HEARDLY a Field Day passes that the deplorable practice of point- ing makes itself evident. This form of rivalry between the two classes is not considered necessary, but childish. In their real class spirit the freshmen and Sophomores confide vanquish with legitimate demonstration of their ability and loyalty. The tendency of others with this ignominy, which remains for a long time as evident as it is responsible.

There are numerous ways in which rivalry between the two classes can show itself besides by the defacing of property. Such things as class banners hanging on neighboring landmarks are far more suitable for the occasion. The only class spirit for class spirit to thrive is through the flags. Besides injuring the names of the class themselves, painting buildings also disregards the regulations. The garish paintwork brings the glory of the painting, or whatever the perpetrators expect to get from their deeds, is certainly not sufficient for this.

We hope that no less inter-class rivalry will be shown this Field Day than in past years, but let it be real rivalry, and not childish pranks.

SPORTS VERSUS HAZING

It is a strange coincidence that the week previous to our Field Day the Fremit Sentiment Club at Harvard adopted a resolution by a 40 to 5 vote that "hazing should be sanctioned at Harvard". Two years ago, on November 19, the first Technological Field Day was held. It was a trial substitute for the old cane rush between the two lower classes, in which a man was killed. The idea was instantly successful, as was evinced by the enthusiastic preparations which the freshmen and Sophomores made for the first Technological Field Day. Thus the Institute substituted for the dangerous form of hazing then in vogue a safe and sportsmanlike contest between rival classes.

The main argument advanced by the Discission Club in favor of its resolution was that "Sophomore-freshman" hazing helps to avoid "hazing" in less desirable forms. This contention is not unadulterated, but certainly a definite, ordered contest for college honors is more desirable than some of the less desirable forms of hazing.

The establishment of Field Day Technology became one of the usual college's refining off a hazard in an active way. There is a growing prejudice against hazing in American colleges, and this movement is highly commendable. It is inevitable that there should be rivalry between Sophomores and freshmen everywhere, and such rivalry is undoubtedly a most desirable thing as a unifying factor. But why should it be allowed to make a freshman's life miserable and, in some cases, even dangerous?

The Freshman Football Team, with 126 points scored against them in two games, is demoralizing the Sophomores. The latter have no ambition to stage a track meet on the grid-iron.

ON CUTTING

If the students at the Institute would realize that they are here for a sounder and better education, they would get out of their college career. They would see the folly of cutting classes, because it is not a thing to do. There is no earthly way of getting out good money to get an education here at one of the most expensive institutions of the world in trying to educate young men and making it so that they may help along that education. No one would be sufficiently foolish to try to do it. They would rather develop the possibilities of greater interest elsewhere. Everyone ridicules such a thought. People do not do things like that. And the students at the Institute have the thought of missing a perfectly good show, however, will deliberately cut a class or lecture merely because they have no interest in it. It is a thing to be regretted, but it is done, nevertheless.

Since the opening of conferences, in addition to cheating the students initiate out of the best opportunity in the world to find out what they are doing. They have a much greater interest in the problems of real importance as well as the greatest of inducements to that fact on the wrong side of one's teacher. If we must look at such things from the purely selfish standpoint, we set it to remember that it pays to keep in well with the powers that be.

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