

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM**

FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

February 27, 2025

Item H.1. **Nicholls State University’s** request for approval to name the covered practice facility the “Gaubert Oil Practice Facility at Shaw Sports Turf/Manning Field.”

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The University is requesting approval to name its covered practice facility the “*Gaubert Oil Practice Facility at Shaw Sports Turf/Manning Field.*”

“We are so fortunate to have Nicholls State University as one of the pillars of our community. Nicholls brings a tremendous value to our area. We are very happy to support the University with sponsoring the covered practice facility. The facility itself is a great benefit to both Nicholls and the local community, and this donation benefits Nicholls and students by offering many scholarships for years to come,” said Grady Gaubert, President of Gaubert Oil.

Gaubert Oil is a family-owned business founded in 1926 by Nolan J. Gaubert, Grady’s grandfather. In the three family generations since then, the company has grown from a one-man operation into a business operating in several parishes supporting commercial, industrial, and farming markets providing oil and gasoline products through their own plant facility. The business remains family owned with their operational headquarters located in Thibodaux, Louisiana. Mr. Grady Gaubert has served as President and CEO since 2005. This naming right will commence with Board approval and continue for 10 years.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University’s request for approval to name the covered practice facility the “*Gaubert Oil Practice Facility at Shaw Sports Turf/Manning Field.*”



Nicholls State University

H.1.

Office of the President

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February 6, 2025

Via Electronic Transmittal Only

President Rick Gallot
University of Louisiana System
1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-300
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Dear President Gallot:

Nicholls State University requests consideration and approval of the following item to be placed on the agenda for the February 27, 2025 meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System:

*Name Covered Practice Facility:
Gaubert Oil Practice Facility at Shaw Sports Turf/Manning Field.*

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jay Clune, PhD
President

JC/apf

Enclosures

c: Mr. Terry Braud, Executive Vice President for Finance & Administration
Mr. Jonathan Terrell, Vice President for Collegiate Athletics/Athletic Director
Dr. Michele Caruso, Vice President for Student Affairs
Dr. Todd Keller, Vice Provost/Chief Academic Officer
Ms. Renee Hicks, Assistant Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness Access & Success
Ms. Paulette Mayon, Assistant Vice President for Business Affairs & Ethics
Ms. Alison Hadaway, Director of Human Resources
Mr. Jerad David, Director of Communications & Legislative Affairs
Ms. Caitlin Westerman, Internal Auditor
Ms. Paige Pierce, Director of Alumni Affairs
Dr. Martin Meder, Faculty Senate President



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February 6, 2025

President Rick Gallot
University of Louisiana System
1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-300
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

RE: Name Nicholls State University Covered Practice Facility

Dear President Gallot:

Nicholls State University hereby requests approval to name its covered practice facility:

Gaubert Oil Practice Facility at Shaw Sports Turf/Manning Field.

The University wishes to recognize the generosity of Gaubert Oil for the \$500,000 donation to benefit Nicholls and students by offering scholarships.

Gaubert Oil is a family-owned business founded in 1926 by Nolan J. Gaubert, Grady's grandfather. In the three family generations since then, the company has grown from a one-man operation into a business operating in several parishes supporting commercial, industrial, and farming markets providing oil and gasoline products through their own plant facility. The business remains family owned with their operational headquarters located in Thibodaux, LA. Mr. Grady Gaubert has served as president and CEO since 2005. This naming right will commence with Board approval and continue for 10 years.

Therefore, I respectfully request that you and the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors approve this request and grant the University the authority to name its covered practice facility the *Gaubert Oil Practice Facility at Shaw Sports Turf/Manning Field*.

Sincerely,

Jay Clune, PhD
President

**Executive Summary
Attachment A**



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM**

FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

February 27, 2025

Item H.2. **Northwestern State University's** request for approval to name the Choral Rehearsal Room in the New Fine Arts Building the "Dr. Burt Allen Choral Rehearsal Room."

