## MEMORANDUM

- To: Board of Regents
- From: Board Office
- **Subject:** Naming of the New Athletic Learning Center as the Russell A. and Ann Gerdin Athletic Learning Center, SUI
- **Date:** June 10, 2002

## Recommended Action:

Approve the University of Iowa's request to name the new Athletic Learning Center as the Russell A. and Ann Gerdin Athletic Learning Center.

## **Executive Summary:**

\$4 Million Gift The University of Iowa is recommending that the new Athletic Learning Center be named in honor of Russell and Ann Gerdin who have provided a gift commitment in the amount of \$4 million toward this project. On May 20, 2002, President Coleman notified the Board of this generous contribution by the Gerdins and her intention to recognize them in this way.

> Both the Campus Planning Committee and the Advisory Committee on the Naming of Buildings have been consulted on this naming request. The University is now requesting Board approval of this naming.

Long-time Russell and Ann Gerdin have been supporters of the University's athletic program since 1981. Mr. Gerdin has also been a generous annual supporter of the Iowa Scholarship Fund and has served as guest speaker in the Executive MBA program.

Consistent with Board Policy This request is consistent with the Board's policy on naming facilities (*Policy Manual* §6.31).

Robert /J. Barak

Approved:

Gregory S. Nichols

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