Hillsborough Street: The Local Haunt

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One of the best things about Meredith College is its location. Meredith has the advantage of being on one of the most popular streets in all of Raleigh: Hillsborough Street! Hillsborough Street may not seem like the "it" place at first, but its home to lots of cool restaurants, shops, and local hang outs. Directly across the street from Meredith is one of the coolest areas of Hillsborough. The complex is home to many student essentials, like Ben & Jerry's ice cream, tanning beds, and caffeine! In the Royal complex you'll find the infamous Royal Bean, where many Meredith students hang out on weekdays, weeknights, and weekends. Its low key setting is the perfect place to hang out with friends or even hit the books. It also has fabulous cappuccinos and sweet treats.

Next to the Royal Bean one can find the Brickhouse, a recently opened sports bar. The Brickhouse has massive TV's lining the walls and is a great place to watch the game with your friends. They even offer continual, special discounts for Meredith students and karaoke nights and special events!

Further down Hillsborough Street are plenty more shops, restaurants, and entertainment options for students. Reader's Corner and Nice Price offer used books at 50% off the sticker price, or the Brewery features many local and touring bands every night of the week. Looking for an inexpensive meal? Take your pick! Hillsborough is stocked with fast food restaurants such as Burger King, Arby's, Snoopy's, and Zaxbys. It is also home to more inexpensive local joints like Sub-Conscious, Gumby's (for the best pizza and Pokey stix), Golden Dragon,

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El Rodeo, and I Heart New York Pizza. For coffee, try Cup A Joe's, the infamous haunt for Raleigh students, or maybe Global Village Organic Coffee for a more earth-friendly option.

And if you're looking for some testosterone, just taking up hanging out in this section of Hillsborough Street as all the State boys take breaks from studying to grab coffee or food around here. (If you want to travel onto State's campus, the well-known library D.H. Hill is also right across the street from this part of Hillsborough.

If you are going the opposite direction on Hillsborough, you will run into one of the many Waffle Houses in Raleigh. You will also see the ramps for the inner and outer beltlines. Eventually you'll run into the Dorton Arena, which is home to many different communities events such as flea markets and festivals! You also head this direction to get to Carter-Finley, where all the action happens on days when the NC State football team plays at home.

So don't worry about getting lost or not having a car on campus. All you ever really need to find is located right outside Meredith's front gate!

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