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Northwestern State University is requesting approval to name Choral Rehearsal Room in the New Fine Arts Building the "Dr. Burt Allen Choral Rehearsal Room."

The Department of Music in the Mrs. H.D. Dear, Sr., and Alice E. Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts has submitted a proposal to officially name the Choral Rehearsal Room in the New Fine Arts Building the "Dr. Burt Allen Choral Rehearsal Room." NSU's Facilities Naming Committee has unanimously approved this request to honor Dr. Allen.

Dr. Burt Allen served as Director of Choral Activities and Professor of Music at Northwestern for 32 years from 1983-2015. Dr. Allen built a strong and responsive Choral area, was instrumental in garnering several large-scale state and national grants that advanced the study of music students including the electronic piano and computer lab expansions, and served as Coordinator and Head of the Department of Music leading them through NASM re-accreditation.

He was an extraordinary teacher and mentor, and many of his graduates have become professionals in the choral world as music educators, performers, and administrators of choral education programs in schools, churches, and Universities across the globe, and they are often inspired by lessons learned in Dr. Allen's rehearsal room and classes.

Dr. Allen was an outstanding faculty and staff member at Northwestern who had a positive impact on students whose lives he touched, and inspired them in choral careers of their own. It would be appropriate to name the choral rehearsal room in his honor. This naming right will commence with Board approval and will continue for the useful life of the room.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request for approval to name the Choral Rehearsal Room in the New Fine Arts Building the "Dr. Burt Allen Choral Rehearsal Room."

Office of the President

February 6, 2025

Rick Gallot, President
University of Louisiana System
1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-300
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: Request to Name the Choral Rehearsal Room the "Dr. Burt Allen Choral Rehearsal Room"

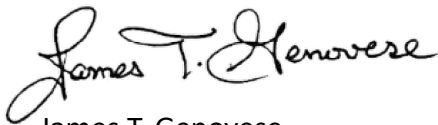
Dear President Gallot:

Northwestern State University is requesting that the following item be placed on the agenda for approval at the February 2025 Board Meeting:

Request to Name the Choral Rehearsal Room the "Dr. Burt Allen Choral Rehearsal Room"

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



James T. Genovese
President

Attachment

NORTHWESTERN STATE

Office of the President

February 6, 2025

Mr. Rick Gallot, President
University of Louisiana System
1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-300
Baton Rouge, La. 70802

Dear President Gallot:

Northwestern State University is requesting approval to name the Choral Rehearsal Room in the A.A. Fredericks Fine Arts Building in honor of Dr. Burt Allen, a former NSU faculty member.

The Department of Music in the Mrs. H.D. Dear, Sr., and Alice E. Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts has submitted a proposal to officially name the Choral Rehearsal Room in the New Fine Arts Building the "Dr. Burt Allen Choral Rehearsal Room."

NSU's Facilities Naming Committee has unanimously approved this request to honor Dr. Allen.

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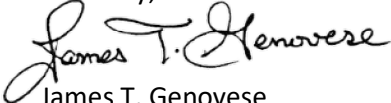
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Dr. Allen was an outstanding faculty and staff member at Northwestern who had a positive impact on students whose lives he touched, and inspired them in choral careers of their own. It would be appropriate to name the choral rehearsal room in his honor.

With your approval, Northwestern will include this proposal on its agenda for the next ULS board meeting.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



James T. Genovese
President

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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM**

FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

February 27, 2025

Item H.3. **University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s** request for authorization to enter into an Act of Donation for the acquisition of land and buildings from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Foundation.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3351(2), the Board is authorized to “Actively seek and accept donations, bequests, or other forms of financial assistance for educational purposes from any public or private person or agency and to comply with rules and regulations governing grants from the federal government or any other person or agency which are not in contravention of the constitution and laws.” The University of Louisiana at Lafayette has agreed to acquire by donation, both land and buildings (Pecan Island High School), located at 28902 West Louisiana Highway 82, Pecan Island, Louisiana, from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Foundation to benefit the University.

