

# Storm leaves 600 greeks in dark

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completely safe from power outages, but power was restored to those buildings relatively quickly. The entire university lost power 11 p.m. Saturday, but it was restored by 6 a.m. Sunday on both campuses. Residence halls lost power again from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m. Monday on City Campus.

Katy Bryne, a senior child development studies major and Kappa Alpha Theta member, said the university should have helped greek students because all greek houses are considered university housing.

"We have to abide by all the rules and regulations that university housing has set forth just like any dorm," Bryne said. "The dorms did lose electricity and heat, just like us. The university helped them first. It's obvious the greek houses are not high on the university's priority lists."

Glen Schumann, associate director for housing maintenance, said the university is responsible for only four greek houses - all near the Harper-Schramm-Smith Complex. All other greek houses on both City and East campuses are responsible for their own power and heat.

"The four greek houses down by Harper-Schramm-Smith are built by, and leased by, the university, and are considered official university housing," Schumann said. "All of the other

houses are only approved university housing, and they are on private property and have private charters."

Not knowing when power will be restored to their houses, students were beginning to worry about what they are going to do about studying and their classwork.

"A lot of the girls are concerned about their classes," said Millie Louviere, house mother for Gamma Phi Beta. "They do not know what they are going to do if classes resume and the house still does not have power."

Louviere said her main job has been to be there for the residents.

"The girls are young," Louviere said. "When you are older like myself, you have had the experience and knowledge about what to do in these type of situations. We have been making the best of what we have."

Laura Cockson, a junior pre-occupational therapy major and Gamma Phi Beta member, said many women spent the night at parents' or friends' homes.

"We were in the middle of an all-house slumber party when the power went out late Saturday evening," Cockson said. "A lot of the girls sat around and talked while some went to bed. Everyone assumed that once they woke up in the morning, power would have been restored."

The weather caused many greek

houses to cancel or postpone their weekend activities. Alpha Omicron Pi canceled its initiation ceremony and activities Saturday; Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity postponed its annual philanthropy - Phi Psi 500 - for the Lincoln Children's Museum on Sunday; and Kappa Alpha Theta was not able to announce their upcoming events and parties Monday night.

Alpha Chi Omega sorority canceled its Monday night meeting because the house did not have heat. The decision to hold Monday night meetings and chapter was at the discretion of each individual house, with many houses having informal meetings and informal dinners.

Bryne said all the greek houses have been gracious and all the generosity proves how close the greek community is.

"(Alpha Gamma Sigma) helped clear away the tree limbs in our yard, and Phi Psi helped scoop our walks and cleared our driveway," Bryne said.

Several greek houses opened their doors and invited members of the houses without heat and power into their houses. Delta Delta Delta, Pi Beta Phi and Alpha Xi Delta sororities, and Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternities have all offered homeless greeks places to sleep and shower, as well as food.

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