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Forum surfaces campus issues

□ **"We are Family" forum taps student opinion on various issues.**

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Staff Reporter

The "We Are Family" Forum held by the Student Life Committee in second floor Cate Center lounge February 9 was designed to hear the concerns of the Meredith Community. Meredith Lovelace, senior and Student Life Chair, headed the discussion. About thirty people attended the forum, including Georgianna Vasquez, president of WINGS, Paula O'Briant, director of housing, Shelly Hoover, assistant director of student activities, Chrissie Bumgarner, director of First Year Experience, and Sharon Cannon, dean of students and academic advising.

"This forum was held in a location that helped more commuter and WINGS students to attend," said Bumgarner. "The

main goal was to reach people, and that was one of the strongest aspects of this one."

A wealth of issues were discussed, from safety issues to cafeteria concerns. Among many of the issues the students brought up were whether the Cate Center should serve fun or study, whether part-time students should be eligible for the Dean's list, how the campus might provide more affordable daycare for

students with children, how to improve lighting on campus, how to solve requests for more computers, how to obtain a new CAMCARD or develop one with more info for use as an ID, how to provide less fattening foods and longer hours of their availability in the Belk Dining Hall, and how to reduce speeding on campus.

Dean Cannon made comments
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Students gather in the 2nd Floor Cate Lounge during Monday's "We Are Family" student concerns forum. PHOTO BY LISA GILLIAM

Tragedy avoided in boiler room fire

□ **Five dorms evacuated for three hours as authorities secure scene.**

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Features Editor

A boiler fire caused students to evacuate to the Jones auditorium from the Stringfield, Vann, Carroll, Poteat, and Faircloth res-

idence halls early last Wednesday morning. The fire itself was contained in the secondary boiler room behind Belk Dining Hall by the Raleigh Fire Department who arrived on the scene eight minutes after smoke was first reported.

Student evacuation began before 3:40 a.m. Students

remained in Jones until approximately 6:00am.

"Students were evacuated due to a possibility of smoke seeping into the residence halls through the tunnels," said Campus Police Chief Mike Hoke.

"Students were returned to residence halls as quickly as the residence halls were deemed habitable."

According to Marketing and Communications Director Jeannie Morelock, WRAL-TV was notified by a student that the fire alarms in Vann did not go off. As Morelock explained to the station's reporter, special circumstances in Vann necessitated special evacuation procedures. The station dropped the story.

"The decision was made not to pull the alarms in Vann," said Morelock. "It was far apart enough in proximity from the fire that its residents were not at immediate risk. Plus, one of the evacuation areas for Vann is actually closer to the dining
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Raleigh Fire Department members walk through the debris of the boiler room assessing the damage. PHOTO BY STEVE WILSON

Psych Week held again

□ **Dinner, sessions, and speakers inform and entertain Meredith community.**

LESLIE MAXWELL
Staff Reporter

Last week, students and staff had the opportunity to learn about psychology and related subjects during Psychology Week, sponsored by the Psychology Club. Sessions were held each night except Wednesday. These sessions were designed to help students learn more about psychology and related areas.

On Monday and Tuesday in the Cate Center, a successful bake sale was held. Monday evening, psychology professor Dr. David Heining-Boynton presented a session on relationships, including family relationships, friendships, and romantic relationships.

Graduate students in psychology from ECU led a discussion about getting into graduate school. Similarly, Meredith graduates from 1991 and 1995 with degrees in psychology discussed possible careers for psychology majors who haven't attended graduate school on Thursday night.

Friday evening was the climax of the week. At 6 pm, a dinner was held in Dogwood Suite in Belk Dining Hall. This dinner gave students and professors to get to know one another as individuals. Dr. Marie Mason received the alumna award at the dinner.

Dr. Lyn Aubrecht, psychology professor, enjoyed the week because it "gave some individuals a chance to identify with psychology as more than simply taking classes." He also said that he thought there was a good variety of students present, and that these students benefited whether they had specific interests in psychology or just wanted to get a general overview of psychology.

Heather Thomson, a first-year in Psychology 100, attended the

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