

Michigan Commencement -- Spring, 1989

WELCOME

On behalf of the Board of Regents
and the entire University of Michigan community
it is my very great pleasure to welcome you
to the 1989 Spring Commencement.

I would like to extend a very "warm" welcome to:

...all of today's graduates
...to your families and friends
...and to our Honorary Degree recipients,
President Matina Horner
Professor Howard Raiffa
Professor Isadore Singer

I would like as well to convey congratulations
to the Class of 1989.

Last weekend my wife and I were walking across the
campus and we ran into several seniors who were
wandering around taking pictures. They said they
were already beginning to feel a bit sentimental
about graduating...

Tell me, are the rest of you beginning to feel just a
little bit nostalgic yet? Or do you just feel relieved!!!

Well, I can understand it if you do, because you seniors
have had a really spectacular year...
packed with memories to last a lifetime.

Just think back for a moment...

...Remember Leroy Hoard's breakaway 67 yard run that
sealed Michigan's exciting come-from-behind victory
over USC in the Rose Bowl...or John Kolesar's
spectacular catch in the waning seconds of the
Ohio State game...

...and who will ever be able to forget Rumeal Robinson
stepping to the line in Seattle with 3 seconds
left in overtime and calmly sinking two free throws to
win the national championship against Seton Hall.

...What about the sight of over 10,000 students and faculty
marching together, arm in arm down S. University to
honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and to
confirm Michigan's commitment to achieving new
levels of understanding, tolerance, and mutual fulfillment

for peoples of diverse racial, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds.

.head 4 + ...or the CBS Morning News, broadcast live from a luxury condo in East Quad!!!

.head 4 + ...or Leonard Bernstein celebrating his 70th birthday

in Hill Auditorium with the Vienna Philharmonic...

.head 5 - ...or the visits of Ella Fitzgerald or Toni Morrison or

Kurt Mazur and the Leipzig Gewc

...dhaus Orchesrd work, dedication, and achievement.

Today is also a special occasion for our faculty, since they share
...he`d 3 - your excitement, taking great pride in your accomplishments
and joy in their roles in teaching you, working with you, and
learning(from you during your years at the University.

I suspect, however, that as much as this day means to you,
it means even more to your families...

In fact,(in a very important way, commencement is
really designed to honor your families.

It has been their support...emotional, intellectual, and, or course,
financial...that ultimately has made this moment
possible for the graduates today.

For this reason, before we proceed any further with this
ceremony, let's stop for a moment and join together
in recognizing them for their contributions.

Let me first ask all of the parents of today's graduates
to please rise...and be recognized by the graduating students
and the faculty.

Next, I would ask the grandparents, spouses, children, relatives,
and friends of the graduates to all stand so that we may also
publicly recognize all of you...

Thank you very much....

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Introduction of "Speaker"

Now I would like to turn to the introduction of today's commencement
speaker.

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Nobel laureate... or vice President of the United
States...

...or even a famous personality such as Bill Cosby or Kermit the
Frog

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