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The Trustees, The Headmaster  
The Faculty  
and  
The Senior Class  
of  
The Holton-Arms School  
announce the  
Commencement Exercises  
on the fifth day of June  
nineteen hundred and seventy-five  
Bethesda, Maryland

Admission by separate ticket only

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Reagan Andrea Golubin

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# THE HOLTON-ARMS SCHOOL

7303 River Road

Bethesda, Maryland

WEDNESDAY, JUNE FOURTH

10:00 Class Day

THURSDAY, JUNE FIFTH

10:00 Commencement Exercises

Address by

The President of the United States

Admission to Commencement by ticket only

THE CLASS OF  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE

Meher Alizai	Felicia Gabrielle Kraft
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*Seventy-fifth*  
*Commencement Exercises*

*June Fifth*  
*Nineteen hundred and seventy-five*

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AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL ..... Audience

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

*O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain.*

*America! America!  
God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea.*

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ALMA MATER ..... Audience

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graduating class is leaving the amphitheater.  
There will be a reception following the gradu-  
ation exercises.

THE ALMA MATER

*Far into the distant future,  
Strong and clear above,  
Shines the star of our dear Holton,  
Shines the star we love.  
It is there to aid and guide us  
As the years pass by,  
Holding us to all that's finest,  
Making standards high.*

*Hail to thee, our Holton-Arms,  
Alma Mater dear,  
You will be our inspiration  
Through each coming year.  
Thoughts of you we'll cherish ever,  
Be we far or nigh,  
Weaving in our hearts and lives  
Blue and White for aye.*

Susan's Graduation - 10:00 - Holton Arms

Three dresses - each picked one. All are white:  
white dotted swiss - empire waist - round neck -  
halter - long - white dotted swiss empire jacket.

Lunch - nothing planned, but sure something will evolve.

Attending:

*step*  
Mrs. Harriet Thorne - old friend of Fords from Alexandria  
(one of first families) - now widowed & lives in  
Mississippi (*biography*)

Mrs. Thomas G. (Janet) Ford - Aunt - Charleston, South Carolina

Mrs. Elizabeth Norblad - Stayton, Oregon *godmother*

Rev. Billy Zeoli and wife

Patty Young - Dallas

Mrs. William Whyte - D.C.

Mr. & Mrs. Rod Markley - D.C.

Mrs. Peter Abbruzzese





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### Seventy-fifth

### Commencement Exercises

June Fifth

Nineteen hundred and seventy-five

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Noble Ford Young

Shane Decker Clara  
Ford Tennyson Powell

Ann. Elizabeth  
Noble

Seah  
Cagle Michael

Ann. Beth  
Ford

Ann. James  
Lewis

Ann. John  
Lewis Hamilton

Ann. Elizabeth  
Noble

3rd Row Back

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PROPOSED SCHEDULE

THE PRESIDENT AND FIRST FAMILY'S ATTENDANCE AT  
HOLTON ARMS SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Holton Arms Outdoor Amphitheater

Thursday, June 5, 1975

9:20 am        The President, Mrs. Ford, Michael, Gayle, Jack  
                 and Steve Ford board motorcade on South Grounds.

MOTORCADE DEPARTS South Grounds en route  
Holton Arms School.

[Driving time: 30 mins]

9:30 am        Susan Ford proceeds to Reception Room  
                 at Holton Arms to join senior class.

9:50 am        MOTORCADE ARRIVES Holton Arms School.

The President, Mrs. Ford, Michael,  
Gayle, Jack and Steve will be met by:  
James Lewis, Headmaster, Holton  
Arms School

9:53 am        The President, escorted by James Lewis, proceeds  
                 to Headmaster's Office for procession assembly.

9:53 am        Mrs. Ford, Michael, Gayle, Jack, and  
                 Steve proceed to the Amphitheater and  
                 take their seats.

9:55 am        The President, escorted by James Lewis, arrives  
                 Headmaster's Office.

9:55 am        Processional begins.

10:00 am       The President, escorted by James Lewis, departs  
                 Headmaster's Office and joins processional.



10:03 am          Announcement.

10:03 am          The President, escorted by James Lewis,  
proceeds onto stage and remains standing.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE  
ATTENDANCE: 1400

10:05 am          "America the Beautiful. "

10:08 am          Invocation.

10:10 am          Introduction of the President by John  
Hamilton, Chairman, Holton Arms  
Board of Trustees.

10:15 am          Presidential remarks.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE

10:25 am          Remarks conclude.

10:26 am          Presentation of Senior Class Gift.

10:28 am          Presentation of diplomas.

10:53 am          Benediction.

10:55 am          Alma Mater.

10:58 am          Recessional.

11:00 am          The President, escorted by James Lewis, departs  
stage en route reception area to informally greet  
graduates and guests.

11:05 am          Mrs. Ford, Michael, Gayle, Jack and  
Steve depart seats en route reception  
area to informally greet graduates and  
guests.

11:05 am        The President arrives reception area.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE  
ATTENDANCE: 1400

11:10 am        Mrs. Ford, Michael, Gayle, Jack, and  
Steve arrive reception area.

11:25 am        The President and First Family depart reception  
area en route motorcade for boarding.

MOTORCADE DEPARTS Holton Arms School  
en route South Grounds.

[Driving time: 30 mins]

11:55 am        MOTORCADE ARRIVES South Grounds.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 27, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MR. RED CAVANEY

MR. PAUL THEIS

FROM:

WARREN RUSTAND WSR

SUBJECT:

Approved Presidential Activity

Please take the necessary steps to implement the following and confirm with Mrs. Nell Yates, ext. 2699. The appropriate briefing paper should be submitted to Dr. David Hoopes by 4:00 p.m. of the preceding day.

Meeting: Commencement - Holton-Arms School

Date: Thur. June 5, 1975 Time: 10:00 a.m. Duration: \*

Location: Holton Arms School, 7303 River Road, Bethesda, Maryland

Press Coverage: Full Press Coverage

Purpose:

cc: Mr. Hartmann  
Mr. Marsh  
Mr. Cheney  
Dr. Connor  
Dr. Hoopes  
Mr. Jones  
Mr. Nessen  
Mr. O'Donnell  
Miss Porter  
Mrs. Weidenfeld  
Mrs. Yates





Plans for Class Day and Commencement  
4th and 5th June, 1975

May 15, 1975

Task: To develop plans for the Holton-Arms School Class Day and Commencement exercises to be held at 10:00 A.M. on June 4th and 5th, 1975, respectively.

