View of Students on Present Day Problems

As a Psychology project, a study was made Fall Quarter to reveal the social attitudes of students of Oxford College. The areas of consideration were family background, politics, integration, religion, drinking, sex, personal ambitions, and personality. The questionnaires were divided into groups of freshmen, sophomores, male and female. The tabulations were done with the help of the Religious Research Center at Candler School of Theology.

There were 119 questionaries total with 73 males, 46 females, 60 freshman, and 59 sophomores.

In the average family of the Oxford student, the father works as a manager or official and the mother is a homemaker. Both have attended college. They live in Georgia in a city of 100,000 people and up.

More students identified politically with Robert Kennedy than any other politician on the questionnaire; Lyndon Johnson ran far behind. Only 4.2% of the students questioned identified with Lester Maddox.

42.6% said we should explore all possible means for peaceful settlement in Viet Nam. In contrast, 38.6% said we should use as much force as necessary to win the war immediately.

Only 14.3% of the students would object to attending school with Negros. 59% said they would object to sharing a room with a Negro.

A large majority of the students professed Christianity as their religion, with Agnosticism being next with 8.4%. Only 82% of the sample believed in the existence of a Divine Being. 68% did not believe that the Bible was literally true. 46.7% of the freshmen attend church weekly, while only 10.3% of sophomores do.

More of the boys questioned drink than do the girls, but of the girls that do drink, the majority of them classify themselves as social drinkers. In general, students drink more and more often than do their parents.

39.5% of the samples said that premarital intercourse is morally wrong. 11.8% were undecided on the question. More sophomores think that premarital sexual intercourse is not morally wrong, as do the boys. 26% of those questioned have engaged in sexual intercourse. There were 1.9% more freshman in this group than sophomores.

39.5% of the students questioned wished to major in math or science. This includes prospective doctors and dentists. Only 3.3% of the freshman have changed their intended college major, whereas 50.8% of the sophomores have