

First Lady's Courage Wins Praise, Ovation

WASHINGTON, May 8 (UPI) — Mrs. Richard M. Nixon, who is telling friends "everything is going to be all right" in the Watergate crisis, won high praise for her courage and a standing ovation today at a lunch sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

But the First Lady brushed aside any questions on the scandal that has rocked the White House. She was guest of honor at the lunch and presented the trust's annual awards for restoration and preservation projects.

One of the awards went to Dr. Pearl Chase for her service to historic preservation and ecological planning in Santa Barbara and throughout California.

Dr. Chase, who was graduated from the University of Southern California — Mrs. Nixon's alma mater — in 1909, praised the President's wife.

Tears came to Mrs. Nixon's eyes when Dr. Chase said: "The people of California are very proud of this lady. I want to say this lady's courage...manners and delightful feeling of friendship wherever she goes is a great asset to this country."

The crowd rose and applauded.