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Facing the Winds

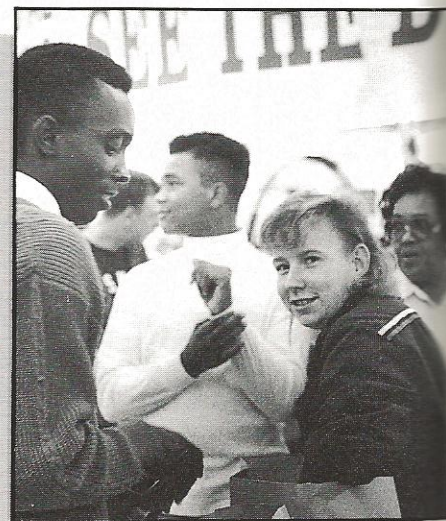
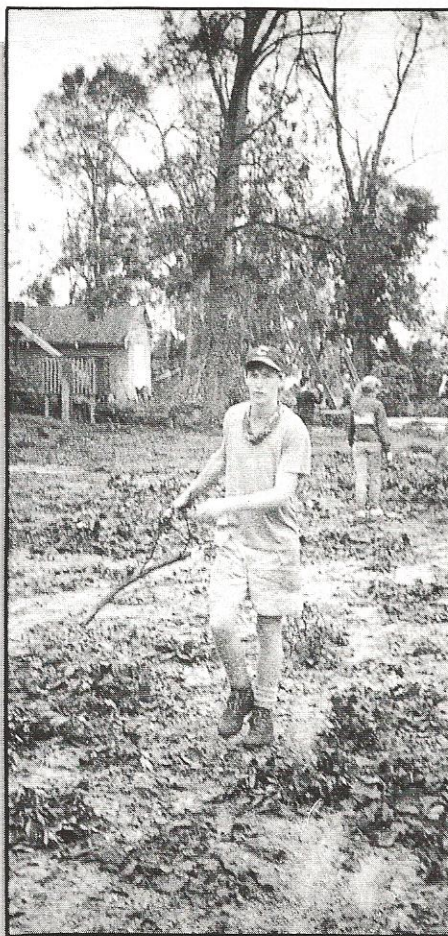
The words of REM, "It's the End of the World as We Know It," seemed to fit September 21, 1989, as Hurricane Hugo ripped through SC. According to historians, nearly 237 years had passed since such a tremendous force had struck the Lowcountry.

About 10:30 pm, the Emergency Preparedness Center announced that the eye of Hugo was going to pass directly over Charleston around 2:00 Friday morning during high tide. However, while approaching land, the storm gained forward speed and the peninsula was spread with excessive flooding. Sustained winds of 135 mph battered the coast of SC with gusts up to 175 miles.

As dawn broke Friday morning, it was obvious that the Lowcountry had taken a beating. The extensive damage, running into the billions of dollars, caused President George Bush to declare twenty-four counties in SC national disaster areas.

As the next week approached, it did not seem like the end of the world as it had four long days earlier. The Lowcountry had survived two wars on her soil and a devastating earthquake, but just like the Palmetto, her symbol, she would rise once again to face the wind.

— Mary Bass &
Nichole Nettles



"Packing the supplies for Hugo" are seniors Michelle Minton and Dylane Stephens. Many students worked 12-and 16-hour shifts during the hurricane.

"Helping Out!" Junior Lewis Beach helps out friends in Charleston, SC after the hurricane. Lewis went with his church youth group to carry out this task.

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