

Students Catch Up On Sleep After Hectic Weekend

House Parties, Game And Round Robin Fill Out I.F. Ball

When Sunday afternoon rolled around and the girls began to leave Worcester Tech formalities reluctantly turned from the idealistic college life back to the reality of the textbook and sliderule. Some complained of loss of sleep, others shuddered at the thought of work ahead but the more melancholy sat back in a comfortable easy chair and dreamily relived the weekend.

The fraternity started to prepare for the coming of the girls on Friday noon and by four o'clock the femmes began to arrive. The next few hours saw much confusion in all the houses since women plus baggage had to be moved in and men plus baggage had to be moved out. However, the traffic was well under control by seven o'clock and the girls started to get ready for the big evening to come. Most houses had banquets either at the house or downtown.

Friday night saw Alden Memorial filled to capacity with beautiful gowns, shining tuxedos, and hundreds of beaming faces. Tommy Reynolds and his orchestra were on hand to play his sweet music for the many dances. Midway through the evening a special issue of the TECH NEWS was given out which included the names of the girls and their escorts who had reservations for the formal and also featured stories about the formal and other phases of school life. At one o'clock the dancing was over and thus brought to a close another Interfraternity Ball which had proven to be a great success.

Classes were held per usual on Saturday morning and while the men went to classes the girls caught up on their sleep so that they would be well rested for the active program planned for the day.

In the afternoon the fraternities held individual parties, but in the evening every one got together again in the gym to watch the opening basketball game between Tech and Devens which proved to be a great thriller. Devens won the game by the narrow margin of one point. The Round Robin followed the game and all the houses opened their doors to welcome all visitors, and everyone enjoyed seeing how the other half lives.

Sunday was a relatively quiet day. Most of the girls were gone by three o'clock in the afternoon and thus the curtain was drawn on another very successful formal weekend.

Joint Branches of AIEE and IRE Hear Mr. Louis Leavitt

Engineer Speaks About Adventures Laying Pipe In Siam Mountains

This month's meeting of the Joint Student Branch of A.I.E.E. and I.R.E. was held December 7, 1948 in the E.E. Lecture room at 8:00 o'clock P.M. Chairman O. W. Foss introduced the speaker for the evening, Mr. Louis Leavitt of the Worcester County Electric Co. Mr. Leavitt spoke of adventures encountered while building a pipeline and power station in the mountains of Siam.

Plans are being made for a Panel Discussion to be held March 15, 1949. This panel will consist of six members made up of the faculty and Senior and Junior classes. An impartial moderator will preside. At this annual affair ample opportunity will be given to all to present their likes and dislikes in regard to the curriculum and teaching methods in the E.E. Department.

Prexy Urges Safe Driving On Highways

Too many American homes are saddened every day by disastrous accidents involving younger members of the family.

We all know that automobiles, used properly, are one of the greatest blessings bestowed upon us by our advancing technology, but that driven carelessly, or recklessly, cars become a deadly weapon.

Here's a question that might help to keep your knowledge of what CAN happen uppermost in your mind whenever you drive.

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Sounds silly, perhaps, but consider. The average 20-year old male may anticipate 24,000,000 minutes of life, female 26,000,000. These are the reasonable expectations, providing no accident occurs to upset the statistics, according to data supplied me by Lumbermens Mutual Casualty Company.

Obviously, then, when you jump a light, cut in and out of heavy traffic or speed, you are gambling all these millions of minutes just to save one.

On the dollar basis, you'll admit the gamble wouldn't be worthwhile. Why should it be otherwise on a flesh-and-blood basis?

—W. T. Cluverius, President

ANNUAL SPORTS BANQUET TO BE REVIVED DECEMBER 20

Fall Team Participants Will Attend Banquet As Guests

Food, Speakers, Movies, Athletic Awards, and Elections Planned

The past couple of years have seen the return of several of the "Old Tech Customs" which the war had driven into hiding, and now one of the most enjoyable college traditions is being reinstated on the hill. The first Tech sports banquet seen in a good many years will be held in Sanford Riley Hall at 7:00 P.M. next Monday, December 20, and will be open to all Tech men. Judging by the program which has been planned, this event should be one of the highlights of the year.

