

Firebug Strikes?

Curfew Set After N. C. State Fire

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RALEIGH — Chancellor John T. Caldwell has declared a 6 p.m. curfew, effective immediately, on all academic buildings at N. C. State after Monday night's costly campus fire.

Guards will be posted at all classroom, laboratory and administrative buildings to keep unauthorized people out. The curfew, which went into effect Tuesday night, will last indefinitely. Off-duty Raleigh policemen, campus security officers and students will serve as guards.

Interviewed early Tuesday morning at the scene of the fire, Caldwell said, "I assume without question that this fire was not accidental."

The campus has been hit with numerous fires since December, all acknowledged as the work of an arsonist. Previous damage has been relatively minor, thanks to prompt discovery of the blazes. Two former students were recently arrested and charged by the State Bureau of Investigation with setting two of the early fires. The SBI is also investigating this latest blaze.

\$500,000 Damage

Caldwell estimated it would cost over \$500,000 to replace Pullen Hall, the music building. It was completely destroyed, with only the walls left standing. All band instruments and the music library stored there were lost, but no estimate has been made of their value.

Peele Hall, next door to Pullen, was badly damaged by smoke and water. The roof burned, apparently ignited by the intense heat of the Pullen blaze. Caldwell said a six-inch-thick concrete slab under the Peele roof kept the fire from spreading through the building. Repairs will probably cost \$300,000, he said.

"Peele Hall is an important building," Caldwell said. "It houses the division of student affairs, admissions, registration, counseling and graduate school offices."

"It underwent extensive and expensive renovation just two years ago. Fortunately, all permanent records were in a fire-proof vault in the basement. Our records loss may not be serious, but we'll have to wait for a fuller appraisal."

"There has been a lot of damage, but we don't know what kind. We got all the admission applications for this year out of the building. Many records and some equipment were removed to other buildings."

Praises Students

Caldwell praised the N. C. State students for the "orderly way they assembled to watch the blaze" and for their "energy and alertness in helping remove things from the building."

The Pullen Hall fire was discovered about 10:30 p.m. by Director of Student Affairs Banks Talley who was in his office in next-door Peele.

A campus security officer, apparently the second to see the blaze, said, "I was checking a building near Pullen. When I went in there was no fire—when I came out I saw it."

Asst. Fire Chief J. M. Burnette told the DTH that two Raleigh firemen were injured.

Capt. F. T. Tipkin broke his leg when he jumped a fence bordering Hillsboro Street and fireman C. A. Loyd's foot was injured when it got caught in a moving aerial ladder.

Burnette said trucks from all Raleigh fire stations were at the scene, and some county firemen had volunteered their services.



Pullen Hall Burns

It was late—almost 1:30—and the three-hour-old flames were dying down. At one time they had reached 100 feet into the air, a fiery snowfall of sparks covering the eastern end of the N. C. State campus.

The coeds, packed and ready to evacuate their once-threatened dormitory, had moved back in and their Watauga Hall was dark.

The four walls of Pullen Hall, roofless and paneless, surrounded a crackling mass of orange-yellow embers while a pillar at the front of the building burned with a little flame at its top. It looked like a giant birthday candle.

Scores of firemen were going quietly about their business while the number of spectators dwindled to a handful. Hundreds of yards of fire hose covered the ground, tripping unwatchful walkers. The streets were filled with water and made feet uncomfortable in the 24-degree weather. Everyone soggy cinders crunched underfoot.

While the burning guts of Pullen were hosed from several sides, a fireman at the top of a long ladder aimed a loud stream at the roof of the building next door, Peele Hall.

A man with unmistakable silver hair hurried past. Chancellor John T. Caldwell stopped to talk, then offered an invitation to go inside Holladay Hall, the administration building. It was probably his first 2:30 a.m. interview.

"I was coming out of Frank Thompson Gymnasium where Mrs. Caldwell and I had just seen two Edward Albee plays. A woman ran up to men and said, 'Dr. Caldwell, the campus is on fire! The flames were clearly visible. I got into my car and drove as far as I could. Sparks were pouring down and for a while we feared that Holladay would catch afire too, but it has a tin and slate roof and the firemen kept it wet down.'"

