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FIRE HOLE

The stairway of Gerlinger hall, condemned as a fire hazard, is shown as students crewd their way up before an assembly. Conditions such as these make for danger if fire or panic should break out

Further Assemblies In Gerlinger Banned



IT'S NOT FOR US

"Fire hazard" is the label attached to Gerlinger hall, after it had been condemned for use during student assemblies because of inadequate exits. Future assemblies are to be held in McArthur court where officials state that it will be much easier and equally inexpensive to set up for a student meeting.



LAST MEET

The last assembly in condemned Gerlinger hall is shown as students met in a national defense rally. The balconies are empty as regulations were then in force to prevent their use during assemblies.

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'Building Not Safe,' Says Defense Group

By JACK BILLINGS

"Fire!"

This one cry, echoing from the walls of Gerlinger's auditorium, say University officials, could cause a general panic which might result in injuries or possible death to students of the University. For this reason the University defense council has decided to partially condemn the 21-year-old hall.

According to information received Thursday from Dr. Earl M. Pallett, executive secretary and air raid warden of the University, no more major assemblies will be held in Gerlinger hall. Instead, the University defense council, through its chairman, Dr. Howard R. Taylor, announces that in the future students will gather in McArthur court for lectures and student body programs.

Balcony Locked

Puzzled students found locked doors leading to Gerlinger's balcony Thursday morning when they flocked to an ASUO assembly. They filed into the lower floor seats completely unaware that they were witnessing the first step toward a probable abandonment of Gerlinger as an assembly hall.

"We have been considering this action for some time," said

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