

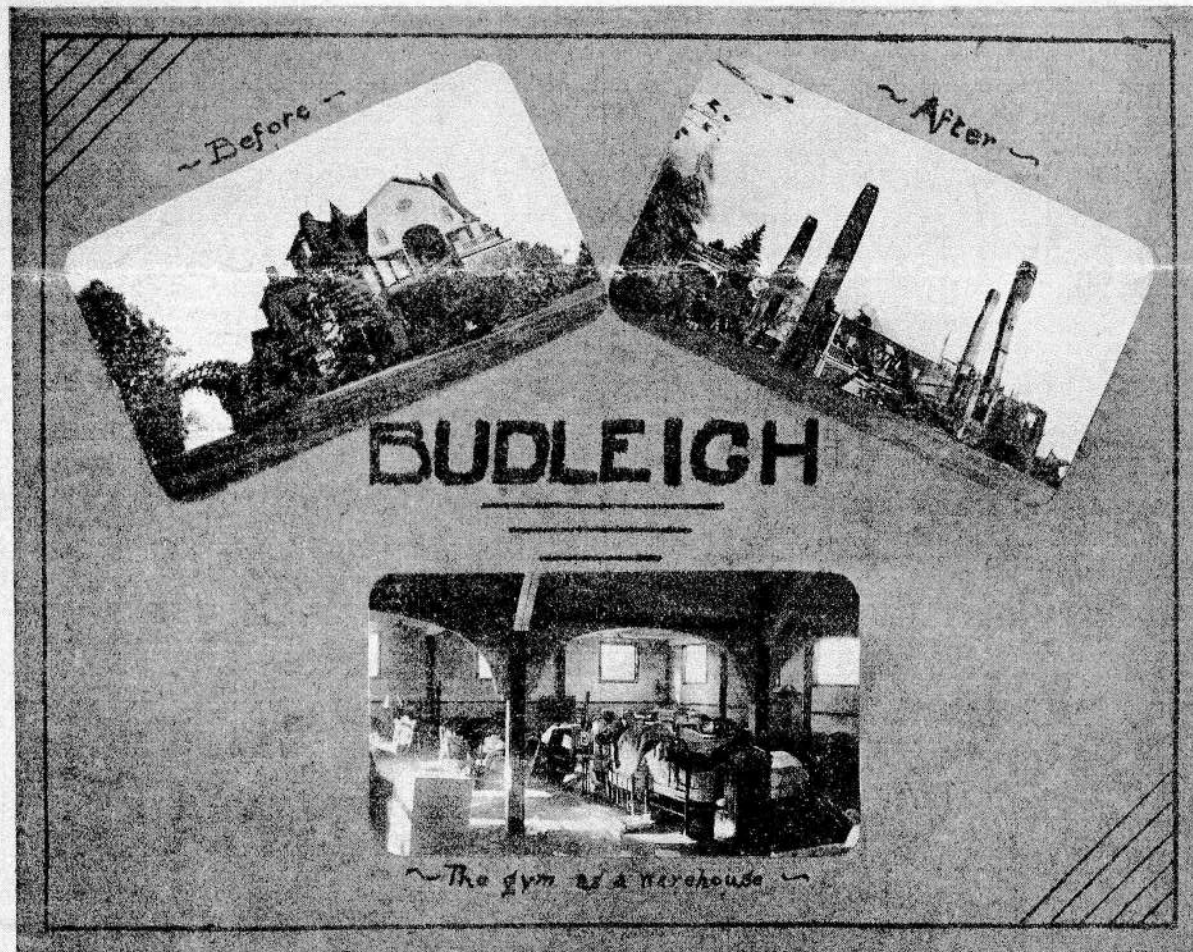
The Nichols Budget

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DUDLEY, MASSACHUSETTS, DECEMBER 17, 1931

No. 2

FIRE IN BUDLEIGH TOWERS COMPLETELY DESTROYS BUILDING



High Winds and Dry Wood Create
Roaring Inferno

LOSS OF \$75,000—NO SERIOUS INJURIES

New Building to Go Up on Old Site

In the morning of Wednesday, December the second, fire completely destroyed Budleigh Hall which housed the administration offices of Nichols Junior College of Business Administration, provided living quarters for the president, Mr. James L. Conrad, and served as a dormitory for twenty-six of the students. The first evidences of the impending conflagration were detected shortly after eight o'clock when flames were seen to issue forth from the peak of the tower located in the northwest part of the building. The entire student body was at that time attending classes in the Academy Building but were called out by telephone.

The men who lived in Budleigh Hall hastened to the rescue followed shortly by those from the Roger Conant Hall dormitory who had stopped long enough to gather all the available fire extinguishers. Courageously, almost recklessly, the students fought the stubborn blaze with buckets of water, axes and extinguishers, but their work was in vain. A

An hour after the flames were discovered it became clear that the building was doomed and the work of salvaging whatever was possible became imperative. High upon a hill the building soon presented a terrifying spectacle as the wind whipped the flames into a roaring furnace tossing blazing embers far out on the landscape. Crowds were attracted from afar and soon the roads up to the hill were lined with the cars of spectators.

A pathetic sight were the men as they poured over their personal effects strewn about the lawns and grounds of the building. In some cases the men were able to save nearly all their belongings which had any value, but there were a few cases where practically everything was destroyed these being chiefly those men located on the third floor of the building. Upon the ground floor in the rear were located Mr. Conrad's quarters and very nearly all of his effects were carried out in time. When it became clear that the wind would not carry the

FOOTBALL BANQUET
HELD NOVEMBER 24th

Affair Voted Successful

MANY AMUSING
INCIDENTS AT FIRE

I WONDER

If Bud Sessions remembers how many phonograph records he lost in the fire?

If Mr. Woodman gave everyone an "A" in place of the lost grades?

If the falling roof missed Arnie, or if Arnie missed the roof?

If Joe Donahue still believes that the wind helped blow the fire out?

If Colombia, S. A., has news of the fire yet?

If the hockey candidates will wear skates after their tennis shoes are worn out?

If this column is worth carrying on?

BUDLEIGH DESTROYED BY FIRE

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trophe of this sort but each man lent a helping hand making himself useful wherever he was needed. Many of the students aided the firemen in hauling and handling hose lines, and although the temperature was below freezing, adding to the general distress, many of them were drenched with water in the vain attempt to save the structure.

Although the loss of the building dealt a staggering blow to the school which was struggling to get started this year, nevertheless school activities were not interrupted. On the next day, Thursday, classes were resumed and were generally attended by the student body except for one or two students who went home

CLOCKS, RADIOS THROWN FROM FIRE

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Doc is up to date in style, so now we will have to burn ours if we hope to compete with him.

When Mr. Conrad announced that there was a fire in the dorm he was as calm as if giving the Law I class a quiz, but he sure worked when he arrived at the fire.

The fire chief lost his hat and was seen exchanging hats frequently until he found his own. The fire did not wait.

Mr. Burke tried to light a cigarette on his last trip upstairs but only succeeded in scorching the end of his nose and hair.

Drake had a cigarette but could not find a light.

Bud Sessions threw his electric clock out the window and some one made a beautiful catch. Lucky boy.

Sonny Fish was greatly handicapped with his sprained ankle. He did help his room-mate sort their clothes and lost no time in hanging out the trade sign, "Cahoun and Fish, Shysters at Law." They guarantee protection from unjust insurance companies.

Mr. Morris made a fifty yard sprint up the fire escape to his room. Fortunately the students had rescued most of his belongings, because the only thing he rescued was some exam papers. If the students were not such poor shots he could not have saved them.

Mr. Woodman lost all his exam papers but saved his grade book. Why did the fire have to spare it? Is there no justice?

Mr. Hutchinson saw the photographer and picked up a piece of furniture long enough to have

were ejected forcibly by the firemen. It's a good thing the students were there or else nothing would have been saved.

The critics blame a defective flue for the fire, but Mr. Hutchinson claims it was Joe Donahue getting hot on his Law book.

This proves that when a fellow gets all hot and bothered he does not know what he is doing.

Milt Carlisle is a junior champ at golf but the old fire got the best of him and he threw stick after stick out the window. Lost his temper when he got hot.

Berkey played Empress Eugenie and wore Miss Coggon's hat. He was unsuccessful in vamping anyone. Even the firemen would not give him a bust. The Nichols fellows are used to him, so he did not have much success.

Todd played nurse maid to the articles saved and was seen wheeling them to and from the gym.

Potter saved a derby hat and looked like a truck driver on a holiday as he loaded his car with salvaged goods.

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Frank W. Bateman

Dudley Hill

TO MY OLD GEOGRAPHY AND PHYSIOGRAPHY INSTRUCTOR

The world is round.

I'll swear to that

Though Mr. Sherman claims it's flat.

I'll also swear that I'm alive

Though he can prove I died at five.

For if I thought these things were true,

I'm sure 'twould be unfair to you
Who struggled with me year on year

To make your adverse statements clear.

—Durward Drake.

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No. 4

Fire Department Formed on Hill

President Conrad Buys Truck As a Start—
Town Officials May Assist With Organization—Students To Be Volunteers

Nichols College has provided the foundation for the first fire department ever organized in the town of Dudley, and with such a fine start, the town officials may be expected at some time in the future to make an active fire-fighting group on the hill an actuality.

A truck has been purchased by President James L. Conrad of the College, and it is already housed on the college grounds. The selectmen of Dudley have been notified of the acquisition of the truck by Mr. Conrad, and have been asked to assist in supplying additional needs of the embryo fire department.

Plans are also going forward among the students of the college for the assembling of a volunteer fire corps, which will be in readiness to render service at any emergency requiring the services of first class smoke-eaters. When the personnel of the fire department is completed, and rules and regulations decided

any emergency requiring the services of first class smoke-eaters. When the personnel of the fire department is completed, and rules and regulations decided upon, it is expected that the volunteers will hold regular fire drills, so that they will become acquainted with their duties in case of a blaze.

The Selectmen of the town are anxious to assist the college and the new department in every way, with the possibility that definite action may be taken in the near future toward purchase of hose, nozzle, and other equipment needed on the truck, and by the men.

The department is sponsored by Mr. Conrad as an added protection for the college buildings. With the truck already on the site, the man power is certain to be available from the student body, so that in case of another outbreak of fire, such as destroyed Eudleigh Hall last December, the fellows could do their share toward preventing a conflagration.

It is probable that residents on the hill, who would likewise benefit from the establishment of a fire department on the campus, may help the college and town officials by contributions, or other offers.

Mr. Conrad himself bought the truck, which is already equipped with hose, and includes chemicals. With the Webster Fire Department only a "call" group, and located several miles from Dudley Hill, it is believed by Mr. Conrad and town officials that the new department could do much in case of fire to save property and prevent spread of flames before the Webster Department arrived.

The inauguration of a department at the college will be a strictly private affair in that it will not affect the remainder of the town, off the "hill," or in any way interfere with the arrangement between the towns of Webster and Dudley, whereby the former fire department answers all Dudley calls.

Much interest has been shown at the school, among the residents here, and by the town officials in the formation of the department, and it is almost certain that something will be done soon to make the department a reality.

NICHOLS BUDGET

DUDLEY, MASSACHUSETTS, MARCH 22, 1934

TOWN GRANTS FIRE HOSE

Will Equip Fire Truck with 800 Ft.

New Fire Company Will Be Organized By College With Picked Men and Chief

At the annual session of the Dudley Town Meeting, it was voted by those assembled to appropriate the sum of eight hundred dollars with which to purchase eight hundred feet of standard fire hose, to be used on the fire truck known as Combination Number One, stationed at Nichols. Also, an annual payment of one dollar was voted for the maintenance of the hose.

Last year, President Conrad was largely instrumental in the acquiring of Combination Number One. This truck is a valuable asset to the Dudley Hill section, as it is within three minutes of any

possible dangerous conflagration in the vicinity. At the time of the purchase of the truck, rumors of a student fire department spread, but these never materialized. The students en masse formed the volunteer department. The truck has only served in two fires so far, one having occurred last spring at a residence on the Southbridge road, and the other being the fire on the roof of the Academy Building.

