UI Field House renovations begin

The Field House has been a part of the UI community since 1927.

By GLENN WEISS

Renovation has begun on the 85-year-old Field House in order to improve access to the congested University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics complex.

The 240,000-square-foot facility has been a part of the UI community since 1927, and it was most recently renovated in 1985. Its features include 10 basketball/volleyball courts, a climbing gym, classrooms, saunas, 18 racquetball courts, six multiactivity rooms, a cycling studio, and a strength training area.

UI spokesman Tom Moore said the project is a way to enhance traffic flow to the health-science area, specifically the hospital.

“The basic project is creating a new roadway through the Main Street,” said Hugh Barry, a senior design project manager for UI Facilities Management. “Everything that currently resides there will be rebranded to the new southeast entrance. A new entrance will go between the South Gym and management.”

The Iowa Electronic Markets favor President Obama over Mitt Romney in the presidential election.

By NICK HASSETT

The Iowa Electronic Markets — a system of real-money future exchanges run by University of Iowa faculty — is calling a front runner in the upcoming election. The system favors President Obama by a wide margin, leaving one market committee member puzzled.

The Tippie College of Busi-ness ran the markets, in which students and nonstudents can trade in “shares” or contracts regarding the outcome of events such as elections. The price of a contract reflects demand; the market drives up the prices of shares attached to a likely winner, just as with any stock market.

According to the organization’s website, more than 100 universities have set up the UI markets since their establishment in 1998.

The Presidential Election Markets are split into two categories: vote-share and winner-takes-all markets. The vote-share markets are traded on the basis of the percentage of votes each candidate gets in the general election. The winner-takes-all markets are based solely on the winner.

Historically the markets have been quite accurate in predicting the outcome of elections. In 2003, the market favored Obama by a huge margin, topping up to Election Day. This was

Group aids LGBT seniors

A Johnson County group is working to become an affiliate of SAGE, the largest national organization advocating for LGBT seniors.

By TERRI SIMPSON

When Patrick Cronk officially came out of the closet at 28 years old, his mother, father, and six siblings disowned him.

Cronk, the secretary of the Visibility Action Team and a lord archbishop, said the hardships didn’t end with his coming out.

The now-47-year-old was banned from attending his mother’s funeral, was shot through the numbers of two lovers in hate crimes, lost four ex-lovers to AIDS, and buried 17 of his ex-lovers to AIDS.

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OBAMA, Romney trade blows on foreign policy

BOCA RATON, Fla.— President Obama sharply challenged Mitt Romney on foreign policy in their final campaign debate Monday night, accusing him of “wrong and reckless leadership that is all over the map.” The Republican coolly responded, “Attacking me is not an agenda” for dealing with a dangerous world.

With just 15 days remaining in an impossibly close race for the White House, Romney took the offensive, too. When Obama said the U.S. and its allies have imposed crippling sanctions on Iran to halt nuclear-weapons development, the Republican challenger responded that the U.S. should have done more. He declared repeatedly, “We’re four years closer to a nuclear Iran.”

Though their third and last face-to-face debate was focused on foreign affairs, both men reprised their campaign-long disagreements over the U.S. economy — the top issue by far in opinion polls — as well as energy, education, and other domestic issues.

The two men did find accord on more than one occasion when it came to foreign policy.

Each stressed unequivocal support for Israel when asked about a U.S. response if the Jewish state were attacked by Iran. “If Israel is attacked, we have their back,” said Romney — moments after Obama vowed, “I will stand with Israel if Israel is attacked.”

Both also said they oppose direct U.S. military involvement in the effort to topple Syrian President Bashar Assad.

The debate produced none of the finger-pointing and little of the interrupting that marked the presidential rivals’ debate last week, when Obama needed a comeback after a listless performance in their first meeting on Oct. 3.

The final debate behind them, both men are embarking on a homestretch whirlwind of campaigning. The president is slated to speak in six states during a two-day trip that begins Wednesday and includes a night aboard Air Force One as it flies from Las Vegas to Tampa. Romney intends to visit two or three states a day.

Already 4 million ballots have been cast in early voting in more than two dozen states.

