

Students, staff search for financial assistance



Junior Felecia Johnson (left) and senior Holly Fulford (right) fill out Phase II forms provided during the flood workshop in the Ward Sports Medicine Building. (photo by Phillip Giftus)

Deadline for grant applications tomorrow

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Students and staff walked into the Wright Place and the Ward Sports Medicine Building this week looking for money to rebuild their homes.

ECU and the United Way held workshops for the "Phase II ECU Family Relief Fund" which distrib-

utes funds donated by ECU families and surrounding communities.

Student flood victims hope to receive grant money in order to get on with their lives.

"Everything is gone," said Yolanda Thigpen, senior. "I lived with my grandmother in Princeville ... the whole town was literally washed out. I'm now staying with a relative in Tarboro, and commuting is taking a toll on me. I'm hoping for a miracle ... a blessing is needed. I don't expect ECU and United Way will be able to replace everything, but I don't expect them to give me

only \$200 either."

"I lost everything except my clothes," said junior David Paulson. "My home at 800 Willow Street is gone, but I am surviving the best I can. I'm hoping for any amount of money [I can get] from the grants."

Students are not the only ones in need, though.

"I lost everything in the flood," said housekeeper Doris Moye. "The application isn't too easy, but once it's filled out it will be very helpful. I lived on Old River Road ... now my two kids and I live in a one bedroom apartment. It's hard but we are managing. FEMA helped me a little. I hope ECU and United Way will be able to grant me enough to help me buy a new trailer."

According to Rose Mary Stelma, director of Financial Aid, grants will be distributed based on need in amounts up to \$2,000. Applications are available in the Office of Financial Aid in the Old Cafeteria Complex and the SGA Office in Mendenhall Student Center. The deadline for applications is tomorrow.

Associate Dean of Student Life Laura Sweet worked with students as they entered the workshops and helped them fill out their applications.

"These workshops are wonderful," Sweet said. "Students are able to ask questions, apply for grants

and get needed documents copied. It is going well. Students are coming in prepared, and those that need documents photocopied I am sending to my office at 201 Whichard."

Tonya Sanders, an employee of United Way, worked with university staff who were applying for grants and went over unfinished applications.

"A lot of staff has already filled out applications," Sanders said. "Many just needed to bring by extra verification. It's only 4 [p.m.] and I have already seen 20 applicants ... I'm sure I will see more by 6 [p.m.]. So far I have received about 125 applications from staff."

Student opinions varied on the ease of the grant application process.

"I came prepared," said senior Jesse McGill. "The application process was pretty easy. I didn't have to wait in line, and the process took about ten minutes. I recommend students check out the flood update web site to know what they need to complete the application."

"[The application process] is not easy," Thigpen said. "It is tedious and pathetic ... it's hard to find the needed documents."

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dorms have experienced few if any problems with their telephones.

"Our phone cut off one time on the whole floor but there haven't been any problems since then," said freshman Michelle DeLoatch of Tyler.

"We haven't really had a problem, but I know that a lot of other people have had a really hard time with their phones lately," said Brook Crews of Belk.

Despite experiencing problems, few students have reported the problem.

Manny Amaro, director of University Housing said he "didn't know of the problem" and no one from telecommunications services could be reached for comment.

If you are live in any residence hall and are experiencing problems with your phone, please call 328-0100 to report the problem.

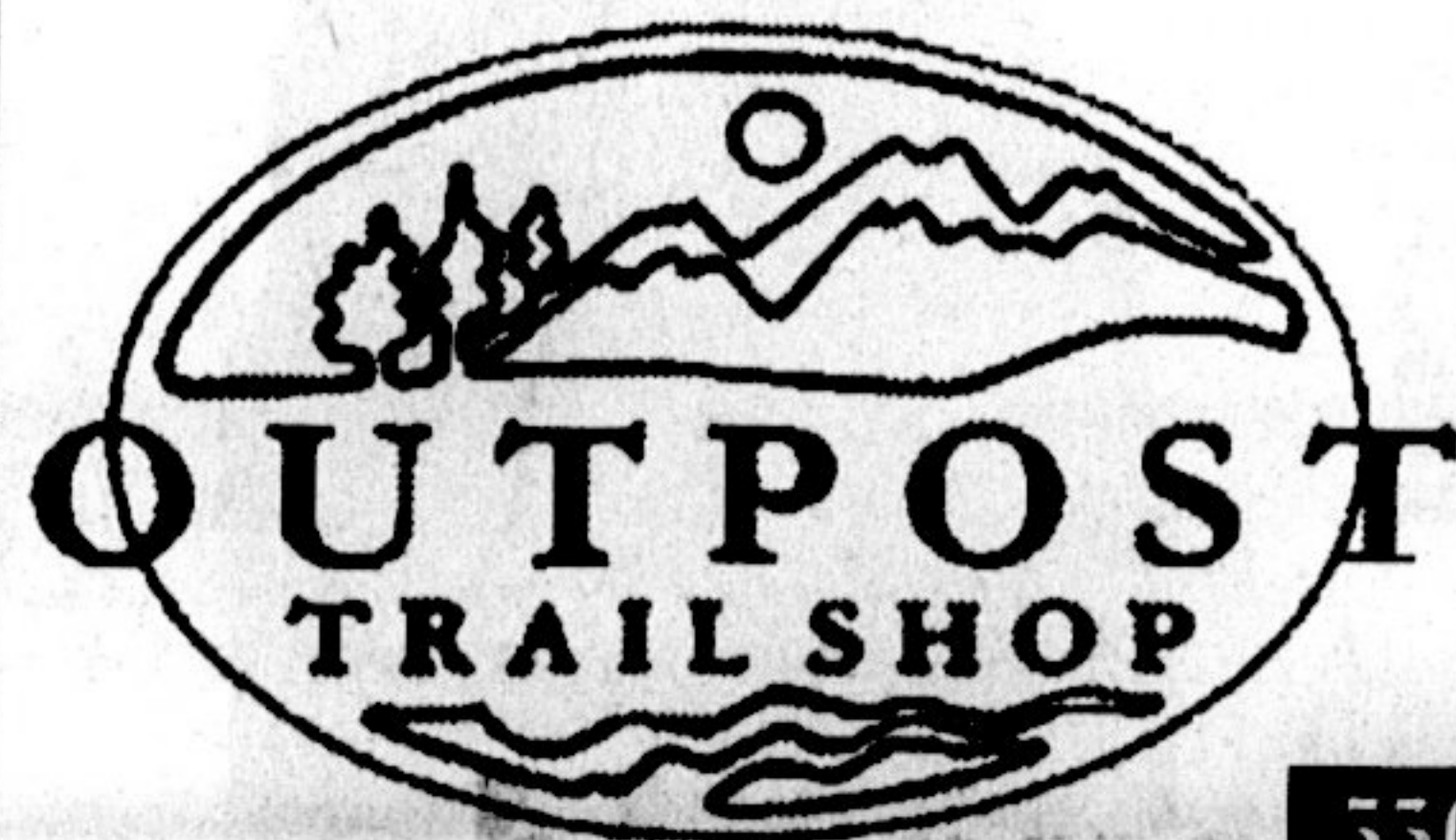
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will broaden their horizons," Kuetemeyer said. "This community has a vested interest in the students at ECU. They are our kids and our neighbors ... on an industrial level, we are committed to building life-long readers."

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