However, it has been realized that without organization and drill, no body, no matter how large or willing, can function properly. Accordingly, plans are being formulated for a student

fire department, the first in the history of Nichols. This department, if it meets with the approval of President Conrad, will drill at frequent intervals, and set up an organization of its own, including chiefs and lieutenants. Each man will have his place on the truck, and, in case of fire, will be well-trained in his duties.

With the granting of eight hundred feet of hose and the necessary connections, the complement of the truck will be practically complete, and Nichols will become an important factor in the safety of the Dudley Hill residents.

INDEPENDENTS CLOSE SEASON WITH

Picked Team Led by Capt. Cecil Barr in Fray

Closing the season triumphantly with a win over the Seconds, the Nichols Independents played their finest game of the year. Not one defeat marked the irresistible performance of the team.

Organized last year primarily as the second floor team in inter-dormitory fame, the continued their good work year on the third floor. They have won the coveted prize for two years in succession the close of the legitimate inter-floor teams of both years. They have been carrying on independently playing town team rules. Amateur and divisional rules are used according to the situation.

The greater part of the team starred in the regular Green Black varsity. Cecil Barr, captain, and center, Dick Bob Hyaes, and Bud Kat, the forward positions, and Hodgeman and Pete Doherty the guards.

A post season tournament scheduled for the week-end twenty-fourth, however, will throw the squad against a pick of the teams from the surrounding county and town upper Connecticut.

MID-SEMESTER EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

	8:00-9:00	9:00-10:00	10:00-11:00	11:00-12:00	1:30-2:20	2:30-3:30
Wednesday Mar. 21	Law II Business Math.	Economics I	Political Science Cont. Civ.	Finance Journalism	Psyc. I Cost Acct.	Psyc. II
Thursday Mar. 22	English I English II	Plant Mgt. for	French Spanish	Marketing I	Acct. II Acct. I	Insur.
Friday Mar. 23	Economics II	Marketing II	Advertising	Law I		

Roundhouse Rob Phelps Spins R. R. Yarns

Old Janitor, Ex-Fireman, Engine Inspector

Roundhouse Rob Phelps is without doubt one of the most interesting characters ever to be

looked out, we woulda ploughed clean through the first four cars."

The old fireman paused here and again tried to get his pipe smoking. Failing, he gave up in disgust and leaned back, shaking his head.

Tells of Railroad Wrecks and Robbery

engineer in ten years in them days; now it takes him forty. 'Course, they still got conven-

SENIOR THESES COVER RANGE OF SUBJECTS

Second Year Men Begin Ten-Thousand Word Theme

2nd Convocation Hears Nason Arnold

Ex-Sunday Editor of Worcester Telegram
Speaks on Importance of Youth in
Present Changing Period
of World

Two convocations, the beginning of the yearly series, were held in the college auditorium and the chapel respectively and were presided over by President Conrad and Mr. Nason Arnold, one time editor of the Worcester Telegram.

The first, on the afternoon of October 17th, was conducted by President Conrad. He stressed his pleasure at seeing the many friendships develop at school among the students and asked the student body to resolve to do their best in studies and school life. "I am sure," he stated further, "that every student here left home with the desire to do his best and to prove to those that are interested that you have the ability to succeed."

President Conrad explained and showed the two classes the four trophies that are to be awarded at the end of the school year to those students who have shown themselves to be outstanding in varied fields. The trophies include the Dr. Merrill trophy presented on the basis of character and citizenship, the Class '34 award for the one doing the most for the college, the Class of '32 Plaque

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NEW PLAY 'DESIGN FOR FROSH' TO BE HELD AT NICHOLS

College Farce Will
Provide Many
Laughs

The Dramatic Society of Nichols College will present its first play of the fall season on the evening of November 17th. The presentment of the play will take place before the dance given by the school on that same evening. "Design for Freshman" by Isabel Gray is the play finally selected and is fast moving, witty and entertaining. This one act piece promises to be full of fun and

FIRE DEPARTMENT IS APPOINTED IN SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

Two Squads and Reserves
Are Listed;
Officers Elected

The college hill fire department is now manned by a full crew of engineers, hosemen and officers for the two squads that make up the company. Chief Earle and Lieutenant Ulrich are in hopes that a well disciplined and useful group will result from a series of practices and talks by Chief Belmore of Webster.

At a meeting of the men interested in filling the open positions for the department, Chief Belmore and Chief Templeman of the police force, combined on giving an interesting speech about tactics and strategy of the fire-fighting game. Both recalled numerous instances when a false step put their lives in deadly danger, a step brought on by inexperience or fatal misjudgment. They both agreed that the job of being a fireman was disagreeable and nasty to the extreme and that anybody getting into it should realize that it's no picnic.

The need for a good fire department on the hill was that the town realized when they voted to equip the engine with hose and auxiliary accessories such as axes, ladders, pikes, etc. The engine, furnished by Mr. Conrad, is a rebuilt Cadillac with room for 800 feet of hose and the other necessary equipment. It has a single outlet centrifugal pump connected with the crank shaft of the V8 motor by a clutch.

The men who turned out for the department are: Sumner, Reardon, Sherman, Walter, Mac-

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SECOND SMOKER HONORS NICHOLS FOOTBALL TEAM

Coach Sullivan
Speaker; Players
Cheered

The second smoker of the year was held at college Thursday evening. It was conducted for the football team which was to leave the following day on its long trip of the year, to Green Mountain in Vermont.

Robert Reardon, head of the social committee planned the smoker, while Marvin Perkins acted as toastmaster. Jack Earle lead the school in cheers with the aid of Dutton Alden.

The first event of the evening entertainment was two numbers sung by the freshmen quartet composed of Lyman, Kemb Todd, and Rathbone. Their first selection was "Down by the Mill Stream," which was followed

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PRES. J. L. CONRAD ADDS TO RULES AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Also Warns Against
Intoxication, Firearms

A meeting of the entire school was held in the assembly hall Tuesday afternoon Mr. Conrad addressed the students at length on a number of subjects that had come to his attention and affected the welfare of the school and the student body.

He first brought up the subject of firearms, which he stated had always been the cause of numerous accidents, regardless of how carefully they are handled.

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SCHEDULE OF REMAINING FOOTBALL GAMES

- Saturday, Nov. 3—Connecticut State College Freshmen —Home
- Saturday, Nov. 10—Worcester Trade — Home
- Saturday, Nov. 17—Marionapolis College — Home

Arnold, Daly, Onetime Reporter



Y, MASSACHUSETTS, APRIL 15, 1935

HONOR STUDENTS

Third Quarter
March 23rd, 1935

SENIORS

High Honors—Clayton Shaw, Fred Beaucar, Nelson Scott.
Honors — William Mahoney, J. Nelson Manning, Jr., Carl McKittrick, J. Robert Reardon, James Byrnes, Louis Sumner.

JUNIORS

High Honors — Wolfgang Schaeffer, Robert Frash, Gerhard Sollner, Alfred L. Webb, Wallace Capron, Ralph Eaton, Bernard Eames, Carfield Cannel, William Maynard.
Honors — Paul Fleischmann, Robert Campbell, Alejandro Erreguerena, Plinio Lafita, Frederick Rathbone, Allerton Smith, Peter Duggan, Edward A. Sherman, Jr., Wilfred Daniels, Wilson Metcalf, Donald Sumner, Thomas Read.

FAST BRUSH FIRE SWEEPS DRY AREA

Blaze of Spectacular Origin and Fanned By High, Strong Wind Threatens Budleigh Hall and Horse Stables. — Entire Student Body Aids in Stemming Fire



MARSHALL CLAYTON

Nichols athlete who pinned Carl Morgan, local wrestler, in seven minutes at Webster wrestling bouts

Threatened with the fire jinx that destroyed a dormitory four years ago, Nichols College once again found fire and smoke in its midst when a fast brush blaze spread rapidly in the wide, dry area lying between Budleigh and the horse stables and for a while was out of human control.

The Nichols Fire Squad, commanded by Chief Earle and his assistant Ulrich along with a general turnout of the entire student body, utilized wet gunny sacks and extinguishers in an effort to stem the blaze which had spread rapidly to a wide circle.

Combination No. 1, the Nichols fire truck, was rushed to the scene but was unable to couple enough hose together to reach the fire, the nearest hydrant being up on a hill, some distance from the worst of the fire. Extinguishers and gunny sacks, the only alternative, were used in double line formation after the flames proved to be spreading too fast to hold under control. Twice the fire escaped the cordon thrown around it, once entirely enveloping the fire engine and its crew.

Though the fire lasted a comparatively short while, it burned a considerable area between Budleigh and the horse stables. The tall, dry, grass which had dried out thoroughly in the hot sun, was good fuel for the spark which touched it off.

Discovered by a group of students who were playing baseball behind Budleigh after the blaze had consumed an already large area, it was a matter of a few moments before the entire student body had turned out to pitch in and beat the fire out. It was generally felt that the fire took its origin from embers left when brush was burned some thirty six hours previously, that were fanned by the high wind which prevailed on that day.

LOCAL RESIDENT OUTLINES MASS. BILL PROCEDURE

Joseph N. O'Kane Speaks at Pre-Vacation Convocation

Mr. Joseph N. O'Kane was the speaker at the last convocation before spring vacation. He is a resident of Dudley Hill and an office holder in the House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts.

He outlined in a complete and most satisfying manner, the various steps that a bill must go through before it becomes a law.

"Anyone may get a bill into proper form," he stated. "They are then given to their representative who places them before the house for action. There are two kinds of bills; a special act that

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LOCAL STUDENTS TRAVEL ROADS OVER VACATION

Nichols Represented From Maine To Florida

All the way from the rock bound shores of Maine to the sunny beaches of Florida, one could find some Nichols student during the spring vacation. Even a person marooned in one of those swirling dust storms in the mid west might have been fortunate enough to spot a son of Roger Conant.

Skiing, of all things, was taken up by Duffield and Jackson, both of the fellows cutting short their vacations elsewhere to journey up to New Hampshire for a little of their much loved sport.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE Season 1935

Saturday, April 27th—

COMBINATION 1 INITIATED AT DUDLEY FIRE

Webster Pump Dis-
abled. — Nichols
Comes to Aid

Combination Number 1, the Nichols Fire Department truck, saved a house from destruction by fire on Saturday afternoon, April 22nd. The interior of the house, a residence on Dudley's main street, broke into flames around four o'clock in the afternoon and President Conrad ordered the newly acquired truck to be sent to the scene. Simultaneously, the Webster Fire Department arrived and assumed charge. The Webster department's pump refused to function correctly at this crucial moment, so, although the Nichols firemen had forgotten to bring along the nozzles for their

hose, the pump on Combination No. 1 was brought into play.

The damage caused by the fire believed to have been started by a defective electric wire, was great for the interior of the house was badly burned.

The diligent work of the Webster department and the voluntary aid of the Nichols students had their effect and the flames were brought under control and completely extinguished within an hour.

The students again deserve to be commended upon the manner in which they cooperate with officials during an emergency.

FIRE DAMAGES ACADEMY BUILDING ROOF

On Thursday, April 20th, Nichols experienced its third fire. On this occasion the Academy building was the victim of the fiery demons. The blaze on the south side of the building's roof, was sighted by one of our neighbors on Dudley Hill. She notified the school authorities and immediately all the students congregated to do what they could to check destruction. The conflagration was small and soon was under control, in fact out. At this point the Webster Fire Department made its appearance to put on the finishing touches.

By this time all the Nichols students who could successfully immitate monkeys, had occupied practically every foothold or seat that the roof offered. Ben Rogers, the school protector, saved the institution needless expense when he refused to let one of the firemen wield an axe on the afflicted section of the roof. There is a suspicion that this gentleman is a carpenter.

