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## Meredith's Weekly Weather

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Scattered Showers High 78/ Low 58
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Partly Cloudy High 75/ Low 55
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Partly Cloudy High 77/ Low 59
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Partly Cloudy High 78/ Low 54
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Scattered Showers High 76/ Low 51
<b>MONDAY</b>	Scattered Showers High 72/ Low 50
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Mostly Sunny High 71/ Low 48

## Alexander Sanger addresses Meredith community

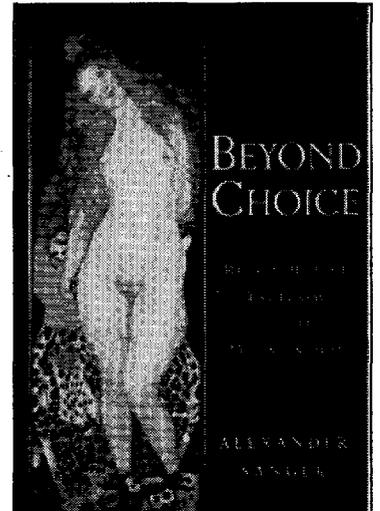
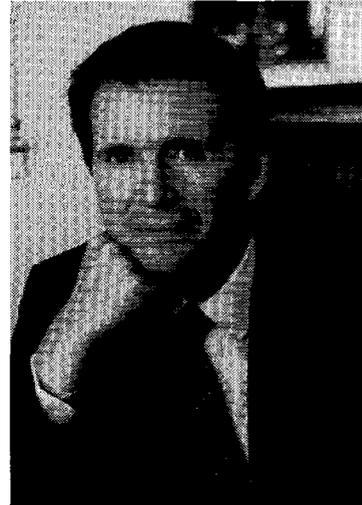
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Is being pro-choice the moral choice? Should parents be able to select the sex of the children they choose to have? Are some reproductive technologies such as genetic engineering and cloning potentially too dangerous to leave unrestricted?

These are some of the controversial topics Alexander Sanger addresses in his new book on the uncertain future of reproductive rights in America. Sanger, grandson of legendary birth control movement activist Margaret Sanger, is currently Chair of the International Planned Parenthood Council and serves as a Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations Population Fund. He previously served as the President of Planned Parenthood of New York City (PPNYC) and its international arm, The Margaret Sanger Center International. When Alexander Sanger visited Meredith College on October 13, he discussed some of the topics from his new book, *"Beyond Choice: Reproductive Freedom in the 21st Century"*. In his

book, he explores the history of the reproductive rights movement to discover how it got stuck in its thinking, and then provides a new argument for the rightness of its cause. Sanger writes that "having abortion legal and accessible is morally right, not morally wrong". He condemns the current situation in which "abortion is technically legal but difficult for many to access", arguing that "a woman has the right to use birth control and have an abortion because the pregnancy affects her body and her body only". He also addresses reasons why, in an era of new reproductive technologies, completely unfettered choice is not morally defensible.

Thirty years after Roe v. Wade, the argument between pro-choice and pro-life supporters has reached a stalemate. Pro-choice arguments haven't persuaded a comfortable majority that legal abortion is vital. International Planned Parenthood Council Chair Alexander Sanger asks pro-choicers an important question: How many more pieces of pro-life legislation will it take to get the pro-choice movement to rethink



Photos courtesy of alexandersanger.com

Alexander Sanger, left, discussed topics from his new book, *Beyond Choice*, with the Meredith community last Wednesday.

its approach to the issue?

Advocates of reproductive rights are hosting events in churches and temples that focus on the theological and moral arguments supporting a woman's right to choose. Supporters also hope to expand the news coverage of religious viewpoints on the issue to go beyond those of the Catholic Church and religious fundamentalists.

This past January, Planned Parenthood of New York City gathered religious leaders, local politicians and women's rights activists to commemorate the 31st anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. One of the prominent speakers at

that New York City event was Dan Maguire, author of the 2001 *"Sacred Choices: The Right to Contraception and Abortion in Ten World Religions."* His book traces pro-choice passages and interpretations throughout the texts of many major religions. From Catholicism to Hinduism to Buddhism, the Maguire finds references that either value the life of the mother over that of the fetus, or that define life as beginning after birth. His book, along with Sanger's, allows us to discuss the history and the future of reproductive rights and ethics in the context of the 21st century.

## KNS announces new members

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Meredith College honored academic achievement on September 23 at the Kappa Nu Sigma induction ceremony.

Held in Jones Chapel, the ceremony welcomed Meredith students, faculty and families. Scholarships were awarded to juniors and sophomores with the highest GPAs in their class for the 2003-2004 aca-

demic year. Membership to Kappa Nu Sigma was offered to all students meeting eligibility requirements of GPA and credit hours.

Scholarship recipients are juniors Michelle Dillman, Anna McFadyen and Rebekah Taylor, along with sophomores Heather Blanchard, Katherine Flynt, Kimberly Humphrey, Angela Levesque, Amanda Nickerson, Genevieve Parker and Rachel Venderburg.

New members inducted into Kappa Nu Sigma are Angela Atwood, Tetan Brannen, Carrie Clayton, Jessica Conicelli, Michelle Dillman, Jenni Drew, Lee Garner, Katrina Holloman, Stephanie Jessup, Sarah Lynn Joyner, Amber Lumley, Catherine Markijohn, Christi McKee, Rebekah Meek, Lauren Midgett, Teresa Nichols, Jennifer Niland, Megan Shore, Amy Smith, Rebekah Taylor and Elizabeth Yaros.

**COME TO THE COLLEGE REPUBLICAN/ COLLEGE DEMOCRAT DEBATE!**

Who? College Republicans/ College Democrats  
What? A great debate!  
When? Tuesday, October 26, 7 p.m.  
Where? Kresge Auditorum  
Topics: environment, health-care, Iraq, economy

**BE THERE!**