



# Morning Fire Destroys Sigma Nu

## Housemother Dies From Severe Burns



State College Firemen Battle Sigma Nu Blaze

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Fire swept through the Sigma Nu fraternity house on campus yesterday morning, claiming the life of the fraternity housemother and destroying the 40-year-old building.

The housemother, Mrs. Margaret Yuengert, 67, formerly of Reynoldsville, was carried from her first-floor apartment in the building and taken by ambulance to Centre County Hospital, Bellefonte. She suffered second and third degree burns and died at the hospital at 5 p.m.

Smoke from the fire forced several Sigma Nu's to jump two or three floors from bedroom windows of the building located at 340 N. Burrows Road.

### Fire Discovered

The fire was discovered by John Hoyt (11th-marketing-Rochester, N.Y.) who noticed smoke coming from a foyer on the first floor. Hoyt and several other brothers alerted the rest of the house after they found they could not control the blaze which started in the basement party room. Within minutes the Alpha Fire Company of State College arrived. Members of nearby fraternities aided firemen evacuating the house.

Trapped on the third floor of the building was Lewis Powell (11th-English-Temple Hills, Md.). Powell was forced to jump when smoke became so thick that he could not be seen from the ground.

Powell landed on the front patio covered with cuts and still clad in his pajamas. He was taken to the Ritenour Health Center, and later reported in good condition. Powell's father later said that the full extent of injuries was "undetermined" and "considering the fall he's lucky to be alive."

### Housemother In Room

Mrs. Yuengert, who resided in the house, was in her room when the fire broke out. "We tried to arouse her," said Mrs. Hazel Ryder, the fraternity cook, Sigma Nu president Robert Spinelli (8th-aerospace engineering-Sharon) knocked on her door and several other attempts were made to contact her, according to Mrs. Ryder, who had not smelled smoke or seen flames until word was through the house.

Nearly three hours after the fire began, the house, which roomed and boarded 33 fraternity members, was a smoldering ruin. Several thousand students gathered on the sidewalk across Burrows road and behind the house in the Rec Hall parking lot. Firemen roped off the area.

Sigma Nu brothers Victor L. Barr (8th - counseling - Philadelphia) and Bryan A. Circosta (5th-business administration - Washington, D.C.) were nearly overcome by smoke. Circosta leapt two stories to the ground when smoke filled the house. Firemen operated from two hook and ladder trucks, one supplied by Undine Co. from Bellefonte, and several pump trucks.



MRS. YUENGERT

An urgent call has gone out for text books consumed in the fire. "I lost four years worth of books in the fire," said one Sigma Nu. "Some of the follows lost projects that they've been working on all term," he added.

At 1 p.m. while firemen were still clearing up fire debris, a meeting of the Sigma Nu brothers took place at the Sigma Chi fraternity house, next door to Sigma Nu. It was later announced that Sigma Chi will be the center for book and clothing collecting for destitute Sigma Nu brothers.

James H. Rhodes, assistant to

the Dean of Men for Fraternity Affairs, took charge of the meeting after president Spinelli called role.

"No one needs to comment on the tragedy," said Rhodes. "It's shocking to us all. To those experiencing losses, everybody in State College is backing you."

### Stores Extend Credit

Rhodes went on to say that clothing, shoe and book stores will extend credit to members and the Dean of Men's office will provide for the Sigma Nus who are completely without "ready cash."

About 40 fraternities have offered board and housing to the Sigma Nu brothers. Minutes after the fire had broken out the nearby on-campus fraternities offered room and board facilities.

Interfraternity Council President John Hunt urged the Sigma Nus to take advantage of the credit offerings and pledged IFC assistance.

The brothers and pledges of Sigma Nu fraternity would like to express their deepest gratitude to the wonderful people of this community and to the students of the University for their donations and kind consideration in this time of need.

Robert H. Barnes, University Security, conducted interviews with members in the house at the time the fire broke out and briefly discussed "pinpointing where the fire began."