Upon approval by the Board, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette will proceed, with the assistance of System staff, legal counsel, and any other appropriate State agencies, to move forward with the execution of an Act of Donation for the acquisition of the Foundation Property in conformity with Louisiana laws and regulations, pending receipt of the Level One Environmental Report.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request for authorization to enter into an Act of Donation for the acquisition of land and buildings from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Foundation.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the University of Louisiana at Lafayette has obtained final review from UL System staff, legal counsel, and shall secure all other appropriate approvals from agencies/parties of processes, documents, and administrative requirements prior to execution of documents.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and/or his designee are hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute the acquisition of the Foundation Property at such times as deemed appropriate to facilitate the Act of Donation.

AND FURTHER, that the University of Louisiana at Lafayette will provide the System office with copies of all final executed documents for Board files.



February 6, 2025

Mr. Richard J. "Rick" Gallot, Jr., J.D.
President and CEO
University of Louisiana System
1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-300
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Dear President Gallot:

This is a request for authorization to enter into an Act of Donation for the acquisition of land and buildings from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Foundation.

Pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3351(2), the Board is authorized to "Actively seek and accept donations, bequests, or other forms of financial assistance for educational purposes from any public or private person or agency and to comply with rules and regulations governing grants from the federal government or any other person or agency which are not in contravention of the constitution and laws." The University of Louisiana at Lafayette has agreed to acquire by donation, both land and buildings (Pecan Island High School), located at 28902 West Louisiana Highway 82, Pecan Island, Louisiana, from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Foundation to benefit the University.

Upon approval by the Board, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette will proceed with the assistance of System staff, legal counsel, and any other appropriate State agencies to move forward with the execution of an Act of Donation for the acquisition of the Foundation Property in conformity with Louisiana laws and regulations, pending receipt of the Level One Environmental Report.

Please place this item on the agenda for the February 2025 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'E' and 'S'.

E. Joseph Savoie
President

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Attachment

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF LAFAYETTE

ACT OF DONATION

BE IT KNOWN, that on the day and dates hereinafter written, before the undersigned Notaries Public, duly commissioned and qualified in and for the Parish of Lafayette, Louisiana, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, personally came and appeared:

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE FOUNDATION, a non-profit corporation duly organized, validly existing under the laws of the State of Louisiana, domiciled in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, represented herein by John Blohm, its duly authorized Chief Executive Officer, whose mailing address is P. O. Box 44290, Lafayette, LA 70504 (hereinafter referred to as "DONOR");

who declares that DONOR does by these presents irrevocably give, grant, alienate, confirm, donate inter vivos, convey, transfer and deliver all of its right, title and interest that it has or may have of whatever nature or kind unto:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM, a public constitutional corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Louisiana, acting herein with and on the behalf of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, herein represented by the President of the University, E. Joseph Savoie, duly authorized to execute all necessary documents, whose mailing address is P. O. Drawer 41008, Lafayette, LA 70504 (hereinafter referred to as "DONEE");

all of Donor's rights, title and interest in and to the following described properties ("Property"), to-wit:

One certain tract or parcel of ground situated in SECTION THREE (3), TOWNSHIP SIXTEEN (16) SOUTH, RANGE ONE (1) WEST, measuring 5.024 acres, more or less, along with all buildings and improvements, locally known and described as Pecan Island High School, being bounded on the North and East by Leonard Bourque, South by La. State Hwy. 82, and on the West by Noe R. Broussard.

Municipal address: 28902 West Louisiana Highway 82, Pecan Island, Louisiana 70548.

