

# Delta Sig Blaze Largest Since O. W. Houts Fire

Just a year ago this weekend the biggest fire in the history of State College struck the O. W. Houts & Son, Inc. store.

This morning's blaze at Delta Sigma Phi appears to be the largest fire since the half-million dollar Houts blaze. That broke out at 6:23 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, 1954.

The largest fire involving students in recent years took place in November, 1953. Two students, one faculty member, and seven townspeople were left homeless by a fire in a private home at 133 W. Bernard street, where students had been rooming.

## Fire --

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All officers will remain at Phi Sigma Delta.

Irvin C. Boerlin, supervisor of the University's audio-visual aids department and house adviser, said, "We never had much insurance until recently. Now I'm glad we wrote out those large checks."

He said the property was "pretty well covered" by insurance, but that you cannot have a fire "without losing money."

The house does not carry insurance of the student's individual property, but Raymond W. Achenson, State College insurance man and a house alumnus, said that the students are covered up to 10 per cent of the face value of their parents' policy.

The insurance adjuster is expected to arrive tomorrow. A special meeting of Interfraternity Council has been called for tonight.

"It's when you're in trouble that your true colors show," Achenson said. He also said that he knew "the true fraternity spirit" would show at this time.

Members and pledges will guard the house tonight from looters.

## Driving Conditions Considered Good

Road conditions were generally good today as many weekend imports left State College.

State Police at Rockview and Pleasant Gap reported no accidents and also said that all roads were clear. The few remaining slippery spots in highly elevated places were ashed and are considered safe, police said.

Tomorrow's weather will be fair and continued cold with an estimated temperature of 28, according to the department of meteorology. Today's high temperature was 29.

# Coed Murder Still Unsolved; Police Baffled

OMAHA, Dec. 11 (AP) — Hard-pressed for clues in the slaying of Carolyn Nevins, detectives today were still seeking answers to all three of the basic questions: Who shot the attractive coed, where and why?

Carolyn, 20-year-old Omaha University honor student with aspirations to become a lawyer, was found shot to death at 4:10 a.m. yesterday. She had worked at the campus library until 10:05 p.m. the previous night and was last seen about an hour later.

Detectives indicated today the search for the killer was "cold."

A 24-year-old man had been and County Atty. John Hanley said, he "apparently has no connection with the case."

Officers were unable to offer any apparent motive. Though the possibility of a sex angle is still considered, the acting coroner, George Sullivan, said there was no evidence Carolyn had been criminally assaulted.

There was no evidence of robbery.

Neither police nor National Guardsmen with mine detectors were able to find shell casings in the area.

## Student Involved In Accident

An auto operated by Lloyd Kenegy, senior in ceramic technology from Huntingdon Valley, was struck at 6:30 p.m. Friday by a car driven by Joseph Beeghley, 1129 Oneida St.

Beeghley's car skidded on the hill near Prospect Ave., as he was heading north. He lost control and collided with Kenegy's car, although Kenegy had attempted to avoid the collision.

Damage to Beeghley's car was estimated at \$200 and to Kenegy's car, \$50. No one was injured.

## Dynamite Blast Averted

ROME, Dec. 11 (AP) — A truck loaded with five tons of dynamite collided with a crowded street car in Rome yesterday. Police said a catastrophe was averted because both vehicles were moving slowly. Two passengers on the street car suffered slight bruises and there was minor damage to the street car and truck.

Damage from the Barnard street fire was estimated at \$20,500. According to Sgt. George A. Hahn, state fire marshal who investigated the 1953 outbreak, the fire was caused by faulty timing device in the building's oil burner.

Just as students and townspeople have come forth with offers of assistance to the homeless Delta Sigma Phi's today, help was quickly offered following this earlier tragedy.

Students and faculty members of the department of music and members of the Penn State Blue Band conducted a fund drive to help Richard Brady, one of the students victimized by the fire.

Brady, then a senior in music education, lost a \$400 saxophone in the blaze. Cost of personal possessions lost in the fire was estimated at \$3500.

A fire on Sept. 28, 1953 destroyed the trailer home of Ronald Mohler and his wife and children. Mohler's trailer was located in Woodcrest trailer camp. Loss of the trailer and personal possessions was estimated by Mohler, now a senior in mechanical engineering at \$2000. Mohler, who is from Ephrata, was a sophomore at the time of the fire.

The trailer blaze was started by a bucket-a-day stove in an enclosed porch attached to Mohler's home. The fire broke out at 1:15 a.m. Firemen explained that a line from the tank to the trailer's gas stove broke and the gas feeding the flames with a blow-torch effect.

## Libya Asks for Wheat

TRIPOLI, Libya, Dec. 11 (AP) — Informed sources said today Libya has asked the United States for a gift of wheat until next harvest. Drought has afflicted this country for eight weeks.

# Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



## Debate

# Debaters Place 8th In Pittsburgh Meet

Members of the Men's Debate team placed eighth out of 46 schools participating in the University of Pittsburgh's cross-examination tournament held Friday and Saturday night in Pittsburgh.

The affirmative team, composed of George Haines and Carl Saperstein, had a record of three wins and two losses. The team defeated Allegheny College, Kings College, and the College of Wooster, while losing to Duquesne and Dickinson College.

The negative team, composed of Irwin Bass and Edward Klevans, had a record of two wins, two losses, and one tie.

It was announced at the tournament that Harold J. O'Brien of the University speech department won first place in last year's rating of the debate judges.

The team ratings at this year's debate were given on the basis of speaker rating, rather than the win-loss record of the member teams. Notre Dame University, Case Institute of Ohio, and the University of Pittsburgh were tied for first place.

The Bucknell Tournament, in which the debate team was scheduled to participate, was cancelled because of numerous last minute withdrawals.

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Penn State's Grange Memorial Residence Hall for women, built in the late 1920's, was a gift of the State Grange.

# Bucknell Paint Job



—Joe Patton Photo

THREE STUDENTS from the first floor of Hamilton Hall examine the word, "Bucknell," painted in red letters on the right-hand wall fronting the steps leading up to the West Dorms courtyard. The students are: (kneeling) Charles Berdanier, senior in agronomy from Knoxville; (standing, left to right) Fred McClymonds, freshman in mechanical engineering from Pittsburgh; and John Yeosock, freshman in Chemical Engineering from Plains. The words, "Bucknell," as well as "BuBu" were painted in red, orange, and blue paint Friday night, presumably by Bucknell students, on both right and left hand walls next to Hamilton and Thompson dormitories. The University plays Bucknell in basketball on Jan. 18.

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