After a dinner well worthy of the occasion, President Cluverius will extend a greeting to all hands. Dr. Joel Melich, toastmaster and storyteller par excellence will be there to provide laughter, as will Al Banx, who is scheduled to present his famous cartoon talk.

Then there will be movies of the Tech-A.I.C. football game (we won, as you may recall), presentation of letters for fall sports, and election of next year's team captains.

We owe many thanks to Red Meade, Jim Peepas, Jack Brierly, Neil Crowley, Andy Freeland, and Pete Groop, the Tech Council Activities Calendar Committee, for revival of the idea of this tradition, and to the Athletic Council for their work in planning and presentation.

Members of all fall teams who participated in any game will attend the banquet as guests, as will the coaches, speakers, and representatives of the press. Obviously such an affair is an expensive proposition, yet the admission is only \$1.75. As you probably know, the fraternities are cooperating by cancelling night meals on the twentieth and using the cost thereof to help defray the admissions of their members.

Tickets will be available at the door, and in case you're concerned about the time element, Doc Carpenter assures us that we'll be on our way home by 9:30.

We'd all like to see more "college life" here on the hill. Well, here's a big shot of it—a very real and important part, with enjoyment for all. So let's have full support for Tech's Fall Sports Banquet next Monday.

Banquo's Chair Presented at Assembly

Bob Perkins and John Cocker Star in Single Act Masque Production

"Banquo's Chair," a one-act play by Rupert Croft-Cooke, was presented by the Masque this morning at the assembly. This was the second one-act play to be produced by the Masque and it proved to be as entertaining as "The Valiant," last term's production. John Cocker was excellent as the nervous murderer, while Bob Perkins was a relentless policeman as he stalked his prey, and tricked him into a confession. Others in the cast were Charles Allen, Charles Hedenstad, Ronald Thompson, John Brogan and William Muffatti. We didn't hear enough from Mrs. Patricia Bedard, who was a very adequate ghost. Roland Bedard directed the production, and was assisted by Maurice Gosselin. The stage crew included Richard Beschle, Leo Lemere, Joseph Burgarella, and Roger Lane.

Morgan Co. Official Addresses ASME On Steel Processing

The second meeting of the Worcester Tech Chapter of the A.S.M.E. was held December 6th in the Higgins Laboratory Lecture Room. The chairman of this meeting was Tsu Yen Mei, secretary of the Tech chapter, who opened the meeting with a short report on the A.S.M.E. annual meeting held in New York City on December 1st and 2nd. Following the opening talk the secretary introduced the speaker of the evening Mr. J. H. Hitchcock of the Morgan Construction Company located in Worcester. Mr. Hitchcock gave a very interesting talk on the subject "The Mechanical Engineering Aspects of Steel Making". Immediately after this very informative talk the members were shown one of the United States Steel's recent moving picture releases entitled "The Making and Shaping of Steel". Plans are in the making for another interesting and informative talk and the A.S.M.E. invites every one interested to be present at these meetings. The time and place of the next meeting will be posted on all the bulletin boards in the various departments and all students are urged to watch for these notices.

Tech Newman Club Host at Joint Meeting

Rev. Lucey of Holy Cross Guest Speaker To Combined Group

On Tuesday, December 14, 1948 the Newman Club held its third regular meeting of the current school year. The meeting was opened by President Jim O'Regan at 7:30 P.M. in the Janet Earle Room of Alden. The guest speaker for the evening was Rev. William J. Lucey S.J. of Holy Cross College who has many times previously proven himself a very capable and interesting speaker. His subject for the evening was "The Church and World Affairs".

The Newman Clubs of Clark University and Becker Junior College were very well represented at this first joint meeting arranged so that the members of these various clubs might get to know each other and discuss plans for future joint meetings throughout the city. Father Lucey's talk was very well received by all the Newmanites, and a very interesting question and answer period was conducted after his talk was completed.

Following all the discussion refreshments were served and a general get together of all the members helped to conclude a very successful meeting.

Dec. 8 Assembly Features Movie On Publishing

An assembly was held last Wednesday, December 8 in Alden Memorial. The first part consisted of a song fest, at which time various school songs were sung.