Considerations:

1. Since there are no alternate dates for these two events and, since it is highly desirable <sup>that</sup> in the event of good weather, <sup>on the outdoor amphitheatre</sup> that they be held outdoors, two plans (fair and rain) must be developed for each of the two activities.

2. The presence of the President and his family at the Commencement exercises will result in more than the usual interest in this year's Commencement. It is expected that

a. The White House Staff Coordinator (Mr. Robin Martin 456-2316) will visit Holton-Arms campus several days before the 5th and make known his requirements for the Presidential Party visit.

b. The President's Party will consist of approximately 10 individuals and will arrive a few minutes before 10:00 A.M. in 5 - 7 vehicles. <sup>These vehicles must be able to park near the amphitheatre or gym</sup> 30-40

c. There will be TV and news coverage of the exercises and the reporters should be grouped in one area. The TV crews will probably set up a TV platform for their equipment.

d. The White House Security will be responsible for security of the Presidential Party and for security checks of the area before the President's arrival.

e. The White House Communications staff can supplement the Holton-Arms P.A. system, if needed.

~~3. Both seating of guests and the parking of cars on the campus and adjacent areas is limited.~~ <sup>Seating</sup> The maximum number of individuals allowed in the gymnasium because of fire regulations is 750 persons. The present seating capacity in the amphitheatre is approximately 850 persons; <sup>however,</sup> The seating capacity of the amphitheatre can be increased to approximately 1300 persons by placing 500 chairs on flat areas within and adjacent to the amphitheatre.

<sup>In buses will sit on the stage along with the press</sup>  
4. There are 74 seniors in the graduating class and 33 in the Junior class. The 74 seniors have been allocated 15 <sup>guest</sup> tickets each for the <sup>or 1110 seats</sup> amphitheatre and 6 each for the gymnasium or 444 seats.

### 3. Seating:

The maximum number of individuals allowed in the gymnasium because of fire regulations is 750 persons; although there have been occasions when nearly a thousand were seated there. The present seating capacity of the amphitheatre is approximately 850 persons; however, this capacity can be increased to approximately 1350 persons by placing 500 folding chairs in the flat areas between the seats and along the sides.

It is planned for the 74 Seniors and the five principal speakers to sit on the amphitheatre stage or along the north wall of the gym. The Juniors would sit between the amphitheatre stage and the amphitheatre seats or in front of the Seniors if in the gym.

In addition to the 74 Seniors, 50 Juniors, 5 speakers, approximately 50-60 Trustees and Faculty, and 30-40 news reporters, another 12-1300 persons with tickets can be expected in the event of good weather and 6-700 in the event of rain. It is also expected that another 100 may show up without tickets. Provisions must be made for "standing room only" near the amphitheatre.

The Seniors have been allocated 15 tickets each for the amphitheatre or 1110 guests and 6 each for the gym or a total of 1114 guests.

The School has sufficient folding and other types of chairs to seat 750 persons in the gymnasium; however, 500 outside type of chairs must be rented for the amphitheatre.





#### 4. Control of Traffic and Parking:

Parking on the school grounds is limited to 150 cars on the front parking lot, and behind the gym, and around the front circle. Another 120 cars can be parked on Granger Hillside; however, Granger Hill cannot be used in wet weather. Probably another 100 cars can be parked along the shoulders of River Road and along Burdette Road. This results in a total of 370 parking spaces.

The main front road and the back service road must be kept open for emergency vehicles at all times and there must be parking space reserved for the Presidential Party, White House Security, TV vehicles, and invalids.

Visual control of individuals and cars entering the school grounds must be established at the River Road entrance, Amy Lane gate, the path along the east side of Boone Creek, and the path behind the Classroom Building, and the gap in the fence near the Junior High School northeast of the Granger Tract. These areas, except for River Road, can all be controlled from near the amphitheatre.

The individuals controlling the cars and individuals at the River Road entrance must be prepared to make numerous on the spot decisions as well as stopping all vehicles from entering the grounds at 9:55 A.M. The total number of cars entering the campus should not exceed 270, plus the Presidential Party, White House Security, TV vehicles, and invalids.



## 1975 Class Day &amp; Commencement

2 June 1975 (Monday)

Final Clean up of Amphitheatre, install stage railing and steps.

Move organ platform to south of amphitheatre stage.

*Turn on air conditioning system for dining room area.*3 June 1975 (Tuesday)

4:00 P.M.

Commencement Rehearsal

5:30 P.M.

Junior-Senior Picnic

A.M.

Move heavy gym equipment into Lower Gym Lounge and onto stage. Draw curtains.

Close curtains along north side of the gym.

Move 1/2 piece platform from Activities Room to main gym floor.

Set up platform, wif stands from RR, table for prizes and diplomas, and microphone.

Set up 74 metal folding chairs for Seniors Backed against north wall and facing south in a slight arc, also 5 <sup>captains</sup> chairs for speakers, and 5 <sup>metal</sup> chairs for Juniors (See sketch).

Raise west basketball backstop

Move 140 metal chairs to amphitheatre stage.

Notify Montgomery County police of Class Day and Commencement exercises.

P.M.

Mow grass on flat area in front of Farmers Garden, along main entrance road, front River Road entrance, and Granger Hillside.

Move 240 dining room chairs to gym floor and set up in two slight arcs facing platform

Set up remaining metal folding chairs on gym floor behind dining room chairs

Spray amphitheatre <sup>picnic and Reception Deck</sup> for bugs, particularly yellow jackets.

6:00 A.M. Unlock Gym doors and remove all chains. Unlock other school doors. Mr. G  
Switch on large fans in gym. Mr. G

7:00 A.M. Make decision on location of Class Day exercises. Mr. Lewis & Gen. H  
Make decision known to Mrs. Puckett. Mr. Lewis

IF IN AMPHITHEATRE

7:00 A.M. - 8:00 A.M. Turn off large fans in gym. Mr. Lambert  
Move organ and organ bench from Music Room to Mr. Lambert  
platform south of amphitheatre stage. Connect organ

to electrical outlet with 100 foot cord. *End arrangement*

Move *your books from Telephone Exchange to Gym - Mrs. Lambert*  
Arrange 134 metal folding chairs on amphitheatre *Reflex Room*

stage and in front of stage as indicated on *Calvin Broomfield*

previous sketch. Add two chairs in front of

stage for photographer.

