Glove Fight victory gives Field Day to Freshmen

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The Class of '68 defeated the Class of '69 handily in the Glove Fight, the major event of Field Day, to come from behind and emerge victorious in Field Day by a score of 31 to 19.

The sophomores took a quick lead in the day's activities by winning the Greased Pig Race, a new Field Day event. The sophomores received 10 points for winning the race and 5 points for the best-looking keelboat (possibly due to their extra year of technical education), but were penalized 5 points for letting their boat slip off the jacks. The freshmen were awarded 5 points for having the best-dressed passengers.

The Class of '68 extended its lead by winning 10 points in the race of diminishing returns, one of the mystery events of the day. Both classes started with 22 people, each carrying one object, at one end of the field. These people ran across the field and gave their burdens to 10 people who ran back and passed the objects to 8 people. This continued until each class had only 2 people carrying all 35 items, which included such necessities as beach balls, songs, and 5.02 notes. The freshmen won the event, but had only 4 points compared to 6 for the Sophomores.

In this race the idea of a three-legged race with two people was extended to a six-legged race with five people. The Class of '68 received 4 points, because their cods were first to cross the finish line, but the sophomore cods won 4 points for being best-dressed and 3 points for having the most candles lit at the end of the race.

In the Greased Pig contest, neither class was able to capture the pig, so that the 16 points for the event were given to the pig, which temporarily took over second place ahead of the freshmen. Although there was not enough room for all freshmen on the rope, the Class of '68 won the tug-of-war for 10 points. The freshmen coeds were less successful, and the Class of '68 won the coed tug-of-war for 5 points.

Although by a score of 31 to 19, the Class of '68 took advantage of its superior numbers to overcome the Class of '68 in the Glove Fight and thus win Field Day. The decisiveness of their victory was evident by the fact that the freshmen accumulated more than twice as many votes as did the Sophomores.