

Program Summary:

A new press box and suites building for a college football stadium to replace the former hurricane-damaged structure.

Program Statement:

This project replaces a facility that sustained irreparable damage during a major hurricane. The new structure extends farther north and south along the existing concrete stadium bowl, creating a stronger architectural connection to the larger stadium. Access is provided at Level 1, with dedicated elevator lobbies separating suite circulation from operational functions. An expansive storage room at the base provides storage for tables and chairs for the suites above, as well as meeting other athletic needs. The ground-level site was designed to enhance the fan experience on gameday by relocating the mechanical yard and providing a new entrance to the main stadium. Level 2 aligns with the top of the existing concrete bowl and provides booths for coaches, press, radio, operations, and TV cameras. Levels 3 and 4 house a total of 26 suites. Level 3 features a central double-height club room that will serve as a gathering space on game days, as well as for university functions throughout the year. Level 4 features a large exterior terrace offering sweeping views of the field, as well as the larger campus and city. The exterior celebrates the post-game procession with grand exterior stairs descending the building. Materials respond to the surrounding campus buildings while reinforcing the streamlined horizontal layout of the new structure. The project also includes improvements to the AV and Broadcast operations for the stadium.

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Building Area: (sf)
18,000

Cost per Square Foot:
Withheld

Construction Cost
Withheld

Date of Completion:
August 2025



Post-Hurricane Existing Building



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Public-Facing Facade

The previous press box included three floors of suites and an exterior film deck. Earlier phases of the project included demolition of the damaged press box, repairs to the concrete stadium, and replacement of damaged field lighting.

For the new press box, a more streamlined structure integrates into the existing stadium. The blue metal panels echo the materials of neighboring buildings, wrap down from the roof and clad the exterior stairs to create a dynamic façade, celebrating the post-game processional experience.

The dynamic façade creates a new landmark for the university, celebrating its recovery from the storm.



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Field-side Facade

Previously, suites and suite seating were enclosed in glass; the university expressed an interest in bringing the seating out into the open air to enhance the gameday experience.

The roof extends past the building envelope to protect the suite seating and other exterior spaces from sun and rain.

The film deck at the top of the concrete bowl (previously open-air) is enclosed in the replacement project, providing state-of-the-art environments for press, radio, operations, coaches, and TV production.



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View from the Field

The new building extends horizontally to be more cohesive with the existing stadium bowl; field lights are integrated into the structure.

Scope included monumental graphics and signage. A graphic at the top of the existing seating appears to emerge from the bowl, enhancing the connection to the existing stadium while contributing to an exciting fan environment.



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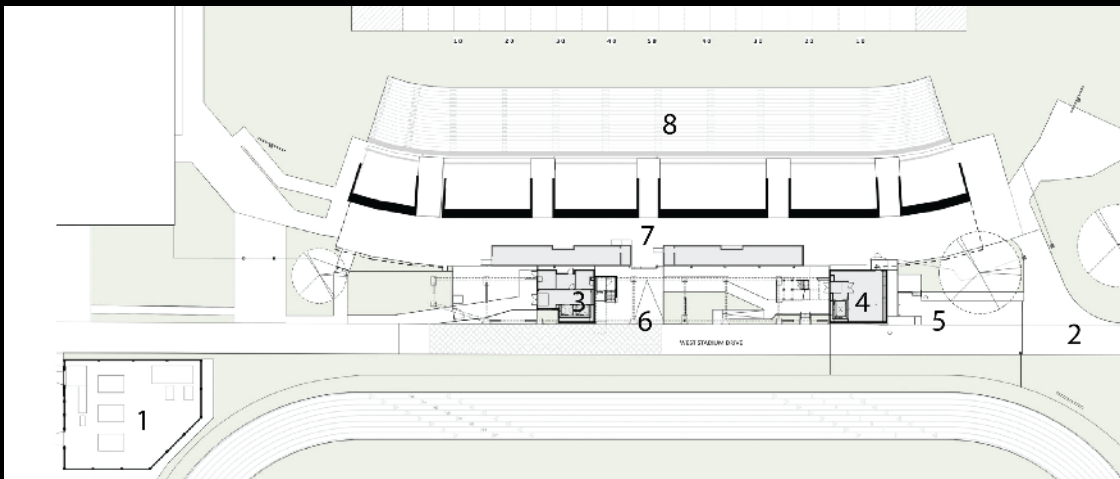
Overview and Site Plan

The new press box and suites building flanks the western edge of the existing stadium. The new building offers sweeping views of the surrounding city, and to the campus including track and baseball complexes to the west.

The new mechanical yard was relocated across the drive from its previous location next to the stadium to reduce noise and visual clutter.

