

Capitol Punishment

Up the Out Staircase: Honor, To a Degree

By Art Buchwald

Attorney General of the United States he brought law and order to a chaotic land. While serving as Attorney General and afterward, as manager of the President's campaign, he used all his expertise in fighting crime to assure Mr. Nixon's reelection. Some may question his methods, but no one can deny that as architect of the election game plan, he brought glory and honor to the Republican Party.

Washington Institute of Creep

JEB MAGRUDER—A doctorate in perjury. His boyish face and winning smile hide the heart of a Nixon loyalist who would do anything, and has, to protect the great office of the presidency. Although all his contributions to the campaign may never be known, suffice to say whatever credit he gets for changing the manner in which we elect our future leaders is richly deserved.

Heidelberg University

H. R. HALDEMAN and JOHN EHRLICHMAN—Doctorates in heel clicking. As the President's closest advisers, these two fun-loving aides endeared themselves to Congress, Cabinet officers and members of the administration. Their willingness to listen to others and their determination to keep the President fully informed as to what was going on fostered an atmosphere of trust in the White House. Although their memories are failing since they left the govern-

This is the time of year when honorary degrees are presented to men and women who have made their indelible mark on this country.

Here are some of the degrees which had been offered, but for one reason or other could not be accepted:

Watergate University

G. GORDON LIDDY and E. HOWARD HUNT—A doctorate in electronic communications. Their research into the Democratic Party headquarters broke new ground in understanding the American political process. Working from grants given by the White House and the Committee for the Re-election of the President, their reports on Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist and various newspapermen in Washington are textbook classics in the science of gathering information against insurmountable odds.

Cash State College

MAURICE STANS—A doctorate in political finance. He brought a new era to Mexican-American banking relations. In less than three months he managed to raise \$20 million, most of which could not be traced to its donors. This brilliant coup, which may never be duplicated, has assured him a place in fund-raising history. The name Stans has now become synonymous with the \$100 bill.

Martha University

JOHN MITCHELL—A doctorate in grand juries. As

ment, they are still considered as the brains behind many of the national security plans President Nixon approved of during the past three years. Whether the Justice Department will give them their due is yet to be seen.

University of Obfuscation

RONALD ZIEGLER—A doctorate in freedom of information. As press secretary to the President, he raised the meaning of credibility to a new level in the White House. No question was too hard to answer, no denial too difficult to make. He won the hearts and minds of all the media by adding the words "misspoke," "operative" and "inoperative" to the English language.

Scapegoat Institute of Technology

JOHN DEAN III—A doctorate in immunity. He has been an inspiration to all those who wish to devote their lives to public service. As legal adviser to the White House, he kept the President informed on the great issues surrounding the 1972 campaign. Put in charge of the White House investigation into questionable practices by members of the President's staff, he worked diligently with the FBI and Justice Department to discover any wrongdoing.

To this day, President Nixon maintains he would not be where he is if it hadn't been for John Dean III.