

Weems plans Barbados exchange program

by Arinn Dixon

Many students are under the impression that the presidents of colleges just do boring stuff like have meetings and send out memos and make sure seniors graduate with their allotted number of P.E. credits. In an interview with President Weems, the *Herald* learned that our president has been having dinner with ambassadors and jetting off to the Caribbean.

President Weems recently had dinner with the ambassador from Barbados and found out that Barbados and North Carolina are like "sister states." The ambassador read a book about the similarities of the two areas. In keeping with this connection, the two men began discussing a possible exchange and study abroad program.

Weems traveled to Barbados as a guest of the American Embassy to try to set up this program. He followed a rigorous three-day schedule of traveling and speaking to high school and college students about North Carolina



and Meredith College.

The plan is to give students from Barbados the opportunity to come to Meredith, and to give Meredith students the opportunity to attend the University of West Indies through a summer study abroad program. Weems

stressed that going to Barbados would be considerably cheaper for us through this program, costing about \$2,000 for four weeks. He mentioned that he and Dr. Allan Page decided on a four week program to attract students who didn't want to go away for the entire summer.

While he was in Barbados, Weems attended a reception designed to spread the word about the potential program and to allow Weems to meet members of the community, including various members of larger businesses and the Minister of Education. At the reception, Weems learned something important about the Barbados population.

"Women are progressing more rapidly than men down there," Weems

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Junior chosen for government internship

by Kimberly Zucker

Leslie Hall, a junior at Meredith College, will feel right at home in her intern job this summer. She will be interning with the Institute of Government Summer Intern Program in State and Local Government.

Hall is one of the 28 interns who will live on the first floor of Brewer this summer. The internship lasts ten weeks (May 24-Aug. 4), and each intern will work in a full-time paid position at \$200 per week. Along with this paid position, interns may also receive three hours of political science credit from UNC by satisfactorily completing all work and seminar assignments and by paying a \$50 registration fee. Interns may be able to arrange for course credit through their own schools as well.

The interns are selected out of a group of over 225 applicants, consisting of sophomores, juniors, and seniors from over 40 colleges and universities. A committee that includes the Institute of Government's Faculty Advisory committee, government officials, college professors and former interns select the 28 interns by looking closely at the applicant's written letter

of application, the interviews by the advisory committee, academic records, participation in extra-curricular activities and interest in public service.

Hall feels fortunate to have the in-



Leslie Hall is one of 28 interns chosen to work for state and local government.

ternship. She says, "I wanted to get into this program because I knew it would give me work experience, and I also think it will help me develop my career direction."

In addition to daily work experience, interns have the opportunity to expand their knowledge on issues re-

lating to current affairs, government or politics at weekly evening seminars that interns must attend.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has sponsored the summer internship program since 1931. They said, "Interns are selected from a broad spectrum of social and academic backgrounds that contribute to the living-learning experience."

Most internships are in the Research Triangle Park or in the government agencies of Raleigh and North Carolina. The rest are local governments or associations in Raleigh and Cary. During the internship, each intern must submit a midsummer and final report to the Institute of Government's Faculty Advisory committee.

Interns choose the six top agencies that they would like to work with, and they will interview for these positions on April 24. Hall will be interviewing with agencies that deal with her major, biology.

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Co-op Opportunities:

- MBA student with accounting background—Accounts Receivable Department at Northern Telecom—summer, fall & spring
- Internship/Co-op positions—Cooper Tools, Marketing Department—summer, fall & spring
- Summer marketing co-op—Interpath
- Graphic design co-op—NC Department of Public Instruction
- Market research intern—Rex Hospital, Contact: Bob Crump at 783-4470
- Journalism & PR students, part-time intern—Cramblitt & Co
- Marketing internship—Best Western Hospitality Inn

Employment Opportunities:

- Account representative—Omni Business Machines
- Sales rep—Royal Pontiac/GMC/Isuzu
- Part-time receptionist—Express Personal Services
- Account representative—Wake Hospital Patient Accounts (claims, billing & collections)—full-time, part-time & temporary positions
- Household duties in exchange for private living space (bedroom, bath, kitchen) + salary

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