

## WEATHER-RELATED CANCELLATIONS, CLOSINGS

- **Dec. 20, 2012** - Heavy snows of up to 18 inches and strong winds force the cancellation and rescheduling of final exams, as the university closes for all but essential business.
- **Feb. 2, 2011** - Heavy snow across southern Wisconsin forced the cancellation of classes and many events on campus. Classes and normal operations resumed the following day.
- **Dec. 9, 2009** - In light of blizzard warnings for Madison and Dane County, Chancellor Biddy Martin announced on the evening of Dec. 8 that classes would be cancelled on Dec. 9 classes and asked all non-essential university employees to stay home.
- **Feb. 6, 2008** - Deteriorating weather and road conditions prompted Provost Patrick Farrell to cancel classes and events as of 3:30 p.m.
- **July 27, 2006** - A surprise noontime storm that came out of nowhere drops more than three and a half inches of rain on the campus and downtown Madison in less than 90 minutes, causing widespread flooding in buildings, parking lots and streets. At least 68 campus sites are affected. The Fluno Center is evacuated, and workers in the Bascom sub-basement are told to go home because of unsafe conditions and massive water damage to their workspace. Camp Randall Stadium is also among the heavily flooded areas. Clean-up continues Friday, July 28.
- **February 16, 2006** - The threat of continuing severe weather, including snow, sleet and stiff winds, forces cancellation of classes being held after 4:30 p.m. The campus remains open for business, though by 4:30, most offices are closed.
- **Dec. 11, 2000** - The Wisconsin men's basketball game against UW-Milwaukee is postponed due to heavy snow and high winds; rescheduled and played on Saturday evening, Dec. 16, at the Kohl Center.
- **Jan. 18, 1994** - Acting chancellor and interim vice chancellor Richard Barrows announces that Memorial & Steenbock libraries will close early (4:45 p.m.) due to bitterly cold temperatures. (Most UW-Madison libraries closed by 5 p.m. during the winter break, but Memorial and Steenbock were open into the evening hours.)
- **Dec. 3, 1990** - Heavy snow causes Chancellor Donna Shalala to cancel classes around mid-morning (10:30 a.m.) when streets and highways became nearly impassable. More than 17 inches fall over a 12 to 16-hour period. Snow removal crews work throughout the night.
- **Dec. 15, 1987** - Southern Wisconsin is hit by a storm classified as a blizzard, and the university, along with state offices, closes around 2:30 p.m. It had remained open in the morning, with classes and final exams going on as scheduled. (Acting vice-chancellor Phil Certain)
- **January 26, 1978** - the Governor's Office issues an order to cancel classes due to a snowstorm that brings a half-foot of snow and 40-mile-per-hour wind gusts to southern Wisconsin. The chancellor's office is notified of the order at 10 a.m., but it takes until 2:30 p.m. for it to become official. Many students show up for classes in the morning, but many faculty members do not. Emergency shelters are set up around the city for those who were stranded by the storm. The

Memorial Union is prepared to stay open for students who can't get home, but, in the end, it isn't necessary, due to the snow stopping early in the evening.

- **March 1976** – A major ice storm occurs. No information available.
- **April 9, 1973** 12.9 inches – no classes in meteorology.
- **March 17, 1965** – St. Patrick's Day classes cancelled due to a major snowstorm, which began as freezing rain followed by 6.9 inches.

**FYI: INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY REGARDING UW EMPLOYEES:**

**Departmental and office heads are advised to be flexible in their approval of employee-requested leave in inclement weather situations. Employees are advised to use their own discretion regarding their health and safety, but are required to use accrued holiday, vacation or compensation time to cover their absences.**