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Former President Gerald R. Ford

Photo by Ted Kirk

## Ford lectures, discusses future

By Rex Henderson

Former President Gerald R. Ford donned a professorial robe Thursday to lecture to UNL political science students on American government.

During a question and answer period after his lecture, Ford commented on more specific issues and returned to his politician role, answering questions on his future plans and the future of the Republican party.

Ford said he would not make a decision for two years on running for the Presidency in 1980, but said he would remain active in party activities.

Ford said a revival of the GOP depends on a broadened base of popular support and opening doors to a larger segment of the American public.

"The sure way to demise," Ford said, "is to make the party so ideologically pure that active participation is down to a handful."

"I've found that if you don't win in politics, it (ideology) doesn't do you much good."

### Energy plan

Ford criticized Congress' lethargy on creating an effective, comprehensive energy plan.

He said he is disappointed in how Congress handled his energy proposals in 1975.

"Dependence on foreign oil is getting worse every day, while Congress won't pass legislation to increase production," he said.

"Congress better get off its . . ." Ford, leaving the sentence unfinished, said. He paused while a ripple of giggles ran through the class.

In response to a question about deficit spending by the federal government, Ford said he had plans to balance the budget by 1980.

"I recognize that in times of economic recession and military emergency deficit budgets are inevitable," he said.

He said the increase in this year's deficit to \$61.5 billion from last year's \$45 billion is "a trend in the wrong direction."

During his lecture about American government, Ford supported a reform of the electoral college system and federal financing of presidential elections.

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## Response mixed to 'Prof.' Jerry

By Anne Carothers

Three hundred heads turned as he walked down the aisle. He looked tan and healthy.

Recalling the haggard look on the face of his predecessor as he left office, Gerald Ford looked, by comparison, healthy and younger than photographs of him usually indicate. A few lines around his eyes showed the two years he spent in the White House.

Former President Gerald Ford spoke to approximately 300 Political Science 100 students in Love auditorium, Thursday morning. However, he was there not as a politician but as a visiting professor sponsored by the American Enterprise Institute.

Students had been awaiting Ford's arrival for more than half an hour. Some students had dressed up for the occasion, but the majority wore T-shirts and jeans.

Most of the students appeared calm and unaffected by Ford's appearance. Little of the conversation before the speech centered on the former president's speech. Some students even seemed apathetic.

"I wonder how much (money) I could have gotten for my ticket? I could have been home if it wasn't for this speech," one girl commented.

Ford limited the number of students he would address, so a ticket lottery was held for students of Political Science 100.

The presence of Secret Servicemen was obvious although not obtrusive. Three men and one woman wore ear devices with wires running into their shirts.

Three Secret Servicemen escorted Ford down the auditorium aisle. A podium and microphone had been set up on stage but Ford chose to stand on the floor of the auditorium with a microphone around his neck.

Ford's voice droned in a soft monotone, making him difficult to hear. After about 20 minutes he

The atmosphere was casual and low key. Ford, dressed in a plain gray suit and white shirt, was introduced, very briefly, as the 38th President of the United States.

Ford spoke quietly, without notes. Some students took notes, most appeared to listen attentively, opened the floor to questions.

The questions ranged from those on Ford's involvement with the Warren Commission, which investigated the assassination of John F. Kennedy, to one on Ford's swing flu inoculation program.

Most students had questions written in advance and read nervously from notebooks. One student's legs trembled as he asked his question.

Ford ended his lecture by telling the students "Have a good day and I hope you win on Saturday." The crowd responded with a standing ovation as Ford left the auditorium.

## UNL campus is vast wasteland when stadium is full

By Gail Stork

The evidence of human life outside Memorial Stadium for those two sacred hours of a football Saturday is exactly what any native Nebraskan might predict.

During those two hours, the Nebraska Union drops to its lowest occupancy of the year, residence halls are as deserted as a Labor Day weekend and the library, museum and art gallery stand almost empty.

Although the Union's regular Saturday hours are in effect and there is enough staff to cover all public service needs, Al Bennett, Union director, described the Union's population as "nill to zero" during the game. He estimated that less than 50 persons stay in the building during the game.

Bennett said the food service is the busiest place in the building trying to recover from the 2,400 to 2,800 meals served in the Union during the noon hour.

There is little action in the residence halls between the kick-off and final score, according to Mary Kramer, coordinator for residence hall programs. She said the halls are dead.

Students who do not attend the games go home for the weekend, take advantage of the empty laundry areas to wash their clothes, or study in their rooms, many with a radio tuned to the game, Kramer said.

### Food service hours

Kramer said the residence hall complexes can change the hours their services are offered on game days.

For example, the Abel-Sandoz game room opens at 4:30 p.m. on a football Saturday, instead of the usual 1 p.m. The snack bar and pool in the complex open at 7 p.m., cutting out their regular Saturday afternoon hours.

Kramer said there is no extra security in the halls during the game, but students are warned to watch out for theft. Some residence hall directors carry a page unit that beeps to notify them of trouble, but so far this year there have been no problems, she said.

Some of the student security guards who work nights for the housing dept. work on football Saturdays for the athletic dept., Kramer said.

### Patrol areas

Robert Edmund, UNL police captain, said the student officers help patrol parking areas and direct heavy traffic.

Parking and game security are the only game day variations from the police officer's regular routine, Edmund said.