The fire hose was put into place and made ready for use. At first the hydrant refused to emit any-

thing but a weak stream of rusty water. The watching jeered but these same jeers turned into cries of surprise and disgust as the water gushed forth in full power, blowing back into their midst. It was mentioned that the fire was a help to the water commissioner, for at least the hydrant received a much needed cleaning.

Mr. Conrad expressed his gratification to the fellows who assisted in the work, stating that the school spirit, at times extremely dormant, always springs to life in emergencies.

Incidentally, the school assumes no liability to "Did" Dwyer for injuries to the seat of his pants, received while sliding down a rain gutter.

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**Philippine Islands”
described By Rev.
John Linsley in Talk**

The Philippine Islands” was subject of Reverend John Linsley of Webster, Mass., and more recently of the Philippines, in a location address before the student body on Wednesday, October 30th. He spoke in the Con-Memorial Church.

Rev. Linsley, a young man, is noted for his illustrious talks and gave a very convincing travel talk of the Philippines, telling of the customs of the tribes, the individual characteristics of each, the characterous jungle rivers, the products of the industrial island, native food, and many other interesting tribal facts.

Over sixty different languages spoken in the Philippine group, English predominates, followed closely by Spanish,” said the speaker.

A summation of the many points in question over the future independence of the islands including many humorous, and interesting details about the political factors now existing in the election over there, was also made. Descriptions of various occasions on the speaker was honored on visits to tribal chieftains made a vivid picture of the native home-land. “A corn mixture and a tea made of swamproot were the two staples of food during the meal,” Rev. Linsley asserted.

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A YEAR AGO THIS WEEK:

Work started on new hockey rink, and skating pond at foot of hill; Nason Arnold, former Worcester Telegram Editor speaks at convocation; Golf team ends season with victory over Stearns Prep.

TWO YEARS AGO THIS WEEK:

Phi Sigma Nu and Phi Delta Chi pledged a total of twenty-one men, the former accepted nine, the latter, twelve; Gil Barnes elected president of the social committee; George Boyer, editor, tells of college’s history.

**THREE YEARS AGO THIS
WEEK:**

Tourtellotte soccer team stopped, 5-4; Four act play, “Monsieur Ferrichron’s Excursion” selected by dramatic club for the season’s opening production; Holy Cross Frosh triumph 38-0 on the gridiron.

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DUDLEY

**Ten Man Squads
Appointed For
Fire Department**

**Chief Dolan To Start
Smoke Eaters Train-
ing Soon**

Dudley Hill is once again to have an organized fire department composed of two squads of volunteers from the college with William “Red” Dolan as chief of the company and Wilson Metcalfe and Gerhard Sollner as his lieutenants.

Talks on fire discipline and procedure are scheduled to be given by Chief Belmore of the Webster fire department in the near future. Various methods of stopping a fire spread, the use of the fire hose, and the general tactics, which will be explained by Chief Belmore, are expected to aid Chief Dolan no end in training his two squads of ten men.

The vital need of a well organized fire squad on the Hill should be well filled by the augmentation of a twenty man company. The Webster-Dudley fire department must make a haul of two miles in order to answer any calls from Dudley Hill and it has therefore become a necessity to install some sort of a fire department here.

Equipment is on hand. A rebuilt Cadillac engine with full equipment of axes, pikes, ladders, boots, and rubber raincoats, also has space for 800 feet of hose, furnished by a town grant. The engine also carries a single outlet centrifugal pump on the front end, which is run by means of a clutch on the crankshaft of the V-8 engine.

The squads as chosen by Dolan include on the first squad many second year men who were on last year’s fire company. The second group is almost entirely freshmen.

On the first squad led by Lieutenant Metcalfe will be Hernan Cano, George Chaplin, Peter Duggan, John Cooley, Charles Nathan, Charles Cunningham, Ted Husdon, Ed Sherman, Hal Chalmers, and George Paulsen.

The second group under the direction of Gerry Sollner will be comprised of Bill Bauer, Bob Carter, Tom Mullen, Paul Granville, Ed Pegnam, Bob Hackett, Alex Walker, Harold Lyons, Bob Frank, and Walt Hayes.



J. WILLIAM ELSWORTH

Alumnus who figured in accident in New Jersey in which his beautiful bride of six weeks was fatally injured.

**Church Horse Sheds
Reappear as Garages
Behind Dining**

To Be Completed in
Weeks

Before the end of this week former horse sheds and recent automobile sheds will be moved from their location in front of Conant Memorial Church to a new location in the rear of the dining hall where they will be used as garages for the student body.

Already a foundation has been made and Pres. James L. Elsworth expects the new garages, which will have doors, to be completed within a three week’s period at a charge of about \$4.00 a month to be made.

The sheds must be removed to the dining hall. The driver of the engine will be Fred Kingsbury.

College Trustee
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April 29, 1937

Spring Dance At Cohasse May 8

EDDY QUINTON TO PLAY

Chairman Scott of the Social Committee, recently announced that there will be a formal dance held at the Cohasse Country Club in Southbridge, Mass., on Saturday evening, May 8, with Eddy Quinton and his Orchestra providing the music.

Because of the existing conditions the traditional Spring Dance will not be held in the Nichols Gymnasium. Use of the Cohasse Country Club has been secured for the affair, however, and with pleasant remembrances of the Winter Carnival dance, we can surely predict a successful spring formal. Upon popular request, the Social Committee has signed Eddy Quinton, whose music was so greatly enjoyed at the 1935 Winter Carnival. Quinton is well known among the social circles of Boston and Providence for his rhythmic dance music, and has recently been engaged to play for promenades at Brown and Dartmouth.

The authorities have announced that a baseball game will take place on the afternoon of May 8, thus adding color and enjoyment to the occasion. Following the game, students and friends will entertain their guests at dinner.

Brick Building To Replace Destroyed Dining Hall

Board of Trustees Vote in Favor of Two Story Building. — Large Infirmary to Be on Second Floor

"All efforts to have a new dining hall ready before this year's graduating class makes its departure, in June, are being extended", was the most recent announcement made by Dr. Quincy H. Merrill, president of the Board of Trustees, early this week.

Estimated cost of the new building, which will be erected mid-way between Budleigh dormitory and the gymnasium, are figured at between \$16,000 and \$20,000. Plans call for a brick colonial front, and in addition to the dining hall, there will also be an infirmary on the second floor. The dining hall will be so arranged that the faculty tables will be at the right of the entrance and guest tables at the left. Beneath the infirmary will be located the main dining hall for the students. There will also be available room for the storehouse, kitchen, and living quarters for the employees.

Chalmers Discovers Fire

Fire which occurred early Tuesday morning, March 30, completely leveled the former college dining hall. Students were away on their annual Spring vacation at the time of the disaster and the only students remaining were Paul Granville of Canada; Manuel Calvo, Bob Mercade, Joe Carrio, and Orencio Garcia, Cuban students. Hal Chalmers on his way to work, discovered the blaze and a general alarm was sent out. The fire is believed to have started when a spark from the chimney ignited the wooden shingles on the roof. Once on fire, the building was a blazing furnace which destroyed over a thousand dollars worth of stored food, all kitchen equipment, and electric appliances as well as all of the furniture; the entire structure being reduced to ashes. Three cars underneath the kitchen were removed safely and two tables and a few chairs were saved. All other efforts were concentrated on keeping the blaze away from the other nearby buildings.

Gym Temporary Dining Hall

At present the gymnasium which is also used for social functions, is serving as the dining hall. The kitchen now occupies the section which was formerly the entrance and lounge to the gym. Refrigerators, stoves, washers, and other necessary equipment has been installed. New tables and chairs make a splendid appearance on the playing floor which is proving very adequate and furnishes more room than did the destroyed dining hall.

Every member of the '37 graduating class is eager to be among the group at the dedication of the new dining hall, which they hope will be completed before Commencement, June 12.

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MR. ALLSTON B. HOBBY
Director of the Summer Work Program

NICHOLS ANSWERS FIRE ALARM

On Sunday evening, October 30, a red sky was visible to all those on the Hill. A twelve room structure on Healy Road, just off the campus, belonging to Axel Johnson was completely demolished by the fire.

The first alarm rang at 10:30 P.M. and soon afterwards fire equipment from Webster, Dudley, Quinebaug and the Nichols College Fire Department were at the blaze. The heat was so intense the fire fighters had trouble getting near the house at first.

The Nichols College Fire truck was driven to the scene by Capt. R. C. Miller. The men from the Nichols College Fire Department refilled Indian Pumps, helped on the hose crew and kept the fire from spreading to the surrounding woods.

According to Mr. Johnson the house had been deserted for five years and was only used for storage. A strong smell of kerosene at the fire has led to the belief that it might have been set by Halloween pranksters.

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Mr. Hobby is well-qualified to help the students with their problems concerning summer employment in connection with the work program. It should be of great benefit to many of the student body.

Foresters Plan

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FIRE DEPT. ORGANIZED

With the purchase and delivery of a Maxim City Service Fire Truck, the Nichols College Fire Department is off to a good start. Through the courtesy of the Chief of the Cranston Fire Department, where the truck was purchased, the Nichols department received 800 feet of fire hose and much other equipment. The Colonel is adding a hydrant in the back of the Daniels parking lot for better coverage of the campus. It is hoped that there will soon be a fire siren mounted on the roof of Alumni Hall. The fire truck is currently being kept in the garage in back of the gym and the fire department has a room in the basement of Budleigh Hall.

The aim of the Nichols Department is to protect the students and the property of school, as well as to aid the local fire department in the event of an emergency. The new fire engine came with a large amount of equipment which will be expanded as time goes on.

As for the organization of this department, there will be twenty student volunteers. Fifteen students will serve as firemen and the other five will make up the rescue squad. Mr. Guimond is the Fire Commissioner and Reid Corning is the Chief. The other officers on the department include:—Lou Griffith, Deputy Chief; Dick Masucco, Captain; Skip Simons, Captain; Roy Miller, Lieutenant, and Neil Scully, Lieutenant. These students, as well as the rest of the members of the department, are currently taking the standard and advanced courses in first aid, and are also taking up fire-fighting procedures so that they will be able to cope with any emergency. The members of the dorm councils and the dorm counselors are also aiding the fire department. We hope that the Nichols Fire Department will be something to be proud of and that it will not have to be used too frequently.

The new ladder truck is one of a pair; its mate being a 1927 Maxim Pumper which is also owned by the Cranston Fire Department and which will go up for auction in the near future. What would a pair look like on this campus?

Why Quit Now

by Doug Carr

I've often wondered why a fellow leaves college after a year or two. It seems that if he could see the figures on income of a four year college graduate over those of a graduate he would do a lot of thinking before taking the leap into the cruel, competitive world. Is it that he isn't aware of these facts or is he just lazy and craves for what he thinks will be an easy way out with quick cash in his pocket. The idea seems to be that all a fellow needs for adult life is a strong back, any old excuse for halting his education, and a pleasant smile and honest face. These people can be classified even further into groups

One type is known rather aptly in some educational circles as the "Short Span" because he seems to figure that he has the life span of something like an ailing fruit fly. For deans, teachers and counselors he has one ignorant question to ask. "Why should I finish four years of college when I can get a good paying job now?" The teacher generally tries to explain to "Short Span" that we can all expect to be around at least a few years, and that as the years come on we sometimes find ourselves wanting to do work that requires a complete college education. If we don't have that education, some fellow who does will take the job from us.

The teacher, after a hearty gnaw at his nails, sometimes tries another approach. "Unless we have at least some background in those subjects generally called cultural, we often find ourselves getting restless and unhappy in advance old age—at twenty-six or twenty-seven, say." In these closing years we sometimes find that expressions like "You're telling me!" no longer seem the world's most well thought wit; and people who answer "You're not kidding!" no longer make us roll in laughter. You begin to suspect that you're missing out on something and the maddening thing is that you don't even know exactly what it is. Sure you've had one or so many years of college but you haven't allowed yourself to get into the meat of things by

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Nichols Lacrosse in Action Against Fairleigh-Dickinson

Fire Department Equipped To Fight Any Type Of Blaze

by
Charles Evans, '65

From time to time, several people have commented to me on the speed of the school fire apparatus and the effectiveness of same. I never thought any of you were serious, but it appears that some of you really were and are concerned about it. Well, then, the following is a very condensed story of the Nichols College Fire Department and its equipment.

