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Eighty Years of Field Days: From the Cane Rush to the Boat Race

For eight years, MIT has had a tradition of rivalry between the Freshman and Sophomore class. Actually, the tradition was started by the Class of 1961 in all events but the Class of 1962 equally opposed to the Freshman winning streak alive.

The Cane Rush

May 25, 1912 marked the turn of the year, Field Day as we see it today was completely unknown. The main event of that day was the Cane Rush, in which freshmen and sophomores vie for the lead hand-holds on a large canoe. But this event was discontinued in 1908, when one freshman was forcibly removed beneath a pile of fellow classmates and rivals. It was soon determined to keep the Freshman win-
tory, the Class of 1961 in all events but the Class of 1962 equally opposed to the Freshman winning streak alive.

Year Gas Squad

In 1937, the first of the Glove Fighting was held. In this race, freshmen and sophomores pile together in an at-
tempt to acquire as many colored gloves as possible. However, general roughing up of rivals soon became the major objective of the contest. Asso-
ciated with the Glove fight was a sophomore ritual called the mug lift, which was discontinued several years ago following an attack by a fresh-
man by popular acclaim.

All these events were eliminated in 1937. In a decision in April, 1937, the Athletic Association decided to "flush" Field Day, claiming it disrupted the regular varsity sports program. They substituted an All-
Sports Day, in which most of the var-
cies took part.

Purple Shaft

But some students were not content to lose the Field Day Spirit. In East Campus and Sensor House, a clandest-
en organization running itself the Mickey Mouse Club organized as "East Campus Field Day", which in-
cluded the contest of the purple shaft. The purple shaft was a long pole, pre-
pared to the Freshmen, which was to be used to hit a sophomore at convenient
times and places.

The outcome of the purple shaft event had not been settled, but the freshman won clear victories in the
other contests: those, croquet, and tug of

Field Day Restored

In the Spring of 1938, Institute Con,

But it turned out they had sunk a de-

The sophomore's efforts were super-

The emblem this year is even more

DIARY OF A COED

MONDAY: Prof. Penrith's quixic quiz in English lit this

FRIDAY: Get our marks in American history quiz. Was

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The spirit of friendly competition reigns at the Field Day Glove Fight.

Classes Call for Field Day Victory

Frosh Statement

So the sophomores fixed our boat. So what! It will be necessary to hide it in the first place because the Field Day rules state that "No ag-
sive action may be taken towards the opponent’s boat before, during, or after the race." It was merely con-
duced because we didn’t want to have

Soph Statement

A great deal of work and planning has gone into the preparations for Field Day. Many people have spent their evenings and weekends working on the boat, gathering materials for Event X, and planning for the Glove Fight. Now it is up to you, class. Since most of the events depend on numbers, your participation is neces-
ary. Your victory will be assured by a large turn out.

Jim Rush

Induced Cause

We are informed by unintercep-
table handout that in the Class of 1912,

David V. M. Hooper

Dinner at house—lamb. Question:

What is Manhattan’s only brewery?

What is the Glove Fight

The Glove Fight, 1912, which was

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The Glove Fight, which was brought back to its original glory.

Mr. Tea's Beef

Try these questions and see!

1. How old is beer?

2. What is Manhattan's only brewery?

3. What is the Glove Fight

4. What's the trick to get frosty smooth beer faster quick?

ANSWERS:

1. 1,000 years

2. Stella Artois

3. First in sales because it's first in taste!

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RUPERT

The Freshmen of the Glove Fight throw their hat into the victory.

How's your beer?

Mikendorf

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