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## Meredith's Weekly Weather

WEDNESDAY	Sunny	High 71/ Low 39
THURSDAY	Mostly Sunny	High 71/ Low 42
FRIDAY	Partly Cloudy	High 75/ Low 47
SATURDAY	Partly Cloudy	High 73/ Low 51
SUNDAY	Partly Cloudy	High 73/ Low 51
MONDAY	Partly Cloudy	High 66/ Low 41
TUESDAY	Partly Cloudy	High 68/ Low 47

## Voices Heard at Student Life Forum

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On Tuesday, October 25th, the SGA Student Life Committee sponsored the first Student Life Forum of the year in Belk Dining Hall. The forum, conducted by Jessica Conicelli, Chair of the SGA Student Life Committee, had a good turnout with many members of the Meredith Community, including President Hartford, coming to listen and voice their opinions on various topics. The issues up for discussion that night were the placement of Blue Light Emergency Lights, The Meredith Herald, and condom distribution on campus.

The first topic up for discussion was the Blue Lights that were going to be placed on campus. These emergency lights were given as a gift from the Parents Fund. Currently, five of the six lights that will be brought to the campus have already been designated to be placed in certain areas, and the committee wanted suggestions on where the sixth should be placed. Two will be placed near the parking lots near the dorms, one will be placed near the parking lots by the back entrance, another one will be placed in the commuter parking lot and one more will be placed behind the gym on the Meredith Mile. Some suggestions that came up for the placement of the sixth one included near the amphitheater, on the greenway path, near the front of campus, on the Meredith Mile on the street near Jones Auditorium, behind the Science and Math

Building walking towards the commuter parking lot and in the parking lot by the alumnae house. The chair said that the committee will consider all the suggestions given and decide on the placement of the last one at a later date.

Next item on the agenda was the Meredith Herald. Maria Santore, editor for the Herald, stood up and spoke on some of the difficulties that the newspaper has faced so far this semester, from lack of writers to complaints about the newspaper being too biased. She reported that the newspaper needs more input and support from the student body and asked for any suggestions on how the newspaper could be better. She brought up the idea of possibly putting the newspaper on line. Many responded that they would rather have the paper in print because it's more accessible. Some suggested that they get more information from different student organizations and departments and advertise some of the events going on in Raleigh, like local bands performing and art exhibits. Maria said that she would take the suggestion into consideration and try to make some improvements.

The last item on the agenda was the issue of condom distribution on campus. No official decision has been made on the issue and the committee just wanted to see how the students felt about the issue, whether they were for or against it. The issue was brought to the committee by the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance (FMLA), which was established on campus

recently. FMLA felt that condoms should be made available to students on campus. They have said that they are not trying to promote sexual activity on campus; instead they just want women to protect themselves and practice safe sex. The condoms are a way for the women here on campus to be safe and responsible. A few students at the forum felt that condoms weren't needed here since you can get them off campus at nearby stores. They also didn't want them in their faces promoting sex on campus. Others felt that condoms should be made available to students and that there should also be programs held on safe sex to teach students how to be safe. The main concern from a lot of students was where the money for the condoms was going to come from. Many expressed that

they did not want the money to come from their tuition or have tuition increased to pay for them. The discussion on this topic lasted for almost an hour before Jessica Conicelli, the chairperson, stepped in and brought it to an end.

For anyone who was able to attend the forum or not able to attend the forum, the Student Life Committee will be conducting a survey of student opinion regarding the availability of condoms on campus. The survey will run for two weeks, and the results will be announced at the end of that period. It is very important that the Student Life Committee have as much student feedback as possible on this issue, so please fill out the survey. If you have any questions, feel free to email Jessica Conicelli at conicell@meredith.edu.

## Coffeehouse a Success



Photo by: Maria Santore

On Saturday October 29th, Brooks Wood Acoustic Trio performed in 2nd Cate for the third coffeehouse of the semester. The local band also performed at Meredith for the End of Year Bash last spring. Brooks, the lead singer, brought a little Halloween spirit into the evening by wearing a wig while he performed. Students enjoyed cheesecake, coffee, tea, and cookies. The event was sponsored by CAB (Campus Activities Board) and SAF (Student Activities Fee). The next and final coffeehouse of the semester is Saturday November 19th.