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TAG DAY AIDS FIRE VICTIMS

EDITORIAL

LITTLE ENOUGH

This year's crop of undergraduates have proved that they are made of the stuff that has made UBC famous as Canada's great "self-help" university. With the same spontaneous spirit that built Brock Hall, the Stadium and gymnasium, undergraduates have rallied to the aid of those who lost so much in Friday's disastrous fire.

More than \$3000 in personal belongings of the Home Ec girls and Amateur Radio Society members went up with the huts. Even more tragic was the inestimable loss of research papers by the instructors.

No matter how much is collected in today's Tag Day, the young woman who lost her Master's thesis in the blaze cannot be compensated.

No amount of money will make up for the heartbreak of finding books, collected at great sacrifice over a period of years, reduced to ash.

Besides these irreplaceables the students also lost property which they must replace. None of it was insured. The loss must be met out of the pockets of the people who have suffered—unless those of us who are more fortunate come to their assistance.

The dropping of a dime or a dollar into the collection cans is one of the ways that we can help.

UBC students, famous for their drive, have the opportunity to prove that the spirit which moved the campus to Point Grey in the first place is not dead.

Fire Committee At Work Before Smoke Clears

Before the smoke of the hutment fires had faded university disaster committee meetings were in progress to decide accommodation for the Home Ec. classes and to plan replacements.

Dr. MacKenzie said "I hope it will be possible to erect permanent and reasonably fireproof buildings with generous gifts from friends of the department and more particularly the late Mr. Johnathan Rogers, and

Parent Teachers Association of B.C. Mr. Rogers willed \$75,000 to Home Economics Department. PTA gift of \$20,000 was destined to institute a Home Management Course.

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Projects Now Only Charred Ruins

Personal Losses High In Disastrous Blaze

Audrey Richmond, fourth year Home Ec. student lost a uniform, a lamp shade and a pair of scissors in Friday's fire.

"The first two can easily be replaced," she said, "but I am worried about the scissors."

We looked at her amazed.

At last she explained. Some scissors are just for cutting cloth while others are useless for the job. And again you get used to one pair of scissors."

Miss Richmond is going to specialize in Home Ec. teaching.

Margaret Techy, fourth year Home Ec. lost only her uniform.

The girls believe that some of the notebooks were saved in useable condition.

Margaret worked in the textile industry for a year after completing her third year, and is now back to complete her degree. She intends to attend summer school this year, and hopes to be teaching next September.

She is afraid that her almost completed lamp shade was also destroyed in the fire.

When it was suggested that she might have to take the rest of her labs at King Edward High School, Margaret was heart-broken. During her second year she had to take

some of her labs there, and more in various other out-of-the-way locations, and claims that she had her fill of it then.

The prospect of labs at King Edward High School does not worry Miss Richmond. None of her labs are affected.

"All the girls," says Audrey, "are grateful to the Brock Dining Room management for the loan of uniforms while working there."

One thing that has impressed the girls very much, is the speed with which Miss Black and her staff have reorganized. They think it is wonderful, and want her to know it.

Over \$3,000 Personal Losses Suffered In Fire

Many Dollars Needed To Aid Fire Victims

Clothing, Books And Lecture Notes Lost

A campus wide tag day is being held today to raise funds to replace personal property lost in the Home Economics huts fire.

If the entire loss in personal belongings is to be made good every student and faculty member on the campus will have to contribute at least one dollar to the fund.

Dave Brousson, AMS president told The Daily Ubysssey he "felt sure that all students on the campus and all organizations would assist with all the means at their disposal."

Mamooks and Publications Board members have worked throughout the weekend to provide posters, banners, and a special edition of The Daily Ubysssey to add momentum to the campaign.

Home Ec girls lost several thousand dollars worth of clothing, books, and personal equipment in the holocaust.

It is expected that all campus organizations will join in the campaign.

Only the buildings and administration equipment were covered by insurance.

All Student Organizations To Help In Council's 'Fire Tag Day' Drive

Students of the university are rallying to the aid of people who lost over \$3000 in personal belongings in Friday's Home Economics fire.

In an attempt to relieve at least part of the personal losses the Student Council is sponsoring a "Fire Tag Day" today. Students will be on the campus at 8:30 this morning with red fire tags and collection tins.

Dave Brousson, AMS president and instigator of the campaign said, "We hope all students will support this campaign with both their financial help and their physical aid."

Fifty girls are shaking the collec-

Instructors Suffer Heavily

Students who had labored long weeks with sewing projects and ment have nothing left to show for other works peculiar to the Department but a few charred sticks and a wistful memory.