The said parties hereby agree and acknowledge that the undersigned Notaries Public have not been required to examine title to the Property hereinabove described or any part thereof or to render an opinion of title with respect thereto, and the parties hereby relieve and release the undersigned Notaries Public, the surety of their notarial bond and their professional liability insurance carriers, from any and all responsibility and/or liability in connection therewith. It is further declared that the undersigned Notaries Public were not requested to examine the mortgage records of the Clerk of Court's Office for the Parish of Lafayette, Louisiana, or order a Mortgage Certificate from said Office of the Clerk of Court for the Parish of Lafayette, Louisiana.

AND NOW TO THESE PRESENTS comes and appears the BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM, DONEE, with and on the behalf of University of Louisiana of Lafayette, who accepts this donation and acknowledges delivery of said Property from DONOR, subject to and in accordance with all of the terms, conditions, covenants, provisions, and stipulations hereof and herein set forth and acknowledges gratitude therefore.

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THUS DONE AND SIGNED on the _____ day of _____, 2025, at Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, in the presence of the undersigned competent witnesses, who hereunto sign their names with the said appearers and me, Notary, after due reading of the whole.

WITNESSES:

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT
LAFAYETTE FOUNDATION (Donor)

Signature of Witness

BY: _____

John Blohm

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Printed Name of Witness

Signature of Witness

Printed Name of Witness

NOTARY PUBLIC

Name of Notary: _____

Notary/Bar Roll ID No.: _____

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on the _____ day of _____, 2025, at Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, in the presence of the undersigned competent witnesses, who hereunto sign their names with the said appearers and me, Notary, after due reading of the whole.

WITNESSES:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
(Donee)

Signature of Witness

BY: _____

E. Joseph Savoie, President of the University
of Louisiana at Lafayette

Printed Name of Witness

Signature of Witness

Printed Name of Witness

NOTARY PUBLIC

Name of Notary: _____

Notary/Bar Roll ID No.: _____

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM**

FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

February 27, 2025

Item H.4. University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request for approval to name the following: the “Richard Daniel & Larry Ann Hereford Classroom,” “Hancock Whitney Premium Pavilion,” and “James & Ruth Moncus Premium Entry.”

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Richard Daniel & Larry Ann Hereford Classroom

Loyal donors Dan and Larry Ann (L.A.) are from Southwest Louisiana, having graduated from Sulphur High School and Lake Charles High School, respectively. Dan earned a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in 1969. His wife, L.A., earned her business management degree from Barry University in Miami, Florida.

Until the couple’s concurrent retirements in 1998, both led successful careers crediting the educational support and financial backing of their loving parents, Drew Dow, and Bertha Mae Etie Hereford. Dan led a fulfilling career designing jet engines and rockets for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, and later worked with Lockheed Fort Worth’s propulsion team. Upon moving to the Dallas/Fort Worth area, L.A. took a management position in human resources at Mostek Microelectronics, a subsidiary of United Technologies Corporation.

In appreciation for their parents’ generous sacrifices, Dan and L.A. have gifted \$500,000 to give UL Lafayette’s engineering students a unique advantage in their careers after graduation. Their gift supports the College of Engineering’s new student-centered Engineering building that will house the Engineering Center of Excellence (ECoE). The philanthropic naming of classroom 336 will be for the useful life of the facility and located on the third floor of the new Engineering building on the University’s main campus, near Madison Hall.

Hancock Whitney Premium Pavilion

For over three decades, Hancock Whitney Bank’s support of and partnership with the University of Louisiana at Lafayette has made an impact across the entire campus. Their charitable giving extends to academic colleges, the Alumni Association, Hilliard Art Museum, and Louisiana Athletics.

Hancock Whitney’s recent pledge and investment benefitting the Department of Athletics totaled \$920,000 and will benefit both the baseball clubhouse and football stadium renovation. The Hancock Whitney Premium Pavilion will be located on the top floor of the new Louisiana Baseball Clubhouse, outside of the left field wall at Russo Park facility on Reinhardt Drive with philanthropic naming rights for a 10-year period.

