

Rose Bowl Speeches

Warren Pearce, WJR: December 29, 1989

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Kiwanis Kickoff Luncheon: December 29, 1989

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Greetings

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...and of course, from its over 350,000 alumni...
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We are both excited and delighted to be a participant
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and the 101th Tournament of Roses.
Let me also convey congratulations to the two teams
that are the centerpiece of this event:
The Michigan Wolverines and the USC Trojans.
...To the players, the coaches, managers and trainers...
...To the bands, cheerleaders, students, and others who

have worked so long and hard to win the championships
of the Big Ten and the Pac Ten conferences
and the trip to Pasadena

We want to express our appreciation to the Tournament of Roses
Committee and those thousands of individuals
who work so hard throughout the year
to make this the premier pageant
and sporting event in America today.

And I would particularly like to thank
the Kiwanis of Pasadena...
and the members of Kiwanis Clubs throughout
the United States both for their sponsorship
of this Kickoff Luncheon...
and for their generous support of medical care and research
in children's hospitals across the nation

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Concluding Remarks

And, in a similar vein, we view the Rose Bowl, its long tradition of excellence, of quality, as an opportunity for our students--who also happen to be outstanding athletes--to demonstrate to America and the world all that is good in intercollegiate athletics today.

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Congratulations...

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- i) The Michigan Football Team, the players themselves who have met the challenge...both on the field and in the classroom
- ii) Jerry Luckharth and the women and men of the Michigan Marching Band who have, through long hours of practice and work, continued the tradition of excellence in what is generally regarded as the nation's leading college band.
- iii) All of the students, who participating as cheerleaders,

- managers, or simply as loyal fans, have played important roles in building a winning spirit at Michigan
- iv) To Bo Schembechler, not only the greatest coach in Michigan football history--but the greatest coach in America--and one of the greatest teachers as well.
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A final word, then to the players, the coaches,
the band, the students, the families...

In a very real sense the Rose Bowl is your event!
The University of Michigan takes
great pride in your accomplishments.
And we look forward with eager anticipation
to New Year's Day in Pasadena...
A chance to make history
...not only a chance for the big double...
 ...two Rose Bowl victories back to back
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 ...if Notre Dame and Alabama can do their part
...but beyond that...a chance to become the
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Midwestern Colony

I suppose it is natural that we Michiganders should feel so very much at home out here in the Southland.
Of course, Bo and his team have done their best to see that Michigan pays regular visits to Pasadena on New Year's Day.
i) But when it comes right down to it, California is really just a colony of the midwest...
ii) As you may be aware, 1 out of every 700 Americans is a UM graduate...and occasions such as this suggest most of these migrate to California sooner or later.
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...If you compare the two top ten lists...
the top ten universities in academic quality...
and the top ten athletic programs in football...
You will find only one name on both lists...Michigan.
Yet, as important as winning is, we are also
proud of our programs for their integrity...their class.
And of course, we have long taken great pride in
having many of the nation's leading coaches...
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I suppose it is something in the very nature of a university
that causes us to continually ask the questions about
our values, our goals, our priorities...
What are we?...what do we strive to become?...
Interestingly enough, I suspect that if one were to go through
one of Bo's talks to his team with a highlighter, you would
get some pretty good ideas...
Words...
Pride...in institutions and in one's self
Sacrifice for others...for the team
Dedication to the achievement of excellence
A disdain for mediocrity
Courage, confidence,...
Leadership...
Integrity, honesty,
Quality, Class...
It is certainly true that intercollegiate athletics can provide
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qualities so important in later life...particularly when led
by inspiring and enlightened coaches such as Bo Schlembecher
But it can do more, for these programs also serve as models
not simply for the university community, but for many others
throughout their society...
How many youngsters dream of the day they could play in the
Rose Bowl...and learn from others the qualities necessary
to get there?
And how many of us as adults tend to identify with these teams
...sharing their thrill in victory...and suffering with them
through defeat.
Football...indeed, all intercollegiate athletics

...is a game, to be sure...
but it is also a remarkable model of life
...and those factors which
lead to a program's long term success
are also the factors which
prepare young men and women for life itself!
While it is important that we always keep it in perspective...that we
always place primary emphasis
on the first word in "student-athlete"...
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The role of intercollegiate athletics

We understand the dedication and commitment
required to balance the demands of inter-
collegiate athletics with the demands of a
Michigan education.

A Michigan education is challenging enough,
without the additional pressures of participation
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But, I suspect that later in life most of our athletics
look back upon their experience at Michigan
as providing an extraordinary
education, in the most compete sense of
the word.

