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Lounge in the Student Center is fairly crowded, as is the Student Center Committee Midnight Movie in Lobdell. Anything hinting of a social event in the dorms is well-attended. This early emphasis on dormitories, not apparent in previous years because of the old one-day procedure, will cause a slow rush for some fraternities later in the week.

Friday, September 3. Today is Picnic Day, and fraternity people, while not allowed to display insignias or approach freshmen until this evening, can be found throughout the Student Center, playing pinball, watching TV, or simply wandering about. One can easily tell first-day frosh from second-day arrivals; the veterans walk around empty-handed, saunter around in jeans and T-shirts, cocky and confident, while the newcomers march about aimlessly, carrying catalogues and freshman packets like they were weapons and this the start of basic training. Massachusetts Avenue is visited by about six hawkers, all selling "Freshman Samplers"—bouquets of discount coupons—to anyone who walks by, and vendors of hot dogs, yogurt, ices, slush, and ice cream take advantage of the day's bright sunshine and 70-degree temperature to peddle their wares.

It's a much slower day than yesterday, with the exception of those working at the Clearinghouse computer terminals. This nifty computer program keeps track of all 1,050 freshmen for the duration of R/O, noting where they sleep nights, pinpointing their whereabouts to within an hour's accuracy, sending messages, and later in the week keeping track of fraternity visits, bids, and pledges. The list of freshmen and their whereabouts is constantly updated, and fraternities will report in to the Clearinghouse at least every hour (Please turn to page 8).