

Flames and Smoke Envelop Sigma Nu

Community Unites To Aid Brothers

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Aid to the 33 brothers of Sigma Nu fraternity, who suffered immeasurable personal and financial loss in yesterday's fire, was forthcoming within minutes after flames enveloped the chapter house on N. Burrowes Rd.

Few of the brothers escaped from the house with more than the clothes on their backs and others returned from class to find everything they owned at Penn State, other than the textbooks they carried, consumed by the fire.

Two years ago the fraternity invested nearly \$60,000 to remodel the second and third floors of the 40-year-old house. This year nearly \$11,000 had been invested to remodel the first floor, when new furniture, rugs and paintings were added. One member estimated damages to the physical plant of the building, not including personal belongings of the members in the neighborhood of \$200,000.

State College fire chief William Lower issued no statement concerning estimated damage. "It was too late in the day to check the building," he said.

"It started out to be a really good day," a Sigma Nu brother commented. "Everybody was looking forward to the pledge formal Saturday. We were to begin work on decorations today."

IFC Officials Present

Minutes after news of the fire reached the Dean of Men's office, James A. Rhodes, assistant to the Dean of Men for fraternity affairs, was on the scene with staff assistant Terry Henderson, and they immediately began to check into temporary or permanent places for the Sigma Nu members to stay.

The members were given lunch at Sigma Chi, whose president George Cascino (11th-civil engineering-Garfield, N.J.) offered facilities of the Sigma Chi house for a Sigma Nu meeting.

In the meeting at 1 p.m. yesterday Rhodes thanked the 40 fraternities that had responded to the calls of Henderson and IFC president John Hunt, and were prepared to offer housing and board to the homeless Sigma Nus. Cold Foods Inc. offered to supply the houses volunteering services with food for the new boarders. Later in the day Rhodes received numerous calls from persons and businesses offering housing space to the fraternity members. University Realty offered a new apartment house to all the brothers. The University offered two Nittany dormitories to house the group collectively. State College residents also phoned offering their houses.

Textbook Problem

The immediate problem of obtaining textbooks and clothes for the 33 men will be shouldered by the State College Junior Chamber of Commerce, working in conjunction with Sigma Chi, which is serving as the center for clothes and textbook gathering.

Yesterday afternoon and evening persons gave everything from socks to cigarettes and pillows to tooth paste to the Sigma Nus. Clothing and textbook stores have offered to extend complete credit to the fraternity members. One clothing store offered all members a shirt, pair of slacks and socks.

Ironically this is National Brotherhood Week and Greek Week at Penn State. The meaning of the week and the personal tragedy will long remain in the minds of the members of Delta Delta chapter of Sigma Nu.



State College Firemen Battle Blaze Yesterday



A Quick Shot of Java Before Heading Into the Smoke



Some Fresh Air after an 'Inside Look'



'Hey! How About a Little More Pressure Down There?'



Fireman Gets His 'Shades' Cleaned

Burned-Out Brothers Need Books

Members of Sigma Nu Fraternity have asked to borrow books and if possible any class notes for their courses for the rest of the term. Students who wish to donate books should put their names on the items and leave them at Sigma Chi Fraternity at 320 N. Burrowes Rd. any time.

Books are needed for the following courses:

- Acctg. 102
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- Acctg. 4 (3 sets)
- Bus. Stat. 101-102
- Bus. Stat. 301
- Bi. Sci. 1
- Chem Eng. 20
- CDFR. 18
- Com. 122 (3 sets)
- CDFR. 316
- Chem. 11
- Com. 180
- Com. 243

- C.E. 71
- C.E. 45
- Chem. 30
- CDFR. 318
- Engl. 132
- Econ. 2 (3 sets)
- Econ. 320
- Engl. 133
- Engl. 119
- E. Mech. 11 (3 sets)
- Econ. 4
- Eng. Graphics 12
- Econ. 315 (3 sets)
- E. Mech. 14, lab book and text (2 sets)
- Engl. 116
- Fr. 2
- Geo. Sci. 20
- Hist. 18 (2 sets)
- Hist. 20
- Hist. 428
- Journ. 401
- Journ. 468
- Music 5
- Meteo. 330
- Meteo. 300

- Mgmt. 222 (2 sets)
- Mgmt. 220 (2 sets)
- Math 17
- Math 44 (2 sets)
- Mgmt. 110
- N.E. 33
- N.E. 50
- Org Chem 31
- Physics 202
- Phil. Sci. 14 (2 sets)
- Phil. 4 Balance of Life
- Prob. of Phil.
- Phys. Sci. 7
- Phil. 1
- Pol. Sci. 20
- Physics 203
- Psych. 431 (3 sets)
- Psych. 21
- Psych. 2
- Span. 1
- Speech 200
- Slide rules
- Tillich, "Dynamic Faith"
- Winner, "Design of Reinforced Concrete Structures"
- Thompson, "Vibration Theory and Applications"



Bellefonte Firemen Man the Perilous Ladder



Weary Fireman Takes Break after Stint at the Tip of the Ladder



A New Air Tank, a Dry Brow, and Back into the Smoke

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