It has sometimes been said that the purpose
of a college education is to learn the art of life...
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The value of athletics--when combined with a
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- i) Hard work and remorseless attention to detail;
- ii) Uncompromising personal integrity;
- iii) Total refusal to accept anything less than the best, but without arrogance or elitism;
- iv) Insistent focus on the success of the team as a whole, rather than on one or two stars;
- v) Stubborn and principled refusal to cheat, in a world where cheating is becoming more and more common;
- vi) Complete personal and emotional honesty, resulting in compelling motivation for excellence
- vii) Success and leadership achieved through the expression of principals and values, not despite them.

He taught all of us that, at Michigan, those who stay will be champions.

We will sorely miss his leadership on the playing field.

Yet we also know he has built a lasting tradition of excellence in his program that we pledge to sustain in the years ahead. □

Congratulations...

The Rose Bowl is very special to us at the University since it allows us to recognize and take pride in the accomplishments of those who have brought us to Pasadena...

- i) The Michigan Football Team, the players themselves who have met the challenge...both on the field and in the classroom
- ii) Jerry Lauterbach and the women and men of the Michigan Marching Band who have, through long hours of practice and work, continued the tradition of excellence in what is generally regarded as the nation's leading college band.
- iii) All of the students, who participating as cheerleaders, managers, or simply as loyal fans, have played important roles in building a winning spirit at Michigan
- iv) To Bo Schembechler, not only the greatest coach in Michigan football history--but the greatest coach in America--and one of the greatest teachers as well.
- v) To his fellow football coaches, and the staff of the Department of Athletics.
- v) And, of course, perhaps as much as any one else, let me congratulate the families that stood behind these students and gave them the support so critical to their achievements.

Concluding Remarks

A final word, then to the players, the coaches, the band, the students, the families...

In a very real sense the Rose Bowl is your event!

The University of Michigan takes great pride in your accomplishments.

And we look forward with eager anticipation
to New Year's Day in Pasadena...
A chance to make history
...not only a chance for the big double...
 ...two Rose Bowl victories back to back
...not only a shot at the national title
 ...if Notre Dame and Alabama can do their part
...but beyond that...a chance to become the
 first--and probably last--Big Ten team
 to win three games in the Rose Bowl in
 one year
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 (get it...)
Heck, you guys have played so many games
in the Rose Bowl this year it should feel
like your home turf!

So whether it is with the spirit of
"GO BLUE"...
or "GLUE BO"...
or just "GO FOR IT!"...

We look forward with eager anticipation to New Year's Day
...to a meeting between two of the greatest
college football programs in America...USC and Michigan...
in the "Granddaddy of them All"...the 76th Annual Rose Bowl.

Team Brunch: December 30, 1989

Congratulations

First, congratulations once again on a spectacular season.

Importance of Rose Bowl

There is something very special about the Rose Bowl...
just as there is about Michigan football.

In places such as Michigan and Ohio, football fans
and players grow up watching the Rose Bowl
on television, on dark winter evenings, when
it is frigid and windy and the streets and yards
are covered with ice and snow.

From this perspective, the Rose Bowl sometimes
seems almost surreal. It is played three time
zones away in Pasadena on thick grass,
usually before 100,000 fans who watch in
their shirtsleeves.

"Kids growing up in the Midwest, playing football
in the street, in the snow and the mud, dream of
someday being good enough to play in the
Rose Bowl."

It is also fitting that we are playing USC...the one school
that has a football tradition almost as strong as
Michigan's.

Role of Football

In recent years there has been a continual stream
of concerns about intercollegiate athletics...
 ...quasi "professional" athletic programs on our
 campuses--inconsistent with our academic
 responsibilities
 ...taking advantage of our student athletics
 ...pressure to win at all costs which causes
 cheating...
 ...drugs, crime,

And, of course, the achievement of the Michigan
Football Wolverines is one vivid example of

that leadership.

We are intensely proud of our athletic teams...

Michigan is unique in its combination of
world-class academic programs...and its
winning tradition in athletics...

...If you compare the two top ten lists...

the top ten universities in academic quality...

and the top ten athletic programs in football...

You will find only one name on both lists...Michigan.

Mention that football is important for many reasons...

i) Obviously its tradition

ii) Its role in your education

It has sometimes been said that the purpose

of a college education is to learn the art of life...

And in this, we believe our student athletes have

a certain edge, since they benefit

from a full-range of experiences on our campus,

from the intellectual to the athletic to the cultural...

iii) But also for its unifying nature...

pulling together not just the students, faculty, and staff

of the University...but uniting them with those hundreds

of thousands of Michigan alumni who take great pride in

the maize and blue.