Move podium and 1 picnic table to amphitheatre Mr. Lambert & over

stage for prizes. Covers to be provided by Mrs. Evans

Mrs. Evans

8:00 - 8:30 A.M. School buses depart Holton for morning pickup. Mr. Lambert

8:00 - 9:30 A.M. Photographer available. Mrs. Anderson & M  
Locke

Wooden and metal seats in amphitheatre wiped off. Mr. Lambert

Move awards and prizes to amphitheatre stage. Mrs. Evans

*Set up PR representative check it out* Mrs. Smith

School buses and car pools let students off at Mr. Lambert

entrance to school.

Classes assemble as follows:

Grades 3 -6 in normal classrooms

Grades 7 & 8 In Study Hall

Grade 9 *2<sup>nd</sup> floor Hall (Academic Building)*

Grade 10 *Library*

Grade 11 In Activities Room

Grade 12 In Reception Room

*Park all faculty and student cars*



Class Day p 4 June 1975

IF IN GYMNASIUM

7:00 - 8:00 A.M.	Move organ and organ bench from Music Room to just inside main gym floor near stage.	Mr. Lambert
	Move 140 chairs from amphitheatre stage area and place behind chairs already placed in gym. <i>Move yearbooks from Tiel Ex to gym -</i>	Mr. Lambert
	Check arrangement of chairs, platform, podium, and table for prizes.	<i>Bellevue</i> Mr. <del>Evans</del> <i>Evans</i> General Hall + <i>Col. Crummett</i>
	Arrange Set up microphone and check out	Mrs. Snink
8:00 - 8:30 A.M.	Buses depart Holton Arms to pick up students	Mr. Lambert
8:00 - 9:30 A.M.	Begin parking faculty and students cars behind gym and in front parking lot, filling up spaces as cars arrive.	<del>General Hall</del> <i>Col. Crummett</i>
	Buses and car pools <del>let</del> students off at front entrance to school	Mr. Lambert
	Flowers to be arranged around speakers platform	Mrs. Puckett
	Photographer available	Mrs. Anderson & Mr. Locke
	<i>from</i> Fans to be turned off <del>lx</del>	Mr. Green
	Move awards and prizes to gym and set up on tables	Mrs. Evans
9:30 A.M.	Classes assemble as follows:	



Class Day - 4 June 1975  
(continued)

11:30 - 12:00	Issuance of Scribe yearbooks in gym	Mr. Gilbert
12:00 - 12:15 PM	Buses depart mfr for special parties	Mr. Lambert
12:15 - 12:15 PM	School picnic near amphitheatre or in dining room	Miss Robb
1:15 - 2:30 P.M.	School buses return students home, Disconnect organ and place organ and bench under plastic cover. Remove electric cord and place in General Hall's office	Mr. Lambert
2:30 - 3:30 P.M.	Clean up picnic area and amphitheatre areas	Mr. Lambert
3:00 - 6:00 P.M.	500 plastic chairs arrive in amphitheatre area. Place on flat area between amphitheatre seats and on flat spaces adjacent to amphitheatre	Mr. Lambert
5:30 - 7:30	Alumnae Reception <del>Junior-Senior picnic</del> Spray amphitheatre	Mrs. Anderson
7:00 P.M.	Teen on large fans in gym <del>Setup four picnic tables + 30 chairs</del> TV tower to be set up?	Mr. Kerham Mrs. Green



# Commencement - 5 June 1975

6:00 A.M. Unlock gym doors and remove all chains. Mr. Green  
Unlock other school doors  
Keep large fans in gym on

7:00 A.M. Make decision on location of Commencement. Mr. Lewis & Gen. Hall  
Make decision known to Mrs. Puckett

If in Amphitheatre

7:00 - 8:00 A.M. Remove cover from organ and connect electrical cord and table Mr. Lambert  
Check chair/arrangements General Hall & Col. Brummitt  
Wipe off all amphitheatre seats and chairs Mr. Lambert  
Install P.A. system and check it out. Mrs. Smink  
Set up 4 picnic tables and 30 chairs for press & TV north of amphitheatre. Mr. Lambert  
Move diplomas, etc to amphitheatre Mrs. Evans & Mrs. William

8:00 - 9:30 A.M. Station guard at River Road entrance- no visitors Mr. Green  
Set up control procedure at River Road entrance General Hall & Col. Brummitt  
Begin parking students and faculty in parking lot and behind gym Col. Brummitt  
Begin parking guests on Granger Hillside Mr. Shorts

9:30 - 9:55 A.M. Move medical station wagon to near amphitheatre. Mrs. Hallen  
Continue to park students and faculty in front area. *James & Dennis assemble in a clothes room R.R.*  
Total 150  
Guests to park on Granger Hillside Total 120  
Presidental Party arrives at main entrance go school  
Close off further cars onto campus after 270.  
Max 2000 cars onto campus





If in Gymnasium

and bench

7:00 - 8:00 A.M.

Move organ from amphitheatre to main gym floor and connect cord.

Move 140 metal chairs from amphitheatre stage to gym floor and place behind other metal chairs there.

Check chair and table arrangements.

Check microphone

Set up 4 picnic tables and 30 chairs in a group at east end of gym floor for press-room.

Move diplomas, etc., to gym

Station guard at River Road entrance-no visitors

8:00 - 9:30 A.M.

Set up control procedure at River Road entrance

Begin parking students and faculty behind gym and in front parking lot. Keeping 1st numbered row clear for Presidential party.

Begin parking guests around front circle, in flat area west of amphitheatre, and along side entrance road.

Total- 200 cars

Move medical station wagon to northwest corner southeast door of gymnasium. Have nurse and driver readily available.

8:45 - 9:30

9:00 - 9:55 A.M.

Juniors & seniors assemble in Adelphi Room & R.R. Presidential Party arrives at main entrance to school.

Close off further cars from entering school grounds when count reaches 200 cars.

Faculty and Trustees assemble in Fathers Club Lounge

The Presidential Party, the Reverend, Mrs. Breedlove,

and Mr. Lewis gather in Mr. Lewis' office

9:55 A.M.

Procession begins with Juniors leading, followed by Faculty and Trustees, then Seniors and speakers.

