

**BOARD OF REGENTS**  
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

SECTION: 19

DATE:  
January 17,  
2006

**RECOMMENDATION**

**NAMING OF UNIVERSITY FACILITY**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

In conformance with University Policy 5.6, it is recommended that the Board of Regents approve a resolution naming Gymnasium A in the Warner Building the "Dean L. Rockwell Wrestling Facility".

**STAFF SUMMARY**

Dean Rockwell's connections and contributions to Eastern Michigan University are well known. He graduated from Michigan State Normal College in 1935. While at MSNC, Rockwell competed in football, track and wrestling and was president of Phi Sigma Epsilon and the Men's Union. After graduating, he taught and coached various sports at three Michigan high schools. Rockwell joined the U.S. Navy in 1942; on June 6, 1944, he successfully led a group of soldiers in the Normandy invasion, earning both American and French awards for valor. After the war, he continued to coach, leading the U.S. Greco-Roman wrestling team in the 1964 Olympics and chairing the National AAU Wrestling Committee from 1966 to 1968.

Dean was a long-time donor to Athletics and the College of Education at Eastern Michigan University. Dean died in 2005 at the age of 93. Upon his death, Dean left significant funds to the University to renovate the wrestling facilities. The family and friends of Dean Rockwell have committed additional funds for this renovation which was completed in December 2005. The total cost of the renovation was paid by private support.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None.

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

The proposed Board action has been reviewed and is recommended for Board approval.

University Executive Officer

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Date