Engine No. 1 is a 1943 American LaFrance pumper. It would be the first truck to respond to any building fire on campus, and it is powered by a V-12, dual ignition, 572 cubic inch engine. It will travel at the maximum safe speed that we would want to move it around here. It carries with it 650 feet of 2½" hose, 500 feet of 1½" hose, two ladders, a pump capable of delivering more than 350 gallons of water per minute.

Engine No. 2 is our forest fire truck: a 1945 International. Now, a forestry truck is not built for speed. It has a very low-range transmission that will take it just about anywhere. It, too, carries its own pump, and also carries 350 gallons of water. Those of you who have taken physics know that the water alone accounts for nearly a ton and a half of the total weight of this truck. Engine No. 2 also carries the forest and brush fire fighting tools. It would be the first to respond to a brush fire, and would also serve as a back-up for Engine No. 1 in the event of a

building fire on campus. It carries 600 feet of 2½" hose and 500 feet of 1½" hose.

Engine No. 3 is the ladder truck: a 1927 Maxim. It carries a full complement of ladders, which could get us up to the highest point on any building on campus. All of our forcible entry tools—the bar cutter, battering ram, lock breakers and window forciers, for example—go on the ladder truck. Because it carries no water and no pump, Engine No. 3 is probably the fastest of the three trucks. It would probably arrive just after Engine No. 1 at any building fire on campus.

The department has been trained for and is equipped to fight any type of fire that would start here on the hill: building fires, oil fires, brush fires, and automotive fires.

Although our equipment is old, it is still good. New fire equipment is very expensive, and funds are always a problem for a volunteer department that does not have a city or town to tax. Some of you might have seen the new 100' aerial ladder truck that Worcester just acquired. It is a beautiful truck, to be sure, but did you know that it cost them forty-five thousand dollars?

Ours is a young department—six years old—and many improvements have been made in those six years. Some of our recent ones are Engine No. 1, 300 feet of hose, our annual thirty hour training course from the state, the lower campus siren, and the fire alarm phone (943-7145).

I hope this article has enlightened some of you. Thank you for your interest and cooperation, and if there are any more questions, any NCFD member would be happy to answer them.

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Students Want U.S. to Push War

Students polled estimate that they reflect the attitude of approximately 75 percent of the students on their campuses. The students and faculty, however, make it clear that they overwhelmingly believe that Americans are obligated to serve in the nation's armed forces, even if they are in disagreement with their government's policies. 90 percent of students — 82 percent of faculty).

Obligation

Indicative of the support on the campuses for the administration's policy in Viet Nam is the fact that 2 percent of the students and 72 percent of the faculty members agreed that the United States has an obligation to provide an active military assistance to that nation. Further, a large majority of students — 88 percent — and faculty — 83 percent — felt that use of non-toxic tear gas is justifiable as a means of disabling the Viet Cong without endangering the lives of civilians.

Playboy Survey

The Playboy College Opinion

F. GOW POINTS MAJOR PROBLEMS

Positions Held

Positions he held from 1925 through 1941, prior to entering the military included Planning Engineer, Machine Tool Division; Work's Manager, Norton's French grinding wheel plant in Paris, France; Superintendent Ceramic Division (Worcester), and Production and Works Manager in the Abrasives Division.

Upon completion of his service duty, he returned to Norton's in 1945 as Works Manager, holding this post until 1947. In 1947 he was elected a director of the firm and in 1948 elected executive vice president, a position he held until 1961 when he was named company president.

Mr. Gow is also a director of the United Fruit Company, State Mutual Life Assurance Company of America, Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co., Worcester Mutual Fire Insurance Company, Worcester County Institution for Savings (trustee) and the National Research Corporation.

Varied Positions

He is a former president and director of the Worcester YMCA, beginning in 1965, a trustee of the Worcester Memorial Hospital, and former trustee of the Roxbury-Latin School and Norwich University, having resigned this year from the latter two posts.

survey is based on responses from a representative sample of approximately 1000 students from all classes, ages and backgrounds, who serve as a permanent "sounding board" on questions of current interest. Another permanent panel of 200 faculty members — one representative of each campus — comprising a wide variety of educational fields have been polled. The survey reflects opinions from campuses on a regional basis — in the East, Midwest, South, Southwest and West.

Analysis of returns on a regional basis indicates a high degree of uniformity of opinion. Noticeable exceptions occur on the question of "Should we avoid bombing military installations in populous areas of North Viet Nam, such as Hanoi?" While 67 percent of all student respondents favor bombing these areas, 82 percent of students on southwestern campuses advocate bombing but only 49 percent of students on southern campuses concur.

Coin Club Awaits Approval Of A.N.A. Application

Mr. Herman Eyrich, a coin dealer from Worcester, Mass. and proprietor of the "Treasure House" was the guest speaker at the November 18th meeting of the Coin Club. The topic which Mr. Eyrich spoke on was the counterfeiting of rare coins. Methods of altering common coins into "rare" coins include casting, spark erosion, splitting coins in half and glueing on different halves, and just plain alteration by addition and removal of metal. He also explained how to detect counterfeits and his talk was illustrated by "genuine counterfeits" and by drawings.

A.N.A. Membership

The Coin Club is now waiting for approval on its application to join the A.N.A., the American Numismatic Association. Membership in this association will bring the club such benefits as use of their extensive library, a list of professional men willing to give lectures, their monthly magazine, "The Numismatist," and use of films and slides.

The annual Identification Night was held December first and provided an opportunity for all students to have their coins and tokens identified. December 8th all the members brought a coin or numismatic item to the meeting to be exchanged at the annual recognition party. All coins

NICHOLS FIREFIGHTERS HIGHLY RATED

The fire chief is a senior, the captains and lieutenants are sophomores and juniors, and once they used to be the biggest joke on Dudley Hill.

Then last May they extinguished with great skill and speed, two dormitory fires in "The Apartments" and the "Tavern Annex," thus saving the school from serious damage. Things then began to change rapidly.

Today the Nichols College Fire Department is one of the most respected groups on campus and pranksters no longer dare to steal the fire engines for joyrides around the countryside.

Waiting List

In fact it has become a select group with a constant waiting list of candidates to join. All 22 members of the force have received basic and advanced training, each a 30-hour course, and are qualified for a state firefighters certificate. They meet once a week and have fire drills under the command of Chief James Barrett.

The department also conducts weekly inspection tours of the campus. "We are looking for faulty wiring, accumulated trash, flammable liquids—anything that is a fire hazard or potentially dangerous. Preventing fires is just as important as extinguishing them," Barrett said.

Reciprocal Agreement

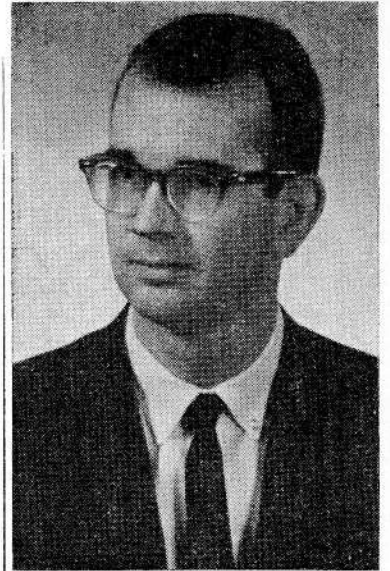
The Nichols fire brigade has a complete mutual aid agreement with the Quinebaug, Conn. Fire Department, their next door neighbor. They respond to each others alarms and co-operate in every way.

Captain Dave (Skip) Hammond still remembers that bone chilling night last winter when they were called to a nearly morning fire in Fabyan, Conn. "Why is it that whenever we are in the middle of final exams or dressed sharply for Sunday dinner or it's the coldest winter night out there, we would get most of our calls?" he mused.

Once a man is admitted to the force, he is subjected to stern discipline and is treated as a fireman would be in any other department. "Anybody who has missed three meetings is out," Barrett said. "There is no arguing with officers and at the scene of a fire the officer's word is law."

Founded in 1959

The department was founded in 1959 by Reed Corning, the first chief, after the college had lost a hall due to a serious blaze. It was further developed by Dexter Cheney, now a graduate student at the University of Colorado. Jim Barrett is credited with elevating standards to its widely respected level.



James P. Barrett '66

The men are divided into three battalions with a fire engine for each. The officers are elected by the members, but the fire chief is appointed by the previous chief. Barrett, for instance, was named by Cheney.

There is a radio and alarm system installed in Smith Hall where Barrett lives. He handles both. One long blast of the siren means fire on campus, two or three indicates an outside call.

As a rule, five men and two officers remain on campus at all times. But Barrett said, members often voluntarily forego the opportunity for liberty to remain on call.

Considering their ages and status as members of the supposedly fun-loving college set, the boys take their jobs seriously.

"If you make a mistake in this job, somebody else gets clobbered," Barrett said.

"Frankly we are not here to have fun. There are 666 lives to be protected here," Deputy Chief John Connell added.

"Of course, don't get the impression that we are a bunch of stuffed shirts," Hammond protested with mock horror.

What then motivates a group of healthy young men to endure hard work, discipline, and sometimes even sacrifices?

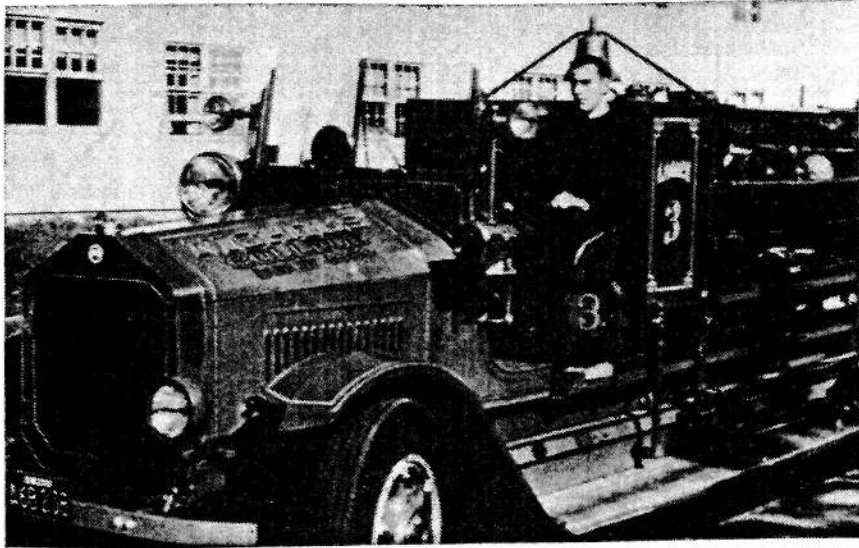
"I'm with a great bunch of guys and I like it," says Captain Bob Fossum.

"The feeling of accomplishment is great," Lt. Allen Cottier went on.

"We are a closely knit group. We usually go out together," Larry Upson and Richard Harris, both lieutenants, commented.

"This is the best bunch on campus," freshman Tom Hall, the newest member of the group added.

Robert Howe Reports on Systems Field Trip



STUDENTS RUN FIRE DEPARTMENT

The college student of today spends his time in many and varied ways. The newspapers tell us of the demonstrator, the fun-seeker, the addict and other off-beat characters. Well, the less-publicized yet productive member from the college set deserves recognition that rarely comes his way. The productive college student is the scholar, the athlete, the go-getter who both works and studies, or the activist involved in worthwhile extracurricular activities. Nichols College of Business Administration in Dudley, Mass. has seventeen such students in an extremely constructive venture, the Nichols College Fire Department.

The Nichols Fire Department consists of seventeen volunteer students who actively engage in the manning and running of all operations. The adage that "necessity is the mother of invention" is true with regard to the Nichols Fire Department. Back in 1959, after a dormitory burned down, the fire department came into existence. In its nine years of operation on the campus, these volunteers have served their college and community well. Of the 670 students at Nichols, 500 live on campus in 11 dorms. In addition to the dorms, there are some twenty other buildings for academic, administrative and housing purposes owned by the college. The school, sprawled over a 200 acre area, is situated in the "Dudley Hill" section of Dudley.

