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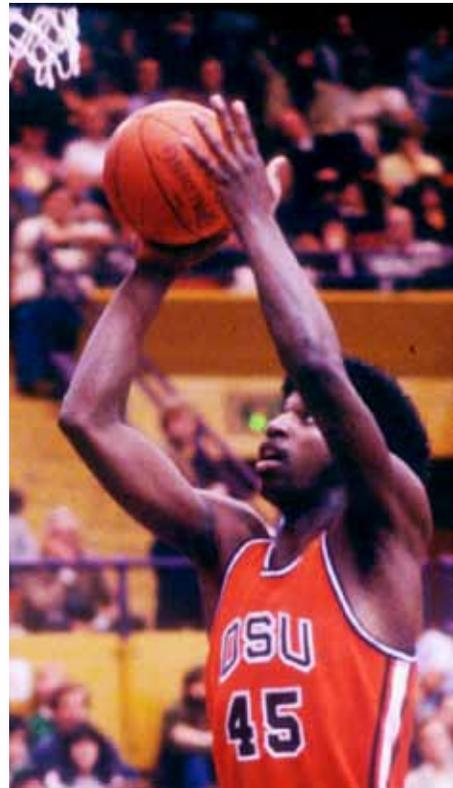
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I'm happy to announce that Oregon State basketball greats A.C. Green and Gary Payton have issued an invitation to all former basketball players—men and women alike: to join them in contributing to the fund-raising efforts for the new basketball practice facility.

During the past few years, A.C. and Gary have become more involved with Beaver basketball and recently told us that they wanted to give back in a more significant way to our student-athletes. You may recall that both of them recently supported Coach Robinson and the Beavers at the Pac-12 Tournament in Las Vegas and last June joined many other former players at the groundbreaking ceremony for the facility.



Now A.C. and Gary are leading an effort to raise \$250,000 from former OSU players, and they each jumpstarted the undertaking with a personal gift. In recent conversations with us, they both said that they were inspired by how many people and their donations helped them during their time at Oregon State in the early '80s. Now, they want to lead an effort to give back.

Our goal remains to raise as much money as possible to lessen the amount that will need to be bonded and financed when construction is completed. Oregon State's "new home for basketball" will be 34,500 square feet and house two regulation basketball courts. The four-story building located due north of the Sports Performance

Center will also have locker rooms as well as medical and training areas. The ceremonial opening for the facility is scheduled for 3 p.m. on June 11, and we invite everyone in Beaver Nation to join us that day for the celebration.



As we work through the final construction push, we also are actively engaged in conversations for naming opportunities for the new building. For example, if the alumni effort is successful, former players who contributed will be recognized in a special area in the building. In addition to different areas in the new facility, we're also exploring naming rights for the entire building itself. If you are interested in giving to these fund-raising efforts or in discussing naming opportunities, please contact Shawn Heilbron at 541-737-9309 or email him at shawn.heilbron@oregonstate.edu

While we're on the subject of basketball, I'd also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Gary on his election to the NBA Hall of Fame. His selection is an honor and true endorsement of Gary's positive influence on the game.

Finally, I'm looking forward to this weekend's showcase event in Corvallis where the Beavers will be competing in baseball (USC), softball (Arizona) and women's track (a high performance meet). We'll also host the spring football game on Friday, April 26, at 7 p.m. Hope you'll be able to join us in Corvallis for what's sure to be a great weekend for OSU Athletics. Go Beavs!

