



## WHAT'S NEW IN RALEIGH?

Aubrey Jones

The highly anticipated BOYLAN BRIDGE BREWPUB opened last week on Boylan Avenue near downtown Raleigh. For the past six months construction and contracting have been in the works to open the pub that overlooks the skyline of downtown Raleigh. The outdoor seating covered by a pergola is great for an afternoon lunch with friends or a romantic summer evening with a view of the city.

Perhaps the most unique thing about the Boylan Bridge Brewpub is that they brew all of their own beers. You won't find the typical imports or domestics on tap here. They also serve sandwiches, appetizers and salads for lunch and dinner.

**Boylan Bridge Brewpub**  
201 South Boylan Avenue  
Raleigh, NC 27603  
(919)803-8927  
Sunday-Wednesday 11am-12am  
Thursday-Saturday 11am-2am

REMEDY DINER opened March 2 to satisfy the vegetarian and vegan population of Raleigh. Although there is food on the menu for meat lovers, Remedy has an exceptional menu for those who want to stay clear of eating meat.

Located on Hargett Street (yet another downtown eatery), Remedy serves breakfast all day long and also offers a full lunch and dinner menu.

**Remedy Diner**  
137 E. Hargett St.  
Raleigh, NC 27603  
(919)835-3553  
Monday-Thursday 11:00am-10pm  
Friday & Saturday 11:00am-12am

# MEREDITH SEEKING SACS REAFFIRMATION

Meredith's Dept. of Marketing

This academic year, students may hear Meredith administrators, faculty and staff talking about SACS, which stands for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

SACS is the regional body for the accreditation of degree-granting educational institutions in the Southern states, including North Carolina. Meredith was first accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in 1921. Member colleges and schools are reviewed by SACS every ten years.

SACS is "in the news" at Meredith because the college is in the process of seeking reaffirmation of its accreditation. This effort began in 2007-08, and Meredith is now preparing for reviews by evaluators that will take place in 2009-10.

President Maureen Hartford is the chair of Meredith's SACS Leadership Team, and Assistant to the President for Special Projects Sue Kearney is serving as Leadership Team vice chair and accreditation liaison. Many people across the campus are actively involved in this effort to demonstrate how well Meredith fulfills its mission and pursues quality enhancement.

Regional accreditation is very important to an institution's reputation and well-being. An inability to gain SACS reaffirmation would have serious ramifications on the College's academic standing and could negatively impact enrollment and financial support.

Students are central to the reaffirmation process because so much emphasis is given to how well the college is fulfilling the educational goals it has established.



Photo courtesy Kyra Young

"Students are contributing to our body of evidence when they participate in surveys and other evaluations that provide supporting data used in SACS reports," said Kearney. "They help when they participate in discussions related to improving the student learning environment or complete course evaluations, when they improve student life through their leadership and service, when they achieve recognitions on campus and beyond and go on as alumnae to excel at what they choose to do."

When the visiting committee is on campus, the members will definitely want to talk with students, as well as with faculty and staff, about the quality of the educational experience Meredith is providing.

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## ask gigi

Dear Gigi,

One of my best friends just died. He had been sick for awhile, but it was still a shock. I have had several of my friends move away or drift away over the past year, and I just feel like everyone is leaving me. Next year I am moving into the Meredith apartments with some good friends, but I just can't seem to focus on the good things. What should I do?

Thanks,  
Lonely on an Island

Dear Lonely,

Wow, it sounds like this has been a really trying time for you, and I am so sorry the loss of your friend. When devastating events like this occur, sometimes it is best just to talk it out with someone: a friend, a professor that you trust or maybe even a counselor or therapist. One thing that you need to realize is that you are not alone. Everyone goes through a rough patch, and though it may seem like you will never get out of it, you need to remember is that there is always someone on the Meredith campus (or beyond) willing to help you, talk with you and walk you through the steps to tackle your rough patch. I hope it all works out.

—Gigi

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Wednesday, March 11</b>	Free STD Clinic 12-3pm, Health Ctr.	Meredith Study Circles 11:30am-1pm, Dogwood B	Mostly Sunny 80
<b>Thursday, March 12</b>	CCC Prime Time 8pm, NCSU	SGA Meeting 5:30-7pm, DCR	Mostly Sunny 55
<b>Friday, March 13</b>	No Open House	Lil' Friends Weekend	Mostly Sunny 46
<b>Saturday, March 14</b>	Open House 6pm-12am	Lil' Friends Weekend	Mostly Sunny 48
<b>Sunday, March 15</b>	Open House 12pm-7pm		Cloudy 49
<b>Monday, March 16</b>	Drop-In Resume Clinic 10am-12pm, HAR 202	RA Staff Meeting 10am, HAR 208	Showers 70
<b>Tuesday, March 17</b>	St. Patrick's Day	Student Life Meeting 5:30pm, DCR	Few Showers 60

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