Reed Corning, class of 1961, told of the early support received by the Nichols Fire Department: "The Colonel (Nichols College's first president, James L. Conrad) along with the fire department at Cranston, R.I. gave their whole-hearted support, both moral and tangible. Chief Holman of the Cranston Fire Department, took the Nichols department under

his wing. He not only instructed our boys, but he provided equipment that we were able to put into good use. The Colonel was always there when we needed him. He was mighty proud of the department and his help was instrumental in the department's progress"

At present the Nichols College Fire Department is made up of seventeen members forming three battalions, and capably manning three fire trucks. The apparatus consists of: a 1945 International forest fire truck; a 1940 Mack 500 gallon pumper; and a 1927 Maxim Cities Service ladder truck.

With regular department meetings and weekly battalion drills, the fire department is without doubt the busiest student organization on this business and forestry school campus. The department conducts periodic fire drills for all dormitories throughout the academic year.

The obvious purpose of extinguishing fires on Dudley Hill is supplemented by the equally important purpose of preventing fires. Through weekly inspection tours, the department removes all fire hazards such as accumulated trash, flammable liquids and faulty wiring. The Nichols volunteer firemen know what they are doing when they go about their business.

Contrary to common misunderstanding that the fire department is made up of zealous amateurs, the thirty-hour course that qualifies each member for the state firefighters certificates makes them knowledgeable and skillful.

The present members, who range in age from 18 to 23, and in experience from six months to four years, are a close-knit group of students from all four classes. They hail from five states going as far south as Pennsylvania.

The chief of the fire department for the '67 and '68 year was Jeffrey A. Havlick from Cheshire, Conn., a senior majoring in park management. Following graduation and a stint in the service, Jeff plans to work in wildlife research. Jeff is extremely proud of his association with the fire department. "Without a doubt, it is the best organization that I have ever been a member of, and being selected chief has been a fantastic honor. The fire department has come a long way, and personally, I feel will continue to improve in service."

The officers aside from Chief Havlick for the '67 and '68 year were Scott Shank, deputy chief from Pound Ridge, N.Y.; James L. Upson, 1st captain from Lockport, N.Y.; David A. Holster, 2nd captain from North Easton, Mass.; Robert F. Seifert, 3rd lieutenant from Webster, N.Y.; Kenneth M. Spector, 2nd lieutenant from Manchester, Conn.; and Matthew Sullivan, 1st lieutenant from Canton, Mass.

The remainder of the department, which is made up of three battalions, is assigned to the three pieces of apparatus. Battalion 1, called the "Pumper Company," is made up of Terry M. Dwyer from Manlius, N.Y.; Robert M. McIlvain from Downingtown, Pa.; John J. Mulder from Glen Head, N.Y., and Garrett F. McAllister from Brightwaters, N.Y. The "Ladder Company" or Battalion Two has freshmen Richard M. Bailey from Wayne, Pa. and William Nielson from Point Washington, N.Y.; and sophomore Philip A. Boucher from Norton, Mass. Battalion Three, or the "Hose Company" is manned by Donald W. Basile, a freshman from Brooklyn, N.Y.; Steven J. Aronson, a freshman from Trenton, N.J.; and sophomore Craig A. Peterson from Maywood, N.J.

The Nichols College Fire Department is inter-state in its service. Nichols College borders the Massachusetts-Connecticut line and the relationship which has developed between the Nichols Fire Department and the Quinebaug Fire Department provides an excellent example of cooperation between volunteer fire departments.

Throughout the short history of the fire department, many improvements have been made. The force is well established with stern discipline. The service has been extended so that surrounding towns benefit from the existence of the fire department. The department has won the esteem of fellow students as well as that of school, town, and state officials.

The Nichols College Fire Department members have turned their backs on the less productive ways in which to involve themselves. Instead of following their outspoken and dissident fellow college students, the Nichols College Fire Department is making a valuable and concrete contribution to their community.

Fire Department Celebrates 10th Year

It was just about ten years ago when a two story wooden frame building known as T Hall had a fire—and it was almost ten years ago when the Nichols College Fire Department was first conceived. Alarmed by the destructive forces of fire and the lack of safety equipment for fire prevention and control, a band of students lead by sophomore Reid H. Corning approached Colonel James Conrad, the first President of the College, with the request of a student-run fire department. In the spring of 1959, Nichols College had a fire department.

The progress of the department in the first few years was most evident. It was an organized entity with a large membership and two old but good fire trucks. It's interesting to note that in its first year Professor James Guimond, being the advisor of the department, was required by state law to ride the apparatus when driven on the main roads. Many a cold winter's day he had to wear several overcoats to keep himself warm during practice runs. Reid Corning, a management major was the department's first Chief and officiated until he graduated in 1961.

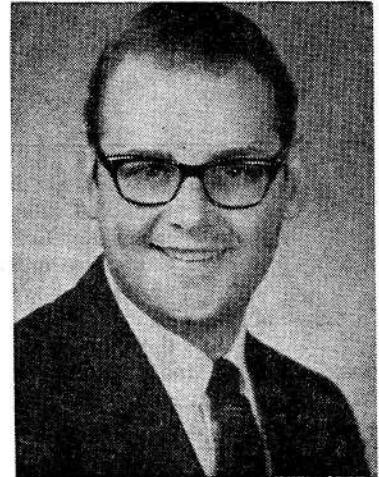
The academic year of 1961-1962 brought in a new administration of the young department. K. Dexter Cheney, a sophomore, was the Chief and Professor Guimond, realizing the excellent fire-fighting experience of Charles Grant, asked him to take over as advisor and commissioner. Professor Grant had been with the New York City and Worcester Fire Departments. Dexter Cheney was responsible for arranging for special training of the members by the Massachusetts Department of Education. This training of fire prevention and control was conducted by Worcester Deputy Fire Chief Emil Z. Zaterka. Dexter Cheney was also responsible for the purchase of a 1930 Maxim Pumper. A real fire-buff, Cheney built up the department's responsibilities and respect. Dexter, like his predecessor, was a management major and served as Chief until the end of his senior year. One might note that he was a member of the Justinian Council and officiated as its president during the academic year of '64-'65.

Those of us who have been here for four years should remember James P. Barrett, the department's third Chief. Serving in that capacity during his junior and senior years, he and the

department opened up working arrangements with the towns of Southbridge and Quinebaug. In May of 1965 the N.C.F.D. participated in the Southbridge Firemen's Muster — a parade with trucks and all—down Main Street. Barrett, a park management major, was succeeded by Robert N. Fossom, another management major. Bob furthered the good relations of the department with the towns of Quinebaug and Webster. Many times the N.C.F.D. answered brush fires in Quinebaug during the academic year of 1966-1967. It was during that year that the department purchased a radio tuned into the frequency of our neighboring town in Connecticut. A ready room (fireman's jargon for a place where alerts are made and aid is dispatched) with a phone was also provided that year. Last year's chief was Jeff Havlick, a park management major.

The Fire Department, under the direction of the Worcester Fire Department still sponsors a thirty hour course in fire fighting and continues to use all possible methods to keep fires from starting. As in the past, it administers first aid, gives transportation service to and from the Hubbard Hospital to all on the hill and in the community that need it, and keeps in close contact with the neighboring towns. Under the leadership of Chief Bob Seiffert, an accounting major, the department has made headway in improving the relations with the Dudley Fire Department. It is hoped that the N.C.F.D. will be able to participate in fires in Dudley soon. The only bottleneck is the insurance problem. The department is also arranging for an alarm service which would hook up with each dorm. With the system installed, there would be no need to use the phone to call for help.

In ten years and under six chiefs, the Nichols College Fire Department has gone a long way. Each member (dues are \$5 each semester) is a fully qualified fire fighter and experienced in first aid. There are three trucks, a pumper, a hose truck, and a ladder. Membership means full dedication and many hours. The department receives money from the college (not from the Student Government), dues and donations. Any man will tell you that the N.C.F.D. is a Godsend. This year's officers are: Bob Seiffert, Chief; Scott Shank, Deputy Chief; Ken Spector, 1st Captain; Craig Peterson, 2nd Captain; Matt Sullivan, 1st Lieutenant; Bob McIlvain, 2nd Lieutenant; and Phil Boucher, 3rd Lieutenant.

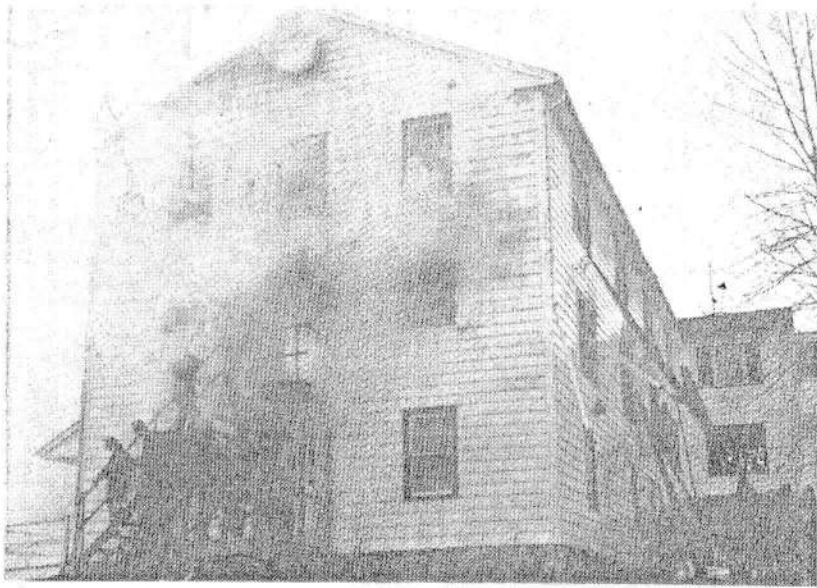


CHIEF SEIFFERT

much smoke odor to spread to nearby Budleigh Hall.

Up to this point the only fire this year was a minor mattress fire in Goodell Hall just before Christmas vacation. Yet, this was the first major fire to hit Nichols in some ten years when Olsen again underwent extreme fire damage which ironically occurred during the first year of our campus fire department's existence.

Many important elements of how to fight fires and how to eliminate defects in equipment were learned by our own department. And at the present time they are endeavoring to set up a central alarm system in the ready room which will hopefully save much needed time in locating the exact source of any fire. This system will be based on a board of lights which will be



Dormitory Is Destroyed by Blaze at Nichols College

Possessions Ruined In Blaze at Nichols

By BRUCE S. BAKER
Of The Telegram Staff

DUDLEY — "I'm 19 today. I'd like to have a birthday," said James Mairello of West Chester, N.Y., his belongings destroyed in yesterday's campus fire.

Mairello was in class when, like the majority of the students at Nichols College, received word of the fire at Olsen dormitory. Mairello was dejected.

"I lost everything, everything," he said. The fire broke out in his room, on the second floor, he said.

For other students who were in the building when the fire broke out, it was a nightmarish dream.

Said 18-year-old William Roberts, a freshman from Longwood, "All of a sudden there was an explosion and it sounded like a ton of brick fell on the ceiling directly above me."

Clothes Damaged

Robbins said, "The fire alarm went off and I heard someone shouting fire. So I ran out the fire escape on the first floor. All of my clothes were damaged by heat and smoke."

James Morse of Leominster, who was rooming on the first floor, said he thought a fire drill was taking place when he heard the alarm.

Then I looked in my room and I my roommate was gone so I ran out of the building," said Morse.

Donald Miceli credits fellow dormer John Walker of Waterbury, Conn., with saving him from injury.

Jack Hills, a senior from Wethersfield, Conn., who holds the title of college "mayor of the hall," commented the Nichols College Student Fire Department pouring from a room and sounding the fire alarm. He

then woke Miceli, who was sleeping at the time.

