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Observers Remember Hugo As Discomforter, Destroyer

By Sarah Draughn

Hurricane Hugo is a name that nobody will soon forget. He came inland Friday, Sept. 22 at Charleston, SC, leveling approximately 30 historical sites, uprooting the 130-year-old City Hall, leaving thousands of people homeless and without power.

Hugo appeared around midnight, bringing with him 15-foot waves and 135 mph winds. By the time his eye passed through and calmness settled over Charleston, Mayor Joseph P. Riley ordered police and emergency officials off the streets because the worst was yet to come. The tail hit even harder and did more damage than the beginning of the storm had.

After hitting Charleston, Hugo reduced itself to a tropical storm and was reported rapidly moving north. He moved through Charlotte, NC, at a windspeed of 90 mph and left 200,000 people there without power and struck down a 50-foot radio tower in Iredell County.

As Hugo moved toward Winston-Salem, the Piedmont International Airport reported 54 mph wind gusts. By 6:25 a.m. all FM radio stations were off the air with the exception of 104 WTQR and 107.5 WKZL, which

were both being powered by backup generators. "There goes our little beeper with the red light on it, which means our generators have just turned on because we've lost our other source of power. Yes, folks, our neighborhood is black — but, we're still on WKZL!" stated early morning disc jockey "Hutch."

At this point, battery-powered radios seemed the only available source of news information and entertainment, even for Surry County residents. Power outages occurred as early as 6 a.m. in Surry County, and early morning winds here were already around 35 mph — even though Hugo wouldn't himself arrive until 9-11 a.m. All Surry County schools, many businesses, and most schools and businesses across the state, were closed. This was a historic first for Surry schools, which had never before been closed due to a hurricane.

Hugo sped through Winston-Salem around 8 a.m., and Surry County residents were bracing themselves. But, Hugo turned abruptly westward and headed toward Hickory. Surry County was spared Hugo's real wrath, but the effects of the storm were felt nonetheless. Downed power lines caused outages that Duke Power esti-



Despite the efforts of clean-up crews such as the one pictured here, Hurricane Hugo left effects that will take a few months to a full year's removal in order to return North Carolina's natural scenic beauty.

mated would take a few hours to several days to fully restore. Uprooted trees were everywhere: on streets, in yards, across highways, on top of automobiles, and even inside homes. Debris and trash laid scattered throughout neighborhoods and traffic

lights weren't functioning at all. Fortunately, the death toll was considerably lower than anticipated. Only one death in North Carolina, and four in South Carolina, were attributed to Hugo. The total cost of damage in both states is approximately \$4

billion. A considerable time will pass before Hurricane Hugo leaves even the deepest part of anyone's mind. Hugo will undoubtedly be remembered as both discomforter and destroyer.

Nursing Program Boasts 97 Percent Passing Exams

By Glenda Robbins

The SCC Nursing Department is one of the best in the state. Its academic excellence is reflected by the overall 97 percent pass rate on

state board examinations since 1982. This pass rate becomes even more impressive when one notes that graduates of two-year and four-year programs take the same board

examinations to be licensed as registered nurses.

The success rate of the program has dramatically increased its enrollment. Initially designed to accommodate 55 students in 1971, the current enrollment is 110. The growing enrollment has brought changes to the program, according to Beverly Essick, chairman of the SCC Health Occupation Division. The department now consists of eight full- and part-time faculty members.

Several of the lead instructors teach required classes in addition to their own specialized areas of nursing. Kathy Woodruff teaches psychology as well as her lead pediatrics program. Essick teaches nutrition and medical/surgical nursing. Frances Bryant teaches pre-nursing math as well as nutrition.

Lead instructors and the programs for which they are responsible are Bryant, nursing fundamentals and nutrition; Essick, medical/surgical nursing; Sharon Kallam, medical/surgical nursing; Woodruff, pediatrics; and Marguerite Burcham, psychiatric and maternity nursing.

The State Board of Nursing requires clinical instructors to have earned a Bachelor of Nursing degree and to have two years of nursing experience. Lead instructors are required to have a master's degree by 1990. Interestingly, all five lead instructors have held their master's degrees since 1976. "We did it one at a time to cover for each other: nine years of our going to graduate school, working full-time, going to school full-time, and dealing with family responsibilities," explained Essick. "It makes it easy for us to be empathetic to the stress that nursing students feel."

