

## **Football Bust**

### **Introduction**

What an incredible way to finish off the regular season...  
one of the great Michigan victories of all time against Ohio State.  
But that was the way the season started, with that  
incredible comeback against Virginia.  
Sure, there were some rocky moments along the way,  
but all in all, this has been an outstanding season.  
We all owe both congratulations and a vote of strong support  
to Head Coach Lloyd Carr  
to the Michigan football team  
its coaches, managers, trainers, and all those who make  
Michigan football so special

### **Ohio State victory**

The victory over Ohio State was also something very special  
to Anne and me...since it was our last regular season football game  
as president of the University.  
In congratulating the team in the locker room after the game,  
I pointed out that I was probably the only Michigan president  
in history that had lost to Ohio State only once in 8 games.  
(As I was leaving, someone pulled me aside to note that I was  
fortunate in overlapping with John Cooper, who has won  
only once in 8 games again Michigan.)  
I thought I saw Coach Cooper taping a commercial in those minutes  
after the game...someone about "Hey Coach, where you gonna  
go now that you've lost to Michigan? "Disneyworld!"

### **President's Role**

Both Anne and I have really enjoyed our role in Michigan Athletics  
over the past eight years.  
While I suspect many of you believe that the primary role of  
a president is to stay out of sight at games,  
we actually have a number of more formal roles...  
First and foremost, as chief executive officer of the University,  
in the end I am responsible for Michigan athletics...  
...for their integrity  
...for their success  
...for the welfare of our student-athletes.  
That is what the NCAA term "institutional control" implies.  
Beyond that, the university presidents serve as the board of  
directors of the Big Ten Conference--and I currently  
serve as chairman of the Board and the Conference.  
This January, the NCAA will be restructured so that presidents  
will once again form the Board of Directors, and  
as chair of the Big Ten, I will play a major role in that  
restructuring.  
But, beyond that, I have always taken a special interest in

Michigan Athletics, because of its tradition and importance to the University--and, because as well, that I am a hasbeen jock myself...an old, worn-out football tackle...

In a sense, Anne and I are the Mom and Pop of Michigan Athletics, and I assure you we experience the same "thrill of victory and agony of defeat" as our players and coaches and their families.\

### **Quite a Run**

The past eight years of Michigan football have been quite an experience.

We started off with Bo as both coach and AD...

...and won not only the Rose Bowl but the NCAA championship

In this eight year period, we've

...4 Rose Bowls

...5 Big Ten Championships

...1 Heisman trophy

...6 Bowl victories (including 2 Rose Bowl victories)

...the entry of Penn State...

...and sending Northwestern to the Rose Bowl!!!

And some incredible moment

...the "catch" by Desmond Howard against Notre Dame

...the "bomb" by Colorado

...the "comeback" against Virginia

We've particularly enjoying getting to know the people who make Michigan football so special...

...Bo, Jack, and Joe as Athletic Directors

...Mo and Lloyd and the coaches

...and the players and families and boosters

Moreover, this is our 10th consecutive Football Bust, since we began representing the University even when we were Vice President.

### **Family Theme**