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DR. W.D. WHITE of the English Program takes notes during last week's faculty student advising retention seminar. In the background (left to right) are LANCE editor Lin Thompson, Financial Aid Director Mac McMillan and Admissions Counselor Lyne Gamble. (Photo by David Swanson).

College Holds Workshop On Retention, Orientation, and Advising

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Thursday, March 4, the St. Andrews faculty cancelled classes for the day and held workshop on retention, orientation and advising of students. The workshop was conducted by Dr. L. Richard Meeth, Associate Professor of Higher Education at State University of New York in Buffalo. Coordinated by Dr. Ron Crossley and the Reten-

tion Task Force set up by the faculty last fall, the workshop's purpose was to acquaint the faculty, and the students present, with the problems of attrition, retention, orientation, and advising, and how to apply these problems, and their possible solutions, to St. Andrews.

Student groups in attendance were the Interdormitory Senate, the Student Association Orientation Committee, the Cabinet and the Student Association

President, the Student Life Committee, as well as the entire faculty and representatives of the freshman class.

After coffee and doughnuts, Dr. Richard Meeth presented a program on "Reducing Attrition." Professor Meeth pointed out that some students expect programs which are not actually offered and consequently leave while some students plan "only a year at a Christian college" and therefore after a year should not be considered dropouts, but alumni.

Meeth went on to add that it is important for the college to choose its students for retention, and he pointed out that there appeared to be correlations between the percent of homes visited, the percent of prospective students who visit on campus, and the attrition rate of the college.

Religious affiliation also seemed to increase the retention as did the selection of students who had decided on a major (whether it is their definite and final major is not important, just the fact that one has been chosen). Dr. Meeth stated that whether the institution was the student's first, second or third choice also influenced the attrition rate.

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The Senate met last night to hear College President A.P. Perkinson's response to the petition on the Smith tenure case submitted to him three weeks ago. The President's position, that due process in the denial of tenure to Art Professor Mark Smith was observed, remained unchanged in his reply to the Senate-sponsored petition which received the signatures of over four hundred St. Andrews students.

The general reaction of the Senate was one of resignation. "What did you expect?" remarked one senator. Helen Mosley, Senator from Orange Hall, immediately moved that the Senate send the petition to each the thirty two members of the Board of Trustees.

A lengthy discussion ensued over what supporting documents, if any, should be included with copies of the petition. The question initially centered on whether or not a letter should be included explaining the wording of the petition which the President, in his letter, and the senators, in their meeting last night, noted was rather vague.

The question grew, however, to include whether or not copies of previous correspondence between the Senate and the Administration should be submitted with the petition. Karl Jennings (Winston-Salem), arguing that the President's previous letters should not be included, said, "It's like a defense attorney arguing for both the defense and the prosecution." After further discussion, however, the Senate voted unanimously to send all pertinent material to the Trustees as part of their request for reversal of the tenure decision.

The Senate also heard several items of business presented by Student Association President Keith Gribble. The first dealt with the need for a revision of rules governing the operation of Farrago, the college's coffeehouse/entertainment center. Gribble said that the recent expansion of the building would cause it to become a location for more and larger campus activities and parties, rendering previous operation regulations obsolete.

Gribble discussed a draft of the new regulations submitted by Farrago Director David Niblock, as well as the possible problem created by Niblock's intention to run for President of the Colleg Union Board this spring and his desire to retain his Farrago position.

After considerable debate on the issues raised by Gribble, the Senate passed a motion by Lin Thompson (Granville) to establish the relationship of Farrago to the College Union Board and proposing regulations for the operation of Farrago, as well as the question of multiple office holding on the two Boards." A main concern behind the motion was the fear expressed by a number of Senators that for one person to direct both Farrago and the CUB might lead to the coffee house coming under the control of the Board.

Appointed to the committee were Thompson, Darlene Hailey (Albemarle), Fran Newbold (Wilmington), and Hampton Peele (Winston-Salem). The committee plans a meeting tonight with Niblock, College Union Director Jerry Surface, and College Union Board President Betsy Neff to begin work on the amendment.

Acting on another motion by Thompson, the Senate also established a committee to study the possibility of merging extant student committees on health and food services with a proposed committee on campus security. The motion was based upon a suggestion by Gribble, who said it had developed from conversations with Dean of Students Malcolm Doubles. The new committee would be charged with overseeing all three areas of concern.

Experi-Seminar Set for Wednesday

St. Andrews' Education Program will host a Common Experi-Seminar Conference on Alternative Teaching Opportunities Wednesday, March 17.

Keynote speaker for the event will be Dr. Jerome H. Melton, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction in North Carolina. Dr. Melton's address will be given during the Common Ex-

perience hour (11:30 a.m. on Wednesday) and will deal in broad terms with teaching options open to students outside the traditional fields of public elementary and secondary education.

Following Dr. Melton's address and lunch, a seminar on the subject will be held in the main Lounge of the College Union. Present for the

Wilmington To Sponsor Symphony Performance

Sunday, April 26, Wilmington Hall will be sponsoring a performance the Winston-Salem (N.C.) Symphony. The concert will be held Sunday evening at 7 p.m. on the DeTabml Library Terrace. Dorm president, Julie Cramer, told THE LANCE that the symphony will play a variety of music, both classical and pops. Following

the concert there will be a reception in the Student Union Lounge for the audience and the Symphony members. Tickets will be available starting Wednesday, March 10th in the Student Union for two weeks. Student/Faculty tickets will be \$2.50 and General Admission tickets will be \$3.50. These tickets cover the concert and the reception afterward.

This Week

The album of the week on WSAP is Loggins and Messina's "Native Sons." You can catch it tonight at 11 p.m. at 640 AM or 91.1 FM cable.

Wednesday, March 17 - A Common Experience/Education Seminar on Alternative Teaching Opportunities. Keynote address by Asst. Director of Public Instruction Jerome Melton is at 11:30 in Avinger Auditorium; a round table discussion begins at 1:30 in the Main Lounge of the College Union. Free.

Sunday, March 14 - "The Touch." Ingmar Bergman's First American film stars Elliot Gould, Bibi Andersson, and Max von Sydow. 7 p.m. in Avinger Auditorium. Free.