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Meredith's Weekly Weather

WEDNESDAY Showers High 81/ Low 69

THURSDAY Mostly Sunny High 96/ Low 69

FRIDAY Mostly Sunny High 87/ Low 65

SATURDAY Partly Cloudy High 81/ Low 61

SUNDAY Mostly Sunny High 82/ Low 62

MONDAY Mostly Sunny High 85/ Low 63

TUESDAY Isolated Thunderstorms High 87/ Low 64

Sizzlin' Singers in September

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Members of Meredith community do not be alarmed: the sudden influx of students possessing a lack of hearing and roughened vocal cords is not due to colds—the Sizzlin' September Concert occurred Saturday night, and everyone is feeling the after-effects. The Sizzlin' September Concert celebrated the success of Meredith's Rock for Relief marathon, wherein students "rocked" in festive rocking chairs for twenty-four hours in order to raise money for the tsunami victims in Sri Lanka and other affected areas. The concert provided a chance to revel in our accomplishments and relax away the stress of school-work for a night.

Students arrived early for the 8:30pm concert, buying pizza and setting down comfy blankets around the amphitheatre on which to sit. Others settled onto the grass in front of the large stage, impatient with excitement and more than ready for the

concert to start. Students carrying necklaces of metallic beads traveled through the crowd, selling the necklaces in order to raise money for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, a helping sentiment shared by the performers, who had created non-profit t-shirts to aid the relief efforts.

Sizzlin' September featured Sister Hazel, a popular band from the mid-90s who are very interested in aiding relief around the world. Mid-way through the concert, the lead singer threw out a t-shirt that the band will be selling in the upcoming weeks in order to raise money for relief efforts for the areas devastated by the recent Hurricane Katrina. They were preceded by an up-and-coming artist, Ari Hest, who performed several original songs. The crowd certainly loved him, for when he moved to his booth to sign autographs, he was practically swamped by the endless line of new fans. When Sister Hazel ascended the stage, the crowd re-



Photo by: Terri Richards

Sister Hazel performs at the much anticipated Sizzlin' September concert.

sponded enthusiastically. The once-small group of fans settled before the stage had jumped up at the first resounding note and were quickly joined by most of the people settled around the amphitheatre, leaving several empty blankets and pizza plates behind. The mass of people before the stage swayed and danced to

the music, shouting out the words and reveling in the great atmosphere. The concert carried on until eleven that night, extending a bit longer with a sudden encore by Sister Hazel. Though the amphitheatre is empty now, the sore throats and ringing ears show just how wonderfully the event succeeded.



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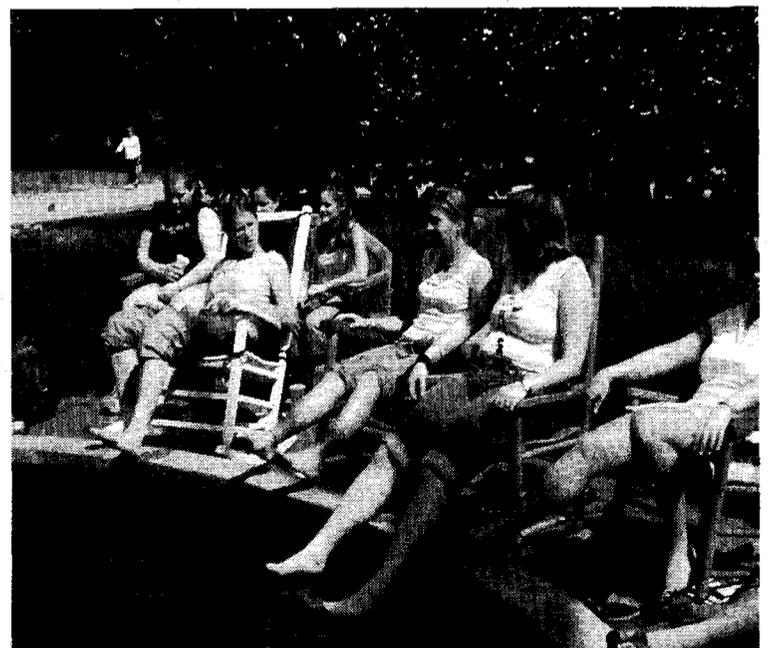


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FYE students rock for relief between 2-3pm on Friday afternoon.