Field Day Rivalry Sharpens Class Esprit de Corps

Field Day Friction

"President, president, who's got the president?"

Such was the question posed by numerous sophomores, as the eve of Field Day, they found themselves lacking four class leaders.

Tom Jones, freshman class president, explained that "the sophomores traditionally have less participation than the freshmen, so that most of their preparation is centralized around four or five people." Subsequently the freshmen organized raiding parties, locating their intended victims through shadowing and wire tapping. About 4 p.m. Friday Marshall Fisher, soph president, was jumped by about 11 freshmen while crossing the Kresge parking lot, he was dragged behind a sharp, tied, grappled, and blindfolded, and taken by car to the site of construction of the freshman gondola, next to Charlie the Tech Tufts.

A blanket was thrown over him and the freshmen returned to working on their gondola. It wasn't until 3 a.m. the next morning, when only three freshmen were still there, that Fisher, having tied his feet unobserved, managed to escape. He had been handcuffed, but this problem was solved by an acetylene torch in Building 5.

The other abductions took place in the morning's early hours. About 3 a.m., the sophomores at Phi Gamma Delta were suddenly mauled by about 8 freshmen. The fight which followed was so stopped by a mutual desire to save the house, with the three "wanted" sophis giving up.

After such an exhausting outing, the sophomores settled down to working on their gondola (although neither side realized it at the time, the two gondolas were only about 250 yards apart.) The long night of fireworks, however, broke the handcuffs with a brick and escaped.

Rain Hinders Boats

Garbage Adds Zest To Boat Race

No clear-cut victor emerged from the rain-soaked and garbage-strewn gondola boat race held last Saturday to kick off Field Day activities.

Although the freshmen received 5 points for the best-designed boat, and the sophomores 1 point for the best-dressed coach, Beaver Key awarded no points for winning the race. Neither team finished.

The sophomores gondola had steering problems from the first, and entered the freshman gondola's lane several times during the first two laps. In the third lap, several sophomores began to push their gondola, and a large number of freshmen stepped in line by propelling their gondola through the final part of the race.

Freshmen on the sideline greeted the sophomores pushing with a hail of garbage, common rolls sailed in water overnight, and shaving cream bombs. The sophomores replied with eggs, and spray paint cans and a smoke bomb were also brought into play. At this point, Beaver Key called off the event and postponed further activities until 1 p.m. on Sunday, and requested that the freshmen clean up the area.