



**Meredith student Rachel Souza, left, along with other students participate in an iron pour.**

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### Conference cont.

Saturday was a big day for the conference that included walking tours of downtown Raleigh, visits

to the North Carolina Museum of Natural History, the North Carolina Museum of Science and Exploris. In addition, attendees participated in a tour

of Historic Oakwood Neighborhood and City market in Raleigh.

While some sessions continued at the hotel Saturday afternoon, the Meredith College Art Department hosted 16 workshops and demonstrations as well as an iron pour that brought people from across the United States to campus.

"The early morning brought people swinging heavy tools to break up radiators and other iron objects that were then melted down to pour into molds made by the artists. Iron pours are truly special events that require close collaboration and a tremendous amount of work; as a result, there is almost a cult-like following of these events and people come from far and wide to take

part in them and the camaraderie that develops," said Mulvaney.

Later that afternoon, attendees enjoyed a walking tour of Sculpture on the Grounds at Meredith. Following the tour, Saar gave a public lecture in Jones Auditorium.

Five Meredith students presented art history papers in two sessions of the conference.

SECAC is a non-profit organization that seeks to promote art in higher education through facilitating cooperation among teachers and administrators in universities, colleges and junior colleges, professional art schools and museums. The organization welcomes student members and the only requirement is payment of membership dues.

Tri State Sculptors

Educational Association was formed in 1978 by a group of sculptors from North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia to promote public awareness and appreciation of sculpture in the region and to exchange ideas and information among its members.

The conference planning committee consisted of co-chairs Joyner, Mulvaney who also served as program chair and art history, museum and joint sessions chair and Pearce who also served as Tri State program chair and member's exhibition curator; electronic arts program chairs Pat FitzGerald and Blair Ligon; fundraising chair Carol Hayes; studio program chair Kathleen Rieder; SECAC/Tri State juried exhibition chair Diaz.

## World News Briefs

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### IRAQ

A U.S. helicopter carrying troops back to the United States for leave was hit by a missile Sunday and crashed west of Baghdad. The crash killed 15 soldiers and wounded 21, the U.S. command and witnesses reported. Two American civilians working for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers were killed and one was injured in the explosion of a roadside bomb, reported military officials.

### CONGO

Congo President Joseph Kabila will meet with President Bush in Washington this week to discuss options for restructuring the country. President Kabila is asking for help in restoring peace to his country after years of civil war. The United States has set aside \$77 million in

aid funds to help the country rebuild.

### CHINA

Chinese space program officials announced a plan to send a probe to orbit the moon within the next five years. The plan calls for a robot landing on the moon to collect surface samples for study. The space program plans to eventually send a permanent satellite into orbit.

### INDIA

Residents of New Delhi, India spoke out this week to rid their city of monkeys who roam the streets and harass citizens and tourists alike. Citizens filed a lawsuit demanding protection from the animals, which reportedly bite, chase and rob residents as they walk down the streets of New Delhi. India's Supreme Court decreed the city be monkey-free, and officials plan to continue to relocate the monkeys to rural regions.

### WASHINGTON

Foreign visitors will soon have to face stricter security procedures as they enter the United States. Students, travelers and workers will have to provide officials with fingerprints and photographs to be added to a database of visas for foreign visitors. The visitors will also be required to check out upon leaving the country. The system will help prevent terrorists from entering the country and will also help officials determine if any visitor is in the country after their visa has expired.

### BRAZIL

A three day blackout in the city of Rio de Janeiro has caused chaos in the city, sparking government officials to declare a state of emergency. More than 300,000 were without power as of Friday, and phone lines were down all over the city. The blackout was caused by an explosion near a main power line, dis-

rupting power throughout Rio de Janeiro.

### ISRAEL

Thousands of Palestinians returned to their jobs in Israel last week after over a month of absence due to the closing of the border between Israel and Palestine. Israel Border Defense officials closed the border last month due to terrorist attacks in the country that killed 23 people.

### SUDAN

Eleven people died and thousands more were hospitalized for breathing difficulties last week after a swarm of grasshoppers hit a town in central Sudan. The grasshoppers were said to give off a smell that caused coughing, wheezing and other respiratory difficulties for residents. Officials believe the swarm stemmed from massive flooding over the last three months in the country.

### TURKEY

Four children were killed and several more were injured after a shell exploded in a village bordering Iraq, reported military officials Sunday. The children, aged 7 to 14 years, died after tampering with an unexploded shell while playing in a field near the village of Simak.

### POLAND

Pope John Paul II thanked thousands of citizens in his hometown of Krakow for visiting his family's grave on All Saints Day last week. The Catholic holiday is set aside for believers to remember and pray for their dead. The Pope's mother, father and brother are buried in a cemetery in Krakow, where citizens placed colored lights and prayed at the graves.