The drive along the edge of the building, typically open for vehicular traffic, becomes a pedestrian-only entry path on gameday.

1. Mechanical Yard
2. Stadium Drive (pedestrian only on gameday)
3. Suite elevators
4. Service elevator
5. TV Broadcast Truck Dock
6. Stadium Entry
7. Stadium Concourse
8. Bowl Seating



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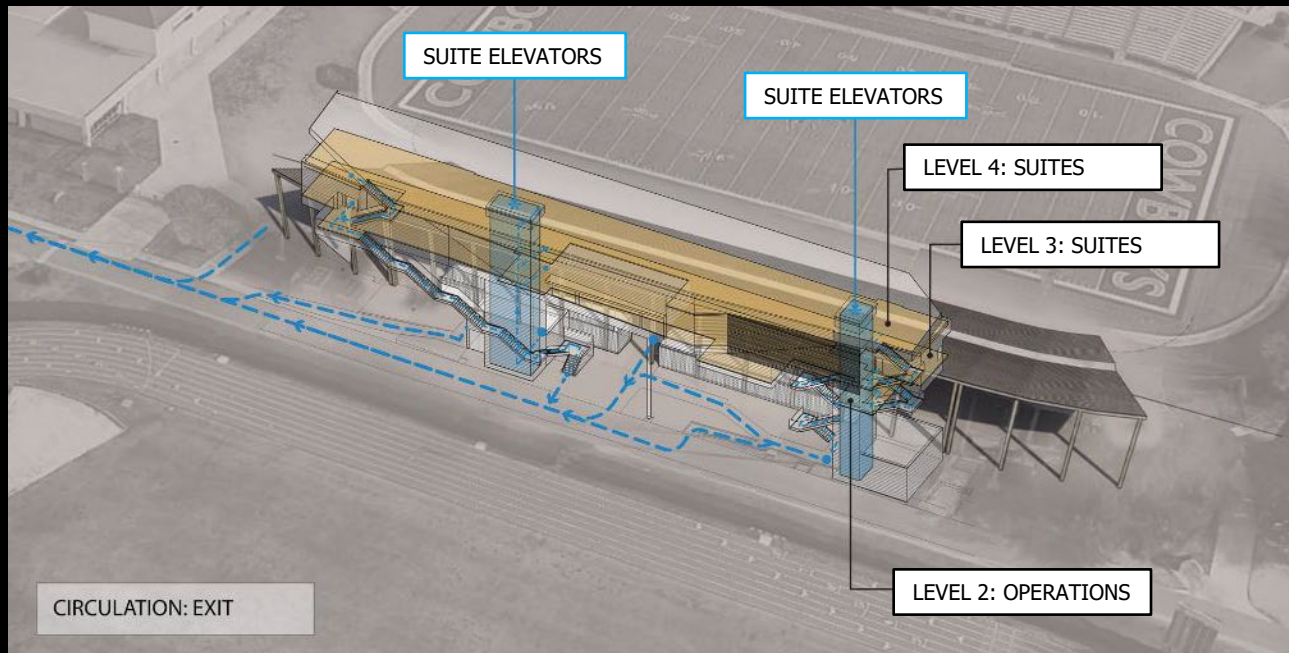
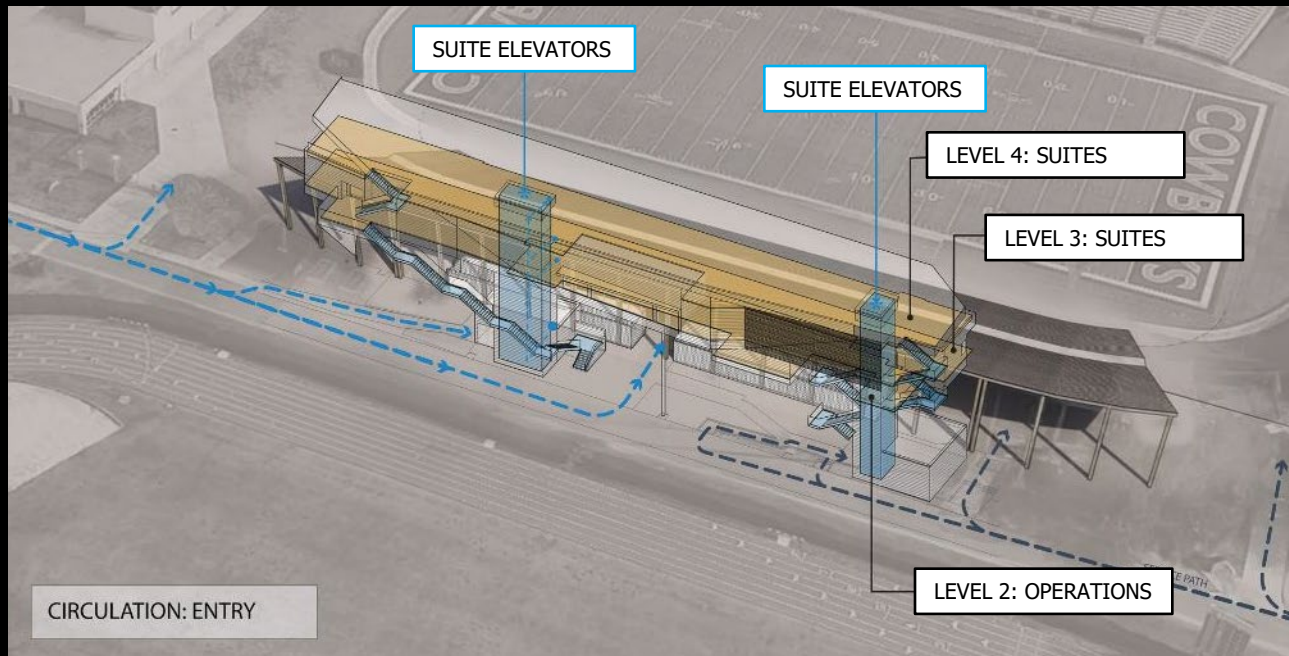
Circulation Diagrams

