Sonic boom heard over Kirksville

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Two loud booming noises heard over Kirksville on Tuesday, Sept. 14, caused a stir among Truman students and Kirksville residents.

“The boom was heard at around 9:00 a.m., and it was heard again at 10:30 a.m.,” said Amanda Lanendorfer,负责 Student Senate Internship Program.

The sound echoed throughout the campus, causing some people to think that maybe a plane had crashed or exploded. Some even thought it was a sonic boom, which is a loud noise created when an aircraft travels faster than the speed of sound.

“Some people thought it was a sonic boom because of the way it sounded,” said Lanendorfer.

Others believed it was the result of a miscommunication or a playful prank.

“I heard it and thought it was just a prank, but then I realized it was real,” said Jay Thompson, a senior in business administration.

The sound was heard over the entire campus, causing some students to rush to their classes and others to seek shelter.

“I was in my dorm when I heard the boom and I thought it was going to be a disaster,” said Vicky Wehner, coordinator of academic services.

By 10:30 a.m., the sound had died down, and people began to return to their daily activities.

“I was on the second floor of the Whitewater Academic Complex and I could still hear the boom,” said Lanendorfer.

The sound continued for several minutes, causing some students to call the police.

“I called the police when I heard the boom, but they said it was just a natural phenomenon,” said Thompson.

The sound was heard over a wide area, causing some people to speculate that it was caused by a missile or a bomb.

“I heard it and thought it was a missile,” said Thompson.

Others believed it was a result of a malfunctioning aircraft or a miscommunication.

“I thought it was a malfunctioning aircraft,” said Wehner.

The sound caused some people to panic, as they feared it was a sign of a larger problem.

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