The sympathy extended was touching. Students had no time to mourn the loss, not only of their own work, but also of their personal equipment and clothes. There was no cancellation of lectures—they simply and efficiently filed over to the Science Building, where lec-

ture were held as pre-scheduled.

Eight of the full-time lecturers also suffered heavy losses. Text-books, teaching equipment and notes were burned. A valuable and irreplaceable set of fabrics caused the lecturers additional pangs.

Many of the girls lost their uniforms in Friday's blaze. For the most part these uniforms are indispensable to the course. They expressed great appreciation of Brock Dining room management for the loan of uniforms.

\$200,000 Damage To Huts

The fund will be equally divided among all people who suffered personal loss in Friday's fire.

Vancouver and university firemen helped by 40 volunteers from Acadia camp were powerless to control the flames.

The fire razed through the many electric stoves, refrigerators and home equipment which had taken the department more than four years to build up.

Damage to buildings and faculty equipment alone has rose from a first estimated \$50,000 to over \$200,000. The Physics building adjacent to the razed huts barely escaped the flames. Over a million and a half dollars worth of atomic and other equipment are housed in the new physics building.

Flames could be seen for over half a mile.

Faculty To Rebuild Immediately

The Home Ec department lost a practically irreplaceable collection of fabric samples.

Faculty members met with Professor Geof. Andrew and Acting President G. F. Curtis to reassign students to new quarters. By 8:30 students were greeted with signs advising them that Home Ec classes would be held in the New Applied Science building.

Home Economics Department have been placed in the Applied Science Building where students will take their lectures for the next few weeks.

The fire is the second on the campus this year. A mysterious blaze gutted one of the campus's largest lecture huts last fall when O-7 was destroyed.

University workmen worked night and day to rebuild the partially destroyed huts in the orchard. Pharmacy and Nursing accommodation was ready for reoccupation in less than two weeks. Psychology labs were transferred to the New Applied Science building.

Acting president, Dean G. F. Curtis said, "We intend to start rebuilding immediately." The faculty held a special meeting to discuss the new accommodation of the Home Economics department.

Faculty members and university fire department are expected to conduct an immediate investigation into the cause of the holocaust.

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 Editor This Issue — ART WELSH

Your Support Is Needed Today

Dave Brousson, AMS President, wrote this editorial in a hope that it would give incentive to all students to support today's "Fire Tag Day." Student Council and all other student organizations are fully behind the campaign.

By DAVE BROUSSON

Personal losses in Friday's fire in the Home Economics are expected to amount to a staggering sum. Some individuals suffered losses as high as \$150 or more.

In view of this fact, the Student Council have declared today as "Fire Day" and have organized a corps of taggers to sell little red "Fire Tags" to raise a fund to alleviate those who have suffered personal loss.

UBC students have always maintained a high reputation for helping others and

themselves before making any public appeals for support.

This emergency presents an unusual challenge to us all. Student Council is confident that once again students will meet the challenge successfully by their generous support of those who have suffered.

A corps of fifty girls will on the campus beginning at 8:30 a.m. this morning ready and willing to sell you a "Fire Tag". You have a reputation to live up to in this campaign.

When the girls ask you to buy a tag don't sniff and turn your back—dig down. This "Tag Day" will show Vancouver that UBC students really can do something they start out to do.

It Could Have Been YOU

- Support Tag Day -

Mother Spots Hut Blaze When Sick Baby Wakes

A baby's bad cold may have saved UBC's atomic research program from a serious setback.

Awakened by her crying baby, who was ill with a cold, Mrs. G. W. Mouat, 5909 Clement, spotted the blaze in the Home Economics huts and phoned the fire department. The engines arrived in time to prevent the fire from spreading to the Physics building less than 30 feet away.

Mrs. Mouat's husband is assembling the Vandergraf generator, keystone of the nuclear fission program.

"Five minutes after I saw the flames there was a tremendous explosion," Mrs. Mouat said. "It sounded like dynamite."

Provincial investigators attribute the fire to the "spontaneous ignition of oily rags". The explosion was apparently caused by leaking gas.

Councillors Split On Finance Plans

High officials of the Alma Mater Society are split on the question of a business manager for student finances.

Dave Brousson, AMS president, supports the idea of a student finance board to govern the society's spending while treasurer Paul Plant favors employment of a full-time business manager.

On Wednesday students will be asked to decide on one of the three alternatives in a referendum coinciding with the presidential elections.

- They are:
1. Retention of present system.
 2. Appointment of finance board.
 3. Business manager.

