

# Seating renovations begin at Mac Court

■ **CHANGES:** Alterations include changes to seating and a modified entrance

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The insides of McArthur Court are looking a little empty these days.

A lone radio echoes through the rafters as construction workers swiftly disassemble the ancient bleachers of the ground floor.

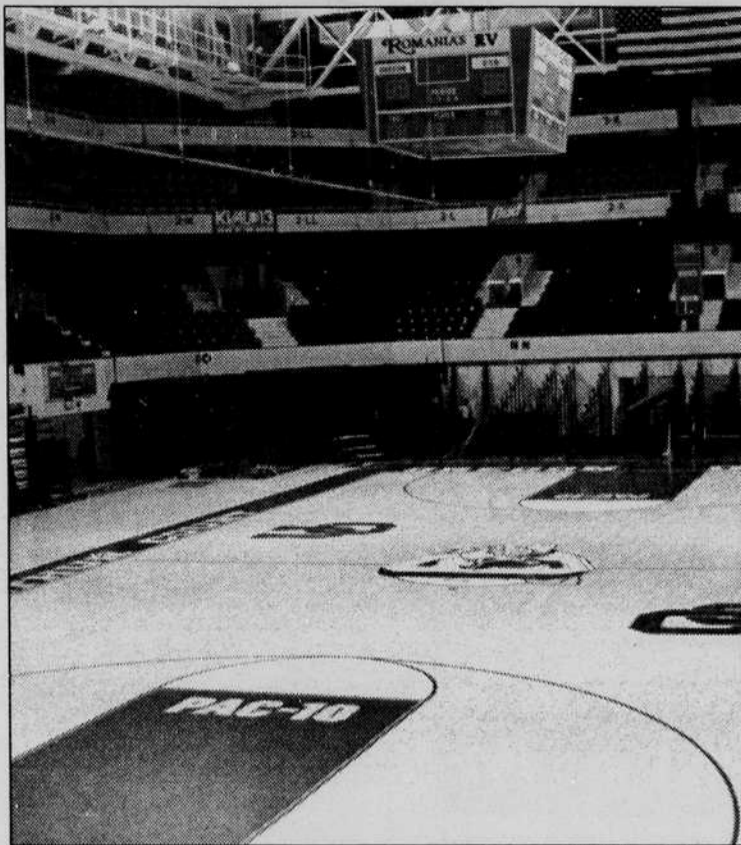
The workers are making room for new seating for season ticket holders and providing a more modern and aesthetically pleasing look to the aging stadium, said Dave Williford, sports information director for Intercollegiate Athletics.

On the main floor, 623 theater-style seats will be installed for reserved season ticket holders, and another 950 bleacher-style seats will also be added for student seating.

"The seats will be much more comfortable and fewer in number because we're making the seats wider," Williford said.

The whole project will cost nearly \$610,000, but students will pay for none of it. Season ticket holders will pay for the new seating. A one time charge of \$1,000 per seat will reserve a seat for season ticket holders, with a yearly donation level ranging from \$50 to \$1,000, depending on where they want to sit, Williford said.

Renovation for the seating is



New student seats are being installed in McArthur Court this week.

part of a year-long project to bring Mac Court up to par for both safety concerns and for modern uses, said Williford.

Approximately 200 fewer seats will be available to students because of the renovation. General admission will also be reduced by

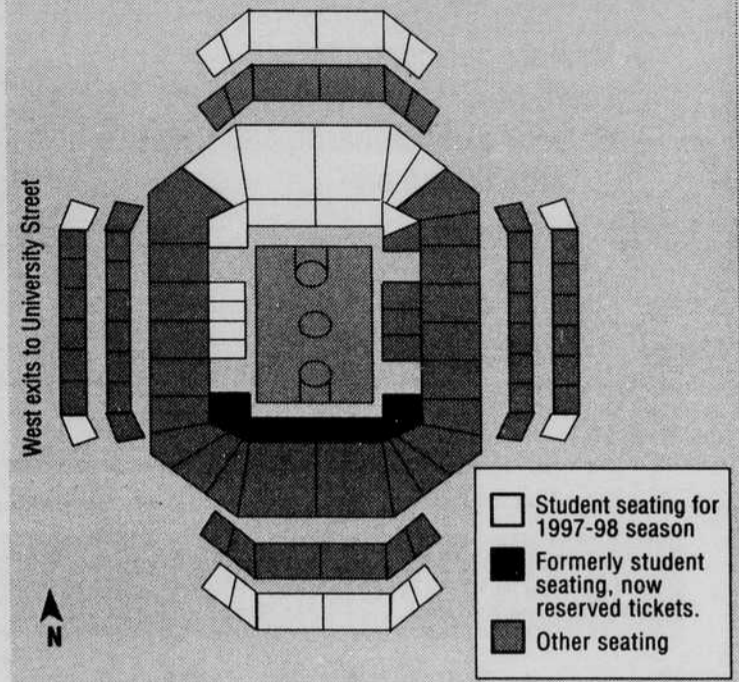
168 seats.

"We're not trying to short change students," said Williford. "There will be a few more seats for season ticket holders because they're the people paying for the seats."

The athletic department and the

## REVISED SEATING FOR MAC COURT

The new theater-style seats will reduce the number of student seating on the court. Student seating will be redistributed in the upper balconies. Seating behind the baskets will also be eliminated because of the addition of new court-level entrances. These entrances will allow better access to court-level seats for reserved season ticket holders.



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ASUO make a contract every year on the number of seats that will be available to students. With the remodeling, the available seats for students on the ground floor will be reduced, but student seating will be redistributed in the balcony levels.

A new main entrance to the court will also be added, assisting in better access to court-side seating, and eliminating poor seating behind the basketball hoops. Court side entrances will also be reduced in width, providing extra space for the new seats.

## Facility: University also to construct new practice fields

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"We don't play very many games in the rain. We shouldn't have to practice in it all the time," he said. "We've only played two rain games in the nine years I've been here."

Bellotti and other members of the athlet-

ic department toured six comparable facilities nation-wide before coming up with the design for their own facility. After viewing the other facilities, Moos said Oregon's will "rival any in the nation."

The building will also eventually double as a gathering place for fans on football

game days.

However, the indoor facility is not the only phase of the construction.

Also included is the construction of a regulation-size soccer field, two outdoor practice fields for the football team (both

west of the Casanova Center), a larger Duck Shop, a 200-space parking lot and bleacher seating for 1,500 fans at soccer matches.

Funding for the construction has come exclusively from private cash contributions and gifts from donors

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