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GLORIA
Glad She's Gone

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Planning Paid Off

When Gloria arrived, the University was ready.

As a matter of fact, says Vice President for Administration Carl Hanes, preparations for the hurricane began Tuesday, Sept. 23, well before winds gusting up to 100 miles per hour hit Long Island around noon three days later.

"When the potential of a large storm affecting us in some way was becoming fairly imminent," Hanes said, "we began to plan. It was the kind of planning where, if it was not necessary this time, it could be put on the shelf and used as needed."

"On Thursday," Hanes said, "the planning took a more serious direction in that we began to realize we would have to implement our plans."

Implementation included checking availability of necessary personnel and equipment and working out a satisfactory time schedule for putting the plans into action.

Hanes explained, "We started Thursday to analyze data coming in from various agencies and the available weather information to determine when to make announcements about class cancellation. We didn't want to make the announcement too early Thursday evening because we did not want to discourage attendance at evening classes. We finally released the announcement at 8 p.m."

"At 6 a.m. Friday," Hanes continued, "we began to fine-tune the plans in terms of all the things that had to be done. We updated radio announcements to include the message that non-essential employees did not have to report to work."

At that time also, the campus was secured in order to ensure the safety of all who remained. "We made arrangements to evacuate the Chapin Apartment Complex near the Health Sciences Center," Hanes said. "This was done because those are the only wooden buildings on campus. We began to go through all of the other buildings to see that all non-essential employees were sent home by 10 a.m. We set up an evacuation center for campus residents in the Gymnasium. All remaining staff were available for traffic control, emergency repairs and to work wherever needed."

The precautions apparently worked, Hanes said. Two students were slightly injured from flying glass and the Chapin complex sustained only minor damage.

Gloria took away the campus' electric power at 11:40 a.m. Emergency power was quickly restored to University Hospital, though there were problems there with a major turbine generator that was not working.

By 3:30 p.m., full power was restored to the campus with the repair of the on-campus substation. Its damage was "only minimal," Hanes reported.

With the clearing away of some fallen trees and debris, campus life quickly returned to normal. By Monday, the announcement went out that classes would be conducted as scheduled.

Looking back on Hurricane Gloria, Hanes said, "I think that the staff who worked on and carried out the plans did a splendid job. We're all grateful for the services they performed."



Gloria tears Old Glory to shreds. Battered and tattered, yet proudly she waves before the Administration Building entrance following the storm.

University Faces Cleanup; Rates Damage 'Relatively Light'

Considering the potential, Hurricane Gloria's touch at the University was relatively light.

Dr. Robert A. Francis, vice president for campus operations, said Monday, as cleanup work continued, that a more complete assessment will be made of storm damage during the week.

However, he said, a preliminary assessment showed widespread damage from winds that gusted up to 100 miles an hour on Friday. "We lost 20 to 30 windows on the main campus at an average cost of \$250 each," Dr. Francis said.



Press box demolished. The 24-foot-long press box lies in shambles near North Loop Road. Physical Plant crew members were busy rebuilding it this week for Saturday's home football game with Worcester State.

"At University Hospital, 15 to 20 exterior panels were destroyed. Those cost \$500 each. There was also an additional \$5,000 in materials expenses."

In a report to the administration, Dr. Francis credited hospital Director William Newell and his staff with "an excellent job working around these difficulties."

As of Wednesday, Oct. 2, all three on-campus day care centers were still without electricity, and University administrators were not certain when they would be reopened.

In residence halls and other campus buildings, "We lost a reasonable amount of glass and sustained no water damage. The Residence Life staff was well prepared by (director) Dallas Bauman."

The press box at the football-lacrosse field was toppled and several street lights felled.

Dr. Francis estimated that 100 trees were downed on campus. That cleanup, he said, will cost approximately \$5,000 and will take "a few months" to accomplish.

Dr. Francis stressed that all of the cost figures for damage and repairs are preliminary.

University Makes Services Available to Community

The University has been providing some helpful services to members of the campus community and the general public during the period of power outage and material shortages that have come in the wake of Hurricane Gloria.

In order to share its available services, the University is offering the following over the period of the emergency:

MEALS—DAKA, Inc., the campus food service, is offering to serve meals to the University community and general public during the emergency period. DAKA's meals are available at moderate prices at the cafeterias at the Stony Brook Union, and H Quad, Kelly Quad and Roth Quad cafeterias as follows:

Breakfast: 7:30 a.m.-10 a.m. daily

Lunch: 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. daily

Dinner: 4:30 p.m.-8 p.m. daily

For information, call 246-FOOD.

In addition, breakfast and dinner will be available to the University community and general public at the University Hospital Cafeteria at moderate prices as follows:

Breakfast: 7:30-10:00 a.m.

Dinner: 6:30-7:15 p.m.

SHOWERS—The Gymnasium, next to the Stony Brook Union on Central Drive, is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for those who wish to use the shower facilities in the men's and women's locker rooms. Bring your own soap and towels. No personal locker space is available; please do not bring valuable personal possessions with you. For information, call (24)6-6790/91.

DRINKING WATER—Water is available to the University community and general public at the Gymnasium Building from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Sunday. Bring your own containers. For information, call (24)6-6790/91.

FREEZER SPACE—The Faculty Student Association is devising a system for accommodating food in its large freezer in the cafeteria building of Stage XII located off North Loop Road. The freezer will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to receive food until capacity is reached. Those bringing food to the freezer must first call (24)6-7009. Upon arrival, they must have the food packaged and clearly labeled with their names, addresses and telephone numbers. The University cannot accept responsibility for the safekeeping of any foodstuffs left at this facility. Participants will not be notified when they can return to pick up their food. They must arrange for removal later.

A Day Off

Governor Mario Cuomo declared Nassau and Suffolk counties in a state of emergency for Friday, September 27. All State facilities were closed.

The Human Resources Office is instructing University personnel to mark their time sheets, "All State Facilities Closed" for September 27. For more information, call (24)6-6035.