

Library fires result of arson

by Tricia Ciaravino

University Police have concluded two fires, which were lit in the James R. Dickinson Library Wednesday, were the result of arson.

"Conclusively, the fire was set intentionally by human hands," said Detective Sgt. Lonnie Barrett.

The first fire occurred on the third floor of the old wing in the far south side of the building. The suspect opened a book, set it on a bookstack, and lit it on fire. It burned itself out quickly.

The second fire was set just a few minutes later on the far east side of the first floor. Newspaper periodicals were lit and had to be extinguished.

Two patrons noticed the fire and alerted library staff. The building was evacuated soon after.

"The fires were pretty minor in nature," Barrett said. "The fear is in the potential, (but) it's a pretty rare occurrence."

Barrett said there have been about four similar instances in the last six to seven years, but doesn't believe any of the incidents are related.

Campus Police have no clear suspect and no leads so far. If you have any information concerning this crime please call Barrett at 597-4740.

RALLY

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"Vote pro-choice and pro-women all the way," she said. "They're gonna hear because we're mad."

England said abortion rights forces must not be complacent, even with victories such as the passing of 1990's ballot Question 7, making abortion legal.

"Never did I think that the (United States Supreme) Court would go back," England added. "Now we've learned this past three years we cannot rely on courts to protect our individual freedom. If nine justices don't know what individual freedom is, we must pass laws to protect that freedom."

England mentioned she was "delighted" that so many college students were at the rally, because they have so much to lose if abortion rights disappear.

Corbisino said if women don't have the right to control their own bodies, "everything else is meaningless."

"It is an insult to us as women to imply... that we cannot make intelligent decisions for ourselves," she said.

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University of Chicago Provost named Stanford President

Palo Alto, Calif. (CPS) — Stanford University will attempt to repair its tarnished image with the appointment of University of Chicago Provost Gerhard Casper as its new president.

He replaces Donald Kennedy, who is resigning after nearly 11 years. Casper, 54, will take office Sept. 1.

"Gerhard Casper is a man of tremendous intellectual breadth and depth," said James C. Gaither, president of the board of trustees, in a state-

ment issued March 18. "He is the right person to lead Stanford into the next century."

The appointment marks the first time an outsider has been named to the post. Casper, also the first attorney to hold office, was chosen out of 667 nominations and applications.

Stanford has come under fire from federal investigators, who have accused the school of mishandling millions of dollars in research funding.

Stanford's medical school

also made national headlines when allegations of sexual harassment forced the administration to form new policies to protect women.

There was more bad publicity for the school last year when an instructor in the School of Business was charged with plagiarism and a computer-science lecturer was fired for violating the university's drug policy.

Most recently, the attorney

general's office announced it is investigating the independent corporation that runs the Stanford Bookstore after reports of illegal compensation practices.

Some faculty, staff and students who work with the bookstore have alleged that some top bookstore employees have received benefits such as the use of a vacation home leased by the store from its top two managers and cars made available to at least eight top managers.

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