

Everybody Sucks

by Christopher Laning

Yes it's true! For the last few weeks the Methodist College faculty, staff and students have been sucking on homemade lollipops. Omicron Delta Kappa has been selling these homemade lollipops for fifty cents each. The lollipops come in a variety of shapes and a multitude of flavors.

Just how many flavors? While *Small Talk* is not exactly sure, it has been remarked that you could easily buy over a dozen of them without having the same flavor twice. Flavors that have already been sold include: Banana Cream, Bubble Gum, Cherry Cheesecake, Cinnamon, Cotton Candy, Fruit Punch, Marshmallow, Pina Colada, Strawberry Cream,

Strawberry Daiquiri, Tangerine Cream, Tuitti Fruitti, and Watermelon.

The lollipops are being sold to raise money for Omicron Delta Kappa. The money will go toward the general funds of the group which will be used for various group projects including the purchasing of honor cords for the circle's seven graduating seniors.

If you still haven't seen the lollipops being sold and you are interested in buying some, visit Nona Fisher in the Payroll Office of the Administration building or contact any of the following ODK members: Traci Wilson, Chris Laning, Amanda Cook, John Hawkins, Kim Ratliff, Rob Pilewski, Caroline Kearns, Leigh Murray, Carol Bradshaw, or Tracy Ma-



Dr. DeLapa, Nona Fisher, Caroline Kearns, and Leigh Rector enjoy the ODK suckers.

Class Plans Trip to Cancun

by Joy G. Kirkpatrick

The Methodist College Department of Foreign Languages is offering a summer travel-study in Spanish with a guided tour to Cancun, Mexico. The trip will take place June 25-28 as part of the Summer Day Term II course, SPA 320, "Spanish-American Civilization and Culture".

According to Mrs. Elaine Porter, the resort town of Cancun is known for its beautiful beaches. Tour participants will visit the craft markets, sample the local cuisine, enjoy the music and folk dancing, and visit the local museum known for its Mayan artifacts. Participants will interact with the people, using the native language and experiencing the Mexican culture first hand.

The course will be held daily June 15

through July 10, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The course counts for three semester hours and tuition is \$270. Jose Cruz will serve as the instructor and tour guide.

The trip cost of approximately \$300 includes round trip airfare from Charlotte, NC, transportation to and from Charlotte, four days and three nights at the Caribe International Hotel in double occupancy rooms, and hotel and airport transfers. An optional side-trip to the nearby Mayan ruins will be offered for an additional \$40.

The trip and course can be taken independently. Interested students should contact Jose Cruz at 867-0129. A \$100 deposit is required and the balance of the trip cost must be paid in full by May 15.

CAC Lab to Receive New Computers

by Diana Pressley

The English and Communications Department met on Wednesday, April 8, 1992, to discuss the current situation with the CAC Lab. According to President Hendricks, the CAC Lab computers are about six years old and cannot support the newer versions of the word processing programs used by many classes. Several computers are currently in need of repair, and newer versions of software are needed.

Six new IBM compatible computers have been ordered and should be in place before the end of the Spring '92 semester.

Fourteen more computers should be in place before the beginning of the Fall '92 semester.

These new computers are IBM compatible 386 processors with 44 megabyte hard drives. These computers accept either 5-1/4" or 3-1/2" disks. The monitors support VGA graphics. This capability is badly needed for many courses such as Business Writing.

Methodist has also purchased an on-site license to use Word Perfect software on all the computers. This software program is preferred by most businesses today.

ODK Invades Atlanta

by Christopher Laning

Six members of the Methodist College Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa rolled into Atlanta on March 20th to attend the National 37th Biennial Convention. Representatives from over 110 different colleges and universities scattered throughout the country attended this event held every two years.

Omicron Delta Kappa members use the national convention to exchange information and ideas on running their local circles and on ways to improve activities. In addition, members discuss the policies of the organization and hold elections for national officers.

Methodist College was well represented and had more representatives than any other school in Province II. Province II is composed of 25 ODK circles at colleges and universities in Virginia, North Carolina, and parts of West Virginia. Schools such as Wake Forest, James Madison, and UNC-Charlotte are in this province and were represented at the convention.

The Methodist College contingent consisted of two faculty/staff members, two ODK members, and two recently tapped ODK initiates. Nona Fisher, the ODK Faculty Secretary, spearheaded the

group, along with R. Parker Wilson, the ODK Faculty Advisor. Traci Wilson, the Circle's president, served as the school's official delegate to the convention, and Christopher Laning, the vice president, served as the alternate delegate. Caroline Kearns and Kimberly Ratliff, two of the 6 students tapped to be initiated into ODK, also attended.

The weekend consisted of four general Plenary sessions of the organization and two meetings of the individual Provinces. In addition, interest sessions were held on various topics.

Awards were also given out during the convention and Methodist received a certificate honoring the 10th anniversary of the circle. Traci Wilson accepted it on behalf of the circle during a general Plenary session.

While in Atlanta, members of the organization did a little sightseeing and visited the famous Atlanta Underground, a large underground complex of shops and restaurants laden with history. Some of the members went to the top of a hotel which bills itself as the largest hotel in the world.

During the course of the weekend the members got to meet students from many colleges and universities and formed many friendships.