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Hugo's Fury

by Katherine Massey

On October 22, 1989 at approximately 6 a.m., Salem awoke to the sounds of Hugo's strong winds and heavy rain. Hugo's visit will leave an impression on many for a long time.

Although Hugo doesn't compare to the tornado of last May, Salem still received some minor damage. The residents of Babcock dorm watched a gutter fall off of Clewell's roof. There were also a few trees down and lots of limbs scattered around campus.

Tricia Forbes, a junior, woke up around 5 a.m., because the windows were shaking and the doors were slamming in Babcock. "I went out in the hall and almost everyone in the whole dorm was up," she said. "We had to go to the basement until it was over. I kept expecting the storm to get worse, but it never did."

Salem's damage was minor compared to other parts of the Carolinas. In the Carolinas alone, there is over \$500 million in damage. This figure is growing everyday. According to Charles Massey, from Gastonia, N.C., "Gaston County," located in the southern part of the state, "has \$125 million in damage."

Sue Massey, also from Gastonia, described the hurricane by saying,

"Suddenly it sounded like what I've always heard a tornado would sound like - a train was coming through the house. It kept getting loud and then quiet and then loud again. It surprised us because we weren't really concerned about the storm coming this far inland. About 5 a.m., we lost our power and we had no means of communication until we found a portable radio. That morning we went out and saw our neighbors. They were all out assessing the damage. Our street was spared in comparison to other streets in our neighborhood, which were devastated. One family had about 100 trees that were uprooted on their property. At \$100 a tree, it is going to cost them over \$10,000 to get their property cleaned up."

Although Salem only lost her power for a few hours, many people are still without power. Anne and John Cole Hatcher, of Charlotte, are still without power. "The city is getting power back by sections," said Mrs. Hatcher. "The most populated section gets their power turned on first and so on. We have candles burning all of the time."

According to Mrs. Massey, because of the power failure, people were out looking for ice and charcoal and gas for their grills on Saturday. "There were hundreds of people standing in lines to



Salem College campus suffers little damage from Hugo.

photo by Lesley Stokes

get ice to preserve their food. Ice was sold out at a lot of places and many people were turned away."

The farther south you go in the Carolinas, the worse the damage is. Charleston, South Carolina was evacuated before the hurricane hit. Charleston received the most damage. There were sailboats floating in the downtown streets of Charleston. There are no real jobs available and they had imposed a curfew in the city, which was lifted Monday. Walker Shaffner, a sophomore has a house just south of Charleston on the Isle of Palms. "We thought that our house was destroyed

but it's one of the few standing," she said. "Ours is beachfront and the row of houses behind ours is gone. The pier is gone too. We didn't even have any water damage. The only damage done to our house was to our deck. Other houses were lifted and thrown into other houses. Luckily, nothing got thrown into our house."

Now that the actual hurricane has come and gone, it is time for everyone that was devastated by this tragic storm to pick up their lives and try to start over. We at Salem are very thankful that we weren't hit hard and our hearts go out to those who were.

Bands Booked In Birmingham

by Laura Franklin

On Thursday, September 28, Debbie Cates, Becky Pack, Jenny Savage, Leigh Cubitt, Anne Tucker, and myself

headed to Birmingham, Alabama for the NACA convention. The NACA convention is a convention put on by the National Association of Campus Activities. On this particular morning,



Salem representatives depart Birmingham after NACA convention.

photo by Laura Franklin

at 6:30 a.m. to be precise, we all piled into the school van for an enjoyable nine hour drive down the most entertaining highways in the Southeast! We managed to keep ourselves thoroughly entertained. Elon College followed us on our trip and the exchanging of notes that took place seem to foreshadow that our two groups would not be hanging around together. We finally arrived in Birmingham and the memories started forming. That night we had dinner with all of the other students that had come from all over the Southeast to take part in NACA. We had entertainers during dinner, but the best part of the evening would come later at the showcase. The showcase consisted of about five different acts ranging from comedians to jugglers to musical entertainment. This event brought about many sayings we will never forget not the mention a few nicknames and the band that will be playing at IRS.

After this we took the first of many trips through the Exhibition Hall. The exhibition hall is where all the acts had booths set up so we could talk to them about booking dates. This first visit was

used mainly as a get acquainted session. We ran around collecting buttons from almost every booth in the room. Our bags looked as though we had been shopping for hours. We made one last stop in the exhibition hall at the "Sing a long" booth before heading back to the hotel. Needless to say this tape sounds like a group of frogs gathered together for a croaking contest.

We went back to the hotel to change and headed straight to Arby's for our fifth meal of the day. We then went to the Ramada Hotel for a night of dancing. This was the first time we really spoke to our Elon companions and we started to realize that we had judged them too quickly.

The next mornign we arose at 7:15. We had Educational meetings all morning. Of course we managed to find a way to head to Burger King for our first meal of the day. The Educational Sessions were sessions on things such as how to set up a contract, how to make the best out of a bad situation, and advertising strategies. We really

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