A WALTER LEAGUE RENAISSANCE

I recently attended a "new" Walther League Staff meeting to determine the direction of Anglo-Walther League. This last summer the Walther League Council was broken down into four groups -- Black Youth Unlimited (BYU), Latin American Youth (LAY), Anglo-American, and Canadian W.L. Since the Lutheran church is a racist church (in fact, our Synod has about 54 Black ministers, 1.09% of full time Parish Ministries, Lutheran Annual, 1965), it was thought that the minority groups should be given a chance to express their rightful views. This was not possible through the old Walther League. The purpose of Walther League is "working toward a cure of sicknesses in our society and an all out effort for unity between each group with Christian love for our brothers."

The purpose of Anglo-Walther League is the "Liberation of Whites." This is letting people know about such problems as pollution, ABM, Black Manifesto, human subsidy, population control, the Draft, Vietnam, Hunger and any other related subjects. But more important than making people conscious of the problems of today, it is doing something about them. Since the Purdue Gathering $229,020 has been given to different projects (this is half as much as was given to Lutheran World Relief.)

The Venezuela Volunteers now have three Prince of Peace Volunteers, thanks to W.L. They work on the grass roots level to help in Communication with the Church and in agricultural skills.

The Freedom from Hunger Campaign self-help projects went to Third World Countries (Asia, Africa, Latin America) so they can attack their own agricultural problems. These projects are administered and designed by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in consultation with agricultural experts.

-And The Winner is-

NUMBERS GAME

Monday night, December 1, was "number night" for approximately 850,000 young men throughout the United States. The executive-ordered lottery, which affects the immediate future of thousands of men between the ages of 19 and 26, also has raised disturbing questions in the minds of male students.

The first reaction has generally been to inquire as to how the lottery system affects the college student with his deferment. The simplest answer to this is that the system has no bearing on a student; he will still maintain his deferment for four years.

Since the lottery was ordered by President Nixon and not set up by the Selective Service System, there are many details that are yet to be cleared up. When these details are clarified, some of the questions that involve college students that should be cleared up are: (1) Does the number a student has in 1970 stick with him throughout college or is the number cancelled? (2) Will the lottery system bring new pressure upon the student to complete his college education in four years? (3) Is there a loophole in the system which would permit a student with a number in the two or three hundred's to drop out of school and then be exempt after 1970? (4) Looking toward the future, is there a chance that soon all 2-S deferments will be cancelled?

These questions and others should be answered as soon as the Selective Service System outlines the foundation of this new program. Until then, about all that can definitely be stated is that the lottery system does not affect any college student who is satisfactorily on the road to graduation within four years. - S.G.

President LC-MS Dr. J. Preus

In conjunction with President Preus' visit to our campus CSP Sword presents a very brief biographical background.

Dr. Jacob Preus, president of the LCMS, has some strong ties with Minnesota, his father, J. A. O. Preus, served as governor of the state. Considering his family background and present position, high levels of achievement are to be expected.

Consider the educational background of Dr. Preus. He is a graduate of Lutheran Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota. He earned his M.A. and PH.D. degrees from the University of Minnesota.

Upon receiving his doctorate, Dr. Preus continued in education as Professor Preus. Following his stay at Bethany, Dr. Preus accepted an appointment to teach Latin and Greek at our Springfield Seminary in 1958. At the time of his election as president of the Seminary in 1962 Dr. Preus was considering a call to Concordia Teachers College, Seward Nebraska.

Perhaps a good indication of our president's abilities are some of the major accomplishments he instituted while director of Springfield. Among the changes cited by Dr. Preus are the lowering of the number of hours and courses required, the introduction of concentrations and research electives, the acceptance of the school into the American Association of Theological Schools, the requirement of the bachelors degree for entrance for men under age 25, and the awarding of the bachelor of divinity degree.

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Delta Ministry is an inter-church project based in Greenville, Miss. They work with the poor in four major fields, they distributed food and clothing and worked for welfare and relief of the poor. They developed industries and jobs for the poor. They help the poor realize their public responsibility by helping them gain political power. They have many education programs.

The Emergency Help program is feeding 3 million Biafrans and Nigerians throughout the world Relief program. The Deep South Feeding program set up a cooperative feeding program. The Children's Breakfast feed about 275 children daily who would otherwise have had no food.

