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MISSOULA---The \$30,000 job of repairing the west bleachers of Dornblaser Stadium will get under way in about a month, MSU Buildings and Grounds superintendent F. W. Kreiger has announced. Work will start as soon after the May 20-21 Inter-scholastic meet as possible.

The refurnishing job includes ripping out the present seats in the west bleachers and installation of new ones, construction of a new press box, and general reinforcement of the wooden structure that was completed in 1924. Kreiger said he expected that the work would be completed "before the summer is over." Montana's first home grid game this fall Sept. 24.

Kreiger added that some of the wooden forms for shoring up the grandstand foundation were pre-fabricated this winter. "We expect to rip out the whole deck of the grandstand and entirely replace the seating sections. This, coupled with reinforcement of the grandstand, should insure MSU fans of a comfortable and safe stadium in time for next fall's schedule," he said.

Need for a new press box has been acutely felt by many Skyline and Montana newspapermen. Under former cramped conditions, it was impossible to accommodate more than eight or ten working newspapermen in the press section. The new press box will be considerably larger and deeper than the former "coop," with room for approximately 25 writers in the press section. Booths for radio and public address announcers also will be enlarged, and a photographer's gallery will be constructed on the roof of the box.

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