

Suspicious fire burns fraternity

By MIKE LENIO
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A fire police are calling suspicious broke out about 5:15 a.m. yesterday at Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, 508 Locust Lane.

The fire charred the wall of a telephone booth on the second floor of the building and a mattress in a bedroom across the hall, said Dan Orazzi (senior-speech communications), a member of the fraternity and *The Daily Collegian* business staff.

No one was injured, police said. Police said they did not know what might have caused the blaze or how it could have affected two separate rooms without damaging any of the area in between. Orazzi said no outlets or appliances were near the mattress except for a small alarm clock, and the cord of the clock was not melted or charred.

Jerry Austin (senior-speech communications) was watching television in a first-floor living room when he heard the fire alarm.

"At first I figured it was just the batteries in the smoke alarm," he said. "Then one of the guys upstairs woke up and came out in the hallway, and when I looked up the stairs I saw smoke above his head."

Austin said they found flames coming from under the fixtures behind the telephone and were able to put

them out with a fire extinguisher. "By this time, most people were up," he said. "That's when someone saw the flames in the room across the hall and put out the second fire."

Austin said that at about 3:30 a.m., while he was in the kitchen on the first floor, he had heard the basement door creak and footsteps going either up or down the basement steps.

"When I looked I didn't see anyone, and when I checked downstairs a basement door that is usually locked was open. It could be nothing, but it seemed strange," he said.

Police are continuing the investigation into the cause of the fire. Orazzi said police officers pulled up floorboards in the telephone booth and questioned members of the fraternity yesterday.

The fraternity had previously received an anonymous threat of fire last fall, during a rash of suspicious fires downtown that took place in November and December. Orazzi said someone called the fraternity one night and said, "Fire — your house is next," and hung up.

Following the threat, members of the fraternity organized a fire watch, Orazzi said. The fire watch, which lasted about three weeks, consisted of patrols by members of the house and the surrounding area between midnight and 6 a.m., he said. The patrols were made with the cooperation of State College police, he said.

Spying testimony gone

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A defense attorney for a Marine embassy guard accused of espionage said yesterday a second, previously unidentified witness against his client had withdrawn a statement given to investigators suggesting wrongdoing.

Michael V. Stuhff, in a telephone interview, identified the witness as a Cpl. Robert Williams. Stuhff said he had been notified last week by prosecutors that an incriminating statement given by Williams impli-

cating Sgt. Clayton J. Lonetree had been withdrawn by the Marine.

The lawyer added the notice of Williams' recanting was "one of many factors" that led to a defense decision last Thursday to seek a delay in pre-trial hearings for Lonetree until next month.

Stuhff declined to identify Williams further, beyond saying he had served as an embassy guard in Moscow and Vienna, Austria — the two posts where Lonetree served. The Marine Corps refused to discuss the matter.

Students to fight for council seat

By VICTORIA PETTIES
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Though student leaders contend that community relations could improve by electing a student to the State College Municipal Council in November, they said "the fight ahead will be an uphill battle."

University student leaders have formed an informal task force to examine the feasibility of a student running for a borough council position.

Undergraduate Student Government Senate President Joseph Scoboria said if enough interest is generated, a voter registration drive will be launched this fall to increase student voting strength in the borough elections.

Dean R. Phillips, who left the post in 1977, was the last student to sit on the borough council.

David Rosenblatt, a member of the Planning Commission, and Michelle Pinkerton, a member of the Community Development Block Grant Citizen Advisory Committee, are the only two student representatives on the authorities, boards and commission committees which make recommendations to the borough council.

According to the 1985 report of the Centre Region Comprehensive Plan, people aged 18-24 make up 26,340 of the total 36,130 State College population. This statistic includes University

students who live in the borough and University Park.

Student leaders, including members of the USG and the University Student Executive Council, formed a task force to improve communications with the borough council on decisions affecting students.

Student leaders said they realize that a University student candidate running for a council position will have to hurdle more obstacles than town candidates.

Community relations between University students and the borough are hindered because "there is no constant, institutionalized student input," Scoboria said.

He added that most of the student concerns are communicated to the borough council through student government liaisons and at the Mayor's Advisory Board meetings once a month.

"Echoing Scoboria's concern, Rosenblatt said that sometimes students feel "locked out of the policy making." Though USEC forwarded recommendations to the borough council at the time of the amending of the noise ordinance, some students felt that their input was ignored.

Council Member R. Thomas Berner said concerns of all local residents are given equal consideration in borough council decisions. Berner added that students should view

themselves as permanent residents of the community by increasing involvement with local government such as being appointed to borough committees and attending council meetings.

But Rosenblatt said that "often State College residents perceive students are naive to some processes of the world," adding that students view "the borough as a cold, unchanging body."

A student candidate should also focus on community relations issues such as strengthening University students' credibility and the reinstating students' trust of the borough council.

