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Turf project incomplete

Track in need of repairs, ground under field requires regrading

BY JOE BARKER
Managing Editor

On paper, the project to renovate the field at Stokes Stadium was supposed to take about three months to complete. Nearly six and a half months later, the project still is not done.

Sure, the field is game-ready — the Bulldogs already have played four games on the new surface with a fifth to take place Saturday — but with a roughly 25-yard section of the track missing, it will be some time before the project is officially complete. Along with the track repairs, the ground under the football field needs to be redone to fix problems with unevenness and to address sink-hole issues.

"The project's not done," University general counsel Warren Wells said. "... The idea was that the track would be in good order when this was finished."

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Track

For the last week, construction crews have been pouring the asphalt base to replace the missing section on the west end of the Kenneth Gardner Track. The section was removed this summer during the installation of the new draining system that runs under the field.

Per the original contract with the University, GeneralSports Venue agreed the project would be deemed completed when the field was done and when the track was recompleted to the state it was in before construction began.

"We want our track back," director of athletics Jerry Wollmering said.

On Tuesday the crew from McConnell and Associates put the second layer of the asphalt base down. Track and field head coach John Cochrane said the base is just the first step in the process of

"All around the country, people are putting turf fields inside of tracks, even in our conference."

Jerry Wollmering
Director of Athletics



Amy Gleaves/Index
Football players walk over a boarded up section of the track Tuesday. Portions of the track still await completion.

repairing the missing section.

Cochrane said on top of the asphalt are two layers of polyurethane liquid that have to harden and dry. These give the track its springiness. A poly-

urethane structural final layer — the layer that gives the track its red color and resiliency — can only be applied when the temperature is 50 degrees or

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Lopez takes plea agreement

El Vaquero owner waits for sentence, restaurant closed for good on Wednesday

BY JULIE WILLIAMS
Editor in Chief

A local restaurant owner signed a plea agreement Oct. 8 in U.S. District Court, Eastern District, that dismissed 41 of 42 counts stemming from the employment of undocumented workers.

Nefali Lopez, owner of El Vaquero Mexican restaurant, entered a voluntary guilty plea to Count 11 of the charge. Counts one through 10 and 12 through 42 will be dismissed at the time of sentencing, according to the plea agreement. The count Lopez will be sentenced for is based on acts he committed "with the purpose of obtaining anything of value, or for any other reason; intention to deceive; aided, abetted, counseled and adduced another individual to falsely represent a number to be the Social Security account number assigned by the Commissioner of Social Security to him and the number was not the Social Security account number assigned by the Commissioner of Social Security to the individual assisted by the defendant," according to the agreement.

Lopez had been receiving letters from the Social Security Administration since 2001 stating that he was "employing individuals at the Kirkville restaurant whose names did not match the Social Security numbers reported by the restaurant to the Internal Revenue Service and the State of Missouri Department of Unemployment Compensation," according to the agreement.

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Local Candidates



Rebecca McClanahan
D-State Rep. Dist. 2



Thom Van Vleck
R-State Rep. Dist. 2



Leonard Clark
D-Adair Co. Sheriff



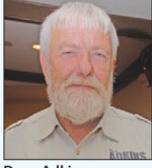
Robert Hardwick
I-Adair Co. Sheriff



Carson Adams
D-First District Commissioner



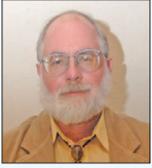
E. Gene Schneider
R-First District Commissioner



Dean Adkins
I-Second District Commissioner



Harley Harrelson
D-Second District Commissioner



Steve Salt
L-Second District Commissioner



Mark Thompson
R-Second District Commissioner

Candidates debate on campus

BY CAITLIN DEAN
Assistant News Editor

The University hosted the Missouri 9th Congressional District debate between Democrat Judy Baker and Republican Blaine Luetkemeyer Tuesday night.

About 200 people attended the event in Baldwin Auditorium, said Jay Self, assistant professor of communication. Truman hosted two congressional primary debates in July, one each for the Democratic and Republican candidates. Journalist Bob Priddy of MissouriNet served as moderator for Tuesday's debate and was responsible for writing the questions. Self said only Priddy had any knowledge of the questions prior to the debate.

This was the second debate in the congressional campaign for these candidates, Self said. He said the candidates determine how many debates they have but are not required to organize any.

Tuesday night's debate covered six issue segments plus one wild card question, which was presented to the candidates at the end because of extra time. Each issue segment contained one main question and a follow-up question. Issues covered included the economy, the job market, health care, alternative energy, campaigning issues and tactics, presidential powers and education.

In the first segment, candidates discussed what Congress' next steps should be regarding employment and the current state of the economy. Baker spoke first with two minutes to respond. She discussed the importance of keeping jobs within the United States and implementing financial security from the bottom up. She said the economic crises that recently hit Wall Street happened to the average American a long time ago. Luetkemeyer then had a minute and a half for a rebuttal, in which he said he would go to Washington, D.C. and change the way the country does business, such as developing resources here.

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Brian O'Shaughnessy/Index
Republican Blaine Luetkemeyer and Democrat Judy Baker, both candidates for 9th Congressional District Representative, debated at Truman Tuesday.

Poll apparel restricted

BY CAITLIN DEAN
Assistant News Editor

No McCain hat on your head or Obama sticker on your shirt. No candidate or party-endorsing T-shirts, buttons or jackets.

This is called electioneering, and if voters do it at the polls on Tuesday, they will be asked to remove or cover it up. States have different rulings, but in Missouri, the rules are no-nonsense. County Clerk Sandy Collop said the electioneering law was part of the Comprehensive Election Act of 1977 and became effective in 1978.

"[Voters] cannot go into a voting precinct with any sort of identification on favoring a candidate," Collop said.

Collop said there haven't been any problems in Kirkville with voters refusing to remove their political paraphernalia.

"Everybody's really good about it," she said. "They just forget. They forget that they might have that hat on that says vote for this person or that person. They might have that campaign button on, but everybody has been very gracious to remove the hat, take off the campaign button, turn the shirt inside out or cover it up somehow."

Rather than focusing on what voters wear, county officials are more concerned with the election.

"We just are encouraging everyone to get out to vote [Tuesday]," Collop said. "It's going to be very, very important. It's go-

ing to be a big election."

Freshman Alex Portis said he will vote in Missouri on Tuesday and was not aware of the electioneering laws.

"I don't think anybody knows about [the laws], to be honest with you," he said. "I didn't know about it."

Junior Molly Bender said she is from Illinois and won't vote in Missouri but that she thinks the laws are unnecessary.

"If people are going to the polls, they truly know who they are voting for," Bender said. "They don't really decide in the booth right then. I don't feel that political garb would influence anyone, so there's really no point in banning it."

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Ryan Carothers thinks candidates need to reform habits



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Senior Drew Clark shares zombie stories on campus



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WEATHER

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mostly Sunny	Sunny	Partly Cloudy
High 68 Low 47	High 69 Low 47	High 65 Low 48