Obama appears on course to win states and the District of Columbia that account for 237 of the 270 electoral votes needed for victory. The same is true for Romney in states with 191 electoral votes. The battlegrounds account for the remaining 110 electoral votes: Florida (29), North Carolina (15), Virginia (13), New Hampshire (4), Iowa (6), Colorado (9), Nevada (6), Ohio (18), and Wisconsin (10).

On Monday night, Obama said more than once that Romney had been “all over the map” with his positions. And not necessarily putting new distance between the two men. For example, Romney offered rare praise for the administration’s war efforts in Afghanistan.

The former Massachusetts governor said the 2012 surge of 33,000 U.S. troops was a success and asserted that efforts to train-Afghan security forces are on track to enable the U.S. and its allies to put the Afghan fully in charge of security by the end of 2014. He said that U.S. forces should complete their withdrawal on that schedule, previously he has criticized the setting of a specific withdrawal date.
Election 2012: debate wrap-up

First Presidential Debate

The first debate on Oct. 3, between Governor Romney and President Obama at the University of Denver ended with consequence from pun- parts for Obama and a clear win for the Romney campaign.

As the beginning of the debate, the Romney ag- gressively argued against the most of the presi- dent's economic policies and specifically the Affordable Health Care Act, or ObamaCare. Romney asserted that the Affordable Care Act was an attack on Medicare and would cut $716 billion from the program. Though not exactly accurate that ObamaCare will immediately cut that amount from Medicare, the Congressional Bud- get Office projected that the Affordable Care Act would be repealed, Medicare spending would increase by $716 billion over the next 10 years.

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Second Presidential Debate

What the first debate of presidential debate lacked in conflict, the second debate was in abundance. But while the fight between Obama and Romney was more sharpened in the Oct. 16 debate — con- frontations and contradictions piled the evening long — attitudes toward the former president truth were largely unchanged. Obama often mis- represented and omitted facts during his comments, and some topics were of issue.

Romney, though, took every opportunity to shift the tone of the conversation. He stated that Obama on the defensive and the moderating on tilt. His five-point economic plan, displayed in the debate, laying down different domestic priorities from foreign policy points.

The candidates' policies were not extremely different, but it was clear疤 Romney's positions were based on the strong economy, and military action as a last resort in every- thing.

The highlight of the night, the giving president the chance to directly address the secret service of Obama's "inconsistent" policies and opinions on issues ranging from immigration to a withdrawn timetable in Afghanistan to the assassination of Obama bin Laden.

"You've been all over the map," Obama told Romney. We've heard several times throughout the evening.

Floods, models, women

"You're not rich," said the president at the debate; "I see no evidence of a white House.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

KINNICK IN JAIL

Letter to the Editor

From: Bill Adams, of Moline
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The Spirit of the Volunteer

Guest Opinion

By: Sam Osborne

Good old-fashoned Midwestern humor

Cartoon

FLOODES, MODELS, WOMEN

Online Comments

RE: "Point/ Counterpoint: How to vote on the Johnson County justice center..."

I'm in favor of the current arrangement. It's clear that a new jail is needed, but I'm not sure that the new jail is needed. I'm concerned about the cost of building a new jail. It seems like a waste of money to build a new jail when we're already paying for a current jail.

Lenny Schrader

RE: "Evans: The pro-choice Catholic..."

I believe that the pro-choice Catholics are right in their arguments. I don't think that we should be forced to pay for abortions. I think that everyone should have the right to make their own choices about their own bodies.

Nicole Johnson

RE: "Evans: The pro-choice Catholic..."

I think it might be easier to come to terms with the fact that we are living in a world where the lack of control over our reproductive rights is a serious problem. We need to remember that the right to control our own bodies is a basic human right.

Nicholas Johnson
"The students that are getting ready to graduate are moving into a workplace where they will more likely need advice from mom and dad with Obama's economy," she said.

Behrens agreed with Spiess. "I think the thing that kids need to know is that college is going to be expensive, and how you save is important," she said. "But the key point is having jobs after graduation.