James & Ruth Moncus Premium Entry

The family of James D. Moncus wishes to honor the patriarch of their family by renaming and dedicating the exterior, premium entryway of Our Lady of Lourdes Stadium to become the “Jim & Ruth Moncus Premium Entry.”

The James D. Moncus Family Foundation continues to be a generous supporter of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette having pledged over \$8 million through Mr. James D. Moncus and Mrs. Doris Ruth Moncus since 1995. Among other contributions, their charitable giving has established scholarships and endowed professorships that touch many corners of campus, including arts, nursing, sciences, the honors program, and athletics. During the fall 2021 commencement ceremony, Mr. Moncus was recognized posthumously with an honorary Doctor of Nursing Practice. In 2023, naming rights were recommended for the new “Moncus Hall” located on the new Health Sciences Campus. The Moncus Family Foundation’s most recent investment and commitment of a \$1.5 million transformational gift to support Louisiana Athletics and the renovation of Our Lady of Lourdes Stadium certainly honors the family’s legacy and that of Mr. James Moncus. This generous gift will forever alter the trajectory of the University, community, and region by enabling exceptional educational experiences for student-athletes and enriching the vibrant social culture in Acadiana.

The Jim & Ruth Moncus Premium Entry will be located on the exterior, premium entryway on the west side of Our Lady of Lourdes Stadium on Reinhardt Drive. The term of the naming rights will be for the useful life of the facility.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request to name the “Richard Daniel & Larry Ann Hereford Classroom,” “Hancock Whitney Premium Pavilion,” and “James & Ruth Moncus Premium Entry.”*



February 6, 2025

Mr. Richard J. "Rick" Gallot, Jr., J.D.
President and CEO
University of Louisiana System
1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-300
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Dear President Gallot:

Below are three philanthropic naming opportunities at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, which I submit for Board consideration and approval:

- 1. Richard Daniel & Larry Ann Hereford Classroom** Dan and Larry Ann (L.A.) are originally from Southwest Louisiana. The couple each led successful careers thanks to the love and support of their parents. The educational and financial backing of their parents enabled both to experience fulfilling careers. They have since retired and gifted the University \$500,000 to honor their parents' generous sacrifices, and to support students and programming in the Engineering Center of Excellence (ECoE). The philanthropic naming of classroom 336 is part of their support of the ECoE, which will be located at the new Engineering building on the University's main campus. The term of the naming will be for the useful life of the facility.
- 2. Hancock Whitney Premium Pavilion** For over three decades, Hancock Whitney Bank's support of and partnership with the University of Louisiana at Lafayette has made an impact across the entire campus. Their charitable giving extends to academic colleges, the Alumni Association, Hilliard Art Museum, and Louisiana Athletics. Their most recent pledge and investment of \$920,000 further enhances the University's Athletics facilities and will benefit the baseball clubhouse and football stadium renovation. The Hancock Whitney Premium Pavilion is for a 10-year term and set to be located on the top floor of the new Louisiana Baseball Clubhouse at the Russo Park facility.

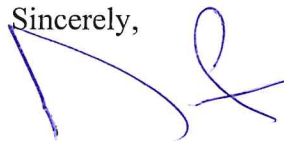
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3. James & Ruth Moncus Premium Entry

The James D. Moncus Family Foundation continues to be a loyal and generous donor of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Their longstanding support has resulted in over \$8 million in gifts since 1995. The Moncus gifts span throughout all areas of campus, including arts, nursing, sciences, the honors program, and athletics. Their generosity has created numerous endowed scholarships and professorships. More recently, their transformational gifts have culminated in the announcement of a new building on UL Lafayette's new Health Sciences Campus. It is through the Family Foundation's latest gift that the Moncus legacy continues and educational experiences for student-athletes and Acadiana's social culture are forever enriched. Located on the exterior, premium entryway of the west side of Our Lady of Lourdes Stadium on Reinhardt Drive, the term of the naming rights for the Jim & Ruth Moncus Premium Entry will be for the useful life of the facility.

