Unrush a place for freshmen to go to escape the hassles of Rush Week

By William Lasser

There is at least one place on campus where freshmen can go just to sit and talk with each other and with upperclassmen about what it means to be a freshman. There is no pressure to the freshman to do anything.

It's called the "Unrush", and it is located on the third floor of the Student Center. The Unrush is always at all times by at least two upperclassmen, and populated by anywhere from a few to upwards of 20 freshmen. There is always furniture and no refreshments are served. People sit on the floor or at tables, playing cards, talking, and doing homework.

Some of them come in once and are not seen again, others are "regulars" whose names and faces become familiar. Over the weekend, most of the talk concerned learning groups, but in those decisions made the conversation, along with the thoughts of most freshmen, has turned to academics.

One freshman came in because he had been unexpectedly bid by a fraternity; and all of a sudden he had a difficult decision to make. Another had been bid by two different fraternities, and he just wanted to talk. He did, and left.

Another freshman said he was a member of two fraternities: "I'm just here to see what it's like," he said.

"It's vital that every newcomer feel that there is a place where he can just go and sit and be accepted," King commented. "Unrush is a place to touch base — it is always there, every day." In previous years, places similar to Unrush were set up, under such names as "Crisis Center" and "Trouble Center," said King. This year's Unrush is not intended to be for freshmen with problems — anyone who wants to get away from the hard sell tactics of fraternities and dormitories is welcome.

The mood varies from quiet and serious to noisy and animated. "My preference is a large, quiet group opposed to small, lively groups involved in intense conversations," said King.

"Things are going just the way I wanted it," King added. "I can honestly say that there has been no real rushing."

The biggest complaint about Unrush comes from upperclassmen who would like an Unrush of their own.

Extracurriculars were stressed in 1894

Editor's note: The question of how MIT 1894 should spend their money is a matter of sports. One of the things that is most important is the management of the roll. The new roll should be sent out in the fall, so we feel that this is the time to discuss the question of how the roll should be sent out. These articles are reprinted from an 1894 issue of The Tech.

Looking back

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The question of programs for MIT's 1894 students should appear from academic and extracurricular interests. This is a time when the roll and members of the Club may be poor. Some of the things to consider are:

1. The Club should be well-off and filled with students who want to contribute to the roll.
2. The roll should be realistic and not be too ambitious.
3. The roll should be flexible and allow for changes as circumstances change.
4. The roll should be well-planned and executed.

World

Arab change among Arab League's Foreign Ministers have announced a more moderate stance on Israel's new settlements on the West Bank. The British are urged to the United Nations General Assembly to condemn the Israeli action rather than accept Syria's proposal that Israel be expelled from the UN.

Spain sees entrance into NATO — In hopes of gaining support for his country's entrance into the Common Market, Spain's Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez has visited the capitals of various member nations throughout Europe.

Panama will sign treaty — Panamanian General Omar Torrijos arrived in Washington yesterday for tomorrow's signing of the new Panam Canal treaties.

Nation

Lance resignation urged — Senators Charles Percy (R. Ill.) and Abraham Ribicoff (D. Conn.) have recommended to President Carter that Budget Director Bert Lance resign. The two senators, influential members of the Senate panel investigating Lance's personal finances, said that their probe had turned up illegal activities by the budget director, but would not discuss details.

Pressure based on cadre — As of the start of classes today, the US Military Academy is softening cadet life by reducing class time and discarding numerical grades in an effort to ease pressures that helped create last year's cheating scandal.

Sports

The American League East Pennant Race

The New York Yankees are in first place, with a record of 98-58. They are followed by the Boston Red Sox, who have a record of 95-61. The Baltimore Orioles are in third place, with a record of 92-64. The Cleveland Indians are in fourth place, with a record of 89-67. The Detroit Tigers are in fifth place, with a record of 86-70.

The Bus

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