

FALSE FIRE ALARM ? ? 7 DIE IN BLAZE

Providence, R.I. Seven coeds died as fire raced through the fourth floor women's dormitory at Providence College yesterday, two of whom jumped to their deaths seconds before fire-fighters could have rescued them with ladders.

At least 15 other

students were injured, authorities said.

One student said a rash of recent false alarms at the school may have been the reason some residents were not quick in trying to get out.

"At first I thought it was a joke," said Jan

Walsh of Needham, Mass., who was awakened by the alarm. "We've had so many lately."

Many of the victims had stayed up late Monday to decorate their rooms, windows and hallways for Christmas, and fire officials said the blaze may have been caused by faulty Christmas lights or by a hair dryer left on in a closet to dry clothes.

Fire officials say there was a lot of flammable material, including paper decorations, hanging in the hallways.

The fire broke out on the top floor at 2:56 a.m. and spread quickly down the hallways.

Residents said they awoke to see heavy smoke billowing through the hallways, around door

jams and into the rooms.

"A little after three (o'clock), we heard somebody running down the hall," said one coed who declined to give her name. "There was smoke going through the door. They were yelling for help. We saw a girl jump."

Witnesses said some women tried to run through the burning hallway and were overcome by smoke. Two others jumped to their deaths, ignoring pleas by firefighters to wait in their room.

A room-mate of the two girls who plunged to their deaths on to the frozen snow-covered ground was rescued within seconds after her friends jumped.

"If they had waited five more seconds, they would have been saved," a fire investigator said.

VANIER COLLEGE TEACHERS STRIKE

MONTREAL (CUP) - A strike by teachers at Vanier College scheduled to begin Dec. 5 was called off at the last minute when the school administration conceded to the demands of the Vanier College teachers association.

The administration agreed to reinstate a computer science teacher who had been arbitrarily fired and to withdraw letters reprimanding four other teachers involved in the firing dispute.

Henry Stein, who had taught at the college for four months, without a contract and was dismissed without notice in mid-term,

was granted full teaching status and a \$4,000 cash settlement. He will, however, not be rehired to teach at the college in January.

According to teachers association vice-president John Philpott, the settlement was "a total victory for the teachers".

The administration gave in to the teachers association demands following a board of governors meeting where

more than 50 students, staff and faculty members supported the teachers' demands. At the meeting, the teachers affirmed

their commitment to strike action if demands were not met.

Stein's dismissal led to a physical confrontation between several teachers escorting Stein to his classroom and

administrators attempting to prevent his entrance.

The administration then suspended two of the teachers involved in the confrontation for two days and reprimanded the four teachers who had escorted Stein.

HOME EC 411 HOSTS SCOFF WONDERING ABOUT DALTON MEALS

On October 18, 1977 at 11:45 a.m. the first meal came out of the Dalton Hall Dining Room. It was the end result of hours of work put together by the Home Economics 411 Quantity Food Production course.

These meals are for all students, faculty and staff of the university as well as other members of the community but you all cannot come every Tuesday. The dining room seats 43 people for regular meals and fewer for buffets. To be a guest in our dining room all one must do is pick up a ticket after the menu is posted on the Wednesday of the week before the meal. Tickets are available in Room 107 Dalton Hall in the afternoons only.

The sale of tickets works on a first-come-first-served basis. The

cost of the tickets varies depending on the menu being served. All must remember the rising food costs.

The class strives to make the cost of the meal as close as possible to

the cost price and of course this includes no labour charge so it is indeed a bargain. And another thing, the students try to serve the meals quickly with friendly service so that

one can eat in less than one hour and get back to work.

The meal is served at 11:45 a.m. (if all goes well) but an effort will be made to serve people who come in late up to 12:15. Time limitations and other commitments make it inconvenient to serve anyone after that time. Surely this is realized by many people and one can appreciate the fact that the senior students are trying to keep up four other courses besides this one.

It is exciting to learn about the techniques and new equipment used in quantity food production and to be able to serve good nutritious meals to the public. The 411 class hopes that the meals are enjoyed by the university community and that everyone will continue to support the Dalton Hall Meals.

CANADIAN WORKS JOB CREATION PROGRAM

The Minister of Employment and Immigration, the Honourable Bud Cullen, recently announced the next cycle of the Canada Works Job Creation Program.

The deadline for receipt of applications is June 24, 1978 and projects will start in September, 1978.

Mr. Cullen stated that Canada Works funds are being reassessed with a view to placing more emphasis on long-term, permanent job opportunities in the private sector.

As a result of this new

financial orientation, the Canada Works program will be operated as one, year-round phase, rather than as two, overlapping phases as occurred during the 1977-78 period.

Canada Works is a job creation program of the Employment and Immigration Commission, designed to fund projects which will have a beneficial effect on the communities they serve.

Organizations, groups or committees are invited to participate as sponsoring bodies.