## News Roundup: From the State, Nation & World

from the associated press

### The Nation

**MRS. WALLACE TO RUN FOR ALABAMA GOVERNOR:** Gov. George C. Wallace's wife, Lurleen, became a candidate for governor of Alabama yesterday with a forecast of victory from her husband and a promise to let him run the show if she is elected. Mrs. Wallace, 39, told a cheering throng which jammed the historic House of Representatives chamber that she will seek the Democratic nomination in the May 3 party primary. She said she would run as a "stand-in" candidate for her husband who is barred by law from seeking re-election. His term ends in January. Wallace, standing at his wife's side predicted to the hundreds of placard waving followers that "Mrs. Wallace will win." Mrs. Wallace said, "My election will enable my husband to carry on his programs for the people."

**HUMPHREY REPORTS ON ASIAN MISSION:** Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey reported yesterday to congressmen on his mission to Asia and said American and South Vietnamese fighting men are going to intensify their assaults on the Viet Cong. "The tide of battle has turned," Humphrey said. But he said no quick or easy solution is in sight in the Vietnamese war. He said he returned with "a spirit of restrained optimism and confidence" that the Communists can be beaten in South Viet Nam and a better life created for the people there. "We have now reached the stage where our military forces can sustain a planned, methodical forward movement." He said U.S. and South Vietnamese forces are aiming continuous and effective operation at Viet Cong guerrillas who once could choose when and where they fought. "And this will be intensified," Humphrey said.

### The World

**PLOT TO OVERTHROW OBOTE FOUND:** Prime Minister Milton Obote of Uganda suspended Uganda's constitution yesterday. He said he had uncovered a plot to overthrow his government with the help of foreign troops and arms. Obote announced the suspension of the constitution is "to insure stability unity and order in the country," but will be only temporary. The move came 48 hours after Obote's assumption of supreme governmental powers and the arrest of five of his top ministers. The prime minister declared an attempt was made to overthrow the government while he was touring northern Uganda recently. "Some foreign missions in Uganda were requested by persons in opposition to the government for massive military assistance, consisting of foreign soldiers and arms," his statement said.

**MILITARY COUP TOPPLES NKURUMAH:** An army revolt yesterday toppled President Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana while he was in Peking. Announcement of the coup brought thousands of celebrators into the streets of Accra in a carnival of drinking, dancing and merry-making. A broadcast over Ghana radio by Col. E. K. Kotoka, identified as the revolt leader, announced that the 10,000 man army had taken over the government, dissolved Parliament, and dismissed the president. Peking radio said, Nkrumah was honored at a dinner in the Chinese capital, but reported no reaction to the coup. The self-styled "redeemer" who had himself designated president for life after Ghana won independence, left Accra three days ago for talks in Cairo, Peking and Hanoi. He was believed on a peace mission to North Vietnam on his own initiative. A frequent supporter of the Communist line in world affairs while accepting Western aid, he had assumed almost dictatorial powers. Accra radio did not specify any reason for the revolt, the sixth military coup in Africa in the last three months, but said all persons jailed for dissenting with Nkrumah's regime would be freed.

### The State

**REAPPOINTMENT HEARINGS BEGIN:** Three federal judges began hearing testimony yesterday on lawsuits challenging the constitutionality of the recent Pennsylvania Senate reappointment by the State Supreme Court. But the jurists, sitting as a special tribunal for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, reserved decision on a motion by Atty. Gen. Walter E. Alesandroni asking dismissal of the two similar legal attacks, one by officials of the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO. The attorney general argued that the district court "is without jurisdiction" and suggested he would join the plaintiffs in seeking speedy "final determination" if they go directly to the United States Supreme Court. Marvin Comisky and Bernard Borish, each representing five taxpayers, joined in arguing that the State Supreme Court plan that revised the 50 senatorial districts last Feb. 4 was invalid, deliberately designed to continue control of the legislature's upper chamber by the Republicans, and thus is invidiously discriminatory.

## Some Legislation Taken Seriously, But

# USG Nixes Myers' Pigeon Bill

Duties and obligations of Undergraduate Student Government Congressmen and investigations of Ritenour were the main issues at the USG meeting last night. But what took up over an hour of discussion was Pollock Congressman Barry Myers' "pigeon bill."

According to an investigation conducted by Myers, two University employees are shooting pigeons on campus with high-powered air guns. Myers said he was concerned with the possibility of student injury resulting from the use of the guns.

"I read in Silent Spring that pigeons could be sterilized by feeding them specially treated grain," Richard Haasnoot, Men's Residence Counsel president, said. "Maybe this would be a safer alternative to keeping the pigeon population down."