Thursday, June 9, 1974

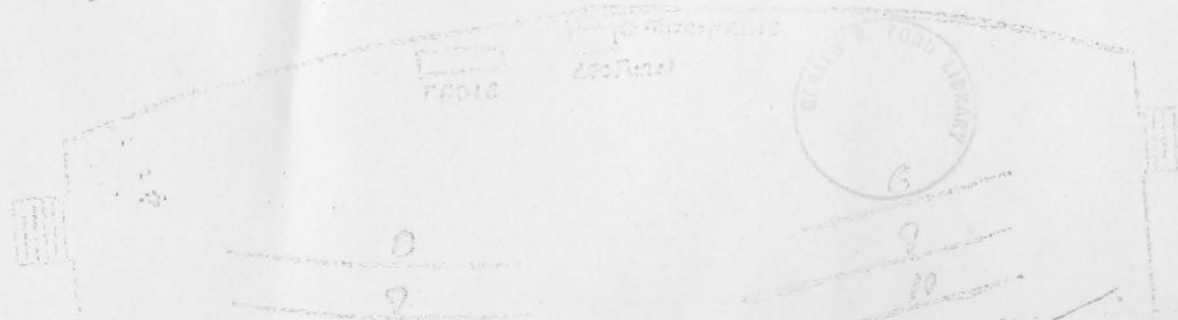
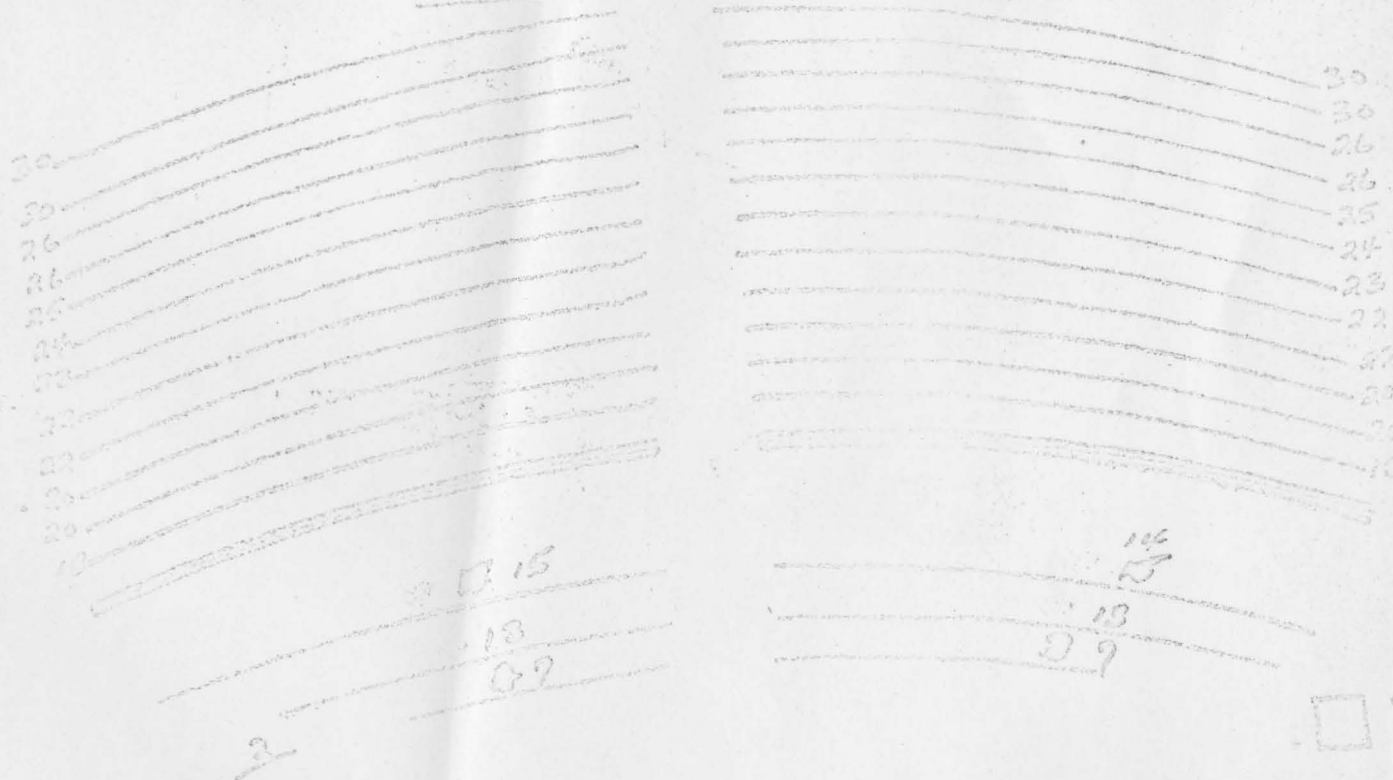


18. If anyone feels faint, tell person next to them who should help them go down either stairway and go behind stage. Miss Holland will meet you there with smelling salts. (Station wagon for ambulance will be to right when facing stage.) The Infirmary will be covered following Commencement during Reception.
19. When receiving your diploma try to stand in such a way as to help your parents have a clear shot for pictures.
10. At close of ceremony (after benediction) begin singing Alma Mater. Sing one verse then begin to file out. Marshals ~~Robt. D. D.~~ <sup>Elizabeth Skole</sup> and ~~William Smith~~ <sup>William Smith</sup> will stand by stairway to start lines. File out in pairs and continue singing all the way across the bridge. Please clear the bridge to allow the Juniors to follow.
13. Be careful of diplomas after Commencement. After Commencement you may wish to place diplomas and flowers in conference rooms during the Reception.
14. Seniors gather in Reception Room at 8:45 a.m. for individual pictures, fitting, flowers, class picture and signing of graduation book.
- Juniors gather in Activities Room at 9:15 a.m. (turn on air conditioners at 8:30 a.m. in Activities Room)
- Faculty and Trustees gather in Fathers' Club Lounge at 9:30 a.m.;  
~~Mr. Hamilton, Mrs. Hamilton, Reverend Marshall, Mrs. Breedlove, and~~ <sup>Mr. President Springfield</sup>  
 Mr. Lewis will gather in Mr. Lewis' office at 9:30 a.m.
15. Ushers - 12 needed for helping guests and handing out programs. When program begins (2) ushers should remain at edge of seats to help late comers, and (2) to remain by bridge, (2) ushers to guide Juniors to their seats. If in gymnasium late comers should be directed to rear door to enter (therefore, one usher at front entrance to gym and one at rear entrance to gym)-- Mrs. Puckett Mrs. May
16. Reserved Seats for Faculty and Trustees - Front 2 rows should be saved for faculty and Trustees.

17. Procession to Commencement will begin at 9:55 a.m. with Juniors leading, followed by the faculty and Trustees. Juniors should remain standing as the Seniors led by marshals, ~~Robert Smith~~ *ELIZABETH SMITH* and ~~Robert Smith~~, enter the Gym or Amphitheatre. Marshals will stand by stage stairs to guide Seniors on stage. ~~Mr. Lewis~~ *THE PRESIDENT, Bishop Walker*, Mr. Hamilton, Mrs. Breedlove and ~~Mr. Lewis~~ *MR. LEWIS* will march in procession following the faculty and remain standing as Seniors come on stage. If Commencement is to be inside, yet it is not raining, the procession can go outside to the Gymnasium, in the event of rain, the procession will go through the building.

