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Wednesday 74°/59°

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Partly Sunny

Saturday 64°/54°

Sunny

Sunday 69°/53°

Showers

Monday 68°/52°

Few Showers

Tuesday 69°/53°

Partly Cloudy

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## Lights Out: Power Outage Effects Campus

WESLEY CHIN  
NEWS EDITOR

A power outage struck Monmouth University and parts of the surrounding community early last Wednesday, leaving a majority of buildings and traffic lights with sporadic power from early morning until the afternoon.

Power loss was first reported at 7:20 a.m. across the entire campus. Lights, computers, and other electrical items lost complete power due to the power shortage. Some buildings remained unaffected, including the police department, Guggenheim Library, and Woods Theatre, which all run off of different power circuits in Long Branch.

The Writing Center maintained partial power to ceiling lights while wall outlets failed. Patricia Swannack, Vice President for Administrative Services, attributes this to particular power phases, supplying electricity to different parts of buildings, going down before others.

Telephones were not affected

by the outage.

Swannack said Facilities Management responded immediately to the problem, alerting Jersey Central Power and Light Company of the situation. They sent workers out to assess damages and evaluate causes of the outage.

Lester Hauck, Director of Facilities Management for Operations, attributed part of the outage to local squirrels who find shelter in power sub-stations.

"What will happen is, they will get in there because they like the warmth," said Hauck. "They have a tendency to chew through the wires as well."

The severed connections were re-routed to different circuits so maintenance can be performed.

Circuits overloaded due to the direction of power, also contributing to the extended power loss.

Parts of West Long Branch also lost power to several traffic lights. Monmouth University Police work in collaboration with

"Our department works closely with Facilities Management and the Office of Residential Life personnel to coordinate our efforts," Volpe added.

According to David Bopp, Associate Vice President for Telecommunications and Network Operations, the loss of power did not affect the university's network infrastructure, which runs on a separate generator. However, students' work not saved to the "M drive" was lost due to the shortage, and would not be recoverable from campus networked computers.

"If students don't save to our network," Bopp explains, "the work will most likely be lost. Personal computers in the dorms, however, may have a back-up function."

Although proper measures were taken to fix the power shortage, many students, faculty, and campus employees were greatly inconvenienced. Alarm clocks remained un-powered, or reset, and caused early morning class

**"First, the lights dimmed and the air went off. Then about 10 minutes later, the power went out totally."**

STEVEN ORTIZ  
Sophomore

work closely with the West Long Branch and Long Branch Police Departments to manually direct traffic, if traffic lights are out."

On campus, MU Police check all buildings, starting with ones equipped with elevators to make sure no one is trapped inside.

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## Greeks Take On Anacon

SEAN KENNY  
CLUB AND GREEK EDITOR

The fraternities and sororities of Monmouth University were out in full force last Wednesday, September 20, for one of the most important Greek life rush events, "Meet the Greeks." For students unaffiliated with a Greek organization, it was an opportunity to gain an inside look at what Monmouth has to offer.

"Meet the Greeks" is organized as a major rush event for Greek life each fall and spring semester, and gives fraternities and sororities an opportunity to get their message out to the student community. It also gives them the perfect chance to reach out and strengthen their membership.

Unfortunately for some organizations, membership quotas, which vary from group to group, keep them from taking associate member classes.

With close to 100 freshmen and sophomores in attendance, Anacon Hall was bustling with curious students looking to get their names and faces remembered by their favorite organization. Dozens of students flocked from table to table, interacting with fraternity and sorority members.

Organizations set up tables with photo albums, flags, and banners to attract and gain the attention of prospective rushes. Most groups even made video slideshows that were presented on Anacon's large projector screen,

which was a change from previous "Meet the Greek" events.

Phi Sigma Sigma's President, Zohar Flamenbaum, who was one of many that were enthusiastic about the slideshows stated, "It ["Meet the Greeks"] was set up really well this year. I thought the slideshows were a good touch, and it helped guide the potential new members into learning more about Greek life."

Tyler Havens, Assistant Director of Student Activities for Greek Life, said one of the other changes from last year dealt with slowly acclimating new members to the Greek community.

"We didn't allow the entire Greek community to come in as quick because that can be overwhelming for potential new members," Havens said. "That allowed for potential new members to meet more one-on-one as opposed to being bombarded by the entire community."

"I think the chapters appreciated that one-on-one contact a little bit more because sometimes they can get sidetracked."

There appeared to be a very positive and upbeat vibe towards rushing and recruiting freshmen and sophomores. Chants were heard from some groups while others did their fraternity and sorority dances. Many of the sorority members took pictures with each other while exchanging hugs and welcoming possible associate members.

Many organizations had large groups of interested students,



PHOTO COURTESY OF Jacquelyn Bodmer

Fraternity Sigma Pi meets with potential new recruits.

such as the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity, which had over 40 students sign their prospective rush sheet.

Ben Brenner, a member of Phi Sigma Kappa stated, "The turnout this semester at 'Meet the Greeks' was about as I anticipated. We always expect the fall semester to consist of predominantly sophomores and this year proved to be no different."

Brenner continued, "It's also great to see a good deal of freshmen coming to Greek events, although they have to wait till next semester to rush, it's always smart to start early in getting to know Greek life and where one

might potentially fit in."

With the end of recruitment just around the corner, "Meet the Greeks" was another major event that allowed for Greek organization to reach out to students. Bid day is scheduled for this upcoming Friday, and is the official conclusion to the fall rush season.

Overall, Havens said he was pleased with this year's turnout.

"It was about making things a little more time efficient and still providing that outlet where if you're not comfortable talking around everyone you can sit back and see what they were about," Havens said. "I think overall it went well."