

Naming
Gale Bullman Multipurpose Building, Student Recreation
and Intramural Center, and Fitness Center
Missouri S&T

Pursuant to CRR 110.080, naming of buildings and exterior areas requires Board approval. Missouri S&T requests approval to name the complex currently comprised of the Gale Bullman Multipurpose Building, the Student Recreation and Intramural Center, and the Fitness Center the “Gale Bullman Building”.

With the recent addition of the fitness center, a new south entrance was created. This entrance serves the Gale Bullman Multipurpose Building, Student Recreation and Intramural Center, and Fitness Center. Exterior signage is confusing for visitors to the facility. After considerable discussion regarding the fondness of the Gale Bullman name to Alumni groups and timing of the upcoming sesquicentennial, Missouri S&T proposes changing buildings named Gale Bullman Multipurpose Building and Student Recreation and Intramural Center to the “Gale Bullman Building.” All exterior signage would be changed to this name. Interior signage would be installed directing people to the Multipurpose Center (currently referred to as Gale Bullman Multipurpose Building), Student Recreation Center (currently referred to as Student Recreation and Intramural Center), and Fitness Center.

The following paragraphs from the book, *UM-Rolla: A History of MSM/UMR* by Lawrence O. Christensen and Jack B. Ridley, may best describe why the building complex should be named after Gale Bullman:

“Discuss Miner athletics with anyone familiar with the School of Mines and before the conversation goes far, the discussion will center on Gale Bullman. The most famous and beloved coach in the history of the institution did not like to be called ‘Coach.’ Known to all as Gale, Bullman earned a law degree at Washington University before accepting the job of head football coach at MSM in 1937. His tenure was interrupted by a tour in the Navy during World War II, but he returned to Rolla in 1946 and remained in the athletic department until his retirement in 1970.

In addition to his role as head football coach and later as athletic director, Bullman should be credited with developing the intramural program. In 1945, intramurals included football, basketball, wrestling, boxing, cross country, swimming and volleyball. By the 1950s, softball, handball, horseshoes, golf and table tennis had been added to the list, altogether an impressive variety for a small school.”

University of Missouri President Mun Choi, Missouri S&T Chancellor Mohammad Dehghani, Missouri S&T Vice Chancellor of University Advancement Joan Nesbitt, and Missouri S&T Interim Vice Chancellor for Finance and Operations Cuba Plain are all in support of this naming.

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Recommended Action - Naming, Missouri S&T Gale Bullman Multipurpose Building, Student Recreation and Intramural Center, and Fitness Center

It was recommended by Chancellor Dehghani, endorsed by President Choi, recommended by the Finance Committee, moved by Curator _____ and seconded by Curator _____, that the following action be approved:

that the Gale Bullman Multipurpose Building, Student Recreation and Intramural Center, and Fitness Center be named the Gale Bullman Building.

Roll call vote of the Committee: YES NO

Curator Brncic
Curator Chatman
Curator Steelman
Curator Williams

The motion _____.

Roll call vote: YES NO

Curator Brncic
Curator Chatman
Curator Graham
Curator Layman
Curator Snowden
Curator Steelman
Curator Sundvold
Curator Williams

The motion _____.

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