The major attraction of the assembly was a movie describing the steps involved in putting out a magazine. This interesting movie began by showing the manufacture of paper. From this, the movie progressed through the other steps involved, including selection of articles, the production of illustrations, and the final printing of the magazine.

All in all, the movie impressed one with the vast complexity involved in the manufacture of a magazine, and proved to be an hour well spent for those who attended.

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Editorial

Establishment of two national centers of rocket and jet propulsion study and research, to be located at Princeton University in the east and California Institute of Technology in the west, was announced yesterday jointly by Harry F. Guggenheim, president of The Daniel and Florence Guggenheim Foundation, Dr. Harold W. Dodds, president of Princeton University, and Dr. Lee A. DuBridge, president of California Institute of Technology.

Hailed as a major stimulant to the development of rockets and jet propulsion and one of the most striking postwar developments in engineering education, the new institutions will be known as Daniel and Florence Guggenheim Jet Propulsion Centers. Each will provide facilities for post-graduate education and research in jet propulsion and rocket engineering. They will emphasize particularly the development of peacetime uses of rockets and jet propulsion.

The Daniel and Florence Guggenheim Foundation has underwritten the two Jet Propulsion Centers for a period of seven years, and has appropriated \$500,000 for that purpose. These funds are to be used to pay salaries of professors, stipends of graduate students, and similar expenses. Necessary buildings and equipment are to be provided by the universities.

Mr. Guggenheim, in announcing the new Centers, explained that the principal post in each will be a Robert H. Goddard Professorship, named in honor of the American rocket pioneer, Dr. Robert H. Goddard. Each Goddard Professorship will be associated with a number of post-graduate fellowships. Normally six new fellowships will be granted each year by the Foundation—three for study at each Center.

Dr. Goddard was a student here at Tech, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in 1908. In 1910 he received his M.A. degree from Clark University, and the following year received his Ph.D. He was named an instructor and honorary fellow at Clark in 1914, Assistant Professor of Physics in 1915, and was appointed a professor in 1919. In 1930 he obtained a leave of absence from Clark and went to Roswell, New Mexico where he conducted experiments in rocket research until his death in 1947.

California Institute of Technology has already selected its Robert H. Goddard Professor, and will open its training and research program next fall. The Professor is Dr. Hsue-shen Tsein, thirty-eight year old native of China, considered one of the most brilliant scientists in this field today.

It was the Daniel and Florence Guggenheim Foundation which financed Dr. Robert H. Goddard's brilliant research in rocket development in the 1930's, during which Dr. Goddard laid down the basis for virtually all rocket progress made during the War and since. The German development of the V-2 rockets was based on Dr. Goddard's work in this country, as has been much of the progress in jet-propelled guided missiles the world over in recent years.

Fraternity News Bits

By NORM BROWN

Snap out of it guys; she's gone now, and there's work to be done.

On Saturday, Dec. 4, Sig Ep held a full scale shindig designed to better acquaint the brothers and pledges. Those neophytes lacking femmes were supplied from Jim Orcutt's ample "Reserve for Contingencies". Some thirty-five couples square-danced and reeled under the direction of "Rubes" Sisson, Ott, and Berggren. Close to seventy-five items of clothing have been collected for Victor Ney, a Belgian war orphan, who is being financially supported by S.P.E.

A.T.O. followed the general trend with a 100% turnout for their pledge party. A total of twelve pledges attended (at least, that's as many as Don White could count on the fingers of both hands), and they were well supplied with the essentials for a swell evening. Rug-cutting rhythm was provided by the "Alpha Tau Serenaders", Lee Bassett, Mal Morrison, Dick Jones, Bob Ballard, Al Anderson, and George Peet.

When S.A.E.'s pledges walked in on Saturday evening, they found themselves right smack in the middle of a hot and heavy Monte Carlo party. Well oiled roulette wheels and well loaded dice were manipulated by well oiled and loaded operators outfitted in green visors, bow ties, and arm garters. Everyone was supplied with the best money that money could buy, and there were plenty of (Continued on Page 4, Col. 2)

STUDENT WIVES CLUB NEWS

By MRS. LEO A. DUMAS

The Student Wives Association held its last meeting in the Janet Earle Room on Tuesday, December 7th.

Plans were completed for the Christmas party to be held in the Commons on Saturday evening, December 18th, at 7:00 o'clock. All the married students and their wives are invited.

