

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the Regents

April 21, 2006

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Building Naming

Action

Requested: Authorization to Name the North Campus Auditorium in Honor of Penelope and E. Roe Stamps

Background:

The University of Michigan received a commitment of \$4.4 million from Penelope W. and E. Roe Stamps. A portion of the gift is designated toward the North Campus Auditorium that will be connected to the Charles R. Walgreen, Jr. Drama Center. The 460-seat auditorium is designed to meet the increased need for classroom space, lectures and events on North Campus. The remainder of the gift has been designated to establish the Stamps Scholars Program, providing merit-based four-year scholarship awards to outstanding undergraduates. This latest gift brings the Stamps' campaign gift total to \$9.4 million.

Penny and Roe Stamps have been generous supporters of the University of Michigan. Penny, a graduate of the School of Art and Design, and Roe have made gifts supporting the creation of the South State Street gallery "Work" which provides exhibit space for the Art School's students and faculty. They have also funded the Penny W. Stamps Distinguished Visitors Program that brings stellar artists to speak and interact with students, the Stamps Family Scholarship Program, and the Roman J. Witt Visiting Professorship. Recently, the School of Art and Design named their new undergraduate Senior Studios in honor of Penny and Roe to acknowledge their transformative influence on scores of creative students through their funding for the School. In the Athletics Department, they have provided generous funding for the Stamps Student Commons in the Ross Academic Center.

Penny serves on the President's Advisory Group and is a Co-Chair of the Michigan Difference campaign. She also serves as chair and Roe is a member of the Dean's Advisory Council for the School of Art and Design.

In recognition of the transforming support of University of Michigan education by Penelope W. and E. Roe Stamps, we recommend the Regents formally designate the new auditorium as the Stamps Auditorium.

Respectfully submitted,



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