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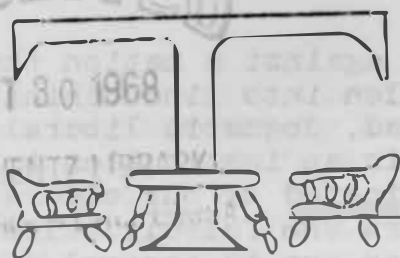


Table Talk

NEWS AND VIEWS of the STUDENT BODY of the
LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY at GETTYSBURG

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THE CURIOSITY POLL, 1968 "THE GREAT COMMITMENT"

First of all, I would like to thank all of you who responded to this poll. Generally, there was a healthy interest. I hope the results and commentaries made below make your gestures seem worthwhile. I might also express a kind of appreciation to those of you who did not cast your ballots. Because of you, I might still be counting ballots now.

Out of a community of about (123), there were (71) responses or about 57% (about the same percentage voter turn-out you might find in any national election). Of these, (23) were Juniors, (17) were Middlers, (19) were Seniors, (11) were from the Faculty, and (1) vote was cast courageously from the Staff. This breakdown of responses is reasonably proportionate to the break-down of the community population. With these figures, along with a consideration of the nature of our reasonably responsible population to offset the understood shortcomings of a poll like this, one can assume a safe degree of reliability and validity in the results. A summary of the results is as follows:

-Number of those who registered or identified with the given party:

Republican	Democratic	Independent
(43)	(18)	(10)

Nixon	Humphrey	Wallace	McCarthy
(32)	(32)	(1)	(3)

Paulson	Goldwater
(2)	(1)

-Number of those who believed a

candidate would win the National election:

Nixon	Humphrey	Wallace
(60)	(10)	(1)

-Number of those who believed a candidate would win the Seminary Poll:

Nixon	Humphrey	Wallace	McCarthy
(26)	(42)	(1)	(1)

Now, a few interesting observations and comments about rather outstanding statistics.

- 71% of the Middlers voted for Nixon.
- 78% of the Seniors voted for Humphrey.
- 47% of the Middlers picked Nixon to win the Seminary Poll.
- 89.4% of the Seniors picked Humphrey to win the Seminary Poll.

Despite each classes extreme commitment to different candidates the Middler class, as a whole, may have a finer sense of the Seminary Community.

- 52.1% of the Juniors picked Nixon as their candidate this year.
- There was an even split between those Juniors who chose either Nixon or Humphrey to win the Seminary Poll.
- But half of each of Nixon's and Humphrey's supporters chose the other man to win the Seminary Poll
- 72.8% of the Faculty chose Humphrey.
- 63.7% of all the Faculty chose their own candidate to win the Seminary Poll.
- 78% of the Seniors voted for Humphrey.
- 89.4% of the Seniors estimated their own candidate to win the Seminary Poll.

The Faculty is recognized

as the leadership of the Seminary Academic Community. Being a "liberal" leadership, 63.7% seems to be a fair estimation of their own ability to go beyond the "Academic" and influence politics as well. But the figures show that it takes at least three to four years to accomplish this. Also, as is true of any new convert, you figure your way is the way (89.4%).

You younger minds, watch out. That 43.4% could indicate your awareness of what you are up against; but rather it seems to be more a lack of confidence in your position, and therefore a weakness.

Of all those that voted for Nixon:

-50% picked Humphrey to win the Seminary Poll.

-93.4% picked Nixon to win the national election.

Of all those who voted for Humphrey:

-71.2% picked Humphrey to win the Seminary Poll.

-78.1% picked Nixon to win the national election.

-Both Nixon and Humphrey received 45% of the ballots cast; i.e., they tied.

Despite the candidate commitments, the Seminary community no doubt sees itself as the last liberal hold-out against a nation falling deep into the evil clutches of a conservative, capitalist, war-monger, Richard Nixon. But, because of a tie, we are in a unique position. We can be seen as being a belated part of this "fall"; as being blind to the liberal forces from on high (the faculty). These liberal forces may also be blinded to reality by their goodness, in that their omnipotence has been compromised by this tie, but they still think they are winning.

But what if Humphrey wins the national election? Then we are all Prophets who denied our own prophecies. We are the last conservative

holdout against a nation that has fallen into line behind a two-faced, dogmatic liberal. We are in an institution to be indoctrinated by our elders and superiors who falsely believe that they are in control of our minds. But we shall prevail!!! As proven by our "Great Commitment", a tie.

By now you all probably realize that this has been one big growing spoof. But then again, the statistics are accurate. And figures never lie.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Hollender

WOTS DISCUSS CPE

Women of the Seminary

turned co-ed for an evening on Wednesday, October 23, 1968. Professor Sandstedt and several students presented a program on the Clinical Pastoral Education program. After a short business meeting, we (the wives) sat back and watched nearly forty interested students enter to listen to the meeting.

