

SPECIAL REPORT

Isabel Slams into Region

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Capt. Ray Morton of the Salvation Army, directs ECSU exchange students in preparing meals for the occupants of the K.E. White center. 9/18



The Kappa Alpha Psi plot was missed by an up-rooted tree, but their table stands its ground. 9/19



The K.E. White American Red Cross center housed up to 495 persons during Isabel.



Johnson Hall stands strong despite the effects of the storm on campus. 9/19

North Carolina's Hurricane History

Hurricane	Date	Category	Total \$ Damage	Deaths
Hazel	1954	2	\$136 million	19
Connie	12-Aug-55	1	combined with Diane	0
Diane	17-Aug-55	1	\$80 million	0
Ione	19-Sep-55	1	\$88 million	7
Donna	11-Sep-60	2	\$25 million	8
Hugo	21-Sep-89	1	\$1 billion	7
Emily	31-Aug-93	3	\$13 million	0
Bertha	12-Jul-96	2	\$135 million	2
Fran	5-Sep-96	3	\$4 billion	21
Bonnie	26-Aug-98	2	\$1.5 billion	1



Jenkins Science Center walkway retains Isabel's rain waters. 9/18



Flooding streets, caused by Isabel, was common across the region.



A car is smashed by a toppled tree on Edgewood Drive in Elizabeth City.



Maintenance and grounds personnel worked hard taping and boarding up the windows on campus. 9/16



Fallen trees were the major source of damage to buildings.



Volunteers help victims of Isabel's wrath.



Historical building loses bricks and part of its facade during Isabel.



Downtown Elizabeth City is flooded by Isabel. 9/18

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University's campus was littered with trees and debris. Slashed awnings on Griffin Hall were more evidence that Isabel caused destruction on campus.

"There was minor loss of

shingles, gutters, and other outside materials on the residence halls, but no significant interior damage," Mr. Warren Basket, Director of Housing and Residence Life, said.

"Seventeen students stayed and went to the K.E. White Center which was being used as a Red Cross shelter," Mr. George Moun-

tain, Chief of Campus Police, said. One student said that staying at the K.E. White Graduate Center was a better experience than she thought. The worst part of being there was that the generators could only handle the lights or the fans. This created a difference of opinion as to what the generators should be used for.

"Having the lights on is a safety issue," Carolyn Self, Executive Director of the Red Cross, said.

"There were 495 people staying at the shelter by 4p.m. Thursday, the height of the storm," Self said. Most of those people were from the Elizabeth City area. People living in low-

lying areas and in mobile homes are encouraged by the Red Cross to go to a shelter during a storm.

"I want to thank the ECSU officials for their continued cooperation with the Red Cross. There would be a lot more people injured with out it," Self said.

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Talk of ECSU

How did Hurricane Isabel affect you?



"I learned what it was like to make 350 peanut butter and jelly sand-wiches, at the shelter (K.E. WhiteCenter). I also learned how to ad-just to people's personality and it smelled in there. But all in all, it was good."

Ginjah Battiste, Senior St. Thomas, Virgin Islands



"It stopped me from enhancing my learning."

Dana Johnson, Senior Florence, South Carolina



"I wasn't able to study, because I didn't have any lights."

Aisha Lewis, Senior Petersburg, Virginia



"I prepared for the worst, and hoped for the best."

Sharita Saunders, Senior Hopewell, Virginia



"The devastation of Isabel has shown me that I should be thankful for the things I take for granted. When I see the damage done in this area compared to back at home, it was worse here."

Damion Lewis, Senior Enfield, North Carolina