FRESHMEN AND TRADITION

One of the oldest traditions at Technology is the All-Tech Smoker. No one seems to know exactly how old it really is, but these smokers were being held annually at the turn of the century. This tradition has survived two wars and three depressions. As an expression of the spirit of Technology this smoker tradition has gathered richness through the years.

This smoker is significant in that it is the first class function of the incoming students. New men will make new acquaintances in their own class, and come to know some of the upperclassmen. They will hear the Glee Club, the President of the Institute, and the President of the Alumni Association. The guest speaker of the evening will be one of the key men in our war program, Edward L. Bowles, who will be making his first public appearance at Technology since the beginning of his war work. They will also see a number of interesting displays as presented by the activities. In a word they will get their first taste of one of the more pleasant aspects of Technology life, the undergraduate social life.

One might look upon this smoker as a good evening's entertainment, but it is far more than "just another smoker." In reality it is the granddaddy of all smokers introducing the new students to the whole of Technology undergraduate life—thus the name All-Tech Smoker.

It is an evening of good food, good fun, and good fellowship. It is a function which every freshman before has attended; it is something the Classes of 10-46 and 2-47 cannot afford to miss.