Freshmen avenged in MIT Field Day

By Gordon Haft

Many years ago, many have been seriously defined as more than twenty or so, there was not an IM Sport program at MIT as today. What programs existed were both smaller and less organized than their modern counterparts. When the freshmen finally did arrive, however, they had a Field Day.

Field Day was an institution which dated back into the early days of MIT, or Technology as it was then called. It dated back to even before MIT moved across the river from where it was Boston Tech to the "modern" Field Day. It was a competition between the freshmen and sophomore classes which originated in 1901. Earlier, there had been an added activity, the Canoe Rush. In this activity, the freshman class was given a large case which the sophomore class tried to get away from them. In 1900, however, the unusual house of Hugh Moses was found wrapped around the case, and although he was removed immediately, all efforts to revive him were unsuccessful.

The following year, the first Field Day to be called by that name was held. It was a large outdoor gathering of activities, in which a glove fight in which each team tried to wrestle gloves from their opponents. These events were taken very seriously until the late 1950's. Field Day predictions and results were banner headline items in 


The Hydros, of Civil Engineering's Parsons Lab, play football in the snow. (Photo by Douglas Brooks)

Wrestlers taken down

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