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Ford promises military superiority

By BROCK AKERS
News Editor

The United States will "remain unsurpassed for years to come" in national defense, said President Gerald Ford yesterday.

Ford spoke to the Fort Worth-Tarrant County Bar Association in the Convention Center as part of a campaign tour for Saturday's Texas primary.

"I pledge that we will keep America strong" the President said. "No' strong for the sake of war—but strong for the sake of peace which we now have. We will continue this policy of peace through strength and at the same time, we will maintain our international leadership."

Ford's defense program includes a "new class of nuclear submarines," the Trident missile fleet—a new intercontinental ballistic missile, a new cruise missile, a \$1.5 billion budget for the B-1 strategic bomber and an increase in the army from 13 to 16 combat divisions.

"Our warning to those who threaten our security, at home or abroad is the same," Ford said. "Americans will never be intimidated and Americans will keep the



PRESIDENT GERALD FORD

security and the independence we have had for 200 years, and will keep it forever."

The President's emphasis on his defense program comes in the wake of mounting criticism from Democratic presidential

candidates and Ford's own opponent for the Republican nomination, Ronald Reagan.

Ford said that at the federal level, "we must fulfill our obligation to provide national security as well as personal security. For the law to provide that security, we must have laws that are respected. We must keep the law alive by making sure that it changes to meet the changing needs of our society," he said.

The President cited figures which showed that the crime rate decreased from 17 per cent in 1974 to 9 per cent in 1975 after he put crime control among the top items on the national agenda.

"We have found some productive ways to deal with crime by providing ideas and federal seed money to the state and local authorities who have the responsibility for criminal prosecution," he said.

Ford gave the example of Tarrant County, whose Law Enforcement Assistance Administration will have received almost \$2 million in aid to the district attorney's office from 1973 to 1978.

"We must continue our efforts at the federal level to help local authorities

improve their administration of justice," the President said.

Ford said the emphasis on combatting crime should be placed on the social and institutional problems which cause crime. Yet, he said that "while protecting the rights of the accused, our emphasis must always be on protecting the rights of the victim."

"The victim must be our primary concern, and the law must be our means of fulfilling the promise in our Constitution—to ensure domestic tranquility," he said.

The President said habitual offenders, those "who commit criminal acts, not once, but again and again" are a "chronic threat to our security. We must identify them, bring them to justice and make their punishment swift and certain."

In September 1974 the Justice Department, under Ford's directive, created a career criminal impact program. Ford noted the success of these programs in Texas.

"In Houston, one program began in July of last year. And today, the average time from arrest to indictment is nine days for those identified as career criminals, versus 42 days for other criminal cases. Sentences have averaged 25.8 years," he said.

"We must not be content until the potential criminal faces arrest so certain, punishment so heavy, that he will lose his taste for acts of crime and violence," the President said.

President calls opponent uninformed

Reagan's defense posture 'illogical'

By STEVE BUTTRY
Editor-in-chief

President Gerald Ford attacked his opponent for the Republican presidential nomination Wednesday when he visited Fort Worth, calling Ronald Reagan's defense proposals an "illogical way to approach our overall defense capability."

Ford spoke briefly with reporters after landing at Carswell Air Force Base for a campaign stop in Fort Worth.

"The defense capabilities of this country are sufficient. They are unsurpassed, and you have to look at the whole picture rather than little pieces that some people pick out and want to use as an illustration," said Ford.

Earlier Wednesday he spoke in Tyler, striking out more directly at Reagan. "Having failed on the economic issue, the central thrust of my opponent's strategy is to claim the United States has become inferior to the Soviet Union, especially in military strength. He glibly quotes statistics without any in-depth understanding of them," said Ford, according to an Associated Press story about the Tyler speech.

"Obviously, we should exercise great caution before heeding the words of a man who obviously has no experience and little understanding of the complexity of national defense matters. Superficial arguments based on incomplete knowledge are fundamentally harmful rather than helpful," he said in Tyler.

"When it comes to the life and death decisions of our national security, the decisions made must be the right ones. There are no retakes in the Oval office. Glibness is not good enough. Superficiality is not good enough. Every serious candidate for the presidency must be equal to the burdens and the responsibilities of the presidency."

Ford specifically criticized Reagan's charge that the Soviet Union has twice as many men in uniform than the United States. To double the size of our military force would be needless and would divert funds that are being spent for "sophisticated new weapons systems," said the President.

"No reputable military expert I know has suggested such a course of action," he said. "Such a policy, if you can call it that, would undermine rather than strengthen our defenses."

At Carswell, Ford was asked if the attack on Reagan was "engaging in personality politics."

