

# Columbus Storm Thrashes Campus

## University Student Dies From Injuries

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The University campus became part of a disaster area Friday after hurricane strength winds which spread destruction from Northern California to Southern British Columbia swept through Eugene, killing five persons, one, a University student.

Larry Johnson, 21, a fifth year married student living in Amazon housing, died of injuries suffered when he was struck by a section of roofing from the nearby Roosevelt Junior high school.

Toppling trees quickly ended electric power and telephone service to most parts of the city, but the University campus, supplied with heat and power through underground tunnels from the physical plant, stayed both warm and lighted.

Winds, measured at 86 miles per hour at 3:52 p.m. Friday toppled at least 75 trees on the campus, including most of the famous firs on the old campus, within a few minutes during the peak of the gusts.

THOSE FEW minutes, filled with the sound of generations — old firs, splintering, crashing to earth in front of Allen and



WINDS UP TO 86 miles an hour swept through campus Oct. 12, toppling 75 trees and killing one student. (Archives Photo)

Deady Halls, were filled with terror for some people.

A crowd of more than 75 persons had gathered in front of Allen Hall to witness the last moments of two firs obviously ready to fall with the next blast of wind. When the blast came,

eight firs reeled, then bent, split at their bases or pulled their roots out of the ground and toppled — two of them directly behind the crowd watching the show.

Observers in safer vantage points watched in horror or

screamed warnings as the crowd realized the danger and bolted. No one was injured.

I.I. Wright, physical plant director, said University buildings suffered no serious damage. Some damage was done to the Lawrence Hall roof. A tree came

to rest against Villard Hall, apparently without damaging the venerable structure. The Johnson Hall awnings were victims of the wind and both Amazon Housing and Hayward Field suffered some damage, but very little, according to Wright.



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