"This bill is not funny," retorted Myers. "It deals with the health and welfare of the students, not so much with pigeon population."

Next, John Rosenbaum offered an amendment to the bill. His suggestion—the purchase of salt and heavy nylon cord to apprehend and dispose of pigeons. He asked USG to appropriate 50 cents for this purpose. "If salt is sprinkled on the pigeon's tails, they won't be able to fly," Rosenbaum explained, "and then we could hang them with the cord."

Myers refused to accept this amendment, continually stressing "the importance" of the bill. Said Myers, "Aren't we making a farce out of this bill? Our concern is with the welfare of students."

Congress next considered a pigeon sterilization proposal. It was subsequently forgotten when Edward Cressman, Town Independent Men president, objected. "As a strict Roman Catholic, I can't accept this," he chided.

Congress rejected Myers' bill by a 16-2 vote. Myers and Freshman Class President Jon Fox recorded the only affirmative votes.

Said Myers, "It's funny now, but if some-

one were to get shot tomorrow, it wouldn't be funny any more."

### Down to Business

In more serious moments, Congress passed a bill stipulating that all Congressmen must live in the area he represents during the course of his term in office. The bill will become effective after Fall term elections.

Also passed were:  
● A bill, submitted by Al Hirsch, East Halls Congressman, specifying that East Halls be divided into two voting units. His bill would set up an East Halls I voting unit, consisting of approximately six residence halls, and East Halls II, consisting of the same number. Two Congressmen from each area would sit on Congress, according to provisions of the bill.

● A bill to establish a committee to continue the effort to reach an agreement between the University and Centre Video for a cable-television hookup.

● A bill to amend a previous bill perma-

nently establishing decentralization of voting. The amendment strikes out the corner of Shortlidge Road and College Ave. as a polling place. USG will use voting machines at all polling places in the April elections. Daniel Katz, elections commissioner, said the location would not be suitable for a voting machine.

● A bill to promote improvement in campus ambulance service and for a professional investigation of Ritenour was tabled until the next Congress meeting.

"Competent medical men would investigate student complaints about the health center, not just a prescribed routine," Myers, bill author, said.

In addition, Congress passed a resolution to offer assistance to Sigma Nu fraternity and tabled the USG life insurance program until the next meeting.

Roth Wilkofsky, Spring Week Chairman, also presented his list of Spring Week Events chairmen for USG Congress consideration.

## Dignitaries To Preside at Groundbreaking

# Hershey Ceremony Tomorrow

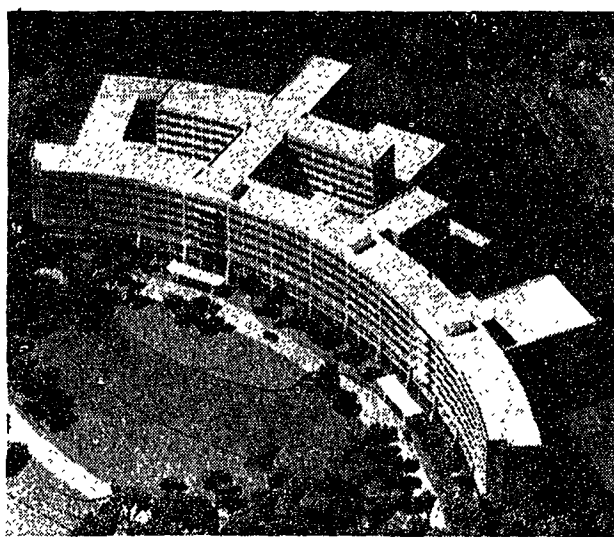
Ground will be broken at 11:30 a.m. tomorrow for the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center.

Participating in the formal ceremonies will be Samuel F. Hinkle, retired president and board chairman of the Hershey Chocolate Corp.; Arthur R. Whitman, president of the Hershey Trust Co.; President Eric A. Walker, and George T. Harrell, director of the Medical Center and dean of the College of Medicine.

A \$175,000 bid has been approved for the first phase of construction of the proposed Center. The low bid covers excavation and caisson work for the basic science wing scheduled for completion by the fall of 1967. The University plans to admit its first class of students by September 1967.

