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ANDREW HITS CLOSE TO HOME

Emi Cabrera Left Homeless By Storm

By Eric Bush

In spite of all the warnings, nothing could have prepared Judith Cabrera and her family for what happened in the early morning of August 24th. Judith, South Florida resident and mother of M-AC Junior Emilia Cabrera, spent that morning with her family, "huddled together on the floor of the living room praying only that God would spare our lives if it were His will."

Hurricanes have acquired an almost mythical quality. They are curious, exciting, even fascinating, because, after all, they never do any real damage. Not this time.

Hurricane Andrew, with its devastating winds reaching over 160 m.p.h., stripped the roof completely off the Cabrera house.

smothered it with uprooted trees, and transform the front yard into a decimated pile of rubble. Like 250,000 other residents of South Florida, the Cabrera's became homeless overnight. The family suffered no major injuries, but virtually all of their furniture and carpeting, as well as

many personal belongings, have been destroyed. For the Cabreras home is



The Cabrera Home after Andrew

a Fort Lauderdale hotel, as they try to withstand the trauma of what is being called the worst hurricane in Modern American history.

Sadly, the fate of the Cabrera's is widespread. From Biscayne Bay to the Everglades, spanning about 165 square miles, the damage is far from

superficial - it's total. Entire cities, like Goulds, Homestead, Florida

will travel to South Florida on September 10 to aid in the relief effort. Dr. Glassford has already been to South Florida once since the hurricane struck, he describes it as a "War Zone".

Glassford has planned for the relief team to help the Cabrera family rebuild their home. He also hopes to assist another family, Mr. and Mrs. Corrigan, and possibly give some aid to a neighborhood Christian school which was also hit hard by the storm.

While the upcoming trip has no more spaces available.

another relief trip has been planned for the Fall Break of October 16th to 21st. This trip will likely carry more than the 16 students of next week's trip, however the cost per student is unknown at this point. Interested students should see Ed Bonner for details.

NEW TOBACCO RULES

- Howerton Smokers Frustrated

By Paul Shockley

One the biggest changes of the new school year is a stricter tobacco policy in the dormitories. Davis Hall and Montreat-Anderson Hall have only the top floors as designated area for the use of tobacco, with Howerton Hall becoming completely tobacco-free. This change has not been received warmly by all. Some students have become inconvenienced by the new tobacco ban, especially those living in Howerton. Coach Idstrom, Howerton RD, stated, "I agree with it [the tobacco policy] for health reasons only. Being a new staff member. I'm not sure why it was put into place; I also

believe in free-choice, however cigarette - smoking, in general can be harmful to others." Howerton Resident Lionel Wilson said: "In the privacy of your own room you should have the right to use tobacco. We're old enough to buy it, so we should be allowed to choose to use it or not. I think, in the long run it's going to hurt the college, more so than help it."

The conflict that arose from this issue seems to be coming more from the tobacco-users of Howerton than from anyone else. While those who do not use tobacco products are sympathetic with those who do, the non-users are also more understanding

and open to the new policy. Jonathan Woody, another resident of Howerton explains: "I sympathize with the tobacco-users, but the ban has helped keep the dorm a lot cleaner and nicer looking." Jeff Lang, Resident Assistant on the third floor in Howerton, expresses his opinion, saying: "While non-smokers have a

several convenient smoking areas, both indoors and outdoors."

This issue is not one that is just confined to the campus of Montreat-Anderson. All across the country private colleges and universities are becoming more aware of the health risks taken by cigarette smoking and other uses of tobacco.

The Montreat-Anderson College Administration has taken the position that the new tobacco policy is for the benefit of the school and a better environment for the students. Yet tobacco consumers still feel their rights are being infringed upon. Despite the differences of opinions however, it seems Howerton Hall will remain a tobacco-free resident hall.

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-Lionel Wilson

right to smoke-free air (in their pursuit of happiness), smokers have a right to pursue happiness by smoking. The college needs to provide

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