

PRESIDENT'S FALL WEEKEND

September 23-24, 1988

Duderstadt takes podium.

Introduction

It is a great honor and privilege for me to be able to serve my University and my State...

In a sense, this marvelous institution embodies the hopes and dreams, the commitment and stewardship of almost ten generations of Michigan citizens.

To be chosen as its 11th president is not only a great honor and privilege; it is also a formidable responsibility to the people of this State--and indeed, the nation and the world.

It is also a bit intimidating, since Anne and I will be following in the footsteps of some truly extraordinary people...

Vivian and Harold Shapiro

Sally and Bob Fleming

Arlene and Allen Smith

...and, of course, Ann and Harlan Hatcher...

A theme for the future...

Each presidency of this University has had a theme... and, as many of you heard earlier today...

As a scientist and an engineer, I tend to be a futurist...and in this sense, it is not surprising that my theme for the University is a theme for its future...

A vision in which the University of Michigan continues its strong heritage of leadership...

By developing a model of what higher education must be to serve Michigan and the nation in the century ahead...

A mission of building a University for the 21st Century.

My crystal ball suggests a future of great challenge and responsibility... but also a future of great opportunity and excitement...

Of course, there is always a certain hazard
in attempting to speculate about the
future...

But then I always remember that old saying
"The best way to predict the future is to invent it!"..

And isn't that, after all, just the role of the University...
the job of inventing the future?...

And this is where groups such as the President's Club
come in...

The Role of Alumni

A university achieves greatness through its people...
through their talents and abilities...
their involvement and commitment...

But it is important to recognize that the "community" that
comprises a university extends far beyond its students,
faculty, and staff...

Rather this community extends outward...
beyond our ivy-covered walls to embrace our alumni
and friends...

it also extends backward in time...to include that long
line of maize and blue that have build and sustained
the distinction of this University...

I might even suggest that this community extends into
the future...through those families...many of them already
associated with the University.. that will produce the
students and faculty for this institution in years to come

A key factory in the strength of the University...
active involvement by alumni

Not just for financial support...
although you can expect to hear from us even more
frequently

Not just for your efforts in directing outstanding
students to Ann Arbor -- many of them your own children
or grandchildren...

Not just for influence...
although since Michigan produces leaders, many of alumni

have the opportunity to have major impact on UM through their roles as leaders of government or industry
But beyond that, through your active involvement...
to provide to our students a sense of potential, what the future holds in store for them...
for our faculty, since by buying in to what we are trying to do, you provide them with strong evidence of the profound importance of their activities
In a sense, our alumni play the key role
in passing the torch...
in passing from one generation to the next the Michigan tradition...the tradition of excellence which we all cherish so deeply.

Concluding remarks

I cannot stress strongly enough the importance of active involvement...particularly in the years to come
For we at Michigan believe that the next decade will be a time of extraordinary opportunity, responsibility, and challenge
for the University as it prepares to enter the 21st century.
But there is one more word that I believe we should add to those characterizing Michigan's future: **excitement!**
I believe Michigan is going to be an extraordinarily exciting place in the years ahead

It is significant that one of my first official duties in conjunction with the Presidential Societies is to confer the University's highest awards for volunteer service on behalf of private financial support for The University of Michigan.

The calibre of intellectual opportunities this University offers would not be possible without the commitment each of you in this room has made to

support the highest quality of education at Michigan. . . through both your financial and volunteer participation.

In the volunteer endeavor, each year a few people take time from other responsibilities to assume key leadership roles for the University.

[DUDERSTADT will begin with the Service Citations.
He will read the citation, then call off recipients names individually.

KATCHER will deliver the citations to recipients at their tables.
Recipients will be seated near the front. Katcher will have a map of
where each is seated.]

Service Citations, Duderstadt, cont.:

This year we are pleased to introduce and award the first Presidential Societies Annual Service Citations.

As this is the first year for the award, the time span has been expanded so that the extraordinary energy and effort which these individuals contributed to the Campaign for Michigan can be honored.

It is my pleasure to present the Presidential Societies Annual Service Citation.

to Bruce Benner in recognition of his roles as co-chairman of the Tappan Hall project and chairman of the Ann Arbor Special Gifts effort.

to Susan Crumpacker Brown as co-chair of the Campaign for Michigan Fund and co-chair of the School of Business Administration Special Gifts campaign in Kalamazoo.

and to Robert M. Brown, the other co-chair of the Campaign for Michigan Fund and co-chair of the School of Business Administration Special Gifts campaign in Kalamazoo.

