

Pres., Dean Attend Association Meet

Last week, April 5-8, the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools held their annual meeting in Chicago. President Martin and Dean Bemmels attended workshops and work sessions respectively. The work sessions involved one major purpose of the association and that is accreditation of the various colleges and schools. The workshop's major concern was the anticipated increased enrollments of colleges. As of now the lowest figures indicate an increase of 60 per cent by 1970 over enrollment figures of two years ago.

This tremendous increase poses problems in maintaining quality in education because of the need for teachers for these students. On the college level this means teachers with masters and doctorate degrees and presently there are not enough people with these degrees going into teaching.

Secondly, space and facilities for these students is an

acute problem. This is the reason the federal government has given loans for building dormitories and other buildings.

Thirdly, there is the problem of student selection. There is a feeling on the part of educators that it would be a waste of human resources to neglect the higher education of those who may not be in the top 50 per cent of their graduating class. This puts a burden on the admissions offices to select those most likely to finish their education and become useful citizens. At present, due to various reasons, there is a 50 per cent drop-out rate from the nation's colleges from the time students enter until their class's graduation.

Ottawa University also feels the impact of increasing enrollments and the problems that this brings. So we can look forward to more students, more buildings, more teachers, higher selectivity and higher tuition on this campus.