(Continued from page 7) during Rush Week.

Outside of the usual tours conducted of Boston, MIT, and various local sights, and associate advisor meetings for some freshmen, the highlight of the day is the Picnic.

By 4:40, the Great Court is jammed, both with freshmen (who pay nothing) and upperclassmen — partially fraternity people stocking up for the rush, partially dorm people taking advantage of the meal — most of whom pay $4 for the privilege. Dinner consists of one helping of roast beef, salad with French dressing, corn-on-the-cob, rolls, and unlimited coke and watermelon. While vegetarian and kosher tables are tucked in on one side of the Court, only a few people eat from these tables.

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The obligatory speeches by President Wiesner, Dean Eisenberg, the R/O, Interfraternity Council, and Dormcon chairman, and Undergraduate Association President Phil Moore '77 start about 6:05, but the real activity is — taking place on Memorial Drive. A campus patrolman and an IFC member help direct traffic as fraternities set up for the rush, only about 40 minutes away. Vans, sedans, and sports cars begin lining the drive, poised to receive freshmen and fraternity brothers. A number of fraternity upperclassmen loiter against parked cars, as though waiting for some kind of signal. Two or three huddles form on the Drive's grassy island, apparently strategy conferences. At about 6:45 a parade line has formed on the East side of the Court, made up of representatives of various fraternities in alphabetical order. The signal is given — a parade begins, as huge people silently file into the court, "sealing in" the area with insignias still hot from the picnic and loud sound. ZBT sets up its small plot of ground, laying the fabric on- and getting ready to inflate a balloon while an IFC Picnic Chairman, rush. The signs flip: "ZBT, Theta Xi on right, ADP on left, SAE in center, R/K, PKS..."

A number of local residents was on the court, perhaps it was the Institute has finally run with crazies, but most of the local residents were including an IFC member. As the balloon is inflated, one observer is intrigued. "Looks like two turtles doing it," he remarks. No one presses the issue further.

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Today is picnic day under a blue sky.

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