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Morning Fire Damages Pollock Residence Hall

Occurs Three Hours After Practice Drill

By MARLENE GULAK

A fire which originated in a storage closet on the fourth floor of Pollock 3 early yesterday caused limited damage to University property. Value of the loss of student property or the origin of the fire have not yet been determined.

Three and one half hours before the fire, the women residents participated in a fire drill.

At 3:30 a.m. Wednesday the fire bells rang for the second time in one night. This time there was flames



STUDENTS SALVAGE belongings from the fourth floor of Pollock 3 residence hall after a fire broke out in a storage closet early yesterday morning. Damage to University property was not heavy, but students' loss has not yet been determined. Students are presently living in lounges until the floor is repaired and cleaned.

Bird Cage Magazine Sale Set

If things keep going the way they have been, the next issue of "The Bottom of the Birdcage" should be on the newsstands in the next two weeks.

After about every possible setback imaginable, the magazine's staff has announced that Birdcage #5 will be ready for sale one week after the elections.

The magazine first tried desperately to come up with a cover page that would be relevant to the forthcoming elections. When this was accomplished, it tackled the printing problem.

Printer number one accepted the job, then called and canceled. Printer number two refused to even consider it. Printer number three readily accepted the order.

However, before he could print a single page, his presses collapsed. At long last, printer number four agreed to publish it.

But by this time, it was too late to come out before the elections and about one-third of the magazine had to be scrapped.

Members of the staff explained there would only be one issue of the magazine this term, due to the difficulty with the printers. They added, however, that the magazine would resume normal publishing next term with the customary two issues per term.

These will be published under a new editor, John Wolfe (4th Journalism-New York City). Don De Maio, present editor, is graduating in December.

Wolfe promises that "barring a nuclear blast" two issues will be printed per term starting January 1965.

Real Fire Routs Unbelieving Coeds

by JANE BEITSCHER

Clang, clang, clang — 11:45 p.m. Oct. 27—the fire alarms announced the beginning of the scheduled mock fire drill for Pollock 3.

Clang, clang, clang—3:00 a.m. Oct. 28—the gongs sounded the alarm again.

There is something totally eerie about the clamor that a fire alarm can raise at this hour. Somehow, it is utterly incongruous with a quiet of a slumbering dormitory.

When the alarm sounded, I was dozing off to sleep in my room on the third floor. I reluctantly got up, then hurriedly shut the windows, opened the drapes, grabbed a coat and towel (a new innovation in drill procedures) slipped on a pair of shoes and ran for the door.

I didn't see anyone in the hall, didn't have the time to think about it because I heard someone screaming "Fire, fire!" I also noticed a small remnant of hundreds of exploded flash-bulbs.

As I went through the exit doors, I encountered a mass of bewildered, but calm, girls rushing down the steps. I also heard an ominous smashing of glass and grabbed the coat of the girl next to me as we shakily stumbled out.

We passed the checker and ran to our assigned places where we had been just three hours before.

There was one moment of panic when we discovered one girl, partially deaf, was still in the dorm. But the smoke had awakened her and she came out several moments later.

After that, we stood around and watched the smoke billow from the fourth floor windows. Talking to girls on the fourth floor, we ascertained that the fire had started in the luggage storage room. Many of the girls thought it was caused by a short circuit which sparked the paper and cellophane bags lying around with the luggage.

When the fire engines came, we drew closer to the building to watch. But they were having troubles of their own putting the fire out and sent us away.

Then we were directed into Pollock 4 where we spread out in the lounges and sorority suites. Ironically, some of the girls had managed to grab their cigarettes and now proceeded to light up. "How can you smoke now?" someone laughingly asked.

Now that we were all together, the girls who had to go down the most dangerous exit told their

story. Elayne Kessler (10th-arts and letters, Bethpage, L.I.) saw flames from the luggage room as she opened her door. This was the only light as the fuses were blown. She had to grope her way down the steps with the towel held to her face because of the dense smoke.

"If we hadn't had the towels, I don't know how we would have made it," she said.

At 4:30 a.m. the firemen allowed us to go back to our rooms. As we wearily tramped in, we were met by electricians who wished us a cherry, although embarrassed, good morning.

Today, the fourth floor, with its blackened walls, burnt luggage and spoiled clothing, was blocked off as security men combed the building to determine the cause of the fire and, also, to estimate the damage.

I doubt if any of the girls in Pollock 3 will be nonchalant about a fire drill again even when we know it's only a practice run.

Limited damage was done to the fourth floor. Walls, furniture and windows were covered with the black smoke and University personnel spent yesterday cleaning the walls. An elevator button melted to one-half its normal size.

Fourth floor residents' property was damaged in the flames. Suitcases were burned and smoke-covered. The women's other personal belongings were covered with the black smoke and plastic hangers melted over clothes.

Fourth floor residents have been moved temporarily into residence halls' study lounges until the fourth floor can be cleaned and all damaged property repaired.



SISTERS of Iota Alpha Pi sorority make candy apples for sale today and tomorrow. From left are Marilyn Glassman, Janet Silberman, Sandie Mitchneck, Judi Knutson and Barbara Labovitz. The sorority will sell the apples on the Mall at S. Allen St., Keeler's and McLanahan's on S. Garner St.

New HUB Set To Open in '66

By ALLAN FRIEDMAN

The planned Hetzel Union Building addition is scheduled to open Sept. 1, 1966. Walter H. Wiegand, director of physical plant and construction announced yesterday.

Wiegand said that bids for the new wing will be opened Feb. 15, while the deadline for the receipt of the bids is March 16, 1965.

Contracts will be awarded to the lowest bidders by March 30. Actual construction will begin on May 1, 1965.

