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his merchandise table were sure to remember his website, [www.drewholcomb.com](http://www.drewholcomb.com), for future purchasing reference.

While listening to Drew Holcomb's stories and songs of his travels across America and Scotland, many people visited the refreshment table for some scrumptious cheesecake, cookies, and frappuccino, all provided by the coffeehouse, free of charge. Though several students brought their laptops and homework to finish up any necessary tasks, the majority of students squeezed together on the overstuffed couches and talked quietly with one another when not listening to the music. Ending around 9:30 PM, the students and audience members in the coffeehouse continued relaxing in their chairs for a bit, finishing their cheesecake and talking to Holcomb about his lyrics and excellent performance.

Though the second Meredith College Coffeehouse is over, the memories created in the armchairs and music will reverberate through the Cate



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The next coffeehouse on October 29 will feature the local Brooks Wood Band.

Center for quite some time. Drew Holcomb CDs will be heard around campus, and people will be dreaming of cheesecake for many days to come.

## Psychology Week

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This past week was Psychology Week at Meredith College, something that the psychology department has been doing since the early 1990's. Co-advisor of the Psychology Club, and Meredith professor, Mark O'Dekirk said that Psychology Week is usually held at the beginning of the fall semester each year and is meant to give the club opportunities to host events that are designed to highlight various aspects of the Psychology field.

In past years, there have been a variety of speakers and activities, some recent examples being, an art therapist, a dance therapist, "The Love Connection" – a panel of counselors and faculty/staff who answered questions from the crowd regarding relationship issues, psychology related movies such as "A Beautiful Mind" and others.

This year's agenda included tips from professionals about applying to and being successful in graduate school; a

rehabilitation counselor from UNC-Chapel Hill; a panel of school psychologists and other professionals discussing educational psychology and how it is used; and a panel of recent Meredith College psychology graduates who returned to their alma mater to answer questions about their personal graduate school experiences and various vocations.

All of these events were free and were sponsored by the Psychology Club. The hope of the club is that Psychology Week would provide students with a better understanding of how broad the field of psychology is and how a degree in Psychology can be used in a variety of settings. The Psychology Club and the Meredith psychology department encourage students to look into the field, ask questions, and find out what a psychology degree can do for you!

## First Student Body Meeting of 2005-2006

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The Student Government Association of Meredith College reinstated the student body meeting on Monday, September 26th, congregating for the first time since the 1980s. Kelly Beth Smith, SGA President, opened the meeting with a welcoming address, and then introduced the other members of the Executive Committee.

Over the summer, SGA surveyed rising sophomores, juniors and seniors to get an idea of what improvements could be made over the course of this year. The results of this survey helped SGA determine their top three goals for the year, which are 1) to improve the

student dining experience, 2) better communication with students about what is happening on campus and 3) to support and integrate the Unity Council.

Christine Davis, SGA treasurer, first talked about the new Student Activities Fee, explaining that the main goal of the SAF was to improve campus activities, especially those on the weekends. Davis also explained the Budget Committee and the process by which organizations can apply for funds. A brief listing of events being funded by the new Student Activities Fee included the Sister Hazel concert, the upcoming trip to Busch Gardens, and monthly movies being shown in Kresge.

SGA's first main goal this

year is to improve the on campus dining experience for students. By working with Bill Wade and Thad O'Briant, SGA is trying to coordinate with students to improve dining options. The SGA Dining Survey plays a crucial role in this process by providing specific information on what students want to see in both the Beehive and Belk Dining Hall.

The second goal SGA discussed was improving communication to students about what's happening on campus. For the first time, the SGA President has been granted permission to send all-student emails, and will be sending out updates in the form of a newsletter entitled The Halo. The

Student Government Association also has a website, which can be accessed at <http://www.meredith.edu/sga>. It includes information on each Executive Committee member, the committee's responsibilities, and current events.

Supporting and integrating Unity Council was the third goal discussed at the meeting. Unity Council, formerly the Diversity Council, is working to get Meredith more involved in the community. Their first event will be World AIDS Day, in December, and more information about the event will be available in October.

The last item of discussion was the Hurricane Katrina Relief Project, sponsored by SGA and the Service Coun-

cil. The Project consists of a sacrificial giving campaign, where members of the Meredith community give up something they enjoy to support the loss of Gulf Coast residents. Pledge cards will be available this week in the Cate Center, and offer a variety of charities for donations.

After discussing the goals for the year, door prizes were handed out and then the floor was opened to students for a question and answer session. Questions about the dining services reform dominated the forum, and after a lengthy discussion, students were advised to email further concerns or ideas to [sga@meredith.edu](mailto:sga@meredith.edu).