But when Obama visited the UI on April 24 and spoke to nearly 6,000 members of the university community about college affordability, he stressed that college affordability is a nonpartisan issue, and he plans on continuing to keep college affordable by investing in community colleges and career-training programs, as well as keeping the interest rate down. "The idea that people afford college should be on the benefit of America's agenda," Obama said in his speech.

"This shouldn't be a Republican or Democratic issue," he said.

Clark said the two candidates might well agree that college is affordable for the middle class, and this is something she believes Obama accomplishes and Romney lacks.

"It's not feasible for anyone to not have a college degree. We need more. But we need more people that can afford it," she said. "We need to understand that the students who go into college are going to grow the economy," she said.

Tony Dahms, the director of UI Student Financial Aid, said the UI has also implemented resources locally to provide students with the information on student interest rates and ways to make college costs affordable through lowered loan interest rates.

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Disrespect at UI down

The number of complaints to the Ombudsperson Office about disrespect has decreased.

By LAUREN COFFEY

Complaints among students, staff, and faculty regarding disrespect have slowly increased over the last five years, and the University of Iowa Office of the Ombudsperson decided to take action against the issue by educating staff and students about the issue of disrespect.

This year, the complaints have gone from 132 to 139 grievances regarding respect.

“I wish we could talk less about it,” said Steve Choe, an assistant ombudsperson Office, “but we have high visibility and a lot of people who come in. We try to deal with a number of issues in a variety of ways. Sometimes we are a big campus; I think one of the reasons behind the decrease in the number of complaints is the Ombudsperson Office,” UI ombudsperson Tom Moore said, “We have to give some credit to the office for that.”

One faculty member said he does not necessarily think the initiatives of the Ombudsperson Office should receive full credit. Instead, he pointed to students’ lack of knowledge about what to do if they have a complaint.

“I imagine the undergraduate students aren’t even aware of the Ombudsperson Office,” said Steve Choe, an assistant professor of cinema and comparative literature. “Their expectations are shaped by the faculty. They may not necessarily question someone above them.”

The Ombudsperson Office has documented the number of complaints received in a variety of issues for the last five years. The 2006-07 academic year involved 21 complaints regarding issues of disrespect.

It has increased over the last five years, coming to a total of 503 visitors. The complaints do not encompass a variety of issues such as sexual harassment, discrimination, violation of policies, unethical behavior or conduct. The complaints are rarely anonymous and involve a variety of issues such as sexual harassment, discrimination, violation of policies, and unethical behavior.

“I think some of the biggest issues behind the decrease of complaints are seen 503 visitors,” UI ombudsperson Joyce said. “I don’t know if we have to be students themselves, teachers or students having issues with their supervisors.”

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Wagner’s attorney, Donn Zver, told jurors that Professor Rand Diamond tried to get a job for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun, who helped draft Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion in 1973, led to the recent trial of a woman during a 2007 faculty meeting. The woman was a registered Democrat, you couldn’t be fair-minded to agree to anything,” Zver said.

He said that “biasing” liberal” faculty members made up testimony that she answered a question poorly to hide the discrimination.

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Though the markets may be accurate in their predictions, the UI College Democrats and Republicans hadn’t heard of them before. “The market is an interesting concept, but we’re not really focusing on the voters,” said Quentin Marquardt, chair of the UI College Democrats. “It’s something that’s on our radar.”

When Nelson said the president of the UI College Democrats, school those sentiments, the organization is focused on getting momentum going with early voters. Though Nelson thinks programs such as the market should receive more attention in the media and the public compared with polls, he believes the ultimate goal of the market is to provide a real-world application of theories for students. “It’s like a laboratory for business students,” he said. “Chemistry students get to mix chemicals, and our students get to participate in a real market and see how these influence market prices.”

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By ANDREW SELIGMAN

SAN FRANCISCO — In a season full of twists and turns, the San Francisco Giants found themselves headed back to the World Series after a big comeback against the defending champs.

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The Poore, III., native’s doctor told him Oct. 15 at the Pre-National Volleyball Coaches Association meeting in Columbus, Ohio, that he would be able to play in 1-2 weeks. "I could come back in a week or two, with a time of 24-25," he said.

