

To Lose Trial Right?

(Continued from page 1) the basement for one night. They were then fed a strong laxative. In order for one person to leave the room, it was necessary to awaken the entire group.

Members of a third fraternity regularly beat their pledges and held rat courts. One pledge, a veteran, resigned. He explained that he had been through a war and "wasn't going to be beaten by anyone."

Although forbidden to use paddles and paddling tactics, another fraternity gave paddles to pledges which had to be signed by all of the brothers. A signature entitled a brother to a few swings. The pledges were warned, however, not to mention the paddling to anyone.

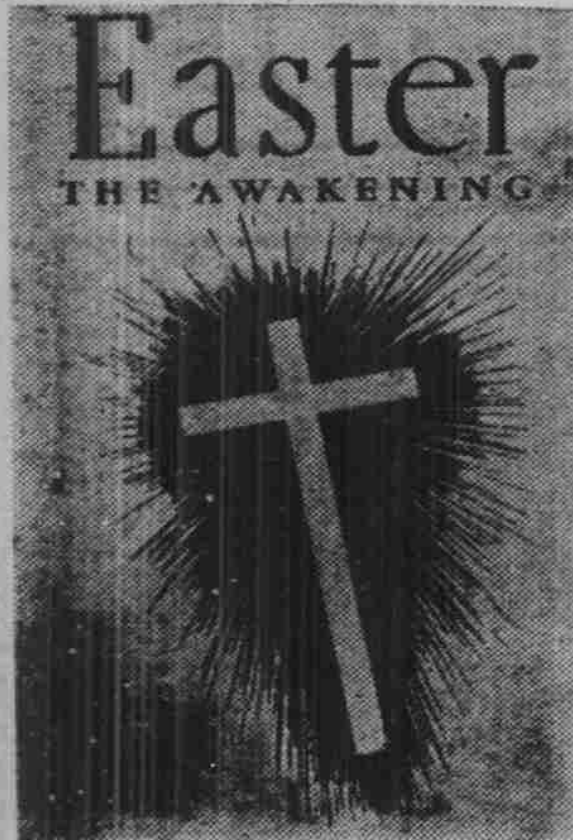
Several fraternities also forced pledges to wear heavy sack underwear.

These incidents, however, occurred before the Interfraternity council voted November 15 of last year to abolish hazing. This

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(Continued from page 1) the ceiling, ripped bedding, tore doors from the hinges, turned fire extinguishers on, smashed light bulbs and windows, and piled clothing on the floor."

The youths—Ralph Witt, 21, Wilmington, N. C., Gayle Wells, 22, Ashland, Ky, and W. G. Vollrath, 22—explained the chapter had tentatively sold the house and was moving into another one.



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Bowers' Hazing Statement

By Henry Bowers

The Interfraternity Council Court last Monday night acquitted a fraternity of charges of hazing. This fraternity was guilty of crude and vile hazing is beyond question. In finding them not guilty the IFC court has done an injustice not only to the fraternity system but to the students and the university of North Carolina. This action, following so closely the excellent work done by the last IFC and by many individual fraternities to stamp out hazing points up most clearly again the inadequacy of the IFC court to handle hazing cases.

Hazing at the University has been on the decline—with some retrogressions—since the unfortunate death of a student in 1912. At this time the State Legislature passed a statute outlawing hazing. This law has been generally disregarded—in fact this law was probably passed, although assuredly it had many sincere supporters, as a concession to public opinion. The decline of hazing

since then is probably due to three factors: (1) public opinion, (2) an active student government which has tended to give the students at this University a greater sense of responsibility and (3) a change in the contemporary opinion which ever-increasingly looks upon such acts of violence with disfavor. In the last few years opposition to hazing has increased and there have been great strides made to do away with this practice.

However hazing is far from dead on this campus. Elsewhere in this paper will be found specific examples—many have not been printed because they are too vile to print. It is inconceivable that college students in this day and time would submit, let alone perpetrate such indignities.

A constitutional amendment would remove hazing cases from the jurisdiction of the IFC court and place them in the hands of the Men's Council. This action must be taken for the following reasons:

(1) Hazing and more specifically "Hell Week" directly affects the whole student body, not only in the criticism which it brings to the student body but in direct disturbance as well as a lowering of standards.

(2) The IFC court has continually failed to deal with the problem both under general and specific laws. In the past five years the court has tried eight cases and acquitted seven. For one in which the student almost died, and which incidentally involved the same fraternity acquitted last Monday, it levied a small fine only after great insistence by the administration.

One former secretary of the court reported several cases in this manner. "The facts of this case are too indecent to be placed in writing. Action is acquitted." There are probably two main reasons why the court has failed to act (1) It is not a truly representative body—that is, the individuals do not vote as individuals and (2) the court is subject to pressures which it has not been able to overcome.

It is therefore necessary to place the handling of hazing cases un-

der the jurisdiction of a body which is to a greater extent disinterested, responsible to the whole student body, and which can judge and act within itself.

It is, furthermore, necessary to establish a firm mechanism to deal with these cases while opposition to hazing is at its present level to insure against retrogression and to eliminate this black mark on our record.

Hazing runs in cycles—cycles closely corresponding to the age of the college student. Human nature does not change. There is a tradition at this University of hazing—it must be turned into a tradition of no hazing.

I hereby call on the student body to actively support this constitutional amendment and to furthermore work in anyway it can to stamp out hazing.

BRIEFS

Meets Sunday
The York club for Episcopal graduate students and faculty will meet Sunday, at 8:45 p.m. at the Parish House. Dr. J. Carlyle Sitterson of the History department will lead the discussion.

Play Tonight
"Le Verre d'Eau," presented last night and Wednesday by the Theater Francais, will be given again tonight at 8:30 in Graham Memorial. There is no admission charge.

The French play is acted in the original.

MANAGERS NEEDED
Managers are needed for spring football practice. Students interested should contact Bob Lingerfeldt, Phi Delta Theta house, phone 5041, or Fitz Lutz, Woollen Gym.

Piano Concert
Calvin Lampley, a native of Chapel Hill, will give a piano concert at 8 o'clock Sunday night in Graham Memorial main lounge.

Lampley is a member of the musical advisory staff for Columbia Records Co. He began his piano studies with William S. Newman here. He is a graduate of the Juilliard School of Music.

Meeting Set Monday For Candidates

Following a compulsory candidates meeting Monday at 7 p.m. in Memorial hall, the student body will have the opportunity to hear the views of those running for major offices in the April 9 election.

Elections Board Chairman Erlene Griffin yesterday said those competing for the six major positions will speak. Candidates to be heard from are those for president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, editors of The Daily Tar Heel and Yackety Yack, and head cheerleader.

Miss Griffin also reminded candidates who miss Monday's required meeting that they will be fined \$1 and disqualified if the fine is not paid within 24 hours. Those who will not be able to attend must present their excuses to her before the meeting, Miss Griffin said.

Candidates received another warning from the coed elections head. She reminded them that posters are not to be put anywhere except on bulletin boards.

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