

Blaze guts frat. house; members escape injury

A blaze resulting from overheated grease on a hot plate gutted a YSU fraternity house at 850 Pennsylvania Avenue, Sunday evening, according to Youngstown Fire Department spokesperson, Harold Bernat.

Units from the department responded to an alarm just before 7 p.m. at the residence of members of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, Bernat said. The house is owned by the Ohio Alpha Corporation.

The fire started on the second floor of the structure in a room occupied by Paul Roberts, senior, Engineering, reported Bernat.

Twelve units from the fire department battled the blaze for nearly four hours. All 10 occupants of the house at the time escaped without injury.

No official assessment of damages to the structure has been made, although radio reports have estimated damage at \$75,000.



EXTENSIVE DAMAGE — A Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity member surveys fire damage to a room on the second floor of the fraternity house on Pennsylvania Avenue. (Photo by Bill Oberman)