

Students make the best of tornado warnings

Jam sessions and group sing-alongs spotted the night, Wednesday as students provided impromptu entertainment to pass the time during Tornado warnings.

Members of the student bands 49B and XO Music Production Group including Jerard Sloan, Brian Burgess, Robbie Forbes, and Reggie Jackson had their practice turned into a performance when more than 30 students crowded the practice room in Dunham during the first Tornado warning of the night.

After some original songs and a cover of Michael Jackson's "Smooth Criminal," senior Jacob Richardson joined in to sing and rap over a cover of John Legend's "Used to Love U." Student Zech Holbrook also took the microphone to rap original lyrics over a rendition of Fabolous' "You Be Killin Em."

"We were practicing for our set on Saturday for Springfest when everyone came in," said Richardson. "I guess it was like a preview of what's to come."

It wasn't long after students returned safely

to their residence halls that they were instructed to take cover for additional tornado warnings in the area.

A new warning was issued in the Brevard area at 12:49 a.m. according to an e-mail from Dean Chris Holland. With conditions too dangerous to venture outdoors, students had to find shelter in the hallways and bathrooms of their dormitories.

The warning was extended several times. According to WBTV in Charlotte, tornados were sighted touching down in Transylvania, and cause some damage to power lines in the area. The same storm was responsible for more than 180 deaths in Alabama.

Residents of Green Hall packed into the hallway of the basement for half an hour as students led sing-alongs with little skill and no inhibition. Students fumbled through the chorus of "Crazy Rap" by Afroman, and other songs played over cell phones until the warning was lifted at 2:15 a.m.

To prepare for future incidents, students are



Students line the hall in the basement of Green to take cover from the storm.

encouraged to register with Contact Now, an emergency notification system utilized by the college, and to refer to the Brevard College Emergency Response Plan.

See page 2 for more pictures of Wednesday's warnings

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Students to travel to the Galapagos

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This summer, Dr. James Reynolds will be accompanied by five Brevard College students to the Galapagos Islands. The former Dean of the Citadel, an UNCA Spanish professor, a former state geologist, a paleontologist, and two other professors will be joining them on the ten day excursion.

"I love to go on these trips and I love for students to go. Everyone needs an international experience," said Reynolds.

The Galapagos consists of nineteen islands that are full of unusual animal life and volcanic activity. The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization named the islands a World Heritage Site.

This means that the marine life, the animals, and the environments there are irreplaceable and unique. These islands also inspired the scientist Charles Darwin's theory of evolution when he visited them in 1835.

Each day, Reynolds and his students will be taking a morning hike to explore the islands, go

scuba diving in the afternoon, and then will go back to their yacht. While they are sleeping, they will travel to their next destination. They will also be visiting one of the most active volcanoes and three minor islands.

Reynolds hopes his students on the trip "learn about geology and ecology, gain an appreciation of nature in the pristine state, the diversion of life, and an ethos for preservation conservation," he said.

The students going are Olivia Carlile, Madeline Sonner, Mark Migliore, Stephen McKee, and Reynolds' daughter, Elena. They will receive two Geology credits for going. "These trips can change perspectives, career paths, and choices," said Reynolds. "Students get inspired on these trips."

If anyone missed signing up for this trip, Dr. Reynolds is also in the early stages of planning a Winter Break trip to Southeast Asia for next semester. "This is a successful program and I want it to be a regularly offered opportunity here. I want students to gain a newfound love for travel," said Reynolds.