

Campus power outages result from blown fuses

An overloaded cable and circuits caused two power outages on most of south campus April 15, said James Blackburn, the assistant director of facilities.

The outages left south-campus buildings in the dark while Facilities Management crews worked to repair blown fuses and overloaded cables, a press release said.

According to Blackburn, the first outage occurred when fuses blew in the south substation at 2:30 a.m. April 15.

"We were aware of an increased electrical load in the south substation for several weeks," Blackburn said. "The outage occurred when we tried redistributing the power load to ease some of the strain and it ended up being too much for the fuses."

The fuses were replaced and power was restored by around 3:30 a.m. The second outage occurred at 9:30 a.m. when a high-voltage cable in parking lot H exploded. Power in all south-campus buildings was restored by 3 p.m. April 15.

"Crews worked until 2 a.m. Friday to repair the south substation, but we were able to feed power to south campus from the north substation until then," Blackburn said in the release.

Eleven buildings were affected by the power outages, including the Benson University Center, the Z. Smith Reynolds Library, Tribble Hall, Davis and Taylor houses and all south campus residence halls.

Judicial review convicts 11 students by year's end

After a full semester of cases, 11 students were convicted in judicial hearings, all because of incidents dating back to the fall semester. Although none of the students' names was released as is Judicial Council procedure, the crimes and punishments were released by Harold Holms, associate vice president and the dean of student services.

Three students were convicted of plagiarism. Four students were convicted of alcohol-related charges. Punishments included fines, service hours and for some, suspension. Two students were charged with cheating, which scored them numerous community service hours. One student also was put on academic probation while the other received an irreversible F.

Another two students were charged with deception, one of whom was also charged with an alcohol violation, the other was suspended.

One student was charged with setting off a false fire alarm. This student faces 70 hours of community service and must pay the cost of the clean up and the alarm.

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supported the nationals' recommendations and asked the fraternity to clarify some internal procedures.

5. Westboro Baptist Church protest inspires vigil. Accusing the university of being "gay friendly," the Westboro Baptist Church, a homosexual-hating organization based in Kansas, planned and repeatedly postponed a protest of the campus. Inspired by this display of hate, students organized a "Unite for Peace" Vigil.

6. Tailgating policy upsets students. The university announced a new tailgating policy at the start of the year designed to promote safety and attendance at the football games. Many students, however, were upset with the rules, which they felt infringed on their ability to fully enjoy the football game experience.

7. SG pushes parking deck, rec center. Student Government proposed the construction of a parking deck and a recreational center to be constructed on campus in accordance with the popular opinion of students. Although SG hoped that the rec center could be part of the Capital Campaign, both still await funding.

8. Faculty votes on Curriculum Review. In the first major change in curriculum in 30 years, the faculty has spent the year debating the recommendations of the Curriculum Review Committee. Although the faculty has yet to discuss all of the review's proposals, it has approved either wholly or the spirit of most of the ones discussed.

9. Students take notes for athletes. After it was reported that students were being paid to take notes for athletes, the athletic department passed the duty of finding and paying students to take notes for learning disabled athletes to the Learning Assistance Center. The university said it did not violate any NCAA rules.

10. WIN brings online registration. Over the summer, the university introduced the Wake Information Network, which allows students to access a plethora of information — from grades to a student directory — online. This semester students used WIN to register for fall classes.

Campus continues to improve facilities

By Katie Venit
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Take heart, the construction is almost over.

At least for the two main construction sites on campus, the divinity school and the East Building that will house the psychology and language departments, the long wait is over, according to a Facilities Management press release.

The East Building is expected to be completed in mid to late July, in time for the fall semester.

The Divinity School rotunda and eight new office spaces on the back of Wingate Hall will also be finished July 1, the release said.

A biology animal-care shelter, an addition to the animal care facilities, is in the works in Winston Hall. This will be finished shortly after finals in May.

From June to the beginning of the fall semester, part of the second floor of the Information Systems Building is receiving an uplift.

This section will contain space for the International Center for Computer Enhanced Learning, training and teleconferencing rooms and a computer testing lab.

To be located behind the athletic center at the north end of the practice football field, a varsity gymnasium building will be contracted in June. Construction there will begin shortly after the release said.

The parking lot on the east side of Polo Residence Hall adjacent to the soccer field will be paved over the summer. It will also receive a curb and gutter.