James W. Reid, Robert A. Wood and William F. Gruber, who are credited with bringing the wife and children of professor H. John Choo from the building, huddled in Badleigh Hall after the fire and attempted to piece the rescue together.

Gruber said, "When I heard someone yell fire, I went to Mrs. Choo's door and told her there was a fire and that I would be right back. I went out, got Jim (Reid) and Bob (Wood) to help me."

Gruber said he carried Choo's son, while Reid carried the one-year-old daughter. Wood assisted Mrs. Choo.

Reid said when he went in to get Mrs. Choo, "She was shaking and trying to dress the kids."

He said he grabbed the daughter and rushed down stairs, and the others were right behind me."

Donald A. MacQuarrie of Beverly, a dormitory proctor, said he was in class when he heard the news.

'Anyone Hurt'

"First I wondered if anyone was hurt, especially the Choo family," said MacQuarrie.

He said he later went into his room and found it completely ruined. His loss included photographs, cameras and notes for dent John Walker of Waterbury, Conn., with saving him from injury.

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Firemen poured water on the building from all sides.



Campus Department Brought Nichols 'Touch and Go'

By JOSEPH C. CAPILLO
Of The Telegram Staff

DUDLEY — Strong winds fanned the blaze which destroyed the Olsen Dormitory at Nichols College yesterday and for one period at least, fire fighters were concerned the fire would spread to nearby buildings.

One fire fighter described it as "A touch and go fire" meaning that it could have developed into a much more serious situation.

Big Assist

The 25-member college fire department was credited with a big assist by fire fighters from Dudley, Webster and Quinsigamond.

"These kids know what they're doing," said one Dudley fire crew member. The Nichols department is supervised by Professor Charles A. Grant, who is also chairman of the college's finance department. The department was organized 10 years ago and is charged with the responsibility of planning the evacuation of college buildings in times of emergency. The college has five fire trucks and the students have received instructions in all phases of fire fighting and live saving from the Worcester Fire Department.

Preparing for Action

The department is commanded by Student Chief Robert F. Seiffert, 21, and Deputy Chief Scott Shank, 21. Seiffert, Shank and the rest of the force were called from classes to go to the

the students who were residents in the dormitory.

"All I have is the clothes on my back," said one student as possessions were destroyed.

Another said, "I don't know what I'm going to do or where I'm going to get the money to replace my belongings."

Most of the students in the Olsen dormitory left their personal belongings behind in their rooms. Lost were clothing, books, television sets and record players. Several burned out the loss of research material and notes taken over three and four year spans.

Several students rushed to telephones to call their homes and to inform worried parents that they were safe.

"Everybody's lost their stuff," yelled one of the students as he spoke to his mother.

The administration and student body went quickly to work to provide clothing and sleeping areas for those displaced. A room was set aside in Badleigh Hall to interview the 41 students and to find places for them.

Robert Eaton, dean of men, and William S. Eaton, dean of women, and on toward a

Fund Drive Launched By Webster Ho

WEBSTER — About 250 area Edward M. residents attended a kickoff dinner were read for the general canvass in messages from the Hubbard Regional Hospital.

"It was quite a thing," said Dr. Clarence J. Murphy, chairman of the fund-raising committee. Each was given a folder containing the information and listing on behalf of the hospital. According to Professor Grant, this was the first time the department has installed

volunteer workers to assist in the fund-raising drive. The hospital is currently overcrowded with patients and the department has installed



g of food and entertainment. The banquet the many ways which the college attempts parents to Nichols and enable them to e in activities with their children.

Student of Today

Field Day Boys Club, and Elementary School Programs. All of these programs are basically designed to provide for those boys, usually in grades 3-6, activities that they would not normally receive at home or at school. Students who work in the Boys Club have started bowling and hockey leagues.

The last of these three programs is a unique one, as it involves helping children who are physically and mentally retarded. This program has only been in operation since September, but has grown very fast. In this program a Nichols student teaches on a one to one or group basis a skill that we normally take for granted. Together with interested residents of Dudley, Webster and Southbirdge, Nichols students have helped the retarded children to progress further and further towards reaching a normal position in life. It can be seen by the work being done by Nichols students in the surrounding communities that regardless of what changes have taken place, the Nichols man of today is still the same considerate and interested student that was known in the past.

means learning to live with a roommate, learning to budget your money, breaking away from your high school buddies, making new friends, and learning a new way of life, but these aspects hold true for any college. At Nichols however, it especially means becoming entwined in the life of the school. The size of Nichols has a great deal to do with the ease with which this adjustment takes place. The new student immediately makes friends during the ritualistic period of freshman initiations that accompany the outset of school in September, and soon finds he has much in common with his new friends since they attend several of the same classes. Furthermore, the school size presents the freshman

Nichols lies in more extensive involvement in one's area or areas of interest.

The only gripe that freshmen seem to have is the apparent lack of social life. However, the energetic student usually has no trouble to remedy that predicament, and frequent "mixers" within short distances offer even the less energetic ones an enjoyable time.

The freshman year definitely primes the student for more fulfilling years to follow at the college level. All in all being a freshman at Nichols College is a very rewarding experience for me, and I'm confident that a large percent of my fellow classmates share my positive outlook.

Student Fire Department

The Nichols College Fire Department, operated entirely by students, is in its thirteenth year.

A Nichols College publication describes its student fire department — "of inestimable value to the college, and of great interest to all on the campus."

The department is charged with planning evacuation of all college buildings in the event of an emergency and supervises quarterly dormitory fire drills.

The department has received recognition from the National Fire Prevention Association. It responds to about 25 mutual aid calls a year.

Training is regularly conducted, either by fire chiefs from surrounding communities or state officials. All phases of fire fighting are covered, including life saving and first aid.

1969 Fire

The biggest fire the department has had to fight was in February, 1969 when Olsen Dormitory was destroyed.

Students were credited with keeping the fire from spreading to nearby buildings. Officials from the Webster, Dudley and Quinebaug departments praised the student fire department for their fire fighting skills during the blaze.

Last year, the department was credited with saving two buildings on campus by responding quickly to alarms. Partition fires in the walls of Alumni Hall and Smith Dormitory were brought under control with only minor damage.

1972

There are four pieces of equipment, three of which are housed in quarters next to Chalmers field-house.

Most of the equipment maintenance is done by department members, and is subsidized by funds from the college's maintenance budget. Most of the department's 14 members have had prior fire fighting experience in their home towns.

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Fire Department

Entering into its fifteenth year of service, the Department received its share of the "Hill's" action much earlier and with more frequency than had been expected.

At the start of March, the Department had logged a total of 58 calls. There were 10 fires, 20 first aid calls, 4 bomb threats, 6 mutual aid calls, and 1 each of a vehicle accident, and a cat-in-a-tree rescue. There were also numerous service and nuisance calls. Among the fire calls, there was a house fire on Airport Road which required a response from both the Nichols and the Dudley Fire Departments. This response prompted the re-establishment of a mutual aid agreement between the two departments. With the addition of the Dudley Fire Department to the Nichols mutual aid response system, we now answer calls to Dudley, Webster, Quinebaug, Connecticut, and the State Forestry Service.

Big additions to the Department include the renovating of the present fire house in anticipation of a ladder truck in the near future. The use of the Department's newly purchased gas-powered alternator allowed for the uninterrupted completion of several final exams during a blackout in December.

In addition to material improvements, the Department's personnel roster included three females. There were no complaints from the rest of the Department to this addition.

The Department looks forward to another year of continued success and service to the college community and to the neighboring towns which might require our assistance.

We would like to thank all past and present members who have so unselfishly dedicated their time and efforts to fifteen years of concerned service to both the students and the college which has made the Department the success it is today.



FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS: Officers: Retiring Chief, G. Cressy; Chief, G. Coffin; Deputy Chief, T. Bassett; 1st. Captain, G. Gerry; 2nd. Captain, M. Connolly; 1st. Lieutenant, J. Krieger; 2nd. Lieutenant, R. Sampson; 3rd. Lieutenant, M. Hurley; Secy/Dispatcher, K. Will; Ret'g 1st. Capt., E. Schaefer; Ret'g 3rd Lt., H. Trimble. Firemen: D. Hammernick, A. Chaillat, B. Smith, C. Ehret, D. Bourgault, M. Gallagher, R. Cohen, G. Dahlke, W. Hunsicker, N. Giordano, F. Skirbe. Associate Members: L. Robbins, P. Hill, R. Harrington, R. Carbone, D. Welles, R. Wright, T. Shriener.

A Near Disaster — The Fir

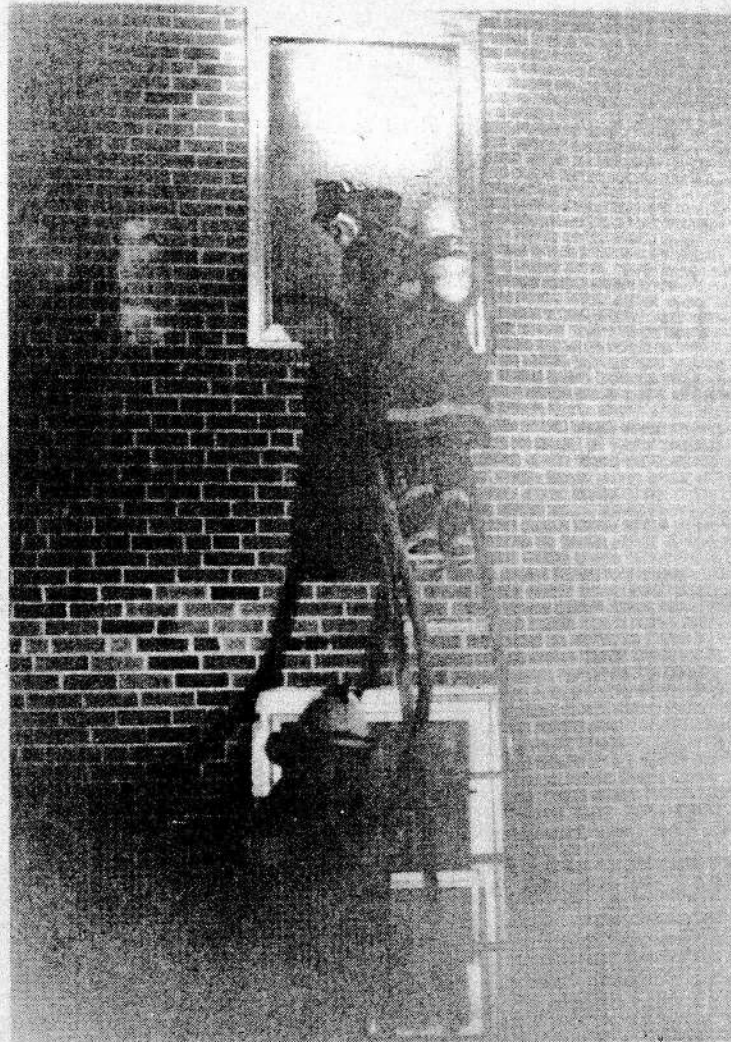
On Sunday morning at 2:15 A.M., smoke was noticed coming through the third floor of New Dorm. A few fire department members then proceeded to awaken the members of the third floor.

An attempt to use the stairs, to reach safety, was unsuccessful due to the intense heat and smoke. After discovering the stairs were unpassable, students tied bed sheets together and lowered themselves from the hall window on the third floor. Some students were also forced to jump out of their windows from the second floor. By this time the college's fire department's Engine 16 had arrived at New Dorm. Ladders were immediately put up to aid students to reach the ground. While ladders were being raised, two members of the department put on Scott Air packs to determine if any students were still inside the dorm. These two men tried to enter the second floor three times, but were unfortunately driven back by the intense heat. After emptying its booster tank, Engine 16 returned to the fire hydrant and laid in a supply line to New Dorm.

As the members of the College Department started to attack the fire, the Dudley Fire Department arrived to give the Nichols Dept. aid. This mutual aid is part of a pre-arranged plan in the case of a fire in the dormitory. Dudley Fire Department responded to the general alarm with five trucks and one ambulance.

