

Pi Delt Sing Saturday

Peddler Skits To Highlight Assembly

Tau Beta Pi Will Announce Names of New Members

This coming Wednesday, November 17, 1948 at 11:00 A.M. the fourth General Assembly of the 1948-1949 College Year will be held in Alden Auditorium. The members of the staff of Tech's Year Book, "The Peddler", are going to present three comedy skits, along with commercials, in an effort to stimulate greater sales of "The Peddler" in the student body. Also at this time, Tau Beta Pi, national honorary engineering society, will announce the names of men selected for membership at its fall election.

The program will begin with a talk by a faculty member. Following this and Tau Beta Pi pledging, the band will play a few "mood" selections, after which the "program commercial" is to be presented. Then the Em-Cee will introduce the Glee Club which will render a few of their more popular numbers. After this entertainment, "The Peddler Players" will come on stage with the first of two of three comedy skits they plan to present. The Octet will follow with a number, after which another faculty member will give a short talk.

The program will wind up with the last and possibly the most humorous of the three skits and a concluding sales talk by a Peddler Sales Representative.

This program was designed from start to finish to give you both humor and the inside information on the New Peddler. The cover of the book will be displayed, and the reduced price and other features announced.

Coffee Shop

The Coffee Shop wishes to announce that it is now open from 8:30 to 11:00 and from 2:00 to 5:00. The shop, as usual, is located in the Sanford Riley Commons and is manned by two girls. At present, the shop offers only coffee and doughnuts, but in the future a line of fruit juice is expected to be added. Don't forget that the Student Christian Association operates both the coffee shop in the Commons and the Canteen in the gym.



Sailors Dock Dhows; Begin Shore School

With the approach of winter, the fall season of the Nautical Association is coming to a close. The twelve and one half foot Dyer Dhows out on Indian Lake will be hauled out this coming week.

The last race of the season was at the triangular regatta held by the Coast Guard Academy on the Thames River in New London. Coast Guard with such Olympic material as Larry White were just too much for Tech helmsmen. However, Rhode Island State, the third team in the triangle presented an even match. At the end of the afternoon when the scores were added up it turned out that WPI was ahead by five points. Rhode Island State, unsatisfied with this result, insisted on an additional race. A coin was flipped to see if they would race again, and they did. By this time the wind had died and Dave Flood, John Beckwith, and Walt Beckwith, all heavy wind sailors, could not make their craft go. As a result Rhode Island make up the five points and one in addition to cop second place honors leaving third to Tech.

Although the sailing season is drawing to a close the activities of the Nautical association continue on. The shore school is continuing in instructing its members on the fine art of yacht racing. The meetings regularly held on Tuesday, will be held less often, however, in spite of this slowdown the Association is holding together and girding its loins for a big season which opens in the spring.

Masque Preparing One-Act Play For Coming Assembly

Casting has been completed for the one-act play which is to be presented by the Masque at the student assembly on December 15th. The play is titled *Banquo's Chair*, and was written by Rupert Croft-Cooke. The plot deals with a clever piece of trickery, which is used to trap a murderer into confession of his guilt.

Headlining the cast will be John Cocker, Bob Perkins, Charles Allen, Henry Richard, Bob Hedenstad, Bill Mufatti, and Jack Brogan. Most of these men are newcomers to the Alden stage, but John Cocker will be remembered for his sensitive portrayal of Father Daley in last year's production of *The Valiant*, while Henry Richard appeared as the butler in *The Ten Little Indians*.

Correction

For the past year the TECH NEWS has been incorrectly volumed. The TECH NEWS began publication in 1909, so that the present volume should be VOL. XXXIX, not VOL. XLIII. A check of previous issues reveals that the error occurred during the War when the accelerated program was in effect. The changeover of TECH NEWS personnel was so frequent that in the process the TECH NEWS was incorrectly volumed and the error has persisted. The TECH NEWS staff is now making the correction. Time has been lost, but not quality and improvement in the format of the paper.

