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GERALD FORD



JIMMY CARTER

## Reactions to debate vary

A survey conducted by a University communications class of 112 Fort Worth residents randomly selected from the phone book showed 77 per cent of those surveyed had watched the debate.

Of those that watched, 36 identified themselves as Carter supporters, 28 for Ford and 24 undecided. Thirty Carter supporters thought their candidate won, while Ford supporters tallied 28.

Dr. James Kitchens, professor of the political communications class, cautioned these statistics are presented before they could be analyzed and could be misleading.

### Young Democrats

For Young Democrats Pat Kendrick and Martha Hempfling the Ford-Carter debates were a rehash of the last few months of campaigning.

"Nothing new was offered by either of the candidates," Hempfling said. "They did strengthen some of my already established opinions, but it was mostly things they had discussed before."

Both felt Carter was the more dynamic debater and dealt more with issues than Ford.

"On a couple of occasions Carter did screw up, but his appearance was much better than Ford's. Ford's style was his biggest setback in this debate," Hempfling said.

"Ford was real vague on all his attacks on Carter," Kendrick said. "For instance on his issue on the Humphrey-Hawkins bill. Ford's accusations weren't really clear. Carter never supported all of the bill. He just said he liked certain parts of it."

But Carter was vague on some issues also, he said. "For instance his position on jobs wasn't real clear. But there weren't a whole lot of these instances."

### Young Republicans

Jimmy Carter "tried to pin on Ford all the evils of his predecessors," said Paul Van Tine, president of Young Republicans.

"Gov. Carter capitalized on the economic situation in the debate," he said, "and also stressed the tax structure we have in this country today."

"But we should give credit where credit is due," Van Tine said. "It was a Democratic Congress that left the loopholes and created the economic mess."

Ford has been working to solve the problems which he inherited from previous presidents, he said.

"Carter accused President Ford of being too much a part of the Washington establishment. It's true that Ford has been in Washington for many years, but this isn't a disadvantage. He's seen the imperial bureaucracy that Nixon and Johnson created," Van Tine said.

Though Carter is probably sincere and interested in the nation's condition, Van Tine said. "He really doesn't have a grasp of the issues."

### On-campus

On-campus students watching the debates last night generally felt the broadcasts had little effect on their presidential preferences.

Dormitory lobbies, the Student Center study room and the library lecture room all were filled with students watching the debates and exchanging ideas.

Sophomore Judy Wilcox, viewing the debates in Jarvis, said the debates did nothing to change her preference for Carter.

Ford supporter Liz Cottingham felt the same while watching the debates in Brachman. "I felt he talked more about the real issues

and he had a good appearance," she said.

As for Carter, she said she felt he was much more congenial, but he didn't really debate.

Some students said their views were changed. McCarthy backer Frank Goode said he was leaning more toward Carter now. "He put on a really good appearance. I guess basically I just didn't care for Ford. He came off as much too conservative and kind of dumb."

Terry Barlow, watching at Brachman, said he had completely changed his support from Carter to Ford. "Ford answered the questions. He countered what Carter had to say. It didn't seem like Carter was really debating. He was just prepared. He wasn't really into the debate."

### Fort Worth bars

The Ford-Carter debates definitely will have an effect on the outcome of the elections, Fort Worth bar patrons agreed Thursday night, in contrast to student opinion.

"I've decided how I'm gonna vote," Bill said, "but most people haven't. The debates are gonna change a lot of minds."

"The debates aren't gonna change the way people think," fellow bar patron Ray said. "They've already made up their minds."

A man at Nancy's Over the Hill Gang, who had seen some of the debates before coming to the club, agreed they would have an effect.

"Carter didn't look too good," he said.

### Nationwide

A Roper poll released on the Public Broadcasting System showed that 56 per cent of the American population watched the debate.

Asked which candidate won the debate, 39 per cent said Ford, 31 per cent Carter, 30 undecided.

## Carter, Ford split on issues

By BROCK AKERS  
Managing Editor

Presidential candidates Jimmy Carter and Gerald R. Ford locked horns last night, the President accusing his opponent of failing to produce specific remedies for unemployment and Carter charging Ford with mismanagement of the economy.

Carter was the first to respond to questions from the panel of journalists and wasted no time in calling the economy "disgraceful," and accused the President of being insensitive to the jobless.

Ford responded that the best way to achieve jobs is in the private sector. That is what he has tried to do with the tax credits and the tax reductions for middle-income people, he said.

The President said he could cut taxes by \$28 billion if Congress would cooperate by keeping expenditures down.

Carter called those tax programs "welfare for the rich," noting this administration has witnessed an increase in the payroll tax from 14 to 21 per cent. "This is what the Republicans have done to us," he said.

The Democratic nominee said that an end to inflation and the balancing of the federal budget cannot be achieved without full employment.

Carter predicted "by the end of my first four years, I will have unemployment down to three per cent, four per cent for adult unemployment, and a balanced growth in the economy of between four and six per cent. This will balance our budget."

Ford said the way to solve the national debt is to encourage production, put more money in the hands of American taxpayers who will in turn pay more taxes and lead the United States towards a balanced budget.

