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University has eventful first day as 'East Bay'

■ Power outage cancels classes, fire forces evacuation of cafeteria

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Some wondered whether the timing wasn't fateful.

The morning after California State University, East Bay, was baptized with its controversial new name, a power outage canceled classes and trapped at least five people in elevators for more

than an hour.

Then, not long after electricity returned to the campus formerly known as California State University, Hayward, a small gas fire broke out in a kitchen off the University Union cafeteria, forcing students and staff to evacuate the building just moments before a Homecoming-related talent show was about to begin there.

"It was an interesting first day for Cal State East Bay," said Barry Zepel, a university spokesman.

No one was injured in any of the incidents, but

they kept Hayward's emergency personnel hopping. As technicians worked to free the men and women confined in various elevator shafts in the student union, Meiklejohn Hall and Warren Hall, ambulances and fire trucks waited nearby, just in case.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company spokesman Brian Swanson provided a perfectly reasonable, technical explanation for the 9:30 a.m. outage: equipment failure on a line in Castro Valley.

And, in all fairness, the electrical glitch also affected thousands of customers in northeast Hay-

ward and parts of Castro Valley.

But supernatural theories can be more fun, especially when they involve controversy.

Like most city of Hayward employees, Planning Commission Ed Bogue resents the school's new name and was quick to provide an alternative explanation.

"The gods have spoken," he said.

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