TORNOADOES AMBUSH AREA
Surprise twisters stun Lawrence, Ewing

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A series of twisters spawned from a fierce thunderstorm hit the Ewing and Lawrence area on Tuesday, Sept. 23. The tornadoes caused significant damage as trees and utility poles fell and power lines were downed all around the area. Rider lost power for a significant amount of time and traffic lights on Olden Avenue and the area between Route 206 and Princeton Pike were not functioning.

Large trees were also toppled in this area creating an impressive amount of debris and danger to motorists, according to The Times of Trenton. According to an ABC newswire, a roof from a car dealership on Olden Avenue was torn off and landed a block away on Spruce Street. Rider had to scramble to evaluate the situation, and ensure the safety of its students. Classes were canceled for the day.

"I was sleeping and I didn't know about it until I woke up," said freshman Tiffany Lewis. "The power was out. Then I walked all the way to class and found out they were canceled."

Following the relatively short storm, there was much confusion as to the extent of the damage.

"I was worried because I have friends and family in the area," said Lewis. "I didn't know how serious it was."

There was extensive property damage in some areas but, according to The Times, there were no serious injuries or fatalities reported as a result of the storm. Many residents were trapped in their cars by downed trees and power lines and had to be rescued.

"I drove to the [Quaker Bridge Mall]. 95 was pretty clear but there was a lot of leaves. A splintered tree on Franklin Corner Road, 2.5 miles from Rider's Lawrenceville campus. Scenes such as this were everywhere on Tuesday after tornadoes tore through the Lawrence and Ewing area. Damage extended as far south as Florence and deep into Trenton.

and branches on the road," said sophomore Al Viciedo. "By the mall there was a lot of debris. There's a hotel there and there was a pretty big tree that cracked in half. It was substantial damage."

Rider's campus did not receive any serious damage other than the loss of power, along with 50,000 other customers, and some fallen tree limbs and swirling debris. Many agree that things could have been much worse.

"When it happened I was in my room sleeping," said Viciedo. "After that we heard that they were going to send out a message [on the emergency information hotline]. When I found out it was a tornado I was like, 'Wow, this was much worse.'"

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Moldy menace infests Lincoln over summer

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Three types of molds discovered in Lincoln Hall over the summer prompted a building-wide cleansing and disinfecting, according to Associate Vice President of Student Affairs Anthony Campbell.

The cleaning process included pulling the carpets out and cleaning them with a special cleanser containing bleach, vacuuming the ducts, cleaning the fans, engines and motors of the air conditioners, reassembling the walls and scrubbing the rooms, according to Campbell.

"We sanitized the building," said Phillip Voorhees, assistant vice-president of Facilities Management. "Sanitize means cleaning every square inch of walls, ceilings and carpets. Every piece of furniture was disassembled, disinfected and reassembled. We cleaned everywhere, from the corners of the room to the vents."

According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) website, there is no practical way to eliminate all mold and mold spores in the indoor environment, but excessive moisture often leads to mold growth. Campbell said that the mold in Lincoln was due to both the air conditioners and the moisture.

Aspergillus penicillium, cladosporium and conidia were found in the end of August near an air

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