

A CLOSER LOOK

OREGON ATHLETICS

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Across the University of Oregon campus, Spacesaver has helped create athletic equipment storage systems that

protect valuable assets, streamline workflows, and boost team pride.

From the new Marcus Mariota Sports Performance Center (football equipment storage as well as storage for baseball, soccer, lacrosse, and acrobatics), to the Knight Arena (basketball team storage), to the Sanders Stadium (softball team storage), the goal was to consolidate apparel and equipment while maximizing efficiency.

Each project followed a similar procedure. During a series of planning meetings, the Portland-based Spacesaver consultant met with the project team to determine their needs, gain an understanding of the planned construction, and present various alternatives for storage system design. Oregon staff shared information about workflows, items that they were currently storing, and estimates regarding future storage requirements. "We spent hundreds of hours designing the Spacesaver systems, how each of those spaces would look and feel, and how they would function," said Aaron Wasson, director of equipment operations. The Spacesaver consultant also provided advice and insights based on the company's experience with other large equipment rooms.

After the project designs were complete, the Portland-area Spacesaver distributor coordinated installation with other vendors and helped train staff in system operation. The distributor is providing ongoing service and maintenance for these systems as well.

The changes have made a huge difference, Wasson said. The equipment rooms protect the team's gear, impress recruits, and help staff provide excellent customer service to coaches and student athletes. "It's a much more efficient process," he said. "It takes less than half the time that it took before."







Given the constraints of the long, narrow space allotted to football equipment storage at the Marcus Mariota Sports Performance Center, the project design team decided to create a mezzanine with Spacesaver compact shelving on two levels.



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"It's a huge 'wow' factor when the recruits walk in," said Aaron Wasson, the athletic equipment director at the University of Oregon.





All the systems are designed to maintain optimal organization and easy access.
Game-day gear is stored in lift-out wire baskets that are mounted on slide-out drawers.
This streamlines game day preparation: each player or coach is assigned a basket, and managers stock the baskets with necessary gear before moving them to the stadium or packing them to travel.
Footballs are stored on Spacesaver 4-post shelving fitted with plexiglass, allowing for visibility.





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"Spacesaver was there every time I reached out to them," said Wasson.

"Every time I called, the phone was answered; every email was returned.

They had as much a hand in the success of this project as we did."





Helmets are prepped, stored, and maintained in “The Armory,” a purpose-built room featuring mirrored Spacesaver cabinets mounted on a high-density mobile system. The system is operated by Touch Technology Control electronic touchpads, which can be configured with custom images. Facemasks are stored on Spacesaver shelving concealed behind roll-down doors.