There will be a chicken supper, after which we will sing Christmas Carols led by Mrs. Rita Buffington. The Carol singing will be interspersed with entertainment, and followed by dancing. It sounds like a gala program and we are hoping to see all of you there.

Each couple is asked to bring two gifts (25 cents or less) to be put under the tree and later to be distributed by Santa Claus. The girls' gifts should be wrapped in red, and the boys' gifts in green.

We understand there is a basketball game scheduled for the 18th, and many of the husbands do not want to miss this. It will be possible to take in both the party and the basketball game because the supper will be served at 7:00, and we will be through eating well before game time, 8:15.

Tickets are 99 cents per person, and can be obtained through Thursday, December 16th, from Mrs. Ragla, Secretary to Dean Swan.

Mr. S. J. Sanger Lectures ASCE On Flight

At a meeting held on Monday evening, December 13, in the Janet Earle room, the Student Chapter of the A.S.C.E. heard an interesting and different talk on "Artificial and Natural Flight" given by Professor F. J. Sanger, new member of the Civil Engineering Department.

"Artificial and Natural Flight" concerned itself with the evolution of flight from some three hundred million years ago when the first insect soared into the air to the present day airplane.

During his association with the Education Service of the British Royal Air Force, and as a founder member of the British Gliding Association, Professor Sanger became interested in this work of studying and adapting natural flight to artificial means of flight. His work carried him through the technical aspects of gliding, and his talk represented the procedure and development of his experimental work.

Professor Sanger discussed the tests made on insect flight including such things as analysis of flapping flight, wing size, and loading, and the flight range of insects. Bird flight was next in the evolution of flight, and Professor Sanger pointed out considerations given such things as take offs, landings, stability, maneuvering, and gliding ability of birds.

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SPORTS BEFORE MY EYES

By Mr. "X"

The outstanding bit of sports news to leak out of Worcester Tech this week was the 1949 football schedule. Two new teams appear on the list. Lowell Textile opens the Engineers' season in Lowell on October 1st, and Coast Guard Academy returns after a year's absence to close the slate at New London on November 5th.

The three home games on the card are with the University of Massachusetts on October 8th, A. I. C. on October 15th and those ancient rivals the Rennselaer Trojans on October 22nd. A contrast with mighty Trinity at Hartford on October 29th completes the pigskin parade as far as the Techmen are concerned. This is, of course, without considering the possibility of post season invitations.

The basketball team will be really wearing down the boards this week. They journey to Amherst to face Massachusetts University on Wednesday night, and a group of overworked engineering students from an alphabetically named institution in Cambridge will be up to face them in the Alumni Gym on Saturday. This will be Mass. U.'s third start of the season. They dropped their opener to Clark 41-25 and last Saturday they were edged by Northeastern 44-42. From here it looks like a third defeat for the hapless Statesmen.

This Friday night would be a good chance for the students to get a look at the Swimming team. The natators are accustomed to holding their meets in more or less complete privacy, but they have gone on record as being willing to perform before an audience. Absolutely nothing else is scheduled for Friday night and the Becker girls will be on vacation, so why not come to the meet. To find the Fuller pool, enter the gym by the front door, go downstairs and turn left. Booths for ladies.

Bigtime basketball comes to the Boston Garden on Thursday night when the N.C.A.A. Tournament Champs, the Kentucky Wildcats meet Holy Cross. Kaintuck defeated the Crusader's in Madison Square Garden last season and the Crusaders are out for the ridge-runner's scalps. The preliminary game will see Tech's opponents of last Saturday, the Fort Devens Chiefs, pitted against the New Britain Teacher's Quintet. Any similarity between these two games will be nothing short of a miracle.

First Swimming Meet on Friday; Champion Swimmer to Lead Frosh

This Friday nite in the Tech pool, the Tech mermen open their season against the University of Connecticut. Sid Madwed and Pete Kahn will be in there swimming their last year at Tech. Captain Sid will be doing the sixty yard free style and also taking part in the medley relay and four hundred yard relay. Pete will swim in the two hundred yard breast stroke and in both the relays.

