

Cable failure causes campus blackout

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Staff Writer

Couples strolled, dorm rats howled, and workmen deployed flashlights Tuesday evening as University lights winked out by the score in a North Campus electrical failure.

Everett Billingsley said Wednesday the blackout was caused by a cable failure near Graham Memorial. An eyewitness called it an explosion.

Affected by the blackout was the area bounded by Raleigh, Franklin and Columbia Streets, and Cameron Avenue. Lower Quad, Joyner and Cobb dormitories were also affected by the power failure.

The blackout occurred at approximately 9:40 p.m. and lasted until 10:30 p.m. "We got to the problem, isolated and repaired it fairly quickly," Billingsley said. He estimated repair time at 30 minutes from time of discovery.

For most students, the power failure was a study break. Journalism students in Howell Hall's first floor reading room groped patiently until they found the building's front door, the only available light coming from car headlights and stars.

"Walking across campus was eerie," Larry Peterson, a junior from Durham, said. "I guess we know what it was like going to school here in the 1900's."

The diversion attracted approximately 600 residents along Raleigh Street. The crowd was reminiscent of those which witnessed the streaking fad in the spring of 1974.

Groups of students on the steps of Lower Quad dorms chanted across the road and harassed passers-by.

Most students seemed disappointed when the power returned. "I thought it was kind of fun," Joyner resident Jane George said. Businesses south of Franklin Street and West of Columbia also lost power.

At the Carolina Theater, the 9 p.m. showing of "The Return of the Pink Panther" was interrupted by the blackout. "These things happen every two months or so, but usually only last 10 or 15 minutes," manager Scott Reid said. "After 30 minutes, we give the patrons either their money back or a pass to another show."

Town Hall bartender Lindy Harper said the 100 or so people listening to Bro T. Holla "stayed real calm and found their way to the bar as the band found some candles and turned acoustic."

Sanford

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Sanford plans to skip the Florida contest, which should result in a Carter-Wallace battle.

At this point it seems unlikely Carter would be able to emerge on top in such a race. However, if he won there, he would undoubtedly grab the "giant-killer" image Sanford is striving for. If this happened, a Sanford win over Wallace in North Carolina would be robbed of any glamour.

As slim as Carter's chances are of upsetting Wallace in Florida, he has received more widespread financial support than Sanford.

Carter recently announced he has qualified for matching federal funds by raising at least \$5,000 in each of 20 states, while Sanford has only raised the minimum in five states. And, unless things change between now and next March, Sanford supporters cannot help but be a little edgy about Carter.

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Parking deadline dates were incorrect in story

Ted Marvin, director of UNC security services, said Wednesday several dates in Wednesday's DTH parking article — given the Tar Heel by Student Government sources — were incorrect.

The corrected dates, according to Marvin, are as follows. Sept. 5 — All students who registered for a parking permit prior to Aug. 27, with the exception of 50 to 60 sophomores, may pick up their permits at the traffic office in the YMCA basement.

Marvin said those sophomores are to be chosen by a random lottery system and will have a chance to buy permits Sept. 22.

Sept. 9 — Enforcement of all student zones, previously unenforced this semester, will begin.

Sept. 19 — The traffic office will stop accepting parking cancellations.

Sept. 22 — Permits remaining from cancellations and faculty/staff surplus zones will go on sale at the traffic office. Student

government sources Tuesday predicted 250 spaces, in both student and faculty zones, will be available by then.

A hearing will be held from 8 to 9:30 p.m. today for anyone with parking problems in the South Gallery meeting room in the Union. Students who cannot obtain a permit but can demonstrate a special need will be considered.

Marvin suggested that all students who cannot obtain a permit until Sept. 22, park meanwhile at the P-lot on Airport Road and commute to campus by bus.

Three hundred spaces there are still available, Marvin said. Permits sell for \$3. The lot is fenced, well-lit and has an all-night watchman, he said.

Mandatory meeting for group treasurers

There will be a mandatory meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday night in Deep Jonah of the Union for treasurers of all campus organizations receiving funds from the Campus Governing Council (CGC).

