Looking back

Frosh awaited Field Day

Editor's note: Relations between class members are always a part of the MIT tradition, although in the past they were somewhat more restricted than they are now. This article is reprinted from a 1973 issue of The Tech.

Spring awaited the ceremony. Freshmen and sophomores gathered on the field. Once upon a time, the legendary and the collective folkloric aspects of a tradition would have been there. It was a delightful custom called the Cambridge Rush. Freshmen and sophomores would group themselves about the cane, and at a signal would rush for its possession. After an indeterminate little while, the cane would appear. The winning class was the one having more people gripping the cane. This diverting pastime grew in popularity over the years, especially among seniors and juniors who no longer had to partake in it themselves, and who were wise to call it "Good clean fun." Before it reached the finish line, it was aptly brought to a halt early one year when, at the apparent surprise of everyone concerned, one freshman was killed and another seriously injured in the closing minutes of the struggle.

Some nameless genius finally called the canes Rush life. A new tradition was established in the Institute's way of life by establishing Field Day. Early Field Days were sometimes capped by Tech-Har and notes, or mass pajama excursions to downtown Boston. One such jaunt in the '20s resulted in the complete destruction of a night club, with much ensuing publicity for the Institute. In the following years, Field Day became considerably less hazardous and became an undergraduate tradition.

Now, with the Autumnal Equinox behind us, the next big event on the calendar is Field Day. Signs are appearing around the Institute urging the freshman to wear his tie at last or to not wear his tie on pins. Reliable sources inform us that he is a member of the most spiritually minded freshman class in history, and that he wants to show that he isn't at all atheistic, he must hold up the flag for that crew or crew of Tag-O'-War.

A motley group called the "O" Club tells him in other Freshmen Rules of how the canes are held. And just what are the consequences for a Freshman who violates these regulatory standards? Among other things, he may be fined up to $50.00.

The cane is a talisman of sorts to the freshman, and the Freshman Rules do state this. What then is to be done? What is the best way for a Freshman to extricate himself from the apparent embarrassment of the situation?

World

Carter approves Tokyo nuclear plant — Basic agreement between the United States and Japan permitting the Japanese to build a reactor for nuclear power processing plant. Carter had previously opposed the plant because it would produce plutonium used in nuclear weapons.

Nation

Lance criticized — Mally of United States Budget Director Bert Lance's personal, political habits are not normal buying procedures, according to what President Carter has claimed. The American Bar Association said in a newsletter yesterday.

Unemployment up — The nation's unemployment rate rose by one-tenth of one percent in August, a sign that vimes are on the rise.

Nationwide index small — The wholesale price index rose by one-tenth of one percent in August, a sign that retirement is in the offing for the consumer.

Women in combat? — Leaders of several national women's organizations have called on Congress to repeal law excluding women from entering combat. Those who testified at congressional hearings included officers from the women's branches of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

Local

Insurance company faces fine — The Allstate Insurance Co. could be fined up to $50,000 a day unless it complies with a Massachusetts settle requiring insurance companies to issue an insurance policy and to make an assignment to the Massachusetts highway fund.

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at Sigma Phi Epsilon
prizes, girls and open bar
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Saturda.y night at Sigma Phi Epsilon. The notorious dance is one of the biggest events of the year at MIT. The dance is held at Sigma Phi Epsilon, a fraternity, and is open to all members of the Greek community and their guests. The dance is known for its lively atmosphere and is a popular event among students. It is a great opportunity for students to socialize and have fun. The dance typically features music, drinks, and prizes for the attendees. It is a popular event among students and is eagerly anticipated by many. It is a great opportunity for students to socialize and have fun. The dance typically features music, drinks, and prizes for the attendees. It is a popular event among students and is eagerly anticipated by many.