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NEW OSU RESIDENCE HALL — This is an architect’s conception of how Harrison House, a 12-story residence hall for 500 Ohio State University students, will look when it is completed on a site one block from the Columbus campus. It is expected to be ready for occupancy next September.
Fire damages Harrison House, startles residents

Fire starts in coat closet of 4th-floor apartment

By Jill Boatman and Nichola G. Pickens
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Fire broke out at the Harrison House Apartments, 222 W. Lane Ave., at approximately 8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

"We haven't determined what started it," said Captain Tim Carty, Columbus Fire Department.

The fire started in a coat closet in a fourth floor apartment and most damage was centered in that area, Carty said.

"It wasn't a big fire," Carty said.

"The biggest problem was the smoke."

"I just got home five minutes ago from work," said Ryan Ruthers, a resident of the apartment in which the fire started and an OSU student. "I don't know what started it. They won't tell me what's going on."

Ruthers said he questioned the firefighters' theory of a fire starting in a coat closet.

A firefighter who entered the house said clothes were burning in the closet when he arrived.

"It wasn't one of your raging infernos," said Scott Peifer, a firefighter with the Columbus Fire Department. "We were thinking, 'Boy, this could really be fun at three o'clock in the morning with all the passed out people.'"

On the scene, fire department officials were waiting for the smoke to clear before entering the apartment.

Harrison House residents evacuated the building when the alarm sounded.

"We are going to wait till around 11 p.m. to put people back in their rooms," said Heather Gray, resident director of Harrison House.

Nelson Penn, a Management Information Science major who lives on the 10th floor, said the fire started after "The Simpsons" went off the air.

"They came over the intercom and said 'There's a fire, get out of the building,'" Penn said.

The smoke reached the 10th floor, but Penn and his roommates saw no flames.

"When we came out of the door you could see a little bit of smoke just standing," Penn said.

Residents remained calm and exited the building safely.

"This is typical for Harrison House," Penn said. "They have, like, drills and everybody wasn't too hectic in getting out."

Most of the damage is in the apartment where the fire started, but the hallways and surrounding apartments have smoke damage, said Peifer.

The apartments below were water damaged, because water used to put out the fire leaked through the floor, Peifer said.

Extra checks were made by firefighters to be sure everyone had left the building and the fire had not reached the fifth floor.

Drywall was torn out of the apartment where the fire started.

"Drywall's less expensive than coming back or burning the place down," Peifer said.
Carelessly discarded cigarette causes fire

By Olga Medina
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A discarded cigarette butt in a fourth-floor room caused $20,000 in damages in a July 10 fire at Harrison House Apartments, 222 W. Lane Ave., said Gail Kurz, general manager of Harrison House Apartments.

Ohio State student Ryan Ruthers, a resident of the apartment, said the fire, which forced the evacuation of about 250 residents, began about 8:30 p.m. when another resident of the fourth floor emptied an ashtray with a lit cigarette into the trash.

Ruthers said he and other Harrison residents have had problems with the resident who started the fire.

“"I lost all my clothes, my Sega games, and what wasn’t destroyed by the fire was damaged by smoke.”
—Ryan Ruthers, Harrison House fire victim

“The fire sounds like an accident, but his (the resident’s) motives are questionable,” Ruthers said.

The student who is believed to have caused the blaze was not identified by Kurz. No charges have been filed, she said.

The blaze, although confined to the fourth floor, caused extensive damage to some residents’ property.

“I lost all of my clothes, my Sega games, and what wasn’t destroyed by the fire was damaged by smoke,” Ruthers said.

After the fire, Harrison provided Ruthers and his roommates with a room, blankets, and sheets, and the American Red Cross gave them money for groceries, Ruthers said.

“Harrison House has been great to us,” he said.

None of the residents in the room where the fire started was home when the blaze erupted, but other residents of Harrison House were evacuated for three hours, Kurz said.

The fire department chopped down 17 doors on the fourth floor, and those residents affected were relocated, Kurz said.

Carpets were cleaned and apartments are being painted because of smoke damage, Kurz said.

“I was really pleased by how the Harrison House staff and the fire department handled the incident,” Kurz said.

There were 1,221 residential fires in 1994 in the city of Columbus, according to statistics provided by Division of Fire Chief Gary Hunter. Ninety-seven of the fires began by careless disposal of cigarettes or by people falling asleep while smoking.
Local inns offer homestyle charm

By Kristin Munshower
Lantern arts writer

Harrison House Bed & Breakfast... 313 W. 5th Ave. 421-2202.

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