

Alicia inquiry shows NWS equipment failed

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HOUSTON — A routine post-storm inquiry by the National Weather Service shows forecasters performed well during Hurricane Alicia last August, but some of their equipment did not.

Preliminary findings by the team working in the Severe Weather Branch of NWS headquarters in Washington show that as the hurricane came ashore west of Galveston Aug. 18, the following equipment problems occurred.

- A hurricane "hotline" designed for NWS conference calls with the National Hurricane Center in Miami failed.
- The radio antenna used to broadcast weather information to the public was knocked out of service, possibly by lightning.
- Galveston Bay tide gauges,

designed to measure the "storm surge," showed a rising tide but then stopped working.

- Rain seeped into the radar system at the Galveston bureau, causing a malfunction after the storm came ashore.

Richard Coleman, acting director of the severe weather branch,

said Monday the malfunctions were being studied to prevent similar problems in the future.

But he said the malfunctions did not hinder forecasters in the Houston area from providing good service to municipal officials and residents in the affected area.

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Mark Kilpatrick, a graduate student in the College of Engineering, enjoys the sunny

weather while he studies by the Langford Architecture Center.

deaths prompt action

FDA investigates machine

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DALLAS — Tests were conducted across the nation Tuesday by the Food and Drug Administration that killed three people last week.

Over-heated fluid was sent through the bloodstreams of seven patients undergoing dialysis, and one person died almost immediately of cardiac arrest.

The inspection, which officials said began Monday and would be completed Tuesday, was ordered after faulty wiring was blamed for the tragic chain of events last Friday at the Dallas Kidney Disease Center.

Dr. Tom Parker, director of the center, said extensive tests were conducted Monday on the machine, but a final report was not

expected from the Food and Drug Administration until late this week or early next week.

He said officials know that two wires on the machine had been transposed during installation, but the machine had operated perfectly for seven years — until Friday's accident.

The center's second dialysis machine, manufactured by Roy-

Extracorporeal Inc., was determined to be operating properly, as was another machine in nearby Denton. The company said those were its only machines in North Texas.

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On Tuesday, November 8, and Wednesday, November 9, 1983, representatives from the Stehlin Foundation for Cancer Research (associated with St. Joseph's Hospital in Houston) will interview students interested in the Cooperative Education Program. They will interview for students who are interested in starting co-op with them in the Spring, 1984 semester. A minimum GPA of 2.7 is required.

The Stehlin Foundation wants to interview pre-med, pre-vet, and pre-dental students as well as ANSC, Biomedical Science, Biology, Biochemistry, Bioengineering, Microbiology and Zoology majors. The pay is \$950.00 per month for the first work term, and the positions are in Houston.

You must call the Co-op Office at 845-7725 or come by Room 107, Harrington Tower for an orientation to co-op and complete your application prior to your interview with the Stehlin Foundation.

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