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HISTORIC VISITOR: Former President Gerald Ford answers questions from local media at a press conference at Elon Tuesday. Governor Jim Martin (right) later introduced Ford in Alumni Gym where Ford spoke on campaign spending and the arms race.

Ford: Soviets need end to arms race

Former President Gerald Ford told a crowd of about 4,000 here Tuesday night that the Soviet Union needs an end to the military arms race in order to prevent its ailing economy from collapsing.

Speaking in Alumni Gym, Ford said he is optimistic that the American-Soviet summit talks later this year will be "productive" because the Russians are putting far too much money into stockpiles of weapons.

"I think it's important that President Reagan and Mr. Gorbachev have agreed to meet again," Ford said. "I think the media in this country raised everyone's expectations of last year's summit too high." He said it is essential to keep the dialogue between the two countries going.

Describing himself as a "hawk," Ford said he favors the concept of Reagan's proposed "Star Wars" satellite defense system, but he cautioned against putting too much money into one supposedly "fail-safe" defense system. "The French did that with the Maginot Line," he reminded his listeners.

Among the other subjects Ford discussed were U.S. federal spending and campaign regulations. Ford said that he agrees with the idea behind the Graham-Rudman-Hollings Act which requires a balanced federal budget by 1991, but he objects to the fact that by implementing the act, members of Congress would be forfeiting their ability to make individual judgments on spending matters.

Ford said that the nomination and election process for political office takes too long and costs too much. "Some mechanism ought to be devised to condense and make less costly, spending in the election process," he said. Ford added that limitations should be placed on how and when people can contribute to campaigns.

Ford is the first former president or president ever to have visited Elon College.

Faculty to vote on master's in education

By Frank Isley
News Editor

The college faculty will vote tomorrow on a proposal to establish the second graduate degree program at Elon—a master's degree in education.

Citing support for the degree in a survey of area teachers, discussions with public school superintendents and other interested persons, the department of education and psychology developed a proposal for the degree and saw it approved by the Curriculum Committee last month.

The emphasis for establishing

the program came from teachers in surrounding school systems and requests from the community," said Dr. Chris White, vice president of academic affairs, "in much the same way as the master of business administration program began."

The MBA proposal generated considerable controversy among the faculty, some of whom questioned whether Elon could muster the resources to provide top quality graduate instruction. Nevertheless, the MBA program was approved by the faculty in the spring of 1985. About 60 students have been taking MBA courses

this year, the first for the program.

"From time to time there have been people, particularly teachers, who have asked if or when Elon was going to have a master's of education program," said Dr. Wes Brogan, chairman of the department of education and psychology.

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He said the department last summer conducted a survey of teachers in 11 school systems, asking whether they would be in-

terested in enrolling in a master of education program at Elon.

"There was a strong positive response," Brogan said.

"This in turn prompted us to look at the areas in which we might offer graduate study, and on the basis of that, the department proposed that the college offer work in the areas of elementary education, middle grades education and physical education."

As proposed, the program would be directed specifically toward classroom teaching. It is flexible enough in class times and sequencing of course offerings to

enable a full-time teacher to complete the degree in evening classes and summer school, Brogan said.

"Everything indicates there will be a good number of faculty from public schools enrolled in the program," he said. "With the career development program in the state public schools systems, this would offer some teachers an opportunity to advance."

"It will also strengthen ties between school systems and the college, which will make more field experiences available to undergraduate students," Brogan said.

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