The President accused his rival of shifting positions on tax relief from an interview last week. In the interview, Carter said that he would increase taxes on 50 per cent of the working people in the country.

"The way to get tax relief is to reduce the burden on the middle class," Ford said. The Carter proposals would fall most heavily on the \$8,000 to \$25,000 income bracket, he said. "I believe in tax equality for the middle class Americans and an increase in the tax exemptions."

The debate was interrupted with only a few minutes remaining when the sound system broke down. It took 28 minutes to get them back on the air. Meanwhile the candidates stood at their podiums waiting.

Before the interruption, Carter charged the United States has suffered "because we haven't had any leadership in this country. We've had a government of stalemate."

Carter said that the nation needs an executive capable of cooperating with Congress to conduct the nation's business.

The President responded in his summation, "I think the real issue in this campaign and that which you must decide on Nov. 2 is whether you should vote for his promises or my performance in two years in the White House."

## Your Ballot

If the election were held today, which presidential candidate would you vote for?

Gerald Ford

Jimmy Carter

Other:

Why?

Deposit your ballot in the marked box in the Student Center (just outside the Campus Ministry office) or in the foyer of Dan Rogers Hall.

A poll of this nature cannot be accurate as a random sample. But these votes may give some measure of campus feeling about the debates and the election.

(Clip or tear out and vote today.)

# Legally spinning the one-armed bandit

The alumni association was supposed to hold a "casino party," but they discovered the "possession and transportation" of gambling equipment is a third-degree felony in this state.

So the group cancelled its party of poker chips, roulette wheels and black-jack tables and now they are having a carnival.

This (gasp) horrifying scandal brings up the question of what to do about gambling. Perhaps the best solution is to legalize it.

Nevada allows casinos; New York, off-track horse betting; 3 states operate lotteries; 13 permit bingo; and 31 allow on-track betting on horses and dogs.

But the FBI estimate \$20 billion worth of gambling each year is illegal. While some federal and state anti-gambling laws reflect the traditional moral denunciation of the "something for nothing" philosophy, thousands of Americans continue to engage in all forms of gambling. Yet they

refuse to remove anti-gambling statutes from the laws.

The result is what the National Gambling Commission calls a "double standard" of public disapproval and private sanction of gambling which makes it virtually impossible to enforce anti-gambling laws.

For example, if New York City attempted to enforce all gambling laws, a police department study reported, 17,000 known people could be arrested immediately. Yet the state can only accommodate 3,500 in its jails.

Moreover, illegal gambling strengthens the base of syndicate power. The President's Task Force on Organized Crime estimates the syndicate's gross revenue from gambling in the U.S. is \$20 billion a year, leading to a profit of \$7 billion. And it's all tax free.

Richard Thornborough, a U.S. attorney

who specializes in Mafia prosecutions, said that "without illegal gambling's mammoth profits, it is likely the whole superstructure of organized crime in this country would collapse."

An indication that government sponsored gambling can have an impact on

## Opinion

organized crime is seen from the recent news reports concerning the New Jersey Lottery.

Police in New Jersey have noted the success of the state lottery has dealt a sharp blow to "numbers" racketeers, whose business declined by 60 per cent.

If syndicate gambling revenues were diverted to government use, the President's Task Force concluded, the country could double aid to education, pay

half of every doctor bill or fund our foreign aid bill for the next decade. Or, all personal taxes could be reduced by 20 per cent.

The conclusion should be obvious: it makes as much sense to try to prohibit gambling as it does to prohibit alcohol.

Some people are excessive gamblers just as some drink too much. But people who don't want to gamble don't have to, and those who do will always find some way of doing it.

Even more important, a democracy is in itself something of a gamble, a calculated risk based on the premise that informed people will behave well amidst a wide variety of choices.

Surely the people should have their rights toward gambling vouchsafed. It is a silly anachronism of society when the gambler is sent off to jail.

—SKIP HOLLANDSWORTH



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## Sex-change violates dignity

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world's best tennis players, and everyone is crying foul.

The tennis scene feels cheated, for here is a woman with male biceps and vicious wrists. Other women refuse to play her, and

tournaments are boycotted if she is allowed to participate. But there is something more to be said out of all this.

Renee is part of a new American epidemic—redefining the self. Individuals change names, faces psyches and sexes. Cassius Clay becomes Muhammed Ali; Negroes turn into blacks; homosexuals are now gays; Richard Raskin is reborn as Renee Richards.

The tremendous technological change has also advanced this imitation of identity. Organ transplants, face-lifts, silicone injections and hormone stimulators are the new milestones in the story of human rights.

It is hard not to admire her courage. She honestly admits her cause is to promote the value of all transsexuals. And she is also unsure whether her future will be filled with any more promise of happiness.

Certainly someone should be allowed to improve one's state of being, but not at the expense of destroying one's state of self. The reverence, the dignity of human life is gone.

The only thing left is a vast social experiment in identity, and a hope that changing sex will somehow change psychological frustrations.

