

## WHAT'S UP IN RALEIGH?

Are you having trouble getting your hands on tickets to the NCSU games? Instead of sulking alone in your dorm room, consider grabbing a group of friends and heading over to **THE BRICKHOUSE**—the many 10' big-screen televisions make this sports bar the next best way to keep up with team stats! Located directly across from campus, beside the Royal Bean, The Brickhouse is known for its fun, friendly atmosphere, tasty food (especially the wings, burgers, and homemade pizza), and stellar service. Thanks to the weekly special events, including Trivia Night on Wednesdays and Open Mic Night on Thursdays, it is impossible to be bored if you make every night a Brickhouse night!

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If you are looking for somewhere to buy unique cupcakes and confections, try **The Cupcake Shoppe Bakery** in the Glenwood South District! Each day, this adorable bakery-boutique serves freshly baked and cleverly named cupcakes in every flavor and design you can possibly imagine. For those who have time to stay awhile, feel free to sit down and enjoy the cozy atmosphere as you consume the cupcake(s) of your choice.

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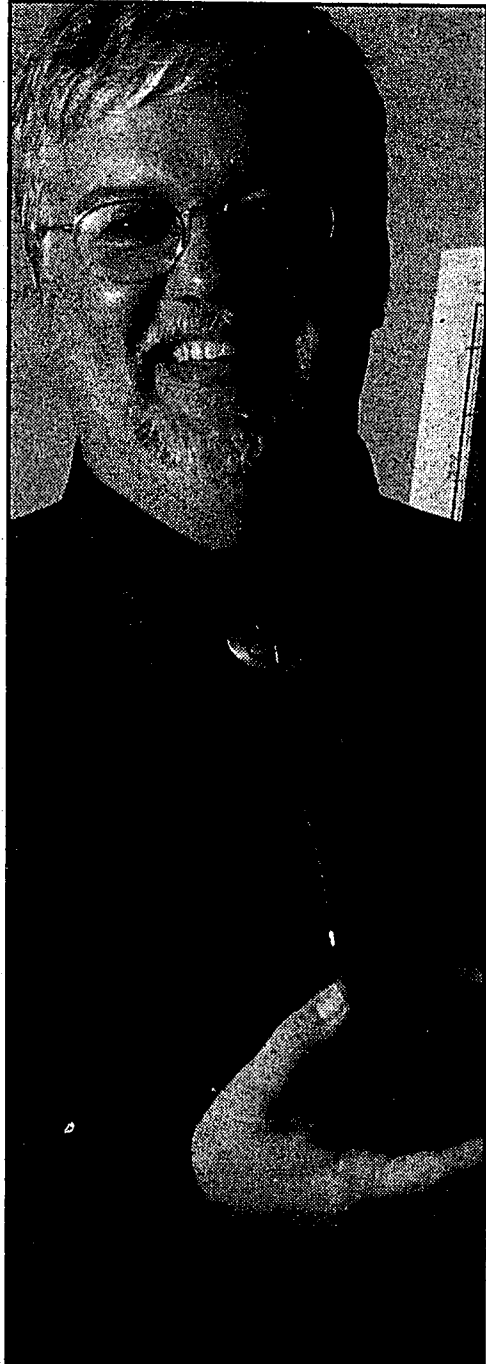


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## DO YOU KNOW WHAT A CONVOCATION IS?

By Courtney Angers  
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Meredith College seems to be in love with the phrase, "You just have to experience it!" We hear this in reference to Cornhuskin', Stunt, and even convocations. Unfortunately, this phrase keeps many students from attending activities around campus simply because they don't know what the activities are all about.

While we would like to keep the suspense in Cornhuskin', convocations should not be something that we remain puzzled about. To get the inside scoop on what these events really are, I spoke with John Kincheloe, the Chair of the Convocation Committee.

First of all, what is a convocation? Is it a graduation ceremony? A religious event? According to Kincheloe, a convocation is simply a prestigious event on campus where the entire Meredith campus is invited to hear a respected speaker or performer. Some of the events may be geared towards the arts while others may focus on the environment or politics. The events change from year to year, and Kincheloe, along

with the Convocation Committee, tries to select speakers and events that touch many different disciplines across campus and, therefore, reach out to the most people.

Although it is okay to simply go and attend a convocation and listen to the speaker, this is not the best way to get the most out of the experience. In the words of Kincheloe, in order to fully experience each convocation, it is, necessary to "Shake [the performers] hands. Ask them hard questions. Find out if they are guest-teaching a class and drop in. Put everything else on hold for a while, and connect with these people who have excelled in their fields." In other words, surround yourself in the experience; don't let it glide over you.

While all of this sounds good, you may be asking yourself why. Why take time out of my already too busy day to go to these convocations? It is true that all Meredith students are required to attend twelve convocations before graduation, but this is not the primary purpose

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## ask gigi

Dear Gigi,  
 Recently I have noticed this one guy who has been creeping on my roommate and me. I don't know how to handle the situation when he confesses his love for us even though we have never officially met him. My roommate and I constantly feel very annoyed and pressured to respond to his romantic advances. Is there any way we can talk to him without being too harsh? Or do we need to just ride it out?

Sincerely,  
 Crept On

Dear Crept On,  
 I've had my fair share of experience with creepers, but avoiding them is always tricky. By all means, you and your roommate should both tell this guy to back off! I wouldn't worry about sounding harsh since you've never officially met him, but there are ways to be firm without being rude. How does he confess his love for you—does he call you, text you, stalk you online, or a combination of all three? For starters, you should both confront him through the main mode(s) of communication that he uses to talk to you. Then you should each tell him that you are not interested in him romantically. Politely but firmly emphasize the fact that his attention is excessive and unflattering, and that because he is seriously annoying you, you are even less inclined to want to be friends with him, much less anything more. Finally, tell him that if he continues to bother you, you will have to report him to Campus Security (and if he refuses to back off or resorts to stalking you in person, make sure you carry out that threat by calling 919-760-8888).

Yours truly,  
 Gigi

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Wednesday, September 17</b>	Free STD Clinic 12-3pm, Carroll HC	GRE Study Session 6:30-8:30pm	Showers 73
<b>Thursday, September 18</b>	Teaching Fellows Mentor Dinner 5-7pm, Oak Room	SGA Meeting 5:30-7pm, DCR	Few Showers 80
<b>Friday, September 19</b>	Student Advisor Meeting 10am, KRS	CAB Sizzlin' September Concert 8pm, AMP	Partly Cloudy 79
<b>Saturday, September 20</b>	NC Honor Association Conference	Volleyball vs. Chris. Newport @ Peace 2pm	Partly Cloudy 77
<b>Sunday, September 21</b>	Open House 12pm-7pm	Volleyball @ Mary Baldwin 12pm	Sunny 78
<b>Monday, September 22</b>	Freshmen Connection 10am	Honor Council 7pm, CCR	Partly Cloudy 80
<b>Tuesday, September 23</b>	Senate Meeting 5-7pm, HAR 2124	Student Life Meeting 5:30pm, DCR	Mostly Sunny 79