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Formal Opening

December 18, 1953

Montana State University

Field House

INDIANA vs. MONTANA

Western Montana College of Education vs. M.S.U. Freshmen
MISSOULA AUTOMOBILE DEALERS ASSOCIATION

Bakke Motor Co.
H. O. Bell Co.
Garden City Motors
Graehl Motor Service
Greenawalt Motor Co.
Kraabel Chevrolet Co.
Moore Motor Co.
Murray Motor Co.
Nybo & Co., Inc.
Olney Motors
Roosevelt-Osborne Motor Co.
Sandy's Sales Service
Turmell Motor Co.
Western Montana Motors, Inc.

PLAN TO ATTEND

THE AUTOMOBILE SHOW

IN THE FIELD HOUSE

Welcome to the University's Field House

Montana State University's Field House will serve many purposes. With movable stages and changeable seating, it will serve as an auditorium, concert hall, and theater for spectacle-size productions.

It has obvious uses for athletics, for intercollegiate competition in basketball and boxing, as well as for practice in many sports. For conventions and instruction, it will house large exhibits of mechanical apparatus, machinery, and equipment. In it 10,000 people or more may hear a speaker by utilizing the lobbies as well as the auditorium.

It will thus make it possible in the course of time to bring to Montana and to the University many things that we have not been able to house heretofore. But perhaps more important will be its many uses for strictly University purposes, particularly during the seasons of uncertain weather. There is almost no end to its utility for student meetings, games, festivals, public exercises, social events, and entertainment.

However, we shall have to proceed slowly in developing these uses because it is a large and complicated structure which must be carefully managed at all times even after special uses or particular events have been meticulously planned.
Manager and Field House Committee . . .

The important Field House Committee which was appointed by President Carl McFarland, last April, to bring together information and requirements of all phases in planning the Field House was composed of Robert W. Breen (left), Dr. G. D. Shallenberger, chairman (center), and Dr. Earl Lory. Breen, a Grizzly athlete of the mid-thirties, became Field House Manager last October and has been active on the job throughout construction. Lory is the University’s faculty athletic representative.

BUY SEASON TICKETS

For the Grizzlies

11 HOME GAMES

Balcony Seats
$20.00

Center Bleachers
$15.00

Corner Bleachers
$10.00

Children’s Sections
$5.00

ALL SEATS RESERVED

BE A BOOSTER

Follow the Grizzlies

HOME SCHEDULE

Dec. 28 ............................... Idaho
Dec. 29 ............................... Idaho
*Jan. 15 ............................... Utah
*Jan. 16 ............................... Brigham Young
Jan. 28 ............................... Colorado A. & M.
Jan. 30 ............................... Wyoming
Feb. 12 ............................... Utah State
Feb. 20 ............................... Denver
Feb. 22 ............................... New Mexico
Feb. 26 ............................... Montana State
Feb. 27 ............................... Montana State

*Freshman Preliminary Game with Northern Montana.
Congratulations Grizzlies

THE HUB
MEN'S & BOYS' WEAR
311-313 No. Higgins

THESE FIRMS WELCOME YOU TO THE FINEST FIELD HOUSE IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

GRADY INSURANCE
Hammond Arcade
Missoula, Montana

GARDEN CITY FLORAL
Home Grown Flowers Last Longer
Florence Hotel Building

MEN'S SHOP
Florence Hotel Building

Best wishes for a successful season from your loyal Grizzly Boosters

KGVO
Bringing TV to Western Montana—July 1, 1954

CLUTE-POLLEYS
Home-Owners Mercantile

KXLL
For Tops in Radio
Montana's Field House Story

Winfield E. Page, former Missoula county representative, introduced 1951 legislation which enabled construction of the Field House without cost to state taxpayers. The building is financed through the sale of revenue bonds.

Bill Was Signed

John Bonner, governor in 1951, signed bill into law.

Ground-Breaking

Gov. J. Hugo Aronson broke ground March 12, 1953.

Contractors Dug In

Hightower and Lubrecht, general contractors, began work March 13, 1953.