Existing buildings on campus will be



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Renovations on the East Building (above) and the divinity school (right) will be completed in the summer, well before the fall semester begins..

renovated during the summer to improve these facilities for the upcoming school year.

Collins Residence Hall will receive a uplift similar to the work done on other residence halls in recent years. This will consist mainly of mechanical and electrical work and some cosmetic renovations.

The area that formerly housed the relocated Student Health Services will be transformed to office space for the campus ministry department. This will be completed in mid-June.

Sprinklers will be installed in Potat

House, Huffman Residence Hall, Collins, Kitchin House, Palmer Residence Hall and Piccolo Residence Hall over the summer.

In another three-year program, Collins, Kitchin, Palmer and Piccolo will receive new fire alarms and smoke detectors. This is the final year of this project.

Beginning Memorial Day weekend, the replaced Graylyn pool and renovated bathhouse will be open for staff use.

Energy management and building automation systems are being installed around campus over the summer.



There are contractors working in Wait Chapel, Wingate Hall, Benson University Center, Z. Smith Reynolds Library, Tribble Hall, Salem Hall, Winston Hall, Collins, Olin Hall, Carswell Hall, Reynolds Gym and Facilities Management.

A larger emergency generator is being installed in Reynolda Hall. The existing generator will be moved to Winston. This move will provide an upgraded emergency power for the two buildings.

Overseas, Flow Haus in Vienna, Austria, is being renovated. This is expected to be completed by July 1.

Graduation

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up traffic.

"I think it is kind of pointless to give tickets. If you want to get on campus you can," Logan said.

Senior Kristin Karbonik said she thought requiring parking passes was a bad idea. Overall, however, she said she is not going to worry about the changes that much.

"I guess it just causes extra hassle that you don't need on graduation day, but I don't think it will be that big of a deal," Karbonik said.

Kevin Cox, the director of media relations, said the commencement committee made the changes to try "to limit the number of people on campus at that time in order to make the event a good one."

Cox estimated that commencement can attract a crowd of up to 10,000. The university needs to make sure it had some control over the number of people and vehicles, he said.

As in previous years, students will need to obtain guest tickets for baccalaureate, too. Each student may have three guest tickets.

Commencement and baccalaureate tickets and parking passes will be distributed from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 15 in the Benson University Center rotunda. A number of roads will be closed on the day of commencement.

The university will be closed to through traffic from 7 a.m. until the ceremony ends around noon. For commencement traffic, both lanes at the campus' University Parkway entrance will be one-way for entering traffic before the ceremony and for exiting traffic afterward. The Reynolda Road and Polo Road entrances to campus will remain open for two-way traffic during the event.

Cardinal Francis Arinze, a renowned Roman Catholic leader, will deliver the 1999 commencement address to the approximately 1,446 undergraduates and graduate students who will receive diplomas during the outdoor ceremony. The ceremony will begin at 9 a.m. on the Quad.

Arinze, a possible successor to Pope John Paul II, is president of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, the Vatican's office for promoting mutual understanding, respect and collaboration between Catholics and followers of other religions.

Born in Nigeria, Arinze became an ordained priest in 1958, bishop in 1965 and an archbishop

two years later. John Paul made him a cardinal in 1985.

About 828 students are expected to receive bachelor's degrees during commencement. Combined, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, School of Law, School of Medicine and Babcock Graduate School of Management will award master's and doctoral degrees to approximately 618 students.

The university will award five honorary degrees, including Arinze, who is the uncle of sophomore basketball player Nikki Arinze.

Richard Darman, a former presidential cabinet member, will receive a doctor of laws. Darman is a partner in The Carlyle Group, a global private investment firm. He has worked with former presidents Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan and George Bush.

Michael DeBakey, a surgeon, teacher and medical statesman, will be awarded a doctor of science. DeBakey, whose career includes innovations in cardiovascular surgery and the artificial heart, is recognized internationally for his accomplishments in the field of medicine.

Betty McCain, the secretary of the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources, will be given a doctor of letters. McCain, who was appointed secretary in 1993, has worked to preserve North Carolina culture and history.

Ambassador Andrew Young, a former ambassador, international businessman, politician, author and human rights activist, will receive a doctor of laws.

Young is the chairman of GoodWorks International, a consulting group that provides services to corporations and governments operating in the global economy.