Bryant was the first to earn her Master of Education degree from UNC-G. Both Essick and Kallam earned master's degrees in Nursing from UNC-G and UNC-C respectively. Woodruff received her master's degree in Health Education from UNC-G, and Burcham earned her Master of Adult Education degree from Appalachian.

"We have been together for 13 years. We started out together, raised our children together, and are very comfortable together," Essick

added. These friends and colleagues set the academic and professional standards their students have followed.

If their credentials are impressive, so are their responsibilities, starting with the chairman herself. Essick not only represents the SCC Nursing Department at all statewide meetings involving health occupations, she also serves on the State Board of Nursing. Her P.R. work entails actively recruiting in the area high schools where she acquaints students with nursing as a profession. Her duties on campus range from teaching to counseling to ordering equipment. Her love for her profession is evident in her job and in her voice as she described the field.

When asked to assess her staff, Essick replied, "They are very dedicated, very conscientious. I can honestly say that they are truly interested in the student's welfare and are willing to go the extra mile. They are professional nurses, competent in their fields."

The outstanding reputation of SCC's nursing program supports that assessment.



SCC nursing instructors are (l-r): First row: Marguerite Burcham, lead instructor; Marie Simmons; Frances Bryant, lead instructor. Second row: Kim Adams; Kathy Woodruff, lead instructor; Sharon Kallam, lead instructor; Beverly Essick, lead instructor and chairman; and Crisella Morrison. (Photo by Stephen Smith)

Kathy

Fall Brings Orientation, Students

By Sarah Draughn

Surry Community College ushered in the fall quarter in style August 30, 1989. Orientation Day means freshmen have a chance to acquaint themselves with faculty and the campus. Plenty of new faces appeared as full-time fall enrollment reached almost 2,700.

The day began at 10 a.m. with an introduction of the faculty. Former heavyweight boxing champion James "Bonecrusher" Smith followed, delivering an inspirational message that stressed motivation and commitment in the pursuit of education.

Various student workshops were available and students were encouraged to attend at least two. College transfer students then familiarized themselves with their faculty advisors.

The day closed with a picnic lunch, funded by the school. The gym and patio were decorated with balloons from artist Chris Blankenship; and guitarist, folk singer, humorist Brian Huskey presented the entertainment.

According to Student Services personnel, the 1989 Orientation Day attendance was the most successful in years.



"Bonecrusher" Smith attracts a large student crowd as he provides a motivational speech at the Orientation Day morning program Wednesday, August 30, 1989. Here Smith's trainee displays the champ's World Heavyweight boxing belt.

Ages Make SCC Unique

By Kathy Reynolds

SCC is comprised of students of all ages: recent high school graduates, those of middle ages, and retirees. The average age of an SCC student is 30, not 18 or 20.

The views, feelings, attitudes, and degrees of ability to adjust to college vary along with the ages. A recent high school graduate may have no trouble adjusting to a college routine, despite the many differences between the two learning environments. As a recent high school graduate stated, "High school (and college are) totally different; nothing's the same. The teachers here treat you as one of their peers."

A "middle-aged" student has usually been out of high school 15 or more years, is married, and has children. The start of a new career or a refresher course is a common rea-

son for this age group's return to school. The many years away from the educational setting often create discomfort as one must renew study habits and readjust to a college student's lifestyle. Many students, however, are better equipped now due to their life experiences.

Retirees, or persons soon to retire, have often been sent to school by their employers. One such is Ruby Tomlin. She is 60 years old and retired from Civil Services. Now the VA (Veteran's Administration) is financing Tomlin's studies. Although Tomlin enjoys coming back to school and enjoys the people here, she says she hates studying.

Despite the dissension in ages, each age group enhances the college experience and each group of students learns from the other, an aspect of SCC that makes it unique.

SGA Seeks New Members

By Mark Hylton

SCC's Student Government Association sponsored a fall mixer in the form of a continental breakfast in room L-111, September 18.

SGA President, Jerry Parker,

commented, "I would like students to feel that they can come to members of SGA with problems related to the college and get answers. I encourage everyone to attend these (SGA) events and become involved."



