

Hurricane Season, 2004

\$50-million-plus in damages and costs to the SUS

The unprecedented string of major hurricanes caused damage and disruptions throughout the State University System. Hardest hit was the University of West Florida, but with four different storms crisscrossing the state, the effects were widespread.

Overall, an estimated \$50.4 million in damages and other costs was sustained by Florida's State University System, and 77.5 days of campus operations were missed (cumulative, over various campuses) due to the hurricanes. These estimates include damage to the UF-IFAS system of facilities throughout the state.

Hurricane Charley

Hurricane Charley closed four SUS campuses – Florida Gulf Coast University, the University of Central Florida, the University of Florida and the University of South Florida – for a cumulative total of eight days and caused an estimated \$5.3 million in damages.

Hurricane Frances

Hurricane Frances closed 10 SUS campuses – only the University of West Florida continued regular operations – for 25 total days and caused an estimated \$7.2 million in damages.

Hurricane Ivan

Hurricane Ivan closed five SUS campuses – the University of West Florida, Florida A&M University, Florida State University, New College of Florida and Florida Gulf Coast University – and the FSU medical school campus in Pensacola and the FAMU entomological lab in Panama City Beach – for 28 total days. Hurricane Ivan caused an estimated \$31.3 million in damages. UWF suffered the brunt of the storm – with \$30 million in damages and related costs – and the campus was closed from September 14 until October 5.

Our universities have a degree of flexibility built into their schedules but not enough to accommodate two weeks of missed classes, so the University of West Florida has had to adjust its academic calendar to make up for lost time. UWF has extended its hours when possible and stretched its fall semester by two weeks, to December 17. As a result, UWF's hard-working staff will enjoy a Thanksgiving break, students will complete a full semester of studies and those with plans to complete their degrees in December will do so. Commencement exercises will go on as originally scheduled.

Hurricane Jeanne

Hurricane Jeanne closed three SUS campuses – the University of Florida, the University of Central Florida and the University of North Florida – as well as USF's Lakeland campus, UCF campuses in Melbourne, Cocoa and Palm Bay,

and Florida Atlantic University campuses in Port St. Lucie and Jupiter – for 16.5 total days. Jeanne caused an estimated \$6.6 million in damages and related costs.

**SUMMARY ESTIMATED HURRICANE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH
DAMAGE / PREVENTIVE MEASURES FOR 2004**
as of 9/30/04

	<u>Charley</u>	<u>Frances</u>	<u>Ivan</u>	<u>Jeanne</u>	<u>Total</u>
UF*	\$ 800,000	\$ 2,600,000	\$ 850,000	\$ 1,175,000	\$ 5,425,000
FSU	\$ 6,000	\$ 46,000	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ 82,000
FAMU	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 17,500
USF	\$ 16,709	\$ 202,904	\$ -	\$ 1,680,291	\$ 1,899,904
FAU	\$ -	\$ 2,150,000	\$ -	\$ 875,000	\$ 3,025,000
UCF	\$ 4,347,000	\$ 1,990,000	\$ -	\$ 2,770,000	\$ 9,107,000
UWF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000,000	\$ -	\$ 30,000,000
FIU	\$ 18,000	\$ 95,000	\$ 385,000	\$ -	\$ 498,000
UNF	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000
FGCU	\$ 146,000	\$ 17,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 163,000
NCF	\$ 8,400	\$ 27,000	\$ -	\$ 100,500	\$ 135,900
Total	\$ 5,342,109	\$ 7,170,404	\$ 31,280,000	\$ 6,600,791	\$ 50,393,304

*Includes IFAS.

Reimbursements for emergency work (debris removal and emergency protective measures for public health and safety or for the protection of improved property) and restoration of infrastructure (roads/bridges/parking lots; water-control facilities, buildings/equipment; utility systems; and recreational/other) due to declared events are eligible.