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**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY PROPOSED NAMING - CYCLONE SPORTS COMPLEX
OUTDOOR TRACK**

Action Requested: Consider approval of Iowa State University's request to name the Cyclone Sports Complex Outdoor Track as the Bill and Karen Bergan Track.

Executive Summary: Iowa State University requests approval to name the Iowa State University new outdoor track, currently under construction as part of the Cyclone Sports Complex, as the Bill and Karen Bergan Track. (The Board approved construction of the Complex at its March 2011 meeting.)

The naming of the track is to recognize the Bergans' \$1 million cash gift which was the lead gift and seed money to fund the construction of Cyclone Sports Complex. Additionally, the track naming will be reflected on the rear of the scoreboard so that the naming recognition faces west toward the Towers parking lot. A statue of Coach Bergan has also been commissioned; sculptor Larry Nowlan will create the statue for the new site.

Mr. Bergan became Iowa State University's head cross country coach in 1971 and was named head track and field coach in 1976. In his 23 years at the University, the Cyclones won two NCAA titles and 25 conference championships in cross country, and track and field.

The cross country team won its first Big Eight title in 43 years in 1974. The Cyclones won five straight cross country championships from 1987-91 and 10 team titles over a 14-year period. Iowa State captured NCAA Cross Country crowns in 1989 and 1994. The Cyclones, under Coach Bergan, won 10 of 14 men's conference outdoor track titles. ISU student-athletes achieved All-America honors 104 times and captured 156 Big Eight individual titles under Coach Bergan's direction.

Mr. Bergan was also instrumental in the development of the ISU Cross Country Course located at the corner of Mortensen Road and Hayward Avenue. ISU has hosted two NCAA Cross Country Championships at this one-of-a-kind cross country venue.

Additional information is available from the Board Office.