Plans for the Center were started in 1963 with announcement of a \$50,000,000 allocation from trusts established by the late Milton S. Hershey. In addition to the Hershey allocation, the University received a \$10,200,000 grant from the U.S. Public Health Service, earmarked toward the construction of a \$21,000,000 Medical Science Building, steam plant and utilities.

The plans also call for development of a 350-bed teaching hospital and a 50-acre animal research farm.



# Radio Marathon to Aid WUS

Radio station WDFM will kick-off 51 hours of continuous broadcasting at 4 p.m. today when it begins collecting a dime per song request for the World University Service fund-raising drive.

The marathon, which will be broadcast from the WDFM station in Sparks Building, will sign off at 7 p.m. Sunday. According to Phil Guagnano, WDFM program director, a booth will be set up on the ground floor of Sparks where students may submit their song requests and dedications. Guagnano added that the station hoped to sell blocs of time. Students may purchase an hour's worth of broadcast time to play what they choose for four dollars, he said.

Guagnano explained that the marathon will be run in shifts by members of the WDFM staff.

Today also marks the beginning

of the Beauty-Beast contest in residence areas. WUS chairman Rebecca Walker said preliminaries will operate in each residence area by cash ballot. Students may indicate their choice, she explained, by dropping a penny a vote in a jar marked by a picture of the entrants.

Pictures of the six semi-finalists will appear in the Hetzel Union Building next week where students may vote. The winning couple, Miss Walker said, will be announced at a WUS Security Jammy next Friday in the HUB ballroom.

The chairman said this week, designated as International Awareness Week, was the first stage in the two-part WUS campaign on campus including education and fund-raising. Last night, international students spoke in residence areas and compared the educational systems of their countries with that of the United States.

Earlier in the week, representatives from WUS, The Peace Corps, VISA, and YW-YMCA discussed job prospects abroad in a panel, headed by R. Wallace Brewster, professor of political science.

Miss Walker reported that the fund-raising drive will begin Wednesday when members of Alpha Phi Omega men's service fraternity, will build a WUSing Well at the foot of the Mall. On the first day of the drive they will form a line from Schwab to the Well on College Avenue in a Money Mile to collect donations. Booths will also be set up in the HUB and at other locations on campus.

The WUS drive is also endorsed by the Undergraduate Student Government, the Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils, Association of Women Students, Men's Residence Council, Town Independent Men's Council and the HUB committees.

# SURE Plans Negro Student Questionnaire

The Student Union for Racial Equality (SURE) decided last night to send off-campus housing lists compiled by the Town Independent Men's Council to all residence hall counselors.

The lists name those apartments and boarding houses in the area which do not discriminate against students on the basis of race or religion.

SURE also plans to send a questionnaire to all the Negroes on campus in an effort to find out why there is "such a small and diminishing Negro population" at the University. The questionnaire asks whether the students feel there is discrimination in grading, whether they feel they are a part of the University, and whether they would recommend the University to Negro high school students.

The last question will help SURE in its plans to bring Negro high school students to campus during various week-ends throughout the spring term. The purpose of the week-end programs is to stimulate interest in the University so that the high school students will apply for admission.

Students are needed this summer to work with the Delta Ministry's civil rights projects in Mississippi. Bob Gallagher, SURE president, announced. The Rev. Robert Beech, a member of the Delta Ministry who was on campus last week, told SURE that workers are needed to build homes for Negroes who have been forced to live in tents.

Students who are interested in working on any of SURE's projects, Gallagher said, are welcome to join any of the committees. They need not become members of the organization.

## Slate Gallery Art Show To Feature Print Exhibit

A print show and sale, featuring the work of students of Paul Edmonston, associate professor of art education, will open at 9 a.m. tomorrow in the Slate Gallery at 121 W. Beaver Ave.

The show will feature various techniques taught in Edmonston's graphics course. Prints are made from woodcuts, etchings, silk screens and lithographs. The work ranges from abstract to realistic.

Coffee and cookies will be served tomorrow at the gallery. The opening show will last until 5 p.m.

The show and sale will also be open from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. next Saturday.

Prices of the prints will range from \$4 to \$40, according to Gail I. Evans (8th-art education - Philadelphia), a member of the graphics class.