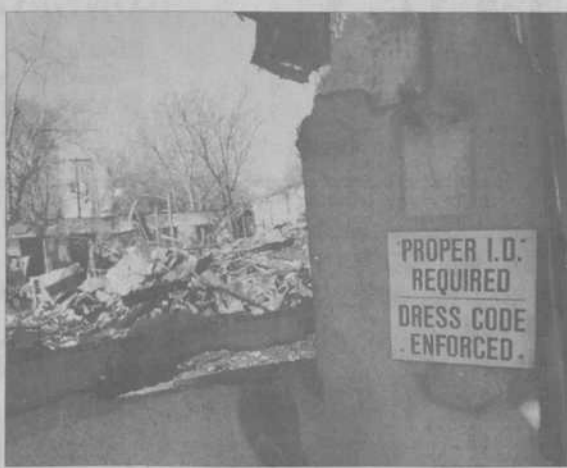


Rockaway Athletic Club, a popular restaurant located on Rosewood Drive, was destroyed in a fire Tuesday.

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Rockaway

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Cruz said the building materials contributed to the fire's severity. He said the wood used in the construction of the beams is commonly known as "fatlighter."

"It's the old pine that was used in the construction of the beams when they built the building, so it burns real quick," he said. "I use it all the time; it's kindling."

About eight trucks responded

to the fire, a combination of ladders, engines and rescue units. At 8 a.m., however, an apartment fire was reported on Jackson Boulevard, and Rescue One was released to assist with that fire.

"It was really drawing us pretty close ... we were running out of companies, as far as in the city," Cruz said. "It was a very busy morning."

Nothing was left of the popular restaurant, which over the years has been home to sorority mixers, fraternity socials and weekend parties.

"I think it is a big deal," said

Hydrick Harden, a fourth-year finance student and SG treasurer. "I passed somebody today on their cell phone in Five Points who was just finding out about it, and he was shocked. I think it is going to impact a lot of people, especially with all of the changes going on. With Frank McGuire Arena closing ... all of the traditions that had previously defined college life at Carolina are disappearing."

Graham Mitchell, a bartender at Rockaway, was scrounging through the debris late Tuesday

afternoon. He was surrounded by a sea of black ash littered with colorful specks of everything from green Tupperware covers to broken beer bottles.

Pointing to a beer bottle lying among the rubble, Mitchell said, "Can you believe it, man? There's still beer over there."

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Field F

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tutions of our size, we are way behind in field space."

Band Director David O'Shields said moving to satisfy construction needs is part of being on a growing campus. "Where there is land, there seems to be something built, and we are going to work with the university to find another location," he said.

O'Shields said the university has presented several options for relocation and the band are waiting for a response to see "which route they are going to go with." He wouldn't reveal these proposals.

Melissa Miklus, Carolina

Women's Lacrosse president, isn't happy with Field F but doesn't want to move to a worse location. "If I get moved to a better field, I don't have much of a problem ... because in reality, that's what I'm pushing for anyway," she said. "If it gets worse, then I'm throwing my hands up in the air saying, 'Why am I trying? Why am I putting my time and effort into it?'"

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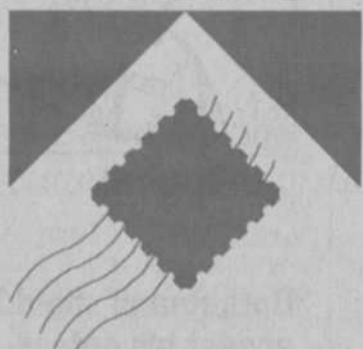
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