

Career Connections

Employment Opportunities

• **Integrated Industrial Information** - Small firm seeking part-time Marketing Consultant to work 15-20 h/w until graduation when position will become full-time. Excellent opportunity for Marketing/Business major. Details in Career Services.

• **North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics** - Public residential high school (for juniors/seniors who are academically advanced in math and science) seeking candidates for Resident Advisor vacancies for the upcoming year. Details in Career Services.

• **Burroughs Wellcome** - Deadline for applying for *summer* jobs, 4:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26. For more information, call 248-4611.

• **The Sixth Annual Student Conference on Careers in International Business** - Monday, Feb. 15. Cone University Center, UNCC.

Internship Position

• **GLAXO Intern Program** - Jrs., Srs., and Grad students in computer or business related areas - \$10-15/hr, 12-20 hrs/week during (full-time summer)- Excellent opportunities. Send resume to April Dunaway, Glaxo Inc., Five Moore Drive - D327, RTP, NC 27709. (919) 248-7020.

Meredith co-sponsors event to encourage women in math

by Karen Howell

"Gee, math is tough!" Those words the talking Barbie uttered sent shivers down the spines of women and mathematicians all across the country. The efforts of numerous people to encourage girls in mathematics and computer science were mocked by those few words. Numerous studies have shown that girls' mathematical skills decrease once they reach junior high and high school due in part to a lack of attention from teachers.

Women and Mathematics (WAM) is an organization which promotes awareness of mathematics and computer science for young girls by introducing them to women who use mathematics and computer science in their careers. Meredith College is involved in WAM because Dr. Virginia Knight, head of the Math/Computer Science department, is one of the coordinators of the North Carolina WAM program, supported in large part by Northern Telecom. Garnett Jones, Scottie Eustis, Carla Cashwell and Karen Howell all work with the program arranging school visits and getting information to girls about the practical applications of mathematics and computer science.

On February 10, 1993, Sonya Kovalesky Day will be held at Meredith. This event is sponsored by the North Carolina region of WAM in conjunction with Meredith College. Fifty junior high and high school students have been selected by their

teachers to come to Meredith for the day. During Sonya Kovalesky Day, the students will listen to women describe how they use math and computers in their careers, see computer demonstrations and gather information about in mathematics and computer science. Several Meredith faculty members, as well as students, will also be talking with the visiting students.

Sonya Kovalesky was world-renowned woman mathematician of nineteenth century. Unable to attend a university because she was female, Kovalesky was taught privately. When the time came to complete her doctorate, she was required to present a dissertation. Ambitious and extremely determined, Kovalesky pre-

sented three dissertations and was then exempted from the other two requirements for earning a doctorate. She was directly awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. In addition, her dissertations were published in the most serious mathematics publication in Germany, an honor given only to a few accomplished mathematicians. She was the first woman to earn a Ph.D. in mathematics and the first woman to hold a university position.

So if you see these young students around campus Wednesday, smile and tell them you're glad they like math. Math might not be your favorite subject, but we are out to show these girls math can lead to great careers and can even be fun!

Meredith receives Reynolds grant

Meredith College has announced the College has received a grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, Inc. The grant will be used to sponsor a week-long leadership conference for women managers in the Triangle area.

The Reynolds Foundation grant of \$7500 will assist the college in developing the "Challenge of Leadership" Conference for the summer of

1993. Triangle-area business leaders and education agencies will be invited to nominate women managers to participate in the five-day institute. Approximately 20 women will be selected, and they will spend the week developing skills and strategies in areas such as mentoring techniques, decision-making and other intellectual leadership topics.



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