The project is oriented to accommodate fan access to the stadium from the university and parking areas to the north, and service access from the south.

Main entry to the suites is provided with a welcoming elevator lobby at ground level, while the service elevator has a separate lobby and entry connected to a storage room and the TV broadcast truck parking on the south end.

A new entry to the larger stadium is opened at the ground level in between the two elevators.

Stairs descending the building are easily accessed and celebrated to encourage and celebrate the post-game processional down to ground level and ease crowding on the elevators.



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View from West

Horizontality is emphasized with ribbed panels and an exterior deck and roof that extend toward the greater campus on the north end.

Stairs are expressed as celebratory processional elements, while elevators and the operations level are clad in neutral gray to further emphasize the suite levels as a horizontal element sweeping along the top of the stadium.

The central gathering space Club Room, to be used by the university throughout the year, is expressed in the large expanse of glass on Level 3, with views over the adjacent track-and-field and baseball complexes.



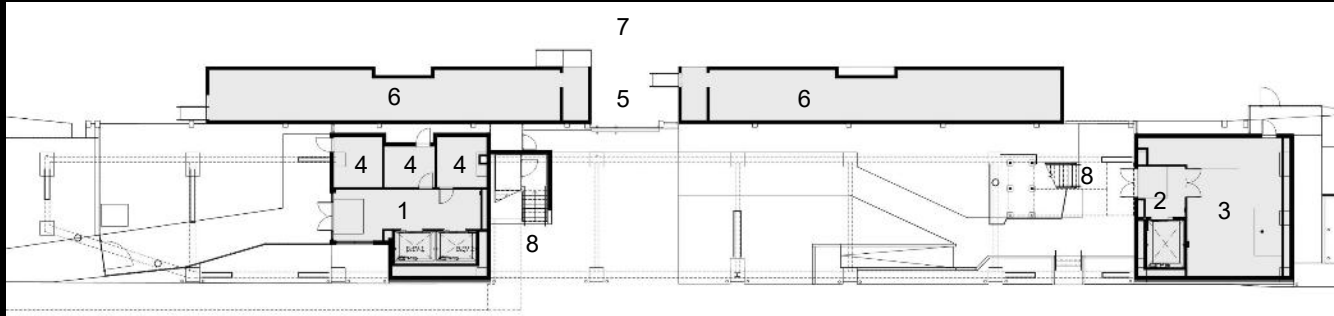
Left: Illuminated signage integrates into the exterior cladding as it wraps from the stair back toward the ground plane.

Right: View from stair landing toward club room glass showing subtle interplay of building planes.



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Level 1 Floor Plan



1. Suite Elevator Lobby
2. Service Elevator Lobby
3. Storage
4. Mechanical/Electrical
5. New entrance to main stadium
6. Existing stadium restrooms
7. Existing stadium concourse
8. Stair landings
9. Broadcast truck connection

The suite elevator lobby provides ample space for greeting amid rotating graphic displays.

Scope included graphics and wayfinding signage throughout the project.

