

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the Regents

March 17, 2006

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Building Naming

Action

Requested: Authorization to Name the Addition to Newberry Hall in honor of William E. Upjohn

Background:

The Kelsey Museum of Archaeology in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts is undertaking a renovation and expansion project supported by a gift of \$8.5 million from Edwin and Mary Meader of Kalamazoo, Michigan. The College expects to break ground in 2006 and complete construction in 2008.


The project includes construction of a new wing of the museum dedicated to exhibit space, collections storage, and research and teaching spaces; there will also be a major reorganization and renovation of the historic Newberry Hall building that currently houses all the museum's activities.

The Upjohn family has had a long and prestigious relationship with the University of Michigan. William E. Upjohn, who was Mrs. Meader's grandfather, studied at the University of Michigan (1875) and set up a pharmaceutical laboratory in addition to his private practice. He developed a process for making pills and granules that resulted in the Upjohn Pill and Granule Company (1885), organized with the help of his three brothers. By 1902 the firm, renamed the Upjohn Company, expanded into a full line of pharmaceutical products. By 1909 his brothers withdrew from the firm, and William Upjohn continued sole management until his death. Civic-minded, he helped charter the City of Kalamazoo, Michigan (1914). A generous philanthropist, he also donated the 17-acre Upjohn Park to the city.

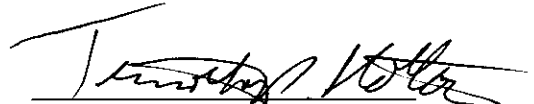
His family has continued the tradition of philanthropy with generous gifts to the University. The Meaders have been generous supporters of the University of Michigan for more than 30 years. In addition to this gift to the Kelsey Museum, they have given \$10 million to support the Depression Center as well as making gifts over the years to the Department of Chemistry, School of Music, Hill Auditorium, and departments in the Medical School such as Psychiatry and Ophthalmology.

In recognition of the significant commitment from Mr. and Mrs. Meader in support of the Kelsey Museum, we recommend that the Regents formally designate the addition to Newberry Hall as the William E. Upjohn Exhibit Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



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