

Remarks by Christina Swoope

Redcoat Band Practice Complex Dedication

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To me this Redcoat complex is more than just a new practice field, it's the Redcoat Band's first true home and it couldn't be better deserved. This band has grown from a group of 20 military cadets in 1905 to its nearly 400 members today. Along the way it has boasted prestigious accomplishments such as an appearance at 1977 Presidential Inauguration parade, recipients of the Sudler Trophy in 2000, and a series of performances in various Chinese cities during the summer of 2006. Not only does our new home provide us with a place to call our own, but it also provides us with the tools we need to continue in our commitment to excellence. Not to mention a great place for Redcoat football, soccer, and frisbee.

More importantly, this field represents the pride and never ending support we have from our hundreds of loyal Redcoat Alumni whom without this field would not have been possible. Not only have you given your money, but also, and more importantly, your time and dedication to an organization that has meant so much to you. Your generosity and continued strong ties with the Redcoat have shown us what it truly means to be "once a dog, always a dog, and how sweet it is". We sincerely hope that the hard work we put in on this field creates a band and an alma mater that you will be proud of. Thank you.