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## Rain

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rooted trees to the preventative measures taken by facilities services last year to remove potentially dangerous trees on campus.

Despite the stormy weather, Pressman said there are only a few leaky roofs on campus. The Knight Library, the Chiles Business Center and Friendly Hall are currently experiencing some leakage problems, she said.

"It used to be much worse," Pressman said. "In the last five years, facilities services has replaced a significant number of roofs on campus and that has greatly improved the leakage problems."

A few parking lots on campus may also be in danger of flooding because of blocked storm drains.

Leaves accumulating over storm drains is a big factor in flooding problems, she said. Facilities services tried to clear the leaves before the break, but the problem is common this time of year.

Facilities services is responsible for the bulk of maintenance on campus, but it does not cover the auxiliary buildings such as the residence halls or the EMU, Pressman said.

Nancy Wright, director of facilities for University Housing, said there have been a few minor weather-related problems so far.

There has been one reported leaky roof in the University Inn and some minor flooding in a basement storage room in Earl Complex, Wright said.

A sump-pump is in place in the Earl basement to correct the problem because one of the perimeter drains isn't working.

"If the sump-pumps weren't running, there would be a lot more flooding," Wright said.

But throughout all the storms, Wright said she thinks the residence halls have been lucky so far this year due to new roofs on all the buildings.

"There's a lot of ground water in this area, but we feel our buildings are in good shape," she said.

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## Crisis

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who continue to attend the University have a difficult road ahead of them.

"Students who are still here, working and studying, trying to complete their programs, have really taken on a courageous burden," Stark said. "For the most part, students are very motivated to complete their education, despite these tough times."

Adeline Chen, a senior from Malaysia, is one of the students who decided to finish her education at the University, despite the increased financial burden on herself and her family.

"The economic crisis hit only three months after I arrived here," Chen said. "I was immediately worried. I knew that I had to get a job and apply for scholarships to support myself and to continue going to school."

But she said her situation is luckier than most.

"I know students who are having a very hard time," Chen said. "I have friends who are working between 30 and 40 hours a week to pay for tuition, and I don't understand how they do it. I have a job too, but I don't work nearly as much. My parents are taking out loans to help me finish my education."

The OIEE and the Business Af-

fairs Office have instituted programs to aid those students affected by the Asian crisis. They have established scholarship opportunities, loans and a deferred payment plan that are aimed at easing the financial burden for many people.

Stark said the offices originally planned on making \$50,000 in scholarships available in amount of approximately \$1,000. The offices ended up issuing 62 scholarships, in varying amounts, for those who qualified for financial need.

"We know that students are taking advantage of these opportunities," Stark said.

The U.S. immigration service is also helping ease the burden for international students by temporarily allowing them to take less than 12 credits and letting them get a job off campus.

"Working off campus was granted only by the immigration service, and it took a long time to get authorized," Stark said. "They speeded up the process so that students can be less than full-time students and can work on or off campus."

Students like Harten are grateful for all the aid they have received, but he and others wish the University could do more. Without additional assistance, Harten fears the majority of inter-

national students will be forced to return home.

"I want to see this University make temporary changes during this time that Asia is in crisis," Harten said. "I want to see the University give other students, who can't afford to go to school, a chance, by either offering more financial aid or more loan opportunities."

Stark wants to help those students impacted by the international crisis as much as possible, however, she believes the OIEE could be forced to reduce its scholarship opportunities in the future.

"At this point, we probably can't continue with this level of scholarship assistance because that would further invade the principle of our endowed account," Stark said. "We need to be able to continue building up the funds for our future students."

Although many international students will continue to struggle for financial assistance, the University is determined to provide as many options as possible for those hit the hardest.

"The University is going to do everything it can to help keep these students here," Stark said. "We want these students to finish."

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