

Going too far

Richard Nixon has forced the country into a constitutional and moral crisis.

By his refusal to turn over White House tapes and memoranda concerning Watergate, Nixon has seriously weakened the integrity of his administration.

The weekend departures of Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson, Deputy Attorney General William D. Ruckelshaus and Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox is just a further episode in Nixon's continuing betrayal of his November mandate.

Richardson has been confirmed attorney general after promising the Senate that he would not interfere with investigations on Watergate. Richardson resigned Saturday rather than fire Cox.

Cox's instructions had been to bring criminal proceedings whenever the evidence called for it. Nixon ordered Cox fired when the special prosecutor's investigations began touching on men too close to the President.

Recently, Cox's staff brought to light financial deals between Nixon and his friends Bebe Rebozo and

Howard Hughes which smack of political favoritism.

Though elected on a "law and order" platform, Nixon has called the plays before in criminal proceedings. He prejudged Charles Manson as a murderer before he was tried in a court of law. And before the court martial had rendered its verdict, Nixon stated he would personally review any court decision regarding that all-American boy, Lt. William Calley.

But now Nixon is playing for somewhat higher stakes, his political survival.

Nixon's administration is racked with scandals and favoritism. In a final defense he has struck out against another possible humiliation: having his private conversations heard in public. But if the content of the tapes and papers is so harmless and innocent, why has Nixon plunged this country into its worst constitutional crises in history?

Richard Nixon has defaced the Presidency by his total lack of regard for the due process of law. After a federal appeals court upheld a lower court's order to

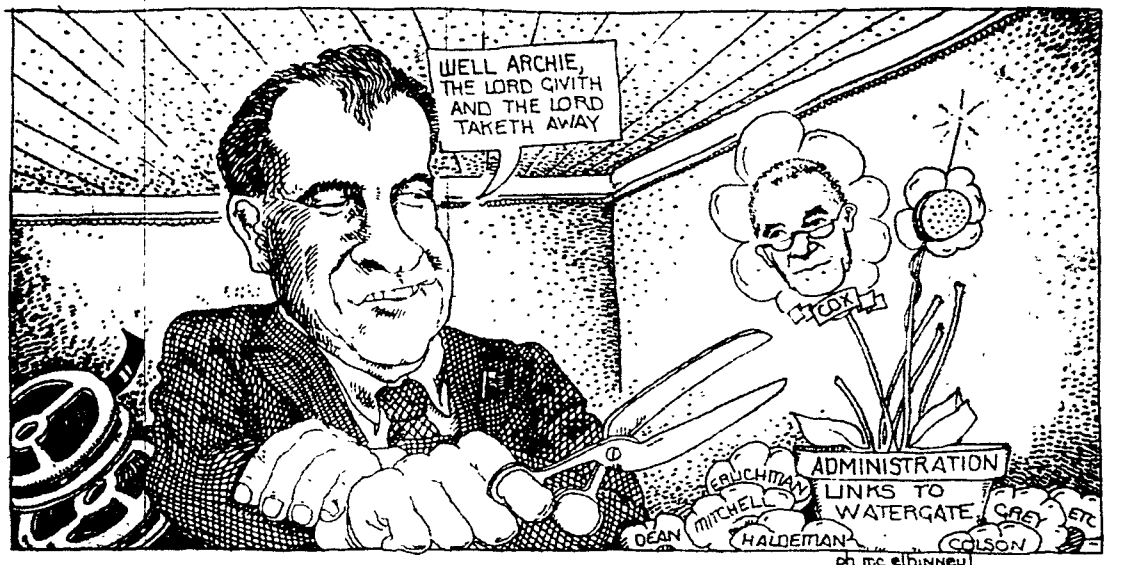
turn over those tapes and papers relevant to Cox's investigation, Nixon unilaterally and unconditionally imposed a "compromise" screening of the tapes and papers and the compilation of a summary to be given to the Ervin committee. It was a compromise not agreed upon by Sen. Sam Ervin or by Cox.

