A capsule history of Field Day

When the classes of 1969 and 1970 go at it Friday morning on Brutus Field, they will be continuing a tradition that started back around the turn of the century. Before the advent of Field Day festivities, however, there was an even more riotous series of events culminating in the now defunct Cane Rush.

Cane Rush started with all the freshmen given canes which they were to protect from the sophomore pistol shots. The pistol fire continued and the affair began. Fifteen minutes later, another pistol shot ripped the air and the progam started. In 1900 a tragic fatality, accompanied with a near death, ended Cane Rush forever.

Field Day Begins

The following year Field Day was scheduled for Cane Rush. A victory trophy was awarded to the winning class. The trophy was inscribed with the following:

"He who shuns the dust and heat of the arena shall not enjoy the cool shade of the olive tree."

Following World War I, Field Day was a two day affair. The opening night festivities began in the local theater and usually ended in a real street fight centered on either side of the river. Trouble with law enforcement authorities forced the discontinuance of this practice.

The Riot of '20

From 1925 to 1928 Field Day began with the Sergeant Rant spread. The rats were supposed to disrupt the proceedings of this stately affair using some ingenuity. In 1920 they did a little too much disrupting, and the outcome is now referred to as the Tech riot. So favorably impressed were the conduct of the Techmen were the people of Boston, that the Boston Post ran an editorial condoning the smashing of windows, wrecking of dance halls, raiding of stores, and storming of subway stations. The editorial even went so far as to imply that Techmen were of the same caliber as hoodlums.

The Glove Fight

Thus, the glorious glove fight, now the main event of Field Day, was born of social pressure. It was hoped that by confining most of the activities to a small area, most of Boston could escape the wrath of the frosh combatants.

In the '20s, a favorite pastime of partisan spectators was the throwing of garbage onto the field of combat. Most of the garbage found its way back to the spectators, many of whom were quite innocent. Anyway, the practice of throwing refuse was discouraged by the administration and soon died out.

Prior to 1937, Field Day also encompassed athletic events testing the skill as well as the brawn of the competing classes. Track, football, crew races, and swimming relay races were as much a part of field day as the tug of war. However, in 1937, the Athletic Association discontinued Field Day, in response to the growing number of injuries to varsity athletes.

The next year, Beaver Key, the Junior Class Honorary, restarted Field Day under their jurisdiction. A series of events was designed to test the ingenuity, organization, and degree of participation of the competing classes.

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