

Fire company stages blaze for RAs

Resident Assistants learn dangers of fire

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Smoke, flames and soot assailed 24 South Halls resident assistants as they participated in a simulated fire exercise at the Alpha Fire Company's training site on Fox Hollow Road last night.

pared if an actual fire did occur in a dormitory. "We felt that this was important because there have been fires in dorms where people have been killed," Barb Hornack, South Halls Area Coordinator, said. "This is about as realistic as you're

"We're not worried about the building but its contents," Hand said. Students don't realize how they increase the "combustibility load" of their rooms with plastic, paper, stuffed chairs and other combustible materials, Hand said. It only takes 10 minutes for a dorm room to be engulfed in 1,000-degree flames.

"Every big fire was once a little fire," he said. "If you don't catch it when it's a little fire it's going to get you." If an RA or any students see a fire, Hand said there are three simple things the student should do:

- 1. Pull the fire alarm.
- 2. Call police services using a phone on a floor below where the fire is taking

ardize your life to put a fire out in a dorm."

While Hand said 90 percent of the students at the University think of fire drills as a joke, RAs should be prepared to enforce fire drill rules.

"Please treat fire drills seriously," he said. "Students must evacuate — if they refuse you just write them up."

Pennsylvania law requires that fire drills be conducted every 30 days in residence hall areas.

A \$12,000 mobile unit equipped with a dorm room, corridor and stair tower, targeted for arrival at the University by the end of October, will tour the residence hall areas to conduct mock fire exercises, Hand said.

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Dampened straw on a metal rack was ignited and the RA's were escorted through a "burning" room by University fire prevention specialist Tom Hand, who said the exercise was designed to put RA's in an actual fire situation.

"My intention is to impress upon you people that this kind of situation can happen to you — only on a much larger scale," Hand said.

The mock fire was conducted as part of the RA's training so they would be pre-

going to get — we'll be down on our hands and knees going through there."

As the smoke grew thicker, some RA's said they found it harder and harder to breathe.

"It makes RAs realize how serious the smoke problem can be," Dale Fisher, an RA in Beaver Hall, said. "You know it's no joke when you're in there choking to death."

Despite the fire-safe construction of dormitories, Hand said the residence halls are not immune to burning.

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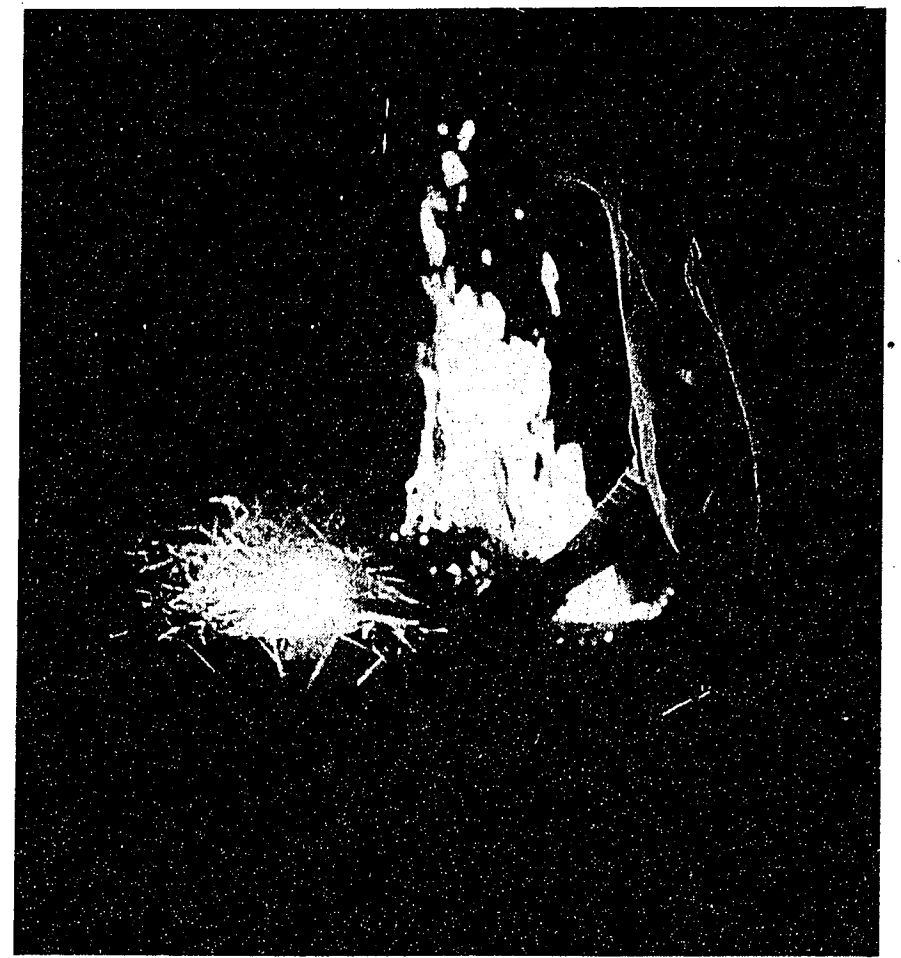


Photo by Greg Bullock

Faking a fire

University Fire Prevention Specialist Tom Hand lights dampened straw to simulate a burning room as part of a program to teach Resident Assistants the dangers of fire, including smoke inhalation. The program took place last night at the Alpha Fire Company's training site on Fox Hollow Road.