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Gordon, Carson Are Nominated To Head UP Ticket In Spring

Walters, White Also Get Party Bids

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Don Carson, No. 2 man in Bob Spearman's administration, will vie to become No. 1 on March 23. The Rocky Mount junior, currently Vice President of the Student Body, was nominated unanimously for the presidency Monday night by the University Party.

The party's vice-presidential nomination went to Britt Gordon, a junior from Grand Rapids, Mich. Gordon served on the Men's Council for a year and currently holds a UP seat in Student Legislature. His nomination, like Carson's, was by acclamation.

Camilla Walters, a Greensboro junior, won the UP's secretarial nomination, while Tom White, a Morehead Scholar from Durham, received the nod for treasurer.

The party also endorsed Ernie McCrary for editor of the DTH and picked candidates for NSA, senior class officers, and Student Legislature.

Nominated as NSA delegates were Teddy O'Toole, Mike Chanin, George Ingram and Sandra Burden.

Senior class nominees include John Harmon of Statesville, president; Armistead Maupin of Raleigh, vice-president; Carol Payne of Tupelo, Miss., secretary; Kathy Cannon of Charleston, S. C., treasurer; and Beverly Bailey of Wilmington, social chairman.

Joe Churchill, a varsity footballer from Roanoke, Va., was nominated over incumbent Rick Kramer for president of Carolina Athletic Association.

Carson: 'We'll Continue' In his acceptance remarks, Carson pledged himself to carry out the programs initiated under Spearman's leadership during the past year, emphasizing residence hall improvements, changes in the student judiciary and the updating of women's rules.

He also had strong words for the Student Party, which he said "is certainly well known in its opposition role, because for nearly a year they have been opposed to just about everything."

"We will leave the philosophy of self-fascination to others," he said, "while we continue to address ourselves to the great problems which face this University."

Turning to the Speaker Ban Law and student opposition to it, Carson said "we are confident of reaching a solution to this problem, and we will do it without the help of James Gardner of the Free Speech Movement."

He admitted that "we do face a problem with fraternity restrictive clauses," but said "this is an internal matter on which the individual fraternities must be allowed to act."

"Our fraternities," he said, "do not strongly oppose the repeal of restrictive clauses, but they will never buy the wares of those who make of themselves merchants of extremism and distortion."

Accepting the vice-presidential nomination, Gordon said "I am honored to be on the same ticket with Don Carson," and called for total UP support "so that we can win a great victory on March 23."

Top Fight

The top battle of the night was waged between Miss Walters and Sherrie O'Donnell over the secretarial nomination. Miss O'Donnell, seeking endorsement from both the SP and UP, was defeated in a close vote despite support from several top party members.

Bo Edwards, who nominated Miss O'Donnell, called for an end to "bloc voting" and "vote swapping" which he called "the most vulnerable aspects of this party's operation."

Much of Miss Walters' support came from pre-pledged fraternity and sorority delegations, and a party split was threatened by the bolt of one such delegation.

Mike Chanin, whose ZBT delegation cast its votes for Miss O'Donnell, later offered his support to Miss Walters as the party nominee. When she declined his offer, Chanin announced that he would support Miss O'Donnell even though she will be on the Student Party ticket.



The UP 'Big Four': Carson, Gordon, Walters, White

—Photo by Jock Lauterker

Speaker Ban Cited

Physics Group Shuns UNC As Meeting Site

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A prominent physics association has informed UNC officials that it will not consider Chapel Hill for its national convention until the Speaker Ban is repealed.

The Executive Board of the American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT), in a letter to Dr. W. E. Haisley of the Department of Physics, said "Chapel Hill would be an excellent location for some future meeting."

"However, it was the unanimous consensus of the board that formal consideration of an invitation from the University could not be taken up as long as the Visiting Speaker's law is in effect," the letter continued.

It was signed by H. R. Crane of the University of Michigan, president of the AAPT.

Dr. Haisley had sent "letter of inquiry" to the board July 17. The Board, composed of the association's officers, replied July 23, requesting information on the law, which bars speaking on state-owned property by communists, people who have advocated overthrow of the government and those who have taken the Fifth Amendment in regard to security measures.