Teaming up with the poor, developed the organizations BYU, LAY, and gave many scholarships to help break the Hunger Chain by educating them and ourselves. - B.G.
LEFT HAND CORNER

How to begin? Discussing the dismissal of Dr. Wifall is, by its very nature an involved and controversial subject. Involved because it reaches into the fields of academic freedom and doctrine; controversial because it concerns outside pressure, inside pressure, and Dr. Wifall himself.

On the topic of academic freedom, there is very little that can be said in defense of his dismissal. One of the main objectives of a college should be to expose its students to the variety of ideas in every field, not excluding religion. If we are to be prepared to face the world as Christian men and women, we can not be sheltered from ideas different from what we have been taught. In fact, too often our Sunday School education interferes with our important and necessary search to find out just what we believe in, for faith in God and true knowledge of Him can not be found in books or through teachers, but must be learned individually.

Doctrine is the focal point of the whole dismissal proceedings. Since the charges of heresy have been brought against Dr. Wifall, his teachings have been examined and re-examined, with the main discovery being his belief in verbal inspiration and literal interpretation. I can not say whether or not these beliefs are heretical, but I do know that Dr. Wifall is willing to defend his beliefs, not only in class but also in an ecclesiastical court. The fact that he was dismissed without an opportunity to defend himself leads one to believe that he was tried and found guilty by a group of people who must be in very close communication with the Final Judge.

The outside pressure has come from a group of concerned ministers of the Minnesota South District. There is very little that can be said about these dedicated men, these Biblical scholars who, when pressing charges against Dr. Wifall, said that it was imperative not to upset tradition. Their true concern, then, is evidently to keep the students on the track we desire, not to upset tradition. Their true concern, then, is evidently to keep the students on the track we desire, not to upset tradition. Their true concern, then, is evidently to keep the students on the track we desire, not to upset tradition. Their true concern, then, is evidently to keep the students on the track we desire, not to upset tradition. Their true concern, then, is evidently to keep the students on the track we desire, not to upset tradition. "The horse was already out of the barn," which means that he believes there is nothing we can do. He was wrong. There is something we can do, if we have the conviction to do it. To begin with, we can unite behind a cause that affects us all. Once united, there are a number of ways we can voice our opinion, through a peaceful demonstration, through explanatory letters to our congregations asking for their support, through a temporary strike on classes until we are heard. We must act, and we must act now, before this issue cools off, or before we are snowed under by more administrative rhetoric.

Peace.

Letters To Editor

Instant Insomnia

This is an inspirational writing to bring forth the everpresent yet unspoken disturbances here on Campus. These problems on Campus by all of us who are firmly convicted students and members of the N.A.E.C.P. (National Association for the Education of College peoples). It has been a problem long withstanding in my confused head as to why the majority have so little to say so as to what is to happen in our campus lives. It seems to me that if we are willing to sacrifice our place in the draft and come to college we should at least have some of the same simple pleasures as our boys in the Armed Forces. Why can’t we also go down to Rosemary’s Bar and see what the devil is going on . . . Or hear something in class and say I disagree. Or even go as far as to have guests in our room on Friday or Saturday night, without discrimination of sex. I have just touched upon a few of our problems here on campus. Many times I have stayed up nights in search of a solution. At the present time all I can come up with is this. That someone else might lend a helping hand, as for me, I am going back to sleep — Kelli

EDITORIAL

Down With Dirt And Stamp Out Sludge

To the Editor:

Nearly everyone today has heard about environmental pollution. It is fast becoming one of the major social issues of our day. But is the true extent and seriousness of the problem understood?

Students for Environmental Defense (SED) at the University of Minnesota is actively participating in the New Conservation. One of our goals is to make people realize the degraded and often dangerous condition of many American environments. To this end the water pollution committee is planning a mass-posting of the Mississippi River by college students from the headwaters in Minnesota to New Orleans, Louisiana. Your College is one of sixty we located within fifty miles of the river.

We hope that you will participate with us in what should be the first inter-state conservation action in America. If you are a member of a student organization which is interested, or if you plan on forming a student conservation group, write to us soon. Let us know how far from the river you are, how large your group is, if you can raise funds, and which dates in late April or early May would be acceptable, in the mean time, get information on the condition of the Mississippi near your college. Where your signs will say depends upon the pollutants in the specific stretch to be posted. In the Twin Cities the signs could read "unfit for body contact," The same would hold for many other places.

We are not campaigning for charter groups of SED. We feel independent organizations working in coordinated efforts will prove most successful. Hopefully the contacts we form through this experience will pave the way for similar future actions.