Let me make one final comment...

Among the many lessons that football is able
to teach, perhaps none is as important as
the importance of working together as a
team...

But individual commitment and achievement,
while essential, cannot in itself, produce
a winner.

Your success this past fall was due to an
extraordinary team effort.

A team that includes the players, coaches,
managers, trainers...and many others.

Hence, in closing, let me convey congratulations
once more...

Congratulations

Be sure to use the opportunity to personally congratulate
the team...the players...the coaches...the trainers and staff

Be as personable as possible...point out how that the University
takes great pride and interest in intercollegiate athletics.

You as players are first and foremost students...albeit with
exceptional athletic ability...

You as coaches are really faculty members...teachers...

A special comment about Bo:

Of course, this is also a very special occasion
since it will be Bo's last Rose Bowl as coach
of the Michigan Wolverines.

I know Bo's decision to pass on the reigns
as Michigan football coach at this point was not an easy one.

I can tell you that it is not an easy one for me--for any of us--to accept, either.

But I also know that he has approached this decision
with the same of integrity, class, courage, and loyalty
that characterizes his entire career at the University.

Bo is retiring at the top of his form,
widely acknowledged to be the top intercollegiate football
coach in America.

But Bo is more than just a winning coach,
though he is that.

In his years at Michigan, Bo has come to symbolize

the integrity, pride, dedication to excellence, sacrifice for others, and leadership that characterize the best traditions of intercollegiate athletics .

Bo is also widely loved and admired as a remarkable teacher on this campus who has an intense dedication to his student-athletes.

His students, colleagues, friends and fans owe him a great debt for the pride he has given to us and to our University--not just pride in winning but pride in the character of our institution and its sports program and athletes. □

We are deeply indebted to Bo Schembechler for everything that he has done for this University, for everything he has come to symbolize about our University.

- i) Hard work and remorseless attention to detail;
- ii) Uncompromising personal integrity;
- iii) Total refusal to accept anything less than the best, but without arrogance or elitism;
- iv) Insistent focus on the success of the team as a whole, rather than on one or two stars;
- v) Stubborn and principled refusal to cheat, in a world where cheating is becoming more and more common;
- vi) Complete personal and emotional honesty, resulting in compelling motivation for excellence
- vii) Success and leadership achieved through the expression of principals and values, not despite them.

He taught all of us that, at Michigan, those who stay will be champions.

We will sorely miss his leadership on the playing field.

Yet we also know he has built a lasting tradition of excellence in his program that we pledge to sustain in the years ahead. □

And now on to the Rose Bowl...

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...but beyond that...a chance to become the first--and probably last--Big Ten team to win three games in the Rose Bowl in one year

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(get it...)

Heck, you guys have played so many games in the Rose Bowl this year it should feel like your home turf!

And even though we may be outnumbered by USC...

and certainly out pom-pom'ed...

you should know that most of the millions of fans watching this game are rooting for a Michigan victory.

Go Blue!!!

Tournament of Roses Directors' Dinner: December 30, 1989

Introduction

As Casey Stengel said,

"It seems like deja vu...all over again."

Here Michigan is back in Pasadena once again for New Year's Day...

And it feels great!!!

The warm sunshine in our faces...
...the solid feel of the ground beneath our feet...
...the thrill of driving on Los Angeles freeways...
Looking forward with great excitement to
facing USC--one of the great programs in
intercollegiate athletics--in the Rose Bowl--
the premier sporting event in America
Only one big difference from last year...
...this year we've have to replace our
usual cheer of "GO BLUE!"
...with a new cheer..."GLUE BO"..."
...to keep from a "BO GO"..."
that is to convince Bo Schembechler
that there is indeed life at Michigan after
coaching...
...and that being AD can still be fun...
...despite the antics of the Big Ten presidents!!!
Speaking of presidents, I think back to a moment
last January 2nd, when Jim Zumberge and I
met in the locker room tunnel following the
Rose Bowl game and made a pact...
We do our best to return for a rematch in
the 1990 Rose Bowl!
And thanks to Bo Schembechler, Larry Smith, and their
teams, we both managed to make it back...
...although it certainly wasn't easy...

Greetings

It gives me great pleasure to convey to you
OFFICIAL GREETINGS from the University of Michigan,
from its Regents, its faculty and staff, its students
...and of course, from its over 350,000 alumni...
25,000 in California alone...
We are indeed excited and proud to be a participant in
the 76th Rose Bowl and 101th Tournament of Roses.