It was passed by the General Assembly in 1963 in the closing hours of the session.

"It is most regrettable that we were barred from having a convention here," said Haisley. "It would stir interest in the teaching of physics, not only here but in the rest of the state as well."

The announcement of the AAPT decision was made yesterday afternoon by Haisley and Dr. Everett D. Palmatier, chairman of the Department of Physics.

The convention of the AAPT would normally attract "about 300 people," Haisley said.

"The association was founded in 1930," he added. "It is a branch of the American Institute of Physics, and meets every summer at institutions such as Wisconsin, Oberlin and Dartmouth."

"This summer's convention will be held at the University of Tennessee, the first time it has been awarded to a school in the south-east," he continued.

FRESHMAN MEETING

The freshman class will meet tonight at 7:30 in Gerrard. Plans for the spring program will be announced. The meeting was called by class president Bill Purdy.

"We were hoping to get it at UNC in 1967 or 1968."

Haisley said the local Department of Physics had the approval of UNC President William C. Friday and Chancellor Paul F. Sharp to submit an invitation for the convention.

The Executive Board of the AAPT is composed of Chase, Melba Phillips, president-elect of the organization from the University of Chicago; Ralph P. Winch, secretary, Williams College; Joseph R. Dillinger, treasurer, University of Wisconsin; and J. W. Buchta, executive secretary, Washington.

Still in the air is a planned convention of the American Physical Association, which was planned for UNC and Duke next year. The convention would attract some 1,500 prominent physicists.

Duke has offered to host the conclave alone if the society does not wish to hold sessions at UNC, and advance material distributed on the meet has listed only the Durham university as the site.

UNCC? It's Coming!

RALEIGH (AP)—After a lengthy debate, the Senate yesterday passed on second reading and held for third reading Wednesday a bill to make Charlotte College the fourth campus of the University of North Carolina.

Before voting to pass the bill, the Senate defeated 27 to 21 a

motion to send the bill back to committee.

The Senate action came after the House Committee on Higher Education unanimously approved an identical measure.

The committee also adopted an amendment to the bill allowing the university to absorb Charlotte College as soon as the bill is enacted, instead of waiting until July 1 as stated in the original bill.

Dr. Arnold K. King, UNC vice president in charge of institutional studies, said the present facilities at Charlotte College "gives us a 10-year start" toward a good university branch in the area.

Rep. Thomas Bunn of Wake asked if the state's money could be better spent by pouring it into existing branches of UNC. Meeklenburg Rep. James B. Vogler presented figures showing the annual per-student cost at Charlotte College was \$623, compared to \$817 at Woman's College in Greensboro, \$1,046 at Chapel Hill and \$1,077 at N.C. State.

King said that the graduate and professional enrollment at UNC is expected to increase 306 per cent from 10,600 to 43,100 in the 1964-75 period. He said undergraduate enrollment is expected to increase 93.6 per cent.

In other legislative action the House Roads Committee unanimously endorsed Gov. Dan Moore's proposal to reorganize the State Highway Commission.

The bill sailed through the committee after a brief discussion and adoption of a minor amendment by Rep. Hugh S. Johnson of Duplin.

The bill now will go to the full House, perhaps Wednesday.

Craige Hall Pushes For Contributions To The Heart Fund

Amid the mass of posters, circulars, and radio spot announcements urging local citizens to support the current Heart Fund campaign, a special effort has evolved from the Mavericks of Craige Dormitory.

According to A. D. Frazier, Craige president, a delegation of Mavericks will push an "unidentified object" from here through Durham and on to the Duke campus this weekend, collecting contributions for the Heart Fund Drive along the way.

Saturday afternoon, another group of Craige residents will match forces man-for-woman with 30 Duke coeds to form mixed-pair road blocks for collection of additional funds for the drive.

The same afternoon, several Mavericks will solicit contributions at the UNC-Duke basketball game here.

In addition, the Craige campaigners are asking each fraternity, sorority and residence hall on campus to make a contribution of at least \$5 to the fund.



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SHERRIE O'DONNELL, HUGH BLACKWELL... Get SP nod for secretary and treasurer posts.