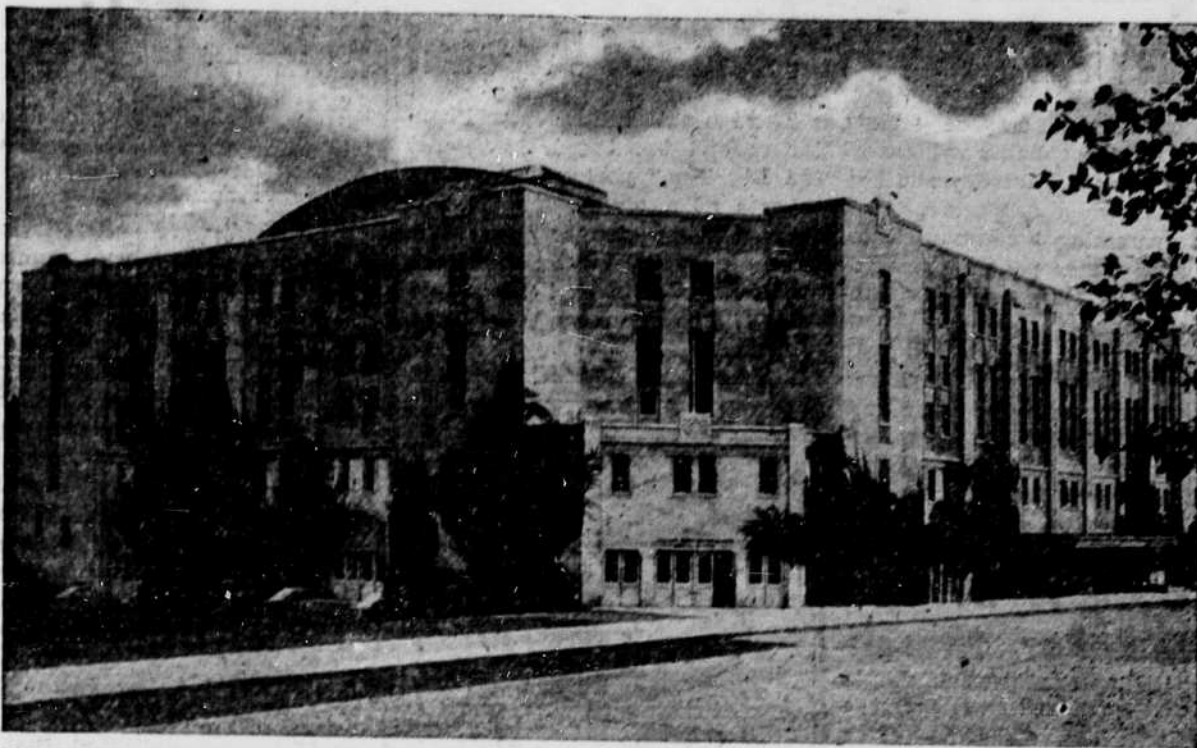


# McArthur Court



MCARTHUR COURT looked like this when it was completed in 1927. Except for a few minor changes—one of them a new neon sign in front—the court has kept the same general appearance. It will take on a new look in the near future, however, with the addi-

tion of new stairs, which will be built in the southwest and northwest corners of the building (front center in the picture). These new stairs will be enclosed with vertical metal siding, and will extend to the roof.

## Athletic Department Plans Changes in 'Igloo' Seating

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Seating capacity in McArthur court, University of Oregon's spacious basketball plant, will be increased to almost 10,000 before the 1954-55 hoop season.

Blueprints for the improvement call for several marked changes in both the inside and outside appearances of the pavilion.

Included in these changes are the removal of four of the posts supporting the roof; the addition of a new truss-type roof structure which requires only four corner posts; the addition of a two tier balcony; and the addition of stair wells which will extend up the outside of the building.

Cost of the remodeling will be somewhere between \$110,000 and \$130,000, according to Leo Harris, director of athletics. This is quite a contrast from the original costs of the building.

Construction on McArthur court was begun in the early 1920's. After several delays, the concrete and steel structure was completed in 1927, at a cost of approximately \$220,000.

### Many Improvements

Since 1927, an additional \$20,000 has been "poured" into the physical improvement of the plant. Most recent developments have been during the period between 1949 and 1953, when new "rollaway" bleachers were installed in the student sections and theatre type seats were installed in the east side and portions of the west and north balconies.

Altogether, over the last 27 years, the court has cost roughly \$240,000, which is "the best bargain Oregon has ever got" according to Art Litchman, Athletic news director.

Gill Coliseum, Oregon State college's ultra-plush basketball court, cost \$1,800,000 when it was constructed in 1949. It has a 10-500 seating capacity, but "seat for seat" it was built at a cost

six times higher than McArthur Court.

