RUSHING CO-OPERATION

At its meeting last night the I.F.C. furthered the plans for a controlled rush week for the incoming freshmen. It was decided that each chapter should have representatives at Freshman Camp to contact freshmen desirous of seeing their house. In many ways this will alleviate the difficulties imposed by a rush week such as the I.F.C. plans to conduct, but there are other problems which cannot be solved by edict of the I.F.C.

On the whole the I.F.C. plan is excellent; it provides for as much control as can reasonably be expected in a fraternity setup such as that at the Institute. But, as is the case with every scheme of this sort it depends upon the co-operation of the individual fraternities. The co-operation shown so far has been excellent; whether the houses will carry this spirit of co-operation over into their rushing practices remains to be seen.

In the past certain houses were accused—perhaps rightly—of underhanded rushing practices. Little was done about it then; unfair rushing was considered to be one of the necessary evils of rush week. What constitutes unfair rushing is a debatable question. Most of the freshmen entering the Institute have little or no knowledge of rushing practices. Therefore, it is an easy matter to coerce them into joining a fraternity by various not-too-legitimate methods. These run all the way from brow-beating of the rushee to outright slander perpetrated on other houses.

The rush week plan accepted by the I.F.C. stands or falls on the rushing practices of the individual fraternities. It is up to the I.F.C. and its members to co-operate and insure that fair rushing practices are followed and that swift and sure justice is meted out to any and all who fail to co-operate.

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