

Angels score at tournament

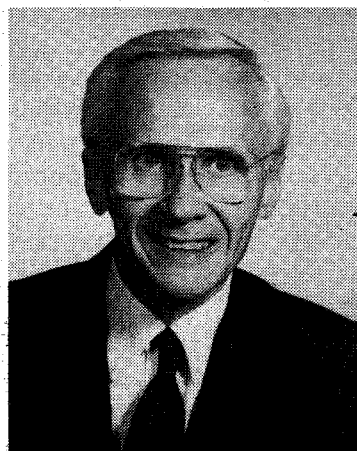
by Kate Stewart

The Meredith Angels had a very successful weekend as they won the six-team North Carolina-Virginia Women's College Basketball Tournament which was held at Weatherspoon Gym. Salem College, Bennett College, Sweetbrier College, Randolph Macon Women's College and Washington and Lee College competed along with Meredith.

The Angels had the benefit of a first-round bye and defeated Bennett 73-46 in the second round. Carla Black led four Angels who scored in double figures with 20 points. Meredith started off the game quickly with a 9-0 scoring run and ended the first half with a 13-2 run to go up 41-20 at the half. The Angels' scoring did not cool off during halftime, and they started the second half with a 10-0 run.

In the championship game, Meredith defeated Washington and Lee 67-42. Despite the score, the game was a defensive struggle at the beginning and the score was low at halftime as Meredith led 26-17. Rachel Gilley led the Angels with 18 points and Carla Black followed with 12. Coach Carl Hatchell said "The game was a defensive struggle, but our fast-break style of offense wore them [Washington and Lee] down at the end."

Furnish to present Gullick lecture



Dr. Victor Paul Furnish is University Distinguished professor of New Testament in Southern Methodist's Perkins School of Theology, where he has served since 1959.

Dr. Furnish will present the Mary Stowe Gullick lectures in Christian ethics March 2, 1994. The title of his chapel address is "Finers, Keepers." The Gullick lecture, entitled "Straight Talk about the Bible, Homosexuality, and the Christian Faith," will be presented at 4:00 p.m. At 12:00, Dr. Furnish will lead an informal luncheon dialogue session with faculty, staff and selected guests in the Oak Room, Belk Dining Hall. For reservations call 8346 or 8603.

Women encouraged to explore mathematics

by Christina Peoples

Last Thursday, 70 middle and high school female students came to Meredith for the second annual Sonya Kovalevsky Mathematics and Computer Science Day.

The math day is so named because Sonya Kovalevsky was one of the greatest mathematicians in the world. Her interest in math began when she was only a child and she listened to her uncle talk about complicated mathematical principles.

When Kovalevsky's parents wallpapered their home, they ran out of real wallpaper and covered her room in her father's old lecture notes on calculus. Soon, she committed the formulas to memory.

In school, Kovalevsky took a heavy course load in math, but her father put a stop to it because she neglected her other subjects. She continued to read algebra and physics books to herself and was able to explain the concepts on her own.

Dr. Tyrto, a mathematician and author, discovered Kovalevsky's talent and compared her to Pascal. She could not attend a university because she was female, so she was taught privately.

Kovalevsky presented three dissertations for her doctorate instead of just

one, and they were published in German mathematical publications. She became the first woman to earn her PhD in math, and she also held a university position.

The purpose of this special day of was to encourage the young women to enjoy and explore the field of mathematics. To accomplish this goal, Meredith invited several participants to speak from the Women And Mathematics (WAM) program who use math and computers in their jobs every day.

WAM is a part of the Mathematics Association of America (MAA) of which Dr. Virginia Knight, the head of Meredith's math department, is one of the national directors.

The students were welcomed by President Weems, and Knight was the keynote speaker at the opening session.

Students could then choose two out of five available sessions to attend. Possible topics of discussion were Math in Medicine, Graphs and Drawings Using the Computer, Codes and Code Breaking, The Statistical Process in the Pharmaceutical Industry, and Fun With Mathematics.

After their sessions, the students went to lunch where they were divided into groups to work on math problems. The prizes for winning the competition were four calculators.

The students were presented with

certificates and tee-shirts for participating at the closing session.

Most of what took place with the math day was done by students. Scottie Eustis and Shannon Smith headed the Meredith student participation in the organization of the program. Both Eustis and Smith work for Knight specifically on the MAA program.

"If the kids were hesitant at first, then by the end of the day they had learned a lot and were very excited," said Eustis.

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