

## **Cazzie**

### **It is a real pleasure to be part of this event**

to honor one of the great names in  
Michigan Athletics...Cazzie Russell

### **As an athlete, Cazzie was a joy to behold**

...in fact, Chrisler Arena is more commonly  
referred to as "The House that Cazzie Built"

### **But as marvelous as Cazzie's athletic achievements**

have been, as an educator I am even prouder  
of his decision to return to complete his degree  
requirements.

### **Michigan athletes are viewed as role models in**

our society...but it is important to realize that  
at Michigan we are committed to  
student-athletes...and the student always comes first.

### **Cazzie Russell has sent out a strong message**

of the importance of academics...  
and his University takes great pride in this effort.

### **Looking out across this audience, I believe**

it appropriate to make a second observation.

### **Perhaps the best expression of the unique**

role of the University of Michigan was that  
given by President Tappan when he characterized  
the University as committed to providing  
"an uncommon education for the common man"  
...an education as good as any available in the  
world...but made available to all, regardless of  
race, economic background, religious belief,  
nationality...or, of course, gender.

### **The University throughout its history has been**

committed to this purpose.

### **Next Monday, I will cast Michigan's ballot,**

along with those of my Big Ten colleagues,

in favor of moving even closer to true equity  
in Michigan athletics.

**You can rest assured that we are determined to**  
achieve the same leadership in women's athletics  
at Michigan that we have long taken so much pride  
in for men.

**Quite frankly, I believe that Bob Ufer would**  
also have taken great pride in the achievements  
of Michigan's women athletes...

**And, in fact, Bob would have probably been a bit embarrassed**  
that in this day and age a club associated  
with his name would still not allow  
women members.

**I can tell you for certain that this**  
is certainly not the Michigan way!

**Last month we announced the hiring of an**  
exciting new coach for women's basketball,  
Trish Roberts, and I have little doubt that within  
the next several years we will see the Michigan  
Women's Basketball team in the Final Four...  
just as we enjoyed the men's this past spring.

**I expect many of you folks will be cheering**  
this team on when this happens.

**And I hope that when that time comes,**  
and I assure you that it will,  
I hope that all of the men **AND WOMEN**  
of the Bob Ufer club to join us in honoring  
these outstanding women athletes!

**Right, Cazzie?!!!**

**Congratulations**

**We're all really proud of you!**