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WNC Repairs After Frances, Braces for Ivan

by April Heyward

Remnants of Hurricane Frances dumped over 17.5 inches of rain from Tuesday, September 7 to Thursday, September 9 in the second most serious flooding in Black Mountain history.

Water rose in the creek causing flooding in the ground floor of McAlister gym Thursday, September 9. In Howerton Hall, the electrical system shut off and the valves were flooded.

In Anderson Hall, a roof leak resulted in a shortage of the fire alarm system, causing alerts every three minutes. Administrators shut down the system and it was repaired Monday, September 13.

Currently, repairs have cost \$3,600 with possible future repairs raising the total to \$5,000.

Black Mountain Assistant Town Manager, Ron Nalley, explained that there were two major breaks in the Black Mountain water system, which restricted 2,900 customers from clean, running water starting on Wednesday, September 8.

The Town of Montreat owns and operates their own public water system, which is distributed from seven operating wells. Therefore, residents were able to maintain an adequate water

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The heavy rains from September 7-9 hindered the repair process to the Montreat Dam. Repairs will resume once the waters from hurricane Frances and Ivan recede.

Campus-Wide Virus Scan Zaps 15,000 Infected Files

by Steve Carter

At the beginning of this semester, in order to protect the network from Internet viruses, the Technology Department scanned every on-campus student's personal computer and equipped them with a free anti-virus program.

Director of Computer Technology, Tom McMurtry, and six technology employees and volunteers, oversaw this year's computer scan. The goal of this team was to "make the [school's] system as safe as possible with as little inconvenience as possible," McMurtry said.

"For the most part, [the pro-

cess] went as well as it could. We were very pleased with the student body and their patience," McMurtry remarked

As far as efficiency is concerned, all but a few problematic computers were returned to students within 2 weeks of being dropped off. The technology department is planning to evaluate the entire process before next year in hopes of whittling that time down to one week.

McMurtry noted that any computer that gave the department trouble was set aside, because it was "better to get 100 computers back to students, than 20 because

one gave us so much trouble." Last year, infected computers attacked the network causing a three-week system crash. This semester, at least 15,000 infected files were found, all with the potential to spread to other unprotected systems.

Student responses to the new scanning requirements were varied. Junior Lucas Fisher said, "because of what happened last year, it was needed. But I hope that next year it will be better."

Junior transfer L.C. Sheedy's computer was troublesome and ended up having to be reformatted. After the process was over L.C. commented, "the tech department should not take the computers when we get here because they don't necessarily know what they are doing with everyone's individual system."

Out of the two hundred machines scanned, it is "possible that one might have problems," says Network Administrator

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During the final seconds of the conference opener against Milligan College, soccer player Jeremy Foreman was trampled on by an opposing player. Foreman required eight stitches on the top of his head. Montreat won 1-0.

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"Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go."

- Joshua 1:7 NIV