

On Campus

Debate

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didn't even worry about it," said Gill.

When asked about the substance of the debate, Simpson stated, "We went over all the related aspects to world hunger with a fine-tooth comb. We incorporated many of the offshoots, but everything was related. It's important to remember that the issue itself still is not solved. Shannon Gill stated that she felt the best debates came early in the mornings. "We discussed possible solutions to solving world hunger in third-world countries. Some were practical:

some impractical," she said. Other subjects drawn into the debate were marijuana, gummy-bears, children as world leaders, muppets, and bong water.

The event was sponsored by Unique Physique, Subn-Cream, Campbell Soup, The Fayetteville Times-Observer, and Cablevision. Donations of can good were accepted, and shirts were sold for the benefit of solving world hunger. Personal sponsors were also recruited.

There were many others who also gave much of their time to the Debate-a-Thon.

Fellow team members John Wheeler and Shin Cha, despite threats of being eaten and castrated, served as time-keepers throughout the debate. Missy Magill and Wendy Harris signed in visitors, of which there were over 1,500. Along with Mecklenberg representative Charles "Wally" Mann, they spent nearly twenty hours per day, over the five days, working with the project. Many also dedicated their time serving as witnesses, such as Kerry O'Neill, who sat through several rotations. O'Neill described the experiences as

"The biggest thing to happen to St. Andrews since I've been here." Professor O.E. Smith spent many hours documenting the event on video cassette, for verification as well as historical purposes.

Lisa Dubs, advisor to the team, said that everything unfolded just as they had hoped. She added that members of the college provided wonderful support, and that the feeling of "college community" was really enhanced. Dubs described the topics as "sonderful", and said that the Debate-a-

Thon exemplified a typical parliamentary debate.

Dean Cynthia Greer passed out complimentary bottles of symbolic champagne to the team and members of the audience when the record was broken. The team members also treated the audience to cake.

The debate was originally planned to last 107 hours, but was suspended when John Cox announced, "I propose that we end the debate, and go spray Bobby (Simpson)."

History Club Presents International Night

Lane Moore

The History Club presented Beijing International night in the Gathering Place and Belk Center hallway on November 13. The event began with International Programs including Brunenburg, Stirling, India, and Venezuela. Each booth displayed material about their

program and advice from students and faculty who were involved in these programs. A slide show and presentation given by Tom Williams, Betsy Tate, and the St. Andrews students who journeyed to China last Spring. The evening concluded with an informal discussion among four professors about the future of China.

The Gathering Place was covered with banners much like those during the demonstrations in Beijing. It was also very well decorated with flags, blown up pictures, and newspaper clippings displayed around the room.

The forum informally tried to explore the future

relations between the United States and China. They discussed the issues of

travel, the feelings of being in a foreign culture, and special stories of friends they made in China, American and Chinese. The students also maintained, that

even though times were tense in the last month with demonstrations, they felt safe. They also further explained the purpose behind the movement and also tried to explain that the media's

version of the "Democracy movement" was oversimplified. Our "democracy" was not their aim, rather they called for reforms, such as the removal of officials,

more liberal, and more political reforms. The movement had elements of freedoms but not total democracy.

During the evening the students who went to China commented on the academic program, their personal experiences with



Students and professors attending International Night, sponsored by the History Club

appropriate sanctions, the effect the United States can play economically to stabilize the Chinese government or when necessary, to deny the fruits of a healthy

relationship.

The Beijing International night was a success in many ways. It opened the St. Andrews community to the International programs, the

Beijing program and the "Special Spring of '89," and provoke critical thinking between faculty and students on future issues in China.