SOPHOMORES AND FRESHMEN CLASH TOMORROW

MIT's Cane Rush Was Field Day Forerunner

(Continued from page 1) Sophomores in swimming, crew, golf, and track, and the Purple Shirts, while giving the Freshman points in the tug, football, and track, thus picking '58, giving the Frosh points in the tug, ending with a point total and the Purple Shirt was given official status.

In the years before freshman ties. A soph win, theoretically, concluded the season.

The Freshmen were given possession of the cane. They then tried to ward off the attacking sophomores, who often employed the legendary, and often deadly, flying wedge. The rush was supposed to end with a pile-on fifteen minutes after the start, but usually continued until both sides could be quieted. When the scrimmage was finally over, sophomores and freshman bodies were pulled from the lake side and the hands still holding the cane were counted. The class with the largest number won. The Purple Shirt commemorates this event.

The innovation of Field Day came about from the spontaneous and unan- mously demand of the student body after the fatal Cane Rush of 1880. Rather than stopping at the pistol shot that day, the fight, no doubt, since on even more determined aspect. When the Frosh finally ended, and the members of the rival classes were sep- arated, as reported in The Tech on November 5, 1915, "the unconscious body of Hugh Chubuck Moore '04 was found wrapped around the cane and, although it was removed immediately, all efforts to revive him were unsuccessful. By his side was Harold W. Sheppard '04, who was carried from the field suffering from a hemorrhage of both eyes and enlargement of the heart, and who never recovered from his injuries. The death of Moore led to this adoption of the less barbarous Field Day.

In 1903, the first Field Day was held. The Frosh won that year but since then sophmore experience has pro- duced. Freshman wins haven't been able to win only twelve of the fifty-four Field Days to date. Events held in the first Field Day were football, tug-of-war and relay races. Since then the crew race and swim meet have been added. In 1927 the soccer fight was begun. The Frosh won that year with the Sophomore being 10 to 20 in their ability to hang on to the ball offensively. In their first game on the field, the Frosh was caging with about 50 to ten yards on every play, but they would not hold on to the ball as twenty-three juniors made up the Sophomore. Sophomore strategy against frosh was to eliminate a frosh Field Day. Neither team will divulge the exact number of returnees from last year's team. The '58 team is strength- ened by 10 returnees from last year's team. Increasingly, the Soph's spirits fa- cilitated Mr. Cotter's boasts. He wouldn't put his best freestyle swimmer in any race. The Soph's swimming team is expected to be his best one a sixty-six yard punt return by fullback and ex-quarterback Larry Boyd, who ran from his own end zone to the Thayer thirty yard line in the first game. The Soph's swimming team is expected to be his best one a sixty-six yard punt return by fullback and ex-quarterback Larry Boyd, who ran from his own end zone to the Thayer thirty yard line in the first game.

SOPH FOOTBALL

Determined to exceed the best undefeated season in many years, the class of '58 is prepared to win the coveted title of top team champions on Briggs Field this Saturday. They have added several new plays and look generally larger than they did in their game against Taube Academ- y, which they won 15 to 6. Disas- teously near the middle of the season because of their loss of two star players, Joe Tumlin, who was out with an infected leg, and Edne Berg, who badly twisted his ankle in an early practice, the Soph's spirits were lifted when these two returned to the lineup early last week. John McGarty, Bob Schmidt, and John Rips, all of whom received minor in- juries in the game against Taube, have all been given the okay to re- turn.

Field Day Swimming Events

Field Day Swimming should be a repeat of the other activities with the freshman having a large turnout for the team, while the sophs are strug- gling to feed fourteen men to put in the pool. The '58 team is strength- ened by 10 returnees from last year's powerful freshman group. The 100-yard medley relay will be the climax of the activities, along with Charley Fitzgerald, Ed Gutchen, Paul Bronner, and Kuzmar, for the Soph's. In the breaststroke relay and another will swim the first medley but who and where are not known. The rest of the medley relay will be made up of five medley specialists, Charlie, wrapping and Ken Martin, for the Soph's. Cotter added that Devine and Johnson should have a good lead when they finished and wouldn't put his best freestyle swimmer in any race. The Soph's swimming team is expected to be his best one a sixty-six yard punt return by fullback and ex-quarterback Larry Boyd, who ran from his own end zone to the Thayer thirty yard line in the first game. The Soph's swimming team is expected to be his best one a sixty-six yard punt return by fullback and ex-quarterback Larry Boyd, who ran from his own end zone to the Thayer thirty yard line in the first game.

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