

# Sister, Sister

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## A Modern Technical Device To Meet The Exigencies Of The Rushing Season . . . .

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**W**OMEN'S Fraternities have gradually come from a period of great simplicity and deep sincerity, coupled with darkest secrecy to a time of considerable, marked competitive pressure, and ambiguous emphasis. This article is advancing on the erroneous major premise that there still remains unaltered the ideal that motivates all fraternity groups—that members are chosen on the basis of congeniality and friendship.

In the seething maelstrom of contemporary University Life; among the treacherous shoals of Campus Favor which beckon goldenly in the slanting rays of momentary fortune and gleam dully in the after years; amid the persistently and smoothly lapping waves of Patronage and Discrimination; we have one great shape looming up, the only everpresent body, omnipotent force . . . Yea, the saviour of us all! . . . "The Sorority Ideal."

During the rushing season of nineteen thirty-three, when traditions were falling all about us, when proud hearts were tasting unparalleled defeat, had it not been for this staunch supporter of our greek letter system, all must have fallen. In what lies the inherent strength of this concept which proved the essential sturdiness of the sorority idea. First, there are the very timbers of its construction. Though different groups have

called them by different names, the discriminating few know that they are the Theories Of Rushing. The word rushing will occur and re-occur since it is the very *raison d'être* of Pan-Hellenic life. In rushing there will always be certain obsolete individuals who hold out for National Standing, but, naturally the Youth Movement has proved that National Standing is a mere bagatelle when compared with the merits of a vigorous young local. There will be others who insist on the importance of Social Prestige ("there are after all **Certain** barriers to maintain, My Dear"), and there are inevitably those who know that nothing is more important than Popularity With Men (and did some one say "the men of the campus can make you or break you"). Surely an impressive array, enough to impress any prospective member, National Standing, Social Prestige, and Popularity With Men. But for some precocious freshmen even these things were not enough, they wanted to know just what were sororities, and why were sororities, and why rushees should become pledges.

In proud answer to such questions the sages of Pan-Hellenic philosophy propounded these ideals. They said that sororities were the strong white light passing through the prism of female education, a white light that resolved

itself into fine radiant parts that compose the whole,—seven rainbow hues—seven fundamental elements. The first of these was **Information**, valuable information which is part of the stock in trade of any organization worthy of the name. The sisters had assembled a brave array of astonishing facts, a careful combination of definite endeavor and definite achievement, truly enlightening statistics.

"Exactly 16½ smiles per single vote for Prom Queen; 2 devoted men in each fraternity to cinch Queen of Hearts; 1 editor of Cincinnati to ensure a Personality Girl; an active chapter of 65 to determine president of W S G A."

This information dated back to the establishment of each chapter and boasted an imposing list of girls who had "made good." The hearts of the rushees thrilled with pride at the thought of belonging to a group so efficiently organized.

The second element and the natural sequel of Information was **Inspiration**, that intangible something that means an enthusiastic response to every demand, not once have the sisters failed to respond nobly to the challenge of "Who shall be Hop Queen," Prom Queen, R. O. T. C. Colonel, Band Sponsor, who shall have the Swimming cup, Basketball cup, Float cup, Ticket sale cup? It will