Field Day reorganized

Field Day is about to undergo its first major re-organization since Beaver Key first received charge of the events from the Athletic Association in 1957. Inscomm has formulated some basic proposals to be considered in the near future.

Field Day itself has exhibited a remarkable change in recent years. It has moved from general rioting in downtown Boston to inter-class athletic events, to various tests of skill, endurance, and coordination. Field Day has its vocal critics who disdain the great amount of time spent by the leaders, and some who object to the unmentionable variations of the glove fight.

Regardless of the changes in form, Field Day remains attached to an era characterized by Frosh beanie, and general belligerence of the naive and inexperienced freshman. Today there remain only two basic reasons for Field Day. First, it builds class unity and spirit. Second, it is good deal of fun for the participants, and entertaining to the spectators.

Polls of freshmen have indicated that, though less than a majority want Field Day cancelled, yet playing a great percentage do want some sort of organized class activity. Just what the final outcome of Field Day will be is still in doubt, however, it appears that it will consist of about four events involving everyone from the first class, respectively the Tug-of-War. Perhaps will definitely be retained, the glove fight will probably be eliminated in favor of some other type of game.

That all the events which require great preparation on the part of a few members and those which utilize only a few others, can be eliminated. Doing so, however, there exists a basic Field Day dilemma. In order to involve the hundreds of people on each side the event becomes too complicated. Therefore, while there are problems in too much or too little preparation, it is desirable to avoid a great amount of effort and yet be confronted with the possibility of gathering perhaps 1200 or more of the most intelligent young men in the nation to indulge in a little sport.

The glove fight was a unique event. It was not the kind of activity many could have ever indulged in before. The Field Day committee would be hard-pressed to find substitutes for the glove fight and the other events using guidelines maximum participation and minimum violent contact.

If the only schedule of events that can be presented are nothing more than warm-up overpower party games, then the present schedule of Field Day should go the way of the nacreous coat and goldfoil swallowing. But, neither THE TECH nor Inscomm ought to continue about Field Day. It is primarily a freshmen-sophomore event, and if, in a general referendum, the members of the classes vote for continuing the tradition, then that should decide the issue. We would like to see such a referendum as the final arbiter of whatever Inscomm decided Field Day will be.

The residents of the third floor of Wilson Hall at Oregon State University have earned the dis-perate "showerhead" record. In the fine recent effort, those exception-ably clean students broke the record held by the Golden Hall residents of the University of Oregon, which was 265 hours. The new record set by the GSH students is 336 hours: two solid weeks. Remarks made of this were that we played a 7-1/2-hour basketball game. But I thought college stu-dents were too mature for that sort of thing.

The Student-Faculty Council at Wayne State University, Detroit, has instructed its student personnel and services committee to explore the possibility of the campus health services disseminating information on birth control and other reproductive devicestive devices. One proposal heard by the Council was to explore the possibility of installing pro- phylactically machines in one of the dormitories. Of course, students that such a move would "take the worry out of being done." Employees seek raise

Student food service employees at a university's campus have expressed their recent disappoint-ment at the new pay scale pro-posed by the school's food director. At an employees' meeting the students learned that their de-mand for a pay increase from $.25 per hour to $.40 would be予以 consideration. They have worked more than six months.

"We find this unacceptable," the group's spokes-man, "a general raise is needed for everyone." I certainly hope they get their raise and of course they could do the job if they want to. Student buggies

Ohio State University, in Cinn-cinnati, Ohio, is having a fete for Freshmen who are most interested in the think Tank, a group of liberal-minded who are looking into the possibility of starting a political party. Instead that would constitute their midterms.