

Mac Court opens doors to fans

■ **OPEN HOUSE:** Oregon followers will get a chance to see behind the scenes

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Normally the locker rooms at McArthur Court are off-limits to the public and even the media, but on March 3, from 2 to 4 p.m., they will be open to everyone as part of the McArthur Court Open House.

In addition to touring the locker rooms, treatment center, weight room and academic services center, all those attending will have a chance to shoot three-pointers, meet the Duck mascot, listen to the band, watch the cheerleaders and relive some memorable highlights of last year's men's and women's basketball teams, both of whom made it to the NCAA tournament.

Students from the Warsaw Sports Marketing Center on campus planned the event to give fans a chance to see McArthur Court outside of a game situation.

"We wanted to do an event in Mac Court on a non-game day, and we wanted to make it a family event," said Allen Patapoff, one of the students coordinating the event.

Families and individuals are encouraged to contribute \$2 or two cans of food. All proceeds will go to Food for Lane County.

Several other events have also been scheduled for the open house. A Jerry Rice rookie card, with an approximate value of \$100, will be raffled off at 3:45 p.m. for \$1 per ticket. Also, a video will be on display showing some of the history of the oldest on-campus arena in the country and future renovation plans.

The current men's basketball locker room, considered the highlight of the basement tour, was completed in the fall of 1993. The spacious locker room includes private offices for each coach, a big-screen satellite television, leather couches, a stereo system and wood lockers.

The project also included renovations of the women's softball,

basketball and volleyball locker rooms and cost an estimated \$350,000, said Facility and Operations Director Jim Jaeger. Several athletic department donors helped fund the bulk of the project's cost.

"It's a rare event to see all this stuff," said Patapoff, adding that it will probably be the last opportunity the public will get a chance to tour the basement in a while.

It will also be one of the last times that fans will see McArthur Court as it appears today. Plans to modernize the 70-year-old facility are already underway.

The roof of McArthur Court is scheduled to be removed and rebuilt beginning in April, and a new, modern scoreboard will be installed, replacing the old-fashioned one that exists today. Improvements can already be seen in the concourse area, where new display cases, concessions, ceiling and flooring work were completed earlier this month.

Fegent honored for efforts off the court

Oregon senior center Renae Fegent was one five players named to the 1996 District VIII Women's Basketball Division I Academic All-America Team, as selected by the Collegiate Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Fegent has a 3.61 grade point average and is majoring in sociology.

Joining Fegent on the team are Mollie Flint of Saint Mary's College, Myndee Larsen of Southern Utah, Laura Sale of Portland and Kate Starbird of Stanford.

Fegent, who has started all 53 games since arriving at Oregon last season, is currently second on the team with 13.9 points and 7.9 rebounds per game.

The 6-foot-3 center from Frankston, Australia, leads the team with 84 assists, 63 blocks and 50 steals. She ranks fourth all-time at Oregon with 128 blocks and is eighth with a .517 field goal percentage and a .720 free throw percentage.

She was a first-team All-Pac-10 selection last year. Two weeks ago she was named the Pac-10 Player of the Week after tallying 36 points, 16 rebounds and 10 assists in a pair of much-needed home wins against Washington and Washington State.

To be eligible for Academic All-America honors, a student athlete must have at least

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a 3.2 cumulative GPA, be a starter or important reserve and be in at least their second season at their current school.

Ducks finish 11th at Arizona tournament

Christel Tomori tied for 19th place and helped the Ducks finish in the middle of a 21-team field at the Conquistadores Invitational, which included the top programs in the country at the Randolph Park North Golf Course Wednesday afternoon.

Texas hung on for the team title with an 875, shooting a six-over par 294 during Wednesday's final round of the three-day, 54-hole event.

Oregon shot 923, just one stroke from 10th place and an upper half finish. Oregon State was 18th with a 942.

Tomori, a senior for the Ducks, shot one-under par 71 Wednesday to crack the top 20 individuals. Teammate and fellow senior Susie Roh tied for 44th as Oregon's second finisher.

Oregon's contingent was rounded out by Karen Bristow (235), Tara Keller (242) and Kylie Wilson (243).

Oregon's next competition is the Ping/Arizona State Invitational in Tempe, Ariz., March 29-31.



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