

# '62 Sweeps Field Day, Wins Glove Fight by Small Pile



The rival classes glare at each other; begin aggressive overtures; then rip into each other.

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The class of '62, which won last year's fight by strategy again seemed to outsmart its opponents in the glove fight.

The Freshmen, who were out in greater number than the Sophomores, seemed "up" for the fight, screaming "Screw '62, Screw '62". Meanwhile, Joe Vittek grouped his force in a tight circle next to the barrel, for the captured Freshmen gloves. When the gun sounded, the Frosh advanced to midfield. The Class of '62 stayed right where it was next to their barrel. For six minutes the only action was the jeering the Freshmen gave the Sophomores. The Freshmen, who couldn't afford a tie, finally charged. Out of the mad tangle of arms, legs, and bodies came screams, the sound of ripping pants, and, occasionally, someone with a glove.



Some people give their all in the Glove Fight.

After nine minutes of this melee action was stopped and the gloves counted. Each side had about ten gloves. A careful comparison of pieces showed a small pile of Freshmen gloves fragments in excess. This small pile, perhaps equivalent to one glove, was the winning margin of the Class of '62.

History was made on Briggs Field Wednesday as the Class of '62 achieved an unprecedented second victory in Field Day Activities.

Up to the glove fight, the sophomores had gained forty points for out-stroking the Frosh in the boat race, fifteen points for outstraining them in the limited tug-of-war, and twenty-five points for out-cooperating them in Event "X", while the Frosh had salvaged fifteen points for most original and most colorful boat and twenty points by out-manning the Sophomores in the unlimited tug-of-war. The

score was then 80-35; the sixty points to the winner of the Glove Fight would decide Field Day.

Two hundred spectators cheered as about 125 Sophomores defeated 150-odd Freshmen by the margin of a "small pile" of glove fragments in the deciding contest. The fight consisted of six minutes of the two classes glaring at each other and nine minutes of frantic rolling, grappling, ripping, swearing combat for the orange canvas gloves of the sophomores and the red canvas ones of the Freshmen. Though from the sidelines it looked like mayhem, there were no reported injuries.

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## Frosh Coed Dropped Four Times in Event "X" Soph Boat Has Speed, not Design



Coed in an embarrassing position during the "X" event.

Event "X", requiring lampshades, hula hoops, cowboy hats, coeds, and the coordination of the Rockettes, went to the Sophomore class while the Freshmen earnestly took pratfall after pratfall, exhibiting the humorous possibilities designed into Event "X".

The first event was a race of teams composed of ten men, each with a foot bound to a partner's. While the Sophomores strode out smoothly, counting to keep in step, the Freshmen, jerked, hesitated, fell, got up, stumbled, stopped and generally resembled the motion of a drunken caterpillar. The Soph second team negotiated the return just as the Frosh first team managed to complete its first trip.

The class of '62 ran away with the rest. Three coeds clung to classmates' backs for two trips across the field for the second event. This the Sophomore coeds experienced with little more than loss of breath and some dignity. One Freshman coed, however, fell to the ground four times, each causing her carrier to start again. In addition, her pants ripped. Norm Hernandez performed the merciful and heroic act of finally completing the trip with her. Meanwhile the Sophomores had completed the third event. This was a relay race in which sixteen men carried sixteen items, including grapefruit, hula hoops, tubing, lampshades, books, cowboy hats, and other such, to eight men on the other side, who carried it all back to four men, who gave it to two who transferred it to one.



A sleek, trim, gray craft bearing the numerals "62" slid past the finish line of the Field Day Boat Race three lengths ahead of the green catamaran "Nautilus '63".

Though the Sophomores won the forty points associated with the actual race on a course on the Charles in front of Burton, the Freshmen were awarded fifteen points for the original design and decoration by the judges, Dean and Mrs. Rule, Dean Fasset, and Dean Holden.

The Sophomore boat took an early lead with the twelve man crew stroking smoothly as the coed aboard, as is their wont, made noise (as specified in the rules). The Soph boat was two lengths ahead at the turn, and finished with a spurt to win by three lengths.

The Freshmen then took out after the winners, rammed, and splashed them while the victorious boat retreated towards shore. The Frosh caught them again, seemingly showing greater agility than in the face, and managed to get one sophomore into the Charles.

George Dotson, in charge of the Soph boat, attributed the win to "natural superiority of the Class of '62". The Frosh countered with "We lost the race but won the fight."