Congratulations

The University would like to extend its congratulations
to the two teams that are the centerpiece of this
event: The Michigan Wolverines and the USC Trojans...
...to the players, the coaches, the managers and trainers...
...to the bands, cheerleaders, students, and others...
who have worked so hard to win the championships of
the Big Tena nd the Pac Ten and the trip to Pasadena.
We want to express as well our appreciation and
congratulations to the members of the Tournament of
Roses Committee and the thousands of individuals
who worked so hard throughout the year to make this
event what it has become...the most spectacular and
most important pagent and sporting event in the nation.

Special Nature of Rose Bowl:

It must be said that the Rose Bowl is a very, very special
event for those of us from the frigid Midwest.
While you Californians may tend to take the magic of
New Year's Day in Pasadena for granted,...
You must realize that those of us in the Midwest grow up
watching the color...excitement...and the warmth of the Rose
Bowl on television on dark winter evenings...
...surrounded by snow and ice...
...with the chilling wind and subzero temperature outside.
As Bo puts it, "Kids growing up in the Midwest,
playing football in the street, in the snow and the mud,
dream of someday being good enough to play in the

Rose Bowl.”

In a very real sense, the Rose Bowl has come to be viewed as the crowning symbol of achievement, of excellence, in intercollegiate athletics.

So, too, it is a great honor to play USC, a school with one of the great traditions in college football history...
...in addition to its great academic reputation.

Michigan and USC...two of the great football programs in the nation,

...with over 1,200 wins among them...

...30 Rose Bowls

...180 All-Americans

Yet, even more significantly, two of this nation's great universities...conducting programs across the full spectrum of intellectual disciplines and professions that rank among the best in the world.

A Personal Homecoming

Of course, returning to Pasadena is always a special thrill for Anne and I since it is a homecoming of a sort for us...

As many of you know, Pasadena used to be our home during the 1960s when I was studying for my doctorate at Caltech...and then later as a member of the research faculty of the Institute.

Anne's first job was as a department manager in J.W. Robinson's over on Colorado Blvd

Both of our daughters are native Pasadenians... both being born in Huntington Memorial Hospital (although they are spending this New Years holding down the fort in Michigan--and providing strong support for the Michigan basketball team is playing at this moment in Ann Arbor

When we left the warmth of the Southland for Michigan some 20 years ago, we always key that we would return some day...

...but we suspect it would be to visit Caltech

...not to lead troops into battle over in the Arroyo Seco on New Year's Day.

In fact, in all my years as a student at Caltech, the closest I ever got to the Rose Bowl was peering over the crowd along Colorado Boulevard at the Rose Parade.

But, thanks to Michigan, we now have many opportunities to return to Pasadena.

In fact, this is our fourth trip back this year...

...two Rose Bowls, one UCLA game

...and one Caltech commencement address!

A Heady Experience

I must confess that it has been quite a heady experience for an ex-Yale football player and Caltech graduate to be President of a university with Michigan's tradition of excellence in intercollegiate athletics...

In the past year and a half we've had the opportunity to experience...

...two Big Ten football championships...

...two Rose Bowls

...an NCAA basketball championship

Ah, must be the Caltech connection...

...since Yale's prowess on the field has not been overwhelming in recent years...

A Conspiracy Theory

In fact, Caltech has been intimately involved
in the Rose Bowl--sometimes to the dismay
of the Tournament of Roses committee,
I suspect.

One of the more interesting traditions of the Rose Bowl has
been the annual Caltech prank...

Each year, Caltech students try to outdo themselves...

...Rearranging the University of Washington
card section so that it flashed a giant "Caltech"

...Or taking over control of the scoreboard with a
microprocessor and remote transmitter...

designed to give the score of the MIT-Caltech game!

Of course, not all of the pranks were so successful...

...When we were out two years ago, your prank was
prematurely foiled when a maintenance worker's
walkie-talkie triggered a receiver hidden in the
goal posts that released rocket streamers and flags...

...And this past year, a student focused a Fresnel lens
on the Rose Bowl from up in the mountains,
leading the police to think we were under laser
attack.

Hence, with less than 48 hours left before kickoff,
I suspect that there are many among you waiting
with a sense of dread to see what Caltech
students will attempt this year...

You know, I heard a very sinister rumor several days
ago...

As all of you know, a couple of weeks ago the Big Ten
and Penn State announced a proposal for marriage...
in which we would all see if we could work out the
details of Penn State joining the Conference as
the 11th member.

Now, as my colleague, President Nils Hasselmo of
Minnesota notes from his Scandinavia roots,
"Big Ten" in Icelandic means 11.

But, of course, "11" is a rather awkward number for
athletic conferences.