"Well, I had hoped to avoid it, but when I heard and read some of the things that were said, particularly about the security forces of the United States, I think the answer had to be very direct and very specific," responded Ford.

Jimmy Carter's strong showing in Pennsylvania Tuesday has changed the President's prediction that Hubert Humphrey will win the Democratic nomination for president.

"I would say that the momentum for

Carter has certainly accelerated, and it seems to me, unless they go to a brokered convention and a smoke-filled room, that it will probably be Carter."

Ford would not speculate on how well he would do against Carter if they faced each other in November for the presidency. He did, however, say he is "closing the gap" between him and Reagan in Texas. "We don't concede Texas to anybody, whether it is in May or whether it is in November," he said.

Also at the Carswell press conference, Ford said the situation in Lebanon is "slowly but surely improving," and that chances for a settlement of the hostilities "have increased very significantly."

Explaining the American policy toward Rhodesia and other African nations, he said, "The United States traditionally believes in self-determination. It means that we have to guarantee the rights of the minority" and "to make certain that no foreign, non-African country dominates that great continent, and that includes the Soviet Union or anybody else."

"This should be a program on a worldwide scale of helping Africans help themselves, and we are dedicated to self-determination and the protection of guaranteeing minority rights."

Ford also congratulated the forces at Carswell on receiving a 100 per cent rating recently on an operational alert. "This is the kind of defense program that we have—100 per cent," he said. "I wish we could do that in politics."



For kids, finding a good place to view the President is more important than the political debates.

Don't feel like your vote won't count

Saturday's primary will be an important race for candidates in both parties who are seeking the presidential nominations.

President Ford could almost seal up the Republican

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nomination with a victory here. Ronald Reagan could deal a severe blow to Ford's campaign and prestige by winning in Texas.

Democratic front-runner Jimmy Carter might be impossible to stop if he can add a win in Texas to his impressive victory Tuesday in Pennsylvania. The "stop-Carter" forces desperately need a victory in Texas if they are to keep from being steamrolled by the former Georgia governor.

Many local and state races are also important. Lloyd Bentsen and Phil Gramm are waging an interesting battle for the Democratic nomination for Bentsen's Senate seat. Several candidates are contesting each other for seats on the Railroad Commission, which oversees utilities.

Students may feel powerless to influence any of these races, but your votes are important. A narrow victory in this district of Tarrant County will mean three delegates for some Democrat and four for some Republican.

Both races appear close enough that a margin of three or four delegates might be enough to decide who is the winner in this state. And this state may have an important influence in deciding who the presidential candidates are.

So if you want to support or stop Carter, or if you want to save George Wallace's campaign, or support Ellen McCormack's anti-abortion stance,

or cast your vote to give Reagan new life or help Ford seal up his nomination, your vote will be important Saturday.

We urge all voters to examine the candidates carefully and choose who you think are the best. The League of Women Voters has published an analysis

of local and state candidates, which is in the library.

Tomorrow, the Daily Skiff will print a special 12-page edition examining the presidential candidates, explaining the primary and convention process and examining some of the candidates.

We hope this will help you examine the candidates and choose which to vote for. But most importantly, we hope you go to the polls Saturday and help the nation decide who will be the next president, and who will hold other important offices.

—THE EDITORS

Can Ma Bell give wives a voice?

Vermont Assistant Attorney General William Griffin is working for making it less expensive for women to be themselves.

Phone companies now charge an extra fee on top of the monthly fee if more than one person in a family is listed in the phone book. In Fort Worth it's 65 cents.

That often means that married women aren't included in the phone book because of the additional

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monthly expense. And that means if you don't know a married woman's husband or her phone number, you can't call her home.

June Garrison, for example, is running in the Republican primary for the Texas legislature. But

if you don't know she's Mrs. Burres Garrison, don't expect to find her among the dozens of Garrisons in the phone book.

Griffin is asking the Public Service Board of the New England Telephone to place a married couple's names side by side for one fee. Couples would be listed as Smith, John-Mary. If he doesn't get this, the decision of the board can be appealed to federal court.

This way the extra expense for a women's self-identity will be removed. And it's practical. One wouldn't need to find out a woman's address, phone number or husband before attempting to call her.

If New England Bell agrees to Griffin's plan, let's hope it spreads nationwide. Ma Bell should strike a blow for married women's independence.

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Guest opinions must be cleared with the associate editor before submission. The deadline is Wednesday morning of each week. These, too, will be edited.

