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## Crow is county's 1st W. Nile case

### HURRICANE'S RAIN WILL UP RISK OF HUMAN INFECTION

BY SHANNAN BOWEN  
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Health officials confirmed Wednesday the first case of West Nile virus in Orange County this year, and they warned that Hurricane Isabel could increase the potential for human infection. A black crow found in Hillsborough on the 3300 block of N.C. 54 was sent to a national test-

ing lab Sept. It was returned Tuesday after testing positive for West Nile.

State and county environmental officials said heavy rainfall from the anticipated arrival of Isabel will increase the threat of the virus spreading to local residents.

West Nile virus is a potentially fatal disease transferred primarily through infected mosquitoes,

which breed in water. The virus interferes with the human central nervous system and causes inflammation of brain tissue.

John Sauls, director of the Orange County Animal Control Center, said he is not surprised that the virus made its way to Orange County. "West Nile is in all counties around Orange County," he said. "It would be very foolish to think we wouldn't have West Nile in this county."

West Nile virus has been confirmed in North Carolina this year in 14 humans, 54 horses and 120

birds, according to state officials. These figures reflect records that are current as of Saturday.

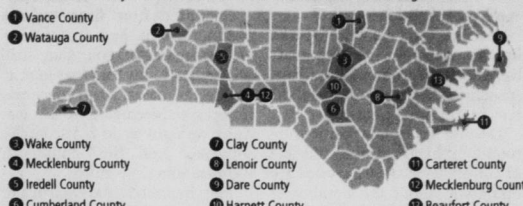
Barry Engber, a medical entomologist at the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, said autumn is the most active season for mosquitoes because of the cool weather and damp ground.

Hurricane season in particular provides a breeding ground for virus-spreading mosquitoes.

Because of a likely increase in the

### HUMAN CASES OF WEST NILE VIRUS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Twelve counties in North Carolina have reported human cases of the West Nile virus during the last year. As of Wednesday, a bird in Orange County was diagnosed officially with the virus, which makes a human case more likely to occur. The first 13 human cases are listed in chronological order.



SOURCE: PUBLIC HEALTH PEST MANAGEMENT  
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### HURRICANE ISABEL



DTH/GARRETT HALL

Brad Allen, a resident of Surf City, is pulled through the sand by his kite Wednesday afternoon. Allen, unfazed by the approaching hurricane, brought his kite out to play in the wind.

## Program requests for fees increase

### Hike in student fees a possibility

BY JENNY RUBY  
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Several campus departments are asking for more money from student fees than in past years in response to the state's decreased funding for University programs.

Although submitting requests for additional funding is nothing new, members of the Chancellor's Committee on Student Fees said the need for extra funds is greater than before.

"The proposed increases are higher than normal, but the number of proposals has not increased," said Roger Patterson, associate vice chancellor for finance and co-chairman of the committee.

The committee will review the requests sometime next week and might recommend an increase in student fees to meet the added demand.

"There's a good chance student fees will increase," said Student Body President Matt Tepper, who is also a co-chairman of the committee.

Proposals include increased funding for the UNC ONE Card Office, student transit and student dining facilities.

The Student Dining Debt Service is requesting funding to cover debts from Lenoir Dining Hall and the Ramshead Dining Facility, set to open in the 2004-05 fiscal year.

The debts resulted from a decrease in vending revenues and an increase in utility expenses.

The costs to support the use of ONE Cards at dining halls, sporting events and libraries are also on the rise.

The ONE Card Office is struggling to continue these services without additional funding.

Students now pay \$19 as a one-time new ONE Card fee. The office is requesting that an interactive fee of \$7 — \$3.50 per semester and \$2 for summer students — be implemented instead.

If the office's proposal is approved, the four-year cost will increase to \$28. The lost card fee will decrease from \$20 to \$10.

Another proposal is to raise student transit fees. Additional funding is needed to continue providing these services and to replace buses.

