

NATIONAL NEWS

Hooters girls caught on tape; Fighter jet crashes at RDU

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HOOTERS GIRLS VIDEOTAPED UNDRESSING IN CALIFORNIA

Nearly 200 women who applied to work at a West Covina, California Hooters restaurant were videotaped while they undressed to put on Hooters uniforms, police speculated. Authorities raided the building in February and seized a computer that held 180 digital videos of women ages 17-25. The prospective employees were

shocked when they heard of the tapes and now feel betrayed by the Hooters chain. Justin Johl, a Hooters lawyer, said the company was outraged and embarrassed by the news, and will be conducting its own investigation.

NAVY FIGHTER JET CRASHES AT RDU

A Navy F/A-18C fighter jet crashed Friday while taking off from Raleigh-Durham International Airport. The pilot suffered only minimal injury and was



rushed to Wake Medical Center for observation. The wreckage from the aircraft burned for 45 minutes at the end of the runway after the crash, until firefighters were able to fully

extinguish the flames. A number of flights out of RDU were delayed Friday due to the shutdown of one of its runways.

U.S. TROOPS HEADED FOR IRAQ BUYING THEIR OWN ARMOR

Last October, it was reported that almost one-quarter of American troops serving in Iraq did not have ceramic plated body armor, a life-saving piece of equipment which can stop bullets fired from assault rifles

and shrapnel. The military claims the shortfall is over and soldiers who do not have the armor yet will be receiving it soon. Many soldiers do not want to wait and are digging deep into their own pockets and buying armor before they are deployed. Body armor distributors have received steady inquiries from soldiers and their families about purchasing the gear, which can cost up to several thousand dollars.

Meredith focuses on Medieval Studies

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You have probably heard about Meredith's attempt to get into the Guinness Book of World Records by reciting or reading the prologue from Geoffrey Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales".

Meredith students, faculty, staff and alumnae will gather in McIver Amphitheater at 6 p.m., rehearse at 6:30 and begin the recitation at 7. To coincide with this event, and Meredith's yearlong focus on medieval studies,

Meredith Performs will be presenting two medieval one acts - "The Brome Play of Abraham and Isaac" and "The Apple Tree". The former is a straightforward interpretation of the biblical

tale, while the latter is a humorous, quirky story about a couple that ask God to help them protect their most prized possession, an apple tree.

Steven Roten, the director, teaches acting classes at Meredith. These shows are his fifth directorial project, but his first at Meredith College. To prepare, he referred to many historical sources on medieval costumes, games and performances. "I wanted the audience to care about these characters, and that is why I decided to create the play outside of the play," he said.

To complement the one acts, Mr. Roten created a back-story that explains why the shows are being performed. At the top of the show, a

royal court, including revelers, a herald and a countess, arrive to see a traveling troupe of actors perform for them. The countess chooses the shows from their repertoire, and then the actors scurry to prepare. Steven said, "The most difficult

part of this process has been getting people to realize the picture in my head, but this final week of rehearsal has been the most rewarding.

Everything is starting to come together."

The actors in the show have been dealing with

their own concerns. The show calls for authenticity, which is not always easy when dealing with period pieces.

"The hardest thing has been memorizing the language," senior Emily McLendon said, "the

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