

Hey, Who Turned Out The Lights?



Many trees, such as this one, lost their branches and even their lives on that bleak day in October.

Almost every student prays for snow days in order to catch up on sleep, work, and soap operas, go to the mall or a movie and just have a break from school. It is expected that there are one or two snow days during the cold months of January and February, but what about October?

Thursday, October 19 was by no means a normal day. It was unusual to have snow so early, especially when just a few days earlier the temperatures were in the upper 70's. No one was ready, not even the trees. The weight of the snow on their leaves broke many branches, even entire trees. Power Lines were pulled down causing thousands of homes and buildings, including the high school, to be without electricity and heat.

Amy Allee, a junior, got dressed by candlelight. "It was Cincinnati day (in spirit week), and I had on my Bengals sweat shirt. My mom came into my room with a walkman on and told me that Sycamore was closed. I went back to bed. I didn't even bother to change out of my jeans." Some people did not get out of bed the entire day, finding warmth under the covers.

Others decided to try to find somewhere warm to go. After having to open her garage door manually, Karen Lerhaupt decided to go to Forest Fair Mall, because Kenwood Towne Center was closed. "My neighborhood looks like a war zone with trees and wires all over," she commented upon driving there.

The restaurants were packed with people unable to cook and unable to stand the coldness in their homes. Others opted to play in the snow. Many snowmen, snowball fights, and forts could be seen in people's yards. Some people used the snow in other ways. Rebecca Scott put her milk and food that would spoil in the snow to try to keep it fresh.

The hotels that night were also filled with people trying to escape the cold. Rumors flew about whether or not there would be school the next day, if we'd have another day to have some fun.

By Friday morning the school had heat, and so back to world of learning we all went.

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