ASCE Meeting Highlighted By Talk, Movie

The ASCE student chapter of Worcester Tech held their first meeting on Monday evening, November 15. Mr. Oscar Horowitz, of Cambridge, Mass., speaker of the evening, was presented by Prof. Longwell, faculty adviser of the chapter. Mr. Horowitz spoke on steel structures, and supplemented his talk with movies. He has done work along this line in Filene's department store of Worcester, and in the structure of the light towers at Fenway Park, Boston.

Senior Party Banishes Blues

The good old Yellow Barn became affectionately known as the amber john as of November 10, the fatal eve of the senior beer brawl. Under a shower of beer and flying liverwurst, the prospective sheepskin candidates settled down to forget their cares and worries. They also forgot what day it was, where they were, and there are still a few pairs of sodden pants floating around down there. Song groups were not long in forming, but most of those who ordinarily would have been prone to participate were prone, and therefore unable to participate. The foaming session of merry mirth, or malt, started at 1:00 P.M. Wednesday and ended in a purple smog. Things started to taper off as buddy dug buddy out from under the pile of Schlitz and staggered out to face a world of undulating terrain and weaving roads.

Fraternities Vie For New Trophy

Singing Competition, Dance, Highlight PDE Songfest

On Saturday, Nov. 20, thanks to the sponsorship of Pi Delta Epsilon, there will be something new and pleasant added to the local field of interfraternity activity. An Interfraternity Sing is going to be held, and will begin at 8:00 P.M. in the Alden Memorial Auditorium. Each fraternity will be represented in turn.

The men participating from each fraternity will form a glee club of from eight to ten people. Each fraternity group will sing one of its fraternity songs and one other song of its own choosing. A piano will be the only accompaniment allowed to the singing. Lots were drawn to determine the order of singing, and that order is as follows: Alpha Epsilon Pi, Theta Chi, Phi Sigma Kappa, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Theta Kappa Phi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Tau Omega. The Sing will end around 10:00 P.M., after which there will be dancing in the Sanford Riley Hall commons to the music of the Boyntonians.

The Interfraternity Sing is to become an annual affair, and a rotating trophy will probably be presented yearly until it is retired. The trophy for this year is a cup, and it will be awarded permanently to the winning fraternity. The judging will be done by Clifford F. Green, Organist and Director of Music at W.P.I.; the Director of Music at Holy Cross College, and the Director of Music of the Worcester Public Schools.

Tickets are 75¢ per person, \$1.50 per couple, and will be on sale in the fraternity houses, at the bursar's office, and at the door. It would be a good idea to get your tickets early, for all the fraternities and most of the non-fraternity men will be there.

Peddler Sales

The annual Peddler sales drive is slated to begin today, November 17. Sales representatives in all divisions are now contacting students. Aided by a large subsidy from the Institute, this year's Peddler will be terrific—and at a reasonable price. This is the year-book we've always wanted—let's all show our strong interest and support.

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Editorial

During the past two weeks the fraternities on the Hill have been rushing the members of the Freshman Class. To the Freshman this rushing may seem a bit confusing, but he can be assured that it is being done in the best interests of himself and the fraternities.

Rushing at Tech is supervised by the Interfraternity Council which is composed of a member from each fraternity, with a member of the Faculty acting as president of the Council. The rushing rules are drawn up by the Council and provide for an efficient, honest system which gives each fraternity the opportunity to rush whichever Freshman it pleases, provided that Freshman is eligible for rushing under Council rules.

The system also gives the Freshman the opportunity to visit each fraternity to which he is invited. Following this first rush period which has just ended, there begins a two week "hands off" period. During this recess the Freshman carefully considers the advantages of each fraternity before making his final selection. No Freshman is "railroaded" into joining a fraternity and he is free not to join if he so wishes. Before making the final selection the Freshman revisits the first three houses of his choice. The advantages of joining are so numerous that no Freshman should fail to give the Fraternity question his utmost consideration.

Fraternities provide a home away from home. They have been on the Tech campus for more than half a century and have proved their value in molding the character, ability, and leadership of Tech's future engineers. Tech's fraternities are serious organizations, and do not indulge in tactics for which some fraternities have been condemned.