Students and faculty "pig out" with a picnic lunch after the morning agenda. The largest orientation crowd ever, these hearty eaters devoured everything resembling food in less than an hour.

Student Journalism Is Working

By Sarah Draughn

Some students are unaware that SCC has a student newspaper and yearbook. Others sometimes ask, "What's going on in this year's journalism class?" The staff thought students might like to know a little more about these publications.

The *Squire's Voice* (newspaper) and the *Lancer* (yearbook) staffs have been appointed to their positions. (These are listed in the staff box on page 4.) Work on both publications has begun.

Two staff members, Jo Jo Vogler and Mark Hylton, attended a journalism workshop in Chapel Hill this summer to collect new ideas involving photography and layout designs. A variety of photos are always

needed in newspaper and yearbook publications. And this is especially true this year to accommodate the new approaches, so the staff encourages everyone to become active in clubs, sports, and other events.

Preliminary yearbook sales were held October 2-6, National Yearbook Week. Another sales campaign will be held in mid-November. The price of a 19090 *Lancer* is \$12, \$14 personalized. A late purchase can be made by contacting Pam Ring, publications advisor (C-129). Personalized books are not available after the November sales campaign, and only a limited number of books will be available when the shipment actually arrives in May. Students are therefore encouraged to reserve their

yearbooks as soon as possible.

The journalism staff welcomes any contributions from students to the newspaper and/or yearbook. Many categories are offered, so student contributions are appreciated in any area. The newspaper, for example, includes a "Poet's Corner" for any campus poet. Cartoons, drawings, and letters to the editor are also encouraged. The staff, however, reserves the right to reject or edit obscene or slanderous material.

Contributions may be given to Ring or to any staff member. Suggestions and ideas are also accepted since the staffs would like to include as many people and their contributions as possible in both the newspaper and the yearbook.

N.C. Shakespeare Company Visits Andy Griffith Theater

By Kevin Campbell

The North Carolina Shakespeare Festival's Outreach Tours' company performed "Twelfth Night" at the Andy Griffith Playhouse, Mount Airy, Tuesday, Oct. 3. College, high school, and elementary school students attended the play.

As Tour Director Mary Anne

Bolick explained, "The goal of Outreach Tours is to provide the students and citizens of North Carolina and the nation with uncommon opportunities to experience and enjoy the great classics of world theatre, particularly William Shakespeare's plays."

Bolick added, "The program strives to visit diverse communities,

especially those rurally located, and share the power, majesty, and sheer entertainment of quality professional theatre. The festival's Outreach Tours enhance the cultural life of America's communities and support high school, college, and university educators and students in their study and appreciation of plays and play scripts."

SGA Plans Dance, Dance, Dancing For SCC Students

By Jo Jo Vogler

On Saturday, October 28, 1989, the SGA (Student Government Association) will be sponsoring a Halloween Dance.

It's a time to put on your best costume, or just come as you are!! A prize will be awarded for the best

costume.

Rick Reynolds will D.J. the dance and will have a system that will "RATTLE YOUR SKELETON!" Come join the action beginning at 8 p.m. and rocking through 12 midnight. Aaooo! Aaooooo!!

Bring your ghostly guests and get spooked with this "thriller" event!



Students Outnumber Parking Spaces

By Emily Lineback

A shortage of student parking spaces continues to be an intense topic of discussion among many students.

Figures from SCC Student Services show an approximate 1,229 full-time day students on campus, include part-time day students, and there are an estimated total of 1,477 day-time students on campus.

Only approximately 860 parking spaces are available.

To combat this problem, the number of parking spaces has been increased. The gravel lot has been extended, and some additional seventy spaces have been added.

Dr. Sherry Madison Shaw, Director of Records and Student Registration, admits that student parking is "a bad situation," yet she adds that it would be "poor use of taxpayers' money to build a lot to be used for a few hours a day."

Don Boyles, business major, agrees, "(The parking) is as good as it can be. There are no alternatives."

"It all depends on how early you

get here," says Will Harris, an electronics major.

Jason Cheek, a college transfer student, argues that the solution to the parking problem is simple: "Buy a college school bus and come pick me up!"

