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University of Oklahoma revamps its football equipment storage area using Spacesaver mobile storage

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When the University of Oklahoma (OU) underwent a major stadium expansion, which included a new football athletics center, the university utilized two Spacesaver powered mobile systems with specialty shelving in its football equipment storage area.

The remodel gave the director of athletic equipment, Greg Tipton, the opportunity to evaluate his equipment storage areas and make improvements. Tipton had seen mobile systems at two other universities and knew what they could do for OU.

After several visits from the local Spacesaver representative and extensive space planning onsite, two powered systems were designed into one room and provide all of the football program's storage needs. “With the Spacesaver systems, we have taken equipment storage to a new level,” said Tipton. “The amount of storage space we have now is phenomenal. We've gained 48-to-50 percent additional space in our equipment storage. Before we had the Spacesaver systems we were completely out of space. Now we can even take overflow from other sports equipment areas and still have additional storage space.”

Tipton further explained, “Many equipment rooms use nice millwork shelving for their storage solution, but for many reasons I much prefer the benefits gained from by using the mobile systems. I would recommend Spacesaver mobile systems to anyone who is looking to improve their equipment area.” He also explained that they benefit equipment security by rolling together and locking down, replacing the old security approach using gates and fencing.

“We have had a lot of compliments from visiting equipment staffs,” Tipton proudly stated. “Because in our business so many storage areas are small and overcrowded, equipment professionals like the Spacesaver systems. They allow you to gain an incredible amount of space and the powered push button operation and safety features make them easy to use.”



The University of Oklahoma uses a Spacesaver powered systems to manage all of its football equipment

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One mobile system houses game lockers, extra equipment and clothing.

Game lockers, which are used for staging all equipment prior to a game and are only accessed by the equipment staff, were revamped as a part of the remodel. More than 100 custom-designed lockers, each utilizing Spacesaver shelving with five-to-six specially sized compartments, were designed onto the mobile system

"Previously we had wooden lockers that were smaller and not as efficient," Tipton explained. "The new lockers hold all game gear, travel bags and even Friday practice gear. Everything is in one place and it is neat and clean."

Extra helmets and face gear are stored in the same mobile system as the lockers in specially sized cubbies. Each linear shelving foot was maximized by fully utilizing the vertical storage space. Helmets and face-gear were carefully measured for exacting shelf cubby storage specifications.

Extra apparel including warm-ups, coaches gear, T-shirts and shorts are stacked on open shelving.

Miscellaneous items such as rain gear and shoulder pads are also in the same system. Large open shelving and garment rods are used to accommodate these unusual storage requirements.

The other system stores athletic shoes and award items.

Shoes are stored in shoeboxes on open shelving. "Shoes are a large part of our athletic equipment program. We now store more than 1,000 shoes in a small space on the mobile system and we used to store them in a very large area," Tipton explained.

Varsity letter awards are also stored in the second system. Varsity jackets and blankets are stored on shelves, where rings and watches are stored safely in drawers. •



Specialty lockers (top), lockable cabinets (middle) and drawers (bottom) accommodate all of the football program's unique storage requirements.

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