Rosenblatt explained that the undercover sting operation that ended with the State College Bureau of Police Services charging 16 fraternities with underage drinking was perceived by University students as a breach of trust.

"It is important that a student in the decision-level committee," Rosenblatt said, "comes to the council with a student perspective and votes for the benefit of the community."

Council President John Dombroski said the obstacle to students running is that their main purpose is to get an education. He added that he would view a student council candidate as a regular council member but not as a special interest representative.

Council claims business tax victory

By KARL HOKE
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The State College Municipal Council last night approved the controversial business privilege tax ordinance.

After five months of sometimes contentious debate with some local business people, council approved the ordinance by a vote of 6-1. Council member Dan Chaffee cast the sole dissenting vote.

The ordinance imposes a tax of 1.5 mills, or .015 percent, on the gross receipts of persons doing business in the borough to make up for a \$775,000 shortfall in its pro-

posed 1988 budget. Wholesale, retail and service sector businesses are subject to the tax. Rental income from apartment and other sources are also taxed.

"The tax is the only broadbased tax available to us that will give us what we need to balance the budget," said council member Dan Winand.

Council members have said that raising the earned income or the real estate taxes further would require taxpayers to shoulder too much of the tax burden.

They argued that levying a tax on businesses would allow for a more

equitable distribution.

Local merchants, the State College Area Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Business Association argued that the tax would affect some businesses much more than others. They claim the tax is unfair because high volume low profit businesses would pay more tax than those businesses with a low volume but high profits.

Chaffee, a local real estate sales manager, has said he has been unhappy with the way council pushed through the tax ordinance.

He has also said he was unhappy that council did not wait for the

conclusions of local accountants who will study the effects of the tax. That study was requested by the two business groups and is to be completed in June.

Council member James Bartoo offered an amendment that would lower the tax from 1.5 to 1 mill. He said some tax increases in the past have resulted in greater revenue for the borough than originally anticipated.

"In 1981, we increased the earned income tax 5 mills or \$750,000," Bartoo said. "In 1986, we increased the earned income tax 3 mills. We expected to get \$450,000 but actually got \$588,000."



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Big wheel

A tricyclist makes his way through an obstacle course of egg-topped pylons during an event at the Greek Week Block Party yesterday.

Grad dean: teachers getting scarce

By LISA NURNBERGER
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In less than 10 years, the United States could face a drought of educational standards, including a very lean selection of professors — much like many Third World nations, said the vice president for research and dean of the Graduate School.

Traditionally, white men have gotten the highest percentage of engineering and scientific degrees in the United States. But because of declining birth rates, the number of these students will decline steadily in upcoming years, Charles L. Hosler said.

Because of low birth rates in the United States, the number of 22-year-old Americans will fall steadily from now until 2000.

This "baby-bust" will reduce the pool from which college students are drawn by one million potential students.

And the fastest growing pool of college-age people is made up of racial and ethnic groups whose participation rate in college has been historically low, who have the highest drop-out rate from high school, and who are least likely to study math or science.

By the year 2020, 30 percent of the population is predicted to be black or Hispanic, Hosler said.

Cultural and economic barriers block many minorities and women from obtaining technical degrees, and unless solutions are found to combat this problem, the United States will be short 600,000 scientists and engineers by 1995.

However, the rate at which those minorities get science and engineering Bachelor of Science degrees is 13 per thousand, while the rate for whites and Asians is 56 per thousand, Hosler said.

"To stay even at the 1984 production rate of scientists and engineers will require that we quadruple the rate of participation of blacks and Hispanics from 14 to 56 per thousand, or double the rate of female participation from 28 to 57 per thousand," Hosler said.

But sociological studies indicate that it will take a generation or two to bring minority groups into higher education, he said, adding that efforts in the past have not produced any results.

"We're spending millions of dollars a year on (minority) programs . . . and throwing money in areas that have no impact" because they don't deal with cultural and economic forces, Hosler said, referring to home and community attitudes.

Although the United States will feel the repercussions of the baby-bust, Hosler said attempts have been made to attract minority students who don't traditionally enter science.

The federal government is working with local industries to create "magnet schools" where corporations invest in building science facilities in primary and secondary schools that are predominantly black.

Also, 44 states' school boards have turned around lenient scheduling policies to require course work in the sciences to stimulate interest and equip students with the background needed to enter those fields.