When Cox persisted in his demands and hinted that he might seek a contempt of court citation against Nixon, the President demanded that Richardson fire Cox.

When Richardson quit instead of complying with what he saw as an immoral order, the President ordered Ruckelshaus to fire Cox. Ruckelshaus also refused and as a result was fired.

Solicitor General Robert H. Bork was asked by a desperate Nixon to fire Cox. He did, in an act that, if it does not constitute a legal wrongdoing, at least is proof of Nixon's total lack of morality and ethics.

Nixon had better take notice of a phrase currently being bandied about in the House of Representatives: "No president is above the law."



Mideast: just the facts

By JACK JACKSON
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In the Oct. 19 issue of The Daily Collegian, Gary Potter attempted to explore the Middle East situation without getting emotional. He succeeded in doing so by omitting all facts from his account.

The article champions the claim that the Mideast conflict is colored with propaganda and prejudice. In keeping with those guidelines, the article adds a few prejudices and false claims of its own.

Among the misconceptions that Mr. Potter learned in his "How and Why Wonderbook of Mideastern Analysis" is the notion that when Israel was born, she kicked out millions of Arabs. The Israeli declaration of independence asked all the people of Palestine to remain in their homes and to work together in establishing a new nation.

The government was not responsible for the self-imposed Arab exile, nor should it be required to make reparations to those who left. No double standard exists; Jewish families who left the surrounding Arab countries to enter Israel were not compensated for what they left behind, either.

The Arabs who left Israel entered one of seven Arab nations whose combined

population is nearly 100 million. These nations, rich in oil, surely have the financial resources to provide food and housing for a portion of the two million displaced persons who entered their lands, but they refuse to do so. The Arabs who remained in Israel are housed and their children attend Israeli-built schools. They work alongside Israelis and are represented in the Knesset.

The article asks why Israel refuses to agree with a United Nations peace settlement. On the other hand, the Arabs disagree with the U.N.'s establishment of the state of Israel. They have had 25 years to align themselves to U.N. decision, but so far they have failed. The United States protects that U.N. decision by supporting Israel rather than letting Arab oilmen blackmail U.S. for a favorable foreign policy.

Israel as a nation will remain a political, not a religious entity. It was the Moslem scholars in Cairo that declared the Egyptian aggression a "jihad" or holy war. Since Mr. Potter assumes that everywhere but in Israel do religious differences fail to cause strain, he failed to mention another international community where religion and politics have bearing on human lives: Northern Ireland.

The Arabs first brought superpower presence into the area by turning to the

Communist bloc for aid. The Soviet Union gave them armaments not to defend against supposed Israeli aggression, but to "push the Zionists into the sea." Unfortunately most Bedouins lack FAA licenses, so the Soviets entered the Middle East both as Army-Navy store suppliers and air and ground advisors.

The Israelis are expected to defend themselves through the wishes of other nations in the U.N. If the Arabs have valid grievances they should be expected to achieve settlements through the same channels the Israelis are forced to use.

The article also accuses Israel of using napalm and of assassinating Arab leaders. No such allegations have been documented.

Over the last 25 years, the Arabs waged a horrible war, murdering children on school buses, sniping at villages, and murdering travelers in international airports. These actions have no bearing on the military attitude of the area. They are actions of terror simply for the sake of terror.

Israel protects those Arabs who remained inside her boundaries. They have no need to "return home" as Potter suggests. Potter also suggests that people keep their minds open to the Middle East situation. Perhaps Mr. Potter might try the same.

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Letters to the Editor of The Daily Collegian

Nixon—a paranoid

TO THE EDITOR: The firing of Watergate Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox and Deputy Attorney General William Ruckelshaus with the accompanying resignation of Attorney General Elliot Richardson is more than this man can take. Richard Nixon, by this action, has shown an utter contempt for the American people. He has used his delegated power in an arrogant, brazen and irresponsible manner. He has done, legally, in one fell stroke what Mitchell, Dean, Magruder, et al. attempted to do illegally — castrate the Watergate investigation.

