

Fast Food Alternative

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Are you sick of fast food? Are T.G.I. Fridays and Applebees starting to get old? Are you sick of sacrificing quality to save a few dollars? Well, you'll never have to have another mozzarella stick or limp salad again! Just a quick drive to Durham will put you in contact with the quaint French bistro Vin Rouge.

Stepping through the doors of Vin Rouge, diners are welcomed by an ambiance of casual, unconventional luxury. Being inside of Vin Rouge, I felt like I was in New York City. It has an inventive, urbane feel that is quite unlike any place in the area.

The main dining room features a substantial bar

and an open kitchen led by Chef Matthew Kelly. Lace covered chandeliers light the deep red walls, adorned with vintage celebrity photos, in the back room.

And if you're visiting on a nice day, you must request patio seating. The half-covered outdoor patio is adorable. With painted walls and flowing linens, Vin Rouge's patio has a trendy, yet classic, vibe that I have yet to experience at any other triangle restaurant.

Kelly's culinary creations are just as flavorful as Vin Rouge's atmosphere. Most entrées are between fifteen and thirty dollars. However, it is a snap to eat at Vin Rouge on a college student's budget. For instance, Gratin de macaroni, made with gruyere and bacon, puts a unique, more refined spin

on macaroni and cheese for \$11.50. Under \$10.50 are the mushroom omelet and ham and cheese sandwich (which you can also get with fried egg) are other options that are light in price but burst with taste. All appetizers and salads are available for under \$10.00.

It's easy to eat inexpensively in a high class atmosphere at Vin Rouge. You won't even think twice about skipping desert. I recommend the chocolate moose. It is terribly delectable but also very rich! One order should be enough to share.

So head over to Durham to dine in style at Vin Rouge. I hope your car gets good gas mileage, because after you lose your Vin Rouge virginity, you'll be back many times to come.

Final Four Decided

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North Carolina is definitely basketball country, but ACC fans have nothing left to cheer for in the men's NCAA tournament. NC State and Carolina failed to make the Sweet 16 when they lost to Texas and George Mason respectively. Duke and Boston College, the only other ACC teams participating in the tournament got taken down in their quest to make an appearance in the Elite Eight, when Duke lost to LSU and Boston College lost by one point in overtime to Villanova.

Despite the ACC's hopes

being dashed at another national title, the tournament has still been incredibly exciting. Four games have been decided in overtime, and one in double overtime. The final four was decided with four teams that no one probably had in their brackets to be there: LSU, UCLA, Florida, and perhaps what most people would consider the Cinderella team: Number eleven seeded George Mason, who won four games including two to UNC and Connecticut to make it to the unexpected position of one of the four best teams in the country. While many local fans are probably disappointed, there are many

undoubtedly still watching, simply to see what could possibly happen next. The final four will take place on April 1st and the national championship game will be held on April 3rd.

As far as the women go, there is still some hope for the ACC, as UNC, Maryland and Duke are all promised places in the elite eight. They hold the elite company of Tennessee, Utah, Stanford, LSU, and Connecticut. The final four for the women will be decided on March 26th and March 28th. The final two teams will be decided on April 2nd and the championship game will be played on April 4th.

Coffee Shop

connection, so that years from now Meredith grads will come back to their old stomping ground and have memories attached to it. LaRoque is working to make that dream a reality. She offers a rewards program for frequent guests and con-

tinues to expand her list of events to encourage community interaction. The marketing department at Meredith recently finished a photo shoot at the Royal Bean, securing its place in the Meredith culture. Perhaps Meredith will finally

get its hangout, a place that we will come back and visit for years to come.

The Royal Bean is open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to midnight on Friday, 7 a.m. to midnight on Saturday, and 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sunday.

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Society for Human Resource Management: HR GAMES!

SHRM, a national business professional society, had their North Carolina State competitions Saturday March 18, hosted by NCSU.

HR Games is an event where SHRM student chapters compete in a positive and exciting way in order to prepare for the Professional in Human Resources certification (PHR). Using a Jeopardy style format, teams of three compete in several rounds. Not only is this a fun way to study, but it gives the students networking opportunities, as local business sponsor and act as volunteers, but they also compete for scholarships and awards. This year there were 14 teams participating from 7 different universities in North Carolina. The Meredith Angel team placed in 6th!

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Meredith College's Teams are:

Meredith Angels: Ashley Adams, Amy Smith, and Samantha Speers

Meredith Halos: Brittany Buchanan, Christina Hooks, and Yasmine Hughes, along with our favorite alternate Shenna Jones.

The Regional HR Games will be hosted by the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN the weekend of April 7th. Both Meredith teams will be there. Please help to cheer on these teams!

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