Please place these items on the agenda for consideration at the February 2025 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,



E. Joseph Savoie
President

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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM**

FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

February 27, 2025

Item H.5. **University of Louisiana at Monroe’s** request for approval to rename the Raymond Heard Tennis Stadium to “Raymond Heard Tennis Stadium at the Dwight D. Vines Tennis Complex.”

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

University of Louisiana at Monroe’s request is for approval to add the name Dwight D. Vines Tennis Complex to the Raymond Heard Tennis Stadium. The new official name would be “*Raymond Heard Tennis Stadium at the Dwight D. Vines Tennis Complex.*”

In fall of 1975, the Board of Trustees for the State Colleges and Universities (now Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System) approved the naming of the new tennis stadium at Northeast Louisiana University (now ULM) to the *Raymond Heard Tennis Stadium*. With the 50th Anniversary of women’s tennis at the University of Louisiana at Monroe, the institution requests approval to add to the name *Dwight D. Vines Tennis Complex* as a means of recognizing the important role that former ULM President Dr. Dwight Vines played in the founding and promotion of women’s tennis at the University.

Dr. Vines served as President of the University of Louisiana at Monroe from January 1, 1976, until June 30, 1991. While Dr. Vines contributed much to the growth and development of the institution, he was equally passionate about the role athletics plays in the educational experience of students. Dr. Vines was quoted as saying, “The university’s athletic program focuses attention on the school, strengthens school spirit, and builds alumni and community support. It is a vital part of university life.”

Dr. Vines was an avid tennis player having played tennis nearly his entire life. He competed in tennis tournaments well past his time as ULM President. In addition to competing, he served as a co-coach for the women’s tennis team during the initial years of the program. With the 50th Anniversary of both women’s tennis and the original naming of the Raymond Heard Tennis Stadium, adding the name Dwight Vines to the facility is a fitting tribute to former President Dr. Dwight D. Vines. This naming right will commence with Board approval and will continue for the useful life of the facility.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to rename the Raymond Heard Tennis Stadium to "Raymond Heard Tennis Stadium at the Dwight D. Vines Tennis Complex."*

**Office of the President**

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January 29, 2025

President Rick Gallot
University of Louisiana System
1201 North Third St., Suite 7-300
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Dear President Gallot:

The University is requesting approval to add the name Dwight D. Vines Tennis Complex to the Raymond Heard Tennis Stadium on the campus of ULM. The new official name would be “*Raymond Heard Stadium at the Dwight D. Vines Tennis Complex.*”

In Fall 1975, the Board of Trustees for the State Colleges and Universities approved the naming of the new tennis stadium at Northeastern Louisiana as *Raymond Heard Tennis Stadium*. With the 50th Anniversary of women’s tennis at ULM, the institution requests approval to add the name, *Dwight D. Vines Tennis Complex* as a means of recognizing the important role that the former ULM President played in the founding and promotion of women’s tennis at ULM.

Dr. Vines served as president of ULM from January 1, 1976 through June 30, 1991. While Dr. Vines contributed much to the overall growth and development of the institution, he was keenly passionate about the role athletics plays in the educational experience of students. Dr. Vines was quoted as saying, “the University’s athletic program focuses attention on the school, strengthens school spirit, and builds alumni and community support. It is a vital part of university life.”

Dr. Vines was an avid tennis player throughout his life. He competed in tennis tournaments even after retiring from ULM. In addition to competing, he served as the co-coach for the women’s tennis team during the initial years of the program. In conjunction with the 50th anniversary of both women’s tennis at ULM and the original naming of the Raymond Heard Tennis Stadium, we believe adding the name of Dwight Vines to the facility is a fitting tribute to our former President Dr. Dwight D. Vines.

Should you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact me at 318-342-1010 or by email at rberry@ulm.edu.

Sincerely,

Ronald Berry, D.B.A.
President

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