

## **Gerald R. Ford Colloquium (4/11/91)**

Frank Mackaman will introduce JJD for remarks and then FM will introduce President Ford.

Talk Points

### **Welcome home, President Ford.**

Welcome also to our distinguished speaker, William Hyland  
Honored guests and colleagues.

### **This is the first Gerald R. Ford Colloquium---**

(we hope there will be many more to come)  
and it demonstrates yet again the very significant role the Ford Library  
has come to play in the intellectual life of the University  
as well as in the scholarly and political world beyond.

### **Yesterday (April 10) marked the 10th Anniversary**

of the dedication ceremony that brought  
the Gerald R. Ford Library to our campus.

**In just a decade, the Library has far surpassed our  
highest hopes for it.**

### **We were deeply honored to provide a home to the Library**

**And we were and are proud to honor**

our most distinguished University alumni, President Ford,  
who through the years has done so much for his alma mater.

Of course, like all good alums he has helped us raise money--a lot of it, in  
fact.

when he headed up our capital campaign.

Michigan President's, including this one, have found in him a wise and  
steady friend of the University, whose counsel is invaluable.

I suspect, as our Wolverine's First Fan, he probably has used his influence  
to pray us

through some tight spots and on to victory over the years----  
at least in one Rose Bowl I can think of.

President Ford has also brought us this wonderful Library  
that is a such an extraordinary resource for education and research.  
The Library is helping to write the history of a pivotal time in our nation's  
history  
and of President Ford's own remarkable career in public life.  
As if that weren't enough, the Library is extending its influence  
through programs such as this one today  
bringing scholars, policy makers together with the public to consider  
some of the critical issues before our country  
in order to influence present and future policy decisions.

But beyond this impressive list of things for which we are grateful to  
President Ford  
there is another even more important thing.

I think President Ford's greatest gift to the University.... is his example.

President Ford is our leading Alum and he has always stood for the best  
of Michigan  
to people across the country and around the world.  
Throughout his life he has exemplified the values--integrity,  
decency, simplicity,  
commitment to service  
along with the drive to be the best that is what I think a Michigan  
education--a public education-- is all about.

We are all intensely proud of you, President Ford,  
and very grateful for all you have done for our University.

Now if you could manage to use your influence for the Rose Bowl again,  
I've already got seats reserved for you.

The subject of your Colloquium today  
German Reunification, the Atlantic Alliance, and American Foreign Policy.  
is of great importance.  
In just the span of months, our world has been transformed  
by events no one could possibly have foreseen or even imagined.  
We have had little time to pause and reflect on the implications

of what has happened in the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe and Germany.

Yet if American policy is going to effectively serve our true interests then it is critical that we understand and debate the meaning of the new world we are entering into.

So I wish you well in your work today and I look forward to learning the outcome of your deliberations.

We are very pleased to have you here at Michigan.