Power Surge Causes Blackout

By Eva Moy

An electrical surge at about 1 a.m. yesterday caused a power outage at East Campus and disrupted Athena usage on a variety of machines. All electrical systems were completely re-established by 5 a.m., according to Thomas E. Shepherd, Jr., associate director of Physical Plant.

The fluctuation was caused by a malfunction in the primary switch which serves the 2300-volt distribution system on campus, according to Utilities Superintendent Roger Moore. The 2300-volt system serves all buildings, while a 13,800-volt system serves the rest of the newer buildings on campus.

When the fuses blew, one of the feeder cables which delivers power to Buildings 2, 4, 8, 12, 17, 20, 24, 2, 31, 33, and 35 were down for between 90 minutes and two hours, Shepherd said.

In addition, the power to East Campus went out, although Shepherd said he did not know the exact reason. “When there is a surge in the primary system, there is an effect in other systems, so it’s likely” that other groups of electrically-connected buildings were affected, Shepherd said.

Those buildings were put under power restrictions yesterday, he said.

Athena usage disrupted

The power surge disabled operations on DEC 3100, DEC 5000, and IBM RSC10 machines, according to Athena Consultant Chad P. Brown ’94. Those machines retrieve many of their applications remotely from other machines, and once all the machines were running again, it took between 30 and 45 minutes for email processors and similar programs to become available.

In addition, the power server for the Athena cluster in Building 11 was physically damaged, Brown said. People will be able to print in the building 11 cluster once the print server is replaced Monday, he added.

The network router in Building WH also went down temporarily because of the surges. That shutdown affected the operations of the Cray and patriot computers, Brown said.

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Two Are at Large in DKE Stabbing

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person or persons who committed the stabbing, Glavin said. "We are doing it in a way that will allow us to bring criminal complainants against those responsible, she said.

Stabbing was suspected

Chappe gathered this firsthand account of Friday night’s events.

The DKE members suspected that the suspect is housed in the upstairs rooms. One of the eight seen was with another person’s jacket hidden underneath his own. "When we saw that, he decided that we should try to ask him to leave,” Chappe said.

It was “not clear who pulled the fire alarm,” but this alerted other DKE members to come downstairs, Chappe said. As the suspects were being ejected from the house, a scuffle broke out in the front entry. After six of the assailants were outside the building, the scuffle escalated, but Chappe said he did “not know when the first punches were thrown.” Within seconds of stepping outside, Chappe was stabbed in his arm and cheek with a pocketknife.

Shortly afterward, Olynyk was stabbed while holding someone back in an attempt to break up the fight. He was also hit with a board and then stabbed twice in the back. Both Chappe and Olynyk were taken to the MIT Medical Center. Olynyk was later taken to Mt. Auburn Hospital and Massachusetts General, where he was treated.

The eight assailants fled in three cars, two of which were stopped by the Campus and Cambridge Police. Two of the suspects were driving a car that had been reported stolen, and they were arrested by Boston Police. Another four were brought into custody after a positive license plate identification by partygoers. Two others are still at large, according to Chappe.

After returning from the hospital, Chappe determined that none of the suspects in custody was the one who stabbed him.

No CPD notifying DKE party

The Campus and Cambridge Police responded after being called to the scene. No police had been present at the party, because, unlike other fraternity parties, DKE is not a member of the InterFraternity Council do not have to register parties with the Cambridge Police office.

Instead, IFC members must regis-

try parties internally with the InterFraternity Council. This process is needed to ensure that too many parties are not held in close proximity and that official IFC party policies are enforced. Friday’s party was registered with the IFC, according to Eric A. Ask ’93, an IFC full-timer.

The IFC provides guidelines for parties, but it is up to the individual houses to implement them, Ask said. About once or twice a term, problems will occur at a fraternity party that nobody expects, he added.

"This is one of these difficult situ-

ations. This is not a random street crime. There are certain issues that we have to look at in the future," such as tighter security measures, Glavin said.

"It’s just an increasingly more dangerous world today," being contin-

ued. It is hard to control what types of people attend functions that are open to the public, he added.

Dirk M. Stedman ’94, vice presi-

dent of DKE, said that students will discuss the incident this week and evaluate its party policies for the future. Otherwise, he would not comment on the incident except to say that Chappe and Olynyk “are both fine now.”