In his statement to The Daily Ubyssy, Brousson declared, "I don't feel that this is the time to go into reasons but I would like the student body to know that I support the plan to appoint a finance board."

Plant stated that he backs the idea to hire a business manager for the AMS.

"Almost every person who has held the treasurership post is in accord with this view," he said.

Mackenzie

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In support of Council's drive for funds, Dr. MacKenzie said "It's a very fine gesture on part of Student Council and I hope they are successful in raising a large amount of money to help those who have lost personal possessions in the fire."

On Friday, Committees of Faculty met with Dean Walter Gage, Building Superintendent Jack Lee, Professor Geoff. Andrew assistant to the president, and members of the Home Economics Department.

Later, on Friday a second meeting was called by acting president Dean of Law Curtis.

Saturday morning, a two hour session presided over by Dr. N.A.M. MacKenzie was held with the Deans of the Departments.

Today at 11:00 a University Committee on Fire Protections will meet to hold an official "fire insuet," to seek to determine cause of the blaze and to recommend precautions against further fires.

In an interview with Dr. MacKenzie, he stated that for the rest of the term the Home Economics classes will have to be held in rooms made available by the other departments. "Extra hour classes may be necessary," he said.

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The Mummery

Until very recently, the Caf was for me a somewhat legendary place, a sort of Inferno with gravy.

I had never been down there.

Then, a few noons ago, I rashly decided to supplement my lunch by entering the land of hubbub and purchasing a portion of pie. For some unknown reason, I thought this would be easy. I also believe in fairies.

The start was promising enough. I dealt myself a tray, put my sandwiches and a fork upon it, and proceeded to slide it along the rails, rounding the corner with a flourish, like a veritable veteran.

Arriving at the Dessert Lady, I pulled into the curb to confess.

"I'd like a piece of apple pie."

The Dessert Lady sighed wearily.

"I'd like a mink coat," she sighed, "but we're both stuck with rice-custard."

I compromised by accepting the rice custard, and, hurrying guiltily past the rest of the food, presented myself before the Scylla of the cash register.

"Just charge me with the custard, please," I said. "The sandwiches came in with me."

Scylla slit her eyes at me suspiciously.

"Hod do I know these are your sandwiches?" she demanded. "We sell sandwiches here too, you know."

"But these sandwiches are wrapped in grease-proof paper," I protested.

"You could have wrapped ours in grease-proof paper," she pursued relentlessly.

"I COULD have shot Cock Robin, but I didn't," I snarled. "So put away your Dick Tracy badge and charge me with the custard, eh?"

She picked up my sandwiches to peer closely between the pieces of bread.

"If these are your sandwiches," she said slowly, "what kind are they?"

"I wouldn't know," I replied sullenly, "my mother never tells me anything."

"You're lucky," she snapped, throwing the sandwiches back on the tray. "They're ham, and we haven't got ham today."

"You mean you aren't going to put the handcuffs on me?" I crowed. "I'm free to go out in the world and eat my rice custard?"

After shaking hands brokenly with Bulldog Drummond, I looked for a place to sit down and eat my hard-won calories. Quickly I grasped the full horror of a new situation. There was no port in that sea of faces. Someone else was sitting in my lebensraum.

I shuttled from table to table in vain, like a cigarette girl with bow-legs. The weight of the tray was rapidly becoming intolerable, so I tottered back reluctantly to the Scylla of the cash register.

"There's no place to sit down," I complained.

She smiled sweetly.

"Then I guess you'll have to dream the rest,"

she drawled. "But please don't block the aisle."

"DON'T BLOCK THE AISLE!" I roared. "What do you want me to do? Fly around and drop pamphlets?"

At that moment, however, I spied a vacant chair, and sped to it with open throttle. The rest of the people at that table were women, but it was worth it just to sit down.

But as I raised the first battered sandwich to my mouth, I noticed that the women were staring at me intently, as were also people at neighbouring tables, and an ominous hush seemed to have fallen over the area. I looked to see if the ham were hanging out of the sandwich, straightened my tie, and blew my nose, all without removing the source of interest.

Finally, exasperated by this ill-timed attention, I turned to the nearest observer and whispered:

"Is my slip showing?"

