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BY R. DELUNA Blackout



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France caused the outage. In Switzerland, a falling branch disabled a power transmission line which caused an emergency line to overload, disabling French transmission to Italy.

"After that, all connections Italy dropped out," said Schmid, spokesman for Swiss power company Atel.

Italian energy company Enel agreed with the Swiss government. But France's electricity grid operator RTE said it was early to speculate about cause.

Whatever the cause, the blackout was an ordeal across Italy.

It brought to a halt some 15 trains with 30,000 passengers on board, and delayed numerous flights in addition to the few that had to be cancelled.

In Rome, the city was holding an all-night festival with museums, bars and shops still open at the time of the blackout. The result was many people, who had been encouraged to use public transport, found themselves stranded at subway stations.

The fact that the blackout happened in the slow-moving morning hours of a Sunday at least lessened the effect. The outages might not be over, however. Energy officials warned of the potential for cuts on Monday.

The Swiss power company accused Italy of a lack of coordination that aggravated the situation.

"Because of the high volume of exported power to Italy, it is vital that the network operators can be quickly coordinated and react correctly," Atel said in a statement.

Italian officials acknowledged that the domestic energy system was gravely insufficient.

Italy was hit with partial power cuts in June, when people — suffering in the scorching summer — overloaded the system with air conditioners and other electricity-guzzling appliances. That was the first time in more than 20 years that the national operator of the electrical grid ordered power cuts.

One of the other students must find "It's hard to find

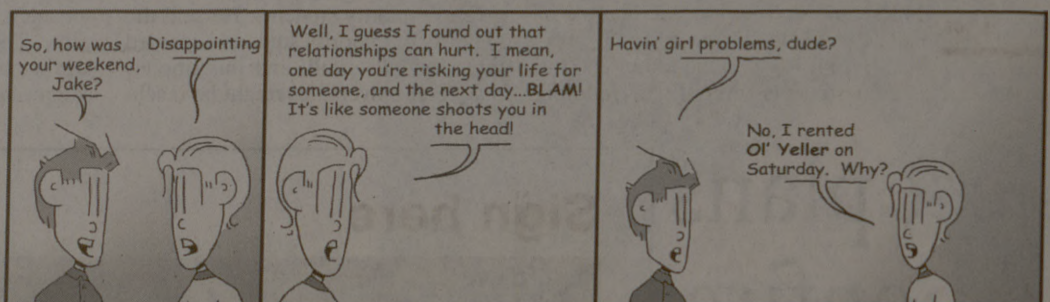
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BY JOSH DARWIN



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By M. Mouse



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BY: WILL LLOYD



Culture

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who are very aware of Hispanic issues."

Lopez, a junior management major and vice-chair of the Committee on Awareness of Mexican Americans, said many Hispanic students face a culture shock when they come to College Station because they become part of a small minority.

Among the different Hispanic organizations at the University, PHN is "a network of leaders supporting A&M and the Bryan-College Station community to proactively address key issues affecting the education and quality of life of all Hispanics," according to the PHN Web site.

Dr. Fidel G. Fernandez, past-

president of PHN and academic adviser in the Department of Biomedical Engineering, said one pending problem for Hispanic students is the issue of equal retention success.

"After examining the retention of Hispanic students who attended Texas public high schools and attended TAMU as freshmen for the years 1994 to 1997, I discovered that Hispanic students were 32 percent less likely than their white peers to be retained at A&M using the set of variables in my statistical model," Fernandez said.

San Andres said the student population of Hispanics could grow through more financial aid but not special privileges.

"Of 100 Anglos accepted into the University, 90 will come, and of 100 Hispanics accepted, only 40 will actually come," San Andres said. "We need to improve

the environment, making it reflect components of society."

By the year 2015, it is predicted that Hispanics will be the majority in Texas and are the fastest growing minority group in the nation.

While there were 3,714 Hispanic students enrolled at the University, Fernandez said there were only 171 Hispanic administrators and professional staff and only 109 faculty members at A&M. He said this is a problem because the mentoring of students helps with retention.

"The ratio of available Hispanic mentors to Hispanic students is an unfavorable one, and it would mean that the Hispanic faculty and staff would each have to mentor 13 students," Fernandez said.

Not only is the number of

Hispanic faculty low, there are not many Hispanics in the upper level of the University's administration either, he said.

"At the University level, there are no high-ranking Hispanic administrators," Fernandez said. "At the dean level, there are Hispanic deans, and at the department head level, there is one lone Hispanic."

The month kicked off on Sept. 15 with a reception at which University President Robert M. Gates spoke. One of the big events of the month is Latin MSC Aggie Nights on Oct. 10.

San Andres said he has high hopes that with the coming of the newly named Vice President of Diversity James Anderson, the dream of diversity for the University will become a reality.

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The week of September 28 - October 2

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Phys 218 Test Review	Rostovsev Fri Sept 26 4pm-6pm	Hong Lu Fri Sept 26 6pm-8pm	Gag/Kmn/Tob Sat Sept 27 2pm-4pm	Sokolov Mon Sept 29 4pm-7pm

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