There is a good deal of planning to do in the next four months. The river posting should have a specific name and symbol. It must be publicized. The legality of posting signs in specific areas must be determined. Activities on the day of posting have to be planned. Should this be coordinated with Gaylord Nelson’s proposed national teach-in on environmental problems? Should the colleges participating form a coalition organization or maintain complete individual identity? Let us know your reactions and don’t forget suggestions of your own.

Sincerely,

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SS CAN S COFFEE BUDGET

The present plans for a coffee house were shot down in Student Senate, mid-flight, as of last Wednesday, December tenth. To be brief and blunt this means, until this thing is settled, there will be no coffee house this winter. As background, here is a brief summary of the action. Coffee house director and technical consultant Harlan Heyer presented the proposed budget totalling $2,537.00. Many senators were upset and thought this was too high. Senators began to take issue with individual items on the budget. The main objection was to the eight hundred dollars for furniture to be used during the week by the city students in whose room this coffee house is to be. Of equal importance was the discovery that accurate figures seemed difficult to establish a goal for itself of raising five hundred dollars on our own. This of course would demonstrate that we’re not apathetic and not so greedy as to want to take a whole one-fifteenth fraction of the thirty-four thousand sand set aside for us.

Common sense says that this kind of reasoning is tokenism, and is, at best, absurd. It should also be obvious by now however, that common sense is not present in abundance in the workings of Student Senate. It is my opinion that the coffee house budget will come with other Senate fiascos as the great sign of a judiciary board, not to mention the twenty plus page constitution which is so brittle in construction that it begins to crack up at nearly every challenge.

On the lighter side, meaning not funny but bright, if it is true that human nature can laugh at a tragedy, at least Student Senate is good for a laugh.

Here however, may be the real tragedy, for one am being convinced as the year progresses that most of us student senators actually and honestly do represent the attitudes and wishes of the students we are elected to represent. In other words these childish rejection of any idea that wasn’t your own is really what the students want.

O.K., everyone, here it is right back in your lap. It’s your chance to prove you can do more than talk. That 800 dollars will have to be raised before we leave for Christmas or we won’t have a coffee house this winter. It’s time to get our dead little chairs and pull together. Since in typical fashion, no method to raise the five was suggested by the Senate, I suggest you simply put any money you can spare into an envelope and address it; Coffee House, SS Exec. Council. It’s a start while we wait for details.

If we blow this chance we will have only ourselves to blame when the bleak winter months descend as last year. There will be nothing to do but sit on our fat little chairs.

It is almost enough to move one to name-calling and obscenities directed against those who sent this proposal crashing, but that isn’t ethical. The culprits, however, do think it is ethical to smash weeks of planning, hours of discussion and personal sacrifice with one flat “no.”

The situation is soured further when you consider the opposition knew very little about what they rejected.

Well, it is still up to us to get a coffee house if we want one. The frustrations and selfishness displayed by both sides in the coffee house issue, however, seem beyond any hope — save that of prayer.

-Amen. — Ron Gustafson

Survey Analysis

Following is a total of the results handed in.

1. As a mature college student in a religious institution do you want to be exposed to all viewpoints, especially in the religion classes? Yes, 170 - No, 1 - No answer 9. Yes = 94%.

2. Do you feel that the administration has a right to limit the types of material to which you are to be exposed? Yes, 36 - No, 194 - No answer 9. No = 74%.

3. Do you feel you are being limited in your search for knowledge by the policy of the college administration? Yes, 118 - No, 41 - No answer 20. Yes = 68%.

4. Do you feel that the professors are generally maintaining classroom rapport with the students at Concordia? Yes, 112 - No, 50 - No answer 17. Yes = 62%.

5. Do you feel that a controversial subject or professor should be eliminated thereby limiting the student’s education to only certain aspects of that particular subject? Yes, 8 - No, 151 - No answer 20. No = 84%.

6. Do you feel that the refusal to extend a new contract to Dr. Wifall is based upon legitimate reasoning? Yes, 18 - No, 117 - No answer 45. No = 65%.

7. Have you ever take a class from Dr. Wifall? Yes, 126 - No, 48 - No answer 6. Yes = 78%.

8. If so, how was it? Yes, 101 - No, 17 - No answer 55. Yes = 58%. Has your faith been strengthened by the same? Yes, 1 - No, 124 - No answer 55. No = 69%.