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Dr. Raymond McNally will speak on "In Search of Dracula" tonight at 8 p.m. in the Student Center ballroom as part of this semester's Forums presentations. The Boston College history professor has concluded that Dracula was deranged and cruel, but was never a vampire.

Door locks may not be sufficient to stop residence hall break-ins

An investigation into the Brachman Hall burglary over spring break has revealed that many doors to dormitory rooms can be opened even when locked.

Doors which do not have a "cylinder screw"—a screw that prevents the lock assembly from being unscrewed—may be entered using any key that fits into the lock chamber.

Brian Grigsby and Craig Kennedy believe their room in Brachman was burglarized in this manner, leaving them short \$1,300 in stereo equipment.

The victims said they knew their lock was loose at least two weeks before the theft. It never occurred to them, however, that the lock could unscrew completely.

Grigsby and Kennedy said they knew their neighbor's lock could be removed completely long before the theft. Kennedy said "it never occurred to me something like this would end in the loss of my entire stereo system."

The cylinder screws were missing from the locks of Grigsby and Kennedy and their neighbor, they said. The locks have since been repaired.

A cylinder screw is designed to be long enough so it holds the lock assembly in place. If it is missing, the lock assembly is able to turn and screw out of the door.

Grigsby and Kennedy estimated that it would take an intruder two minutes to successfully break into a resident's room.

Assistant Campus Police Chief Ed Carson said the investigation of the theft has been turned over to the Fort Worth Police Department. "They are still checking several things in the case, but they have no solid leads," Carson said.

Brachman Hall Director Jeff Wise said he was not told of the problem with the Brachman locks until after the break-in. "Residents can contribute to problems such as this because they don't report it," said Wise. "What happened in Brachman could have happened any time."

University locksmith Bob Hairston noted that there were three or four such lock problems in Brachman. He said the dormitory was checked thoroughly after the break-in. Hairston said he and the other University locksmith, James Hudspeth, are finding missing cylinder screws on campus "all the time."

The only way for the screws to be taken off the door is to remove a cover plate on the side of the door next to the door knob. "The cylinder screws don't get taken off by themselves. Someone has to remove them from the door," said Hairston.

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Decide to keep the beaten paths

House vetoes sidewalk bill

A vote for the environment and against sidewalks was cast Tuesday by the House of Student Representatives as it defeated a

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bill that would add \$4,000 worth of sidewalks to the campus.

The proposal, submitted by Student Affairs chairman Steve Van Fossen, would have placed sidewalks where dirt paths now existed between Ed Landreth

and Reed Hall, and Reed Hall and the Undergraduate Religion building.

But Janet Branch said, "We have access to any door we need to use on campus. This is just laziness on the part of a few

people."

Chris Miller agreed. "Why destroy the trees? There is no reason to add all this sidewalk when it will not allow water to seep through the ground." She said redwood chips could be put on the paths "if we want to beautify them."

Jim Paulsen, however, argued that "as a North Dakota farmer, I know that trampled ground is just like a sidewalk. The water will not be able to percolate to the roots."

The House also tabled several bills, sent some proposals to committee, and then adjourned after a brief business session.

Derby Day set for Friday

Friday's Sigma Chi Derby Day and the events leading up to it are "mostly just for fun and to raise spirit within fraternities and sororities," said Millard Juraper, president of Sigma Chi.

The traditional Derby Day will mark the end of a week of competition between various sororities on campus. Each sorority, coached by two members of Sigma Chi, will try to gain as many points as possible to win the competition.

Although the actual Derby Day doesn't begin until Friday at 3

p.m. at Forest Park, events have been scheduled throughout the week.

The events for Derby Day include an egg toss, beer chugging, greased log, limbo and gravy train contests. A beauty contest will be judged by someone outside of the fraternity.

Stock fund deadline May 3

Deadline for applications for the Educational Investment Fund participation during the summer session is Monday, May 3.

Students may sign up for an interview in Dan Rogers Hall, room 314. Fund membership is open to any full-time graduate business student and a limited number of undergraduate students. Admission is based on personal interviews with student members of the fund and participating faculty.

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Rifle team has three All-Americans



The Purple rifle squad placed three on the 1976 All-American Rifle team. The three shooters receiving national acclaim are, from left to right, Bill Kovaric, Allen Cunniff and David Tubb. Kovaric and Cunniff were tabbed for first team

honors, while Tubb received second team honors for the second straight year. These three and Bob Hayes will be shooting in the Olympic Trials in Phoenix, Ariz., in June.

Austin likes program, coach

By CHUCK AULT

Horned Frog swimmer Bryan Austin hopes his continued improvement will take him to the NCAA championships next year.

