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Damage from the fire that left \$15,000 in damages at the Sigma Phi frat house

## Fraternity vacates fire-gutted home

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It will be at least three to four months before the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon, (a YSU fraternity) will be able to move back into their recently burned fraternity home at 43 Indiana Avenue.

Last Friday morning, Oct. 21, shortly after 1:30 a.m., city fire department crews rushed to put out the one-alarm blaze that fireman Roy Infante said started in a "faulty fireplace" of the Indiana Avenue home.

After the smoke cleared, damages to the fraternity house were estimated around \$15,000,  
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But according to Steve Stanic, Sigma Phi Epsilon's recording secretary, the monetarial amount and the extent of the damages to personal property are the least of Sigma Phi's concerns.

"Hopefully, the insurance will cover most of the damages," said Stanic. "We're just glad that everyone reacted very quickly and no one was injured in the fire."

He said that one of the Sigma brothers, Rocky DiPizzo, slept through the alarm.

Stanic said that he and another fraternity brother, John Necko, had to physically remove DiPizzo from his room while he was still asleep.

Stanic said that DiPizzo was doing fine and that he had not suffered from any smoke inhalation.

Stanic said one of the reasons he and Necko were able to act so fast was because they were the first ones to discover the fire in their room, where a fireplace was located.

He said the building's smoke alarms went off and he and Necko ran to alert the other residents that a fire had started.

He said at first there was just "a lot of smoke," but by the time

everyone had been cleared out of the house and the fire department had arrived, the building's entire third floor and the home's roof were on fire.

The building sustained damages to its second and third floors and the entire house is smoke and water damaged.

Not to be daunted by the near catastrophe, Stanic said that instead of moving back to their respective homes, the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon stuck together and moved into the house (owned by the fraternity) next door at 45 Indiana.,

According to Stanic, the fireplace had been previously in-

spected by the city's fire department.

The city's fire chief could not be reached for a confirmation of Stanic's statement when *The Jambar* went to press.