Sophomore Stars

Dick Olson will join Sid in the sixty yard freestyle. Dependable Bill Bowen will be back at the backstroke. Swimming along with him will be a newcomer, Rod Lancy, who was one of the stars of the I.F.C. swimming meet last year. Big Tom Hodgett, another sophomore, will be swimming the two hundred yard breast stroke. Racing in the two-hundred and four-hundred will be two

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Tech Drops Thriller To Devens 35-34

Techmen Stamped As Cassidy Sparks Chiefs

By GERRY McCORMICK

It was the final period, the score 35-34 in favor of the visitors, and Tech had just taken the ball out of bounds with only seconds remaining. But before the ball could be put in play old Father Time again deserted the luckless engineers. Yes, Tech lost its opener to the high-flying "Chiefs" from Devens by the slender margin of one point.

It was a hard-fought game from the opening whistle to the final buzzer. The game was loosely played on both sides and the outcome was in doubt until the very end. Surprising as it may seem the referees detected only 23 personal fouls, 14 against Devens and 9 against Tech.

Wild Game

The "Chiefs", using the Rhode Island State type of game, were thoroughly outclassed in the first half as Tech showed some well executed plays. Howard led the Tech attack in this half with four baskets and the engineers left the floor with a 22-15 advantage. The Techmen started off the second half with a bang as they hiked their lead 5 points within the first three minutes of play. It was during the last 17 minutes that the engineers fell by the wayside, for they could score only 7 points to the visitor's 20.

Cassidy Shines

It was diminutive Joe Cassidy who paced the Chiefs to their third victory of the season as he scored a total of 13 points, 8 of them during the last seven minutes of play. Andy Freeland paced the Techmen with ten points followed by Richie Howard with nine. The engineers had a miserable night at the foul line. They could cash in on only 4 charity tosses out of 13 attempts. Devens was also unsuccessful from the line as they missed nine of their twelve tries. Tech looked good for the first 23 minutes of the game as their plays worked despite the hard-pressing play of the Devens team. At this point it looked as if the game was going to turn into a rout but the engineers soon abandoned their conservative style of play and tried to keep up with the reckless chiefs. This led to Tech's downfall.

Amherst Wednesday

The McNulty men will try to get on the winning road come Wednesday night when the team journeys to Amherst to engage the "Red-

Phi Gam In Relay Lead

SPE and TKP Close Behind; PSK Fourth; SPE Loses Tough One

The race for the inter-fraternity relay cup has started off with a bang. Phi Gam seems to be headed for an undefeated season unless some unforeseen event takes place such as in the heart-breaking (to the Sig Eps) loss of SPE to SAE. It was in that race that Fred Besselievre, Sig Ep's fast anchor man, stopped racing a half lap shy of the finish line after losing count of his finished laps. This loss dropped the SPE team to a second place tie with Theta Kap who also has a 4 and 1 record.

Fijis Unbeaten

Phi Gam has won all of its races thus far and with but three races to go seems to have only one major obstacle left, the second placer's SPE. The track burners for Phi Gam this year are Fulmer, Mackay, Pierce and anchor-man, Don Weikman. The best time of the season was turned in by the Phi Gam team in turning back Theta Kap in two minutes 24.1 seconds. The next best times of the meet have been 2-24.8 by SPE and 2-25.0 by Theta Kap and Phi Sig. Phi Gam gives the impression of getting stronger with each race and are well on their way to duplicating their victory of last year when they ran off with the top laurels.

The standings:

Team	Won	Lost
Phi Gamma Delta	5	0
Sigma Phi Epsilon	4	1
Theta Kappa Phi	4	1
Phi Sigma Kappa	4	2
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	3	2
Lambda Chi Alpha	3	3
Alpha Epsilon Pi	1	5
Alpha Tau Omega	0	5
Theta Chi	0	5

of last year's outstanding freshmen, Ev Johnson and Butch Brown. At the diving post will be Harvey Howell. Max Underwood has also joined the squad. He did not swim last year because he had a bad foot. He will be the third man in the medley relay and will be in the four hundred yard relay, too. The team has improved since last year but Coach Grant is not inclined to be optimistic.