## Class Presidents Call for Continued Spirit

The class of '62 president, Joe Vittek, said, "Today's Field Day victory was accomplished through a unified effort by our class. Those who attended make up for numbers with spirit and deserve high praise. I am sure that the fire of our class will continue through the rest of our years at MIT making all of our other class functions the best the Institute has even seen."

Bob Johnson, President of the class of '63, gave this statement: "We fought a good battle and lost. But we can't let this defeat get us down. We've got the spirit, let's keep it. Those who spent time in preparation and those who came out for the actual event are to be thanked. Let's hope that more of us 'catch' this class spirit as the year goes on. We have but begun to make our mark."



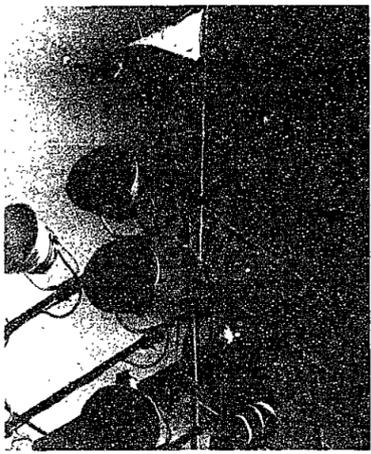
The Sophomores show military precision, if not bearing, in the eleven-legged race.

## Sophs Take Limited Tug-of-War while Frosh Win Unlimited; Coed Contest Cancelled



The tugs-of-war, split, the limited tug going to the Sophomores while the Freshmen took the unlimited tug. The ten yards the center of the rope had to move to decide the contest was covered in twenty seconds in both contests.

## More Views of Field Day Madness



A freshman scales the heights to plant his class banner on the light tower.



Two sophomore coeds add their muscle to the unlimited tug of war, to no avail: freshmen took that event.

## Struve Describes Our Place in Galaxy

Dr. Otto Struve delivered the third of this year's Karl Taylor Compton lectures at Kresge Auditorium Tuesday night. Again speaking before a capacity audience, Dr. Struve discussed "Structure and Evolution of the Galaxy".

In his talk, Dr. Struve answered several basic questions about our Milky Way galaxy, both as an individual galaxy, and as one of a vast group. He first described the method of determining the position of the Solar System in the galaxy. An analysis of this problem, which involves measuring the density of stars at varying distances from the sun, reveals that we are situated about 30,000 light years from our galaxy's center.

The eminent astronomer then discussed the method, by Kepler's laws of planetary motion, by which the number of stars in the galaxy is determined. This figure is on the order of two hundred billion stars.

Supplementing his talk with several photographs of galaxies, Dr. Struve then described the general characteristics of galaxies, emphasizing their shape, age, motion, and stellar composition. He showed how spectral and radio astronomy has revealed many of the visually obscured features of the star systems, and the ways in which our galaxy may be compared with them. He stated that our galaxy is of spiral structure, possessing a system of spiral arms, and containing stars in all stages of evolution.

## Registration Today For RC Life Saving Instructor's Courses

Red Cross Senior Life Saving and Water Safety Instructor courses will be offered during the second and third physical education class quarters. Registration for these courses will be held this afternoon in the Armory from 12:30 to 3:00, in addition to the time yesterday.

The courses are available to all undergraduate and graduate students. For further information, contact Mr. Ronald Keenhold at the Alumni Pool, or at Ext. 4489.

## Chi Epsilon Elects Five

Initiated last night into Chi Epsilon, National Civil Engineering Honor Fraternity, were: Luis Fernandez-Sein, '60; Gary Kincaid, '60; Ronald A. Koettters, '60; James McGee, '60; and Arrigo Mongini, '61. Speaker at the initiation banquet, held at Purcell's Restaurant, was Professor A. Scheffer Lang, Assistant Professor of Transportation Engineering, who spoke on "Engineering Education." Chi Epsilon is an honor and service fraternity for Course I and selects members on the bases of high scholastic standing, character, and sociability.

## Extra Show by Lehrer

Due to popular demand, Tom Lehrer is giving an extra concert here. It is scheduled for Monday, November 23, the day before his originally scheduled Tuesday performance, which has been sold out. He will "repeat" his Tuesday performance at the Monday night show.

Tickets may be obtained by calling Extension 2902 or at the booth in Building Ten.

## CLASS DAY RACES

Tomorrow the Crew Team is having its annual Class Day races. There will be one class race and one freshman race, beginning at 11:15 A.M. Finish line is between Howard Johnsons and the Boathouse.



