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Report On The Smith Case

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To the Faculty;

I am releasing this report of the Faculty Personnel Problems Subcommittee to you because I believe that the procedural issues raised here are of significant concern to the faculty.

Respectfully,
Mark L. Smith

REPORT

of the Subcommittee of the Faculty Executive Committee on Faculty Personnel Problems concerning Mark L. Smith, Assistant Professor of Art at St. Andrews Presbyterian College.

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I. BACKGROUND

On January 22, 1976, Mark L. Smith, Assistant Professor of Art at St. Andrews Presbyterian College, Laurinburg, North Carolina, was notified by Victor C. Arnold, Dean of the College and Vice President for Academic Affairs that upon action of the Board of Trustees he would not receive tenure. In the tenure review process as outlined in Faculty Handbook and in the document entitled, "The Restructuring of Faculty Organizations and Committees," dated May 7, 1974, his division council, his division chairman, and the Faculty Committee on Leaves, Promotion, and Tenure all recommended that Professor Smith be granted tenure. After the committee

recommended tenure, Dean Arnold and President Alvin P. Perkinson, Jr. agreed that President Perkinson would not recommend Professor Smith for tenure to the Board of Trustees.

II. INVESTIGATION

As a result of this action, on January 27, 1976, Professor Mark L. Smith submitted the following letter to this subcommittee:

I am making this formal request that you as members of the Faculty Personnel subcommittee of the Faculty Executive Committee review the substance and procedures involved with the recent denial of my tenure application.

I do not feel that a judicious or appropriate evaluation of my competence has been made or that the proscribed sequence of decisions has been adhered to.

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Inauguration Boycott Seen Likely

An open break with the college administration by the student association seems likely in the wake of the Senate's meeting Monday night, at which the report of the Personnel Subcommittee of the Faculty Executive Committee on the denial of tenure to art professor Mark Smith was made public by student association president Keith Gribble and Senate President Steve Elkins.

The report, which appears in this issue of *The Lance* in its entirety was received with disgust, to use the most frequently voiced adjective used to describe it at the meeting.

Gribble and Senate president Steve Elkins said the reason they were making the report public was the failure of the faculty to discuss it in any way at its Monday meeting. The pair told the senators that the report had been released by Smith to the faculty on March 24 and that there had surely been enough time since then to come to a discussion. They went on to say that inquiries made of various faculty members as to why the report was not on the agenda were not particularly informative. The majority of the explanations they received, Gribble and Elkins said, were that the time was not right and that to press the matter too hard in a public forum might back the president into a corner and cause him to "dig in his heels," eliminating the possibility of a review and/or reversal of the January 22

decision of the Board of Trustees to deny tenure to Smith on the basis of recommendations by President Perkinson and Dean of the College Victor C. Arnold.

"They've been saying that kind of thing all along," Gribble said. "There are only five weeks left in the school year and if (Perkinson) can just draw it out that long it'll be a dead issue."

Senate response to the report took two principal forms. The first was the dorm forums to discuss the situation with the student association and devise various ways of registering discontent with the Smith situation more effectively than has been the case with the number of Senate-initiated letters and petitions that have been sent to the president and the Dean since the affair began in January. The firm forum will be held in Orange Hall tonight at 7 pm; the second will be held in Granville Hall at 9 pm. The other response took the form of a unanimous Senate resolution asking that THE LANCE print the report in its entirety. Editor Lin Thompson, a senator from Granville, agreed to comply with the request.

An expected avenue of protest will be the boycotting of the events surrounding the inauguration of President Perkinson April 22. Exactly how to maximize the effect of such protests is expected to be one of the principal topics of discussion at the dorm forums tonight.

This Week

TONIGHT: WSAP's Album of the Week is a new release by the group Kingfish and is called, appropriately enough, "Kingfish." You can hear it - uninterrupted by commercial messages - at 10:30 p.m. on WSAP, 640 AM or 91.1 FM.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16: Poet Basil Bunting opens his visit to St. Andrews with a conversation with Jonathan Williams and Tom Meyer in the Liberal Arts auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Free.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18: NBC'S "Saturday Night" show presents presidential press secretary Ron Nessen as guest host. 11:30 p.m. on WSOC-TV, Channel 9.

Sunday, April 18-The College Union Board movie for this week will be "Duck Soup" "Duck Soup" was the Marx Brother's climatic moment at Paramount. They shared the billing with no one and were assigned director Leo McCarey, one of the top directors on the lot, and a genuine genius of comedy. As Prime Minister Firefly of Freedonia, Groucho soon reduces Queen Margaret Dunom's kingdom to a shambles. Harpo and Chico appear as peanut vendors who become secret agents. Zeppo rounds out the gang as Firefly's secretary and straight man. "The most surprising thing about this film is that I did not go mad...they were completely crazy," said director McCarey. Allen Eyles in *The Marx Brothers* added, "'Duck Soup' is the most highly regarded of the Marxes' pictures. Groucho himself thinks it's the craziest...it is the most mint-fresh today and will be timelessly funny." Free.

MONDAY, APRIL 19: A Reading by Basil Bunting in Granville Hall's main lounge. 8:00 p.m.; free.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21: "Nosferatu", a 1922 silent horror film. 7 p.m. in Avinger Auditorium. Free.

Craft Center

Show Set

Craft Center director June Williams has announced that persons who participated in the Winter Term glassblowing course can pick up their pieces in the office of Dr. David Wetmore in the Science Building.

Williams told "The Lance" that a showing of products of the crafts center is planned for the period between April 26 and May 7. The exhibit case

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St. Andrews cyclists take a short break on their 105 mile ride to sunset beach last Saturday. See story page 11. (Photo courtesy of Rooney Coffman).



Elections

Underway

Student Association elections get underway today as five o'clock marks the end of the period in which candidates file for office.

Up for grabs are all cabinet posts, the presidencies of the college Union Board and the College Christian Council, and a number of seats on the Judicial Board and Appellate Boards. Dorm forums in which the candidates meet the voters, will be held on the 19th and 20th; on the 19th they will be held for the residents of Wilmington and Granville together and for the residents of Meck and Winston-Salem. On the 20th the forums will be

for the residents of Concord and Albemarle and for Orange by itself.

Elections will be held April 22 and any runoffs made necessary by the voters will be held on April 23.

Dorm elections, which involve the selection of presidents and vice presidents who will serve in the senate, will begin with the self nominating process on April 29. Dorm forums will be held on May 3, with elections on May 4 and runoffs on May 6.