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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 my (windowless) office working and was quite unaware of the weather.

Cindy Maricle came into the Education Building and warned us of the approaching tornado. I was on my way out to the Maricle's basement when my phone rang. I returned to my desk to answer it. Brenda Curry (Theta House) was requesting a change of pre-registration appointment time. I listened to her request, then warned her of the approaching tornado and told her to go to the basement.

Today I heard that she then alerted her sorority sisters by announcing the tornado on the house inter-com. That phone call was important for her house.

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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.

✓ This material may be published without restriction. (if it is checked out with Brenda Curry for accuracy.)

Signed Bertinda Heraets

Date April 22, 1974