Faculty discusses educational goals

The Senate Academic Planning Committee is trying to operate in other than crisis situations. William D. Torrence, committee member and professor of management, said Thursday:

At a faculty-administration forum in Love Library Auditorium, Torrence said the committee is interested in input from the faculty on long-range plans.

The meeting was called for discussion of roles and relationships between undergraduate and graduate professional education.

Robert E. Knoll, English professor, said that undergraduate courses are now merely vocabulary programs necessary for graduate study.

"This turns many students off. It is a disaster," Knoll said.

E. S. Wallace, director of the Bureau of Business Research, said he disagreed with an earlier presentation advocating more specialization in undergraduate courses.

Specialization is the main difference between undergraduate study and graduate study, he said.

Besides professional training "we must train for responsible citizenship. This involves some breadth of knowledge," Wallace said.

Since no one goes to graduate school, interdisciplinary education is necessary, he said.

Norman H. Cromwell, dean for graduate studies and research, said he was in a challenging position because of restrictions the Regents and the North Central Association have placed on him.

Cromwell said all three campuses are collaborating, it is necessary to study what society demands of universities in order to select priorities, he added.

"Our goal is to improve the quality of graduate education," Cromwell said, "although many times the decision of specialization is strictly political.

"I am convinced our goal is to do a better job with available funds."

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Since each student pays $21 per semester in student fees to ASUN, parents feel they should contribute an input into the center's program.

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