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 plam 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?

3:30 Pm 4/3/74 Time had come for nurses to change shifts. mre, Strokm who had worked day shift left for her home of miles away, has she left she uninded me of the tornodo warmings on the radio. I watched the rolling black clouds in the S. W. pky. as the clauds become darker and movement become more furious in appearance & could hear a roaring maise, as if an approaching near by train. I grabbed a flack light and started for the basement, at this time have Scardina come in the front door, I took her to the bosement with me, Thouk "goodness that there were no students hospitalized at newly. We were in the basement a very short time, maybe a minute. The naise stopped. Sue and I come up the steps and went to the front door. Horros, The sight we saw. "Th! god" Sue cried, "Look, at the Phi mu House" for and its Look at the Phi mu House." her sorviety house and she took off in that direction. I was so shocked I just feet numb. "This could be real! Surely some must be killed or body withing the next hours mrs. Strahm returned "I thought within the next hours mrs. Strahm returned withingured" I thought within the next day that mis fixer, the third news, had but her safely this material is not to be used for publication in any form but only as historical record material to be housed in the college archives.

This material may be used for publication as long as my name or the names of my family are not used.

This material may be published without restriction.

Signed Seme Smallwood

Date 4-27-74

home but her family was safe. while it broke my heart to see all the destruction around of thoused god again and again that the compus had surrined with no falalities, I still hoven't recovered from the shocked, numb feeling that this connat be real and I mill owaken from a dream, \$ 30 Pm 4 174 June had come for more to change whichten Smiles and he ale let she reminded out of the things on the 8 to some of the sadish. I wanted the rocking block blocks with the 8 to sky. We the clouds over the Bearing when the series one

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