Dudley Fire Fighters and Nichols Fire Fighters fought the fire with a team effort as usual. The fire was contained to the room it originated in and was extinguished by 3:30 A.M. The clean-up operation lasted until 5:30 A.M. with Dudley Department leaving at approximately 4:00 A.M.

Among the injured were Greg Mason, Jim Denean, Don Hamernick and Jim Toomey, who was admitted to the hospital and released in the morning for smoke inhalation. The other three injured were treated and released.

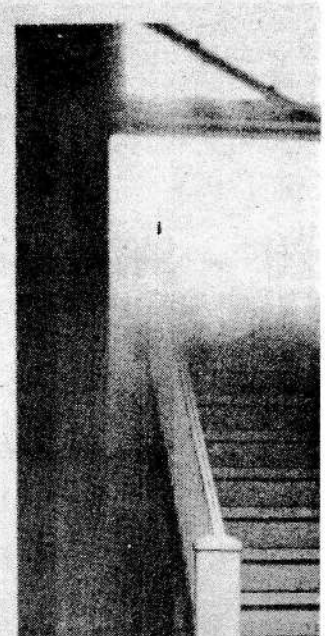


Top: Firefighter enters building

Top Right: Intense smoke and heat delayed firemen

Right: Smoke filled stairway which forced students out windows

Below: Mike Hurley rests after long night



Fire!...Fire!...The Dorm's On Fire!!!

Joon Mo Ku

Brrrrrr.... During the night, during the day, the students at Nichols College have heard at least once during the past school year, the sound of the fire alarm go off in one of the dormitories. Fortunately, none of the alarms were for a real fire, but real or unreal, it's not a matter we can laugh about. Recently, there have been an unusual number of false fire alarms and making people point fingers at whose to blame (In this case the school maintenance).

First, the facts. The fire alarms have been set off eight times since the beginning of the semester: -September 2 (Two days before the opening of dormitories) in Merrill Hall. Cause: Mechanical difficulty.

-November 12 in Underhill Hall. Cause: Prankster pulling fire alarm lever.

-November 20 in Daniels Hall. Cause: Prank.

-November 27 in Budleigh Hall. Cause: Prank.

-February 2 & 14, March 28 & 29 in New Dormitory.

Cause: Malfunction in air compressor system. Mechanical difficulties.

As you see, only three out of the eight fire alarms that have been set off were voluntary or by force and the rest; mechanical problems. Naturally, the students pointed fingers in the direction of the Nichols College Maintenance and the Fire Department. The truth is that the Nichols College Fire Department and maintenance has nothing to do with the mechanical problems. The air compressor and sprinkler systems in each of the dormitories are maintained by an outside company which the school has hired for the job. Before going into more

detail, here's how the sprinkler system works and how the fire alarm is set off.

First, there are air and water pressures throughout the sprinkler system in every dormitory. There is also an air compressor, which controls small leaks sometimes found in the pipes. The air pressure in the pipes are higher than the water pressure during normal operations which keeps the water from flowing through the pipe. In order for a sprinkler to activate, the air in a room has to reach a certain temperature which will melt the sensitive lead particle that is in the sprinkler. As the lead melts, the water pressure increases at great speed and is forced out of the pipe through the sprinkler head, and at the same time setting of the fire alarm. Only the sprinkler with melted lead will be activated even though the water will flow throughout the pipeline.

False alarms are caused when the air compressor gives a false reading, thus increasing the water pressure above the air pressure. Every time a false alarm goes off, the company in charge of the sprinkler is notified and they come to fix the problem. As for the school, all it is responsible is to contact the company and leave the rest to them. So, it isn't fair to accuse the maintenance and the Nichols Fire Department for the mishaps that have been occurring lately.

If a fire alarm has been set off intentionally by a prankster, he/she who set off the alarm is liable to a \$200 fine, may have to go to court, will be questioned by the police and as a last result may be expelled from school. If the prankster isn't found, the dorm will have to pay a \$100 fine for an unassigned dorm damage. Also, if a person is caught hiding during a fire drill, he/she will

reported to the dean and given a warning.

Many of you wonder the procedures involved when a fire alarm sets off. There are two rooms in Budleigh Hall with special equipments reserved for the student advisor and Fire Chief.

There is a fire board on the wall with yellow and red lights for each of the buildings on campus. When a fire alarm goes off in one of the buildings, a sound alarm sets off immediately, and depending on the situation, a yellow light (minor problem) or a red light (major problem) is lighted.

The Fire Chief and the student advisor always carry a walkie talkie, which notifies them any time a fire alarm goes off.

The Dudley Fire Department and Nichols Security is notified immediately, then the other members are contacted as well.

If the chief and the student advisor are in their rooms, it takes them less than three minutes to be at the fire alarm site. If they are in class, they are excused at all times and are given make up exams if they are in the middle of taking tests. There is a radio in the rooms of the fire chief and advisor which monitors the fire calls at all times.

Now facts about the Nichols College Fire Department. The Nichols College Fire Department was established in 1959 and will celebrate its 30th anniversary on April 8th this year with over 150 Fire Department alumnus celebrating. The fire department is part of the student clubs, and at the same time, is part of the school student function. At present there are nine voluntary fire fighters, who are all students of the Nichols campus. Anybody is welcome to join. There are no qualifications. Each new member is given a book, is trained by the members of the Fire

Department and the Dudley fire station.

The Nichols College Fire Department works in cooperation with the Dudley Fire Department. Dudley fire department helps Nichols College everytime a fire alarm goes on campus and the Nichols Fire Department help the Dudley Fire Department only when it is asked to. There is a student advisor who is senior and there is the Fire Chief who usually is a junior.

The new chief for the following year is always chosen by the present chief in order to lessen the competition and at the same time pass on the responsibility to someone who is reliable.

If a member of a Fire Department wishes to take courses in CPR, AIS, First Aid or other safety classes, the school pays for the fees because as mentioned before, the Fire Department is part of the school function. There is a meeting in the fire house every Monday at 6 o'clock for training of the members. It takes a lot of work and people to get to a fire alarm site, and it isn't at all to come rushing out of class to get changed into a fire fighters's uniform. Please, be considerate and don't play with fire alarms, it may seem as a joke now, but when a real fire breaks out, you'll never know what will happen. So, think at least twice before doing something stupid for fun! Thank you!

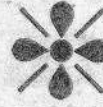
I'd like to thank Mr. Edward Bradway, Director of Safety and Security, Paul Branzetti, Student Advisor for the Nichols College Fire Department, and Jefferey Cummings, Nichols College Fire Chief for the information, their time and cooperation in writing this article. Once again, Thank you very much.

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Returning to Nichols College



by: Mark Golden '73
To: The present students of Nichols College

I just returned home from this year's homecoming. The upper campus was in terrific condition. The new Davis Hall was beautiful. While I took a brief tour of the building it was stated to me by another alumni that we never had anything like this. I agreed, but upon noticing a clock on the wall, I changed my mind. Some things never change. The clock was either two hours and twenty minutes slow or 21 hours and forty minutes fast. If I remember correctly we had the same clock in American History class. After leaving Davis we went to Shamie Hall. The outside grounds were littered with debris. A complete 180 degree change from the grounds on the upper campus that were spotless. While walking through Shamie Hall we noticed many 'common' rooms that had ceiling tile removed and large trash barrels to catch, not a small drip but a steady stream of water. We also noticed large cracks in some stairways. The cracks could be from a new building settling, but what caused the major leaks in so many spots? OK, let's go over to what was New Dorm and I suppose is still called by it's very original name. From one end of the hall to the other, it looked like a rather large Bloody Mary exploded. The hall was strewn with celery stalks, tomato juice cans and vodka bottles. There was a trash can in the hall but I don't think the

current students have been instructed on how to us one.

Onto the most disappointing sight of all. When I first arrived at Nichols, September of 1968, I joined the Fire Dept. Over the years, through the 70's and 80's I was President of the Nichols College Fire Dept. Alumni Assoc. Over the years I put in at several thousand man hours helping and improving NCFD. Never, and I mean never, would we allow the station to look the way it did. Racks and cabinets falling down, part of the ceiling collapsing, and the apparatus in total disarray. I can only say that I am glad more past members did not show up to see what has happened to the dept. that they had put so much time and effort into. Not just time and effort, there was so much money that came from either alumni, or their families when we were students.

I can only carry with pride the knowledge that I was part of the exception. It now appears that the present members of NCFD are part of the norm.. I feel sorry for them. They will never know what they could have been. But is it the students fault? Is it the fault of the administration? The fault of the parents? The administration cleaned up the upper campus as they did in the past. But in the past the dorm areas, at least the litter, was cleaned up by the students, we had pride in the appearance of our "home", even temporary homes. I don't know who cleans up after the students at home, but maybe it's time that the students did a little more.

Alcohol

By: Trisha Shimkus

I am writing this letter paper in the hope that the administration of this school seems with each consecutive alcohol consumption increase. And with this increase accidents and mishaps that been avoided.

On Halloween night tv in a near fatal car accident in church. The cause; alcohol. night another student v through a window in Budl alcohol related. Even wit rumors around campus, I h

Dinning Hall M

by: Jeanne B. Andrews

I work in the cafeteria an to the conclusion that most on this campus are slobbs that that extra bit of energy up to take the tray ALL OF T to the "slop line". It is bad the tables have to be scour dried juice and sauces off at the ketchup and mustard co cups left everywhere, but w three times as long to do someone else should ahead it gets to be a bit irritating a ing. I do not want to sot putting down everyone, b least 99% of the tables hav kins, and/or dishes on them table has something dried o a person cannot help but th ple who go in the cafeteria are nothing but inconsidera can only enjoy life by seei their work for them.

One other thing that the lunch room was that p hard time putting their pap in the trash can. I worked line" one day in particular day fried chicken was be Keeping the trays running washer at a constant rate w keep the bones out of the p not a very easy thing to although it can be done.

I over heard a commer fellow student who, havi breakfast dishes on the tal for lunch to find them still comment was something to

Responses To: Returning to Nichols College (by Mark Golden '73)

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF COLLEGE OF ADVANCEMENT

by: William A. Craig

I read with interest your letter wherein you noted several incidences of campus neglect, sighted during your homecoming visit. Let me offer some thoughts. With any new construction project, there is a period of ironing out

and your fellow alumni through the 70's and 80's was a vital part of our success. Wouldn't it be nice if someone had picked up the torch when you left the ad hoc alumni group. The Fire Department and the college would be much better off with continued alumni support.

Kerry Beauvais is the new Sophomore Class President. Kerry is an accounting major from Woonsocket, Rhode Island. When asked why she decided to run in the second election and not the first, Kerry said, "I think I have a lot of good ideas, and I want to help the class." Kerry has stated that she has no fundraising ideas as of yet; however, she is looking for input from any students willing to help bring the class together.

The new Vice President, **Brett Watson** is a psychology major from Cape Cod, Massachusetts. He believes that several changes are needed and would like to be an active member in this process. Brett is currently involved in **The Bison**, WNRC, and BACCHUS. Now that he has been elected, he would like to focus on his class and concentrate on group events that will be the class together.

Lori Valquette is the incumbent to the sophomore Class Secretary position. As a Marketing major, from Burrillville, Rhode Island, Lori wants her class to unite in more class activities, and help in the fundraising ideas. Her reason for running again was that she feels she contributed quite a bit to

...having a say in student govern- ment.

Audra Gouin is the new treasure of the Sophomore Class from Woonsocket, Rhode Island. She is currently a finance major. Audra has been involved in the Class from the very beginning, helping her roommate, Lori, in the distribution of the valentine carnations that were sold as a fundraiser. Audra wants to bring people out of their shells and get them involved in the class as a whole. She feels that if everyone works together we can turn this class into a family.

