PHOTO 181. A motel in Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina, at low tide during a March 1989 northeaster. Because hard stabilization is prohibited on the North Carolina open ocean shoreline, the owner of the motel protected his structure by dumping numerous truck loads of sand in front of the building at each high tide during the storm. (Photo: Orrin H. Pilkey, Department of Geology, Duke University, Durham, NC 27706).