18. Juniors will use chairs in front of the stage. On the stage will be Seniors (see Diagram), Mr. Hamilton, ~~Mr. Lewis~~ *THE PRESIDENT, Bishop Walker*, Mrs. Breedlove, and Mr. Lewis

# AMPHITHEATRE OR GYMNASIUM DIAGRAM





19. Mr. Hamilton will open Commencement exercises by asking audience to join in singing America the Beautiful and remain standing for the Invocation, to be given by ~~The Honorable Marshall~~.
20. Following a greeting to the faculty, parents, students and guests, Mr. Hamilton will introduce the Commencement speaker, ~~The Honorable~~  
~~Lewis~~ *THE PRESIDENT'S*.
21. Following ~~Mr. Gore's~~ address, Mr. Hamilton will introduce ~~Alexander Simeas~~, President of the Senior Class, who will make the Senior Class presentation to the School, and Mr. Lewis, who will receive the gift for the School.
22. Mr. Lewis will introduce Mrs. Breedlove, Assistant Headmaster.
23. Mr. Lewis will speak briefly about the Class of 1974 and then with Mrs. Dorothy Breedlove, Assistant Headmaster, present diplomas to the Class of 1974 in alphabetical order.
24. At the conclusion of the diploma ceremony Mr. Hamilton will invite all guests to join the graduates at a reception following commencement in the dining room. Then Mr. Hamilton will ask the audience to stand for the benediction to be given by ~~Reverend Marshall~~, and remain standing for the singing of the Alma Mater while the graduates and Juniors file out of the amphitheatre.
25. Junior marshals, ~~Reverend Marshall~~ and ~~Mr. Hamilton~~, will leave seats as introduction to Alma Mater is being played and wait at stairs to lead Seniors. Seniors will begin to file out after singing one verse of Alma Mater and continue singing all the way across the bridge -- followed by the Juniors. Alma Mater will be followed by organ and orchestra recessional.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON  
THE HOLTON ARMS SCHOOL

SEVENTH-FIFTH COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

THURSDAY - JUNE 5, 1975

Departure: 9:20 a.m.

From: Terry O'Donnell

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BACKGROUND

You will deliver the address at the Holton Arms School's Seventy-Fifth Commencement Exercises at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, June 5, 1975. James W. Lewis, Headmaster of Holton Arms School, extended the invitation by letter in September 1974 for you to participate. The ceremony will be held on the School's 80-acre campus off River Road.

<u>Enrollment:</u>	Approximately 500 girls
<u>Accreditation:</u>	Middle Atlantic States Association of Colleges and Sunday Schools
<u>Student-Faculty Ratio</u>	9 to 1
<u>Alumnae:</u>	6,000 (800 plus in D.C. area)

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10:03 a.m.

Announcement.

10:03 a.m.

Escorted by James Lewis, you proceed onto stage and remain standing in front of your seat, 2nd seat stage right of podium between Mr. Lewis and Mr. Hamilton, Chairman of the Holton Arms Board of Trustees.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE

ATTENDANCE: 1,400

10:05 a.m.

"America the Beautiful."

10:08 a.m.

Invocation.

10:10 a.m.

Introduction of you by John Hamilton, Chairman, Holton Arms Board of Trustees.

10:15 a.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS.

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

10:25 a.m.

Remarks conclude.

10:26 a.m.

Presentation of Senior Class Gift.

10:28 a.m.

Presentation of diplomas.

NOTE:

Mr. Lewis will invite you to step forward to present Susan's diploma.

10:53 a.m.

Benediction.

10:55 a.m.

Alma Mater.

10:58 a.m.

Recessional.

11:00 a.m.

You, escorted by John Hamilton, depart stage en route reception area to informally greet graduates and guests.

NOTE:

The seniors will depart first, followed by you and platform guests, then the juniors, then Mrs. Ford and the family.

11:05 a.m.

Mrs. Ford, Michel, Gayle, Janet, Jack and Steve depart seats en route reception area to informally greet graduates and guests.

11:05 a.m.

You arrive reception area.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE  
ATTENDANCE: 1,400

11:10 a.m.

Mrs. Ford, Michael, Gayle, Janet, Jack and Steve arrive reception area.

11:25 a.m.

You and First Family depart reception area en route motorcade for boarding.

Motorcade departs Holton Arms School en route South Grounds.

11:55 a.m.

Arrive South Grounds of the White House.

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cc: Sheila

November 14, 1974

Susan's  
Graduation

MEMORANDUM FOR: Warren Rustand

FROM: Susan Porter

Susan's graduation from Holton Arms will be June 5th at the school (in the Grove). I understand the President has agreed to be the graduation speaker. Also I thought you would want to know Susan will be having her prom here at the White House on May 31st.

For your information, the headmaster of Holton Arms is Mr. James Lewis, 365-5300.

c: William Nicholson



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NEWS

Ford Addresses Susan's Graduating Class

President Ford told 74 Holton Arms School graduates Thursday they were entering "a new era for women in America." He then watched, with tears in his eyes, as his daughter Susan received her diploma.

The President and Mrs. Ford (in the audience) sat patiently until the name Susan Ford was announced. There were tears in his eyes when he awarded his daughter her diploma.

"It was one of those warm, family, non-political occasions which can be such an asset to a politician," Tom Jarriel (ABC) said.

Ford told the graduates Susan had advised him not to talk too long, not to tell any jokes, not to talk about her, and not to talk about the way things were when he was their age.

He also mentioned his fall. "I may have slipped and tumbled down those steps in Salzburg, Austria, last week, but today I assure you I'm walking on clouds," he said (on NBC/CBS film).

Ford (on ABC/NBC film) said: "As young women you are coming of age in an exciting, wonderful time. You have options opened to you -- until recently, they were closed. Before America completes this bicentennial celebration, I hope the Equal Rights Amendment will be part of the United States Constitution. ERA also stands for a new era for women in America, an era of equal rights and responsibilities and rewards."

The Holton Arms School is "one of those exclusive, expensive ones nestled in the woods of suburbia away from the trauma of downtown Washington," Tom Jarriel (ABC) said. "It was at this private academy, which segregates by sex, that the President spoke most forcefully to date on the need for the states to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment for women."

