

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Naming of the New Women's Gymnastics Facility

Action

Requested: Authorization to Name the New Gymnastics Facility in Honor of Donald R. Shepherd

Background:

The University of Michigan has received a commitment of \$3.5 million from Donald R. Shepherd in support of the new women's gymnastics facility of the Athletic Department to be located on a site near the tennis facility on South State Street.

Donald R. Shepherd (BBA '58) has been an outstanding supporter of University of Michigan Athletics, both as a fan and donor. A loyal Wolverine football fan, who flies cross-country to Ann Arbor from his home in California for Michigan's home football games, Mr. Shepherd believes firmly in the role that athletic activities and accompanying activities like marching band contribute to a student's understanding of the value of work. Because of this belief, Mr. Shepherd has made gifts totaling more than \$11 million to support these activities: endowing the directorship of the Marching Band, the directorship of the Athletic Department, providing scholarships for members of the Marching Band, funding an addition to Revelli Hall - where the band practices, athletic scholarships for women athletes and for hockey players, a new locker room for the women's softball team, support for the golf program, the new tennis facility, and most recently for the women's gymnastics facility.

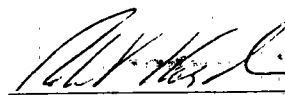
Don Shepherd's contributions go well beyond the monetary. He has provided leadership for the Marching Band through his role on their Volunteer Committee and served on the President's Advisory Group, the Los Angeles Major Gifts Committee, the School of Music Development Advisory Committee, and the Investment Advisory Committee for the Business School. Before his retirement as CEO of Loomis Sayles and Company, Mr. Shepherd worked as an investment manager with the company for 23 years. He now lives in Rancho Santa Fe, California.

In recognition of this significant commitment from Donald R. Shepherd in support of the new women's gymnastics facility of the Athletic Department, we recommend the Regents formally designate the new building as the Donald R. Shepherd Women's Gymnastic Center.

Respectfully submitted,



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