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**Title:** Peter B. Rock, Interview by Brooke Fox, 6 July 2009

**Interviewer:** Fox, Brooke

**Interviewee:** Rock, Peter B.

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Hurricane Hugo, 1989--Personal narratives.

Disaster response and recovery.

**Subject (Names):** Rock, Peter B.

**Subject (Genre):** Oral histories.

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**Summary:** Peter B. Rock worked for Engineering and Facilities (physical plant) in 1989. In his interview he describes preparing campus buildings for the storm. Preparations included boarding up windows, picking up debris, and shutting off power in outlying buildings. Rock describes physical plant staff's response to emergencies during the storm such as window failures and leaks. He describes

the extent of the damage on campus, and the appearance of the National Guard, which was brought in to help with keeping order. He recalls the cleanup efforts.

Additionally, Mr. Rock recalls preparing his home in Mt. Pleasant for the storm and then returning to it for the first time after landfall. He describes the destruction he saw on his drive home and the resulting recovery efforts.

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