Receiving the award for Susan and Bob Brown, who could not be here tonight, is their son Fritz Brown and niece Elizabeth Reinhart. Both are students here on campus.

to John R. Edman for his service as National Major Gifts chairman, co-chair of the Campaign's southeastern Michigan Major Gifts effort, and chair of the very successful School of Business Administration portion of the Campaign for Michigan.

to Robert E. Nederlander who, as chairman of the Campaign for Michigan, took a special leadership role in personal solicitations, and was tireless in his efforts to recruit other volunteers for the Campaign.

to John E. Riecker, a long-time volunteer for the University and most recently vice-chairman of the Campaign for Michigan, as well as co-chair of the central Michigan major gifts effort. John also played key roles on behalf of the Law School, the Business School, and the chemical sciences facility.

to Thomas A. Roach, the energetic chairman of the Special Gifts portion of the Campaign.

Leadership Medal:

[The Leadership Medals will follow:

DUDERSTADT will read the citation

KATCHER will place the medal around the recipient's neck or hand it in its box to representatives of the recipient.

Recipients will shake JJD's hand. JJD should invite them to say a few words.]

Duderstadt, cont.

Last year marked the initiation of the highest recognition for fundraising volunteers:

The Presidential Societies Leadership Medal.

This award is conferred on individuals who have provided significant leadership in fundraising in many ways at The University of Michigan. It is a true honor to salute these people.

Norris Host, would you please come to the platform.

The late Margaret Ayers Host served the University tirelessly. She was an officer in the Alumni Association, its first woman president, and chairman of the Association's fundraising drive for its new building. She served on the Rackham Board of Governors, the Development Council, was chair of the Presidents Club Executive Committee, and a member of the National Campaign Committee for the Campaign for Michigan. In each of these positions he was an active and enthusiastic leader. This awards is presented to you and your family in memory of a great friend and supporter of Michigan.

(president medal in box.

Norris will not say anything in acceptance.)

Trudy Huebner, please come forward.

Gertrude V. Huebner was responsible for establishing the annual fund program in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts know as the LSA Enrichment Fund. She also has been actively involved in raising funds for the School of Music and in recruiting donors at the Presidential Societies levels. She served on the Honorary Advisory Committee of the Campaign, and took a special interest in the replacement hospital project. Trudy has received the U-M Alumnae Council Service Citation and the Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award. It is our pleasure to add to that collection this much deserved Presidential Societies Leadership Medal.

(put medal around her neck)

Would David Hunting, Jr., please come forward.

David D. Hunting, Sr. has served on the Development Council Board of Directors and the board of the Bentley Historical Library. He was a

member of the National Executive Committee of the \$55 million Program. He also was the third member of the legendary office in Grand Rapids from which he, Paul Goebel, and Frederick Vogt traveled across the country signing up hundreds of members of the Presidents Club. he certainly has logged historic service to the University. David is unable to be here today. Receiving this award for him is his son, David Hunting, Jr.
(present Hunting award in box)

George Slykhouse, come to the platform.

George J. Slykhouse has been prominent in U-M fundraising history. He chaired the committee responsible for recommending the post-\$55 million fundraising program. . .recommendations that were the basis for the current school and college fundraising programs today. George has served on the Alumni Association board, and also as chairman of the Development Council, member of the Law School Visiting Committee, and representative to the Law School Fund.
(put medal around his neck)

Chuck Walgreen, please come forward.

Charles R. Walgreen, Jr., has worked tirelessly to ensure the stature of the College of Pharmacy and is currently Chairman of the Pharmacy Advancement Committee. He has a long volunteer fundraising history with working on the Phoenix Memorial Project, as a member of the National Executive Committee of the \$55 million Campaign, the Development Council, and the Presidents Club Executive Committee. He was a member of the Honorary Advisory Committee of the Campaign for Michigan and a volunteer for the East Asian Studies portion of the campaign. He also has received the Outstanding alumni Achievement Award.
(put award around his neck)

After the last award

Katcher calls for Hatcher:

Harlan Hatcher, would you please come forward.
We will now light the candles. . .

(lights will dim as candles on individual caked at the tables are lit.
A large cake with 90 candles is rolled in. Band plays and everyone
sings "Happy Birthday."

. . .and sing "Happy Birthday."

Katcher presents Hatcher with "greetings"

President Hatcher, on behalf of everyone in this room I'd like to say that it
is an honor and a pleasure to be able to celebrate you 90th birthday with
you. I'd like to present to you this portfolio of greetings that have been
sent on this occasion by alumni and friends, many of whom were unable to
be here personally tonight.

(Hatcher returns to table)

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