Khomeini threatens guerillas

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BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini threatened to use "iron bars or the sword" against leftist Iranian guerillas yesterday. Their exiled leader declared Khomeini's regime was ready to collapse.

Khomeini's government also announced a three-day registration period beginning Saturday for candidates to succeed slain President Mohammad Ali Rajavi, Tehran Radio said. No date has been set for the presidential elections, which will be Iran's third in 19 months.

The government executed 21 people for heroin smuggling Tuesday, the radio reported. Three leftist guerillas were arrested the same day in Tehran after a shootout with Revolutionary Guards, it said, and 30 leftist women were apprehended Monday after they threw grenades and firebombs at a communications center.

In a speech broadcast by Tehran Radio, Khomeini called the leftist Mujahedeen Khalq guerillas "mer-

cenaries of the world-devouring America." He added, "In the early days of Islam, non-believers were hit incessantly on the head by the sword to become Moslems. Many were killed. Martyrdom is not something that one should shy away from.

"God has prescribed persuasion, standards and the sword. If persuasion or standards do not work, then it will be the sword. They will be hit on the head with iron bars or the sword until they are reformed."

His speech was made to a group of Iranian pilgrims who visited Khomeini at his residence before their departure for Mecca, Islam's holiest city, the broadcast said.

The radio also quoted Khomeini as telling them: "How is it possible for a person to be a Moslem and be content only praying, fasting, going on pilgrimage and such . . . and not involve himself with Moslems' affairs?"

"Increase the number of mullahs (Moslem clergymen). We need them and Islam needs them. Without them Islam will vanish. Islam cannot be

maintained by liberal-minded intellectuals."

In London, supporters of the exiled Mujahedeen Khalq leader, Massoud Rajavi, quoted him as calling for a "liberation" struggle to overthrow Khomeini.

Rajavi's statement, telephoned to the London bureau of The Associated Press, said on the organization's 17th anniversary that 1,000 Mujahedeen died and 10,000 were jailed in the past year in their drive to topple Khomeini.

Rajavi urged Iranians to "liberate" their areas and set up people's councils to act in unison with the National Council of Resistance that he and Bani-Sadr formed to lead the guerilla war against the regime.

Mujahedeen Khalq guerillas have been blamed by the regime for the bombings that killed 72 officials of the ruling Islamic Republican Party on June 28, and President Rajavi and Prime Minister Mohammad Bahonar on Aug. 30.

Dean bans infant from architecture classes

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — A 2-month-old baby won't be allowed in advanced architecture classes at the University of Arizona, even if it means her mother will have to drop out and forfeit scholarships, the dean of students said yesterday.

Dean Robert Svob said he had decided to bar Lauren Finley from attending an architecture laboratory with her mother, Denise, despite assertions by the professor and a classmate that Lauren had not disrupted the class.

Svob met with Ronald Gourley, the College of Architecture's dean, after Gourley asked if there could be a compromise.

"If you allowed everyone to do what they wanted to do, you wouldn't have much order," Svob said. "We've made our decision and the decision is enforcement of an existing regulation."

Gourley was not available for comment after the meeting, but Finley said the compromise she and Gourley worked out would have let her keep Lauren in class except for two one-hour lectures.

Several women with advanced degrees have called her since the controversy began and have told her that they were allowed to bring children to classes with consent of their teachers, she said.

Students volunteered to sit with the baby for the two hours of lectures, she added.

"Nobody seems to mind the baby", said classmate Peter Grigorov. "If the child gets noisy, she just slips out of class. I think it should be up to the professor since he'd be the one more directly affected."

Miss Texas wins preliminary talent competition

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Miss Texas, Sheri Ryman, won the talent competition yesterday with a gymnastic routine on the first night of preliminary competition in the Miss America Pageant. Miss Mississippi, Karen Hopson, was the winner of last night's swimsuit preliminary.

Ryman, 20, of Texas City, performed a spirited gymnastic routine to the theme from "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

She is a junior at North Texas State University majoring in industrial distribution.

Hopson, 21, of Vicksburg, wore a white

swimsuit. She is a senior majoring in speech pathology and audiology at the University of Mississippi. Hopson said she keeps in shape by jogging, swimming and water skiing.

Last night's talent competition featured an unusual show by Miss South Carolina, Jill Rankin, 21, of Columbia, who performed a figure skating routine on a 16-foot-square portable ring.

Miss North Dakota, Stacie Anfinson, surprised the 8,000 people in the audience by going through with her scheduled singing of "Garden of Gethsemane" from the rock musical "Jesus Christ,

Superstar."

Anfinson, 21, of Hettinger, has been plagued with a bad case of laryngitis for more than two weeks and said she was prepared to perform a dramatic inter-pretation instead.

Talent, swimsuit, and evening gown competition continues tonight and tomorrow night. The nationally televised finals are scheduled for Saturday night.

All talent preliminary winners receive a \$2,500 scholarship. All swimsuit preliminary winners receive a \$1,500 scholarship.

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