In order to reduce traffic that day, the university encourages guests to use the shuttle service, which will provide transportation from Groves Stadium, the First Assembly of God and the Reynolda Village parking lot near the Reynolda Road entrance to campus. Shuttle rides between the off-campus parking areas and campus will be available continuously from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

University employees are encouraged to carpool and park in the off-campus locations. Baccalaureate service will be at 11 a.m. May 16 in Wait Chapel. Bill Leonard, the dean of the Divinity School, will deliver the address.

In the event of rain, the ceremony will move to the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum and begin at 9:30 a.m. Plans to move to the coliseum will be announced by the local media beginning around 7 a.m.



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Gone with the wind

Spring winds blow by students sitting on the Quad. The wooden chairs adorning the Quad, Reynolda Hall and Benson University Center patios were purchased this fall.

Naked runners go the distance at LSU

By Michael Grass and Nika Schulte
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Crowding apartment balconies, clinging to street lampposts and filling campus sidewalks, about 20,000 people turned out last night to witness the Naked Mile — an annual tradition that celebrates the last day of classes.

University spokesperson Julie Peterson said Ann Arbor Police Department officials said an estimated 500 university students and area residents ran naked through campus.

The Department of Public Safety made 21 arrests for minors in possession of alcohol infractions and other citations, including indecent exposure and public urination, Peterson said.

Peterson said of those arrests, four students were given minor in possession of alcohol citations.

According to DPS reports, a 40-year-old man was arrested for masturbating in public.

"I'm relieved we had no major mishaps," she said.

As of this morning, no sexual assaults were reported to the Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center, said Sarah Heuser, the SAPAC training and education program coordinator.

Attracting media attention from across the nation and around the world, all eyes and camera lenses were focused on the narrow path that wound its way from Washtenaw Avenue, down South University Avenue, through the Diag and ending at Regents Plaza, next to the Michigan Union.

Peterson said Ann Arbor Police Department officials estimated the number of runners to be down from previous years, but the number of spectators significantly increased from the estimated 10,000 spectators who watched last year.

University President Lee Bollinger sent a letter to seniors last week discouraging students to run.

"I think that some students took that message to heart," Peterson said. "They made a wise decision not to get involved."

Although the event originated as a semester-end celebration by members of the men's crew and cross country teams, now many kinds of students and local residents use it as a way to celebrate. Spectators, many with cameras in hand, crowded along the sides of the path, as groups of mile participants ran down the route, sometimes measuring only a few feet wide.

More than 200 student security members, organized by the Michigan Student Assembly, guarded the route in an attempt to protect the runners from broken glass and rowdy spectators.

LSA first-year student Prasad

Arekapudi, part of the student security force, said his job was made more difficult because he was not wearing a yellow security T-shirt given to volunteers.

"Without a security shirt, each time I put out my arm to keep the people back, it seemed like everyone thought I was a pervert and wanted more room to look," Arekapudi said.

Some mile participants distinguished themselves from other runners by adorning themselves with varied accessories.

Some individuals wore colorful hats, ski goggles and scarves, and one group of runners wore Roman legionary helmets.

One naked individual even rode a unicycle down the path.

"You've got to stand out," said LSA junior Ralph Zerbonia, who ran the mile wearing a partial hula skirt.

LSA junior Evan Scalzo waited at Regents Plaza, with an armful of shoes and pants for Zerbonia and other runners.

"I ran last year and it's nice to know where your clothes are," Scalzo said, explaining that many runners lose items when they shed their clothes at the starting point.

"I just checked my e-mail naked," one of the group members exclaimed at the computing site.

As the group of 12 men ran through the computing site, LSA senior Kyndra Griffin worked on a Women's Studies assignment.

"This is Michigan," Griffin said, explaining that with such a large student body "you've got to expect disturbances."

Griffin said she wasn't upset with the mile's participants.

"You can learn to ignore it or take a break and enjoy it," she said.

Though the mile is popular among students, others encouraged students not to participate in the run. Rick Warzywak, a representative of Campus Ministries USA, actively protested the mile, holding a religious placard in front of the Museum of Art.

"I think it is a sign of America's debauchery," Warzywak said, adding that "the people here are lusting after flesh."

He said the mile and other acts of student revelry on college campuses are sign of moral degradation.

"We'd like to calm the students, from the riots at (Michigan State University) to the debauchery at U of M," Warzywak said. But to many of the students who ran, it will remain a lasting memory.

"It was a liberating experience," said mile participant Doug Boyer, an LSA first-year student.

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