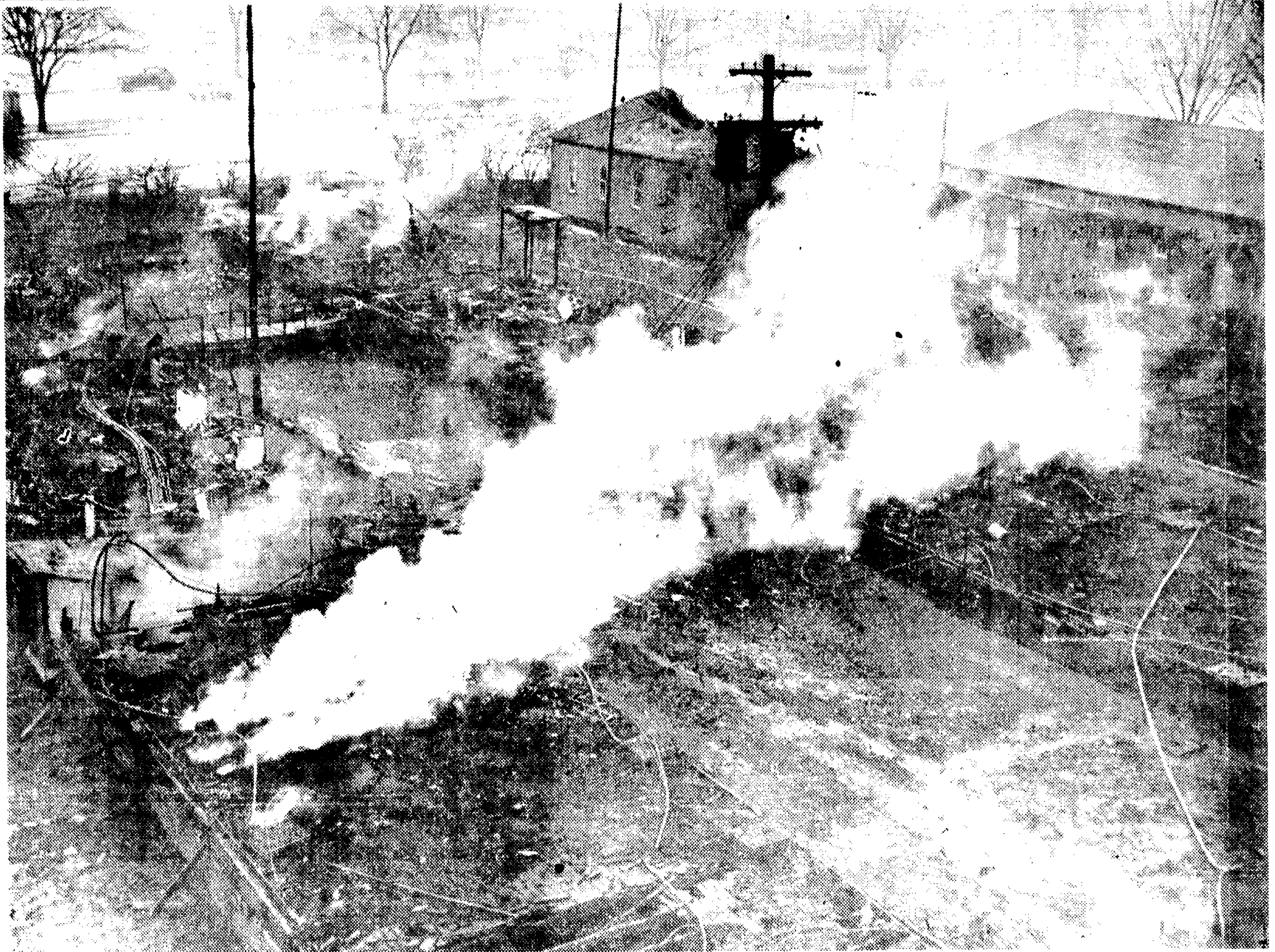
"This is a sorority table," she returned coldly, "and none of our members have beards."

I noticed several boys at nearby tables winking at me now, and one whistled suggestively. The position was obviously untenable. I rose majestically, holding the rice custard in one hand and the sandwiches in the other.

"I trust you will be able to use this chair again," I said stiffly, and strode out, dropping the rice custard out of its pot just outside the door.

And they say we no longer have to kill to obtain food.

by Jabez



Over \$3000 In Personal Belongings Were Lost Here

THIS IS ALL THAT REMAINS of six Home Economics huts today after the devastating fire that broke out early Friday morning. Smoking timbers and twisted pipes greeted students who expected to find lecture rooms, labs and other accomodation waiting for them. Personal belongings exceeding \$3,000

were lost in the fire along with several thousand dollars of uninsured radio equipment owned by the Amateur Radio Operator's Association. Student's are being asked to contribute generously to Student Council campaign today to help reimburse those who lost personal goods in the fire.

