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Death toll uncertain as officials launch 'largest ever' federal rescue mission.

Power outage felt throughout Gulf Coast as millions lose electricity.

Relief efforts launched nationwide. Viacom, MDA pledge \$1 million each.

After the storm



A New Orleans police officer directs rescued boats at a flooded hotel in a neighborhood on the east side of New Orleans on Wednesday, Hurricane Katrina, at one time labeled a Category 5 storm, left much of the city flooded. Officials called for an emergency evacuation of the city, but many remained and had to be evacuated.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS NEW ORLEANS

Hurricane Katrina probably killed thousands of people in New Orleans, the mayor said Wednesday — an estimate that, if accurate, would make the storm the nation's deadliest natural disaster since at least the 1906 San Francisco earthquake.

"We know there is a significant number of dead bodies in the water," and other people dead in attics, Mayor Ray Nagin said. Asked how many, he said: "Minimum, hundreds. Most likely, thousands."

The frightening estimate came as Army engineers struggled to plug New Orleans' breached levees with giant sandbags and concrete barriers, while authorities drew up plans to clear out the tens of thousands of people left in the Big Easy and all but abandon the flooded-out city. Many of the evacuees — including thousands now staying in the Superdome — will be moved to the Astrodome in Houston, 350 miles away.

There will be a "total evacuation of the city. We have to. The city will not be functional for two or three months," Nagin said. And he said people will not be allowed back into their homes for at least a month or two.

Nagin estimated 50,000 to 100,000 people remained in New Orleans, a

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CAMPUS FEELS STORM'S WAKE

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For many students, college is a home away from home. But earlier this week, UNC became the only home to dozens of students.

Students from across the Gulf Coast are faced with the devastating reality that their hometowns now rest under a flood of water and debris.

"It's tough," said sophomore Ian Ellis, who grew up in New Orleans. "It was like a sock in the gut."

A handful of students and faculty met yesterday in a meeting sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs to discuss possible responses to the disaster — as well as its emotional toll.

Counselors from the University's Counseling and Psychological Service were on hand to help students deal with

their reactions and concerns.

Dr. Dan Darnell, a clinical psychologist with CAPS, said that such a traumatic event will affect people differently and that meeting with others is a good way to begin reconciliation. "It's so they know they're not going crazy," he said. "So they know that someone else cares and wants to help."

The counseling service also will have walk-in hours as well as after-hours counseling for students dealing with the disaster.

With thousands of refugees pouring out of Louisiana and the gulf area, some students are grappling with the fact that their own families are part of the exodus.

Junior James Brown said he still is having trouble contacting his family, who evacuated from

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Residents walk through floodwaters on Canal Street in New Orleans on Tuesday after Katrina passed through.

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Displaced students left waiting in lurch

BY KELLY OCHS
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Annie Vaden was supposed to start her sophomore year at Tulane University, in New Orleans, on Wednesday.

But now it's looking like she might not start until late September — at the earliest.

"It's so up in the air right now," she said. "I'm basically not worrying about what I'm doing for classes yet because I don't know what has happened to my house and property in New Orleans."

Vaden is just one of thousands of students whose education has been interrupted by Hurricane Katrina.

The hurricane has many students urgently looking for a new home this semester — but UNC will not be one of them.

"We know that Tulane and the other institutions in the New Orleans

area are really in disaster conditions," said Jerry Lucido, vice provost for admissions and enrollment management at UNC. "We've thought hard about how to respond to it. We feel that it's not the right response right now to take in their students."

More than 50 students — mostly from Tulane — have called or e-mailed the admissions office Wednesday asking to take classes at UNC, said Steve Farmer, director of undergraduate admissions.

But after discussions among various campus leaders, UNC has decided not to admit any displaced students.

Farmer said one of the main factors in the decision not to enroll students affected by the hurricane is that the situation is unclear.

Tulane administrators have yet to announce their plans for the semes-

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School systems eagerly await lottery proceeds

BY SARAH RABIL
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As North Carolina braces for a projected explosion in population growth, the recently approved lottery could have a lot to offer state public schools down the road.

State officials are pushing for smaller and smaller class sizes, particularly in early grades. And a population boom coupled with fewer students per class will demand more construction dollars for new classrooms.

"In some of our fastest growing counties, we're bursting at the seams," said Ferrel Guillory, director of UNC's Program on Southern Politics, Media and Public Life.

Signed by Gov. Mike Easley Wednesday morning, the state lottery is projected to draw \$1 billion in annual revenue, and at least 35 percent of that total will funnel into the state education system.

The money is slated to supplement funding for smaller class sizes, school construction projects, pre-kindergarten programs for at-risk four-year-olds and college scholarships for disadvantaged students.

"The lottery's not going to fund everything we need in terms of school construction, but it can make a substantial contribution," Guillory said.

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Searches to define future of schools

BY KATIE CLINE
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Two vacancies in upper administrative positions on campus have left many in the University community looking toward the future.

As the process of hiring deans for the School of Law and School of Journalism and Mass Communication continues, professors say they hope permanent leaders will result in more attention to faculty needs.

"Our faculty has been in a period of considerable growth," said Cathy Packer, associate professor in the journalism school and a member of the dean search committee, which was formed after one search committee failed to fill the position.

"A new dean should pay atten-

tion to tenure — plotting where we're going to go with new faculty members," she said.

Some members of the law school faculty say they are looking for a new dean to focus on faculty well-being and to keep good professors at the school, said Faculty Chairwoman Judith Wegner, who is also a professor of law.

"We'll continue to be looking for great teaching," she said. "Someone with a good eye for future recruitment and retention."

Gene Nichol, former law school dean, focused a majority of his efforts outside of the school, Wegner said, noting that she would like to see more energy

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HELP WANTED:
Deans positions available

<p>UNC School of Law</p> <p><i>An ideal candidate should:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ be a fundraiser and a lawyer ■ be energetic toward faculty recruitment and retention ■ strengthen bonds within the law school ■ connect the law school with other fields 	<p>UNC School of Journalism and Mass Communication</p> <p><i>An ideal candidate should:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ be a dedicated fundraiser ■ come from the field or have an academic background ■ demand high academic standards ■ guide the school's vision and focus.
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CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error, a graphic on Wednesday's front page incorrectly stated that Amazon.com offers the lowest price for a Math 32 textbook. Amazon's price included only the textbook, and not the required workbook. Ram Book & Supply offers the cheapest price for the package. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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A FEW QUESTIONS
High school officials say they are handicapped in completing background checks on incoming students despite recent high-profile crimes.

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FRESH STICKS
UNC field hockey team sees potential in young, deep, talented roster despite loss of seniors. Defense hyped as best in conference.



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