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**Paddling At Hat Society Initiations Is Still An Unsolved Problem**

Two months ago Blue Key, junior honor society, voted to drop paddling from its initiation ceremony. Presidents of three of the four other hat societies publicly disapproved of paddling and promised that their groups would also consider its elimination.

But nothing has been done. Skull and Bones held its initiation Wednesday and Parmi Nous last night. Paddling was still the most prominent part of both ceremonies. Thirty-three campus leaders were forced to submit to what practically amounts to physical torture.

If present plans are not changed, the two sophomore hat societies—Druids and Friars—will follow suit. Blue Key will be the only organization to show any respect for the student leaders its professes to honor.

No valid excuse has ever been found for paddling. The best reason the societies can offer is, "We got paddled. The new members aren't any better than we are and we're going to paddle them." Another reason they give is that it humbles the new men, makes them a little less cocky.

Instead of humbling the new men, paddling actually breeds resentment and more than a few sore spots. A good part of a typical hat society initiation consists of burly athletes taking turns hitting quivering initiates as hard as possible. That is a painful memory for new members of Skull and Bones and Parmi Nous and something which prospective members of Druids and Friars can look forward to.

It is too late for anything to be done to change the ceremonies of the two sophomore societies in time for their coming initiations. The present members have refused to pass up the chance to mete out the same undeserved punishment which they received last year.

Any change for the better is now solely in the hands of the men just initiated into Skull and Bones and Parmi Nous and those who will soon become members of Druids and Friars. It might be wise for them to act while the memories of their own initiations are still with them.

—J.A.B.

**Draft News Is Bad News**

It won't be good news to a good many students, but by this time next year about 600 of the 5,000 graduate and undergraduate male students on the campus will be in the Army. At least, that's the best estimate that can be made at present. It considers all available information, including student order numbers, classifications, and chances for deferment.

Three hundred students will probably be called in the draft this summer and another 300 during the next college year. It should be remembered, however, that these are very rough estimates.

Each group of 300 students can be subdivided according to classes as follows:

Class	Probable number drafted
Senior	119
Junior	62
Sophomore	42
Freshman	17
Graduate	49
Special	4
Two-year agriculture	7
Total	300

**The Professor's Viewpoint '41-'42 Alternate Counselors Listed**

(Formerly faculty members had little chance to express their opinions to Penn State students on campus, vocational, and pot pourri topics. Every Friday, The Daily Collegian will publish an informal column by a Penn State professor who will discuss any topic he pleases.)

By **ROBERT E. GALBRAITH**

**For Seniors Only**

Although the thought of the approaching graduation of another class from Penn State is somewhat responsible for these remarks, they are more precisely prompted by two recent volumes concerning alumni, "H. M. Pulham, Esquire," by John P. Marquand, and "The Gang's All Here," by Harvey Smith.

Both books are written around the theme of the 25th reunion; the former at Harvard, the latter at Princeton. Since the authors have been closely associated not only with their respective universities, but with men of their own and other classes, they know whereof they write, and neither spares the vitriol in portraying his subjects. The revelations of the members of the class are not written in either spite or envy, nor are all the figures presented without some redeeming features. Since the characters involved are of about the ages of the fathers of the present seniors, readers will not have too difficult a time understanding them as men.

**College Graduates Are Alike**

Despite the basic differences between Penn State and the universities mentioned, as well as the differences in time, readers will agree that college graduates are much the same the country over, and that every graduating class has its quota of all the types and personalities included in these books. None of the graduates of twenty-five years ago knew where or what he would be today, any more than this year's seniors can foretell what the next quarter century will bring. Some will be finer, some will be otherwise; the poor may become rich; the rich, poor.

The geniuses may fail to arrive, while the dullards may reach success. The liberals may find themselves complacent conservatives; whereas the present reactionaries may become firebrands for a new order. Those who vision themselves in a white suburban cottage with all the trimmings may get bored with their holdings, and those who never achieve such comfort will always keep their illusions concerning these luxuries.

**Some Will Come Back**

As loyal alumni, everyone will start with a membership and good intentions. Reunions will bring the members in varying numbers. The successful ones will come back to prove their merits; the unsuccessful will be absent unless they return to locate a job.

Please leave your papers on the desk, and wait until you get out in the hall before you light your cigarettes.

**CAMPUS CALENDAR**

TODAY

Junior Prom, Rec Hall, 9 p. m. to 2 a. m.

Deadline for senior women to sign up for the May Day Hemlock Chain on dormitory bulletin boards or call Betty Jo Patton, Gamma Phi Beta.

Thespians Show, Schwab Auditorium, 7 p. m.

The last tryouts will be given for those who have not yet come out for the Players commencement show, "Goodbye Again." They will be held in the Little Theatre today at 4 p. m.

TOMORROW

Varsity baseball with Western Maryland, New Beaver Field, 2:30.

**Co-Recreation Project Will Start Next Friday**

In an attempt to further a more adequate recreational program for men and coeds, the Co-Recreation Committee, in cooperation with the Independent Men's Association, will sponsor "Recreation Night" in the Armory May 9 and 16, the committee has announced.

If the project, consisting of folk games and dancing offered to students for 10 cents (couple or stag) proves to be successful this month, it will be continued on Friday nights next year.

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