

Beard-Eaves-Memorial Coliseum

Auburn's Beard-Eaves-Memorial Coliseum begins its 40th year of service to the University. The capacity of the six-million dollar multi-purpose building was reduced at the beginning of the 1994-95 season to 10,108 from its original 12,500-seat capacity since 1969. It was then increased to 10,500 in 1998-99. The first phase of a \$10-million renovation project began in 1997 with new baseline and sideline seating, a new playing floor, a new scoreboard and the construction of coaches' offices in the upper north end of the Coliseum.

Within the friendly confines of Beard-Eaves-Memorial Coliseum, Auburn boasts an impressive 268-104 record (.720) over the past 25 seasons. Overall, Auburn is 355-166 (.681) in the Coliseum. Only five times in the 40-year history of the Coliseum has Auburn experienced a losing record at home. Auburn's 30-game homecourt winning streak from the 1997-98 season to the final game of the 1999-2000 season is the longest in Coliseum history. It was the nation's second longest current winning streak at the time and the second longest home winning streak in Auburn history.

Named in memory of Auburn alumni "who made the supreme sacrifice for their country in its four wars of this century," Memorial Coliseum was officially dedicated at halftime of the Auburn-Vanderbilt game on February 22, 1969. The first game in Coliseum history, however, came earlier on January 11, 1969, when LSU and fabled Pete Maravich visited Auburn. The Tigers downed LSU 90-71 before 11,166 fans.

The facility was renamed Joel H. Eaves Memorial Coliseum in September of 1987 in recognition of Coach Eaves' lasting contributions to Auburn Basketball. Eaves, who guided Auburn to its first Southeastern Conference regular-season championship in 1960, tops the school's all-time list with 213 victories in 14 seasons (1949-50 to 1962-63).

It became known by its present name, Beard-Eaves-Memorial Coliseum in 1993. Jeff Beard was Auburn's athletic director from 1951-72 and was one of the greatest ever at the University.

One of the greatest moments in the Coliseum's history came on Feb. 17, 1999, when Auburn defeated Vanderbilt 81-63 to clinch the 1999 SEC Championship. A wild celebration followed the victory with Auburn



fans rushing the court and the Tigers cutting down the nets.

The Coliseum had served as home for the varsity indoor track squad. The indoor track, laid out around the perimeter of the arena floor (12 laps to the mile) was only the second such facility in the SEC when it was constructed. The first official SEC wrestling tournament was held in March 1970 in Memorial Coliseum. The NCAA wrestling championships were also hosted in 1971, making it only the second championship athletic event of national stature to be held in the South at the time. The Coliseum hosted the 2005 NCAA Gymnastics Championship.

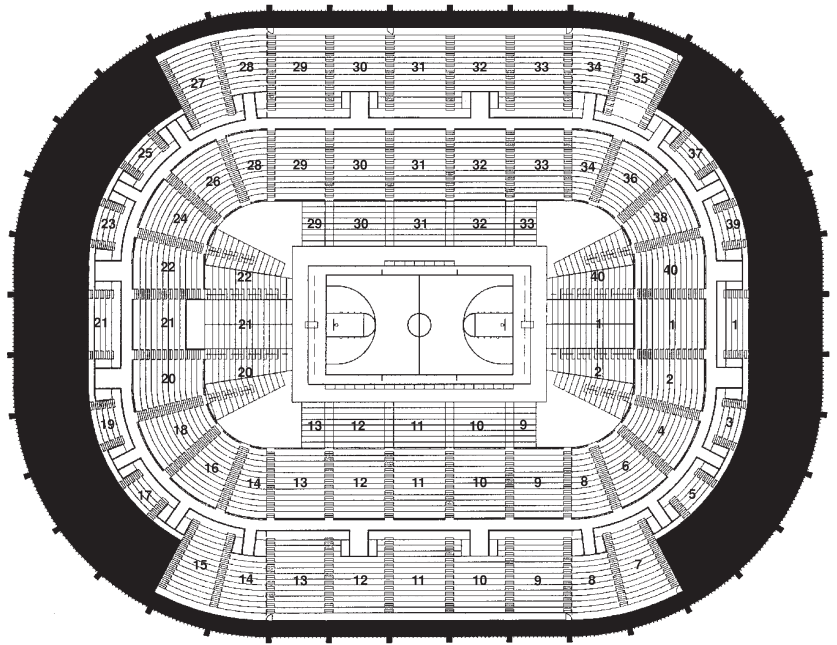
A portion of the athletic department offices, as well as the physical education offices and dressing rooms, are located in the Coliseum. Students and faculty members have daily access to all facilities.

The \$6,033,597 needed to erect the building was appropriated in several ways, after the 1965 Alabama Legislature approved construction. State funds accounted for \$4,500,000 and federal funds accounted for \$685,597. University funds totaled \$498,000 and the athletic department contributed \$360,000.





