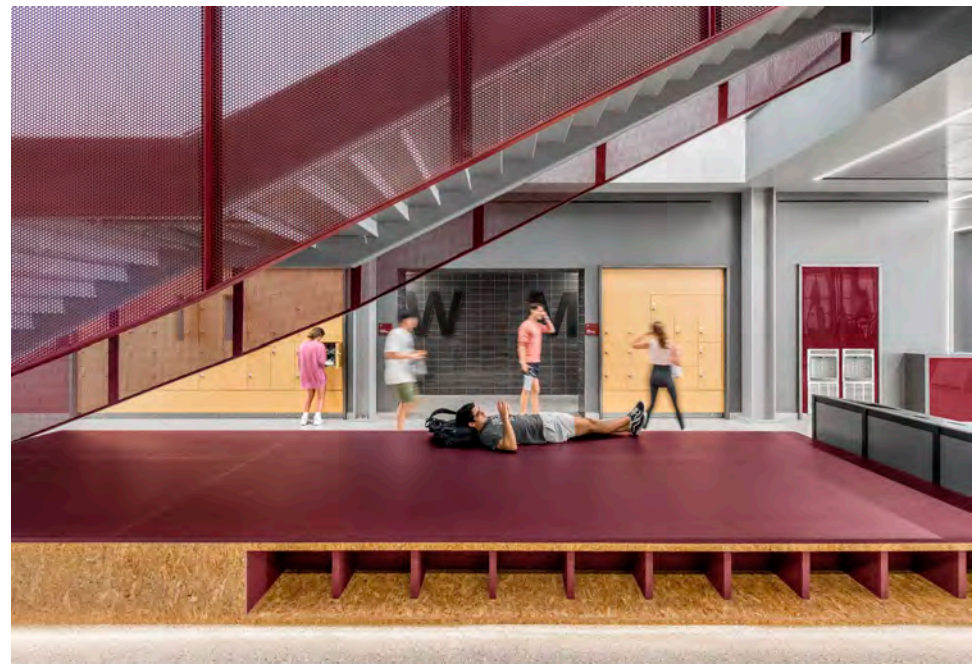
Two multi-purpose courts openly engage with the building's center stair/clerestory, locker rooms, bouldering wall, and elevated studio and cardio mezzanine.



FITNESS MEZZANINE

The cardio mezzanine overlooks the strength and conditioning high bay. The group exercise room engages the mezzanine on the left and the basketball courts to the right.





VIBRANT HUB

The center stair creates a casual social hub activated by the bouldering wall, adjacent bench, and access to day-use lockers and locker rooms.

LOCKER ROOM

Circulation paths crafted for visual privacy eliminate the need for doors and are activated by wayfinding graphics and lighting.



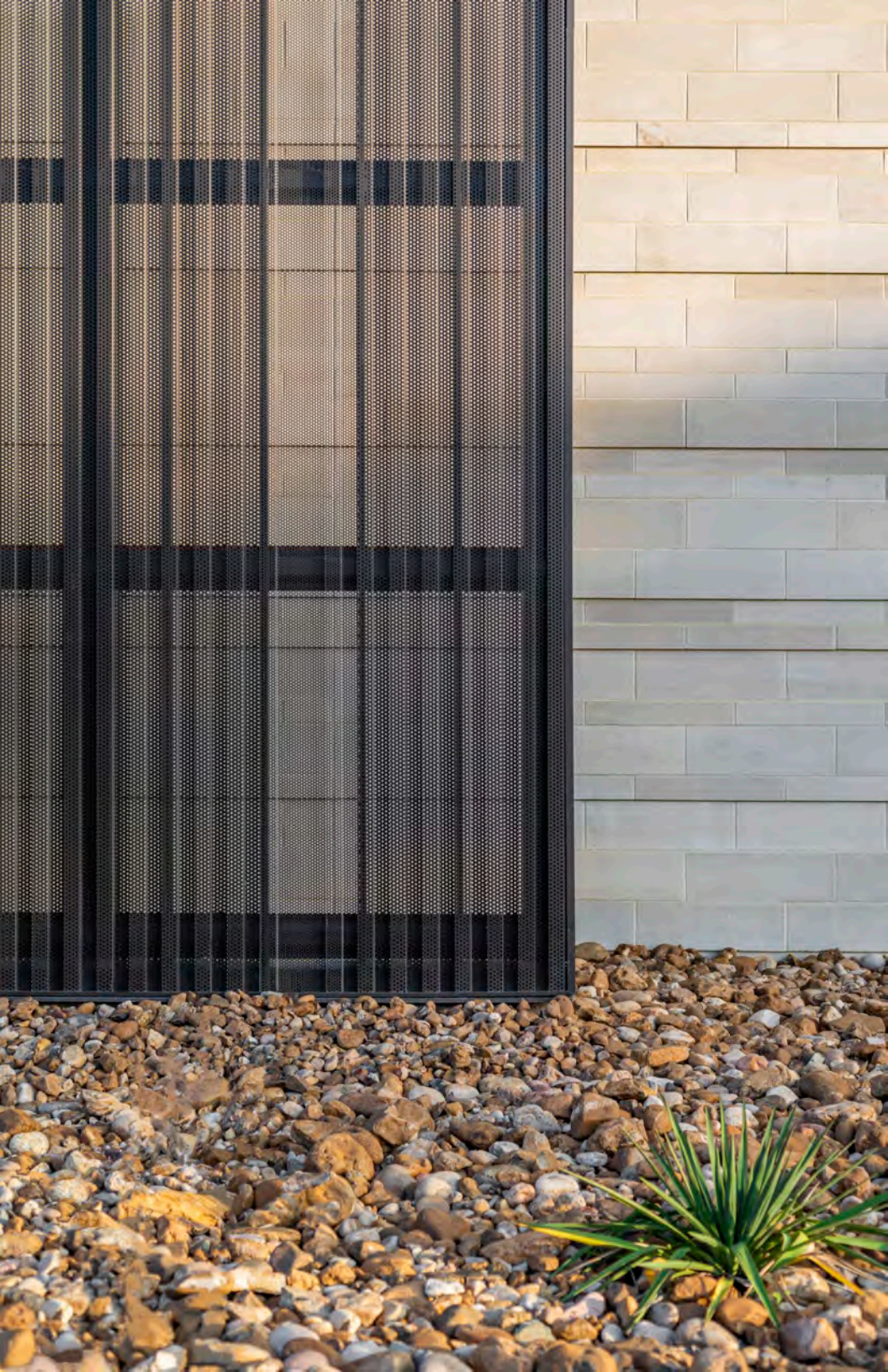
BASE. MIDDLE. TOP.

In alignment with the campus master plan, the new recreation center crafts the tactile experience of how the building touches the ground and sky through varying depths and widths of limestone, ceramic frit, and metal ribs.



RHYTHM AND TEXTURE







CAMPUS PATHWAY

The campus pedestrian path engages with the building's architecture. Glazing along the path showcases the energetic program inside.



ENGAGING THE CAMPUS

The outdoor strength and conditioning terrace and canopy engage with the landscape, sidewalk and live oaks along Bizzell. The dense plantings provide a natural form of security to the terrace and control rainwater run-off on the sloping grades.