To accommodate KSAC and KSDB radio stations, these funds were appropriated to the construction of additions to McCain Auditorium, Cool said.

Both the men's and women's swimming pools in Nichols remained in use until the Natatorium was built in 1975.

Approximately $10,000 was taken from the University's maintenance and emergency funds to construct a temporary roof over the pools which were in the building's basement.

According to Orville Bigford, storekeeper for the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, the swimming classes, scuba class and men's swimming team continued to use the facilities after the fire. The pools were saved from the fire by the concrete first floor from upstairs, he said.

Bigford said the two pools were divided by a wall and each side had locker rooms. The men's side also had bleachers for swim meets.

"That (the pools) was all they used over there," said Katherine Gire, retired storekeeper who operated the women's pool in Nichols. "It was kind of a spooky old place after the fire."

The pools weren't as big as the ones at the new Natatorium, Bigford said. The Natatorium pools are Olympic size and, according to Bigford, weren't as nice as the pools at Nichols, which were lined with white octagonal-shaped tiles. The Natatorium's pools are concrete.

Vacated... The swimming pool which remained in use after the fire is now without water and a victim of vandals. This is one of two pools which remain in the Nichol's basement.