Chapel Hill Transit, the Point-2-Point shuttle and SafeRide are all included in this fee.

An anticipated increase in applicants to graduate and professional schools at UNC has led officials to request more funding for application materials.

After all organizations submit their proposals, the student fees committee will meet to discuss the requests.

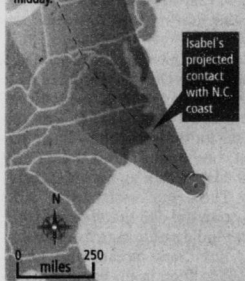
The committee is composed of

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## ON THE BRINK

### THE UPDATE ON ISABEL

Isabel is speeding toward the North Carolina coast as a Category 2 hurricane. The northern coast of the state is expected to take the brunt of the storm when the hurricane hits at midday.



SOURCE: HTTP://WWW.NHC.NOAA.GOV DTH/ELLISON

BY CLEVE WOOTSON, MICHELLE JARBOE AND MATT HANSON  
SENIOR WRITERS

**SURF CITY** — The vulnerable Outer Banks emptied Wednesday, and residents along much of the North Carolina coastline hunkered down.

But hurricane veterans on this southern strip of beach said they aren't concerned about Hurricane Isabel and its 105 mph winds.

They even capitalized on the hefty breezes and sizable waves — as tall as an uncommon 10 feet — that announced Isabel's impending landfall.

Brad Allen, a Marine who lives in Surf City, was operating his stunt kites high above the beach while dozens of spectators watched.

Nearby in the water, at least a dozen surfers caught waves

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DTH/BRIAN CASSELLA

James Ingram stands Wednesday at the site of his home, destroyed in 1999 by Hurricane Floyd. He visits the site regularly.

## Isabel's fury elicits memories of Floyd

BY KATHRYN GRIM, MATT HANSON AND JENNIFER IMMEL  
SENIOR WRITERS

**KINSTON** — Rising, shoulder-high waters drove James Ingram, 78, from his home in Kinston when Hurricane Floyd hit the North Carolina coast in 1999.

Even as Hurricane Isabel loomed off the coast Wednesday, Ingram went to visit his cat, Tabby, at the site where his home used to stand.

Ingram has returned to this piece of land, located on University Street in the former Lincoln City neighborhood, almost every day for the last four years. Though he has tried to relocate Tabby to his new

neighborhood, the cat always finds its way back. "Sometimes I might miss a day, but it doesn't go beyond that," he said.

Ingram, who resided in his Lincoln City house for 42 years, was living next door to his daughter Mary and across the street from his son James when Floyd hit.

Although the house no longer stands, Ingram's memories linger on the site, now overgrown with weeds and shrubs.

"I don't have any problem with the bad memories 'cause this was always home," he said.

The only sign left of the homes that once lined University Street are the address

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## UNC planning normal schedule

### Some parking adjusted for flooding

BY TORRYE JONES  
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As Hurricane Isabel strikes the East Coast this morning, the University plans to operate on a normal schedule.

With no indication of flooding in Chapel Hill today, classes will be held as usual, said Derek Poarch, director of the University's Department of Public Safety.

Some areas of the University already have been affected. Parking in the S-7 Ehringhaus Field lot was closed at 5 p.m. Wednesday because of the poten-

tial for minor flooding in the area. Alternative parking for S-7 permit holders can be found in the S-11 Manning lot until the threat of flooding subsides.

Chapel Hill Transit plans to operate under normal conditions today and will give residents a two hour notice if it decides to halt its services.

Orange County Public Transportation will operate only essential medical transportation.

Bruce Runberg, associate vice chancellor for facilities planning, said that at construction sites

around campus, he has advised contractors to store and secure any loose materials so the sites will be "weather tight."

Special consideration was given to buildings without walls and windows, such as Memorial Hall, where tarps will be placed over holes, Runberg said.

Although the University will be holding classes, other area school systems have decided to cancel classes for the day.

Officials for Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools canceled school along with after-school programs and events.

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