Hence the conspiracy theory floating around these days
is that the Big Ten presidents actually
have another shoe to drop--perhaps adding yet a
12th member to the Conference.

Let's see now...we have already suggested that
Nittany lion would fit in nicely to our existing
menagerie of wolverines, badgers, golphers,
wildcats, and such.

Perhaps what we really need now is a beaver!!!
After all, what college football team has played
the most games in the Rose Bowl --
against great powers such as Laverne Junior
College Junior Varsity---and MIT...

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In his years at Michigan, Bo has come to symbolize the integrity, pride, dedication to excellence, sacrifice for others, and leadership that characterize the best traditions of intercollegiate athletics.

While Bo insists that he does not want this game viewed as a massive retirement party...

It is also clear that Bo Schembechler has had a great impact on the Rose Bowl, just as he has had on sports in America.

Hence, regardless of its outcome, the 1990 Rose Bowl will have a special significance for the University of Michigan... as I suspect it will for the great tradition of the Rose Bowl itself.

We all owe Bo Schembechler a great debt of gratitude.

And we look forward with eager anticipation

to New Year's Day in Pasadena... with lots on the line...

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in the "Granddaddy of them All"...the 76th Annual Rose Bowl.

Marching Band Rehearsal: December 31, 1989

Introduction

As Casey Stengel said,

"It seems like déjà vu...all over again."

Here we are, back in southern California...

...getting ready to play USC in the Rose Bowl.

This has been an incredible season...

Of course we all remember that frustrating start in the rain against Notre Dame

But then that incredible come-back against UCLA out in Pasadena

(I want you to know that UCLA stuck the Michigan delegation in the far end zone...

...and while we couldn't really see much of the drive that Elvis was engineering...

we had a great shot of J. D. Carlson's field goal that won the game.)

This team then marched through an obstacle course of one big game after another...
...knowing that it had to win each one in order to repeat as Big Ten Champion
...facing the toughest teams in the Big Ten on the road...
...Michigan State
...Iowa
...Illinois
...uniting as a true team to overcome injuries that would have decimated and demoralized most teams...
...and, in this past weekend, beating a fired-up Ohio State team in one of the most physical games I've ever seen.
If ever a team truly deserved to be Big Ten Champion it was this team...
And if ever a Michigan team had what it takes to make history, it is this team!

Michigan Memories:

You know, thus far in 1989 Michigan athletics has created some truly great memories...
...Leroy Hoard's breakaway run late in the 4th quarter that sealed the come-from behind victory against USC in last year's Rose Bowl
...Rumeal Robinson stepping to the line with 3 seconds left in overtime and canning those free throws to win the NCAA championship
...The Cinderella story of Steve Fisher
It was an incredible year...in fact, UM finished 2nd in the nation in performance in all sports.
Guess who finished #1: UCLA
Well, we got even this fall...
...that incredible onside kick against UCLA and then J. D. Carlson's last second field goal that started Michigan on its string of victories
...those heartstopping victories against Michigan State, Iowa, Illinois, and finally, Ohio State that won the Big Ten Championship
...and...while we were resting up for the Rose Bowl...
... the basketball team coming back on board with those incredible victories over Duke and Seton Hall...
...and, of course, the bombshell that Bo dropped a couple of weeks ago when he announced that this Rose Bowl would be his last game as coach at Michigan...
...the retirement of the greatest coach in America!

Role of the Michigan Marching Band

Of course, the Wolverines are only one of many great Michigan traditions.
There is another just as distinguished...and requiring just as much talent, dedication, and commitment...
The University of Michigan Marching Band...
long known as the finest college marching band in the nation.
Indeed, it was Michigan that essentially invented the college marching band...

...and through leaders such as
...William Revelli
...George Cavendar
...and now Jerry Luchenbach
...have provided the standard against which all
other bands are measured.

A word, then, to the members of the Band, to the cheerleaders, and to all of those other students who participate as part of the Michigan tradition...

While much of the national attention is on our varsity teams, it is clear that you have contributed just as much in the way of time, effort, and talent to building and sustaining the Michigan tradition.

Indeed, I would venture to say that there are probably as many folks who come to Michigan Stadium to see the Band as to see the Team.

Quite frankly, there is nothing quite like the thrill that runs through the crowd when you high-step onto the field just before kickoff.

Being a member of the Band or the Cheerleaders

is not easy...

We understand the dedication and commitment required to balance the demands of inter-collegiate athletics with the demands of a Michigan education.

A Michigan education is challenging enough, without the additional pressures of participation in the nation's leading athletic programs.

