

Schembechler Hall Dinner (5/29/91)

I am delighted to see so many Michigan fans here tonight.

What a whirlwind of a project this has been.

I'd say it has been like a good game

except the truth is that there wasn't the same sense of suspense.

In a game, we might not make the last play that puts us over the top.

But where Michigan friends and alums are concerned,

there is no such thing as not doing the job.

You never fail us--

no University has more loyal or generous supporters.

Especially when it comes to something for Bo and the team!

No the outcome was never in doubt once Bo got going

and put together his team.

It was a little bigger than the teams he is used to leading

but it didn't have any trouble building the spirit,

setting a high goal, going all out, and getting the job done.

Of course when the team captain

is a former President of the United States

it really helps.

It has been a team of champions all the way--

--friends, alumni, faculty, staff

everyone pulled together and made it happen.

What a wonderful tribute to Bo and all he stands for and means to us.

What a wonderful legacy to our student athletes.

This Hall will serve many generations of them to come

and is a tangible sign of the tremendous pride

we all feel in them and their accomplishments.

Speaking of pride, we are honored to have with us tonight

our leading alum who has been a staunch supporter of this project

from the beginning.

I know I speak for all of us here tonight in thanking him

for his help in funding the Center and also for the way

he represents the best of Michigan to the world.

Please join me in welcoming President Jerry Ford.