Outstanding Frosh

However, he is very proud of one of his freshmen. He is Fred Lux who was All-American High School Breast stroker last year. Pete Quamo is another boy with bright prospects. Coach Grant is looking forward to seeing these boys in action in the freshmen swimming meets.

men" from the University of Massachusetts. The Redmen lost a thriller to a strong Northeastern squad last Saturday night and should prove a formidable foe for the Techmen.

Jayvees Win

The jayvees started off on the right foot as they edged out the New England School of Accountants by a 43-36 score. The prospective varsity candidates showed their mettle as they overcame a 21-17 halftime deficit to register their first victory of the season. The yearlings showed scoring punch as well as savvy in their debut. "Ro" St. Louis and Harry "Springs" Althen led the scrappy jayvees with 14 and 10 points, respectively.

Devens		Tech	
Cassidy f	6 1 13	Collings f	3 0 6
Ellis	0 0 0	Converse	0 1 1
Martineau f	2 0 4	Howard f	4 1 5
Schreiner	1 1 3	Barna	0 0 0
Nagle c	2 0 4	Ucich c	1 1 3
Misakian	3 0 6	Norris	0 0 0
Sikas g	1 1 3	Freeland g	5 0 10
Lindner	1 0 2	Bradlaw g	0 1 1
Tyler g	0 0 0	Mehalick	2 0 4
		Kolodue	0 0 0
Totals	16 3 35	Totals	15 4 34

Personal fouls:
For Devens—Cassidy, Martineau 3, Schreiner, Nagle, Misakian, Sikas 4, Tyler 2, Ellis.
For Tech—Howard, Ucich 4, Bradlaw 2, Mehalick 2.
Referees: Pick, Cronin.

Tech J. V.		Accountants	
St. Louis f	5 4 14	Hunt f	4 0 8
Cimonetti	0 0 0	Racine f	3 0 6
Althen f	5 0 10	O'Connell	0 0 0
Junnie c	3 0 6	Holm c	5 3 13
Saltus g	0 0 0	Nordwell g	1 1 3
Group	0 0 0	Savageau g	3 0 6
Ferron g	3 1 7		
Kasper	3 0 6		
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Referees: Daniels and Budzyna.

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FOOTNOTES

By PHIL STANIER

During the past few weeks, the public opinion polls have taken a real beating in the field of politics. However, not being discouraged by this turn of events I conducted a survey among various females attending the I.F. Ball. The results will surely restore your faith in Mr. Gallup.

1. *What Tech fraternity house displayed the best hospitality?*

Theta Chi won by a bottle cap. One girl remarked that she liked the tenth one they stopped at the best.

2. *What line impresses you the most?* a. Innocence: "Gee, you're a girl." b. Sophistication: "Let me take you away from all this." c. Direct Approach: "Just take one more little drinkie." d. "And this is the game room."

d. won and b. came in second.

3. *What school has the best formal weekends?*

40% said Dartmouth, 30% said Cornell, and 20% liked Tech. One replied that she preferred Colgate because it leaves a better taste in your mouth.

4. *Where did you go during intermission?*

No comments.

5. *What school do you attend?*

Wellsley School for Delinquent Children came in first, Gasser second, and Bellevue Hospital came in third.

6. *Describe your figure in no uncertain terms. Are you frail, robust, athletic, tremendous, top heavy, or bottom heavy?*

40% said they were robust, 40% were athletic, 15% were top heavy, and 5% were tremendous. I think that the many signatures after the athletic column are a sign of unwillingness to answer direct.

7. *In general, what did you think of the weekend?*

80% thought it was very nice and 15% didn't care for it. One blond said she didn't think, and is she sorry.

Fraternity News

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stag women to help out the boys who couldn't get rid of it at the gaming tables.

A.E.Pi's pledge dance went over with a bang, and everyone who attended had a swell time. Thanks to the efforts of Hans Picard, their array of trophies was in the limelight for all to see last Saturday evening.

Phi Sig rendered up house and annex to the girls over the weekend. While the boys dragged themselves to Saturday morn (maybe I should spell it with a "u") classes, the gals decorated the Xmas tree.

For the Round Robin, Lambda Chi renovated the house into the LCA Tavern. Guests were served cocoa and free lunch by bartender Phil Crommelin, Local LCA of the WPI

Bartender's Union. Appropriate music was furnished by a three piece ensemble, and everyone enjoyed themselves until the wee hours of the morning.



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