The intersection of the Academic Corridor with the social and recreational activities which converge at the high point wedge is an example of how the life of the campus may be influenced by design. North Campus should have physical spaces and symbolic aspects that integrate the site's natural elements, social and recreational life, and the academic mission of the University. (Figure 37).

**GATHERING SPACES**

Major gathering spaces are intended for casual, unprogrammed activities such as meeting, sitting, conversation, eating outdoors, Frisbee, touch football, or other informal activities. Programmed activities should link strongly to this point and reinforce the identity of the neighborhood for visitors as well. Programmed gathering spaces include RIMAC, the athletic fields and bleachers, formal use of the wedge amphitheater for rallies or concerts, volleyball and half-court basketball in the college quads—also the network of uses in lobbies, meeting rooms, commons and cafe should be apparent. These activities are organized much like an urban, active park (the Prado in Balboa Park for example), but in a less urban street-like manner than that intended for University Center.

Gathering spaces within the colleges should have their own identities with each college having its own major quad as a focus away from but connected to the ridge. Activities within the residential areas of the colleges can include recreational courts, seating and eating areas, open lawn recreation, meeting and media rooms and the provost/administrative offices.

The activity of North Campus can also draw from its proximity to the future Torrey Pines City Park and the beach for events and activities, as well as its proximity to the high profile research institutions to the north of campus. North Campus can easily establish an image for outreach through public events in its International Relations program or other graduate schools, cooperative programs with off campus institutions, events at RIMAC, and the symbolic role of the highpoint overlooking the Pacific and the mountains.
Informal Interaction

The amphitheater and field bleachers can be used for informal events. Nodes along ridge walk, and courtyards will serve for casual gatherings.

Programmed Activity and Events

RIMAC and the amphitheater may be used for major university-wide as well as neighborhood events. The office for the College provost should be located near the Central Square, the Commons, and the College Quad in College A and near the highpoint wedge open space in College B. College A may establish physical identity related to the traditional quad academic structure, the social sciences departments and Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies on the ridge. College B may be more related to facilities along the highpoint wedge and in North Point.