But, I suspect that later in life most of our students look back upon their experience at Michigan as providing an extraordinary education, in the most complete sense of the word.

The experiences encountered in participation provide our students with marvelous opportunities to develop qualities so important later in life: dedication, commitment, integrity, leadership.

If, indeed, the purpose of a college education is to learn the art of life...then it is clear that your experiences in the Band have given you a far richer experience than your classroom activities alone.

The Importance of Excellence

Further, your dedication, talent, and ability have great impact on this University.

The key to our University--your University--is its determination to achieve excellence--indeed, leadership--in academics, in teaching and research.

Michigan has always been the flagship of public higher education in America.

UM is a very, very special place.

It is one of only a handful of universities that can truly change not only this nation, but indeed, the world.

It was Michigan that, over a century ago, invented the university that has served America so well.

And we believe it should be Michigan, once again, that now re-invents a new type of university capable of serving an America of the 21st Century.

Leadership and excellence...

...those are Michigan's heritage
...and these are Michigan's destiny...

And what makes all of this possible is you--the

army of maize and blue alumni, 350,000 strong.

Today, just before the Michigan Wolverines take the field,

I want to take this opportunity to ask you a favor.

Because it is your help and support which has

made Michigan great.

Today, more than ever, we need

...your support

...your commitment

...your involvement

...and, most of all, your loyalty.

We're proud of you as our alumni

...we're proud of our teams

...but most of all, we're proud of our university!

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in the Rose Bowl this year it should feel

like our home turf!

Now let's go get 'em...

...and let's GO-BLUE!!!

Reception Remarks: December 31, 1989

Introduction

Delighted to see this turnout...

Can already feel the excitement beginning to build...

Less than 24 hours to go...

before Michigan is centerstage in the premier event

in America sports...the Rose Bowl.

As Casey Stengel said,

"It seems like deja vu...all over again."

Here we are back in Pasadena once again...

...scheduled to face USC in the Rose Bowl

on New Year's Day.

And it feels great!!!

Last January 2nd, President Zumberge and I met in

the locker room tunnel beneath the Rose Bowl

and made a pact...we would return for a rematch

in 1990.

Ah, it just goes to show you

how naive college presidents are...

But thanks to Bo Schembechler, Larry Smith,

and their teams, we both managed to make it back...

...although it wasn't easy...

But we both managed to make it back...

and it feels great to be back

The Rose Bowl is one of those

great Michigan traditions...

Somehow, Michigan and Roses just seem to go well together.

Yet whether it be football...or education

...or research...or service, it is indeed the case that a university achieves its greatness through its people...through their talents and abilities...through their involvement and commitment.

Of course the Michigan family

goes far beyond our campus... to include our alumni and friends throughout the nation... indeed, throughout the world.

Let me welcome you then to this series of kickoff events

for the 1989 Rose Bowl...
...let me wish you the best for the New Year...
...and let us all look forward to a big MEECHIGAN victory against USC on Monday!!!

Introduction

Michigan has a remarkable ability to touch

our lives...

In those short years that each of us

spent on this campus during our education, we become a member of the Michigan family for the rest of our lives...

And Ann Arbor becomes forever our home...

at least in our hearts...

Traditional Images of Michigan

But just what is this institution,

this force that has had such an impact on our lives?

When we hear the words

"The University of Michigan",

We think of those traditional images of any college...

- Great faculty challenging and exciting students in the classroom..
- Students studying in our many libraries
- Scientists toiling away late in the evenings in our laboratories.....stiving to understand the universe
- Scholars pouring over ancient manuscripts in our collections of antiquity

But there are some very special images of Michigan

Ann Arbor on a Saturday afternoon in the fall...

afternoons in the fall as 105,000 fans cram into Michigan stadium to watch the Wolverines...

Or perhaps the Michigan of the Big Chill...

The tradition of student involvement helping to awaken the conscience of a nation...

There is Michigan of the Arts

Schools of Music and Art

University Musical Society

...or the scores of spectacular student productions, plays, concerts, dances, operas, and, of course demonstrations and protests, that have enlivened this campus over the past year.

There is also the caring Michigan as seen by the over

750,000 patients a year who are treated by the UM Medical Center,

Or the Michigan as Silicon Valley East, working

closely with Michigan industry and government to build the high-tech infrastructure to create new companies and new jobs to strengthen and diversify our existing industrial base...

Or the Michigan which attracts to our state almost

a quarter of a billion dollars of federal R&D each year...not to mention many of the world's leading scientists and engineers

Or the Michigan of the "cutting edge",

which conducts the research that changes our lives... as evidenced, for example, by announcement earlier this month that a Michigan team had identified and cloned the gene responsible for cystic fibrosis, thereby opening up the possibility of saving thousands of lives every year.