The Best Go Hand in Hand

- Montana's Field House
- Ready-Mixed Concrete

See Us For All Types of Concrete Construction

Plaster — Sand — Gravel

All Concrete for Field House Furnished by

MONTANA READY-MIX COMPANY

Houston & Harve Ave.  Route 3  Phone 4-4991
First Concrete was Poured.

Began to Rise.

... in the west wall footings.

Walls and A-frames were poured.

CONGRATULATIONS

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

On Your

NEW FIELD HOUSE

HIGHTOWER and LUBRECHT

CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

736 South 1st West

FIELD HOUSE CONTRACTORS

Arches Arrived.

Were Moved by Crane.

By train from Portland and caused an intricate job in transportation.

Each section weighing six tons... the largest laminated arches ever produced.
The first section of an arch went up with the aid of a scaffold and workmen 72 feet in the air. The arches are held together in the center with a 3\(\frac{3}{4}\) inch steel pin.

With 225,000 board feet of lumber overhead it was still a hull, but . . .

As carpenters began to add another 120,000 board feet of lumber in the roof’s decking.

Proud of Our Grizzlies
Proud of Our Field House
Proud of Our University

AND WE’RE PROUD OF
MEDO-LAND MILK

Here’s to Many Successful Activities
* ATHLETIC
* INDUSTRIAL
* CIVIC

In the New Field House

MEDO-LAND DAIRIES
MISSOULA, MONTANA
Began to Take Shape ......

When the roof was covered.

Spacious Lobby ......

The balcony lobby. The building has almost an acre of concrete flooring on two levels. The arena area contains 28,000 square feet of floor space.

A Finished Product ......

Was near with 11,200 square feet of glass added in the ends.

For Press and Radio ......

The press box above the balcony at the south end has provisions for sound control equipment, movie projectors, and future television.
BEST WISHES
For Your
GRAND OPENING
AND
Success With
the New
FIELD HOUSE
Removable Floor

Constructed and Installed
By
WELCH PLANING MILL, Inc.
MIDVALE, UTAH
About the Hoosiers 

Indiana’s defending national champions and Big Ten titleholder with Coach Branch McCracken find themselves in the enviable but demanding position of starting a season with a standpat ball club of proven championship caliber.

With only one man missing from the roster that last season ran through an 18-game Big Ten schedule with only one loss and dropped only three of 26 games on its way to the NCAA crown—and that one absentee the 11th ranking man on the squad—the pressure will be on the Hurryin’ Hoosiers from the very start.

The Hoosiers have been chosen to repeat this year. Since 1900 only nine Conference champs or co-champs have been able to keep the No. 1 spot or a piece of it the following season. Only two clubs have ever retained the National Collegiate championship the following year.

Few, perhaps, have embarked upon a defense of those honors in better shape to wage a successful campaign toward those ends.

The record-breaking Hoosiers, who were never out of first place at any time in last year’s 18-game marathon, have every one of their big guns back along with a battery of replacements.

The first five again is spearheaded by the celebrated one-two punch, “Mr. Inside” Don Schlundt and “Mr. Outside” Bob Leonard. Schlundt, an inch taller at 6-10 and carrying an added 15 pounds for a welcomed 225, enters his junior year with two valuable seasons of experience behind him. It may be overly optimistic to expect improvement from a player who set a new Big Ten scoring record as a sophomore, but those two factors—increased size and more experience—warrant it. An All-American as a sophomore and the first sophomore ever to be chosen the Conference’s Most Valuable Player, Schlundt has been a constantly improving basketball player—tabbed by long-time observers as superior to George Mikan, Mr. Basketball himself, at comparable stages of their careers.

Leonard, the play-maker and deadly long-range shot who makes things easier for Schlundt by loosening defenses and in turn has his way smoothed by Schlundt’s tightening of defenses, will be back at a guard post. His floor generalship and general brilliancy of play seems destined to take him along with Schlundt toward another doubles act in All-American selection.