Susan received a fur coat for a graduation present and spent last semester working hard to bring her grade point average up from a C to B level, Tom Brokaw (NBC) reported. -- AP;UPI;Networks (6/5/75)

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Ford's Commencement Speech Was His Toughest  
Eric Sevareid - CBS

Today was the big one for Gerald Ford, father of four. His confrontations the past few days with Sadat, Franco, the Pope and other non-relatives in Europe -- That was easy. What he had to do this morning was to make a speech to the friends of a teenage daughter. Fathers can make successful speeches to the whole country, to foreign countries, to their own children -- but one to their children's peers, that's the tough one.

Life holds few examples of anticipatory anguish compared to the anguish of a teenager knowing that his or her parent is going to get up in front of the whole school and talk. Robustly healthy teenagers have been known to fall mysteriously ill on such days, some to spread the word that actually the man is not their real father: They were kidnapped in infancy by gypsies and sold.

In our own case long ago these actions were not required because we just caved in and said, all right, if you think my jokes are all that corny and if I am absolutely not with it, I won't make the speech -- cowardly but safe.

Presidents can't just cancel things that way. Mr. Ford actually made the speech, but he finessed it. He just mentioned the themes his daughter, Susan, had ruled out -- like the way things were when he was that age -- a loathesome line for teenagers, aware as they are that no one existed until they came along -- and then he endorsed the Equal Rights Amendment, since this was an all-girl school, and said a new era for American women was aborning.

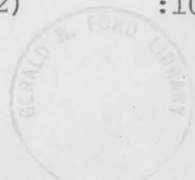
Maybe so but it probably won't mean a lot unless it's a new era for everybody, including that other sex. Young graduates, high school or college, believe the new eras, because they are the new era and they believe in themselves. We have a theory that one big reason hope springs most eternally in the springtime is that it's graduation time. We've been to quite a few this spring included, and we've never yet seen one that was an occasion of pessimism, of disbelief. Every spring all over this country hope puts down despair and courage makes a fool of fear. And even parents get a new grip on things. "Fourth one down," sighed Mrs. Ford today, the mother of four. She didn't bother to mention that things get harder from high school on. This was a fair, fine day in Washington for a change, and they'll find out anyway on their own. (6/5/75)



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TIMES OF EVENING NETWORK NEWSCASTS  
June 5, 1975

	<u>ABC</u>	<u>NBC</u>	<u>CBS</u>
<u>A. ADMINISTRATION NEWS</u>			
1. WH/Domestic Surveillance	--	2:15 (#5)	--
2. Ford/Election '76	3:40 (#9)	--	--
3. Susan Ford's Graduation	1:40 (#8)	1:50 (#17)	1:25 (#25 + 2:05 Severeid)
4. Ford/Harris Poll	--	:35 (#16)	--
5. Levi/No-Fault	:15 (#18)	--	:20 (#8)
6. Wholesale Prices Up	1:50 (lead)	2:05 (lead)	:15 (#9)
7. Pres./Nat'l Stock Board	--	:10 (#3)	--
8. HUD/Chicago House Destroyed	--	--	:20 (#14)
<u>B. OTHER MAJOR NEWS</u>			
1. House/Mortgage Aid	:20 (#3)	--	:20 (#5)
2. Foreclosures	2:00 (#4)	--	--
3. ICC/Freight Rates	:15 (#5)	--	--
4. Stocks Up	:10 (#6)	--	:10 (#21)
5. Episcopal Church Trial	1:55 (#7)	:14 (#13)	:20 (#13)
6. Congress/Strip Mining	:20 (#10)	--	--
7. Senate/Defense Bill/AWACS	:10 (#11)	2:30 (#4)	3:20 (#4)
8. Nedzi/CIA	:30 (#12)	--	1:20 (#7)
9. Suez Canal Reopened	2:00 (#13)	3:00 (#7)	2:25 (lead)
10. Suez/Iraeli Cargo	:25 (#14)	--	1:30 (#2,3)
11. Israel/Arab Terrorists	:15 (#15)	:12 (#9)	--
12. British Referendum	1:50 (#16)	2:25 (#10)	:15 (#19)
13. Iran/Oil Prices	:20 (#17)	--	:20 (#20)
14. Sen. Hart to Retire	:15 (#19)	--	:20 (#6)
15. National Spelling Bee	1:40 (#20)	1:30 (#18)	:15 (#26)
16. N.Y. Social Life	1:30 (Reasoner)	--	--
17. Nixon/GSA Offer	--	:15 (#6)	--
18. Rabin/Peace	--	:10 (#8)	--
19. Christine Onassis	--	:13 (#12)	--
20. Gurney Trial	--	2:30 (#14)	:25 (#15)
21. Reporters Arrive Vientiane	--	:20 (#15)	--
22. Russian Actress	--	--	:30 (#22)
23. Calif/Farm Bill Signed	--	--	2:15 (#11)
24. Saxe Witness Escapes	--	--	:20 (#12)
25. Life in Saigon	--	--	2:50 (#16,17)
26. Americans in Saigon	--	--	:10 (#18)
27. Caroline Kennedy	--	--	:30 (#24)
28. Retails	:15 (#2)	:10 (#2)	:10 (#10)





—Washington Star Photographer Bernie Boston

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Lionizing  
The Beard

At the graduation ceremonies yesterday at Holton Arms, police and White House aides were all over the place since one of the graduates was Susan Ford and her father gave the commencement address. Among the aides on hand was White House photographer David Kennerly, Susan's mentor for the photo series she took of her father's activities for a school course, and when he walked behind the stands, Susan reached back and tweaked his beard. The story is on Page E-2.

# The Commencement Commenced With Graduated Security

By Isabelle Shelton

Washington Star Staff Writer

Officials at Holton-Arms school struggled to make yesterday's graduation just like the 73 that had preceded it, even though they had a President's daughter graduating and the President making the commencement address.

her diploma (at the request of Headmaster James Lewis) and the two embraced.

Susan was smiling broadly, but looked a bit misty-eyed, too. Later, when she nestled her head on her father's shoulder as the two posed for photographers, her tears flowed more freely.

said smilingly. Like the other graduates, she wore an ankle-length white dress, one of three patterns from which the students could choose. Her's was dotted swiss, with a short, tied-at-the-waist jacket covering the halter back of the dress.

The President's daughter, like other graduates, heard Headmaster Lewis read a capsule biography of

AS COMMENCEMENT speaker, the President sat on the platform throughout the ceremony. Mrs. Ford sat in a front row that had been saved for her and her party, which also included her son, Mike, with his wife Gayle; son Steve with his girl friend, Deedee Jervis; and Ford's sister-in-law, Mrs. Thomas G. Ford, who stayed with Susan at the White House while the Pres-

# ***Ford, at Susan's Graduation, Calls For Women's Era***

By PAUL HEALY

Washington, June 5 (News Bureau)—President Ford told his daughter Susan's high-school graduating class today that he hoped the equal rights amendment would be ratified before the bicentennial celebration is completed because ERA "stands for a new era for women in America."