People will continue to become transsexuals, and they will continue to hide from their deep-rooted problems. But human life will always remain the same, with its failures and resignations. The answer must lie in facing the trouble, not running to an operation table.

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Blood is "a very beautiful gift of life to give someone," Lucile Fitz-Simmons, co-chairperson of the University blood drive said. "Last year in our two-day drive, 350 pints were donated. We hope to at least double the amount. Blood can be given next Monday through Wednesday

Sept. 27 through 29, in the Student Center ballroom, she said. Under the University's agreement with the blood bank, families of faculty and students are entitled to receive blood. The Carter Blood Bank is not out to make money, but to save lives," she said.

## PSA to sponsor mock election

A mock election on the presidential and senatorial races and campus issues will be sponsored by the Political Science Association, Oct. 20 and 21, according to PSA Vice-President John Cowles.

Student life issues on visitation, alcohol on campus and blacks in fraternities will be on the ballot, he said.

Poll results will be published and distributed to the groups needing to know campus sentiment on particular issues, Cowles said.

Up to 50 questions can be included on the computerized ballot but some of those slots will be taken up with identification questions such as classification, he said.

Any student, faculty member or organization with an issue they want included on the poll should contact Cowles at post office box 29792.

Individuals and organizations should organize their own publicity, lobbying and campaigning for the candidate or cause they were interested in he said.

The polls in the non-partisan election will be supervised by members of the Political Science Organization. Faculty members as well as students may vote.

## Free ride to Carter's speech

Bus service will be provided for all interested persons to attend Democratic Presidential nominee Jimmy Carter's appearance at Dallas' Fairmont Hotel next Friday.

The bus will be provided by the Tarrant County Carter-Mondale campaign organization, and will leave the Tarrant County Convention Center at 1 p.m., two hours before Carter is scheduled to speak, according to Mrs. Ann Marek, the county coordinator.

Reservations can be made by calling 336-1776

## Girls compete in Man Day

Phi Kappa Sigma "Man Day" is being sponsored today by the fraternity in Forest Park at 3 p.m.

All sororities are invited to compete in different events, Bill Cowan, publicity chairman for the event, said.

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# Huskars next on Frog list

By DANA ARBUCKLE  
Sports Editor

The Frogs are still looking for their first victory this year on the gridiron and they will have a tough time finding it this Saturday.

The Frogs travel to Lincoln, Neb., to take on the nationally-ranked Nebraska Cornhuskers. The Huskers were tabbed by several preseason polls as the top team in the country.

The Huskers were surprised by the LSU Tigers in their first game 6-6 but bounced back to blast Indiana 45-13 last week.

While the Huskers were winning big, the Purples were losing big. Tennessee ripped the Frogs 31-0 despite the 400 yards of total offense racked up by the Purples.

"When we played SMU, we were very flat emotionally. We wanted to get our enthusiasm going against Tennessee and we did," Frog coach Jim Shofner said. "We want to maintain that enthusiasm through the Nebraska game and carry it to Arkansas next week."

Even though the Frogs didn't score against the Vols, there were a few bright spots in the

game. Vernon Wells established a new best single game yardage mark with 204 yards on 10 receptions.

Jimmy Dan Elzner was 13 of 28 passing for 194 yards while Steve Bayuk saw his first action of the season and responded with five of 12 passing for 97 yards. Bayuk also rushed for 44 yards.

Elzner, ranked nationally in passing, and Bayuk will split duties at the quarterback position this Saturday.

"Bayuk really looked good in the Tennessee game. He gives our offense a different look when he is in because we can run more," Shofner said.

Elzner and Bayuk will come out throwing in the Nebraska game.

"We tried to establish a running game in the SMU game and it didn't work. We are going to come out throwing against Nebraska.

"After the defense loosens up because of the passing, we will be able to run better," Shofner said.

The Frogs are ranked in the Top Ten nationally in team passing. Receivers Mike Renfro and Wells are individually ranked.

Shofner thinks the Nebraska team is the best team the Frogs will have played up till now.

"The Nebraska defense isn't going to give you any big plays. Their offense doesn't really make the big play until they have beaten you down," Shofner said.

One phase of the game that Shofner is not pleased with is the Frog defense. The Purple defenders are giving up an average of 32 points.

"Our offense can't control the ball the whole game so our defense has to shut the other team down. We can do it but we aren't right now," he said. "It's so frustrating because I know we are physically capable of doing it."

The Frogs will go into the 1:30 p.m. contest in pretty good physical shape. Freshman Frank Hartman, however, is out for the season with a knee injury.

The Purples will be without the

services of running back Audie Woods. Woods is out with a pulled groin muscle and a hip pointer. Shofner plans of holding him out of the game so he will be ready for Arkansas.

Wide receiver Mike Renfro is quickly closing in on the school career receiving records. He

needs 20 catches and 40 yards to equal Sonny Campbell's school records set in 1964-66.

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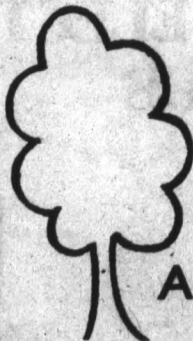
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