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...Whether or not unrestricted fall rushing is a good thing, nobody's under graduate days or memories of his fraternity life are probably the strongest ones he has of his college years. Without a doubt, freshmen have earned for themselves a place in the college system of this country, and at the institute the Greek letter organizations are firmly entrenched. Fraternity life has its advantages, and annually a large number of men entering the institute for the first time become connected with the various groups. For fraternity to continue its existence, it is necessary that a certain number of these men be pledged each year. As the houses that get in their work first can pledge the better men, "rushing season" has come to be a yearly scramble. This year, because of the depression or something else, the various fraternities at the institute are making strong bids for the new men, and practically every known tactic is being used.

During the last four days as more and more first year men have come to Cambridge, rushing has become more intense. As an example, the man who comes to the dormitories and asks for keys does so at the risk of being rushed right off his feet, that is, if he has been able to escape the men who are at the stations to meet incoming trains. No efforts are being spared by the fraternities.

Whether or not unrestricted rushing is a good thing, it remains true that attaching oneself to a fraternity is not a matter that should be treated lightly. The freshman should take this time in making a decision and should consider that he will probably live with the men in the group for four years. New men should not allow themselves to be hurried to a decision, but under the present system there is no alternative for the freshmen. Unless the members of a house pledge a man, their opponents in the game will put a button on him. He may be pledged and at once. The position of the fraternity man is such that he cannot do otherwise.

To the freshmen in the midst of rushing we can offer only this advice: do not join any fraternity until you have given the matter serious thought, and then do not think that you have to join any one that extends an invitation. Many student leaders at Technology have not been connected with fraternities, and membership in a Greek letter organization is not essential to a college education, although it does have its advantages.

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