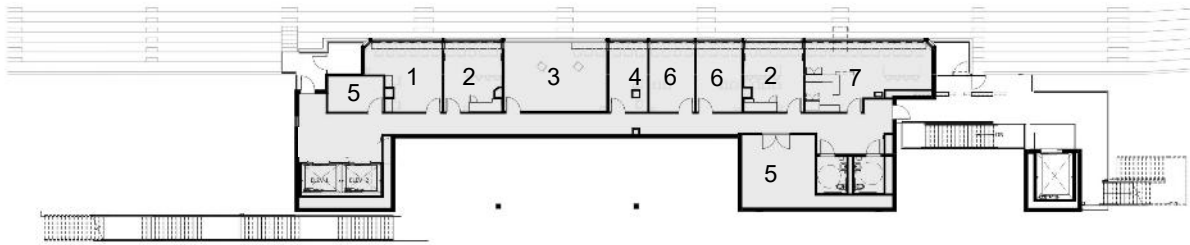


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Level 2 Floor Plan

- 1 Operations
- 2. Coach's Booth
- 3 TV Broadcast / Camera
- 4. Stats
- 5. Mechanical/Electrical
- 6. Radio
- 7. Press
- 8. Storage
- 9. Elevator Lobby

The broadcast booth features a tilt-up window to allow a clear line of sight for 50-yard line cameras.



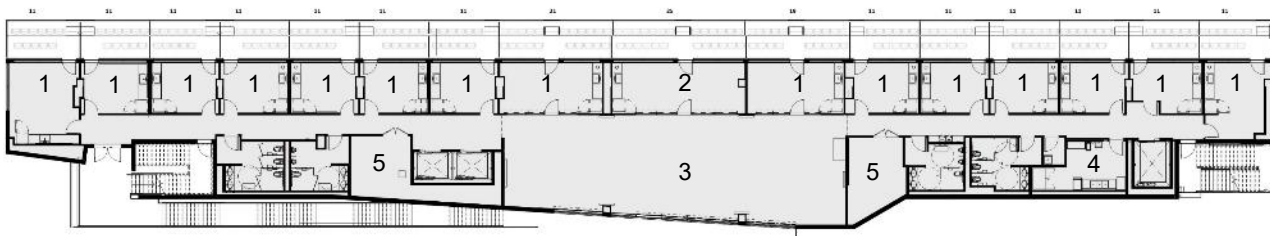
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Level 3 Suite Level Club Room & Floor Plan

The double-height club room provides a gathering space on gameday as well as for university functions throughout the year, with views out to the adjacent track-and-field and baseball complexes.

Restrooms, mechanical rooms, and food service preparation room are located on the side of the building facing away from the football field.

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1. Suite
2. Donor Suite
3. Club Room
4. Food Service
5. Mechanical

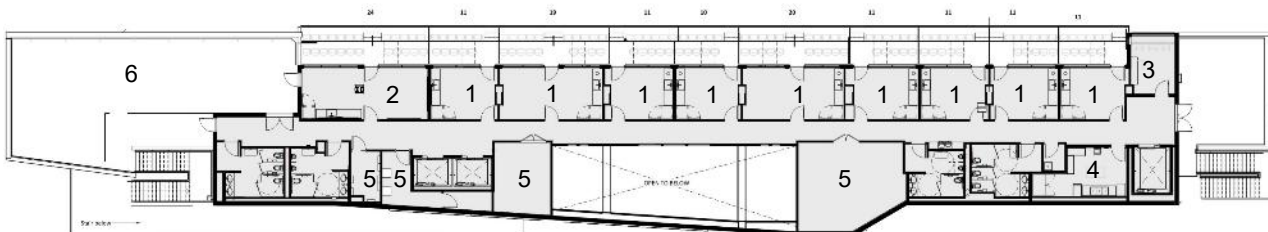
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Level 4 Suite Level North Terrace & Floor Plan

A terrace extends northward on the fourth floor with sweeping views to the university and parking area, creating a destination point visible from the approach.

The monumental stair descends from the terrace allowing for a celebratory post-game procession and alleviating pressure on the elevators.

Windows from the Level 4 corridor offer views into the double height Club Room space.



1. Suite
2. President's Suite
3. Replay Booth
4. Food Preparation
5. Mechanical/Electrical
6. North Terrace



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Suite Signage

Wayfinding signage includes pennant-inspired suite numbers visible along the ceiling plane.



Suites

Key suites have glass opening to the field as well as to the central club space to facilitate camaraderie and increase the flexibility for the use of the space as an event space beyond gameday.



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Suites

Suite finishes included rich dark-stained wood, custom signage, and tile in school colors.



Suite seating

Exterior seating creates a much livelier atmosphere compared to the previous interior seats. Overhangs protect the seating from rain and sun.