Fraternity News Bits

By NORM BROWN

The boys at Theta Kap bade an old friend sad adieu while A. E. Pi dusted off the welcome mat as the General Excellence Trophy packed bag and baggage and trudged up the hill from 26 Institute Road to 28 Einhorn Road. It now has a comfortable berth among the numerous A. E. P. trophies, and the blue-and-gold boys unanimously agree that it will never wear out its welcome. Congratulations are in order for every fraternity on the hill for hanging up some of the highest averages seen around these parts in quite some time, with an extra curtain call going to A. E. P. for setting a record.

Getting back into the social groove, we hear that Theta Kap held a big house dance last Saturday, November 13. While the rugs were being cut to pieces here, Phil O'Connor was in the process of initiation at Boston University chapter of T. K. P. Congratulations, Phil. National Executive Secretary George V. Uihlein is back in Worcester for a short visit.

The rain didn't smother the fire at A. T. O. either; as a matter of fact, they were hotter than ever as a mid-week hop under the direction of Ed Ahlstrom got under way Wednesday evening and rolled merrily along into the wee hours of Thursday morning. Don White has added another vehicle to the grease-smudged list of A. T. O. lousmosines. Just to be sure that he'll see the smudge pots of the good old Democratic state of Delaware, he's installing a foot-pedal drive which he can fall back on in case the boiler springs a leak. A. T. O. is already laying plans for the formal week-end, and, by way of supplying details, has issued an official statement to the effect that "it will be strictly terrific!"

Phi Sig also laughed at last Saturday's abundance of H₂O as their "Sadie Hawkins Day" party boiled along under full throttle. The walls were adorned with representations of all of the characters out of Dogpatch from Lonesome Polecat to Hairless Joe, and to top it off, there was enough Kikapoo joy juice to dissolve all of the scrap iron in Worcester. Joe McBride dropped in minus the Rolls Royce in which Shakespeare (Continued on Page 4, Col. 4)

THOSE WERE THE DAYS . . .

By ROLAND BEDARD

In these modern times of electrical progress, the days of the trolley car are an almost forgotten era. And yet in 1907, when the newly constructed Electrical Engineering Laboratory was the show place of the Institute, the most widely discussed piece of equipment was the full size electric railway car, complete with instruments for testing electric traction lines. At that time such a trolley proved invaluable for practical work.

Financed through the generosity of Stephen Salisbury, the trucks and body for the car were purchased, along with additional necessary parts. The trolley itself was assembled in the E. E. building, with the wholehearted assistance of the students. Much of the specialized automatic recording and testing apparatus for the car was perfected here at Tech.

The trolley was unique in its design. The interior of this testing laboratory was finished in natural oak, and such traveling comforts as easy chairs, desk lamps, electric fans and an ice cooler supplemented the normal testing equipment. The exterior decorations spread the fame of the Institute wherever the car ran. Along either side of the trolley near the roof the legend *Worcester Polytechnic Institute* stood out in gold leaf, and an engraving of the school seal added to the design.

For many years the trolley traveled all over New England, checking va-

rious electric car systems. These long distance trips were possible because at that time the town and city lines were all connected by trunk lines. Using the trunk system, our trolley journeyed from Maine to Rhode Island, making frequent visits to Boston and other large cities. The major work consisted of examining the connecting cables between joints in the rails for perfect contact; however, other tests were also made. The staff which did this job so capably was comprised of several students under the direction of one of our E. E. professors.

The work was carried out on a commercial scale, the students being paid for their time. The companies paid regular rates for the testing, and net profits reverted to the Institute. Because of their unusual equipment, Tech men were able to perform the work more accurately, faster, and cheaper than the individual companies, thus creating a big demand for the test trolley.

However, as time moved on and the automobile and bus became the common methods of travel, many of the trolley companies and trunk lines disintegrated. When this happened the movements of the test car were hampered, and it became a source of expense rather than revenue. But when the car was dismantled in 1928 all Tech mourned the passing of an age.