Richard Nixon, by his handling of the Watergate case, has exposed himself as a vicious and petty man, a paranoid who acts out of pique and pride, all the while perverting the very same ideals he sent thousand to die for. He has spit upon the graves of those men who believed so strongly in America that they willingly made the ultimate sacrifice for her.

Because I was deliberately misled through lies and trickery in the last election, I voted for Richard Nixon. I am especially incensed in view of what he has done since the election that I voted for this haughty hypocrite.

These are extreme words but this is an extreme situation. Mr. Nixon has taken off the gloves and hit America below the belt. It is time for the people to take off the gloves in the battle of the people, law and justice vs. Richard Nixon.

It is obvious, if it wasn't painfully so before, that Richard Nixon deserves to lead the American people no longer. Impeachment is the only answer. If the American system of justice is to mean anything, Mr. Nixon must be removed from office by the Constitutional mechanisms set up for that purpose. Contrary to what he may believe, we must demonstrate that the law of the United States is bigger than any one man — even President Richard M. Nixon.

I would like to join Senator Ervin in his recent challenge to Mr. Nixon when he said, "As long as I have a mind to think, a tongue to speak and a heart to love my country, I shall deny that the Constitution confers on any President the arbitrary power to turn George Washington's America into Caesar's Rome."

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Impeachment now

TO THE EDITOR: Regarding the President's actions over the weekend, need I say more than please write to Senators Scott and Schweiker encouraging them to support impeachment proceedings. One line will suffice and our letters count. When the people take the time, energy and expense to write their representatives, those representatives begin to perk up.

Address your letters to the U.S. Senate or House, Washington 25, D.C.

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Still Republican

TO THE EDITOR: I just got an opportunity to read the Oct. 15 issue of The Daily Collegian. Glancing over the "Letters to the Editor" section, I noticed a letter entitled "Once a Republican." Being a staunch Republican myself, I decided to read it.

This letter proceeded to talk about the corruption of our executive branch, especially the recent resignation of Vice President Agnew. The writer asks how citizens can sit back and say, "Everyone does it" and more or less "condone thievery." In his closing paragraph the writer states, "I was once a proud Republican, but I can no longer support the Republican party. I feel shame as well as disgust, abhorrence and disgrace. The Republicans have failed us, they have cheated us. It's time for a change."

I can only say that I was very angered after reading that paragraph. How can someone be so naive as to condemn millions of Republicans and label them as "having failed" due to the actions of a few? I am sure that I am not the only Republican that also feels the "shame and disgust, abhorrence and disgrace" at what we have seen.

I was a Republican, too, and I am proud to say that I still am. When a system shows evidence of corruption, one certainly doesn't help by leaving! That's the time to hang in there and get rid of this "corruption" for the sake of the whole party! The two-party system is vital to America's democracy. It is our duty as American citizens to keep them alive.

I believe students who are loyal to the Democratic party will understand my position. America has a strong Democratic party only because millions of citizens retained their allegiance in the face of adversity and scandal on many occasions. It is to

their benefit and the country's that a strong and clean Democratic party exist. It is to my benefit and the country's that a strong and clean Republican party exist.

So here's to a cleaner and better two-party system!

Debbie Truax
Secretary of Penn State College Republicans

One thing clear

TO THE EDITOR: I'm writing this letter in response to one which appeared in the Oct. 16 issue of The Daily Collegian. The writer, too ashamed to give his or her name, is dissatisfied that Penn State students should be happy that a criminal is no longer Vice President of the United States.

This person's shallow perception of current events is further exemplified when he or she stated that Nixon is responsible for the 18-year-old vote, ending the Vietnam War and ending campus unrest.

Nixon was not the force behind the 18-year-old vote. It was conceived in and passed by Congress. Nixon's prolongation of the war (by four years and 40 per cent more casualties) is now being seen for the nationalistic, glory-seeking maneuver it was: pouring in American blood and money to perpetuate the police state of General Thieu and his elite fascist clique of corrupt subordinates.