Teaming with Leonard is Burke Scott, the floor man, feeder and ball-snaring defender. As forwards, it’s Dick Farley, probably one of the most versatile and best all-around players in the country and certainly one of the finest defensive men, and Charley Kraak, a top rebounding ace, feeder and clutch scorer.

Most observers agree that the Hoosiers have just about everything it takes to win. There’s plenty of height—Schlundt’s 6-10, Kraak’s 6-5, Leonard and Farley’s 6-3, and Scott’s 6-0—speed, savvy rebounding, shooting ability and smooth-working floor play to make both the offense and defense go. Moreover, the year of playing together knit the five into a well-coordinated unit that anticipates its members’ actions to a point that it plays almost by feel.
Indiana's "Yankees of Basketball"

First Row: Bob Leonard, Charley Kraak, Don Schlundt, Dick Farley, Burke Scott.
### Indiana University Roster 1953-54

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*Lettermen.

Co-Captains: Eddie Anderson and Ritch Johnson.

Manager—Bob Hendricks

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*Denotes letters earned.

Co-Captains: Eddie Anderson and Ritch Johnson.

Manager—Bob Hendricks
ORDER OF EVENTS
For Official Opening

MSU Cubs vs. Western Montana College of Education

Organ Prelude

Remarks Signifying Official Opening of MSU Field House—by ASMSU President Norman Anderson

“Star Spangled Banner”—by Miss Berta Huebl

Introduction of Teams

Indiana vs. Montana

MONTANA

3 JOHNSON .......... G
5 KANN ............. G
7 COPPEDGE ....... G
9 ARGENBRIGHT .... G
11 CURRAN .......... C
15 LUOMA .......... G
17 ADAMS .......... F
19 CHANEY .......... F
21 WINTERHOLLER .. G
23 JYSTAD .......... F
25 NICKEL .......... F
27 BERGQUIST ...... F
29 FINE ............. F
31 ANDERSON ...... F
33 SAMUELS0N ... C
35 VOHS .......... C
37 BYERLY .......... F

“Big Mac”

BRANCH McCracken
Boss Man of the Hoosiers

INDIANA

13 KRAAK .......... F
14 BYERS .......... G
21 LEONARD ......... G
22 DEAKYNE ......... G
25 SCOTT, BURKE .... G
30 POFF ............. G
31 FARLEY .......... F
34 SCHLUNDT ....... C
36 SCOTT, LOU .... C
41 WHITE .......... F
44 CHOICE .......... F
Historic Opening of the University Field House

Tonight’s game marks the first time in history that Montana has played a Big-Ten school in basketball. It is also the first time a national championship team has appeared here. You cannot challenge the Grizzlies for lack of courage.

In choosing Indiana, they are up against the same team that defeated Kansas for the NCAA crown last year. The Hoosiers have been tabbed by sportswriters and sportscasters as the Number One team in the nation, and they are expected to repeat their national championship performance.

In four starts this season they have defeated Cincinnati, Kansas State, Butler, and Notre Dame. Their coach is Branch McCracken, who is in his 13th year at Indiana. His coaching record with the Hoosiers to date is 200 won, 62 lost. “Big Mac” played three years for Indiana and set a Big Ten scoring mark in 1930.

Grizzly Coach Jiggs Dahlberg is now in his 15th year of active coaching at Montana. During that time his teams have won 203 games and lost 193. He was an outstanding all-around athlete for the Silvertips and was captain of the 1925 basketball team.

Co-Captains Eddie Anderson and Ritch Johnson, Pat Curran, junior center, sophomores Eddie Bergquist and Eddie Argenbright, or Dave Adams and Jack Coppedge are expected to start against the Hoosiers.

They will be up against “the Yankees of Basketball” as they take the floor with Indiana’s Dick Farley, Charley Kraak, Don Schlundt, Bob Leonard, and Burke Scott (the same lineup which started against Kansas in the NCAA championship game last year).

