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Members of the college community,

I will greatly appreciate it if you will take time before details slip away to write down what you (and your family) were doing at 3:51 p.m. on April 3rd, what damage the tornado did to your property, any unusual incidents connected with the tornado and its aftermath you were involved in or observed, and any personal reactions to the tragedy. We believe that this material should form part of the historical record of this day which now joins July 4, 1837 (tornado) and December 19, 1941 (Classic Hall fire) as Hanover's third major disaster. I plan to use some of the material in an extended spread in THE HANOVERIAN and possibly as background for a somewhat more ambitious publishing project. Please check below the appropriate permission and then sign and date the sheet. You may, of course, attach other sheets of data if you wish. And do you mind dropping off your contribution to the information desk in the Ad. Bldg. or put it in the campus mail addressed to me? Sometime this week hopefully?

Frank Baker

I was on the second floor of the Phi Mu House, ~~then~~ having just gotten out of the shower, when we realized through our own observation that a tornado was coming. I ^{was} fortunate enough to get downstairs before the most severe winds hit.

When we realized the extent of damage that our house suffered, we all felt lucky to be alive. With the third floor taken off and the bathroom (where I had just been) ~~crushed~~ ^{caved} in, we knew it had to be a miracle that saved us.

Having not been through such a disaster before, it was hard to believe it actually happened. I had never dreamed I would be spending my last weeks at H.C. living in the gym.

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Signed Elaine E. Kops

Date May 2, 1974