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**UNIVERSITY OF IOWA DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS**  
**OVERVIEW OF ANTICIPATED FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS**

**Action Requested:** Consider recommending that the Board receive the report, and provide comments, on prospective capital projects to support intercollegiate athletics at the University of Iowa.

**Executive Summary:** The renovation of Kinnick Stadium is nearing completion as detailed in Agenda Item 3. While this project is the University's most publicized and expensive athletics project, the Department of Athletics is committed to support the facilities needs of all men's and women's sports teams. The Department and the University's Facilities Management planning staff have developed a plan to address overall athletics facilities needs at the University. (Attachment A includes a list of current sports teams and practice/competition facilities; the locations of the facilities are shown on Attachments B and C.)

The University and Department intend to fund the proposed projects, outlined in this memorandum, through private gift support and Athletics Department earnings. The successful sale of premium seating at Kinnick Stadium, exceeding the conservative projections contained in the Kinnick financial plan presented to the Board in March, 2004, will benefit the University's other sports programs.

The University reports that each of the identified projects, which are summarized below, addresses a critical need. The University will review each project as developed and present it to the Board and/or Board Office consistent with the capital project policies outlined in the Regents Policy Manual.

**Boat House Practice Facility and Storage**

The University reports that the women's rowing team is in need of a facility to support its practice, work-out and competition needs; it is the only University sport that does not have a permanent work-out facility. To address the programmatic needs and to meet the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) certification gender equity plan commitments, this project is the Department's top facilities priority.

The University is working with community leaders to identify an appropriate and appealing site for the boat house along the Iowa River. The project is viewed as a collaborative effort to benefit the University's intercollegiate rowing program and to advance the sport of rowing within the community.

The University is requesting Permission to Proceed with project planning for this facility in its capital register (See Agenda Item 4d).

**Carver-Hawkeye Arena**

Carver-Hawkeye Arena (Arena) has received only minor modifications and improvements since it was constructed 23 years ago. The University reports that the facility is in need of improvements to meet program needs and to correct deferred maintenance.

Since the men's and women's basketball teams and the women's volleyball team utilize the main floor of the facility as their only venue for practice and competition, student-athletes are

forced to practice at times that make scheduling and coordinating academic classes difficult. Home competitions in the Arena and the court-set up process often leave the other teams without a place to practice. In addition, wrestling hosts all its home meets on the Arena floor.

The University is considering building an addition at the service (north) end of the Arena site; the addition would provide a closed practice gymnasium to be shared by the basketball and volleyball teams. The changes incorporated within this addition would allow for a re-organization of the Arena's current office spaces (2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> level) and provide event, program and meeting space within the Arena.

The University reports that the Arena's roof membrane needs to be replaced and that the building creates several ease of access challenges for patrons. Vertical transportation and other access needs are a high priority for the planned facility improvements.

It is the University's intent to initiate the planning process to address these facility needs as soon as possible. Resolution of each challenge would be accomplished as soon as planning is completed and the necessary funding identified. The University expects to submit a "permission to process with project planning" request to the Board within the next several months.

### **Jacobson Athletic Building**

The Jacobson Athletic Building, an addition to the intercollegiate football office and training complex, was completed in 1995. The original project included the construction of a foundation designed for a future addition to the weight training room; the University proposes to complete this addition to create 6,000 gross square feet of additional weight and training space for the football program.

Additionally, space within the lower level of the Jacobson Building will soon be available for reassignment due to the relocation of men's and women's tennis, and women's soccer teams to the soon to be completed Tennis and Recreation Facility. This relocation will permit expansion of the lower level weight and training rooms that serve the needs of 11 varsity sports programs.

### **Field House (North Gymnasium)**

The men's and women's gymnastics teams currently practice and compete in the North Gymnasium of the Field House built in 1925. The space is both inflexible and overcrowded for current training needs and requires renovation to permit continued use by both teams. The Athletics Department proposes to renovate the existing space and the area directly adjacent to gymnastics (currently used for overflow court space) to create a suitable practice space that can also host competitions. Timing of this initiative is tied to the completion of the new Campus Recreation and Wellness Center.

### **Finkbine Golf Course Clubhouse**

The Finkbine clubhouse has served well the University's nationally recognized golf course for more than one-half century. However, few improvements have been made to the facility since its construction, even though use of the course has grown. The Athletics Department proposes investigating an addition to and renovation of the existing clubhouse to meet the growing demands placed upon it. Options and costs would be explored during planning.

**INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORTS**

**WOMEN'S**

Softball  
Basketball  
Cross Country  
Track & Field  
Golf  
Gymnastics  
Swimming & Diving  
Tennis  
Field Hockey  
Rowing  
Soccer  
Volleyball

**MEN'S**

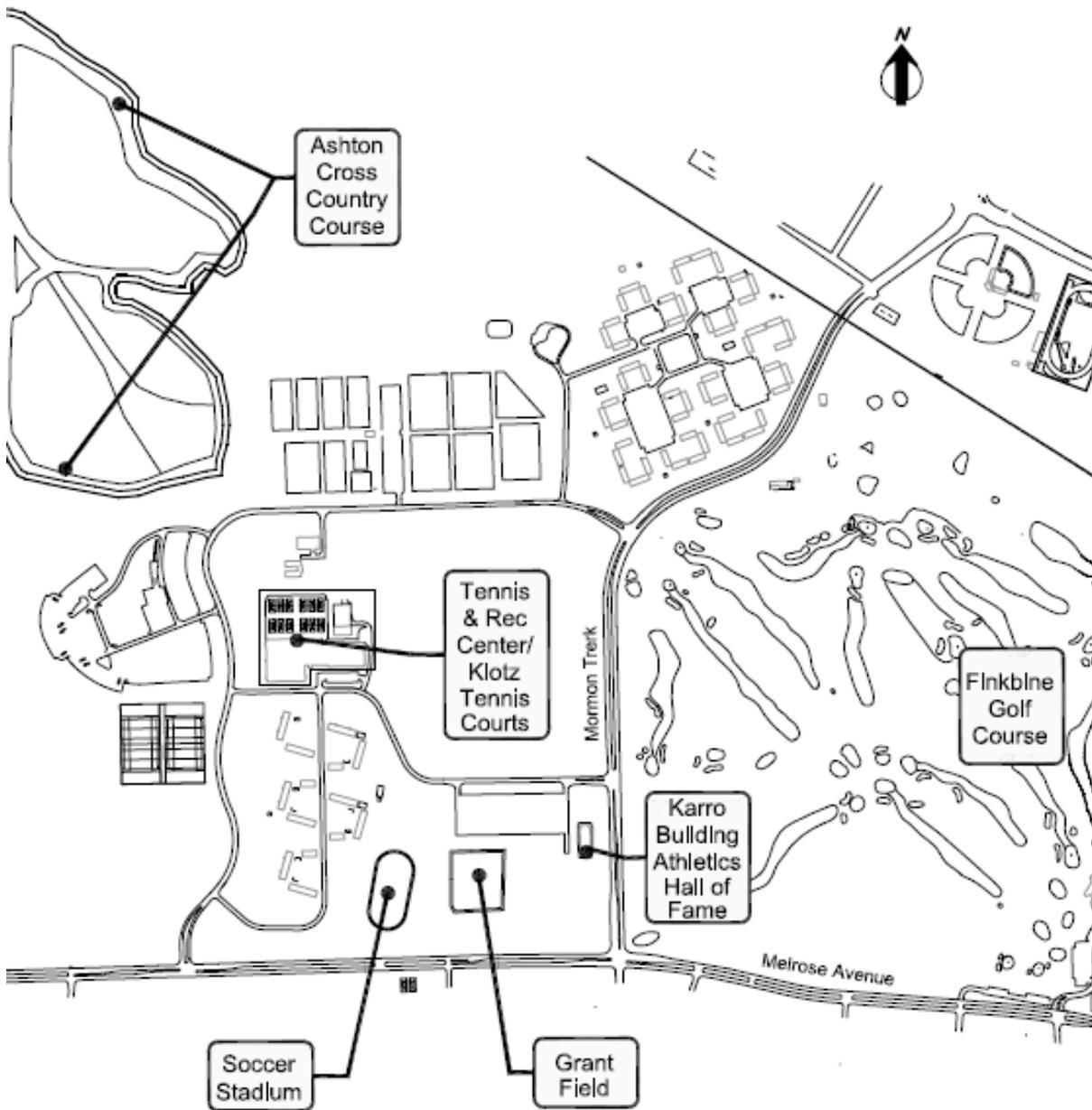
Baseball  
Basketball  
Cross Country  
Track & Field  
Golf  
Gymnastics  
Swimming & Diving  
Tennis  
Football  
Wrestling

**INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS FACILITIES**

Ashton Cross Country Course  
Pearl Softball Field  
Carver-Hawkeye Arena (Basketball, Volleyball, Wrestling, Athletics Administration)  
Klotz Tennis Courts  
Tennis and Recreation Center (fall 2006)  
Banks Field (Baseball)  
Grant Field (Field Hockey)  
Finkbine Golf Course  
Cretzmeyer Track  
Fry Football Complex

- Kinnick Stadium
- Jacobson Athletic Building
- Kenyon Practice Facility

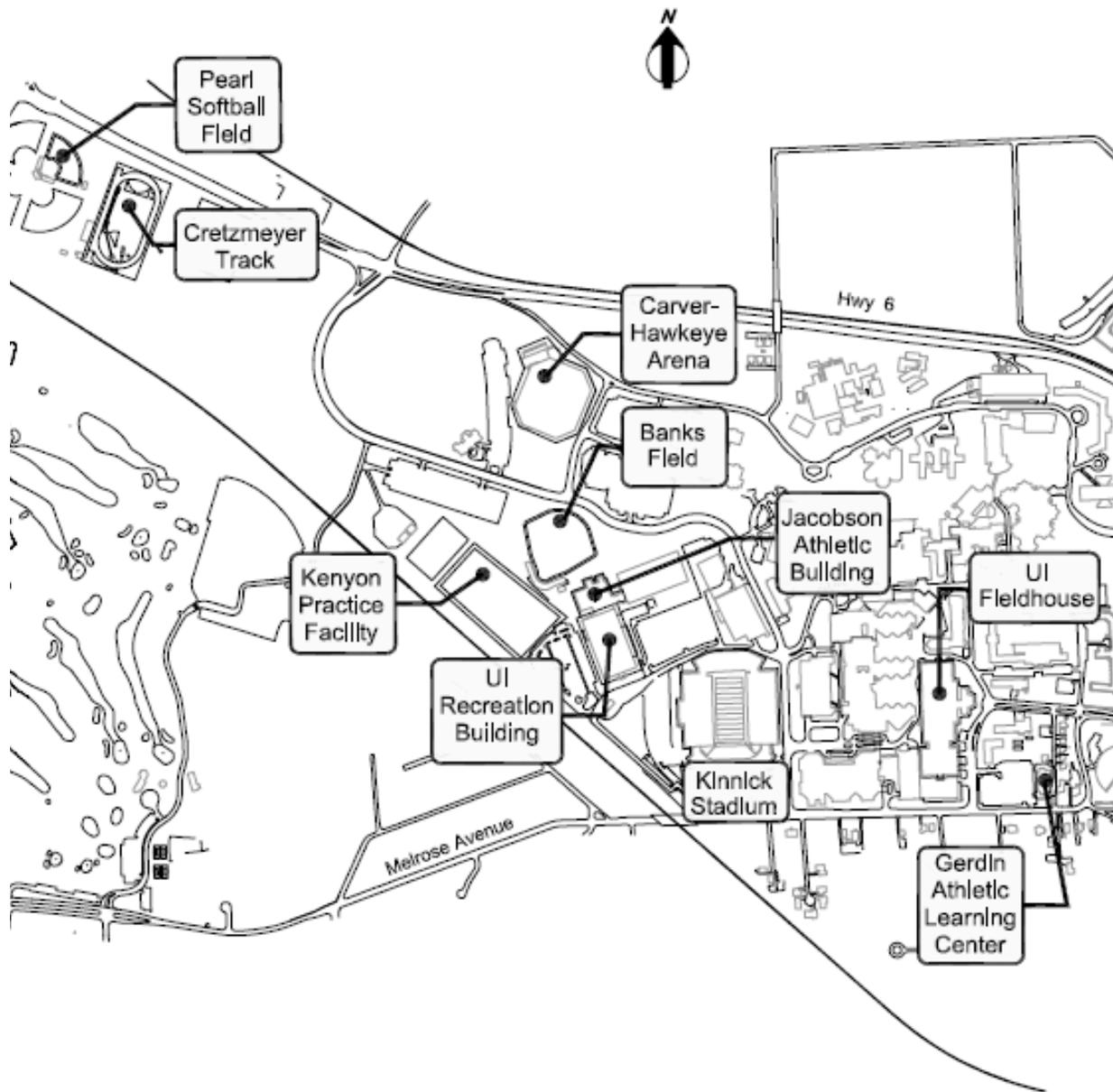
UI Soccer Field  
UI Recreation Building (Indoor Track & Field)  
UI Fieldhouse North Gym (Gymnastics)  
UI Fieldhouse Swimming Pool  
  
Karro Building Athletics Hall of Fame  
Gerdin Athletic Learning Center



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