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Repeat power outages hit UMass campus

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The School of Education and the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, were holding presentations for homecoming visitors in the Campus Center and the Student Union Ballroom when power was lost.

Campus residents and visitors were directed to eat at the Franklin Dining Commons, which had power, instead of at the Blue Wall in the Campus Center or The Hatch in the Student Union.

Jenna Dellert, a sophomore sociology major, said she was frustrated by a similar situation during the most recent power loss where food choices at the dining halls on campus were limited.

In the Northeast Residential Area, the Worcester Convenience Store and Pita Pit were both closed from around 9:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. due to this past Saturday's outage, said convenience store employee Ken Dewar, a senior majoring in Japanese and political science.

"I think UMass has some serious electrical problems," Dewar said.

Other students were also concerned.

"I was just wondering why there weren't some backup generators to keep at least some power on during the storm," said on-campus resident and sophomore Kevin Whalen, a sports management and finance major.

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