That meet might have been the first top-ten victory for Holmes, and the big-name conference tournament winners used perhaps the biggest gap to pull Vandenberg? The secretary, who normally is at his desk, couldn't figure out what was wrong. Holmes said he eventually got started and felt better. His only concern was motiva-

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problems with his throwing hand. He will be his worst game."

But problems with his hand will leave him in for the whole sea-

son. He has been in and out of the lineup with a time of 24-25, with losses against both Indiana and South Carolina.

"I thought we could be 7-0, 6-1," head coach and former quarterback Jerry Kill said in the post-game interview. "We've got to move forward and have faith in the situation."

But until it's banned, I'm going to use it."

Holmes also noted that his performance for Holmes is a reassuring sign of how far he has come this season.

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"At one of the workouts, we were going to flip the ball, he said. "I couldn’t even keep up with them, it was a difficult time to perform and keep up with the group that he normally led.

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The Hawkeyes fail to lock a Nebraska spike in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Oct. 17. Aside from wins over Indiana and Purdue, Iowa has only seen five sets since conference play began. (The Daily Iowan/John Hauk)

The Box Score is a weekly segment about a Daily Iowan football reporter who tracks statistics to contextualize Iowa football's performance over the course of the season.

As expected, there aren't many positive statistics attached to the 12-0 Iowa football team, and after the loss to Penn State this past weekend, many of those numbers plummeted. Let's take a look:

**Huskies, Lions roll in V-ball**

Big Ten leaders Penn State and Nebraska look poised for an extended tourney run, and Ohio State tries to build on strong first half in conference play.

*By CARLOS SOSA*

The first half of the Big Ten volleyball season culminated in Ruther with Iowa's loss to Northwestern in straight sets at Welsh-Ryan Arena. Here's a look at where some teams stand after 10 out of 20 conference matches:

Midseason Winners: No. 1 Penn State (20-1, 10-0 Big Ten)

Penn State and Nebraska are ranked one and two in the Big Ten in the sport's most important statistic of hitting percentages. The Nittany Lions hold the overall lead and the Huskers hold the conference lead. The two teams have dominated on the court. Besides their wins over Penn State—chaps that fans shouldn't expect to see backup Jake Rudock on the field anytime soon. It would be tough for Rudock to do much worse statistically than his predecessor when or if he sees the field this season.

Vandenberg has thrown the ball 231 times this season and has connected on just 129 of those tosses. Also, his 55.8 percent completion percentage is rated pretty close to the bottom of the nation.

Total tackles, Anthony Hitchens, Big Ten: 86 (1st)

Through seven games Anthony Hitchens is leading the Big Ten in total tackles with 86. The number is good enough to place second nationally, behind Dan Molle of Tulsa — although the Hurricanes have played one more game than the Hawkeyes. With games against top rushers still remaining, such as Northwestern's Venric Mark, Nebraska's Rex Burkhead, and Michigan's Denard Robinson looming, look for Hitchens to add to his tackle total.

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**Hawkeye offensive numbers are offensive**

In a two-game winning streak, but those victories were the **Pull O Vandy?**

Should Iowa have pulled James Vandenberg in its 38-14 loss to Penn State on Oct. 20. Two Big Ten sports reporters debate.

**YES**

During Iowa's drubbing by Penn State, fans were practically begging for a change. Jake Giffenbush may have satisfied Iowa faithful near the end of a 38-14 bludgeoning at the hands of Penn State on Oct. 20. Anybody but James Vandenberg.

Vandenberg struggled throughout the game, botching out after three quarters. The senior had completed just 37 of 72 pass attempts for 120 yards and an interception at that point and was replaced in the third quarter. Iowa's offense was on a short-handed kickoff with neutron Lains. The Nittany Lions had the ball 10-0 and had shown no sign of life on either side of the ball. During Iowa's Vandy loss, is the battle all the way to the end? Head coach Kirk Ferentz would like his players to believe the Buckeyes native is the clear-cut No. 1. But he will say how he would know I say differently.

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**The long and short of putting**

Because of his height, Ryan Marks uses a long putter to improve his game.

*By TOMMY REINKING*

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