"I think (the parking) is terrible because my classes start late and by the time I get here there are no parking places," says Julie Myers, a second-year student. Susan Angell, another second-year student agrees, adding, "Something needs to be done."

A random opinion poll of over 200 students reveals that they are dissatisfied with the situation: 42 percent of students surveyed rate it "extremely bad" and 25 percent said it's "bad."

Other students are content with the parking, 19 percent rate it "fair" and 14 percent rate it "good."

"It's great!" declared Bob Livengood, a college transfer student. "If you're within half a mile from where you want to go, you should be able to walk it within five minutes."

Students Speak About Parking



"It's good for those students who get here early, but as far as for those who get here later, it's terrible...cut down some trees."

— Jo Jo Vogler



"I think it is fabulous. I love parking under pine trees and getting pine resin all over my clean car."

— Lee Dancy

Question of the month: "What's your opinion of the parking on campus?"



"It's excellent because there is adequate parking and because the college is lenient and doesn't tow your car away. Also, you can't beat the cost. At UNC-G, you'll pay over \$50.00; here it costs \$.50. That's quite a difference."

— Wendell Ayers



"They don't necessarily need more parking; they just need to make it more convenient."

— Kim Reavis

SCC Holds College Day



Area high school seniors and SCC students mingle with state college and university representatives during College and University days, held on campus in Sept. 12 and Oct. 4. These events acquaint students with schools that they might enter after high school graduation or to which they might transfer after a one or two year community college program.

By Hope Hodges

Surry was host to approximately 60 college representatives and over 800 students from the five area high schools September 12, 1989. SCC students were also welcomed. The college representatives promoted enrollment in their schools and supplied school pamphlets and catalogs for further assistance.

Sue Jarvis, College Transfer counselor, stated, "The purpose of College Day is to provide an opportunity for high school seniors and SCC students to gather firsthand information about colleges in North Carolina and surrounding states."

College Day is being planned as an annual event because it is so beneficial to those students who attend.

Student Services Offers Prospective Teacher Workshop

By Hope Hodges

Students interested in the teaching profession had an opportunity to meet with representatives from UNC-C and UNC-G Wednesday, Sept. 27.

Toni Knight, UNC-G School of Education representative, discussed the newly required double majors concentration for any student majoring only in elementary or middle

grades education. Bob Gwaltney represented UNC-C and provided advice and information concerning the university's requirements.

The seminar furnished much needed information to prospective teachers. Students attending were Greg Jones, Fonda Bledsoe, Hope Hodges, Kathy Martin, Shannon Pruitt, Lisa Hardy, and Danny Slawter.



The faculty battle a student team in the Wednesday, October 18 intramural volleyball game. The faculty team was victorious, winning their third straight game since the season began.

Aunt G Offers Advice

Dear Aunt G,

How do you cope with family illness, stress from school and financial problems, and still go to college?

— Student

Dear Student,

You do it by not setting yourself up to fail, by understanding that compromise is better than defeat. Sometimes it is better to drop one or even two courses than to risk failing everything. You can always go back and pick up the course(s) when some of the pressure has lessened. You will find Ms. Jamie Childress's office in Student Services. She is the Director of Student Aid and your best source of information on financial help that is available, as well as what work/study jobs are available.

You didn't indicate who in your family is ill or how serious the illness is. This is the only area in which you cannot exercise some degree of control; but hopefully, if you can lessen some of the stress in other areas, you can deal with this one better. The key word is *control*. There are things you can do to control the situation before it overwhelms you. To drop a course doesn't mean you have given up; it means you are smart enough to compromise to stay in school over the long haul. Most students here have faced the problems you are having and know how you feel; so do the counselors. Please talk to yours; there is help available.

— Aunt G

Nature's Prelude To Winter

By Emily Sarah Lineback

Autumn is a colorful season; and it is a time of things changing, dying. The air turns cooler and signs of summer quickly lose their glory to fall.

Autumn shouts its victory in the chilly winds and through the trees. There is a certain smell in the air — a fresh, clean, apprehensive smell.

Leaves that once hung tightly lose hold, turning to glorious colors, but eventually falling...slowly, gracefully to the hard ground. Once green and luscious, the dying grass accepts its age in an attack of drab brown.

