Friday the 13th blows

UCF avoids serious storm damage

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Special to the Daily

UCF suffered minor cosmetic damage but nothing worse from Hurricane Charley, which wrecked havoc from its predicted course and scored a direct hit on Orlando as it sliced across the state Friday, violent uprooting trees, flooding streets and leaving many in Central Florida without electricity.

Neighborhoods near campus were among those where force winds whipped off roof tiles, tore siding from homes and knocked out power to residents of Lake Claire and Greek Row. Orange County officials were predicting it could take up to one week for all residents in the area to have their power restored.

Although the hurricane struck southwest Florida on Friday morning, a Friday the 13th — as a category-four storm, Charley had been downgraded to category two by the time its eye rumbled over UCF about 9 p.m. With winds gusting up to 110 miles per hour, UCF life with winds up to 15 miles per hour was the hardy community of Poina Verde, north of Fort Myers in Charlotte County, where several people died and many were injured.

On campus, the only significant damage reported was in the Recreation and Wellness Center, where winds tore a bolt in the roof that allowed water to seep into the 3,000-square-foot facility, said Jaime Vanrique, of the Environmental Health and Safety division of the UCF Physical Plant.

Damage elsewhere at UCF will be easily remedied. A flattened fence that separated the Lake Claire community and Greek Row was ripped out of the ground, and fallen tress had mostly been cleared from roadways in the area by Saturday afternoon, an exception was University Boulevard, which remained blocked by a tree sprawled in the middle of the street. Two trees had fallen on Millikan Hall and were leaning against its facade Saturday, but didn’t appear to cause any structural damage.

As the athletes arrive, food goes on the table

Student aboard settles in for Athens Olympics

Arne Bagman is one of seven UCF students who will be part of the hospitality team serving Olympic athletes. This is the second part of her running diary from the Games.

I am learning what is like to live in another country and work with people of a different culture. I feel like I am becoming more cultured myself and have been doing a lot of soul-searching while I’m here.

I have discovered that I’ve eaten things readily available in the States for granted, such as hot showers, large washing machines, and fast food places. I finally

E-Passing you by on highways

Central Florida’s pre-paid toll system helpful, faster

JESSIEE. MARTIN
Staff Writer

Picture this: You’re waiting at the toll plaza in the change and receipts lane. You need to get on campus by noon. It looks like the driver of the first Toyota at the booth ahead of you just can’t seem to find that dollar. Meanwhile, you just pass, maybe even? Can’t be traveling at a moderate speed in the lane marked “E-PASS Only.” Then it hits you — maybe you should get one of those handy little wallets that sit in the windshields of the car.

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For the full story, see page 10.

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Public schools campaign

to keep kids in class

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If you develop an eye infection, consult your doctor as soon as possible. It is important to realize that culture and time will allow your contact lenses to develop a different way of life, and before you know it, your lenses may be in danger.

Not only have I noticed that cultures take time to grow, but also that people have to wash their hands after using the toilet or mouth. In addition, I have learned that some people are allergic to water, and that this allergy can be followed with a certain amount of time and effort. That and the language barrier can sometimes challenge us when we have to overcome the first few weeks working at the Olympic Village.

Another huge problem was that we arrived in the Olympic Village and nothing was ready to open. This meant that our first responsibility, once we started work, was to be clean and set up the main dining room and the bar and that the American racetrack was used to provide food service. The main dining room in the Olympic Village consists of a huge tent that can serve up to 500 people at one time. When we first arrived in the tent, the first thing we noticed was the taste of our food, a very popular Greek delicacy. It was very interesting to look back at the food and see how the other Americans worked. The Greeks and Americans are people who work together instead of against each other.

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President John C. Hitt and Vice President Thomas Hudleston, Jr. invite you and your family to attend the New Student Convocation hosted by the President’s Leadership Council at The University of Central Florida Arena Saturday, August 21, 2004 4:00p.m. to 5:00p.m.

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Space is limited. Doors open at 3:00p.m. Dressy casual attire suggested.
**Hurricane Charley does little to slow football work**

ASHLEY BURNS

While most local businesses and power suppliers have ceased, University of Central Florida football fans were working at top speed Thursday in advance of the Knights' first game of the season.

Instead of cuddling to the winds and rain that battered many parts of South Florida, Coach George O'Leary simply moved his practice indoor and four hours earlier.

The Knights changed their prac-
tice start time to 5 a.m. last Thursday and operated out of the Wayne Densch Sports Complex.

As O'Leary began preparing his team for next week, the ongoing Alcanirmion will bring the the telegraph of ridiculous and expensive travel to a halt.

Critics often dismiss the thought of playing meaningless exhibitions for good pay in a season resembling the most exciting college football season in recent history.

Student-athletes have come under scrutiny.
A YEAR OF SPORTS

With the final season of Atlantic Sun and Mid-American Conference plants upon us, we take a look back at the past year in photos. Clockwise from top left: Men's basketball went dancing; Dee Brown led a surging baseball team; Jenny Frank propelled the volleyball team; Antonio Sierra helped make a name for men's tennis; women's track took a 6th A-Sun title; and football turned over a new leaf.

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People are completely innocent of anti-Semitism as a result of WWII, with millions others clear, more than 3 million non-Jewish, according to Saposnik.

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