The addition will be constructed at the southeast corner of the present structure where the outdoor terraces are now located.

The major problem with the construction will be the disruption of food services in both the Lion's Den and Terrace Room. Otto E. Mueller, director of housing and food services, said that although construction will already be in progress, discontinuation of food service will not begin until June 12, the last day of the spring term.

Arrangements have been made to provide temporary food service to students. During the summer term 1965, service will be available at the West Halls dining hall. Beginning with the fall term, food service will be shifted to the newly constructed dining hall at East Halls.

The main floor of the HUB addition will be a large room similar to the existing ballroom. It will double the capacity of the ballroom from 650 to 1,300 people for banquets and from 700 to 1,400 couples for dancing.

New Lion's Den On the ground floor level, facilities will provide a new Lion's Den which will be triple in size and serve approximately 300 people.

The Lion's Den and Terrace Room now in operation will be altered to make one new and large dining area to accommodate 800 people.

Necessary improvements to the kitchen facilities will also be made to meet anticipated needs.

Wiegand stressed that although construction will be in progress for approximately 16 months, the student body will not be deprived of HUB services.

"The only thing that will be taken away from the students is the food service," he said. He also pointed out that every effort will be made to enable HUB activities to continue as usual.

Stanley H. Campbell, vice president for business, explained that present facilities are considerably inadequate for the present enrollment of nearly 19,000 students on campus.

Hillel To Host Philosopher

Walter Kaufmann, professor of philosophy at Princeton University and noted philosopher and author, will speak at 8 p.m. Sunday at the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation.

Kaufmann's topic will be "Crisis in Morality," and his lecture is free and open to the public.

He is the author of "Critique of Philosophy and Religion," "Nietzsche," "From Shakespeare to Existentialism," "The Faith of a Heretic" and "Cain and Other Poems."

In addition, Kaufmann is a co-author of "Ethics and Business," and has translated the words of Nietzsche, Baek and Goethe.

He is also the editor of "Existentialism from Dostoevsky to Sartre," two volumes of "Philosophical Classics" and "Religion from Tolstoy to Campus." He has contributed many articles to various encyclopedias, books and periodicals.

Community Affairs

USG Rejects Move For TIM Housing

By TIM SHAFER

James Brubaker, chairman of Undergraduate Student Government Community Affairs Commission told a joint meeting of all USG commissioners Tuesday night that the Town Independent Men's Council is conducting all business involving alleged unsafe and unsanitary conditions in State College.

Ronald Faucher, USG vice president, who directs the entire USG commission system, chaired the meeting.

Brubaker said the community affairs committee would therefore not take a direct hand in the matter.

He said action taken by his USG committee at this time would only result in a needless duplication of functions.

TIM intends to take pictures of many of the violations of the housing code for a forthcoming comprehensive report, Brubaker told the group.

He noted instances of insect-infested establishments, and rooms provided with only seven and one-half watt light bulbs.

Approximately 75 percent of all downtown establishments do not have adequate fire exits, he said.

Sally Hamner, this year's Encampment chairman reported that her committee spent between \$450 and \$475 less than had been allotted.

USG Gave \$1000 USG had approximately \$1,000 for the three day event and the University gave \$800.

The surplus will be kept in USG's general fund, Miss Hamner said.

The chairman of the high school speakers program, Nancy Messersmith, said over 30 applications have been received from students interested in taking part.

Under this program University students visit their home high schools during Christmas vacation, which begins at least a week before that of most high schools. These students explain the various aspects of Penn State life and college life in general to prospective applicants.

Miss Messersmith said she hoped to expand the program to include all vacation periods. At present it's conducted only on Christmas vacation.

Carol Ritch, who heads USG's (Continued on page three)

Halloween Candlelight Dinner Set

Tonight the Great Pumpkin will take time from his busy schedule to visit each residence hall area. It's candlelight dinner time again with Halloween as the theme, so each student living in a residence hall should be prepared for an evening meal by soft candlelight and a complete program of social functions afterwards.

Men's Residence Council and the Association of Women Students will jointly sponsor a program of candlelight dinners and after-dinner socials throughout the academic year.

West will be entertained by a rendition of the Jazz Club. While the residents of West are listening to be-bop, North residents will be singing their hearts out at a student hootenanny. Pollock and Nittany will try to scare all the witches and goblins out of the residence halls by dancing to recorded music in each living unit.

East Halls will hold residence hall area dances. Everyone is invited to the after-dinner social functions except witches and goblins, so there is no cause to be afraid while dancing or singing in the dark corners unless the person you're with happens to be one of those fiendish characters who came in out of the night.

MRC and AWS also will sponsor the second candlelight dinner of the term on Nov. 26 for Thanksgiving.

UCA To Host Folk Concert

Freedom singer Bernice Reagon, a leading exponent of the music of the "New South," will appear at the University Nov. 13 in a program sponsored by the Student Council of Christian Concern of the University Christian Association.

The concert will be held at 8 p.m. in 121 Sparks, and there is no admission charge.

Mrs. Reagon first came to national attention in September 1962 when she appeared at Carnegie Hall in the annual "Sing Out Hootenanny" program.

Her performance was the surprise hit of the evening and among the responses was this comment by Robert Shelton of The New York Times: "She has a superb contralto voice, large, resonant and powerful."

One is immediately reminded of Odette's singing.

After her public debut, Mrs. Reagon joined the original "Freedom Singers" in a coast-to-coast tour. She has also appeared at various folk festivals and can be heard on several recordings.



THE GREAT PUMPKIN has come. John Sutton, a member of the HUB Special Events Committee, puts the finishing touches on a pumpkin-dressed weather balloon.