The excitement of a Friday night football game brings a feeling like no other. Numb cheeks and hot chocolate are part of the scene. Blankets surround two lovers as they separate from the crowd and create a world of their very own.

Hot cider, pumpkins, mittens, and the scent of smoke in the distance all become part of the setting. Halloween with its mischief and mysterious fun follows closely behind.

Autumn is a changing time from summer's violent sun to winter's biting frost. Nature sings its beautiful prelude to winter through the delicate notes of autumn.

Staff Editorial

Adult Behavior Disgusts Some Students

Long before a person reaches college age, that individual has acquired values and a sense of self-worth. Those values are generally instilled by parents and other adults and are passed onto the next generation. A person's perceptions of right and wrong are then exhibited through his or her actions.

In the modern world, where so many people have been consumed by the "Me-first" or "Me-only" attitude, finding people who are appalled by the misplaced (or altogether missing) morals of others is sometimes rare. Fortunately, enough of us are still around to voice our disgust for bad manners and poor values. If you've seen the cafeteria, the picnic area outside the L-building, or the campus restrooms lately, you know exactly the subject of our chagrin: the lack of pride and respect in our school, the lackadaisical attitude of the "Me-me-me" students and their inappropriate assumptions that others are responsible for cleaning up after them. Such a lack of values is appalling; and even worse is the failure of this scene to create an appropriate response from most others who witness it. They respond by saying, "We didn't make the mess; why should we clean it up?"

Naturally, litterers and mess-makers are not new personalities to society. There have always been people who just don't care. The saddest part is that many of them have never even stopped to realize that they're doing something wrong. Someone failed somewhere along the way to teach them that responsible, intelligent, and mature people don't walk away from their cafeteria tables without removing their plates, drink cups, napkins, and leftover food; they don't spill drinks and/or drop food and then just leave the mess for someone else. They don't deface bathroom walls with graffiti or their current romances; they don't litter the bathroom floors and sinks with toilet paper and paper towels; they don't forget to flush toilets. Females don't leave their waste behind on the back of toilets.

People who have no more maturity or sense of responsibility do not belong at SCC or in any other public place. Let them wallow in their filth in the privacy of their own homes so that others don't have to tolerate their lack of values or their misplaced priorities.

And those who treat such disgusting displays as invisible are almost as bad. Some students and personnel

feel a constant obligation to clean off dirty tables, while others pretend they don't even see them. What harm can come from cleaning up a mess one hasn't created? What has happened to setting a good example for others?

Of course, no problem would exist if *everyone* cleaned up after himself. But that kind of miracle is unlikely to happen (unless monitors were implemented to expose these children). Still, if only one litterbug is made aware of his mistakes and thus reformed, we have accomplished something.

People who think the cafeteria and/or maintenance staffs are responsible for cleaning up after them are sadly confused and mistaken. (Perhaps these employees should strike until people have learned their lessons.) Considering how little they make for all that they do, people could at least help litter find its way to the trash cans. Those whose domestic duties include emptying the household garbage should be able to identify with the unpleasantness, despite the necessity, of that job alone. For those of you whose mothers pick up after you at home, we have some advice for you: **GROW UP! YOUR MOTHER DOESN'T WORK HERE!**

Staff Editorial

Communication Builds A Better School

By Michael Gravely

A new year arrives once again. New students rush in and many drop out before the year — perhaps even the quarter — is through. Some students who stay around long enough may participate in clubs, but many do not. Everyone should join an organization or club to broaden his or her horizons or just to have fun. Clubs are the best way to meet people who share the same or similar interests. Last year was a good year, but it could have been better in terms of club participation.

Another reason that students should become involved is for the sake of competition. But competition must be of a healthy nature. Some clubs are too competitive, which tends to tear Surry apart, instead of encouraging unity. Instead of wanting to build a better club float than the other organizations have or instead of comparing social festivities, the varied clubs need to cooperate and make all activ-

ities a school effort. Too many clubs like to "toot their own horns," and such behavior only alienates those clubs from others.

