



Field Day, 1959, at Seaholm high school started with a bang and a whisper, as students observe the reversal tradition of rigid silence at the start of the afternoon—during the parade and between class cheers. "It's the

only time in the entire year you'll see 'em act this way," one student admitted. Above, the junior class roars something to the effect that "The junior class shall rise; Hallelujah!" in the high school gymnasium.



Silence and solemn intent are evidenced below as the sophomore class "Westward ho's!" past the grandstands in the gymnasium. "The cowards never started and the



Not exactly over a barrel, but at least deeply engrossed in it, the sophomore below gets a verbal assist from cheerleaders. The runner had to race to the barrel, find his own shoes, put them on and return to the starting point, where a classmate took up the relay.

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The silence stopped once the "field" events (barrel, three-legged, tricycle races) started. The noise never stopped—it scarcely let up—for the rest of the three-hour

"spectacular." Spectators above are sophomores—enthusiastically so—cheering and possibly praying their classmates on toward a hoped-for victory.



"Uhhhhh..." Sheer grunt seemed to be one of the deciding factors in taking the tug of war between juniors and seniors. The seniors, pictured below, won the tug. Seniors, in fact, won the day by a margin of 13 points. They were judged on the events, on

their float, on the maintenance of silence and discipline at the start of the afternoon. (For a more complete resume of the day, see the youth pages of this week's Eccentric.)

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