

# Registration Sluggish

by Caroline F. Kearns

Student enrollment has dropped by more than 10% this semester from 968 day students last fall to 851 who have enrolled since Jan. 9. The fall enrollment was also down by about 6% from fall of 1989.

Registrar Charles Plummer, who took the position last semester, attributes the slump to the country's recession and to a decrease in the number of high school graduates. Mr. Plummer expects this decline in the teen-aged population will continue for at least the next four years.

Evening school enrollment has also declined. The severe 33 % drop from the fall 1989 figure of 486 to the current enrollment of 328 is the result of troop deployment to the Middle East. However, Mr. Plummer said he believes Methodist College is actually in better shape than other local evening programs which offer courses on Ft. Bragg and Pope AFB.



Students didn't have to wait long to register on Jan. 9.

**Mike and Mike  
Magic and  
Music  
Show  
Feb. 7 at 8 p.m.  
Lion's Den**

# Methodist Starts College Bowl Team

by Sarah Shew

Beginning next fall, Methodist College will be sponsoring a college bowl academic team to compete with other college teams throughout the state. There will be two teams, each consisting of four members and one alternate. A \$500 scholarship will be offered to incoming students who are interested and make the tryouts. The scholarship will be renewable each semester.

The budget will provide for the purchase of equipment and questions and pay travel expenses. If everything goes as planned, the hope is to compete in two tournaments per semester. After a successful semester, Methodist may begin hosting tournaments with other schools and may later begin competing with schools in other states.

Anyone interested in information on joining the team should contact Dr. R. Wayne Preslar, office T-233, ext. 314, sometime this semester.

# Student Returns From Washington Internship

by Caroline F. Kearns

Kimberly Ratliff is back at school after a semester-long internship with the Agency for International Development (AID) in Washington, DC. She received the internship after applying to the Washington Center Program which provides internships in governmental service and a variety of other fields.

Kim worked as a member of a division concerned with Latin American and Caribbean affairs. She performed a number of small tasks such as typing speeches and preparing briefing books. But Kim held her greatest responsibilities as the acting Private and Voluntary Organization Coordinator. She was assigned to this position because the division of Program Coordination and Outreach in which she was working had just recently been created, and the position was unfilled. "It was not like an internship," she said. "I was treated like a staff member."

Kim is greatly interested in Latin America. She said that working for AID helped her determine that she wants to work in the development field and to specialize in Latin America. "I learned beyond belief that people in government

really care about Latin America," Kim said. She is considering working as a foreign service officer in Latin America or working for either a governmental or private organization here in the States. She's interested in helping to develop democracy in Latin America.

Kim is a junior here at Methodist and is double-majoring in Political Science and Spanish. She currently has a 3.19 GPA and is a member of the Honors Program and the History and Political Science Club. Kim was elected as a senator in SGA last spring but has been unable to occupy the position because of her internship. She also likes to play softball and volleyball in the summertime, and she is a youth leader and a drama team member at the Northwood Temple Pentecostal Holiness Church. To qualify for the internship, Kim had to write a short autobiography and an essay on a current issue. She also had to be classified as a junior and had to have at least a 3.0 GPA.

The Washington Center Program provides a variety of internship opportunities, and information on these internships may be obtained from Dr. Suzan Cheek who can be reached in her office, T-217, or by calling ext. 309.

# SAC Plans New Semester

The Student Activities Council is planning entertainment for this semester. SAC is responsible for programs featuring comedians, magicians, and other performers, and for organizing game shows and dances. The group is especially involved in Homecoming and the Spring Fling.

On Feb. 16 through 21, three SAC members will attend the National Association for Campus Activities Convention at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville. The purpose of the convention is to schedule programs and activities for campus entertainment.

There are about 20 students in SAC, and president Barb Frye hopes to get more students involved this semester. Other officers are: vice president, Chrissy Babb, secretary, Catherine Hare, and treasurer, Rob Foreman.

# Ronald McDonald House Sponsors Valentine Campaign

The "BE OUR VALENTINE" campaign is sponsored by the Ronald McDonald House of Chapel Hill, North Carolina. On February 13-14, a table will be located in Cross Creek Mall. Red cardboard hearts will be sold for \$1.00 to benefit the "house with a heart." Please support this campaign with your dollars. If you wish to take a more active role, please contact Mrs. Ellen Geist-Cunningham at 488-7675.

The Ronald McDonald House at Chapel Hill opened in April 1988 as the 113th Ronald McDonald House. The first to open was at Philadelphia in 1974.

There are over 125 Ronald McDonald Houses in the United States as well as Europe, Canada and Australia.

The house is open for all critically ill children whose parents cannot travel each day to visit them in the hospital. In some cases, children may receive treatment on an out-patient basis.

The families of Cumberland County are the primary users of the Ronald McDonald House at Chapel Hill. While families are asked to pay \$8.00 per night, the actual cost is closer to \$30.00. In more than a few cases, a family may be too poor to pay the \$8.00 and it costs them nothing to stay at the Ronald McDonald House.

Please contribute what you can to this campaign that helps the critically ill children and families of Cumberland County.