Student Body Treasurer Mike O'Neal said the meeting is to inform organization treasurers on how to work with CGC. He also encouraged organization chairpersons to attend.

O'Neal said that although the Student Body treasurer is required to hold annual orientation meetings with campus group treasurers, these meetings have not been held since 1972.

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Today's Activities

The SCAU Food Co-op will meet at 7 p.m. in Room 217 in the Union. All old members and interested persons should attend.

All students and faculty who are interested in the Chapel Hill housing situation are invited to go by the SCAU office in Suite B of the Union from 5 until 6 p.m., Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. or Monday from 1 to 3 p.m.

An open house meeting of the Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies ("Di-Phi") will be held at 8 p.m. in the Di chambers, third floor of New West.

A meeting for all new and old members of the Ice Hockey Club will be held at 8:15 p.m. in Room 209 of the Union.

The Circle K Club meets from 7 until 8 o'clock tonight in Room 209 of the Union. All interested students are welcome.

An IRSS short course, "SPSS Conversion from Version 5 to Version 6," will be taught at 2 p.m. today in 307 Manning.

All persons interested in working on the Special Projects Committee of the Carolina Union are requested to meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 206 of the Union.

The Academic Affairs and the Student Academic Advisory committees will meet at 9 p.m. in the Frank Porter Graham Lounge of the Union.

REGISTER TO VOTE, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2 to 5 p.m. today at the Chapel Hill Municipal Bldg. on N. Columbia St. Thirty days residency is required.

The North Carolina Symphony String Quartet will perform tonight at 8 o'clock in the Great Hall of the Carolina Union. Admission free with UNC I.D.

Upcoming Events

"Everything you can stuff into a bag for a dollar" will be the theme of P.T.A. Thrift Shop's BAG DAY, to be held Saturday at 508 W. Franklin St. All shop proceeds support the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Public Schools.

The Undergraduate Court will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in Room 217 of the Union. All members of the court are to go by the Attorney General's office and leave their name and address.

The Carolina Union Gallery Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Room 206 of the Union.

Rosh Hashana 5736 services will be held at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday at Baldwin Auditorium, Duke East Campus. Rides from Chapel Hill will leave from Hillel House, 210 W. Cameron Ave., one hour before each service. Call 942-4057 for ride reservations.

The Baptist Student Union Fall Forum Series begins Sunday at 8 p.m. at the Battle House, 203 Battle Lane. Dr. Carlyle Marney of Lake Junaluska will speak on "Making Ethical Decisions." Everyone is invited.

The Carolina Gay Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Green Room of Craige Dorm. All are invited.

The Current Affairs Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the lounge of the Union. All interested students are invited to attend.

The UNC Rugby Club will hold its annual general meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Union. The club holds practices at 5 p.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday on the intramural field behind James Dorm. All interested students are invited to participate.

Items of Interest

Carpool from Raleigh to Chapel Hill for 8-5 workday has three openings for responsible mangers. Call 966-2128 or 834-6195 nights.

There are about 50 openings in HEED 33, previously not planned for the fall. Call Mitch Weisberg at 966-1026 or 1058, or come by room 326, School of Public Health.

Applications for membership in the North Carolina Student Legislature may be obtained from the Union desk until Friday, September 12. No previous experience needed.

Want to be a volunteer at Umstead Psychiatric Hospital? Come to meeting at 7:15, Monday or Tuesday, in room 213, Union. For more information call Peggy Rothbaum at 933-6287 or Mike Wells at 967-6027 between 7 and 9 p.m. or stop by room 102 of the campus Y.

Join the Y's Tutorial Committee, applications available at the Y. Orientation is 8 p.m., September 10, 204 Peabody. For more information call 933-2333, Monday and Tuesday, between 3 and 4 p.m.

The October issue of SHE is now being planned and staff members are needed. Interviews for positions will be held from 12:30 until 3 Monday at the AWS office in the Union. If unable to attend, call Sandy Lett at 933-8574.

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