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Howe Field selected as location for new arena

The new basketball arena will sit next to McArthur Court, which has been the home of Oregon basketball since 1927

By **Hank Hager**
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University President Dave Frohnmayer announced on Saturday that Howe Field, which currently accommodates Oregon softball, will be the new home of Oregon basketball.

The announcement — the second step in the process of erecting a new arena — came at McArthur Court and included Athletics

Director Bill Moos, men's basketball head coach Ernie Kent, women's basketball head coach Bev Smith and Dan Williams, University vice president for administration.

"We consider this to be a green-letter day and a landmark for the University of Oregon," Frohnmayer said.

The site is located at the corner of University Street and East 18th Avenue — directly next door to McArthur Court. Oregon officials hope to begin construction no later than July 2004, and the new arena is expected to be operable in time for fall term 2006.

In addition to the new arena, a parking complex and a training center are expected to be constructed. According to Williams,

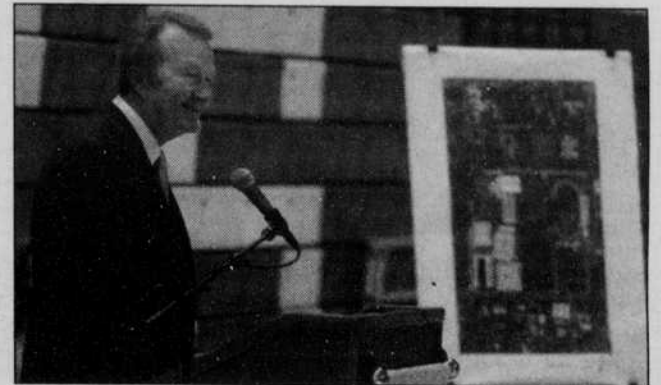
the University does not have any concrete plans as to where each will be located. However, officials announced that nearby Hayward Field will be untouched, and that parking issues — a chief concern of the surrounding community — will be addressed.

Dallas-based HKS Sports & Entertainment and Portland-based Thompson Vaivoda Architects will work together on the project.

HKS built the Ballpark at Arlington — home to the Texas Rangers — and Miller Park in Milwaukee — home to the Milwaukee Brewers.

Thompson Vaivoda Architects erected the Fox Tower in Portland; a 27-story structure

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Lauren Wimer Photographer

University President Dave Frohnmayer on Saturday announced Howe Field as the location of Oregon's new athletic arena.

FUTURE MISS OREGON?



Adam Amato Photographer

Senior Anna Meyers (left) and junior Sharitha McKenzie are competing in the Miss Oregon pageant in late October. McKenzie was runner up in the pageant last year.

Competing for the crown

Two University students prepare to compete for the title of Miss Oregon and a chance at Miss USA

By **Ali Shaughnessy**
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When Anna Meyers was 13 years old, she watched the Miss USA pageant on television. Now, eight years later, the University senior is vying for her own spot on that stage.

"I've wanted to do it ever since I saw that pageant," she said.

However, Meyers isn't the only University student competing for

the title of Miss Oregon and a chance to be Miss USA. University junior Sharitha McKenzie also aspires to see herself on stage, accepting the title and responsibilities associated with wearing the crown.

McKenzie found herself wanting to compete in pageants during her freshman year in high school, after her little sister and niece both came home one day with sashes and tiaras. After flying to Florida to watch them compete nationally, McKenzie realized there was a division for older girls.

"I looked at it, and I was like, 'I can do that,'" she said.

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Saferide, Night Ride to merge services

Following a federal ruling, the shuttle services will merge to create the Assault Prevention Shuttle, a co-ed night shuttle

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After 18 years of safely transporting female students after dark, Project Saferide is closing its doors.

Now, men and women can look forward to riding together on the new Assault Prevention Shuttle, beginning Oct. 13.

The Office of Civil Rights, a federal agency that addresses civil rights violations, recently ruled that Saferide does not comply with Title IX — a federal law prohibiting discrimination in programs supported with federal funds — because it provides services exclusively to female students. As a result, Saferide will merge with Night Ride to form the Assault Prevention Shuttle, a gender-neutral late-night shuttle service.

In 2001, Night Ride was created as a counterpart to Saferide, available to both men and women. The Office of Civil Rights still found Saferide to be a gender-biased operation, which is illegal under Title IX.

Saferide co-Director Sarah Wells said that during the summer the agency told Saferide it needed to either shut down or accommodate men. The University junior said choosing to merge was a lot easier than just closing down the 18-year-old operation.

"It's never easy to make this big of a change," Wells said. "But it's an exciting time for us — we can all work together to make a better, stronger organization."

University senior Allison Douglas has

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