BEARD-EAVES-MEMORIAL COLISEUM
SEATING PLAN (capacity: 10,500)



Beard-Eaves-Memorial Coliseum Year-by-Year Records

Season	Games	Attendance	Avg.	Record	Pct.
1968-69	10	71,078	7,107	8-2	.800
1969-70	11	62,296	5,663	5-6	.455
1970-71	11	44,881	4,080	7-4	.636
1971-72	12	49,395	4,116	6-6	.500
1972-73	12	45,184	3,765	5-7	.417
1973-74	12	64,300	5,358	6-6	.500
1974-75	12	98,965	8,247	12-0	1.000
1975-76	11	97,024	8,820	9-2	.818
1976-77	12	83,254	6,938	6-6	.500
1977-78	12	78,241	6,520	8-4	.667
1978-79	11	66,074	6,007	4-7	.364
1979-80	10	68,534	6,853	5-5	.500
1980-81	13	68,601	5,277	6-7	.462
1981-82	13	69,647	5,357	11-2	.846
1982-83	13	86,098	6,623	10-3	.769
1983-84	11	73,392	6,672	9-2	.818
1984-85	14	84,926	6,066	10-4	.714
1985-86	11	79,585	7,235	10-1	.909
1986-87	14	95,541	6,824	11-3	.786
1987-88	13	92,265	7,097	10-3	.769
1988-89	14	80,658	5,761	7-7	.500
1989-90	11	96,339	8,758	7-4	.636
1990-91	14	95,744	6,839	7-7	.500
1991-92	12	90,202	7,517	8-4	.667
1992-93	12	100,291	8,358	9-3	.750
1993-94	15	83,682	5,579	7-8	.467
1994-95	13	82,446	6,342	9-4	.692
1995-96	14	96,206	6,872	9-5	.643
1996-97	15	87,323	5,822	11-4	.733
1997-98	15	91,509	6,100	12-3	.800
1998-99	15	123,881	8,259	15-0	1.000
1999-2000	15	157,500 (c)	10,500 (c)	14-1	.933
2000-01	18	173,249	10,191	12-5	.706
2001-02	16	151,200	9,450	11-5	.688
2002-03	17	120,994	7,117	13-4	.765
2003-04	17	114,726	6,749	12-5	.706
2004-05	15	68,880	4,592	8-7	.533
2005-06	16	73,465	4,592	11-5	.688
2006-07	20	106,198	5,310	15-5	.750
39 seasons	521	3,473,774	6,668	355-166	.681

Single-Game Attendance Highs

Attendance	Opponent	Date	AU-Opp.
1. 12,620	Alabama	3/3/93	78-70
2. 12,612	Alabama	1/10/76	62-63
3. 12,604	Alabama	1/3/91	56-68
4. 12,599	Kentucky	2/10/88	62-69
5. 12,583	UNLV	2/1/87	85-104
6. 12,579	Alabama	2/28/90	65-80
7. 12,578	Alabama	1/27/88	84-74
8. 12,571	Alabama	1/28/89	64-67
12,571	Kentucky	1/9/78	71-101
10. 12,542	Alabama	1/5/83	91-80
11. 12,534	Alabama	1/18/92	81-63
12. 12,531	Alabama	1/3/77	71-74
13. 12,507	Kentucky	2/8/92	67-85
14. 12,506	Alabama	3/8/75	76-70
15. 12,494	Vanderbilt	1/18/75	93-89
16. 12,468	LSU	2/16/70	64-70

Capacity Crowds since 1994-95*

1. 10,108	Arkansas (#4)	1-14-95	104-90
2. 10,108	Alabama (#18)	2-18-95	73-86
3. 10,108	Georgia (#17)	1-13-96	89-86
4. 10,108	Mississippi State	2-4-96 (ot)	75-78
5. 10,108	Alabama	2-14-96	72-75
6. 10,108	Kentucky (#1)	2-27-96	73-88
7. 10,108	Alabama	1-18-98	94-40
8. 10,500	Tennessee	1-2-99	90-62
9. 10,500	Arkansas (#18)	1-6-99	83-66
10. 10,500	Florida	1-16-99	88-69
11. 10,500	Mississippi State	1-27-99	64-54
12. 10,500	LSU	2-6-99	80-54
13. 10,500	Alabama	2-13-99	102-61
14. 10,500	Vanderbilt	2-17-99	81-63
15-29. 10,500	1999-2000 season		14-1 overall
30-45. 10,500	2000-01 season (all but NIT game)		11-5
46. 10,500	Alabama (#14)	1-12-02	59-56
47. 10,500	Kentucky (#8)	1-22-02	62-69
48. 10,500	Alabama (#9)	1-18-03	77-68
49. 10,500	Kentucky (#9)	2-21-04	59-68
50. 10,500	Alabama	2-24-04	71-72
51. 10,500	Alabama	1-11-06	52-56
52. 10,500	Alabama (#12)	1-23-07	81-57
53. 11,700	Florida (#1)	1-27-07	66-91

* Capacity reduced 12,500 to 10,108; increased to 10,500 in 1998-99

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