Present seating capacity of the university's hoop plant is 8,100, although 8,300 fans were crowded into the last Oregon-OSC basketball contest.

### Court Finished in 1927

When the fieldhouse was completed in 1927, it was regarded by many as a "white elephant." At that time few people ever thought that the 8,100 seats would be too few for local basketball enthusiasts.

Nevertheless, the court "fa-

thers" had much foresight and planned for future expansion. When the pavilion was built, a concrete ledge was constructed along the outside walls so that it might support a future balcony.

In addition the architects placed metal brackets on the posts which hold up the roof with the thought in mind that these brackets would someday hold up a tier of seats.

### Hanging Balcony

When the blueprints were drawn up earlier this year for the proposed balcony, the planners disregarded the post supports, and instead chose to hang the balcony from the roof. This necessitated removing the present roof structure and replacing it with two steel trusses which will run the length of each side.

Because of this, the builders will be able to remove the posts along each side which have been a bother to the fans sitting behind them.

Instead of having just one tier of balcony seats which would impair the view of the sidelines, the planners have drawn up blueprints which call for two separate tiers of seats. Each balcony will have 900 seats.

The new stairs will go from the ground floor to the third level of seats. Not only will they provide easier access to the seats but also make it much faster to clear all the fans out of the building.

## Oregon Frosh Lose Mat Duel

The Oregon Frosh dropped a close 21-16 decision to Roseburg high's wrestlers in the southern city Tuesday night. A forfeit by the Ducklings in the 123 pound class gave Roseburg the match.

Dave Newland and Ken Kesey turned in falls for the Frosh. Kesey pinned his man in one minute of the first round while Newland stacked up his man in the second period. Two decisions by Neil Butler and Jerry Dixon accounted for the Ducklings' other points.

Winners for Roseburg were Gil Harvey, Dave Parkhurst, Wayne Price and Rod Atterbury.

### Results:

115 lb — Gil Harvey dec. Don Lovett (C) 8-7; 123 lb — Roseburg won by forfeit; 130 lb — Neil Butler (O) dec. Bob Moore 6-4; 147 lb — Dave Newland (O) pinned Bob Thomas; 157 lb — Dave Parkhurst pinned Vondis Miller (O); 167 lb — Wayne Price pinned Cecil Enman (O); 177 lb — Rod Atterbury dec. Jack Hendrickson (O); 191 lb — Jerry Dickson (O) dec. Don Jacklin; Unlimited — Kesey (O) pinned Shaffer.

## Halbrook Dominates P.C.C. Scoring Race

Wade Halbrook, Oregon State's giant sophomore center, dominated the Northern Division basketball statistics released today by the Pacific Coast Conference Commissioner's office.

His performance through February 6 placed him atop the field in total scoring, field goal shooting percentage and rebounds. Barney Holland, Oregon guard, was the only player to break Halbrook's monopoly, as he maintained his leadership in free throw shooting.

Halbrook has a game scoring average of 23.3, having scored 80 field goals and 73 free throws for 233 points in his first 10 outings. Trailing are Ron Bennink, Washington State, 17.9; Dean Parsons, Washington, 14.3; Dwight Morrison, Idaho, 14.2, and Ed Halberg, Oregon, 13.2.

Halbrook is shooting an even 50 per cent from the floor with 80 field goals in 160 tries. Next in line are two Oregon men, Halberg, 48 per cent, and Max Anderson, 45.5 per cent. In the rebound department, Halbrook has 11.7 per game, to 10.9 for Parsons and 9.8 for Morrison.

Holland has dropped 28 of 33 free throw attempts for a mark of 84.9 per cent and the lead over Jay Dean, Oregon State, 79 per cent, and Harlan Melton, Idaho, 78.3 per cent.

In team shooting, Oregon leads Oregon State by the smallest possible margin, 38 per cent to 37.9 per cent. The Ducks have scored 222 field goals in 585 tries. Idaho leads in free throw shooting with 64 per cent on 194 points in 303 attempts. Oregon State has the best rebounding game with 344 to their opponents 300, and Idaho the best scoring average, 63.6.

Defensively the Beavers also are top-ranked, allowing foes but 53.1 points per game. Oregon has held opponents to the lowest shooting mark, 31.7 per cent.

Washington journeys to Oregon State for a 2-game series this weekend, while Oregon meets Idaho at Moscow the same evenings.

Should Oregon State, as favored, beat the Washington Huskies this weekend to complete a four-game basketball sweep this winter, it would be only the second time since the Northern Division was formed that the Beavers have been able to accomplish such a feat and the first time under the present 16-game schedule.

### Dig These Crazy Athletes!

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