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SPORTS

FROSH BATTLE SOPHS TO 2-2 TIE IN EVENLY MATCHED STRUGGLE

If ever in the future old yearbooks are taken down from dusty shelves, if ever old class-mates reminisce over a draught of merry Marchbeer, when old class numerals appear from trunks, the Freshman-Sophomore soccer game of 1948 will probably be remembered as the collision of the irresistible force and the immovable object. Two teams could not have been more equal if they had been weighed out on a balance. It is quite a jump from Yankee Stadium to Alumni Field, but the game on Saturday had many of the elements of the classic Army-Notre Dame clash of 1946. Both teams came into that game with an undefeated record, the gridiron giants of the nation, and superbly matched, they played one another to a 0-0 deadlock. Many observers felt that it was the only proper ending to such a contest, where a loss for either side would have been a heart-break. Much the same holds true for the Freshmen and Sophomores, both of whom gave everything they had for a victory. Defeat would have been a bitter dose indeed.

Prospects looked anything but bright early in the day as rain had fallen during the night and throughout the morning. But the weather cleared about noon, and although the field was slick, it was not soggy as feared. Delegations from '51 and '52 lined the field and exhorted their class-mates to give willingly of their life's blood in the higher interests of the class. At 1:30 the first whistle blew, and the mayhem was underway. The Frosh were the first to break the ice as Ching, the elusive inside right, got a momentary shot at the ball in a wild melee in front of the goal and rifled the ball under the crossbar to put the bible brigade in front.

But even before the Freshman cheers had died away, the embattled Sophomores had countered, when Winther let fly from in close and tied the score. Since nothing succeeds like success, the Sophs pressed harder and scored again while the iron was hot. Andersen, inside left for the Sophs,

pounced on a rebound off Lajewski, the Freshman goalie, and split the uprights for the second tally. Jubilation broke out in the ranks of '51.

By this time both teams had sounded out the strength of the other, and a scoring famine existed throughout the third and early fourth quarters, as play swept from one end of the field to the other. Anxiety replaced confidence on the faces of the Freshmen as the minutes ticked ominously away. But the Freshman team fought all the harder, and finally a big break fell their way, for one of the referees detected a foul in close proximity to the Sophomore goal. The gleeful Freshmen showered praise on the ref for his keen sight. Meanwhile, the bitter Sophomores reviewed his ancestry and parentage in a most uncomplimentary fashion. A great deal rested on halfback "Shorty" Ellsworth as he stepped into the penalty kick, but he drove a hard roller into the corner, and even though goalie Sisson made a sprawling dive, the ball bounced into the twine, and the score was tied. The Freshmen cheered; the Sophomores groaned; the whistle blew, and the fourth period was over.

Not yet sufficiently exhausted, both squads clamored for an overtime period and grimly took the field once more to fight to a decision one way or the other. But at the end of the prescribed eight minutes, although the ferocity of play had increased ten-fold, no goals had been registered, and the contest was declared a tie. Both teams will be rewarded for their spirited play by receiving their class numerals, and outwardly everyone is happy.

The excellent turnout for both squads indicates a wealth of spirit on the part of each class. Twenty men reported for the Freshmen, while twenty-seven Sophomores dressed for the game. A hearty round of thanks should be extended to Bob Fulmer and Tom Hodgett, who served as mentors for the Sophs, and to Jim Meiklejohn and John Margo, who mapped strategy for the Frosh. Both teams worked hard during the week, fought hard on Saturday, and it is a fitting climax that both teams emerged from combat with their prestige and fighting spirit unblemished, nobody a loser and every one a winner.

Line-ups:
 FRESHMEN SOPHOMORES
 Lajewski g Sisson
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First Cut In Basketball

McNulty Cuts Varsity Squad to Twelve Men, Leaves One Open Spot

After one week of practice sessions Coach Charlie McNulty has already pared his charges down to workable numbers and is rapidly rounding them into shape. Of the forty-five aspirants for the squad approximately twenty-seven have been retained. A few men who were busy practicing for the Freshman-Sophomore football game joined the squad Monday.

The varsity squad, which will consist of twelve men, will have nine veteran players: Capt. Steve Ucich, Richie Howard, Andy Freeland, Russ Bradlaw, Bill Collings, John Converse, George Barna, Walt Kolodne, and Russ Norris. Norris who didn't play last season but who has played on previous Tech teams is expected to furnish depth and much extra strength. Freshman Bob Chapman and Bill Mehalick are the lone additions from the newcomers and look very promising. Chapman played for North high in Worcester and is putting up a good fight for one of the starting berths. Mehalick who hails from Elmira, New York, is also impressing in workouts and shows future promise. The twelfth spot on the varsity is a wide open position at the present time and there is plenty of competition.

