

First There Was Hugo

And Then Came The Snow

When the yearbook staff chose the theme "Not Just The Same Old Thing" during Journalism Camp, little did they know how true it would prove to be. During the night of September 21, the worst hurricane of the century crashed into the Southeastern coast destroying much of the coast of South Carolina. Although there was only minor damage to this county, students saw what destruction had taken place in neighboring Charleston and surrounding areas.

Residents of low-lying areas and persons living in mobile homes were all evacuated. Local law officers went door to door telling people that they had to leave immediately. Two days of school were lost in Colleton County because of Hugo. During this time, many students volunteered to help not only family, but people they did not know.

Students came to the aid of others by offering

moral support, elbow grease, food, and clothing. Due to the power outages, there was an urgent need for ice. Many Charleston residents came to Walterboro to get ice and gas, to purchase non-perishable food items and the bare necessities. Residents who had spare candles, canned goods, bread, etc. gladly shared their supplies with the needy people.

As if Hurricane Hugo had not been enough excitement for one year, an unusual winter storm provided a "White Christmas" that had only previously been dreamed of by Colletonians. To celebrate, many turned the layer of white into snowmen. However for many, this dream turned into a night-mare as travel on the local icy roads was dangerous. Interstate 95 was closed from North Carolina to Florida, making travel impossible.

— Lisa McCall



The first "Winter Wonderland" experienced by South Carolinians in many years made an appearance on Christmas Day. The snow was both joyful and frustrating because people could play in it but people also got stuck at home for the holidays.