Ford watched with tears in his eyes as the 17-year-old Susan received her diploma from Holton-Arms, an exclusive pri-

*See pictures in centerfold.*

said that Susan and the other graduates "will have more free-



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# *Pomp, Circumstance And the Secret Service*

By Sally Quinn

"I may have slipped and tumbled on the steps in Salzburg last week," he said, "but today I assure you I'm walking on clouds."

"I never think of him as President of the United States," said a Holton Arms graduating senior. "I just think of him as Susan Ford's father."

"Ooooooooooh," squealed another to Susan Ford, "You're daddy's soooooo cute."

It was Jerry Ford's kind of day. In fact, if it hadn't been for the platoons of motorcycle

innocently, "Oh, I thought you meant that they were a bug control for the mosquitos."

Mrs. Ford arrived first with her Secret Service and the rest of the family, then came the President and the 74 graduating seniors who sat behind him on the stage.

There was a brief rendition of "America the Beautiful" (Mr. Ford knew the first verse by heart but got a little mixed up on the second verse), then another standing ovation for him as he was introduced.

He made a few inside jokes about the senior class dresses that warmed them up, then began



Notes on People *N.Y. Times - 6/6/75*

## *Daughters of Kennedy and Ford Graduate*

Two Presidential families gathered around their girl graduates yesterday as **Susan Ford** and **Caroline Kennedy**, both 17 and wearing long, white dresses, received their diplomas from private high schools. **President Ford** ad-

at Concord Academy in Concord, Mass., some observers were sure she was blowing bubble-gum. Attending the private commencement were her mother, **Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis**, wearing a long beige raincoat; her grand-



FORD-SUSAN LEAD  
BY FRANCES LEWINE

BETHESDA, MD. (AP) -- PRESIDENT FORD, WAS A "VERY PROUD PARENT" AND COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AT HIS DAUGHTER'S HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION WHERE HE RENEWED HIS PLEA TODAY FOR MAKING THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT PART OF THE CONSTITUTION BEFORE AMERICA ENDS ITS BICENTENNIAL YEAR.

THE PRESIDENT WAS TEARY-EYED AS HE HUGGED AND KISSED HIS 17-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER SUSAN AFTER HE WAS CALLED ON TO BESTOW HER DIPLOMA AT THE HOLTON-ARMS SCHOOL, A PRIVATE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

FORD DREW APPLAUSE FROM 74 GRADUATES AND 1,100 FRIENDS AND RELATIVES IN THE OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATER WHEN HE MADE HIS PITCH FOR ERA AS WHITE-HELMETED MEMBERS OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD., POLICE AND CANINE CORPS RINGED THE AMPHITHEATER.

"THE ROUGH BUT REWARDING TASK OF YOUR GENERATION -- OF EACH OF YOU -- WILL BE TO SEE THAT RECENT PROGRESS IN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY BECOMES REGULAR PRACTICE," HE SAID.

THE FORD FAMILY'S LONGTIME HOUSEKEEPER CLARA POWELL, TURNED OUT FOR SUSAN'S GRADUATION AND RECEPTION ON THE LAWN AFTER THE CEREMONIES.

THE PRESIDENT, NOTED THAT IT WAS HIS SECOND COMMENCEMENT SPEECH IN TWO DAYS. HE PARTICIPATED AS PRESIDENT AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES AT THE WEST POINT GRADUATION WEDNESDAY.

"I MAY HAVE SLIPPED AND TUMBLED COMING DOWN THE STEPS IN SALZBURG," THE PRESIDENT SAID, REFERRING TO AN INCIDENT ON HIS RECENT EUROPEAN TRIP, "BUT TODAY I CAN ASSURE YOU I'M WALKING ON THE CLOUDS."

HE LAUGHINGLY DISCLOSED THAT HIS DAUGHTER SUSAN HAD GIVEN HIM ADVICE ON HIS COMMENCEMENT SPEECH -- NOT TO TALK TOO LONG, NOT TO TELL ANY JOKES, NOT TO TALK ABOUT HER, AND NOT TO TALK ABOUT THE WAY THINGS WERE WHEN HE WAS HER AGE.

HE PRETTY WELL STUCK TO THAT FORMAT, SPEAKING JUST ABOUT 15 MINUTES AND PROVIDING SOME FATHERLY ADVICE AND TELLING THE YOUNG WOMEN THAT "YOU ARE COMING OF AGE IN AN EXCITING WONDEFUL TIME."

HIS DAUGHTER SUSAN, WHO HAS TAKEN A SERIOUS INTEREST IN PHOTOGRAPHY, HOWEVER, HAS CHOSEN TO ATTEND AN ALL WOMEN COLLEGE NEXT FALL -- GUNT VERNON COLLEGE IN WASHINGTON.

SUSAN AND HER CLASSMATES, SITTING ON THE SPEAKERS PLATFORM IN THE LONG WHITE DRESSES, WERE INTRODUCED BY THE HEADMASTER, JAMES LEWIS, FOR PRESENTATION OF THEIR DIPLOMAS, EACH WITH A THUMBNAIL SKETCH OF THEIR ACTIVITIES.

WHEN IT CAME TO THE PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER, LEWIS SAID: "WE COMMEND YOU, SUSAN, PARTICULARLY FOR THE STRONG PERSONAL QUALITIES THAT HAVE ENABLED YOU TO BE A NORMAL AND HAPPY, WHOLESOME SENIOR UNDER UNUSUAL, EXCITING BUT SURELY SOMETIMES VERY TRYING CIRCUMSTANCES."

SUSAN TURNED TEARY-EYED HERSELF AS SHE JUBILANTLY HUGGED AND KISSED CLASSMATES AND AGAIN HER FATHER AFTER THE GRADUATION.

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SUSAN GLANCED UP AT THE SKY WHEN FATHER BEGAN THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS BY SAYING:

"YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT MY DAUGHTER SUSAN GAVE ME SOME ADVICE ON THIS SPEECH. SHE ASKED ME NOT TO TALK TOO LONG; NOT TO TELL ANY JOKES; NOT TO TALK ABOUT HER; AND NOT TO TALK ABOUT THE WAY THINGS WERE WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE -- SO, IN CONCLUSION..."

THE 1,300 STUDENTS AND PARENTS SITTING UNDER THE TREES ROARED WITH LAUGHTER.