But Nixon did end campus unrest. We all saw this when we witnessed his gentle methods at Kent and Jackson! We may talk of amnesty from time to time. One thing, however, remains irrefutable: there will be no amnesty in hell for Richard Milhous Nixon.

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Get rid of the drivel

TO THE EDITOR: Please take the Looney Tunes and other useless drivel off the editorial page and replace them with something useful like the entries and results for Penn National Racefrack and Pennsylvania lottery numbers.

I also think we can do without the D and D comic strip on page 3 of the Oct. 15 issue.

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Enough is enough

TO THE EDITOR: Enough is enough. Though I found it difficult to stomach the initial article concerning the everlasting male-female situation at PSU, and didn't quite agree with some of the coeds' retorts to this article, I find the whole issue has become a probe into the question: Who is hurting whom more?

So in come a flood of personal experiences and sexual ego-building statements. I am sure that we can all sympathize with a person, male or female, who has been hurt. I'm not so sure that I can sympathize with someone who is eager to stereotype "the classic bitchy coed who can afford to be choosy" or "the classic horny male who wants only one thing."

Instead of getting steamed up because we have come across one of the above characters, why not realize that there also are people around who will fit our needs or desires. Let's not crawl into a "pity-me-please" shell because our prides have been tampered with. Let's quit playing defensive games.

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Her own fault

TO THE EDITOR: I have been following with mounting interest the reaction that has followed the Oct. 5 article, "PSU coeds: try love." I feel that it is time that I say something, too.

It was to my utter disgust when I read the article by the "Superbitch." I ask her: is she bragging or complaining? If she is a bitch, then it is her own fault and not that of some unsuspecting male who was lured into her trap. Also, what kind of respect does she have? If I were a girl, respect would be first on my list of desirable qualities. Quite obviously, "Superbitch" does not know the meaning of the word "respect."

I can agree with the Oct. 10 article, "PSU chicks," where it tells of the exodus to smaller campuses in search of decent women, not frivolous girls. And my sympathies to the poor soul ("Hello..." Oct. 16) who received the silent treatment. He's lucky — he met one nice girl. It seems that we should all turn

to Jesus ("My Relationship" Oct. 11) and the world would be a better place to live in.

Don't women have feelings for men? Or do they get their jollies by giving males the silent treatment or by telling them that they are chauvinist pigs and ought to be considerate of the poor woman?

If you women want to be equal to us, you'd better be able to take it as we dish it out. But if it's respect you want, some of us males would be well-advised to be careful. Naturally, when you claim to be equal, we treat you that way.

So, take another look.

Name Withheld

Peace in our hearts

TO THE EDITOR: The time has come to admit to ourselves that the dispute between hurt egos and broken hearts has gone too far. Peace should reign in our hearts instead of hatred and contempt. In the ever-changing world in which we live, there seems to be one thing that we have in common — each other. Without each other we are nothing, alone and lifeless. As the poet, Robert Bower, put it:

I tied loneliness in a large knot
and
gradually
hung myself.

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UCC rides again

TO THE EDITOR: Once again the shafters of Penn State strike without mercy. Due to the inexcusable lack of foresight by the University Concert Committee Ticket Selling Company, many students were ripped off several hours of waiting for their tickets to the Edgar Winter Concert.

While several students spent the entire night in sleeping bags out in front of the HUB, the majority of the crowd arrived about 5:30 a.m. With about 200 students lined in front of one door and 20 in front of the other, the head honcho of the ticket sale decided a little excitement was in order. Without even looking outside, he opened the door where there were only 20 students and stood back to watch the remaining herd stampede on over.

What a laugh to see the ones who spent the entire night there get trampled while pinned to the sidewalk in their sleeping bags! Although chairs had been set up and numbered tickets handed out later, this injustice could have been avoided by a little simple planning (like a sign on one door and handing out the numbered tickets as you come in). Let's hope that there's a little more organization exhibited the night of the concert. We can live without another Jefferson Airplane.

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Up to our knees

TO THE EDITOR: Notice any added extras on campus lately? Well, look beyond the fallen leaves for there exists our problem — littering! Penn State campus needs more waste paper receptacles. Littering must stop before this waste problem gets entirely out of hand.