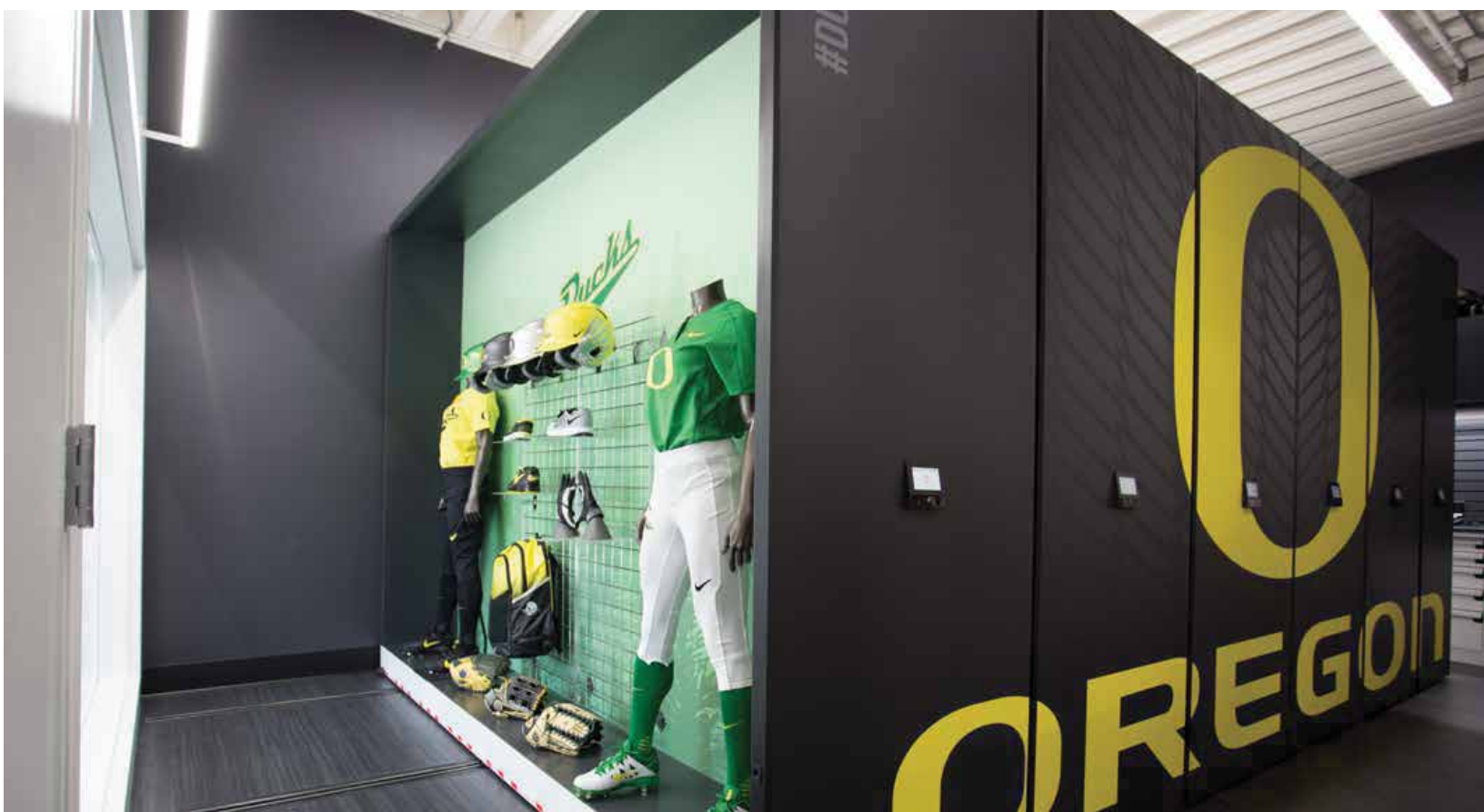


Helmets in mirrored Spacesaver cabinets seem to float in mid-air. The cabinets are mounted on "carriages" that move side to side with the press of a button.



Softball Storage





In the equipment room at the new Jane Sanders softball stadium, a Spacesaver system functions as storage and display. Specialized accessories efficiently store bats, helmets, apparel, and other gear, and the Spacesaver system opens to allow staff to change or update the display.





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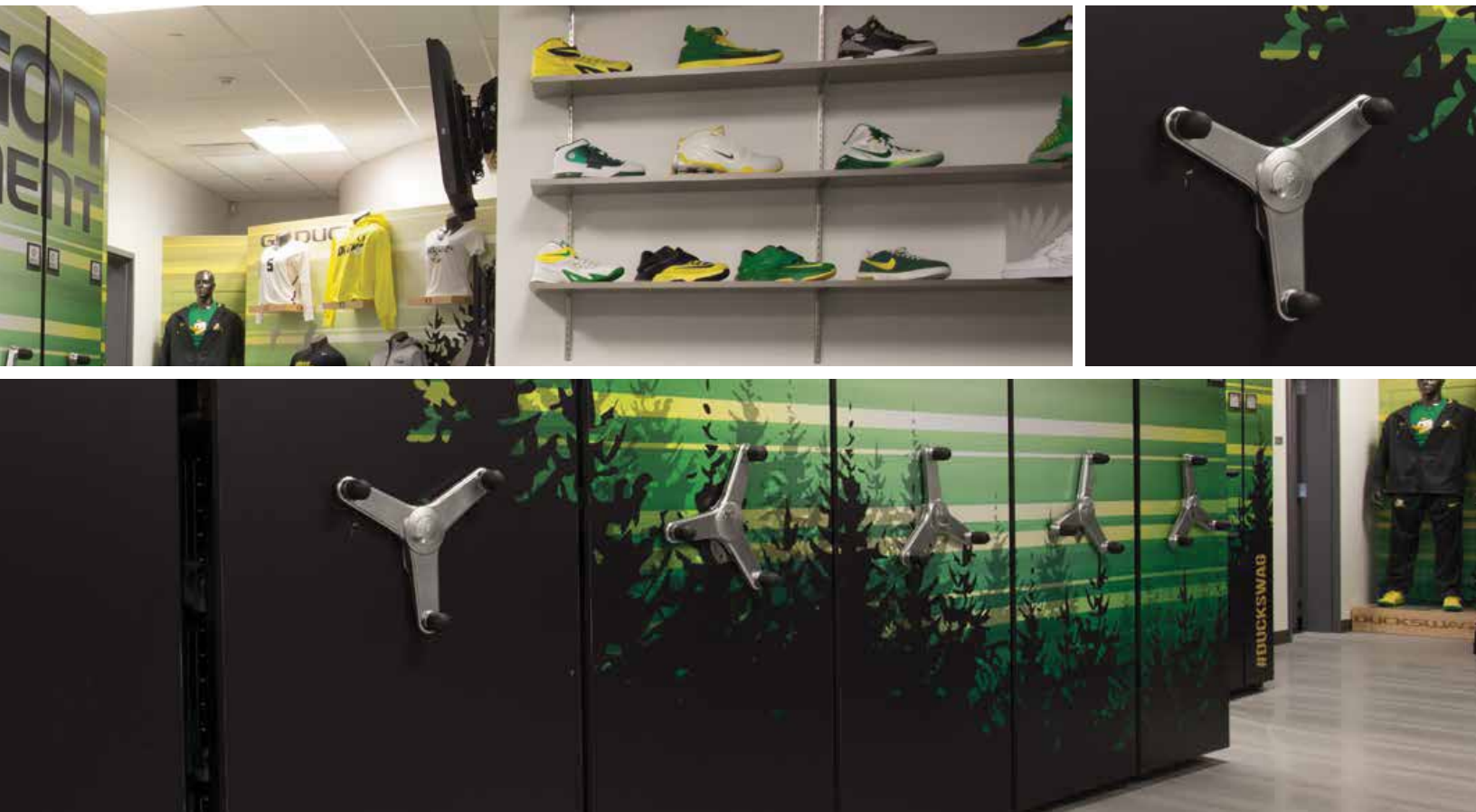
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Basketball Storage



Basketball gear is stored on Spacesaver shelving and compact storage systems in Knight Arena.



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Mechanical-assist handles allow staff and student managers to move heavy shelving units with minimal effort. These handles were finished with a custom paint color to integrate with the rest of the room's design.



The University of Oregon's mascot, Puddles, greets staff and athletes from a 16-foot-tall Spacesaver storage system in the Marcus Mariota Sports Performance Center. Shelving is configured with accessories to compactly store specialized equipment for baseball, soccer, lacrosse, and acrobatics.



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