

# Weekend fire causes safety concerns for ARHS

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A weekend fire in Hamilton Hall prompted a renewed concern about fire safety in the residence halls at last night's meeting of the Association of Residence Hall Students council.

Jonathan Mount, a representative from West Halls, stressed increased concern from University officials as well as students on fire safety.

The Sunday fire caused about \$75 damage to equipment when a student living in Hamilton Hall fell asleep while candles were burning on his desk, Mount said. Students saw the smoke and proceeded to put out the fire. However, Mount said no one pulled the fire alarm, so University Police Services did not respond to the fire, he said.

Karen Gravin, ARHS vice president, said, "This incident stresses what Jon has been saying — the importance of making the University and students aware of fire safety and fire safety hazards — making them aware of what they should do in these situations."

Mount said that the fire safety committee would continue to work on this issue in an attempt to better equip the University's fire safety program.

Mount said members should gather information which shows how other universities have handled problems concerning fire safety. He also plans to have some sort of correspondence with the National Fire Protection Agency in Washington.

"We will go to the state legislature if we have to go that far," he said, "to get a little better protection for students living in the dorms."

In other matters, ARHS President Chris Calkins said the group will hold a news conference at 5 tonight in 20A HUB to voice their concerns which were prompted by University President John W. Oswald's comments at a news conference last week.

At that conference, Oswald announced that University buildings would be closed at 3 p.m. on Nov. 21, during the Notre Dame game.

Although Oswald did not comment on an ARHS proposal to keep the either White Building or Findlay recreation room open after the game for students who need a place to stay, those buildings will be closed because of that decision.

Bill Cluck, Undergraduate Student Government president, told ARHS members at the group's meeting last night that USG will hold a postgame reception in the HUB after the football game.

The reception is planned in conjunction with an ARHS objective to provide a place for students, alumni and other fans to stay who do not want to fight traffic after the game, Cluck said.

Fourteen USG senators have volunteered to help the ARHS council with this project. USG and ARHS members will be working jointly to determine the logistics of the postgame program, he said.

Cluck said that although USG reserved the rooms in the HUB, he would prefer ARHS help with the post-game service.

"By no means is this Cluck riding in on his white horse to save the day," he said.

Calkins said the two student groups are "working with people downtown to provide some kind of space for students (who do not want to leave State College Saturday evening)."

However, he said neither group has gotten any confirmation concerning downtown housing after the game.

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# Big buys for those end-of-term junk food junkets

Now that the term is crashing down around our ears, it's time to settle down and bail yourself out of the academic mass you're in. But if you can't seem to study without lots of crunching munchies to keep your company, take heart — I've some price advice to get you through the end of the term without breaking your budget.

First, as this week's survey shows, you can save 20 cents or more on nearly every item by comparison shopping between stores. Savings ranged from a measly 6 cents on Nature Valley Granola Clusters to 36 cents on Sara Lee All-Butter pound cake.

So, depending on how extravagant your tastes are and where you shop, you can really do yourself a favor by comparison shopping.

Now, before you dash out to compare the prices of Twinkies and Fudgie-Wudgies at 47 different stores, let me give you a few handy guidelines that'll make your junk food shopping — and binges — a little easier on your wallet.

First, almost every snack food item you buy costs less in a grocery store than it does in a small convenience store, where you're paying for the convenience of shopping after regular business hours.

So, if you'd walk from here to Altoona at midnight for a quart of strawberry strange ice cream, a bag of State brand chips and six dehydrated dill pickles, you can save a bundle just by purchasing these delicacies at your Joe-average grocery store.

Unfortunately, the prices of many of the snack items that junk food junkies love best — like potato chips and cheese twists — vary little, if at all, from place to place.

On potato chips and similar bag-type munchies, for example, the price stamped on the container by the manufacturer is the one you'll pay, even in convenience stores like Majik Market and Boots Dairyette. The one exception is Weis Market, which offers discounts of about 6 cents on each package.

You can save on soda and other drinks by avoiding the convenience stores when purchasing these items. A six-pack of 12-ounce cans of soda can cost as much as 50 cents more when you buy it in your late-night desperation than if you waited until morn-

ing and added it to your grocery list.

Once you've broken yourself of the dash-to-the-store-I'm-hungry routine, you're also in a better position to choose the most nutritious in junk food items. Sound crazy? It isn't. If you really thought awhile, you could probably come up with some nutritious snack you'd be happy with — like raw broccoli or carrot sticks.

Well, if those don't exactly strike you as being mouth-watering snacks, but you want something a little more worthwhile than those rubbery little cupcakes you get in packages of two, you're not alone.



Denise Shane

Companies like Nature Valley and Quaker Oats have come to the rescue — with a variety of incredibly expensive granola snacks. Most varieties cost \$1.49 per 6- to 8-ounce bag and contain between five and eight servings.

If \$1.49 seems like an incredible price for six skinny little snacks, get yourself some real granola or natural cereal for about \$1.89 per pound and munch to your all-natural heart's content.

If, like me, you occasionally wander down the grocery aisles just waiting for some good snack to pop out at you from the shelves, let me give you a bit of advice. Don't believe all those "Special Sale Bargain" signs that stare at you from nearly every display these days.

Stores are becoming more and more adept at catching the eye of the hungry (and unsuspecting) student who wanders around looking for something that goes well with Chem 12.

Once you start reading these snack food displays for what they are — mini-

advertising campaigns — you'll be surprised at the non-bargains you'll discover right in your friendly neighborhood grocery store.

Not only may those Granite Chippos cookies you're looking at not really be on sale, but they might even cost more in front of that sale sign than they do anywhere else in town.

If you're a late-night cookie monster, you can save some bucks by making your own cookies from prepackaged refrigerator dough instead of purchasing the expensive, store-bought cookies.

For example, Chips Ahoy brand chocolate chip cookies in the 13-ounce package cost \$1.49 at A&P. But a whole pound of Pillsbury Slice and Bake chocolate chip cookies (in the raw, of course) costs just \$1.39. So it pays to have access to an oven.

If you're a chip-and-dip muncher, you should know it pays to make your French onion dip from scratch, with sour cream and dry onion soup mix. If you think you're getting a real bargain by purchasing commercially-made onion dip, just read the label of that bargain special to see what's in it.

Most of the brands I checked — especially the bargain-priced ones — had no sour cream in them at all. They contained neat substitutes that give them their uneventful flavor. But if you absolutely must have someone else stir the seasoning into your sour cream dip for you, expect to pay 75 cents or more for real sour cream onion dip.

And, since an 8-ounce container of plain sour cream costs less than 50 cents at most places, you can add dry soup or dip mix and not dip into your savings.

Shop wisely — and beware of phony bargains — and you'll get more munchies for your money.

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Ritz Crackers, 12 oz.	.99	1.25	.99	.99	1.27
Onion dip, cheapest brand, 8 oz.	.49	.39	.49	.79	.68
Keebler Deluxe Graham's, 12 oz.	1.33	1.29	1.25	1.29	X
Oreo's 15 oz.	1.63	1.59	1.59	1.59	1.69
Hawaiian Punch, grape, 1 can	.73	.73	.87	.87	1.09
Sara Lee all but ter pound cake, 10 1/2 oz.	1.57	1.79	1.99	1.85	X
Pillsbury Slice & Bake chocolate chip cookies, 16 oz.	1.39	1.25	1.47	1.49	X
Nestle's chocolate chip, 6 oz.	1.25	1.09	1.09	X	1.41
Nature Valley granola clusters (raisin) 7 1/2 oz.	1.49	1.55	1.55	1.49	X

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