Lightning delays UA football loss

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It was expected that the weather would be a factor in Saturday's Arizona football game against No. 21 Wisconsin, but no one could have predicted that lightning and heavy rain caused by Hurricane Javier would force stadium officials to clear the stands and stop play for 8 minutes.

Arizona was hoping to use the 1 p.m. start to its advantage, with early predictions of temperatures in the 70s and no chance of rain.

"We're obviously disappointed in the outcome," said UA head coach Mike Stoops. "Throughout the entire game, I thought we played quite well. A lack of execution in critical situations down the stretch was the difference. The score could have been cut a little sooner, and we didn't make enough in the last quarter."

The decision to suspend the game, after Hortman stopped play with 13:19 remaining in the second quarter, was a collaboration between officials and UA athletic director Jim Livengood.

"It was a wise decision," said Livengood. "Any time you have a weather delay like that, you want to be cautious. We want to make sure the fans are safe and the players are safe."

A football fan takes a moment Saturday to investigate the water flowing out of one of Arizona Staduim's drains. Heavy downpours and lightning delayed the game for 16 minutes and required the field and stands to be cleared.

"The first thing I'm thinking, as we move forward, is what we do with the National Weather Service," Livengood said, noting that organization's location is just blocks from the stadium on the UA campus, at Fassett Street and North Park Avenue.

"We're going to get our heads up from there, in terms of what the weather system looks like."

"The NCAA has a rule that if you have lightning within six miles or less, then immediately close the stadium," Livengood added. "Get the kids out of there."

Mall wall illustrates words can be hurtful

Exhibit serves as 'physical representation of our oppression of others.'

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Students and staff may be surprised today to see writings like "I am the enemy," "I was owned," "My name is," "We're so racist," and "Go back to Africa" on a wall in front of Old Main.

The Writing on the Wall Project uses those words and many more this week to teach students about hierarchies that divide people and serve as a physical reminder of how hurtful words can be.

The wall, sponsored by the residence hall association, is six feet tall and 30 feet long. The wall, which was built last weekend, will stand between Old Main and the student union until 10 a.m. Wednesday.

"The important thing for students to take away is to be reflexive," said Sofia Ramos, associate director of the diversity resource office. "Are these words that they use, and is it OK for them to use them?"

"The wall is a physical representation of our essential economy."