

Tornado warning e-mails cause confusion

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On Tuesday, Brevard College students found some reason for alarm with tornado watches and bad weather forcing them into their dorms. "It is just a mess out there; I feel bad for students just walking to class," said senior Greg Woods.

Ironically at a school where we brand ourselves as Tornados, few students ever consider the possibility of one here in our sleepy little hamlet. However the threat became real on Tuesday night when Dean Holland filled E-mail inboxes with updates on the watch, which lasted until 3 a.m.

"I was a little worried but I have never seen a tornado before, so I guess I figured it would be okay," said student Crystal Troughton. Crystal's statements exemplify many sentiments around campus.

The problem with this feeling is that the damage that tornados can cause is very real. From falling power lines and trees to fatalities, the path of destruction can be severe. Most students were unaware of the schools tornado

Jones Residence Hall hosts haunted house open to all

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This evening, the Jones Residence Hall is having a Trick-or-Treating event and a Haunted House for Brevard College students and the surrounding community. "This has been going on for years," says Lindsay Hostetter, a Resident Advisor in Jones. "It's become a Jones tradition."

Volunteers and residents in Jones will be doing the Trick-or-Treating first from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. "It will just be happening in three halls on the east side of Jones," Hostetter says. Children from the community are all invited to participate.

Jones residents have only good things to say about all the festivities: "I'll hand out candy!" says Madeline Sonner. Tonya Rocha said, "I think it's cute! Little kids in costumes are adorable."

After the Trick-or-Treating is over, Jones will be hosting a Haunted House with the theme rumored to be an insane asylum or a haunted circus. The Haunted House starts at 9 p.m. and goes until 11:30.

policy and where to go in the event of one.

The three shelters students should go to in the case of a tornado are Dunham, the Porter Center and the bottom floor of MG. Many students were apprehensive of leaving their building during a tornado. One student went so far as to post on Facebook that they would fight anyone who tried to remove them from their dorm.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) states that if you find yourself in a tornado warning, you should seek shelter immediately and avoid open areas and fields. FEMA also says most fatalities that occur during a tornado are the result of loose debris that you expose yourself to when you are outside. The safest place to be is either in the basement, such as the ones you find in Beam and Green residence halls, or the center of a room.

Facebook feeds were riddled with students expressing their apprehension while going to sleep with a possible funnel cloud touching down in Brevard. Some have been here long enough remember in 2007 when a funnel cloud did touch down in Rosman, forcing students to seek shelter.

Art students attend exhibition in Winston-Salem

A group of students and faculty from Brevard College's Art Department recently traveled to Winston-Salem to view the "Painting with Paint" exhibition at the Charlotte and Philip Hanes Art Gallery at Wake Forest University.

The exhibition showcases four contemporary artists whose media of choice has remained painting (with paint) throughout their professional histories.

Selections included large scale works by Joseph Raffael, Hung Lui, Peter Plagens and Howard Buckwald. Each of the exhibiting artists is represented by Nancy Hoffman Gallery in New York City.

"I especially enjoyed Hung Liu's layered paintings," said Danielle Burch, a Brevard College junior who is majoring in art with a concentration in painting. "The interaction between the resin and the paint gives the piece more depth than it would have had otherwise. I also loved her painting with the candles; the sense of light and space was intriguing."

During their visit, the Brevard College art students and staff also had an opportunity to hear Hoffman, owner of the almost 40-year-old NYC gallery, talk about the artists.

On Wednesday, Brevard College students received an E-mail titled "Tornado Watch Update" and after the previous night, some students felt uneasy opening it. The E-mail turned out to be information about this week's athletics disguised as valuable news.

Senior Grant Cromie said, "I was disappointed to see the email; the tornado watch was a very real thing. I'm happy I no longer live on campus because there is no way I would be caught outside walking to the Porter Center—that just doesn't make sense."

This eye-catching subject more than likely attracted more views than the normal athletics E-mail, but it didn't come without a cost. While the email was meant tongue-in-cheek, it did make light of a very serious situation and possibly discredited the college's legitimacy on future disaster warnings.

The administration had not responded to questions about the "Tornado Watch" E-mail by press time. As for the weather, according to the Weather Channel it should be a rain free Halloween weekend.

"Hoffman encouraged me to pursue my own dream of owning and operating a studio and gallery," said Burch.



The art department students that traveled to Winston-Salem to the "Painting with Paint" exhibition.

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