AFTER THE PRESIDENT USED THE REST OF THE SPEECH TO BOOST THE WOMEN'S RIGHTS EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION, HEADMASTER JAMES LEWIS BEGAN PRESENTING DIPLOMAS.

WHEN HE CAME TO SUSAN, LEWIS SAID SHE SHOULD BE COMMENDED FOR BEING A FINE NORMAL GIRL DESPITE THE PRESSURES OF BEING THE PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER.

MRS. FORD BEAMED AS SUSAN RECEIVED HER DIPLOMA.

CLASS PRESIDENT MARGARET STEWART BRAWNER ANNOUNCED THE GRADUATING CLASS WAS DONATING ITS TREASURY TO THE SCHOOL'S AUDITORIUM AND COMPUTER FUND, ADDING, "WE DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH OUR GIFT WILL BE BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T RECEIVED OUR BILL FROM THE WHITE HOUSE FOR THE PROM."

SUSAN'S CLASS HELD ITS SCHOOL DANCE IN THE EXECUTIVE MANSION SATURDAY NIGHT.

SUSAN RECEIVED A MUSKRAT COAT FROM HER PARENTS AS A GRADUATION PRESENT. SHE WILL LEAVE TUESDAY FOR 10 DAYS OF PHOTOGRAPHY STUDY IN YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK WITH PHOTOGRAPHER ANSEL ADAMS. IN SEPTEMBER, SHE WILL ENROLL IN MT. VERNON COLLEGE.

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EDITORS:

PRESIDENT FORD WILL DELIVER THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS AT HIS DAUGHTER'S GRADUATING CLASS CEREMONIES AT 10 A.M. ON FRIDAY, JUNE 5, AT HOLTON-ARMS SCHOOL, 7303 RIVER ROAD, BETHESDA. NEWS MEDIA MUST HAVE BADGES FOR ADMITTANCE TO CAMPUS AT THAT TIME. PICKUP AT SCHOOL UNTIL 4 P.M. TODAY AND FROM 2-4 P.M. WEDNESDAY. CONTACT: MAY ANDERSON AT 365-5300, EXT. 64.

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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- SUSAN FORD, WHO GRADUATES FROM AN EXCLUSIVE GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL TUESDAY, PLANS TO GO TO YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK NEXT WEEK TO TAKE A 10 DAY COURSE IN PHOTOGRAPHY UNDER THE DIRECTION OF ANSEL ADAMS.

THE PHOTOGRAPHY COURSE, WHICH BEGINS SUNDAY, WILL RUN THROUGH JUNE 18 AND WILL BE OPEN TO PHOTOGRAPHERS OF ALL LEVELS OF TRAINING, ACCORDING TO A WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT.

SUSAN HAS BEEN STUDYING CAMERA WORK UNDER PRESIDENT FORD'S CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER, DAVID KENNERLY. SHE ALSO TOOK A PHOTOGRAPHY COURSE HOLTON-ARMS SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, WHICH SHE HAS ATTENDED SINCE THE NINTH GRADE.

FOR HER LAST PROJECT BEFORE HER GRADUATION FROM HOLTON-ARMS, SHE COMPLETED A PHOTO ESSAY ON HER FATHER AND GOT HER PICTURES BY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR WHITE HOUSE NEWS PHOTOGRAPHERS.

THE PRESIDENT WILL DELIVER THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS AT SUSAN'S HIGH SCHOOL TOMORROW AND THE ENTIRE FORD FAMILY WILL ATTEND.

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(FORD)

(BY WESLEY G. PIPPERT)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD TOLD A GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF GIRLS TODAY THAT THEY WERE ENTERING "A NEW ERA FOR WOMEN IN AMERICA" AND THEN WATCHED WITH TEARS IN HIS EYES AS HIS DAUGHTER SUSAN RECEIVED HER DIPLOMA.

"I MAY HAVE SLIPPED AND TUMBLED COMING DOWN THOSE (AIRPLANE) STEPS IN SALZBURG, AUSTRIA, LAST WEEK, BUT TODAY I ASSURE YOU I'M WALKING ON THE CLOUDS," FORD TOLD THE 1,300 PERSONS AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY.

SUSAN, 17, WAS ONE OF 74 GRADUATES AT HOLTON-ARMS, AN EXCLUSIVE PRIVATE SCHOOL FOR GIRLS WHICH SHE ATTENDED FOR FOUR YEARS.

AS SHE STEPPED TOWARD THE HEADMASTER TO RECEIVE HER DIPLOMA, HER HEAD TURNED TOWARD HER FATHER AND HER BLUE EYES SNAPPED SHUT AND REOPENED WITH TEARS. THE PRESIDENT CLASPED HER IN HIS ARMS AND HIS EYES ALSO MOISTENED.

IN HIS SPEECH TO THE GATHERING, FORD AGAIN URGED RATIFICATION OF THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT.

"BEFORE AMERICA COMPLETES ITS BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, I HOPE THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT WILL BE PART OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION," FORD SAID. "FOR ERA ALSO STANDS FOR A NEW ERA FOR WOMEN IN AMERICA -- AN ERA OF EQUAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND REWARDS."

AFTER THE FORMAL CEREMONIES WERE OVER, SUSAN AND HER FRIEND, BARBARA MANFUSO, EMBRACED. FORD, SEEING THE GIRLS, LIFTED HIS HEAD IN LAUGHTER AND AGAIN WRAPPED HIS ARMS AROUND HIS ONLY DAUGHTER.

MRS. FORD SMILED AND SAID, "FOURTH ONE DOWN." SUSAN WAS THE LAST OF HER FOUR CHILDREN TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

TWO OF HER SONS, STEVEN AND MICHAEL, WITNESSED THE CEREMONY BUT HER OTHER SON, JACK, DID NOT MAKE IT. DRIVING IN FROM UTAH, HIS OLD CAR BROKE DOWN IN OHIO AND HE REACHED THE WHITE HOUSE AT 5:30 A.M. WITHOUT COAT OR TIE.

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## Speaking

It was graduation time for the daughters of Presidents last week as **Susan Ford** and **Caroline Kennedy**, both 17, received their diplomas from separate schools. Caroline was graduated from Concord Academy, in Concord,



'WALKS ON CLOUDS

## Ford Follows Susan's Rules at Graduation

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Ford took his daughter Susan's advice on his commencement speech at her high school graduation Thursday.

He didn't make it too long. He didn't include any jokes. He didn't talk about her, except to disclose her advice. And he didn't talk about the way things...