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WEATHER

TODAY: T-Showers.
Low 61, High 80.

Thursday: Showers.
Low 61, High 66.

Friday: Showers. Low
64, High 74.

Saturday: Scattered
T-Storms. Low 59, High
76.

Source: www.weather.com

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Tues. Oct. 23 at 6 p.m.

Friends Gather to Celebrate Library Event

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Staff Writer

On October 10, Friends of the Carlyle Campbell Library held its fall meeting at 6:30 PM in Belk Dining Hall. After Carolyn Hriso, president of the organization, called the meeting to order and Bernie Cochran said an invocation, guests were treated to a dinner of sweet tea, salad, roasted chicken, rolls, fresh green beans and a vegetable medley. Coffee and a choice of lemon meringue pie or carrot cake followed.

According to the Friends of Carlyle Campbell Library website, which can be found at <http://meredith.edu/library/friends.htm>, "The Meredith Friends of the Library was established in 1941 with the purpose of adding to the cultural environment of the College and community. They have focused on this purpose in two ways: by contributing financially to the library and sponsoring speakers of interest to lovers of books and learning."

After dinner, Nan Miller spoke about membership in the Friends of Carlyle Campbell Library and Laura Davidson reported on the library's expenditures—most specifically, the "strategic vision for global connectedness," which has enabled the library to expand its collection of books about foreign countries, specifically those in which Meredith students study abroad.

Laura Davidson announced that the library received a grant of nearly \$15,000, matched by the Friends group, to enrich the strategic vision plan. Davidson also spoke about students' access to more resources and services in the library, specifically new online resources.

Following the library report was the Special Edition: Newspapers Are Changing panel discussion. Speakers included journalists from the Raleigh News & Observer: Melanie Sill, executive editor; Jim Jenkins, deputy editorial page editor, columnist and editorial writer; and Ruth Sheehan, columnist.

Doug Spero, associate professor of mass communication at Meredith, led the discussion.

Panelists discussed topics such as decreased viewership, corporate buyout of newspapers and competition among media to deliver newsworthy stories. The panel also accepted and answered audience questions.

John Kincheloe, who works in Meredith's library department, attended the dinner and took interest in a particular topic of the discussion. He said, "When asked if [the panelists] thought young people were even interested in news, one said that it's

always been the case that young people weren't particularly interested in the news. The question for her was to identify what the current young generation actually regarded as news . . . was it how many pounds Angelina has gained, or how badly Britney blew her VMA performance or was it something else?"

Online newspapers have created many new opportunities for growth within the field. Sill said, "We are just beginning to tap the potential of this media. Through our website, we can extend

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Jim Jenkins, Melanie Sill and Ruth Sheehan, journalists from the Raleigh News & Observer, came to Meredith to participate in a discussion about the ways newspapers are changing.

Pictures taken by John Kincheloe

"There is something unique about sitting at a Starbucks or an outdoor cafe with a cup of coffee and the morning paper."