9. Do you feel that Dr. Wifall forced his opinions upon you? Yes, 2 - No, 125 - No answer 51. No = 70%.

10. Did you enjoy Dr. Wifall’s class as a learning experience? Yes, 126, No, 0, No answer, 54. Yes = 70%.
Let's try to forget about the Carthage Invitational Tournament. It was, in most ways, a disaster for our team. The only real bright spots were the first game play of Coburn, the shooting of Mason, and particularly the defense of Golnitz. Darrell had the enviable job of guarding Michigan Lutheran's Small College All-American guard but held him to a career low 7 points. This defensive job was the highlight of the Comet's play. Other than that, the team did not play together, made many mechanical blunders including fouls and forced shots. Needless to say, we lost both games. But in losing, a team can only learn, gain experience, and eventually improve.

On Dec. 9, the Comets played their first home game against St. Paul Bible College. Again, the Comets were plagued by poor play, plus the fact that S.P.B.C. was playing a zone defense with a man-to-man chaser on guard John Schleicher, one of the better Comet offensive players. This defense seemed to work as Schleicher was held to a career low of 5 points. But this defense would have been broken.

One way would have been to have our forwards hitting from outside. Ralph Mason, who started the game, hit from there in the first half in streaks but also had cold spells in between. Julie Clausen had the same hot and cold success. Because of this poor (25%) shooting, the Comets could not break the zone apart.

Another way the zone could have been broken would have been to get the ball to a man in the lane causing the lower zone to come forward, and hitting Coburn with a quick pass underneath for easy lay-ups. This was done very little but such instances brought the fans to their feet. Mason drove the lane and immediately 2 men came to meet him. Ralph went up in the air, faked once, and hit Coburn underneath with a beautiful shovel pass for an impressive 2 points. But usually, bad passes and a failure to execute proper plays forced the Comets to play S.P.B.C.'s game with S.P.B.C. hitting like they did, the Comets were in hot water until the final minutes of the game. Only the shooting of Mason and Clausen, and the rebounding of Clausen, saved the game. But it was a win and that's what counts.

One final thought. The key to the success or failure of the Comets may ride on the shooting of 3 year veteran Darrell Golnitz. Darrell has taken over the floor leadership of the Comets from last year's master Rog Wingert. Darrell can handle the ball adequately and his defense speaks for itself. If he can regain the touch which made him a leading Comet scorer his freshman year, the boost would be immeasurable for the team. Let's hope this occurs and remember, the season is young, don't give up on the Comets. They're workers, and better games are ahead. Fox - T.R.

Concordia's matmen thoroughly trounced St. Paul Bible College on Monday, December 6, in the Lutheran Memorial Center, before a hysterical crowd of 25. The battle was pretty well decided before the match even started since S.P.B.C. only had six wrestlers and therefore had to forfeit four bouts. Earl Asmus, Mick Wolfram, Curt Matz, and Don Rogahn all won by forfeit, but still provided entertainment for the fans by having two exhibition matches, which the two heavier wrestlers completely dominated. Dale Busacker and Dale Heines both got pinned in the 3rd period. Both had very good chances to pin their opponent but just blew them. Colin Hales, Tom Smuda, Randy Niel, and Bob Pansch walked all over their opponents. All four out-muscled and out-wrestled the helpless S.P.B.C. wrestlers in their four quick successive pins. After adding up all the forfeits and pins, Concordia came out with a wamping victory of 40-10.

A little added word should be made regarding the prospects of this year's wrestling team. Even though the Comets completely dominated their first dual meet of the season, the rest of the year will probably be a little tougher. The team has only three returning wrestlers, but several very strong talented wrestlers have come in with the freshman class. Under the guidance of their coach, John Rohwer, and a few breaks, the team should come out with a respectable record.

And everyone thought they did no wrong. So, every atrocity that had ever been committed in war was repeated by them.

They -- who scorned the Nazi's.
They -- who considered their country "One nation under God."
But their actions did not show that this god they worshipped was love.

Tell me my friend -- What kind of sound does a baby's head make when split by a bullet?

And
tell me too, what does a pit of death rattles sound like?

Do you feel like your god when you smash people like that?

You say that I am too graphic? So close your eyes and say, "I know it's there."

Did you do it?

If this is one nation under God --
I'm sorry -- but I must worship and trust in and love a different god than my countrymen.

Paul A. Bartz