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Meredith's Weekly Weather

WEDNESDAY Mostly Sunny High 57/ Low 37

THURSDAY Mostly Cloudy High 64/ Low 50

FRIDAY Showers High 64/ Low 49

SATURDAY Windy High 64/ Low 41

SUNDAY Mostly Sunny High 50/ Low 34

MONDAY Showers High 57/ Low 37

TUESDAY Partly Cloudy High 53/ Low 33

## CAMPUS WIDE ELECTIONS: THIS WEEK!

KELLY BETH SMITH

Student Body President

Do you have two minutes to spare?

I think all of us, no matter how busy we are, can say "yes" to the question above. On behalf of the Student Government Association I am requesting that all of you take two minutes this week to vote during campus elections.

Could it be any easier?

Your ballot will be emailed to you at 9:00am on Thursday morning and you'll have until 5:00pm on Friday to cast your vote. Your ballot will contain information about all candidates and you'll be able to cast your vote online once you're ready. It truly will take less than two minutes! If you have any technical questions, you can email [elections@meredith.edu](mailto:elections@meredith.edu) and

someone will be in touch with you promptly.

Why are elections important?

Student leaders at Meredith play an integral role in the day to day affairs of our campus. Student leaders attend meetings in which they are asked to represent the student voice, they create and modify student policies, and they plan the activities

and events we all enjoy so much. Elections provide all Meredith students with a chance to select their leaders for the upcoming school year. Elections are so important because they ensure that student leaders are chosen fairly and by the students themselves. Not only that, but they are a great way for you to be involved and influence student life at Meredith.

## Budget Forums: Tuition Increase

MEGAN DONAHUE  
2009 Freshman at Large

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Also included in the budget is the payment for student workers, money for supplies in various departments,

funding for the library and for the arts. These expenses along with numerous "one time" expenditures are all included in the tuition hike.

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## Coffeehouse This Saturday



Photo courtesy of [www.houseofwally.com](http://www.houseofwally.com)

Coffeehouse this Saturday on 2nd Date at 8pm! Jamie and Eric will be performing for their second time at Meredith! Come enjoy FREE refreshments provided by CAB! Come enjoy the music, relax, and bring your friends!