Drawing for new stadium stress convenience, accessibility

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The University of Montana's new football stadium, to be situated south of Campbell Park and east of Higgins Avenue, has all the earmarks of being a more convenient and more easily accessible facility than the present area behind Main Hall.

Turf for the football field has been in for some time, and J.A. (Ted) Parker, physical plant director, said his crews will be working this fall to install a 10-lane rubberized track, with no straightaway, which should be ready for use in the spring of 1968, barring weather difficulties.

Parker said half of the new bleachers will be erected at the new football-track facility, while the other half will be used temporarily at the old site on the east side.

Construction at the new site will include a change building at the northwest corner of the area. Included in this building will be locker rooms for home and visiting teams, dressing rooms for officials, equipment rooms, and public rest rooms.

Ticket booths will be conveniently placed at all four corners of the area, as will concession booths.

Atop the west stands at the "New Dornblaser" Stadium will be an expanded press box facility, much larger than the present one on the west side of "Old Dornblaser."

The location of areas for field events at track meets will be identical to the present layout. Shot put and discus events will be at the south end of the field, high jump at the north end, and pole vault, triple jump and broad jump on a runway on the west side of the field.

Bids on construction work at the new stadium will be let shortly, Parker said.
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The old stadium, beside having half of the new bleachers on the east side, will have 1,000 temporary bleachers from the Adams Field House. These have already been erected on the track on the east side.

Additional bleachers will be set up in each end zone, and depending on space for extra bleachers, the stadium could seat from 9,000 to 10,500 fans.

The new facility will seat close to 9,000 but Jack Swarthout, athletic director, said the new bleachers are the type that can be extended back for additional seating.