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Meredith's Weekly Weather

THURSDAY
Partly Cloudy
High 60/ Low 41

FRIDAY
Partly Cloudy
High 59/ Low 39

SATURDAY
Partly Cloudy
High 59/ Low 41

SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy
High 71/ Low 47

MONDAY
Mostly Sunny
High 73/ Low 50

TUESDAY
Partly Cloudy
High 76/ Low 49

WEDNESDAY
Partly Cloudy
High 74/ Low 51

Reverend Sally Bingham brings bright ideas to campus

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Can religion save the environment? This question was the focus of Reverend Sally Bingham's visit to Meredith College. Bingham has brought widespread attention to the linkage between ecological issues and the Christian Faith. Her visit to the Meredith campus included a lecture at Kresge, Chapel Service, and dinner with Meredith Angels for the Environment. She also spoke to Dr. Hazard's class about alternative energy and global warming. She also spoke to Dr. Nelson's classes about the connections between Christian Faith and ecology.

For Bingham, the environmental debate is as much about religion and morality as it is about science. She believes that people of faith must answer the call to stewardship of creation, for the sake of all who live on this earth. It begins in sustainable values that recognize the interrelatedness of all life. Sustainable development cannot be defined

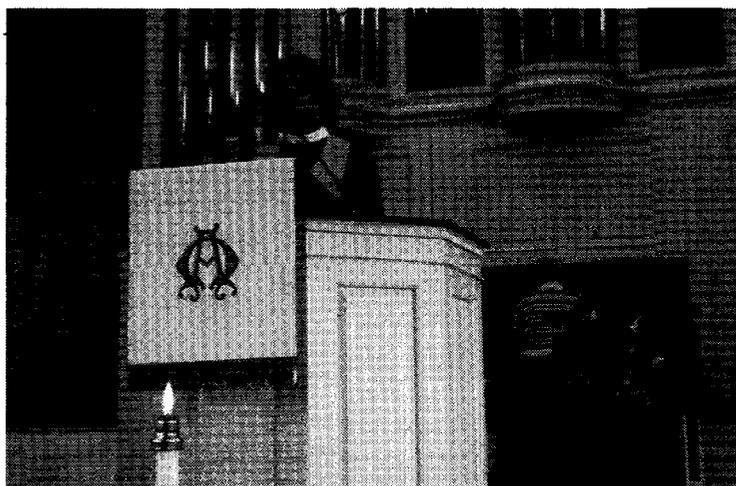


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Reverend Sally Bingham addressed students last week on the relationship between the environment and religion.

in economic terms alone. Bingham asserts that as we move into the third millennium, it becomes increasingly obvious that human beings are set on a path of unprecedented environmental destruction and unsustainable development. Human exploitation of the environment has yielded not only benefit, but also appalling poverty, pollution, land degradation, habitat loss, and species extinction. It is clear that human behavior has overwhelmingly contributed to ozone deple-

tion and global warming. As Bingham mentioned in her lecture at Kresge, stewardship begins with caring for, "all of God's creation, and the resources of the earth that rightly belong to our children". She reminded her audience that "the technology is out there, but we need to start using it". She has worked with congregations across the country to reduce their pollution by doing simple things, such as using energy efficient lighting and appliances, and developing clean energy. Dr. Swab, the Campus Min-

istry, and Meredith Angels for the Environment supported Bingham's message by using sustainable technologies for her visit. All of the promotional flyers on campus were printed on tree-free paper made from sugar cane. At the reception they utilized recycled paper napkins and plates. They also used biodegradable & compostable glasses and utensils that looked and felt like plastic, but were made from renewable sources such as corn, and bagasse from sugar cane fiber. The Campus Ministry printed the bulletin for Wednesday Worship Service on tree-free paper as well.

During the Chapel Service, Bingham reminded the audience that most people don't often think when flipping a switch and a light comes on. She noted that living in a beautiful area such as Raleigh, surrounded by trees, residents don't often consider their neighbors, breathing the dirty air

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Former student faces numerous federal charges

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Former Meredith student, 34-year old Lisa Phillips of Apex has been indicted by a federal grand jury in Raleigh for false impersonation of a US officer and related violations.

Phillips faces two counts of Impersonation of a US Officer which are violations of Title 18, United States Code (U.S.C.), section 912, for posing as a Captain in the

U.S. Air Force. Each count carries not more than three years imprisonment and/or \$1000 fine. One of the aforementioned violations of Title 18, U.S.C. section 912 involved Phillips obtaining tuition and expenses at Meredith approximately with a value of \$42,178. Phillips has also been charged with making a false statement, a violation of Title 18, U.S.C. section 1001, by saying that she was a Captain in the US Air Force. This violation

carries a penalty of not more than five years imprisonment and/or \$250,000 fine.

Phillips faces six counts of wire fraud, which violates Title 18, U.S.C. section 1343. Each count being an email sent to Meredith executives, students, faculty, and administrative staff that supported obtaining tuition waivers via posing as a Captain in the US Air Force. The emails in question occurred in March 2002 and December 2004, each carrying a penalty of

not more than 20 years imprisonment and/or \$250,000 fine.

Count ten is Unauthorized Use of Official Insignia, which violates Title 18, U.S.C. section 701. This violation carries not more than six months imprisonment and/or \$5,000 fine. She also faces a count of Unauthorized Use of an Official Uniform, violation of Title

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