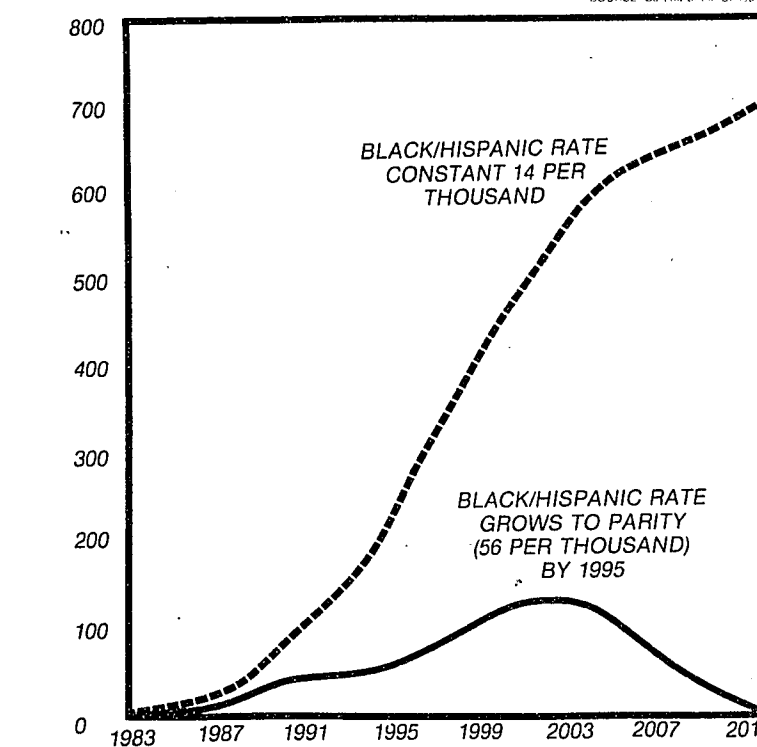
So far, Hosler said, foreign graduates — who receive 55 percent of all engineering doctorates and 20 to 40 percent of doctorates in other areas of science and math — are "saving us now."

But still, only about 40 percent of international students stay in the country after graduating, he said.

In the past decade, the number of foreign students attending the University has tripled, climbing from 1-

Shortfall of natural science and engineering baccalaureates with different minority rates

Cumulative shortfall (thousands) from 1983 degree level



176 to 3,324. They now make up 23 percent of all graduate students.

But the number of black graduates has remained relatively constant at 2.4 percent, bucking the national trend, in which enrollment has dropped 6 percent in the past year.

Byron Wiley, assistant to the dean of the Graduate School for minority affairs, said the University has managed to "buck trends because of an administrative commitment, which is reinforced by mandates from the Commonwealth that Penn State increase minority enrollment."

Besides each college having a des-

ignated coordinator for minority enrollment purposes, University recruiting officials attend predominantly black undergraduate universities' graduate school fairs to sell Penn State to minorities, he said.

The University "essentially tries to use any recruiting method that reaches minority groups," Wiley said. "For example this week two doctoral students are going out to Albur, New Mexico for the 'Gathering of the Nations,' a program geared towards presenting opportunities offered to native Americans in higher education.

Suspected Nazi to be deported to USSR

By RICHARD CARELLI
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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Karl Linnas, facing a Soviet death sentence on charges of supervising Nazi concentration camp executions, was being deported to the Soviet Union yesterday after the Supreme Court and the Justice Department turned down his bids to remain in the United States, government sources said.

Linnas was taken from his New York jail cell by federal agents, and government sources, commenting on a condition of anonymity, said he was being flown to the Soviet Union, after a stopover in Czechoslovakia.

He was being taken out of the United States hours after the Supreme Court rejected Linnas'

bid to delay his deportation while his lawyers hunted for another country that would accept him.

Richard Olson, executive assistant at the Metropolitan Correctional Center, told reporters that Linnas left the jail about 4:30 p.m. EDT. He said he was not told where Linnas was taken.

Agents of the Immigration and Naturalization Service "were very secretive about the entire move," he said.

Earlier, just after the Supreme Court decision was announced, Deborah Corley, staff assistant to U.S. Attorney Rudolph Giuliani in New York, said, "There is no legal impediment to our deporting him."

In Washington, Attorney General Edwin Meese III told reporters a decision on deportation might be announced before the day was through.

Linnas' daughter, according to family attorney Larry Schilling, hoped to make a personal appeal to Meese for more time to find another country willing to accept Linnas.

Linnas fell two votes short in his court effort as the justices refused, 6-3, to extend an order that had blocked deportation.

The court's action came on the heels of Justice Department efforts to find some country other than the Soviet Union to which Linnas could be sent.

After the ruling, Linnas' attorneys immediately sought a temporary restraining order from U.S. District Judge Thomas Hogan in Washington. Hogan rejected the request, but William Hemsley Jr., one of Linnas' attorneys, said he would seek to appeal Hogan's decision.

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clarification

A tree pictured on Page 1 of Thursday's *Collegian* was not an elm tree and did not have Dutch elm disease. It was an ash tree.

weather

Today, partly sunny and unseasonably warm, high 80; tonight, cloudy with showers, thundershowers developing, low 51; tomorrow, mostly cloudy, cooler, with light rain or drizzle possible, high 65.....Ross Dickman