

# Grad Hall Fire Headlines Summer News

A lightning-caused fire in Graduate Hall provided the headline story to highlight summer term news.

The fire, started by a bolt of lightning on the evening of Aug. 20, destroyed the east wing's roof structure and third floor, while walls and floors of the first and second stories were heavily damaged by water.

The building had been renovated recently to house the Division of Counseling, the University Placement Service and Teacher Placement, the Division of Academic Research and Services and other University agencies. Replacement value is approximately \$1 million at today's construction costs, University officials estimated soon after the fire.

**THE THUNDERSTORM** which brought the lightning bolt down on Grad Hall gave only debatable relief to the area, suffering from a persistent summer-long drought.

Turning to other news developments, The Summer Collegian included stories about the following:

After a decision at the June meeting of the University Senate to provide an optional final examination period, a survey of all University departments revealed that finals will be given fall term during a three-day exam period in 75 per cent of all courses. Dates set for this period are Dec. 4-6.

**AT ITS JULY** meeting, the University Senate adopted a uniform code of judicial policy which specifically states the rights of students in disciplinary actions. The Senate also postponed discussion on the Liberal Arts Planning Committee request concerning voluntary ROTC.

A Pittsburgh Post-Gazette article explored internal University problems, such as the resignation of John A. Sauer as head of the Department of Physics and the losses of accreditation by the journalism and architecture curriculums. These subjects were also considered in editorials of The Summer Collegian and The Centre-Daily Times.

The Undergraduate Student Government sponsored a delegation to the National Student Association meeting at Ohio State in August. USG is currently exploring

the possible benefits of NSA through a trial membership.

The third annual summer conference of the Organization of Student Government Associations was held here during August. The delegates from Commonwealth campus governing bodies had as their topic "Student Leadership."

**TEN FRENCH** students visited the campus in the Experiment in International Living program and were entertained by USG and the Association of Women Students.

USG President Dean Wharton announced consideration of a plan to revamp committee structure. Under the tentative proposal, five major commission heads would have charge of varied committee activities with the USG vice president serving as an intermediary between these chairmen and the president.

Dagobert de Levie, director of Study Abroad for the College of the Liberal Arts, announced plans for possible expansion of the program to five foreign study programs in 1963. Programs will be continued in France and Germany; negotiations are underway for a term in Spain as well.

**CONSIDERATION** is also being given to programs in England, one for architecture students and the other for members of the University Chapel Choir prior to their concert tour. The Study Abroad planners also hope to arrange a program in England for spring term 1964 for students without foreign language facility who possess an interest in the liberal arts.

Continued expansion in another field was also announced. A rapid pace has been set for renovation and construction of campus buildings, according to Walter H. Wiegand, director of the physical plant. Unit 1 of the Education and Psychology Center was completed this summer and personnel of the College of Education have moved into the building.

**THE UNIVERSITY'S** power plant will be able to continue operations in the event of nuclear attack, officials said, because of construction of a fallout

shelter control center within the plant.

Professional summer drama presentations will move from Ma-teer Theatre at Standing Stone to the new Pavilion Theatre on campus next year.

The summer Artists' Series featured pianist Andrew Heath and mezzo soprano Betty Allen. The Curtis String Quartet was in residence and presented concerts under the auspices of the Artists' Series, the School of the Arts and the summer Band, Orchestra and Chorus School.

**GUEST SPEAKERS** on campus were Vance Packard, who addressed the School Administrators Conference, and U.S. Sen. Joseph S. Clark, Clark, Democratic candidate defending his Senate seat against Rep. James E.

Van Zandt, spoke at the invitation of the University, which has extended similar requests to other campaigners for major state offices.

Cricket made its mark on the campus as a University group played teams from Cornell and British Commonwealth representatives in Washington.

The Cosmopolitan Club's International Night filled the Hetzel Union ballroom as talent from many lands was presented.

Richard H. Jahns was named to succeed David R. Mitchell as dean of the College of Mineral Industries. Mitchell relinquished this post Aug. 1 to devote full time to chairmanship of the Division of Mineral Engineering.

**THE UNIVERSITY** received \$296,000 from the state general

fund surplus for 1962-63. The money will be used primarily to match National Science Foundation funds for laboratory and research equipment, President Eric A. Walker said.

The University purchased the unexpired lease of the State College Flying Service to expand the training program for Air Force and Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets. The service had used University land and its field was known as the University airport.

A \$692,000 research contract to expand work in high temperature crystal preparation and growth was awarded to the University in June and was described by President Walker as "one of the most important in the history of the University."

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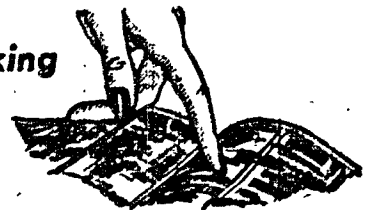
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