Wednesday fire destroys lounge in Kierstead A small fire in Kierstead Hall on Fredericton Fire Dept. was called

Most of the books in the lounge fire in the lounge. were destroyed, along with The Fredericton Fire Dept. interior of the room.

The fire was discovered around hose. 8:40 p.m. after students studying Chief Williamson of security until the Fire Dept. finishes their on third floor called campus praised the Fire Dept. as being investigation and releases the security, complaining of excessive "very efficient" in that water room to the University.

Wednesday night resulted in a and a campus security officer, substantial amount of damage to Corporal Hanlon, was sent to the second floor lounge (rm 104). investigate and he discovered the

considerable damage to the quickly extinguished the fire using hand extinguishers and one small

smoke in the building. The damage was kept to a minimum.

Williamson also said that he feels the fire started from a cigarette that was left smouldering and eventually caught fire and spread to the book shelf.

Damages are estimated to be about \$2000. A final tally of damages will not be available

A security officer was posted to

the building for the night as there was an excessive amount of heat as could be testified to by the melted light fixtures in the room; and the possibility of sparks circulating through the ventilation system.

The Fire Department's investigation into the cause of the fire is being carried out at press time (Thursday morning) and results should be known early next week.



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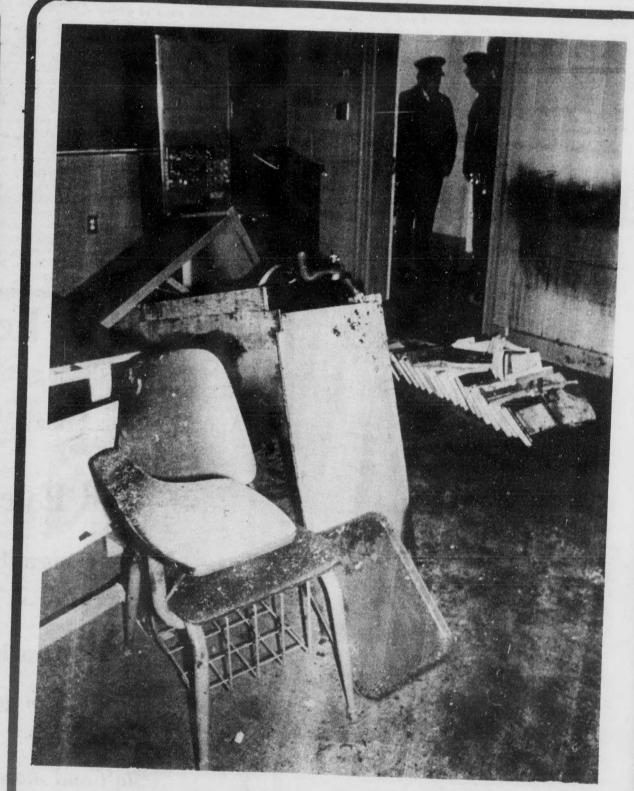
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A partial view of damages to the Kierstead Hall Lounge after Wednesday night's fire. Most damage was done to the bookcase that was originally on the wall at