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Meredith's Weekly Weather

WEDNESDAY Sunny
High 65/ Low 39

THURSDAY Mostly Sunny
High 69/ Low 50

FRIDAY Mostly Cloudy
High 68/ Low 40

SATURDAY Showers
High 49/ Low 28

SUNDAY Partly Cloudy
High 44/ Low 33

MONDAY Showers
High 43/ Low 37

TUESDAY Showers
High 60/ Low 39

Blackout on Campus

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On Wednesday, January 8th, like any other Wednesday, most students were sitting in class either enjoying a lovely lecture from their professor or completing some last minute work. But, for some reason, this Wednesday didn't go as planned for students who had classes in Martin Hall. At approximately 2:30 in the afternoon, as reported by Facilities Services and the Office of the Dean of Students, a water line under Martin Hall broke. The crawl space underneath began to fill with muddy water because of the red clay under the building. The water began to spill into the mechanical room located in the basement of Martin. One of the things located in the mechanical room is the main electrical panel for the entire building. By the time someone realized that the water line had broken, the mechanical room was filled with three to four feet of muddy water and the electrical panel was partially

submerged in the water. As a result, for safety reasons, power was cut to the building immediately and since the main source of power in the building was submerged in water, power was cut at the next level up in the power grid which cut power to the entire western part of the campus.

Facilities Services immediately began working to stop the water leak and pump the water out of the Martin Hall mechanical room so that they could assess the damage. Around the same time, Dr. Reichard began working with the Deans to relocate evening classes to other rooms on campus. By approximately 9:00 P.M. that night, power had been restored everywhere except Martin and the Ellen Brewer House, which is fed by the Martin electrical panel. After the water was pumped out, it was also discovered that several parts of the electrical panel must be replaced before power can be restored to Martin. The parts were located in California and



Photo by: Terri Richards

were expected to arrive here by Friday. Watson Electrical was on standby to make the repairs as soon as the parts arrived, which involved another short power outage to the entire western part of the campus sometime Friday

afternoon. The Deans and Department Heads worked with Dr. Reichard and the Registrar's Office to relocate classes scheduled in Martin for the remainder of Thursday and Friday.

U.S. Representative David Price

is Coming to Meredith

on February 22

at 7 p.m. in

Kresge.

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Dining Services to Improve

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This week, the SGA Executive Board met with the director of Dining Services, Thad O'Briant, to discuss potential changes to Belk Dining Hall and the Beehive Café. Many students had already come to SGA and to Mr. O'Briant with suggestions to help make both dining areas better. Mr. O'Briant said that 616 students, faculty, and staff responded to the survey that went out last

semester. The biggest issues mentioned from that survey were how to make hours more convenient to students and to have more variety at meals.

The most discussed issue was that of hours. Many students have made complaints that the hours of Belk Dining Hall and the hours of meal exchange at the Beehive are inconvenient. During the hours that the dining areas are open, many students have class and cannot get to either place in the allotted

hours. While it may seem simple to keep the dining hall open longer or to extend meal exchange hours, there are many factors that go into keeping both dining areas open, including the budget.

The second largest issue discussed was that of variety. Many students have expressed a desire to have a larger variety of things to eat in the dining hall and in the Beehive, especially on weekends. Students have noted that pizza is usually served in the dining hall

at least twice a week and about three times per weekend. Not only do students want more variety, vegetarians have expressed a need to have a bigger selection as well. On a whole, students want to have all food items labeled for all meals.

Keep in mind that this meeting was just to express suggestions for future changes. Dining Services will be sending out another survey in the near future and just by filling it out, you have the chance to win an iPod Nano.