Batt Editorial

At Watergate?

Watergate investigations began again after a two-week vacation from the front pages of the world's newspapers. If litter is a slap in America's face, what is Watergate's effect?

It may be a disgrace we dearly pay for. President Nixon, in the end, will and should be blamed for the entire scandal because of his authority and because it occured for and during his re-election. The citizens, however, will be the ones that pay. Nixon will still draw his

People of the world have already lost confidence in our economic prowess, our military prowess and now our political prowess. We are no longer the fair-haired beauty we once were, and neither is our democractic-type government.

We have been fighting for nations, helping them gain freedom from authoratative-type governmental control since the founding, but what about now? What can we use as a measuring stick in our favor now?

What is the difference between the planned demolishment of an opposition party and an unfair election held by Communist-controlled nations? Isn't it really the same? Was there really a fair decision to be made during the election between the two candidates? Was there fair representation of the people?

A scandal also arose in Texas politics some time back when top representatives of the people were caught grabbing loot under the table. Those people paid dearly at the time and during the following election when less than half the incumbent legislators were re-elected.

Even now, however, the people are not truly represented by their elected officials. State Senator Bill Moore of Bryan, who has a large number of constituents here at A&M, is completely against any bill giving 18-year-olds full adult rights. Did he represent his constituents in fighting that bill? Over half the students at this university are less than 21 years old and want full rights.

Many legislators are not given an opportunity to find out how their voters feel on certain issues but Moore did. He and another senator were invited here to name a new building and with the Student Senate, The Battalion and other student groups waiting for him, an announcement was received that neither man would be on hand because of legislative business. The Student Senate, The Battalion and others went to Austin to make constituent feelings known but this was to no avail. It seems Moore did not want to present his voters to the state legislature but instead thought of filibustering against it.

It seems this way higher up also. Were we represented in the Watergate dealings? Nixon may very well thought he was the best man for the job but that is not his decision to make. We still have some democratic rights coming to us; however, the way things look at times, we may not have them long.

We still have freedom of the press which enables pieces of this nature to be printed, but many politicians would have this freedom negated and along with it, the only real representative vehicle in our society. This freedom is not perfect, as many will disagree with what has been printed here, but opposing views, if received, will gladly be

Politicians need be trusted for they hold the power to do many things which are all directly concerned with us, the people. They have the power and the knowledge to fulfill a task. Let us hope they are on our side.

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The Texas A&M Class of 1911 member was recognized for the award at recent Sul Ross Reunion and Brazos County A&M Club

He established the Don Lee President's Endowed Scholarship through a gift of \$25,000 worth

"This is further evidence of Don Lee's loyalty and dedication as a former student of Texas A&M University," commented Buck Weirus, Association of Former Students executive direc-"His interest in the university and the welfare of its students has been constant, as high today as it ever has been."

Lee, 83, has served on the Association council and board and in various other leadership capacities since the 1920s. He was Aggie Muster chairman several

"Mr. Lee has never missed a reunion," noted Mrs. Olive De-Lucia, Former Students class programs director.

Lee made his retirement home at 501 Brookside, Bryan, after completing 22 years with the Civil Aeronautics Administration in 1960. He was a CAA airport engineer for the five-state area, headquartered in Fort Worth.

He earlier was with the Portland Cement Association and Associated General Contractors. As a student at Texas A&M, Lee called San Angelo home and was in Company C of the Corps

Dr. Randall Elected By Nuclear Society

Dr. John Randall, director of Texas A&M University's Nuclear Science Center, has been elected vice chairman for the Reactor Operations Division of the American Nuclear Society.

Randall was elected in nationwide mail balloting and will take office next week at the society's annual meeting in Chicago.

In addition to heading TAMU's reactor facility, Dr. Randall is professor of nuclear engineering. He has been a member of the faculty since 1958.

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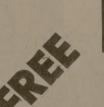
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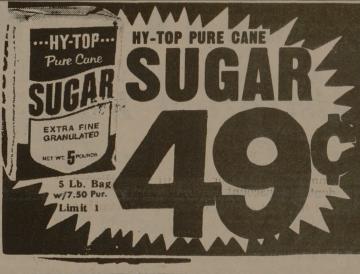
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