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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 in Jeffersonville Ind student teaching. At 3:51 my family & I were getting ready to eat. We were not aware that anything unusual was happening other than a bad storm.

We heard one newscast that said Hanover was leveled. We heard no further news at all until 10:30 when Dr. Ed Vermillion called and gave us a report of the damage. He asked us to pick up any valuables on Thurs. which we did, arriving on campus at 6:00 Thurs. evening. K.P. was deserted except for Miss McCallie. My mother & I talked to her for awhile, picked up my stereo, radio & typewriter & walked down the quad as far as the old library. We could go no further because of a downed wire.

Although the devastation was horrible I felt very proud to belong to H.C. when I read & heard of the great spirit exhibited by students.

The tornado taught me that no matter how great man becomes with his technology, he is still a frail creature at the mercy of the natural forces around him.

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

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Signed

Ann Potger

Date

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