



HOSES POURED gallons upon gallons of water at a stubborn Grad Hall fire Monday night as



smoke billowed from the old building and eventually covered downtown State College.



NIGHTFALL BROUGHT a reduction in the fire spectators but at least one small boy remained

to see the flames brought under control. The area is now fenced off from the public.

—Collegian Photos by Tom Browne

Research Division Hit Hardest in Fire

The Division of Academic Research and Services suffered the greatest losses in the fire in Graduate Hall Monday night, Leslie P. Greenhill, associate director, said yesterday.

DARS recently had relocated its offices and some of its equipment from the fourth floor of Old Main to the third floor of Grad Hall. The third floor was the most severely damaged by the fire which started in the attic of the building when it was struck by lightning during a thunderstorm.

A COMPLETE EVALUATION of what is missing or destroyed has not yet been completed, Greenhill said, but so far it seems a "good number of research reports" were lost and about 60 per cent of the books.

Most of the office equipment was badly damaged by fire, water or falling debris, Greenhill said. Two out of four of the typewriters were a total loss and office duplicating machines and several tape records were not repairable, he said.

Some students managed to get a valuable projector and some file cabinets on the third floor out of the building before the fire spread to those offices, Greenhill said.

DARS HAD MOVED the equipment into Grad Hall at the beginning of August and had recently completed the arrangements of all equipment and records.

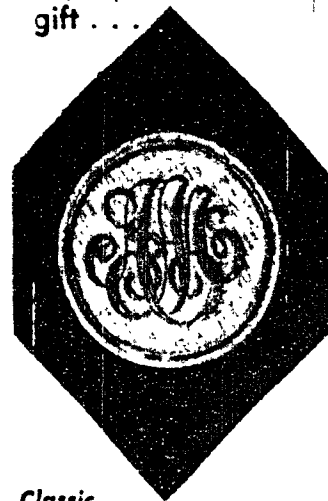
Temporary headquarters have been set up in the old DARS offices on the fourth floor of Old Main, he said.

One of the reasons that even half of the books and papers were saved is that the floor of the attic story fell down on top of several offices and protected some records from destruction, he said.

In other cases the fire actually burned out some of the offices and equipment on the third floor.

The office and equipment of C. R. Carpenter, director of DARS, was badly damaged by water but not fire. Efforts are still being made to contact Carpenter since he is presently vacationing in California and the West Coast and has not been informed about the fire.

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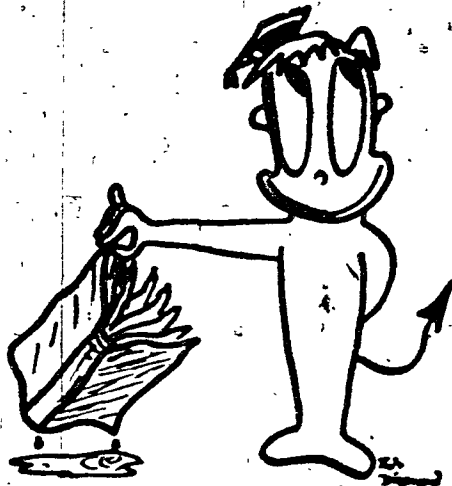
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