Other community colleges have a great system established to guide clubs and to allow communication among the various campus clubs and organizations. This is called the Inter-Club Council (or ICC). Representatives from each club attend the ICC meeting with club ideas and a list of prearranged activities. Each club representative has a chance to speak, to have a voice, in ICC affairs. This sounds like a wonderful undertaking for SCC clubs and organizations, for the council could involve more than one club or organization in sponsoring any particular school event, such as a dance or school party. Everything offered and planned would be done in the best interest of the entire student body. Each effort would be a school effort.

Of course, attending an ICC meet-

ing would not require that students be members of any particular club. Nonmembers could simply attend an ICC affair to see if they are interested in any of the campus organizations offered here. Perhaps more people would actually join clubs that way, too. At least each club would have some notion of what all the other clubs are doing.

This may not be the best answer for healing wounds between clubs, but it has worked on other campuses and may work here at Surry. If not, at least the effort was made to unify the campus organizations. It's worth a try. After all, the pursuit of excellence brings out the best (or worst) in all of us. If we work toward one goal, that goal will positively reflect Surry as a whole. Surry Community College may not have the largest campus or the most students, but we do have adequate facilities, capable teachers, and bright students. Together — but only together — this can be SCC's best year.

Letters to the Editor

Computerized Correspondence

The future of education, on a grand scale, belongs to correspondence courses via the computer. Expansion in correspondence is needed as soon as possible. One excellent medium already exists in "Independence Study" from Chapel Hill. Their Address is U.N.C. C.B. #3420, Abernethy Hall, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3420. I have suggested to them a greater consortium with more

courses available and ability to take more than one course at a time.

SCC needs to develop its own correspondence department linking with other community colleges, universities, and Chapel Hill. We could be classified as visitors from SCC to other schools' curricula by correspondence for other degrees and specialties into certain areas. I encourage the conversion of printed text courses to desk text for use by those

who already have access to computers. I recommend you write, for future subscription to their magazine, Public Brand Software, P.O. Box 51315, Indianapolis, IN 46251.

I would like to see us as leaders to pioneer in the new age of computer disk education.

— Danny Vestal
SCC North Campus

Poet's Corner

Reflections

One day as I walked along the seashore
I chanced upon a driftwood stick in my path
I stopped, picked it up, and walked...
to the water's edge

As I was about to drop it, I saw in the
Gentle waves the reflection of you
But when I dropped it, your image vanished
Then I realized just how truly I was alone...
For like your reflection, you also had vanished
And as the driftwood was carried out to sea
The waves of time carried you away from me.

— Craig Hawks
August 4, 1986

On the Edge

Nowhere to run, nowhere to hide
Caught by some strange force from inside.
It tells me to stay and show her I care
To prove my LOVE and I'll always be there
My heart says it's true, my mind in a dream
When living on the edge...
Things are not what they seem.

— Craig Hawks
February, 1989

Too Much, Too Little

What does one see in her?
Where are the feelings?
How does one treat her
If she is always kneeling?

The answer lies within herself,
The answer cries within herself.

The answer lies within herself,
The answer cries within herself.

What will become of her?
Where will her life end?
How can she sail the sea
If no one is her wind?

What makes her content?
What makes her weep?
How can she prevent
The presence of defeat?

The answer cries within herself,
The answer dies within herself.
— JoJo Vogler

Reviewer Welcomes

Alternative World Of Music

Mark

By Mike Hylton

Here are a few reviews on records that were released during summer vacation.

First off is the Ramones with *Brain Drain*. And what a drain it is! It sounds like this month's metal punk trash band doing an imitation of the Ramones. The only thing I got excited about was the cut "Pet Cemetery" and the holiday song "Merry Christmas Baby, Let's Not Fight." Overall it only rates a 2.

Next is the B-B2's *Cosmic Thing*. This is their first release since the AIDS-related death of guitarist Ricky Wilson in 1986. This is a great album. It is full of infectious dance

romps like "Love Shack" and "Channel Z" which show that the B's have become more environmentally conscious. This is definitely classic material, some of the best work since their debut 10 years ago. I'll have to give them a 5.

Next up are 10,000 Maniacs. *Blind Man's Zoo* is by no means a bad album, but it tends to sound like *In My Tribe, Volume 2*. I was expecting them to expand a great deal, but 2 1/2 is what I feel this work merits.

Next month — Tears for Fears and Tracy Chapman if it's released by then.

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