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ENTER EDWIN MCCAIN

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On Fri., Sept. 19, Meredith College students, staff, and friends will be screaming their heads off for Edwin McCain, the headliner of the annual Sizzlin' September concert. Raised and still living in Greenville, SC, McCain has been singing professionally for around 15 years. He formed his band, the Edwin McCain Band, in 1993, and he has released around eight albums since then (Edwin.com).

McCain's music is described as a mixture of "folk, soul and rock" (Edwin.com). While I'm sitting here writing this article, I'm alternating between listening to "I Could Not Ask For More" and "I'll Be," two of his most popular songs. It's easy to fall in love with emotional lyrics like "I'll be your crying shoulder, I'll be love's suicide" and "I could not ask for more than this time together, I could not ask for more than this time with you." McCain's songs are usually mellow and smooth with a touch of country flair. McCain is probably best known for "I'll Be," a love song that is especially popular at weddings and school dances.

Not without the usual rock star perks, McCain has an active and enthusiastic fan-base; there is a well-established fansite for him and his band at Edwinfans.com. The website's forum covers everything from recent

news on McCain to pictures of McCain to a listing of where and when McCain is playing.

Unfortunately, the Sizzlin' September Concert is not listed on the Edwinfans.com forum's tour calendar as of yet. However, the Meredith concert has made it onto the tour list on McCain's personal website, Edwin.com. Edwin.com includes a tour list, a message board, contact information (including an address for fan mail), recent news about McCain, and McCain merchandise so fans can express their McCain love through clothing.

McCain and the Edwin McCain Band are not going to be the only performers at the Sizzlin' September concert; the Brooks Wood Band is also taking the stage that night. According to their website, brookswoodband.com, the BWB was started right across the street at NC State, and they describe their music as "feel-good music that will save your soul and make you a believer."

The campus is excited to be hosting Edwin McCain, the Edwin McCain Band and the Brooks Wood Band on Fri., Sept. 19. The gates will open at 7 p.m., and the show will begin at 8 p.m. The rain location is Dorton Arena at the NC State Fairgrounds; otherwise, the concert will be held in the amphitheater. Tickets are \$5 for Meredith students, and public tickets are \$10. Come on out and party with us! ■

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President Hartford at opening convocation

of these events. Convocations are a chance to see and hear people who are where we want to be twenty, thirty, or forty years from now. They are a chance to round out our educational experience, a deviation

from the normal lecture. They are a chance to meet the "best and the brightest" and interact with leaders of our community.

Coming up this year, we have many opportunities to meet these talented leaders. Meredith is going to hold its first ever "Convocation in the Courtyard" on October 14th, featuring Tanya Denckla Cobb and a conversation about the environment. Later in the year there are going to be student-centered events surrounding the November elections, a faculty lecture by our very own Dr. Tippett, and an address by a presenter at the Sundance Film

Festival, Lauren Greenfield. All of these events are great opportunities to meet distinguished people from outside—and inside—the Meredith community.

If these convocations or the idea of convocations strike your interest, go talk to Kincheloe. He hangs out behind the Media Services desk in the library and is always looking for student input on the Convocation Committee. In the meantime, go to the next convocation and see where you could be standing in the next twenty years. ■

Career Center Networking Event on September 30

Connect with professionals on Tuesday, September 30 between 5:30-6:30 pm in the SMB Atrium. You will have the chance to meet professionals from a variety of careers, many of them Meredith graduates.

RSVP for both the workshop and event NOW (by September 16) on CareerLink (www.meredith.edu/career) under Quicklinks.