Members of a Speech 200 class

Democrats united

TO THE EDITOR: Your article on the front page of the Oct. 8 issue, "Local Democrats divided," does not accurately depict the situation in the Democratic Party in State College and Centre County.

I have lived in this area for 17 years and have been active in local politics since 1964, including my four years at Penn State. Throughout this time, I have admired those on the Centre County Democratic Committee for their efforts to grow in all areas of the county. Their commitment speaks for itself.

When the chairman of the State College Democratic Committee, John Mattern, says his group has received no funds from the county — because County Democrats are "used to being a second-rate party and don't want to rock the boat" — he is being irresponsible. It was agreed earlier this year that each borough and area committee would have to raise funds independently for its local candidates.

Mr. Mattern, as chairman of the Borough committee, well understood this responsibility. His comments serve as a reflection on him, not the county committee. Our committee people from all areas of Centre County support the strengthening of the Democratic Party and the active participation of the Penn State student body. They understand that, in order for this to be done, all elements of the party must work together and not call each other names. It is unfortunate that Mr. Mattern does not understand this need as well.

State College is a vital part of the Centre County Democratic Committee. But it does not comprise the whole. When officers of the Borough committee assume an arrogant attitude toward those in the rest of the county, they only stifle the growth of our party. Democrats in this area can and should speak for people in all walks of life — students, farmers, businessmen, not just the first.

That is our collective challenge. I hope Mr. Mattern will accept it as well as his counterparts in other areas of the county have.

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Sitting up front

TO THE EDITOR: In response to Michael J. Tucker's forum entitled "Sit in the back," I must strongly disagree with his philosophy of "sitting in the back." It is certainly true that the Silent Majority of which Mr. Tucker considers himself a member "sits in the back." However, Mr. Tucker, by identifying himself with the Silent Majority's perception of life, is in effect endorsing an ignorant majority.

Mr. Tucker asserts that life has not been very entertaining for those people sitting in the back these days. He should realize that life would be even less entertaining if everyone sat in the back. The Watergate and Agnew stories would have never been developed to the present extent if everyone believed in Tucker's philosophy.

In opposition to Tucker, it is my contention that it is the people sitting in the back who have narrow views. The people "sitting in the front," those people who are involved, have a more open view of life. By sitting in the front, they understand life much better because they are less ignorant than the Silent Majority.

Whether "the system" is right or wrong is not the question. Inevitably, the system will change. The people in the front rows will be responsible for the changes. These changes may or may not be to Mr. Tucker's or my liking. Thus, everything may not be all right, although Tucker suggests the opposite.

Tucker condemns the socialists without realizing that the socialists, by sitting in the front, are facing the reality of change. By sitting in the front they are trying to influence the inevitable changes that continuously occur.

I extend my thanks to Mr. Tucker for writing. It is good to see he is not really sitting in the back.

Oh, Mr. Tucker, the next time I go to a concert I'll sit in the back. Thanks for the tip.

Ron Richael
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Wet behind the ears

TO THE EDITOR: In my opinion the Oct. 12 article entitled "The making of a Bitch" displayed a great amount of honesty and admissions that took courage to make. I very much disagree with the censorious letter of Gerald Ray (1st-liberal arts), who in spite of his sophisticated vocabulary conveys a view which reveals him "as still wet behind the ears."

If he cannot conceive that a male would call her frigid after six days of sex — I can. It's also happened to me. I also feel that no criticism is due for the use of her words "rag" and "bitch." They are common enough Penn State male talk and no connotations are inferred outside of this context.

I hold as revolting Mr. Ray's statement that a decent level of respect cannot be maintained after six consecutive nights of sex. He obviously has fallen victim to belief in the social code of his parents without experiencing the situation himself.

My advice to him is to dry off a bit before so quickly taking up the pen again.

Name Withheld

PSU coeds etc., etc.

TO THE EDITOR: Sob, sob. Choke, choke.

Fred Ramsay
State College resident