Home Ec. Fire Grim; But Does Have Lighter Side

By NORM MINTY

Home Economics students could laugh today over the lighter side of "their" fire. Many instances of humour came to light when the students wandered through the ruins of their department.

Many of the girls are weeping over the loss of their twin sisters. These sisters, used in Draping 401, are moulded to the shape of the young ladies' curves. At the time of the fire these sisters were modestly draped with cotton linings.

Margaret Toehy had a guilty conscience on Friday morning. She was a little late for her first lecture and was trying to sneak into one of the offices to return some books which were overdue. With the books weighing heavily on her mind, she came to within a few feet of the wreckage before she realized that there was no building to sneak into.

Engineering students keenly felt loss of their labs. Some of the boys were sitting in the Applied Science building building when several girls burst in, announced that they were going to hold a class there, and laid out the boys out. The fellows were surprised, but still, it was their room. They found an empty classroom further down the hall, and sent the girls down there so they could have their own room back.

Actually, the girls are literally rubbing their hands in anticipation of kicking the science men out of one corner of their new building, before the boys have a chance to become familiar with it.

Residents of Fort Camp were aroused at 3:30 Friday morning with the cry "The University's burning

down." Most of them started up the hill, some only in pyjamas. Only the very hardy or very curious reached the fire. The rest, half frozen and half asleep, didn't think that the effort was worth it.

Thursday afternoon two fourth year students showed up without the material with which to begin a lab. Each received a great blast, and was told she would now be one week behind the rest of the class. Friday morning each of them found she was several dollars ahead of the rest of the class. Now these two are making enemies of their former friends by gloating over their luck.

Prexy Hopfuls Air Platforms Today

UBC students will have an opportunity to hear the Alma Mater Societies five presidential candidates beat their chests today.

Schedule has been arranged to permit the candidates to appear in the Auditorium at 12:30 noon, at Fort Camp and 7 p.m. and at Acadia Camp at 8:30 p.m.

Contenders for the top brass include: Jim Sutherland, Ben McConnell, Harry Curran, Gordon Baum, and Ian MacKenzie.

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Radio Hams Stay Broadcasting Despite Fire

Amateur Radio Operators Association lost over three thousand dollars in Friday's fire which destroyed Home Ec huts. Their quarters are housed in these huts.

Among the losses are a \$200 high frequency experimental unit and a new receiver, several incomplete transmitters and receivers and miscellaneous radio equipment.

The Society had little to save from the blaze but by the afternoon of the fire they had borrowed and begged equipment enabling them to remain on the air.

They have set up their new quarters in Hut M-26.

"Hurtling" Streetcar Ends Greeks Visit

Hurtling streetcar spelled disaster for two University of Washington men here Saturday.

The visitors, Jack Larned and Jack McDonald, are in hospital today following a near tragic collision with a streetcar at Fourth and Tolmie.

Their condition is described as "good".

Two other passengers, UBC students Pat Crissal and Dick Bird escaped with minor injuries.

According to police the car driven by McDonald was travelling west on Fourth avenue when, as the driver described it, "that thing came hurtling out of the darkness and then

everything went black."

The Seattleites were in Vancouver for a Lambda Chi Alpha exchange.

PALO ALTO, Calif. — Palo Alto, the home of Stanford University, received its name in a very unique fashion.

A giant redwood tree dominates the city which is now Palo Alto; it was discovered in 1769 by a scout of the Portola party, the first expedition to enter California. In 1774 Don Fernando discovered the tree again and because of its height named it "Palo Alto" or high tree.

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Send To Dr. Earle Birney

Original Poem Sought For Remembrance Book

An original poem suitable for inclusion in the University's Book of Remembrance of World War Two is being sought by the committee in charge of the project.

Suggestions to include a poem on a theme related to the commemorative nature of the book was made by President Norman MacKenzie to the Book of Remembrance Committee. The committee's chairman, and editor of the projected volume, Dr. Earle

Birney, is asking that students, faculty members, and any others interested in attempting such a theme should mail their poems to him, English Department, Arts 6, before the 15th of April.

Poems submitted may be of any reasonable length and there is no restriction as to form. One or more poems may be selected and given prominent place in the Book of Remembrance, which will also contain an introduction by President Mac-

Kenzie, accounts of UBC's contribution to the war effort, lists of active service personnel, and an inventory roll of the dead.

Although the work of the committee is voluntary and no money prize is offered for the poetry invited, the Committee members hope that the importance of the volume, and the prominent place a suitable poem will be given in it, will be sufficient reward to the author.

