ARPS HALL (011)

Specifications for this building are in 1691 on Shelf 94.
Institution: The Ohio State University

Name of Bldg: Education Bldg (Arno Hall)

Year erected: 1925


Cost: $341,374.85

Construction:

- Fireproof? Yes
- Walls: Brick
- Floors: Concrete with trapezoidal

Roof: Steel parapet, wood shingling, copper roofing

Basement: Concrete ceiling, concrete floor

Use:

Comments:

Remodeling, Repairs and Fixed Equipment:
Two New Buildings

On the site of old "Ohio Field" will stand the home for the College of Education. The new building, when completed, will cost approximately $535,000.

College of Education Building
First unit erected in 1925
ARPS HALL

A winter night's view of the former Education Building, which has recently been named Arps Hall in honor and memory of the late Dean George Frederick Arps of the Graduate School, who died September 16, 1939. His loss is one of the greatest blows The Ohio State University has suffered in years.
OSU Classroom Fire Believed To Be Arson

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Arson inspectors of the OSU Fire Marshal's office were investigating the cause of a fire that gutted a classroom in Arps Hall, the university's education building at 1949 N. High St. An official in the marshal's office said the blaze was likely set.

The fire broke out at 6:30 p.m. in the basement classroom. Officials said the building was closed and at the time the fire broke out.

The room where the blaze started is in the northeast corner of the U-shaped building. Burden said the head of the fire department said the building contained supplies.

HE SAID THE closet was filled with smoke when firemen arrived. Smoke forced fire fighters to wear oxygen masks to enter the building.

SEVERAL FIREFIGHTERS and an OSU police sergeant and patrolman were treated for smoke inhalation. No serious injuries were reported.

University officials would not comment about the fire and campus police repeatedly ousted newsmen from the building.

Arson possible in Arps Hall fire

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Arson investigators suspect the cause of the Monday night fire which destroyed a classroom in the basement of Arps Hall, according to Ralph Burden, Columbus fire chief.

Burden said there is a "strong possibility" the fire was set, but added this is only his personal opinion.

The fire was started in several places, Burden said, and "was not caused by any electrical complications."

An investigation of the fire is being conducted by the state fire marshal's office.

The blaze was believed to have started a few minutes before 6 p.m. Monday.

Max Love, a Columbus firefighter, said the classroom which was involved in the fire will have to be completely remodeled. He said the fire was extinguished in about 20 minutes.

Chief Burden put initial damages at about $4,000.

OSU Janitor Charged In 3 Arps Hall Fires

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A 20-year-old Ohio State University janitor was charged Friday with setting three fires in OSU's Arps Hall Monday.

Milt G. B. Starr, commander of the OSU police investigative unit, said David Mark Rose, who lives in the residence of the YMCA, 40 W. Long St., is being questioned in the Arps Hall basement.

Rose is charged with setting the fires, using a vacuum cleaner, rugs and paper. Fire damage was estimated at $10,000.

STARR SAID Rose told him he set the fires after following a sexual arousal of a co-ed across campus and becoming sexually aroused.

Starr said the arrest was made in cooperation with Eu-
OSU clearing asbestos from several sites

By Grayden Hambrick

Ohio State University has completed mass removal of asbestos from two campus buildings, plans to remove or stabilize it in four others, and has identified three more where the material may be a hazard.

The material was used in construction until the late 1960s to retard fires. Since then, scientists have charged it may trigger lung diseases, including cancer.

McPherson Chemical Laboratory, scheduled for demolition in August, is the next building from which large amounts of asbestos will be removed, said Edward J. Lazeer of the campus environmental and occupational health and safety division.

The material must be removed carefully to keep it from becoming airborne, Lazeer said. The process is expensive.

At McPherson, for example, the university will pay $30,000, as part of the $150,000 cost of demolition, to safely remove asbestos, Lazeer said.

The McPherson building, 140 W. 18th Ave., contains steam lines wrapped in the mineral.

The cost of asbestos removal from Tawsehend and Arm halls during upcoming remodeling projects is estimated at $100,000 to $200,000, officials say.

And architects are including asbestos removal in plans for the remodeling of the stadium's scholarship dormitory.

In the past five years, officials have begun removing “in-able” asbestos — which can be pulverized by hand — from buildings, usually as they are renovated and remodeled, Lazeer said.

Massive removal has been completed in only two buildings — the east part of Ohio Stadium and the College of Nursing's Newton Hall, 1855 Neil Ave., Lazeer said.

“There are ways to handle asbestos other than removal,” Lazeer said, and they usually are less expensive.

Encasement — covering the asbestos surface with nonhazardous material — is the next best means, he said. If asbestos has adhered well to structures, it may be painted over to keep particles from escaping into the air.

Based on constant checks, Lazeer said, Postle Hall, the dental college at 305 W. 12th Ave., Lazenby Hall at 1827 Neil Ave. and the botany and zoology building at 1735 Neil Ave. are potential asbestos removal sites.
Townshend, Arps to close for repairs

By Mike Rutledge
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Townshend Hall and parts of Arps Hall will be closed for renovation beginning this quarter until January 1986, forcing several departments and classes to move to less desirable times and locations.

Townshend Hall will undergo major renovation, which includes "gutting the entire building and starting over," according to university architect Richard W. Eschilman. The university's master plan a few years ago called for the building to be destroyed.

"What we're doing instead, is giving (Townshend) 70 years of additional life," he said.

Renovation of Townshend Hall will cost $3,050,000 while the cost for renovating Arps Hall will be $2 million, said Robert B. Yonka, project coordinator for both renovations. Contracts were approved earlier this month by the Board of Trustees.

Townshend Hall will receive new windows, heating, ventilation, cooling and electrical systems. Other improvements to accommodate new fire codes and handicapped facilities are to be made, Eschilman said.

Yonka said the south and southwest sections of Arps will be closed for an overhaul similar to Townshend Hall. A computer terminal area will also be added to Arps during the renovation, he said.

The renovations have caused problems for the scheduling department, which has been trying to find additional classrooms to accommodate the loss of space in the two buildings.

"It's caused some disruptions ... some people have had to go to less popular hours," said Ed Schlechty, manager of scheduling and registration.

Schlechty said that during prime hours, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., virtually all classroom space is being used. During autumn quarter, there are only two classrooms in the entire campus available at 10 a.m., and only on Tuesday and Thursday, he said.

Twelve classrooms, with a total of 675 seats, will be closed in Townshend Hall while seven classrooms, with a total of 86 seats, will be lost during the renovation in Arps Hall, said Schlechty.

"It's a major undertaking for us to schedule so many classrooms," he said.

Aaron J. Miller, chairman of vocational/technical education, said his department will be affected the most by the renovation of Arps Hall.

Last week, about 30 staff members from Miller's department moved from Arps Hall to the Student Services Building, which was empty. Also moved to Student Services was the instructional materials lab, previously in Townshend Hall.

Other renovation contracts awarded by the trustees include:

* $100,000 roof repairs for Means Hall.
* $85,500 in repairs and alterations to existing heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems in the Journalism Building, MacQuigg Laboratory, Veterinary Hospital, University Hall, Hewlett Hall, and Robinson Laboratory.
This building stands on the site of old "Ohio Field" at High Street and 17th Avenue. Known as the Education Building when it was completed in 1926, it was named Arps Hall in memory of George F. Arps in 1939. The High Street (east wing) and the northwest wing were added in 1959. The initial cost of the original building pictured here was $341,324; the renovation to the south and southwest sections in 1983 cost $2 million.

The above photo and information were used for a bulletin board display in the Main Library, Autumn Quarter, 1991.