

UNCW remembers Hurricane Diana

Advance preparations by many departments, along with positive and cooperative teamwork of support services, aided to minimize Hurricane Diana's damage to UNCW.

As classes and campus activities came to a halt on September 11, physical plant and campus police staffs, along with UNCW ROTC cadets, put into action disaster prevention measures planned at least a full day before.

Pre-cut pieces of plywood for window protection and an adequate supply of food were two valuable aids readily available due to advance planning by campus staff.

As the storm reached the Wilmington coast, campus police and physical plant personnel, assisted by ROTC volunteers, worked diligently to control campus damages from high winds and heavy rains.

When telephone service and electrical power faded, campus police maintained vital outside communications through police radios, and cafeteria personnel heated meals on gas stoves and sterno burners.

Approximately 1200 students remained in on-campus housing during the hurricane.

Tree loss and water damage in some buildings were the most visible scars of Diana's force. Hinton James building, undergoing renovation at the time of Diana, Trask Coliseum and Morton and Hoggard halls suffered water leakage. Belk and Galloway residence halls also had some water damage.

Physical plant personnel assess campus damages to total approximately \$26,000.

Campus cleanup is now underway and classes are back on schedule; nonetheless, the efforts of those working beyond the call of duty during Hurricane Diana will long be remembered.



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"When it rains, it pours" proved true with Hurricane Diana dropping gallons of water on the campus. Combined with high winds, the rain left puddles and uprooted trees for students to dodge.



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Physical plant crews work to eliminate Diana's debris from over 70 uprooted trees.



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Tennis court fences bend to the force of Diana's high winds.



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UNCW ROTC cadets, serving as volunteers, control flooding in campus buildings.