

Hurricane Isabel Strikes

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Category Two Hurricane Isabel wrecked North Carolina and Virginia beaches and inlands last Thursday, however, not even two inches of rain fell in

Cumberland County. Reported wind velocity along the coastlines reached 100 mph but peaked only at 60 mph in Fayetteville. These effects

caused some portions of campus to lose power for six solid hours, and over 30,000 Fayetteville residents

were left in the dark as the Public Works Commission struggled to restore power.

Larry Smith, the Methodist College Bookstore Manager, had to work the day of the hurricane. "My power was off for three hours," he said. "But thankfully there was no

serious damage done especially compared to Fran so I felt very fortunate this time."

Fortunate is how many felt, grateful that damages and injuries were minimal. The storm that fell apart over Ohio left behind a massive path of

destruction that ranged from North Carolina to New England. Millions lost electricity, and at least 33 hurri-

cane-related deaths have been reported. The president declared North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, and Washington D.C. federal disaster areas. Damage estimates state that Isabel could cost North Carolina over \$1 billion.

Even with regular winds in the thirties and forties, many Fayetteville residents went about their normal routine. The roads maintained steady traffic. While many stores and restaurants closed when the worst came in around three o'clock on Thursday, several stayed open and weren't at a loss for business

This area's Red Cross organization prepared four shelters in the area, and over 200 people, some evacuees from the coast, weathered the worst there. The chapters seemed certain that the Highlands region wouldn't be hit hard by Isabel, but prepared for the worst.

The Highlands Chapter was buzzing with activity on Wednesday, the day before landfall. Disaster



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There was little damage on the Methodist College Campus except for the loss of electricity for six hours in some residence halls.

Services volunteers swapped stories. John, a hurricane veteran, recalled Hurricane Hugo, "Driving out to the coast, there were so many fallen trees that I had to get out of my car and hack them to pieces just to get down the road."

The military took precautions as well, flying out planes and sending ships to sea. By Friday, servicemen at Pope AFB and Fort Bragg returned to work as normal as did students at Methodist College who lived out just another sunny day with only the debris of Isabel left to remind what could have been a tragic disaster.

Student Government Election Day

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Last Wednesday students acted upon their God Given Rights as Americans; they took to the valets and let their voice be heard.

As our national elections are not far away making a decision on something as simple as Student Body Senator reminds us that voting is not a right, it's a privilege.

Here at Methodist College we are lucky enough to have our voices heard by means of the Student Government Association.

Those that put forth an effort in getting petitions signed show a courageous spirit that is truly American. Those that made the effort to cast their vote during a hectic day are equally saluted.

No matter the outcome, one thing is certain; Democracy is still alive and well at Methodist College.



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