

**Schembechler Hall Dedication (5/29/91)**

**Welcome to all those champions**

who made the Center of Champions possible--  
faculty, staff and over 1600 donors.

What wonderful loyalty and generosity you have shown.

**And isn't it appropriate that putting this center together**

brought us together

--faculty, staff, friends and alumni?

It just shows what we can do,

on the football field or off,

when we work as a team.

**And what a great tribute to Bo**

and our student-athletes  
that to honor them, we came together  
as a team as never before.

**So many new friends across the country,**

contributed to the Center  
and became part of the Michigan "family"  
A special welcome and thanks to them.

**Intercollegiate sports are so much**

at the heart of Michigan.

**Some of my colleagues at the private universities**

have a hard time reconciling Michigan's  
commitment to academic excellence  
with our hard play/winning tradition in sports.

**I don't have that problem.**

**For me the two go together--**

They both are about discipline, and character  
dedication and plain hard work.

They are about working together as a team  
setting high goals and going all out  
to achieve them,  
both call for an intensity  
of spirit and concentration.

**Our coaches are among our best teachers**

and, of course, none better than Bo Schembechler,  
who has for so long exemplified the best  
of the Michigan tradition of excellence  
that special spirit of going all out,  
doing the best you can do...  
...and doing it the right way... the Michigan way...

## **Introduction of President Ford**

We have with us today someone  
who also has come to represent  
the very best of Michigan  
both in the public mind and among  
the Michigan family.

As a student, as a Congressman,  
as President of the United States,  
and as a faithful friend and supporter  
of the University,  
President Gerald R. Ford has been a “victor”  
all his life.

He served as Honorary Chairman of the  
campaign to build the Center of Champions  
and helped put it over the top...  
...or more appropriately, he helped take  
the ball into the endzone.

It is with grateful thanks that I introduce  
him to you now,  
President Jerry Ford.