52nd Field Day
Recalls History

For those freshmen and sophomores who will not enter the glory fight immortalized on Field Day, THE TECH prints a history of the evolution of the Cane Rush to what we know today as Field Day. Why, after reading this, will one dare to say that the Cane fight is too strenuous?

Field Day, as a traditionally annual event at the Institute, is now fifty-one years old, but is much the same as it was when inaugurated in 1919. Previously underclassmen lined an outlet to their rivalry in annual Cane Rush which was sometimes literally a fight to the death. The freshmen were given possession of the cane and attempted to defend their ownership from the sophomores who contested it. The fight was supposed to end with a pistol shot, but fifteen minutes after the contest began, but it usually served only to increase the battle tempo. When ammuni-
tion was finally halted, the number of men from each class having a hit on the cane was compared, and the class having the highest number was the traditional Purple Shaft commemorates this event.

Cane Rush Fatal

In 1900 the Cane Rush had fatal results. When the members of the rival classes were paraded and, to quote The Tech, No. 1, 1895, "The unoffici-
ating body of Hugh Chadwick Moore '94 was found wrapped about the cane and although he was removed immediately, all efforts to revive him were unavailing." By his side was Harold W. Sherrill '94, who was carried from the scene suffering from a hemorrhage of both eyes and enlargement of the heart and who never recovered." The invention of Field Day in its present form came about at the spontaneous innovation of the students met to make merry, usually at a beach, and who never recovered. The freshmen also have about thirty men in uniform, but expect several more during the week. Coach Dan Kelly says that very few of the men have had any real high school football experiences, but their spirit is high. "If all the men who have indicated interest in the team were out, we would have a pretty good team," coach Kelly adds to schedule games before the Field Day event. The Sophomores have about three men in uniform, but expect several more during the week. Coach Dan Kelly says that very few of the men have had any real high school football experiences, but their spirit is high. "If all the men who have indicated interest in the team were out, we would have a pretty good team," coach Kelly adds.

Field Day rivalry, the Sophomores hold a big series edge over the Freshmen, this year's game promises to be a close one. The Sophomores have about thirty men working out, many of them with experience on last year's Sophomore team. According to their coach, the team lacks depth but there are several potentially outstanding players, especially among the backfield candidates.

In the Field Day rivalry, the Sophomores hold a big series edge over their rivals with a record of 26 wins, 8 ties and 8 losses in the games played to date. Not too much can be told about the teams at this point, because practice just begun, but spirit seems to be high. After scrimmages begin this week, the coaches will be able to tell more about their prospects. At any rate, the game looks like a good one.

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