Kathy Sardinha was elected as the President of the Junior Class. Kathy is going for a double major in accounting and finance. She is from Bristol, Rhode Island. Kathy has many fundraising ideas still in the planning process. She would like to focus on brining her class closer together and getting her classmates more involved in class activities. She stated that she was most pleased with the friendship shared by her fellow students.

The new Junior Class Vice President, **Glen Terlecki**, a psychology major from Portland, Maine. Glen decided to run because he wanted to

...more involved on campus. He is currently a member of the baseball team. Glen stated that he was very excited to be a member of the junior class because of the diverse nature of the student body, and he believes that he will merge well with the other officers to make this a prosperous year.

Jen Richardson has been re-elected as Junior Class Secretary. She is a MIS major with a minor in economics, from Dracut, Massachusetts. She is a member of **The Bison**, as well as G.A.E.A. She believes that her class is different from other classes because of their willingness to participate; however, they seem to lack direction.

Danielle Troiano has been elected as Senior Class President. She is a marketing major from Worcester, Massachusetts. Danielle served as Junior Mayor this year, and is also a member of the Marketing Club, SGA and Green Key. After serving as Junior Mayor, Danielle wanted to say involved in her class, and remain an important part of the decision making process at Nichols College.

Paula Barsanti was re-elected as Senior Class Vice President. Paula is spending this semester abroad in England, but due to the great loyalty

of her classmates, she regained office. I am sure that Paula would be impressed with the campaigning and support that her classmates lent her. This would imply that Paula is definitely the right woman for the job.

Suzanne Callender from Norwood, Massachusetts was re-elected as Senior Class Treasurer. Sue is a Marketing major. She feels that all of the officers work well together and will continue to do so with their new Class President, Danielle. She feels that the senior Class is a close-knit group of people and will continue to be.

Lisa Balzano is the re-elected Secretary from Long Island, New York. She is a MIS major who believes that the Senior class is a "spirited group" of students. She hopes to get the class more involved and raise as much money as possible. She would also like to organize better activities to bring her class closer together.

Congratulations to all new and incumbent officers - you have all done an excellent job campaigning and to all of those who put in the time and effort to run, congratulations also, you did a great job, and remember, your help is always needed and appreciated by your class officers.



The New Nichols College Fire Department...

By: Brian S.J. Sheehan

As many of you have read in the Oct. 26th **Bison**, the 1992 N.C.F.D. was in a shambles and a letter from a 1973 graduate fire member pointed this out. Well, times have changed and since that letter there came a new semester and also came a new set of leaders and members. These members are more active and involved in the department than ever before. The membership has increased from 7-8 people to 17-18. The new Chief is Matt Klimovich an experienced

Firefighter in Derby and an EMT in Seymour, Connecticut. He is also a captain of the Nichols Football team and a Trainer for Basketball and Baseball. He has turned this once dormant Fire Department into an enthusiastic fire-fighting Team. I realize that Nichols hasn't had a serious fire in many years (except some couches or dumpsters) but he says "we're ready for one." Not only has the team shaped up but so has the station and the "Ready Room." The first thing they did was clean these areas and

the equipment in them. Then they worked out the paperwork and got the office and the records in order. The team is regularly training and drilling under the supervision of Matt and Sam Bail, Assistant Chief and the aid of the "Firefighter I" Training book. The team also works and trains with the Dudley

Fire Department and participates with them in their drills, this gains the team more experience and a better working relationship with the Dudley Fire Department. The Nichols College Fire Department has been around almost as long as this institution, it isn't any different, just bigger and better.

Puzzling Illness Almost Ruins College Experience
Student looks for answers instead of accepting constant pain

From the Endometriosis Association

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BISON BEAT

The Bison

November 19, 1993

The New Fire Department...

By Tammy Desrosier

Teamwork has helped the Nichols student fire department grow from 8 to 34 members and earn warranted respect in less than a year.

Last year the fire department, with Mark Grasso as acting Chief, had 8 official members. In the beginning of second semester Matt Klimovich was appointed Chief by Grasso, and Sam Bail was appointed Assistant Chief. Klimovich is a certified EMT and an experienced fire fighter in Derby, CT. "Matt provides the experience for leadership", commented Brian Sheehan, lieutenant fire fighter.

At this time multiple improvements including obtaining a new fire truck, the formation of the new auxiliary and training programs were initiated.

Last year due to scarce participants, every member had to be at every call for a rescue to be effective which was very difficult. The fire department ran into failures because everyone of the eight members could not be around 24 hours a day. "It was a skeleton crew basically", stated Sheehan.

The fire department felt as though they were not respected by the school officials or the students. "We were not taken seriously by the school", complained Bail. Faculty and students do not know what the student fire department are capable of doing. "The school saw us as a joke", added member Darrin

Riley. "We would like to set up a mock drill, or disaster, and have faculty there to watch to show them what we do, what we are all about", informed Klimovich.

A few years ago an alumni complained that the department was dirty and rundown but steps were never taken to improve it. Last year the station was cleaned up and the files in the Ready Room, located above the auditorium, were reorganized. All the vehicles were given tune-ups and basic maintenance that was long neglected. Due to these actions the department gained some of the respect from students and several new members joined, the department almost tripled in size.

An auxiliary was started for those members who wanted to be a part of the department but did not want to go into an actual fire. This team performs first aid rescue and set up triage. This is when a victim suffers from smoke inhalation or burns; they are taken care of outside the premise until taken to a hospital by ambulance, "Auxiliary is the first aid aspect of the fire fighters", said Klimovich.

Several more members have joined this year to be a part of the growing fire department. "We now have 34 official members, 4 auxiliary participants and our first official female fire fighter in several years - Jeanne Andrews", commented Brian Sheehan.

Some of the problems the fire

department are facing now is budgeting. In a recent article in the Worcester Telegram and Gazette stated that the school gives the fire department no money; this is incorrect. The fire department receives a small amount of money from the school but unfortunately it is not enough to provide the necessary gear for proper fire fighting. "Right now we have a lot of sharing going on", complained Bail. There are so many members that gear is shared between them when each fire fighter really needs their own gear.

Working together has improved the department and taught the members to respect each other. "A vast majority of management and marketing majors have helped restructure, promote and lead the department, which we consider a team", continued Sheehan. "Teamwork is the key", added Assistant Chief Bail.

The teamwork amongst the fire fighters go past the call of duty. An example would be last week, a fellow fire fighter Mark Broadley had a birthday. The department decorated the Ready Room as a party hall and chipped in for a gift. To top it off they made a "birthday fire hat" for the birthday boy.

In conclusion, Fire Chief Klimovich stated, "When we do something, we don't have to think about it, it's just done and it's done as a team".

PHONOTHON

By Jonna Willis

The 1993 Annual Alumni Fun Phonothon has come to an end. The phones began dialing on Monday, October 18, at 6:30pm. On Wednesday November 3, at 9:30 the evening process had come to an end. The day calling is still going on and will continue for a couple of weeks.

Sixty-four students participated this year. The script that was being followed was: smile while you dial, build rapport be polite, change negatives into positives and ask for a high amount. For each night, the students were rewarded for the first five pledges that were successfully reached. Balloons of different colors were given out as prize. Each night student were seen walking back to their dorm with handfuls of these rainbow colored balloons.

The total goal this year for the Alumni Fund is 160,000. As of 11/3/93 134,000 has been reached. The money that is raised will go towards scholarships, library books, computers, and athletics. With a couple of weeks still remaining the goal is more than likely to be reached. As long as the students keep helping out and stick to the script, accomplishing the goal is only a phone call away!

Kim Canty, the director of Alumni Affairs, is the head person in charge of the phonothon. She was there most evening of the fundraiser in order to get the students off to a good start. Although Kim was only present during the beginning evenings she will continue to work in the days for the remaining weeks. Right by her side was Dick Scheffler. He graduated



Alumni Golf Tournament, Saturday, July 15. See inside for details

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Student firefighters continue the tradition

Three years ago, member of the Nichols College Fire Department worried about fixing their only fire engine, an ancient and inoperable vehicle that needed to be put out of its misery more than anything else. The future of the department appeared in doubt, especially considering the poor condition of the department's equipment and fire house.

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"The whole department is very active," said current chief Mark Krause. "We train every Thursday during the school year for two hours. Sometimes it's a search and rescue drill, sometimes we simulate some kind of accident. There's something for everyone."

The department's rebirth has been helped by key donations from local fire departments and a parent of a member. North Grovesordale's (Conn.) Community Fire



Department members show off their new "used" engine, donated by a parent, which gave new life to the 36-year-old club.

Department gave the NCFD an opportunity to purchase an engine at a cut rate, and a donation by Charles W. Bentley, father of fire department member Jay Bentley, provided the necessary resources.

The department has since purchased a rescue truck and an ambulance in similar fashion. Equipment donated from Norfolk (Mass.) Fire Department has

improved the department's image and safety as well.

The NCFD is a unique organization, one of the only a few student volunteer departments on a college campus in Massachusetts. Started in 1959 by students from the Class of 1961 after a dorm fire, the department has seen plenty of action over the years. Fires in several dorms, including Olsen and Daniels, put the department to the test.

Most of the calls the department responds to over the semester are not as dramatic as a dorm fire, but handling the small crisis is just as important. Dumpster fires, sprinkler system malfunctions, car fires and medical responses take up a majority of the students' time, interrupting sleep, study and social time without warning.

Some members join with some fire experience, although most are novices. Most don't intend to

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continue in the firefighting field after graduation, but there are several Nichols alumni in area departments, including Mark Difronzo '86, who works as a full-time Dudley firefighter.

"People like the responsibility," said fire department member Dan Conlon. "It's an addiction. Once you get started you can't stop."

Of the 27 members, 13 are certified as first responders and two have EMT training. Department

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Members of the NCFD of 1977 are equally proud of their engine.

avis halls, the outdoor recreation center and the new soccer field. To der alums who haven't been on campus since the construction, the change in the look of the campus has been astonishing.

Nichols has other glaring needs, some of which the College hopes to address in other major fund-raising drives. But plans for this next push cannot be fully addressed until the present campaign is completed.

might want to help the cause, but are unable to donate cash at this time.

Whatever the amount, or whatever the vehicle, every contribution counts. Please add your pledge to the 1287 other pledges already committed to the campaign. Help us over the hump so we can concentrate on the future.

For more information, check here

Nichols has a host of information available just for the asking. If you are interested in any of the topics below, check the appropriate box and send this form to the Development Office, Nichols College, Dudley, MA 01571 or call (508) 943-1560.

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Continuing Education bachelors degrees and 17 Continuing Education associates degrees.

I sent a letter to all new alumni, congratulating them on their graduation and urging them to be active in alumni affairs. Several of the new graduates have already contacted me and expressed a willingness to continue their involvement with Nichols College, on the alumni level.

On May 18, I attended an alumni get-together at the Union Club in Boston. Tom Cafaro, athletic director, gave an update on our current athletic program. Lowell and Dorothy Smith, Scott Taylor and Kim Canty were also in

you live a good distance from the college. Also, please remember that you can be a great help to us by referring students who you think will benefit from a Nichols education. You can always reach me by calling 203-935-5879 (home) or 508-943-1560 x 253 (work).

Think Nichols,
 Bill Steglitz

P.S. I would also like to congratulate the Nichols racquetball team on their National Championship and the womens' softball team on being selected for the ECAC tournament (see pg. 8).

Fire department is alive and well

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members have limitations on what duties they can actually perform - in a true structure fire they would be expected to backup the town fire department, for instance.

The sense of history is not lost on the current students. When alumni return to campus, some former NCFD members stop by the fire house to exchange stories of former glory, something the current members enjoy.

"I'd feel really bad if the department ended while I was here," said Krause. "I'd like to carry on the tradition."

Equipment is still needed by the department, which receives a modest budget from the College every year. Airpacks are most needed, as well as resources to fix up the aging firehouse located in the back of the Main Auditorium. If anyone is interested in helping the students, please contact Director of Development Scott Taylor or NCFD advisor John Weiss.

Plans for a fire department reunion have been floated in the past, but have never come to fruition. Anyone interested in organizing such an event should contact the Alumni Office.