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## A Message to Members of Class of '46

### Timely Hints on Fraternity Rushing

WHEN you members of the class of '46 read this you will probably be in the midst of "rush week." This is undoubtedly the only such week you will ever experience, so make the most of it. Keep your eyes and ears open and your pocketbook closed. The party is on us fraternities, and we'll break our necks to see that you're entertained. Do not for a minute, however, lose sight of the significance of "rush week." It means a lot to the fraternities and it means a lot to you. Naturally each fraternity wants to get the best men, and, of course, you want to join the fraternity in which you will be the happiest for the next four years—the fraternity that will mean the most to you in regard to fellowship and inspiration.

### See More Than One

As far as you are concerned, the point is not merely to join a fraternity, but to join the right fraternity, so make sure that you have seen all of them that you want to see. Any good fraternity will be glad to arrange a date for you with another fraternity you might wish to visit. Do not let yourself be rushed into anything, for if a fraternity wants you they will wait for you no matter what they say.

### Judge the House

In judging a fraternity there are several things to be considered, the most important of which is whether you like the fellows or not. Make sure that you meet every man in the house—any fraternity has a few good boys, but when you join a fraternity you are going to have to live with all of its members. Then there are other considerations such as national standing and local standing. A strong national fraternity does not necessarily have a strong chapter at Tech. National standing is very important, however. Ask any Sigma Chi and he will enumerate the advantages of belonging to

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GREAT COURT VIEW OF ENTRANCE TO TECH

## Frosh Camp Site Changed Shortage of Equipment Basic Reason

DUE to the fact that the army must use all of its equipment for military purposes, the Technology Christian Association was unable to borrow tents and cots from that source for freshman camp this year. For this reason the camp will be held on the Institute's campus.

The program being planned by chairman Sid Atlas is a fine one, promising two days of activity and fun with a wonderful introduction to Tech traditions, upperclassmen, and faculty members. All freshmen should benefit by these contacts. The tentative dates for the camp have been set for September 26th and 27th. These will be announced officially to the freshmen by mail.

In cooperation with the Technology Christian Association the Interfraternity Conference has requested that fraternity rushing be suspended during the afternoon of those two days for freshmen wishing to attend camp. The resolution was unanimously adopted by the group.

## No "Hell Week" System Works Well

### Period of Silence Substituted for "Hell Week"

AGAIN last year paddles and all vestiges of the old fashioned "Hell Week" were omitted in pledge training and the cooperation received was proof of the merit of the system. Probation week was substituted for "Hell Week."

Immediately on their return from mid-year vacations before the beginning of the new term, pledges were informed of their obligations in connection with probation week. No paddles were in evidence. Silence was maintained among the pledges at all times, except when they were in the room set aside for their occupancy during the silence period. The attitude of the chapter was serious and suggested nothing of the horse play connected with former "Hell Weeks." The pledges were re-

quired to pass an examination covering their pledge studies of the previous term. They were also required to write a paper on some serious thought provoking subject appropriate to their completion of pledging and initiation.

When initiation took place it was evident that probation week had proven a success. The attitude of the pledge class was respectful and serious, and the new brothers grasped the significance and beauty of the ritualistic ceremonies in a most beneficial manner.

## Fraternity Men Lead In Scholarship

FRATERNITY men for the 12th consecutive year, lead the non-fraternity men in scholarship. This was the finding of a survey covering institutions of higher learning which has recently been released by the National Interfraternity Conference.

This fact was established in a survey conducted by Dr. Alan E. Duerr, of the Manufacturers Trust Company of New York, covering 60 national fraternities in 180 colleges having 2,389 chapters and 75,000 undergraduate members.

