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Story Proposal

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The story that I have to decide to choose is what is the status of Illinois receiving a division one program for hockey. Illinois is home to many club teams for both men and women, but it seems that club hockey has gained the most attraction and popularity among students. The club team is division one in a non-NCAA league and has had a good amount of success. As someone who used to play varsity hockey, loves watching hockey, and is in the process of being able to work or announce some of the Illinois hockey games this year, the possibility of getting an actual division one team excites me. There have been rumors of Illinois receiving one over the past year and there have been rumors that they are in the process of getting a stadium somewhere in Champaign because the current hockey arena is not NCAA regulation. I am curious about the timetable for getting the division one program and how students around the university would feel about getting a program. I would also be interested on how the current players on the club team feel about the possibility of Illinois going division one.