The program was started by Professor Sandstedt who introduced the history of CPE and told us of how the program is really growing. Irvin Stapf, Jr., who spent his CPE in Lewisburg Federal Penitentiary, gave his impressions of CPE. His wife, Audrey, told how she was affected by CPE in spending the summer here in Gettysburg, separated from her husband. Norma Braun, who was in Lincoln, Nebraska with her husband, told how many experiences and involve ments affected their CPE assignment.

Speaking for the mental institution, Roger Barnes gave his experience and gave us many insights into his assignment. The general hospital was also represented by Richard Barley who was assigned to a California hospital for the summer.

The Parish Clinical experience was represented by Kent Leid. His assignment was in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He felt that though many may feel CPE in a parish would duplicate intern year, it helped to broaden and strengthen his because of the more time the supervisor had to work with him.

We saw how CPE is growing, widening and broadening. We also saw how it helped to change and deepen the beliefs of many students.

NOTES:

We will look for many more of the student wives, staff wives and single female students to attend on November 13, when Professor Jordahl will speak to us on "The Problem of Belief".

Girls: Have you remembered to return your form to the Christmas Box? You only have a week left.

DIALOG: GRITSCH & JORDAHL

Most likely this age will go down in history as one of the questioning and analysis of everything that has given former generations a foundation and structure for life - the Old is questioned, evaluated, broken down, and discarded; the New is sought. All of society is under the blessing and curse of the character of this age, the Church included. The Church questions herself in search for relevance in today's world. Most of all she asks, "What is my purpose?" If you wish to learn more about relevant discussion in the contemporary Church, then come to the Coffee Shop on Wednesday, November 6 at 7:30 P.M., where Professors Gritsch and Jordahl will present the topic as the first of a Dialog Series: "MINISTRY AND WORSHIP" or, "A CASE AGAINST THE LCA." The issues to be discussed under this topic will be: "Word and Sacrament", "ordination", and "mission".

The Dialog Committee

LIBRARY ART EXHIBIT

Have you been wondering about the art exhibit in the library - who arranged it and why it's there? Probably not, but you're going to hear about it anyway. It was arranged by Senior, Bob Woodside, who is a collector of graphics - etchings, engravings, lithographs, etc. He has been collecting for six years and has made enough contacts that galleries in Baltimore and Washington will lend him pieces to exhibit and sell; presuming anyone wants to buy them. He started exhibiting collections as a Junior and in two years sold over \$1,000 worth of graphics to members of the faculty and student body.

The exhibits are shown to demonstrate that good art can be purchased for a modest sum of money. The current group show includes many kinds of work from different schools and in various media. All of the artists represented are young and just starting their careers, with one exception. And one already has an international reputation. (The Picasso is excepted. It belongs to Bob). Hopefully, when we get back from Thanksgiving an exhibition of work by Picasso, Chagall, Buffet, Renoir and many others will be available for purchase. Incidentally, two years ago an original Renoir was sold for \$25. Just because it's a big name doesn't mean that it's expensive.

B.W.

WOTS UP!

In the evening of a typical fall day, October 9, 1968, the WOTS gals and their husbands all assembled at the Gettysburg Tour Center for a historical journey via a bus tour through the decisive battlefield of the Civil War. With a "living sound" tape recording of the three days'

conflict, the tour started out through the downtown section, indicating the various points of historic interest, such as the Jenny Wade House, General Lee's Headquarters, and of course, our own Seminary Ridge. We then toured the vast battlefield, "step by step", (or should I say "wheel by wheel"?) all the while hearing the bloody fighting for the three days' duration, with all the sounds of cannons, mortar shots, yells, horses' hoofs, etc. One could almost see the gun fire of a troop advancing up a slope, while soldiers were racing around to get in position, and to help the wounded. The bus stopped at Little Roundtop, where we surveyed the strategic situation personally, to get more of the feel of the battle.

Although the Gettysburg Campaign was fought more than one hundred years ago, that battlefield tour really made one feel like he had been there when and where it actually happened. The finishing touch was a solemn ride through the National Cemetery, where one could see row upon row of grave markers of the Civil War soldiers who died here, and where President Abraham Lincoln gave his short but stirring Gettysburg Address. A most fitting side light -- numerous gentle and graceful white-tailed deer, in full view, were peacefully grazing, using the battlefield as an animal sanctuary.

Certainly, the tour was well worth the 25¢ a person, so those of you who missed it will have to wait until next year, when the tour may be offered again (let's hope so). Afterwards, the Seminary couples stopped at the Coffee Shop to exchange box suppers and just to have a good old time. It was a very enjoyable evening, thanks to those who thought up the idea and made all the arrangements!

Barbara Heilman