



HOUSE WARMING—Firemen climb to battle an extensive fire at the Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity house at 20 Indiana. Three students jumped to safety from the balcony shown here, and a third was rescued from his third floor room. More pictures on page 9.

Cause of frat fire unknown

The cause of a fire that virtually destroyed the Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity house on Tuesday is still undetermined.

Mr. Joseph Cestone, head of the fire department's arson squad, said yesterday that no evidence has been produced to date that can explain the cause of the fire. Mr. Cestone said talks with firemen and fraternity officials, as well as the

investigation itself did not produce any sufficient explanations for the fire.

Firemen at the scene were baffled by speed and extent of the fire in the fifty-six-year old house.

All eleven of the fraternity members who lived in the house have temporarily been given housing, Ron Kessler, fraternity
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president said yesterday. Kessler said some members moved into apartments with other fraternity members, others have moved into either their local homes or where taken in by families of local members. Seven of the eleven residents are from out-of-town.

Dale Peskin, *Jambar* editor-in-chief, who was one of the

three students who jumped, said he was awoken by the shouts of Gary Dorman and Mark Halsband at about six o'clock. The three of them decided to jump from Peskin's portico when he discovered that passage down the steps was impossible.

Halsband was able to save his two-year old dog, but could not reach an eight-week old puppy who died of asphyxiation.

The fraternity and their landlord, Mr. James Nuth, have not yet determined what they will

do with the house.

No damage estimate has yet been made on the house, but the entire inside of the house underwent extensive smoke and water damage. Most residents lost their personal belongings.

Three residents jumped to safety from the blaze from a second floor portico. Kessler, who was painting his room at the time of the fire was rescued from a small third floor window by firemen.