The Tech team will greatly miss the height as furnished last year by Jim McKernan and Roger Cromack and the skillful play of John Concordia. The Tech team, although averaging over six feet, will lack the real height necessary for the effective bucket play as employed in past years and as a result Tech will exhibit a new offense with only a few plays from the bucket. Ucich is being groomed to jump center but will not play a center position offensively. There is much work in store for the boys in preparation for their first game against Devens on Dec. 11. The spirit of the entire squad is high and there is a noticed improvement in the reserves from last year. Bill Collings, George Barna, and Freeland are shaping up very well.

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Class of '52 Gains Initial Victory In Goat's Head Battle

Those big, bad freshmen came through for their first victory against the high and mighty sophomores by edging out the sophs on the gridiron last Saturday, 13-12. It was truly a classic football struggle between two titans who were very evenly matched.

Passes were the principal offensive weapon for both sides, being responsible for two of the afternoon's four tallies. The men of '51 drew first blood early in the game when they took the opening kick-off by the frosh on their own 38, and drove the remainder of the distance for the score. Hugh Lovell capped off the drive with a 31-yard thrust up the middle to paydirt. The conversion was not good, so the sophomores led, 6-0.

On the ensuing kick-off, the freshmen pushed their T attack into high gear, and they were off. With the ball on their own 29, two first downs placed the pigskin on the sophomore 39-yard marker. At this point Janoski stepped back and let one ride the air waves into the arms of Palmer, and the score was tied at 6-6. The try for the point was good, and the freshmen led, 7-6.

The remainder of the half saw the sophomores drive to the freshman 10 yard line, but nothing came of it as the Freshies held on down. From this point, with Rollie St. Louis spearheading the assault, the first year men pushed their way 71 yards to the soph 15-yard marker only to have the door shut on them by the timer's gun.

The second half carboned the first. Again the sophomores scored first when they took over on the frosh 24 via the fumble route. Although being driven back to the 35 by the two great tackles by Crathern, two passes from Jack Dillon were the key to a TD. The first, to Forster, put the ball on the 20, and the second, to Lovell, resulted in the score. Again the PAT was no good, and the score read, 12-6.

With St. Louis again in charge from his quarterback post, the freshmen went on the march again. A pass from St. Louis to Collings resulted in a first down at midfield. From here, the "Saint" went all the way on a quarterback sneak. The kick was blocked, but the Frosh led, 13-12.

That was the ball game right there.

The remaining minutes were played mostly in sophomore territory.

The game was hotly contested throughout, with both teams giving their all for their respective classes. For the class of '51, Jack Dillon and Hugh Lovell were the backfield standouts. In the line Don Lewis and Mike O'Neil were the mainstays. The Frosh can point with pride to the line play of Crathern. He was a monkeywrench in the works of the sophomores' single wing attack all afternoon. Rollie St. Louis, who started at right end but took over the quarterback slot midway through the game, was the big gun for the class of '52. Jim Sullivan and Len Janoski also starred in the backfield for the frosh.

The victory was the first for the freshmen in their quest for the goat's head trophy, after successive sophomore victories in the rope pull and paddle rush.

The lineups:
 FRESHMEN SOPHOMORES
 St. Louis re re Forster
 Heller rt rt O'Neil
 Feldsine rg rg Lewis
 East c c Flood

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Zeleny Runs Fourth In New England Freshman Meet

The freshmen did it again. Although the frosh cross country team ended up tenth out of fifteen places, three of our men looked very good. Dick Zeleny, a good chance for first place, found the three mile course a fair one and ran a fine race to capture fourth spot out of one hundred and five running. Once again Dick lacked the support and B.U., whom Tech had previously beaten this fall, took the race running away. Bob Howell had an off day while Ronnie Thompson had a good day, as both of them ended in the upper third of the race, finishing thirty-second and thirty-seventh respectively.