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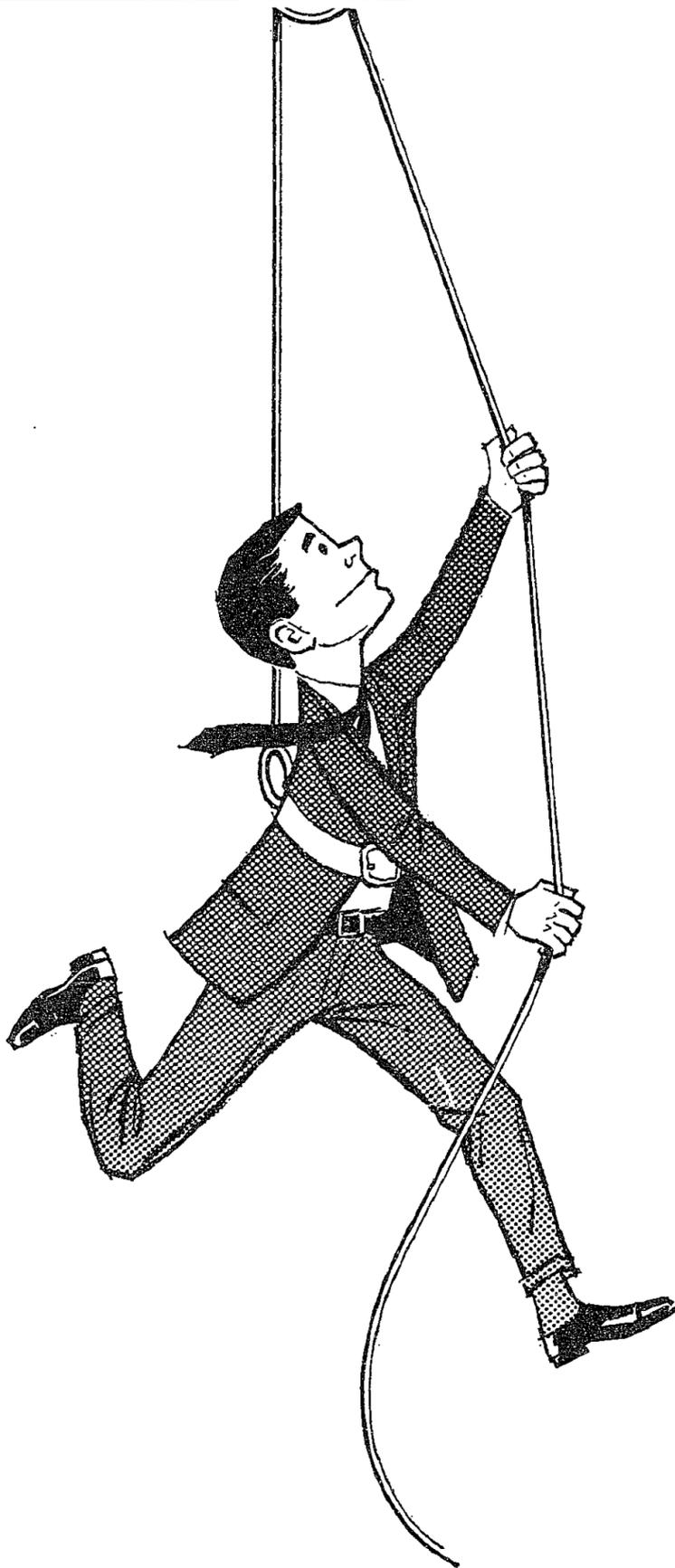


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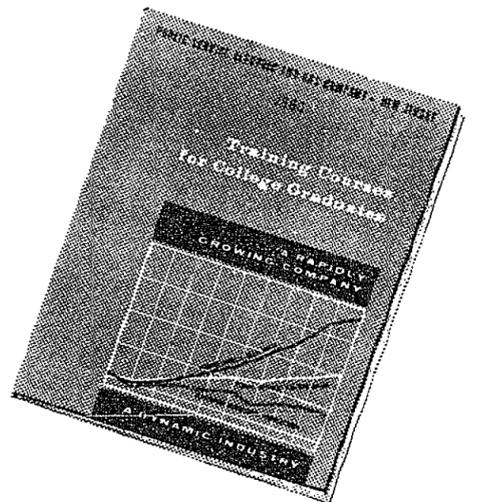
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