# Media Advisory, "Women in Computer Science" at UCSD on March 20

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MEDIA ADVISORY

EVENT: "Women in Computer Science" -- A Panel Discussion

DATE/TIMES: Wednesday, March 20, 1991 7:30 - 9 P.M.

LOCATION: Room 4301, Applied Physics &amp; Math Building University of California, San Diego

BACKGROUND: Mounting evidence suggests that women are either not choosing, or dropping out of, the education pipeline leading to academic or industrial careers in computer science. This problem may be prolonged since studies show that girls from grade school to high school are losing interest in computing.

A panel of women who has achieved distinction in computer science has been assembled to discuss why women are turning away from this relatively young field, and what academia and industry can do to reverse the trend.

The panel discussion has been organized by Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility, a national nonprofit, public interest organization of computer professionals dedicated to promoting the responsible use of computer technology.

PANELISTS:

* Karen Wieckert, Ph.D. candidate in Information and Computer Science at the University of California, Irvine.

* Sara Baase, professor of Computer Science at San Diego State University.

* Francine Berman, co-director of the Parallel Computation Lab and associate professor of Computer Science and Engineering at UCSD.

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