What's in a name? Well, for the new facility at the University of Southwestern Louisiana, their new stadium's name will relate to the nickname of the football team.

Dr. Clyde L. Rougeou, USL president, today announced that the State Board of Education in its meeting Friday authorized the name of "Cajun Field" for the new facility at the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

"Cajun Field" will be used for the first time this fall, when the Ragin' Cajuns play in the new stadium on Sept. 25 against Santa Clara University's Broncos of Santa Clara, Calif. The $4.5 million 26,000-seat facility is a far cry from USL's first football field, which was the campus in front of Foster Hall... or its next facility, which was McNaspy Stadium.

Unobstructed View
"Cajun Field" has east and west side stands of reinforced concrete with a sunken playing field. All seats provide an unobstructed view. The seating capacity of the stadium can be increased to 50,000 by adding end zone seating thereby creating a bowl. A maximum of 70,000 seats can be added without changing the basic design or interrupting the athletic program.

The west side stand includes box seats placed at a higher level than the front row for a better view of the field. At the top of this stand is a press box, reached by elevator, which will accommodate 200 members of the working press.

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