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Meredith Hosted Carolinas Psychology Conference

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Twenty-nine years ago Meredith College hosted the first Carolinas Psychology Conference (CPC) right here on campus. The convention is co-sponsored by Meredith and North Carolina State University. The two schools alternate years hosting CPC on their respective campuses.

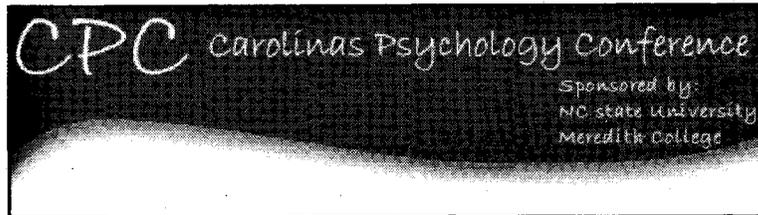
This past weekend marked the 29th annual convention that features undergraduate research projects from psychology students from across the nation. The primary goal of this conference is to provide students with the opportunity to gain experience by giving oral presentations of their research to others in a professional setting.

CPC is one of the oldest

and largest of its type in the world. While the majority of students come from the Southeastern United States, they also may come from as far away as the west coast.

Ninety-two papers were presented at this year's conference in various sessions held Saturday, April 17 in the morning and afternoon. Projects included areas such as school and learning, animal behavior, perception, social psychology, counseling, health, gender, developmental psychology and sexuality.

Each year CPC hosts an invited address, and this year's speaker was social psychologist Jean M. Twenge, Ph.D. from San Diego State University. She presented her meta-analysis of current literature entitled *Individualism and Despair:*



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Birth Cohort Changes in Personality and Life Outlook 1931-2002. Twenge earned her BA and MA from the University of Chicago and she earned her Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. She then accepted a position at San Diego State University after three years researching social psychology as a postdoctoral researcher. She has published a total of 33 journal articles and book chapters in journals such as the *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*, *Sex Roles*, *Psychology of Women Quarterly*, and the *Journal of Personality*. Her

work focuses on the role of birth cohort and change over time in personality traits.

Twenge's meta-analysis includes generational data about education, self-reports on anxiety, depression and self-esteem, job markets and family-life demographics such as number of children per mother and age of mother at time of birth. Her findings suggest that the expression of personality traits change over time perhaps as a result of the culture of the era. Culture implies the generational differences in

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Meredith's Weekly Weather

WEDNESDAY APRIL 21
Mostly Cloudy
High 84/ Low 62

THURSDAY APRIL 22
Mostly Sunny
High 86/ Low 61

FRIDAY APRIL 23
Partly Cloudy
High 85/ Low 61

SATURDAY APRIL 24
Partly Cloudy
High 84/ Low 54

SUNDAY APRIL 25
Isolated T-storms
High 76/ Low 59

MONDAY APRIL 26
Mostly Cloudy
High 76/ Low 58

TUESDAY APRIL 27
Scattered T-storms
High 72/ Low 54

This week's edition of the Meredith Herald is the last edition of the 2003-2004 academic school year.

Meredith College to Host Second Annual Day of Student Achievement

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Tomorrow, Thursday, April 22nd marks a special event for Meredith College students, faculty and staff. The college will be holding their second annual Celebrating Student Achievement (CSA) day. The daylong event, which includes student presentations, a luncheon and an awards ceremony, involves students and faculty from every academic department. Academic and leadership awards will be presented and next year's Student Government Association officers are to be inducted. The Undergraduate Research Conference, for which stu-

dents will be presenting their research, coincides with and has become a part of CSA.

Dr. Rhonda Zingraff, program director for the Undergraduate Research Conference, and central player in the planning of CSA, commented on her involvement in the day of celebration.

"Planning for the annual undergraduate research conference lets me know in advance about the exciting range of topics students will be discussing, and it's such a tribute to Meredith. What's happening here may seem kind of quiet all year, but on this one day we'll be loud and proud about our scholarship, and for

good reason!" Zingraff stated.

The event, in its second year, began as a collaborative effort between the offices of Academic Affairs and Student Development along with the efforts of faculty and students in various academic departments.

Before the implementation of Celebrating Student Achievement, academic and leadership awards, research presentations and the induction of Student Government Association officers were separately planned events. CSA pulls all of these affairs into one, daylong celebration of student activities, achievements and presentations.

Students will present their research projects through presentations given every 15 minutes and by way of posters to be displayed in Belk Dining Hall's West Wing. Presentations will be given in various classrooms across campus and cover a wide array of topics, from art and psychology to biology and literature. The day begins at 7:30 a.m. with a Fun and Fitness Kick-off, where Sarah Huffman, '98, will lead an exercise session. Breakfast in Belk and in the Courtyard follows until 8:30 a.m., when the

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