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Hurricane Katrina at Tulane.

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After hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans on August 29, 2005, Tulane University closed for the fall semester. Buildings on campus were closed and armed guards were hired to protect the campus. Faculty members were not allowed access to their offices and laboratories, except for exceptional cases when a Dean went with them. Many faculty members took their research groups to other universities accepting *much welcomed* invitations from colleagues. Undergraduates went to other colleges and universities, which accepted them without cost and a promise not to recruit them. The university email system went down for months. Collecting information on the welfare of faculty and students was difficult. The university was run from Houston by a small handful of senior administrators. Setting up the schedule of classes for the spring 2006 semester was done without records. Most faculty returned to New Orleans after several weeks. 80% of the city was flooded. Small trailers were provided. Some lived in the FEMA trailers for two years or more. When Tulane reopened, a wide reaching Renewal Plan, worked out by the upper administration, was implemented. A new *emergency preparedness plan* was also developed and put in place.