



The new arena would seat 2,000 to 5,000 more people than McArthur Court, athletic director Bill Moos said. EMERALD

## Arena: \$3.5 million spent on upgrade

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into that structure are fast coming to an end," he said. "We realize that we're going to do something. A new arena is on the horizon."

Arizona coach Lute Olson, who became The Pit's latest upset victim last week when the Wildcats lost to the Ducks 78-72, understands the love-hate relationship that Green has with Mac Court. When Olson was at Iowa, his team played in a fieldhouse that was built in 1927.

"I made the statement then that let's build a new place to recruit to, and then play games in the old fieldhouse," he said, "because the homecourt advantage on game night is unbelievable."

"But then try to bring a recruit in when there's not a crowd and

the game action, and tell them this is better than Pauley Pavilion. There's no question it's a real deterrent when it comes to the recruiting end of it."

Green said there is no way the University can expect to rise to national competitiveness without a new arena.

"To some degree, it exemplifies the investment that a university has made in a basketball program," he said. "I think we've made an investment in football, and the investment has paid off."

The athletic department has spent \$3.5 million to upgrade Mac Court, mostly by putting on a new roof. But once the project is completed next year, that will be the end of any major investment in the building.

Green believes a new arena will be built within five years. He may not be around to see it because he has been mentioned for several other coaching jobs, most recently the one at Louisiana State.

Although there are no specific plans, Moos would like to see the new arena maintain the intimacy of Mac Court. It would seat 12,000 to 15,000 people and might be built in partnership with the city of Eugene. It could cost \$40 million to \$50 million.

When Mac Court's days as a basketball arena are done, its top two balconies will be roped off and the gym used for volleyball, wrestling or other events that don't draw big crowds.

Somehow, it just won't be the same.

## Drugs: 'Bad trip' on LSD may result in hospitalization

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which carry a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison.

The Student Health Center conducted a survey in the spring of 1995 and found that approximately one-third of the students who participated in the survey had tried a hallucinogen at least once. However, Agent Keever said "that doesn't even get close to what's going on."

While LSD has been on a steady rise for the last few years, Palzinski said the amount of people who are brought into the emergency room for treatment depends on what events are currently in town. For instance, when certain bands like the Grateful Dead have come to town, the number of people treated for "bad trips" on LSD increases considerably.

The drug, which usually takes effect 40-90 minutes after ingestion, has a number of possible effects on the user, and it is difficult to predict how it will affect any one person. The effects range from a feeling of paranoia and depersonalization to panic attacks and in extreme circumstances develop into prolonged psychotic reactions.

Palzinski said more often than not the patients he sees who are still on LSD are kept in the hospital for between 6-12 hours, when the drug usually wears off.

"Most people who we see here are having a bad trip. They are interacting with their world in an improper way, such that they are endangering themselves or endangering others," Palzinski said.

The lasting effects that are typically associated with LSD result from actions that an individual may engage in while under the influence of the drug.

"[People on LSD] jump out of a window; they walk in front of a train. That's usually what kills people on LSD," Palzinski said.

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nurse, Sacred Heart

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"They are having a bad trip and start doing things that they don't even realize they are doing."

"LSD is a colorless, tasteless substance usually sold in the form of capsules or pills, as a white powder, in thin squares or gelatin, and liquid form absorbed onto paper, or sugar cubes," the Comprehensive Review in Toxicology states. It is considered a hallucinogen, but the review states that it would be more appropriately grouped under "psychedelic drugs" because it is not technically a hallucinogen.

A hallucinogen is defined by the review as "drugs that alter the perception of reality to the extent that the subject believes that his/her altered perceptions are real."

However, experimentation has shown that individuals who digest LSD "retain their insight and recognize what they see or hear is drug-induced."

The dangers in drug use include the legal aspects as well as the health aspects.

"These kids just don't get it. They don't understand the seriousness of what they are doing," Agent Keever said.

According to D.J. Morales, the director for residence life, the student is still receiving therapy for the incident and is in the care of his parents.

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