

A Damaged Ideal MAY 25 1973

To the Editor:

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If John Eisenhower considers the lying and cheating of the Army football players as excessive devotion to West Point, he must consider the Nazi secret police tactics allegedly used by the Watergate saboteurs as excessive devotion to the laws of the United States.

Also Mr. Eisenhower seems to equate a winning football season with the restoration of West Point's honor. Really, honor is more than an unbeaten football season. After all the liars and cheats had put together a pretty fair football record.

Doesn't Mr. Eisenhower realize that the American ideal has been damaged in a way which is independent of whether or not Richard Nixon can pull himself together for some future wins?

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