Or Michigan as the University of the World...

Long reknown as a truly international center of learning... Or our alumni throughout the world...

Or the Michigan of outer space...

...Apollo 15...the Michigan mission to the moon...
...which not only established the first UM Club in space...
...but named a crater after Michigan on the moon.

Or Michigan as the unifying force in our families...

Camp Michigania

And, of course, there is the Michigan as the

educator, attempting to provide, in the worlds of one of our first presidents "an uncommon education for the common man" an education as good as any available in the world for all citizens, regardless of race, creed, and socioeconomic background.

to over 340,000 alumni...

...25,000 in California alone!!!

In fact, perhaps the best way to think of a university

is to recognize that our primary role is

"to invent the future"...

...through the knowledge discovered on our campuses...

...and the graduates we educate that can carry forth this knowledge and apply it to society.

What is Michigan?

The prototype, the flagship, of the large,

comprehensive, public research university which has served America so well in the 20th Century

With a serious commitment to quality

ranked among the top 10 in virtually everything it does (not just football and basketball)

Unusual breadth, rich diversity of academic

disciplines, professional schools, social and cultural activities.....our intellectual pluralism...

Unusual activism of students and faculty

liberal spirit, progressive vision

The embodiment of the hopes and dreams,

commitment and stewardship of eight generations of Michigan alumni!

Challenges before America

In the knowledge-intensive future that is our destiny

it seems clear that education in general...

...higher education in particular...

...and the research university most specifically are rapidly becoming the key ingredients determining the strength, prosperity, and social-well being of our nation.

Just think of the challenges

which cry out for attention

- the plight of our cities,
the development of an underclass

- polarization of American society
- greenhouse effect and global change
- international competition
 - Pacific Rim or Europe 1992
- health care: cancer, heart disease, AIDS
- new frontiers: outer space
 - or spaceship Earth

But the greatest need of all is for leadership

and this is the University of Michigan's
great contribution to America...
...through its teaching, research, and service
...through its graduates and their achievements

Indeed, leadership is both

our heritage
and our destiny!

After all, in a very real sense, it was our University

that developed the paradigm of the public university
capable of responding to the needs of a rapidly
changing America of the 19th century...
as American expanded to the frontier...
as it evolved through the industrial revolution...
as it absorbed wave after wave of immigrants
a paradigm that still dominates higher education today.
In a sense, we have been throughout our history the
flagship of public higher education in America.

Perhaps it is time that we once again

played that role...
re-inventing the nature of the university once again...
...a university capable of educating the citizens
and serving the society of not the 20th,
but rather the 21st Century.

Role of Alumni

And, of course, this is where you come in!

For a university achieves leadership...greatness...

...through its people...
...through their talents and abilities,
...through their involvement and commitment.

The Michigan family extends far beyond those

on our campus for the moment, our students, faculty, and staff

It includes that army of maize and blue,

our 340,000 alumni, one of every thousand Americans!

Indeed, you have been...

...and will continue to be even more...
...the most critical factor in achieving and sustaining
the greatness of your University.

For that reason, this afternoon I would like

to take this opportunity to issue a request...
..."a call to arms"
to activate and energize you as our
alumni and friends

A Call to Arms

We call for your

- your commitment
 - your involvement
 - and, most of all, your loyalty
- to your university, the University of Michigan.

A call for help...

- 1) Of course we need your financial support
which provides our capacity of excellence
--while it provides you with an
opportunity to have great impact

not just on your university, but
through your university, on this
nation and the world.

- 2) We also seek your influence
Michigan produces leaders...
and many of you are in positions of influence
in the public or private sector and capable of
helping your university
- 3) Your help in telling the Michigan story to the nation
We are among the most visible universities in America
(CBS Morning News, Steve Fisher, activism)
...let your Michigan pride show a bit!
- 4) Help us make new friends and enlist new supporters!
- 5) And most of all, become involved...
...providing to our students a sense of the
potential of a Michigan education
...providing to our faculty and staff
encouragement and support

In a very real sense, you as alumni and friends

play the key role in passing the torch...
in passing from one generation to the next
the Michigan traditions of excellence and leadership
which we all cherish so deeply

Concluding Remarks

You know, Michigan is really a very special place....

It is one of only a handful of universities capable

of truly changing not only higher education,
but the nation and the world.

Let me call on you to demonstrate yet

again that extraordinary sense of
loyalty and pride in your University
that has been our key source of
strength...