While officers coming off the night shift are assigned to the stadium and parking lots, the day shift perform its duties as usual, he said.

Traffic in Love Library is not much different than any other Saturday either, according to Eugene Johnson, librarian.

He said the library is run on a minimum Saturday staff with no special security problems.

Most of the library's pre-game traffic consists of students checking out material, said an information desk worker. However only a few students stay to do their research, he said.

Three extra people work at Sheldon Art Gallery in the hours before kickoff, but business dies quickly after that, said Jane Anderson, director of education and extension services at Sheldon.

Instead of a normal Saturday crowd of about 200 in one day, the game brings in about 200 people per hour, she said.

The museum follows the same pattern of pre-game crowds followed by a sharp lull after kick-off, according to museum staff members.

This rapid evaporation of activity in the afternoon follows on the heels of the morning's massive wave of Big Red fans.

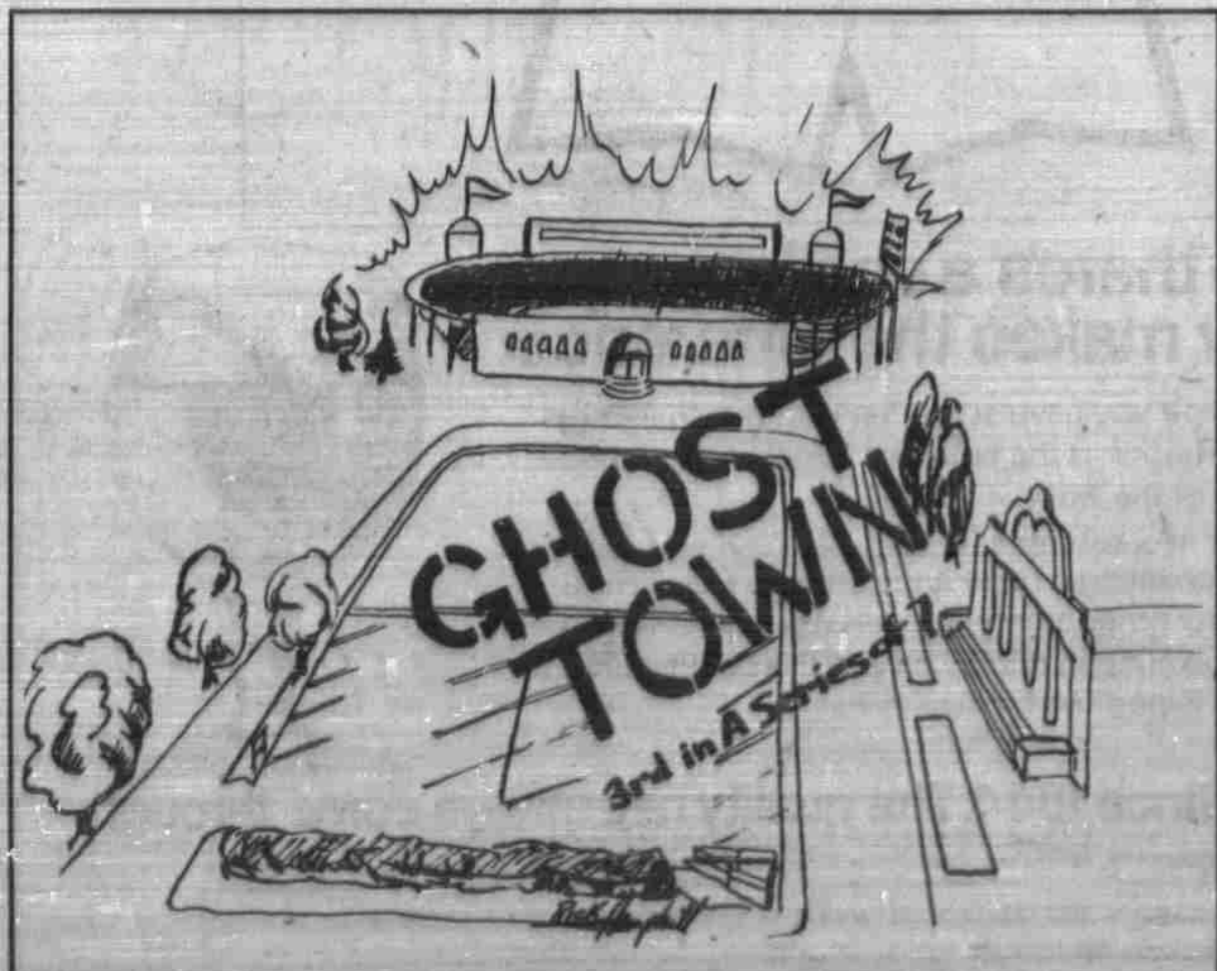
Kramer said the crowd that appears in the residence halls about 10:30 a.m. consists mainly of parents and relatives decked out in red for the game.

The halls' desk workers are constantly answering phone calls and questions about who lives where until about 12:30 p.m. when everything stops, said Trudy Beno, Abel desk worker.

The pre-game crowds in the Union are "gentle and generous," according to Bennett, but their size requires extra volunteers to answer questions and assist visitors.

Bennett said approximately 1,000 people trickle back through the Union after the game. He said some use it as a meeting place or just somewhere to wait out the traffic.

When the game is over, Memorial Stadium loses its magnetic grip on Nebraskans and human activity begins to show again on the UNL campus.



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