

## DeTamble reopens

by Sabina Winterniz

When the DeTamble Library closed early on Thursday, Sept. 5 for Hurricane Fran, the librarians were hoping they would be fully operational the next day, or Monday Sept. 9 the at the latest.

By turning off the Thirty-three-year-old transformer, the employees had hoped to protect DeTamble's electrical source. However, when the Physical Plant attempted to turn the appliance back on Friday, the transformer malfunctioned, causing a complete blackout in the library for almost two weeks.

Many problems arose due to the blackout. The library's 108,000+ volumes lived in stale, hot, moist air, causing mold to grow on the outside bindings and edges.

DeTamble was forced to close at five o'clock every evening, whereby giving students little or no nighttime reasearch time. Also, over 100 work-study hours have been lost.

Finally, on Wednesday, September eighteenth, the new transformer was functional and the DeTamble Library was running again. Only one question remains: how long will it take to mold-dust 108,000 books?

## Centennial Celebration on Sunday

by Donna Sammander

On September 30, St. Andrews will celebrate an event that has been a century in the making with the Centennial Convocation.

Beginning this Friday, we will commemorate the founding of Flora MacDonald College, one of St. Andrews predecessor schools, and our campus will play host to a number of special guests.

The day will kick off with a formal academic processional at 11:00 AM. More than 75 alumni will march, representing classes from 1936 to 1996. David MacDonald, the great-great-grandson of the real Scottish heroine Flora MacDonald, will be a featured

speaker, as will former Canadian Parliament Member Flora MacDonald. (She is another, not-so-direct descendant of the original Flora.)

During the convocation, St. Andrews will also present four honorary degrees to some very distinguished Flora MacDonald, Presbyterian Junior College, and St. Andrews alums. They are:

**Billy Howard**, '77 of Atlanta. He is renowned photographer whose works were among those featured at the opening ceremonies of the Atlanta Games.

**Peggy Harris Cleveland** '47 of Concord, NC. Peggy is the recently retired executive director of the Cabarrus Coopera-

tive Christian Ministry.

**Charles McCoy**, '42 of Berkeley, CA, a professor of ethics at the Pacific School of Religion.

**Flora MacDonald**, the aforementioned Canadian cabinet minister and parliamentarian.

These four will also hold a public forum at 3:00 pm in Avinger Auditorium, concerning the importance of the liberal arts education. At 4:00, reception is scheduled on Avinger Terrace.

The weekend, which will end in a St. Andrews Sunday worship service at Laurinburg Presbyterian Church, is the culmination of a century's hard work and creativity. Talk about anticipation...

## Students, faculty, fought to save gym roof from Fran

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what they were hearing. It was the sound of large clumps of the foam rubber roof being blown off. The group could see the clumps covering the lawns on all sides of the building.

Perron immediately began making phone calls in an attempt to begin damage control, with an eye toward saving the gym floor. Carl Ullrich received a call and rode over on his bike in the middle of the storm to do what he could. Perron also called Physical Plant, but the response was not as timely as there were several other complaints to attend to at the time.

But this was just when student effort began to come into play. Sophomore Jason Hamililton lead a group of students that pounded on the door and offered to help. Resident Advisors and Area Coordinators spread the word to students. People brought trash cans to try and save the gym floor. A majority of those involved at this point were students. What Joss found most surprising was that at least one representative from every sport was there, even soccer, baseball, and tennis players, who rarely use the gym they were helping to save. Joss said that he has seen places where that

kind of support among different teams just isn't there, and he's pleased to see it at St. Andrews.

An effort was even made to get the tarp which is used during ceremonies in the gym to protect the floor. Athlete Larry Watkins, Perron and Joss lead the effort to break into the cage where the tarp is kept as no one had the key. They were successful in getting the tarp out and putting it down, but the damage had already been done.

Despite all the hard work, the gym floor was badly damaged. The next day, the true clean-up effort began. While work was done throughout the campus and community, the most focused effort was in and around the PE center. Students, faculty and staff came together on a large scale.

Ullrich estimates that there were at least 60 students and staff up on the roof replacing the tarp to prevent additional water from seeping in. Professor William Loftus was impressed by the community effort made and by the number of people working and sweating to get the clean-up done. He called this "an example of what community really means."

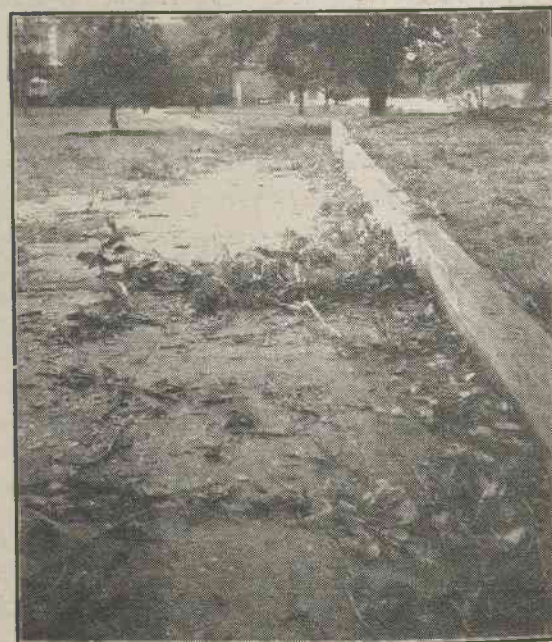
All that is left is to wait for

word from the insurance company. The work will depend on the agreement between the contractor and the insurance company. Before anything can be done on the floor, the roof must be taken care of. There is some discussion as to the best type of roof (flat roofs often have greater problems with water damage.)

but Ullrich predicts that a flat roof will be all the insurance company will agree to pay for. The materials will likely be very similar to the old roof's because they have to be very light. Once the roof is completed, it will be approximately six to eight weeks before the floor is replaced.

Currently, volleyball is the only sport to be affected on a large scale by the incident. The volleyball team has been forced to play games away that

were to be played at home. They are currently playing home games at the Scotland High School gym, with van transportation provided for fans. The plans are now for them to play in the small gym once the floor has been re-finished. (For more details, see "Volleyball Triumphs" in the sports section.)



Just one view of the damage caused by Hurricane Fran. Photo courtesy of Rooney Coffman