

Demolition Starts—

Work on Phys. Ed. Building Begins

Yesterday afternoon at 3 p.m., President Albert L. Pugsley and Youngstown Mayor Anthony B. Flask participated in ceremonies that marked the beginning of the demolition of the structures in the Phase Two Project of the city Urban Renewal Program to pave the way for the construction of the Beeghly Physical Education Building.

The first house that was demolished in the project was

the one on the corner of Elm and Spring Streets. The entire block boarded by Elm, Spring, Arlington, and Fifth will eventually come down.

According to Mr. John Pizzuto, Superintendent of the project being undertaken by the Ohio Contracting Company, only 20 out of 93 houses in the project area are at this point to be demolished.

Pizzuto explained that one house can be completely leveled

in a matter of minutes. The time is consumed in removing the rubble from the lot.

The company uses a Caterpillar Front-end Loader to do the wrecking job and also to load the refuse on the dump trucks. The Front-end Loader is a \$40,000 bulldozer that weighs approximately 22 tons.

Mr. Willy Isaac, bull dozer driver, explained that you just hit the house in a few places and it will simply fall down. Mr. Isaac has been driving the machine for some 15 years.

Mr. Pizzuto explained that the program is a city project that is actually controlled through the Federal Urban Renewal Program. The University (state) will not take over the land until it has been cleared of all the houses scheduled to be removed.



President Pugsley and Mayor Flask begin the demolition work.