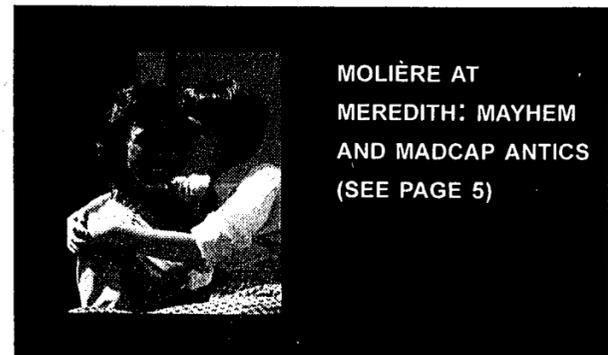


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## MEREDITH COLLEGE: PREPARED FOR BAD WEATHER

By Melissa Santos  
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In 2005, Hurricane Katrina forced the nation to re-evaluate its emergency relief efforts by exposing the Federal Emergency Management Agency's lack of preparedness. Recently, Hurricane Ike devastated the Texas coast, the effects of which were felt as far inland as Houston. Days after the storm, millions of Houston residents were without power, and thousands had to wait in long lines for water and ice from FEMA trucks—supplies which city officials said were late in coming. Luckily for Texans, good Samari-

tans had delivered food, water and other supplies to Houston prior to FEMA's arrival. But what if inclement weather were to strike at Meredith? Are college officials prepared or will the school, too, be forced to rely on the kindness of strangers?

In the event of a severe hurricane or tornado, the first step is initial assessment according to the college's Major Incident Response Plan. The Incident Response Team Leader (Vice President for Business and Finance) and the Director of Facilities Services are in charge of

determining the danger of the weather situation and evaluating whether or not it warrants closing the college or implementing the school's evacuation plan. Any decisions will be communicated to students, faculty, staff and the public via the Marketing and Communications office. Currently, Meredith College has two ways of announcing emergencies: the campus alarm warning system and MC alert. The siren system uses three tones—wail, steady and Westminster—to warn

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## Green Tip for the Week of September 29

Buy organic foods as much as possible. Organic soils capture and store higher levels of CO<sup>2</sup>.

During the 2008-09 academic year, Meredith College's campus theme is "Sustaining our Environment: Developing our Greenprint." To help the Meredith community make daily choices that are beneficial to the environment, Angels for the Environment have compiled a year's worth of tips for greener living. To view green tips from previous weeks, visit [www.meredith.edu/campus-theme/environmental-tips.htm](http://www.meredith.edu/campus-theme/environmental-tips.htm).

## ELLEN POMPEO AT MEREDITH COLLEGE

By April Rummage  
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If you are a Grey's Anatomy fan and a Barack Obama supporter, then this was your weekend! Ellen Pompeo, who plays Meredith Grey, the title character on ABC's Grey's Anatomy, visited campus Sat., Sept. 27 on behalf of Obama. As early as one o'clock, eager supporters camped out in front of Jones Chapel. People brought blankets,

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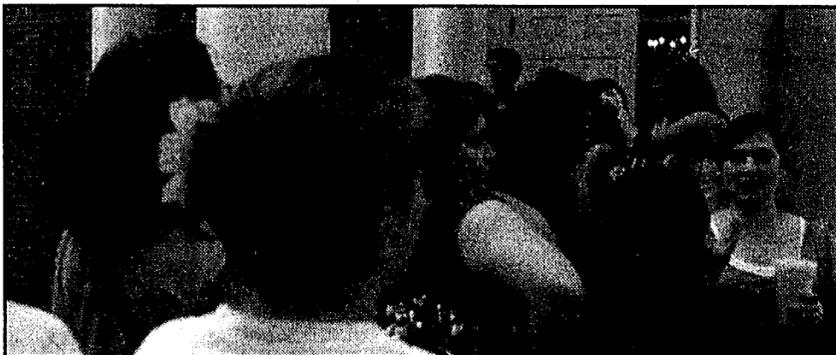


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People lined outside the Jones Chapel entrance waiting to see Ellen Pompeo and Danielle Panabaker