Ex-president Ford, Hay

By David Stilwell

Former President Gerald R. Ford was on hand to give the keynote address at the annual Ernie Godfrey Chapter of the National Football Foundation banquet Wednesday night in the Ohio Union Ballroom.

This year's banquet presented "The Mr. Ohio Gold Award" to former U.S. Senator and governor of Ohio John W. Bricker and honored 12 high school scholar athletes.

Ford, who describes Bricker as a close personal friend said, "When I took the oath as a freshman Senator in 1949, Senator Bricker was at that time one of the most respected men in Congress. He was a legislator dedicated to the protection of the laws and the constitution of this country."

"I am especially pleased," Ford continued, "to be part of a program that is honoring this man."

Bricker, a former catcher on the OSU baseball team, received his bachelor of arts degree in 1916 and his bachelor of law degree in 1920 at OSU and he served on the Board of Trustees from 1948 to 1968.

"The 21 years I was on the Board of Trustees were probably some of my best years," Bricker said. "I did two
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tightens its belt we can achieve the greatness this country is capable of. The things that unite us as Americans are far far more enduring than the things that divide us.

"I watched President Reagan last night," Ford continued "and was very proud of the job he did. He's got a tough job in a tough time. I just hope that we don't nit pick at the things he wants to do. With the help of all Americans we can help him."

In closing his speech Ford said, "Let's all strive to make this whole planet as full of friendship as this room is tonight."

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