the more things change

From The Tech, October 22, 1934:

18 -- to see you soon.

The freshmen showed unprec-

edented wisdom in choosing the
decorations of their class officers un-
til later in the term.

Over ninety-five per cent of the three upper classes will march in the torchlight procession; only about thirty per cent of the fresh-

ten students including transfers will

give.

From The Tech, Wednesday, Sep-

tember 29, 1909:

Following the time honored custom of the Institute, President MacLaurin will, for the first time since his inauguration as Presi-
dent of the Institute last June, address the new men and give them their first official introduc-
tion to student life and work of their future Alma Mater. Al-
though the meeting is primarily for new men, old men will be heartily welcomed.

Following the following Presi-
dent MacLaurin's address, the new men will be given their first lecture on Military Science by Maj. Lawton. The work for the year will be outlined and general instructions for the year will be given.

1913 will then have its first class meeting.

President Salisbury of the ju-

nior class has made full plans for the organization of the freshmen. Following the custom of former years, several prominent juniors will address the new men on Field Day, in its various aspects. Presi-
dent Salisbury will talk on the subject of track; H. D. Williams, 1911, will give a talk on football, and S. B. Copeland will speak about the tug-of-war teams.

Temporary officers for the class will be chosen. Following this will come the election of managers for the football, roller, and tug-of-war teams for Field Day this year.

From The Tech, Friday, Sep-

tember 21, 1934:

With one hundred and eighty-

two freshmen, thirty upper class-

men, and twenty members of the faculty in attendance, the Tech-

nology Christian Association will open the ninth annual freshmen camp at 2:30 this afternoon when buses will leave Walker Memorial for Lake Massapoag.

The camp is a three day outing for the purpose of acquainting the new men with their class-

mates, leaders in athletics, activi-
ties, and members of the Institute administration and faculty A de-
tailed program has been planned to entertain the guests during their brief stay.

Official welcome to entering students including transfers will be extended Monday night at the All-Technology Smoker which will be held at the Walker Mem-

orial building at 6:30 P.M. Fathers or uncles may accom-
pny the students as guests. The program will con-

sist of a free dinner and smoke after which President Karl T. Compton will officially greet stu-
dents on behalf of the Institute.

From The Tech, Friday, Septem-

ber 18, 1936:

MIT welcomed the freshman class of '36 with a new program designed to bring the freshmen into closer contact with senior members of the facul-
	y and capitalize on their enthusi-

asm for science and related fields. Added attractions were

the MIT Glee Club and the mov-

ie "The Social Scene."

And tonight is the Activities M in Rockwell Cage, with nearly 30 activities set up to cap-
ture the eye and interest of MIT's newest members.

Saturday will see the class of '36 headed for Wingershark Beach for the Q Club sponsored Beach Picnic -- complete with swimming if the weather is right.

The windup for the Freshman Weekend will be the President's Reception on Sunday, followed by a closing rally in Kemen.

The Class of '63 will be greeted by 21 girls this year. Sixteen of the freshman girls will be living at the Women's Dorm at 120 Bay State Road, and three will be staying at the Student House on State Road, and three will be staying at the Student House on the ferryway. The split-up is a re-

sult of the large size of the coed sector of the class. Since two of the girls are commuters, being accommodations had to be ar-

ranged for the others.

Approximately 480 members of the Class of 1963 have just completed one of the most hectic weekends facing the Tecmen-Rush Week. MIT's 28 fraternities opened their doors to freshmen for five days of rushing, complete with meals, and socializing with all the trimmings. At the end of the Week, 304 had been pledged.

The Tech asked an entering freshman for his impressions of the big show. In his words:

"One of the first impressions of Rush Week received by the at-
tending freshman is that the name is not a figurative term. "Rush" means running around like a headless chicken, trying to remember enough names to fill a moderately-sized telephone en-

try, meeting more people and shaking more hands than even though possible, touring Houses, eating free meals, and being classified through the means of the Back Boy.

"All of this is complicated by the problem of deciding which house to visit, a problem not es-

pecially helped by the postman's nightmare of rushing mail. The freshman soon learns that visit-

ing more than eight or ten chap-

ters is impossible. He must choose the group to which he can contribute most and from which he can derive the most benefit. This is by no means an easy task.

"Of course, Rush Week also holds pleasures, since no one ob-

jects to being fed, entertained, and generally treated in a royal fashion. Rush Week is certainly a unique experience."

As The Tech goes to press, sev-

eral hundred fraternity juniors, old and new, are enjoying their first good sleep in almost a week.