

THETA DELTA CHI

ΘΔΧ is to be your son's Fraternity. Your interest in his decision prompts this brief statement concerning it and fraternities in general.

ΘΔΧ was founded in 1847 at Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., which was the birthplace of six of the leading fraternities. It is one of the oldest of the Greek letter societies, being the eleventh secret college fraternity to be organized. It has twenty-nine Charges in selected colleges and universities from the Atlantic to the Pacific, including two in Canada, and about ten thousand living members. It holds an annual convention, publishes a magazine quarterly, and has a corporation for managing its invested funds and a corporation for publishing its magazine. It maintains a Club and International Headquarters in New York and there are Graduate Associations in the larger cities.

Your son will find close intimate friendships in its selective membership, and a college home with a wholesome cultured atmosphere and discipline to encourage scholarship, right living and participation in activities. The Fraternity begins where the parents leave off, by assisting a freshman in the crystallization of his philosophy of life so that standards of self and social relationships shall be clearly defined instead of

chaotically dispersed. It teaches group consciousness and loyalty, capacity for friendship, and how to live, think and work with other men.

Fraternities have become a definite part of the North American college system, both in the United States and Canada. Many societies and cults have risen, flourished for a time and died. Greek letter fraternities on the other hand, have lasted for over a hundred years and are stronger today than ever before, because of the need for them and the assistance they are to the college in developing character and training men for leadership. They are an important factor in a college education, as was demonstrated 2500 years ago by the academic brotherhoods of ancient Greece. The education of young men as social beings is as necessary as their mental training. Fraternities help the individual in his self expression and the cultivation of his social side, so necessary to the proper development of personality. They are potentially the greatest socializing factor in academic life; a definite, constructive force for all that promotes the objectives of the college and of its student body.

Chancellor Bowen of the University of Pittsburgh has declared: "Properly organized fraternities could and in many instances do, contribute more to the education of their members than the institutions of which they are a part, because all the institutions can do is to afford the opportunity to acquire what the curriculum offers, but the fraternities can, and do, go beyond that point in teaching undergraduates how to use that

knowledge." A prominent graduate member of $\Theta\Delta X$ expressed his opinion as follows: "When I was in college my Fraternity gave me friends; it taught me to live and work for others, to subordinate self to the good of the brotherhood and the high ideals that brotherhood taught. It sent me out of college with a definite something, plus what was never mine before." These statements explain somewhat why fraternities are a part of college life and part of what a college can do for a boy, not only while he is an undergraduate, but throughout his entire life in the ideals and prestige his fraternity can give to him, the life long friends and continuing contact with his Alma Mater.

A young man who is a good member of a good fraternity in a good college has available to him the maximum of educational opportunities. Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, recently said: "I consider character, the art of being a gentleman, and mental efficiency the three most important qualifications of a college man, and among the essentials for a career of social usefulness." In the development of these qualities, fraternities contribute in large measure.

$\Theta\Delta X$ is mindful of the fact that Youth honors the fraternity and the college that holds him up to his highest aspirations.

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"There is a law which brings men together in groups; it acts like the law of gravity, and regardless of what is done to divert it, it holds true. Thus we have the college fraternity."

CHARLES WESLEY FLINT,
Chancellor, University of Syracuse.