In the big race of the day, old reliable Dave Brown made a fine showing by finishing in the upper quarter of nearly two hundred running. Dave put all he had into the last mile as he pushed himself up into forty-seventh at the finish of the four mile run.

All in all, the cross country team did a good job under Coach Sanella this fall when the outlook was so blue at the beginning of the season.

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FOOTNOTES

By PHIL STANIER

This week's column is dedicated to those of you who follow and enjoy good modern American music.

To me it seems to be the same old story of the Mooneys, Boswells, Lombardos, and Spike Joneses on its usual humdrum million-dollar way. Old and D grade records have skyrocketed to fame by disc jockeys who, although they are well known, do not or can not exhibit any criteria for the choice of worthwhile music.

Going on the assumption that good musicians of the high standards of Goodman, Kenton, Ellington, Herman, and Gillespie will continue to move ahead, opening a path here, widening a mind there, and generally continuing to use their fine imaginations in the advancement of good music, it is interesting to speculate on what the future will have to offer. Since the Petrillo record ban went into effect, the necessary continual exchange of new ideas and new trends that goes on via recordings has almost died. What the public is hearing is the material that was frantically put on wax in the closing months and weeks of the ban in the recording studios all over the country. The future might also mean the resurrection of even more music far better left collecting dust on a shelf. At the present moment it looks as if the ban will not be lifted in the immediate future. This is most unfortunate, but consolation lies in the fact that there will be increasing appearances of the best musicians of the concert stages, theaters, and night clubs everywhere. This will be warranted by the recording ban, as well as the noticeable, yet still feeble, stirrings of the American public in its appreciation towards its only veritable native art. Let us hope that the press will try a little harder and that the disc jockeys will go to school for a while. Jazz, swing, or whatever you choose to call it, is moving ahead, yet a great art needs a great audience.

Freshmen Meet

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Crathern lg	lg Knowlton
Manley lt	lt Auerbach
Stoughton le	le MacPherson
Stepakis qb	qb Baer
Boutiette fb	fb Dillon
Althen rhb	rhb Anderson
Janoski lhb	lhb Lovell

Substitutes—Freshmen: Swanson, Buckley, Palmer, Bonukevich, Frank, Crawford, Klaubert, Rosen, Favreau, Levine, Will, Borsky, Gillette, Fenno, Sullivan, Meyer, Collings, Slocum, Ferron. Sophomores: Baker, Poggi,

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Soccer

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Schmitt rfb	rfb Leonard
Windsor lfb	lfb Preston
Van Cott rhb	rhb Wye
Ellsworth chb	chb Fulmer
Willard lhb	lhb Mayo
Kwan rof	rof Bretthauer
Ching rif	rif Seavey
Li cf	cf Atkinson
Robertson lif	lif Bromberg
Thompson lof	lof Winther

Freshman substitutes: Bistrup, Larrow, Seidel, Brauer, Pete, Hymie, Turek, Crommelin, Foss.

Sophomore substitutes: Mackay, Gerald, Andersen, Luz, Ott, Horton, Griswold, McComiskey, Leavitt, Anderson, Rich, Grenier, Bassett, Renasco, Mulrennan, Coffey.

Referees: Deloid, Khan.

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went beering. He now owns a car that doesn't draw a crowd. Bob Nowell also visited the boys and came back for the big shindig.

S. A. E. interred Pattie Murphy on schedule last Saturday night. The old reprobate's carcass went on display at 8:00 P.M. After everyone had viewed his rosy nose, the procession started, touching at each fraternity to pick up fellow mourners. In accordance with the terms of Pattie's last will and testament, his mortal remains were cremated and buried in a whiskey bottle. His headstone bore the words of his song. Dancing at the house brightened the mourners' spirits.

Lambda Chi held another big party Saturday, November 13, with about 25 couples attending. A meeting of the L. C. A. Mothers' Club followed on Sunday. They were proud to have Admiral Cluverius as their special guest. Fred Gammons and Ray Pea-

body, '48, visited the boys recently. Fred is a civilian employee of the Army Engineers, and Ray is working on submarines in New London, Connecticut.

A. E. Pi is planning to have an extra special time after the song fest November 20, but the details are all wrapped up in a package marked "Do not open".

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