Let me call on you to show that

"Go-Blue" spirit that is the key
to our heritage and our destiny.

And now on to the Rose Bowl...

A chance to make history

...not only a chance for the big double...

...two Rose Bowl victories back to back

...not only a shot at the national title

...if Notre Dame and Alabama can do their part

...but beyond that...a chance to become the

first--and probably last--Big Ten team
to win three games in the Rose Bowl in
one year

...Last January 2nd against USC

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(get it...)

Let's go for it!

...and let's GO BLUE!!!

Pep Rally: December 31, 1980

Introduction

Can already feel the excitement beginning to build...

Less than 24 hours before Michigan will be centerstage in the
greatest tradition of college football...the Rose Bowl.

We in the University take enormous pride in what the
Michigan Football Team has accomplished...and we take
great pride in its players and coaches.

We look forward with eagerness and anticipation to tomorrow.

But, really, now, what could be be more natural than Michigan
in the Rose Bowl...

Michigan and Roses go quite well together!

Introduction

As Casey Stengel said,

“It seems like deja vu...all over again.”

Here we are, back in southern California...

...getting ready to play USC in the Rose Bowl.

This has been an incredible season...

Of course, our road back to the Rose Bowl got off to
a rocky start in September--or, should I say , a “rocket”
start, as Rocket Ismail ran back two kickoffs against
Michigan in our first game against Notre Dame
(unfortunately, USC also fell victim to the luck of
the Irish later in the fall)

But then that incredible come-back against
UCLA out in Pasadena

(I want you to know that UCLA stuck
the Michigan delegation in the far end zone...

...and while we couldn't really see much of
the drive that Elvis was engineering...

we had a great shot of J. D. Carlson's field goal
that won the game.)

This team then marched through an obstacle
course of one big game after another...

...knowing that it had to win each one in
order to repeat as Big Ten Champion
...facing the toughest teams in the Big Ten
on the road...

...Michigan State

...Iowa

...Illinois

...uniting as a true team to overcome
injuries that would have decimate and
demoralized most teams...

...and, in this past weekend, beating a
fired-up Ohio State team in one of
the most physical games I've ever seen.

If ever a team truly deserved to be Big Ten Champion
it was this team...

And if ever a Michigan team had what it takes to
make history, it is this team!

The Importance of Michigan

Of course, the Wolverines are only one of many great
Michigan traditions.

The key to our University--your University--is its
determination to achieve excellence--indeed,
leadership--in academics, in teaching and research.

Michigan has always been the flagship of public higher
education in America.

UM isa very, very special place.

It is one of only a handful of universities that can truly
change not only this nation, but indeed, the
world.

It was Michigan that, over a century ago, invented
the university that has served America so well.

And we believe it should be Michigan, once again,
that now re-invents a new type of university
capable of serving an America of the 21st Century.

Leadership and excellence...

...those are Michigan's heritage

...and these are Michigan's destiny...

Your Commitment

Today, just before the Michigan Wolverines take the field,

I want to take this opportunity to ask you a favor.

And what makes all of this possible is you--the

army of maize and blue alumni, 350,000 strong.

Because it is your help and support which has

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Pre-Game Pep Rally: January 1, 1990

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It took a trip to Pasadena to turn things around...

with that extraordinary last second victory over

UCLA this past September.

(I found the headlines in one of your local papers

the next day rather amusing: UCLA football team

UCLA Football suffers the ultimate humiliation...

...being upset by a basketball school!!!)

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Michigan Memories:

You know, thus far in 1989 Michigan athletics has created
some truly great memories...
...Leroy Hoard's breakaway run late in the 4th
quarter that sealed the come-from behind victory
against USC in last year's Rose Bowl
...Rumeal Robinson stepping to the line with 3 seconds
left in overtime and canning those free throws
to win the NCAA championship
...The Cinderella story of Steve Fisher
It was an incredible year...in fact, UM finished 2nd
in the nation in performance in all sports.
Guess who finished #1: UCLA
Well, we got even this fall...
...that incredible onside kick against UCLA and then
J. D. Carlson's last second field goal that
started Michigan on its string of victories
...those heartstopping victories against Michigan State,
Iowa, Illinois, and finally, Ohio State that won
the Big Ten Championship
...and...while we were resting up for the Rose Bowl...
... the basketball team coming back on board
with those incredible victories over Duke and
Seton Hall...
...and, of course, the bombshell that Bo dropped
a couple of weeks ago when he announced that
this Rose Bowl would be his last game as coach
at Michigan...
...the retirement of the greatest coach in America!

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WJR Halftime Talk: January 1, 1990

Comment on game
Bo's status
Penn State