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Late Night Flash

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Clanging, buzzing fire alarms, flashing lights, a fire ladder raised to the roof, more fire engines, police cars, emergency vehicles and people crowded on the front lawn of the main building was the case last night.

Shortly after 9 p.m. last night, the fire alarm sounded in the main building. Prior to the alarm, people walking along the sidewalk outside the main building heard a pounding sound coming from the second floor of the building. Inside, people smelled smoke.

As the C.C. Reader was being layed out for production, staff members heard a geiger counter like sound in the office. One staffer initially thought it was the radio. Then a smoke smell issuing from the corner of the room was soon discovered. It grew stronger. At this point the editor, went to the nurses office in order to contact campus police.

The nurse was having difficulty reaching anyone in security. After about ten minutes she made contact

and was told the fire trucks were on the way.

Meanwhile, the campus police had been informed by Paul Warner, an RA from Meade Heights. He informed campus police officer Terrance Laehy about the situation. Shortly thereafter, the fire alarm sounded and occupants of the building crowded outside.

At about 9:15 a fire truck from Midletown arrived on the scene. Within five minutes, two fire engines from Lower Swatara township came. A fourth truck arrived a few minutes later from Middletown. Three emergency vehicles and four police cars were also on the scene.

Gene Bonanno, a 12th term engineering major, yelled "I better graduate" as he sat against the bicycle rack watching the fire trucks.

At about 9:30 it was safe to come back in. The cause for alarm was a motor malfunctioning in a univent in room W233. It was emitting sparks, some flames and smoke.



Joint Effort gathered for team photo after scrubbing over the finish line to win first place in the Bathtub race. See inside for 4 pages of "Rites of Spring" photos.

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