

# YOU SHOULD KNOW...



Walker Poole

**“You’re gonna need a bigger boat”**

During February, Prep experienced flooding as the Pearl River reached the third highest it’s ever been. The river crested at 36.7 feet, flooding many of the low lying areas of campus. As the rains continued and the river rose, the baseball, softball, soccer, and practice fields, along with the tennis courts, cross country trails, and band field went under water, which many students saw as a opportunity. Daring students pulled out their kayaks and canoes and set out for “Lake Prep.” Sophomore Walker Poole said, “The best part was kayaking back behind Prep.” Although many of the students had a lot of fun playing in the water, the flooding affected the sports seasons. Soccer coach Jon Marcus Duncan said, “This is the first soccer season that we have not played one game on our grass soccer field because of the weather.” The flooding also affected football’s spring training as they were forced to share their field with soccer. Normally, the track distance team would run around the perimeter of the campus, but since it was flooded, they had to readjust to running laps on the track. Thankfully, the interior of the school did not flood, but many students’ houses flooded. Sophomore Meg Branning said, “When I found out that we had to move out of our house I was nervous and frustrated. We moved all our furniture upstairs, packed our bags, and went to our grandparents’ house.” Members of the community helped those families who need to sandbag their homes or move furniture and belongings away from flooding. When the rains stopped, and the waters receded, life returned to normal... at least until Spring Break. Story by Havens Smith

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Junior Dylan Harrigill unloads his kayak from the roof of his car before testing the floodwaters. Harrigill brought more than one so that his friends could go out with him.



Coach Rusty Burke wades in the water to pick up trash. Burke, along with many other coaches, spent time cleaning up trash from the athletic fields that was brought in by the high waters.



Mitchell Martin

Luke Ferguson

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