Austin, a junior, has been swimming for the Frogs since he was a freshman. He began his association with Coach Rufe Brewton during his senior year in high school by joining Brewton's AAU team, and followed the coach to the University. "I wouldn't swim for any other coach," he said.

Austin is a sprinter and swims in the 50, 100 and 200-yard freestyles. The 50 is his best event with a time of 21:19, and he is only three seconds away from the U.S. record in the 100. He has almost taken a full second off the 50 this year.

He will be practicing this

summer preparing for large meets, and nationals. "I want to place in the NCAA finals next year and I need the experience," Austin said.

Experience and mental readiness play a bigger part in winning than physical skill, Austin said.

Austin stressed the fact that the Frogs have a rugged training schedule. "We have the hardest workout schedule in the country," he said.

The team practices about three and a-half hours each day (5:30-7 a.m., 3-5 p.m.) which amounts to about eight miles. "There is no question in my mind that swimming is the hardest sport to train for," Austin said. "The only other sport that comes close to swimming is track," he said. He noted that swimming one mile is

equivalent to running four miles.

Stimulant drugs should continue to be outlawed from Olympic competition Austin stated. "They can only hurt you. They might make you more alert, but at the same time they will dull your body," he said.

"We have the best swimming facility in the conference and all the schools know it," Austin said. "They are amazed at our success and progress because they know we are not heavily financed. Every swimmer at TCU has had his best times under Brewton's program."

Brewton was SWC coach of the year in 1974, and was one vote short of winning this year. "With fiscal support from the school he could do wonders with the program," Austin said.

He also believes the program could be five years ahead of its present status had support been given in the past. He notes that the tennis teams have only had money for a few years and have progressed rapidly.

Austin says the Frog's problem now is lack of depth. He believes the team could compete on a more equal level if they had 15 swimmers instead of the current 10. The Frogs are at a disadvantage when facing SMU, Texas or Houston. These schools rotate their swimmers because they have five times as many swimmers as the Purples. "We

Three Purple riflers have been named to the 1976 All-American Rifle team. The University was one of the few schools that had three named to the team.

Bill Kovaric and Allen Cunniff were tabbed for the first team, while David Tubb was selected for the second team for the second consecutive year.

"It is the fifth year in a row that the University has had somebody on the All-American team," said coach George Beck. "This is also the only All-American team that is chosen in riflery."

Kovaric, Cunniff, Tubb and Bob Hayes have been invited to attend the Olympic Trials in Phoenix, Ariz., in June. Four people from the trials will represent the United States in the

Olympics this summer.

Three All-Americans might not be the only thing the rifle team can boast about. Beck has not been officially notified yet, but has heard that the Frogs tied for the national championship.

"We heard the score that supposedly won the national title, and it was the same score that we shot in the sectionals. We also competed against all the top teams in the country last weekend at Ft. Benning, Ga., and we beat them," Beck said.

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Intramurals

The Alpha Gams won the Greek division and Sherley won the independent division in the women's intramural track meet Tuesday.

The final scoring in the Greek division was: Alpha Gams 34, Tri Delt 28½, Thetas 18½, Chi O 11, ADE 110, Kappas 7, KD 3, DG 2 and Pi Phi 0. Sherley was an easy winner in the independent division with Colby taking second with only one entrant.

Greek results—standing broad jump: Susan Pigg, Tri Delt, 7-11; running broad jump: Gayle Wright, Tri Delt, 14-8; triple jump: Jo Beth Resch, Theta, 26 ft.; basketball throw: Sharon Reaves, AGD, 75-3; softball throw: Beth Farmer, Zeta, 160-11; shotput: Janet Olson, Chi O, 32-3; 30-yard dash: Sandy Hyre, AGD, 4.5; 50-yard dash: Jo Beth Resch, Theta, 6.5; 120-yard relay:

Zeta, 19.0; 200-yard relay: AGD, 29.8.

Independent results, all winners from Sherley—basketball throw: Tracy Marshall, 68-4½; softball throw: Amy Larson, 129 ft.; shot put: Bertha Mendoza, 32-6; triple jump: Cindy Davenport, 24-4; running broad jump: Bertha Mendoza, 12-6¼; 30-yard dash: Nancy Frankett, 5.1; 120-yard relay: Sherley, :25.0; 200-yard relay: Sherley, :29.7.

The Greek and independent teams competed in a golf putting contest Wednesday in the last event of the year for women's intramurals.

The banquet for women's intramurals is Wednesday, May 5, in the Student Center ballroom. Tickets are available in the Intramurals office in the Rickel Building until noon on Monday, May 3.

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