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## NATURE'S FURY

"That's my truck. Was my truck." — Gregory Abel, University student



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Department of Public Safety Sgt. Sean Strahon surveys the scene on University Street across from McArthur Court. Winds gusting up to 70 mph felled trees and disrupted power across the city.



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Falling foliage brought down power lines and a transformer, also causing damage to the Aldersgate Quads on Alder Street between 14th and 15th avenues.

## Wind storm leaves campus in shambles

■ A fierce storm swept through the Eugene area Thursday, leaving a little bit of everything in its path

By Jeremy Lang  
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A wind storm packing 70 mph gusts descended on Eugene late Thursday afternoon, leaving in its wake city-wide power outages, smashed cars and a campus strewn with debris.

Department of Public Safety Lt. Herb Horner said DPS received a call at about 4:30 p.m. of a branch going through a window in Lawrence Hall, then "all of a sudden, it was just one call after another."

National Weather Service meteorologist Steve Starmer said he called a high-wind warning at 4:35 p.m., and the wind never dipped below 40 mph until after 5 p.m.

"We had reports of roofs blowing off," Starmer said. "It's not typical. But it's certainly a time of year when intense storms can happen."

Despite the damage, Thursday's storm doesn't come close to the infamous 1962 Columbus Day storm, which had sus-



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tained winds of 63 mph and gusts topping 86 mph.

By 7 p.m. Thursday, DPS compiled reports of more than 10 downed power lines and 17 uprooted or snapped trees on campus alone. There were no reports of major injuries.

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