Dahlberg will also have on call Frank Nickel, sophomore forward, George Samuelson, junior center, Fuzzy Fine, junior forward, Hal Winterholler, junior guard, Bob Luoma, senior guard, and Gary Jystad, sophomore forward.

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Bill Straugh, coach of Western Montana, graduated from the Dillon school in 1935. He has coached at Western since 1940 except for 39 months while in Naval Air Force service. Coach Straugh still holds a Lt. Commander rating, inactive duty. He received his masters in education at Montana State University in 1946.

R. L. (Lefty) Byrne, one of the University's all-around all-time Grizzly greats in football, basketball, and baseball, is in his freshman year of coaching. His football yearlings went undefeated this fall, and Lefty hopes the "winning-ways" will continue tonight as they open with their regular season schedule.

MSU Freshman Roster

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Women’s Gym

The Women’s old gymnasium which still stands on the campus, but was recently replaced with the new Women’s center, is where the Grizzlies played their basketball games until 1923.
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Standing: Fred Brautigan, Jerry Luckman, Bob McGihon, Ken Dupuis, Ray Howard, Al Dunham, Rudolph (Zip) Rhoades, and Maury Colberg. (Not pictured: Dick McGarty, Hanes Byerly, Pete Muri, Jim Peterson, and Dennis Casey.)

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Three Builders . . . . .

A special word of thanks goes to the Field House contractors and workers who have put in many overtime hours to make this opening tonight a possibility. Pictured at the left are three who played important parts. Schmautz was supervisor for the architects Brinkman and Lenon. Hightower was on the job from start to finish as supervisor for the general contractors Hightower and Lubrecht. Baker was superintendent for Timber Structures, Inc., the company which fabricated the roof arches. He was on hand this summer to supervise the job of erecting the mammoth laminated arches. To the many others who contributed their labors and knowledge, the University owes a hearty vote of thanks.
Field House Facts and Dates

Chronological Report of Progress

Bill enabling the construction of field-houses on state campuses was introduced to 1951 legislative session—Feb. 4.

Enabling legislation signed into law by Governor—March 1, 1951.

Board of Education approved general design of the Field House—Sept. 5, 1952.

Final over-all plan of Field House accepted by President Carl McFarland and presented to the public for the first time—Nov. 1, 1952.

Board of Education approved the plan of financing and authorized advertising for bids on a bond issue up to $800,000.

Revenue Bonds, to finance the project without obligation to state taxpayers, were sold—January, 1953.

Bids on construction for Field House published—January 16, 1953.

Contracts on building were let—February 16, 1953.

Governor signed construction contracts—March 2, 1953.

Gov. J. Hugo Aronson broke ground for the building—March 12, 1953.

Actual Construction started—March 13, 1953.

Robert W. Breen appointed to manage the Field House—Oct. 12, 1953.


Figures

When the Field House is completely furnished it will be a Million Dollar plant. It is 267 feet by 200 feet in over-all dimensions. The arena area is 180 feet by 200 feet. The laminated arches in the roof are the largest ever produced. They contain 225,000 board feet of lumber. From the arena floor to the pins in the center of the arches, it is 71 feet (comparable to a seven-story building).

Seating Capacity

Arranged for basketball the Field House will seat slightly more than 6,500 spectators. There are approximately 5,000 bleacher seats in the arena area and 1,500 theatre-type, permanent seats in the balcony.

The Basketball Floor

The $15,000 removable basketball court is raised above the ground. It rests on 304 adjusting blocks and the floor itself is composed of 261 maple hardwood sections. It can be taken up readily and stored in the off seasons. The over-all floor measurements are 112 feet by 64 feet. The playing court is regulation, 94 feet by 50 feet.

Lighting

There are 80 1,500-watt lights and 36 1,000-watt lights providing some 100 candlepower of light on the playing floor. This should be sufficient for color movies and future television.

Sound-System

The $16,000 sound-system is designed to be the most versatile sound reinforcement system in the Pacific Northwest. It is adaptable for use at all events anticipated for the new building. With this system, sound can be reinforced in any area of the arena.
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