

# Bombings

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among the injured. It is not certain if the Monday explosions were the work of suicide bombers or bombs that were on timers but, according to the Associated Press report, the bombing is thought to be the work of local militants and thirty people had been detained. The bombing also occurred during the heavy tourist season as well as around two Egyptian events—Coptic Christian Easter and Shem al-Nessim, an ancient holiday that celebrates the first day of spring. This is the third terrorist attack on a Sinai beach resort in less than two years. Egyptian interior minister Habib el-Adly said that the blasts were linked to attacks at other Sinai resorts in 2004 and 2005. Terrorism expert Steven Emerson said he believes that the terrorists' goal is to destroy Egypt's tourism industry, which brought in \$6.4 billion in 2005 and thereby undermine President

Hosni Mubarak.

In another incident on Wednesday on the Gaza side of the border, also around 11:35 a.m., Palestinian militants unsuccessfully tried to crash a car filled with explosives into the main Israel-Gaza crossing. Palestinian police opened fire on the car as it approached the Palestinian side of the Karni crossing. The militants returned fire, wounding three officers and two civilians. Two militants were arrested and the hundreds of pounds of explosives were dismantled. The crossing was shut in response to the attempted attack, an occurrence that has happened several times this year.

According to the Associated Press report, Israeli official General Elkana Har Nof predicts the Sinai area that borders Israel "will continue to be a target for Islamic extremists. The coast combines all the elements that are a target, especially for global jihad," he said.

# Academic Dishonesty: Transcending Words

A Special Note to Seniors  
With classes finally winding down, I know all of us are looking forward to the end of year traditions and for seniors, graduation! However, please keep in mind that we all are still subject to the Honor Code, and poor choices and resortation to academic dishonesty so close to the end of the semester (such as plagiarism or cheating) can bring about severe consequences such as delay of graduation for those who will be finishing up their final semester. So I urge you to please practice plagiarism prevention.

The following is anonymous letter from a student who had delay of graduation served to her as an Honor Council sanction. She didn't have the chance to graduate with her friends, all because of an impulsive decision that she had made.

Throughout sixteen years of schooling, I was always taught that cheating was looking on someone else's paper, allowing someone to get their answers from me, and taking someone else's words and calling them my own. I have, like everyone I know, been in tough academic situations when I wished I could just take the easy way out, throw caution into the wind, and join the many others who seemed to have no inhibition when it came to discarding their academic integrity. However, I perse-

vered and my conscious always thanked me for it later.

Until very recently I had maintained this very integrity I worked so many years to simply call my own, but I failed. I actually allowed myself to succumb to the temptation of taking a short cut, and the sad part is that I didn't even realize what I had done until I had already done it. I ignored my gut feeling, which wrenched and whispered to me not to go through with the seemingly harmless task. I disregarded my conscious telling me that there still was room left for my integrity and chose to listen to my mind that was abundantly satisfied with my ignorance. I continued to replace the pleading voice of my intuition with the satisfaction of checking off an assignment from my to-do list. I forgot, in the midst of my hectic schedule, stress, and desire to get assignments out of the way, that academic dishonesty is not limited to bubble sheets, fill-in-the-blanks, and stealing someone else's words. Academic dishonesty was the result of ignoring my intuition in order to achieve short-term gratification.

I have had to lie, by omission, to most of my friends about the situation. It has been too embarrassing to admit to them that I could be so thoughtless and disrespectful not only of my professor but also of my classmates and most of all myself. I have

had to admit my mistake to my parents, who have been understanding and supportive, but whose silence contains so much disappointment that it hurts to look them in the eyes and know what they must really be thinking. I have had to talk about what I did so many times to people I don't recall even seeing before that my heart continues to sink with weights of guilt. I certainly never thought I would be a proud senior, sitting in front of the Honor Council and crying before freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors, and faculty members about a situation that at one point seemed justifiable and now was just unbearably distressing.

I am a resilient person who produces the best work in difficult situations, who kicks into gear when everyone else is wilting in the heat of their demands. I have been a person who listens to my intuition and always does the right thing, but just this once I folded under the pressure. I will not be graduating with my class after all these years of hard work because of one decision I made one hour of one day in my life. Instead, I will be watching my friends walk together, turning to a new page in their lives. Meanwhile, I will be temporarily one page behind, remembering that dishonesty reaches beyond words and into the very core of who I have become.

## Exhibition: Juried Senior Student Exhibition

Dates: April 23 through May 28, 2006

Opening Reception: Saturday April 23, 2-4pm  
Location: Frankie G. Weems Gallery, Gaddy-Hamrick Building, Meredith College, Raleigh, NC.  
Gallery Hours: Monday through Friday, 9-5pm and Saturday through Sunday 2-5pm.

The Frankie G. Weems Gallery is pleased to present the 2006 Juried Senior Student Exhibition, a show of work by Meredith College Art Department's graduating Seniors. Each piece of artwork has been hand selected by the faculty, representing each artist's style accordingly.

This show features works incorporating photography, fibers, printmaking, graphic design, and other media choices. The artist's majors include Art Education, Graphic Design, and Studio Art. Graphic Designers include Jenna Austin, Robyn Lewis-Gallick, Jennifer Mckenzie, Sarah Richards, Rebecca Rosal, Kaitlin Wilson-Bryant. Stephanie Allen, Chris-Anne Felzine, Kalena Gonzalez Senior, Maria Lapira, Rachel Souza and Shannon Walker are Studio Artist while Jeanette Grey is an Art Education Major. Each student shines through their art in this show.

For more information, please contact Ann Roth at (919)760-8239 or gallery@meredith.edu.

The Meredith Nutrition and Wellness Association is seeking potential members for the fall semester. If you are a nutrition student, or just want to have some fun while learning more about nutrition, we want you! Our first event will be America's Walk for Diabetes in September. For more information on the organization, or the diabetes walk, contact Sheri Connor.

Celebrate the last day of classes and eat wan-cakes! Tomorrow night from 10pm to 12am in Barefoot's 1st floor kitchen, we will have pancakes, waffles, and bacon. Pancakes and waffles will be \$1 each, and the bacon will cost .25 a slice. Juice and milk as well! Eat, enjoy games and a movie in the parlor!