

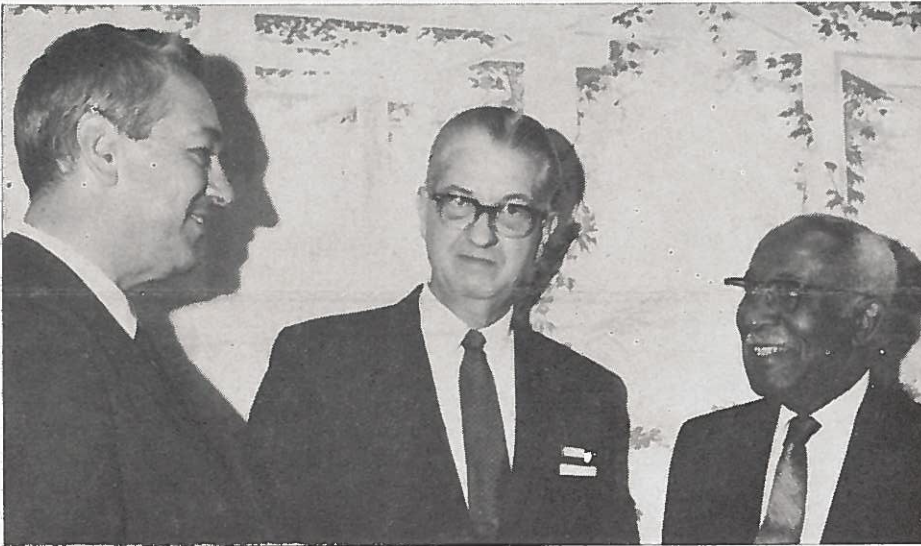


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BISHOP MATTHEW W. CLAIR Jr., right, died in St. Louis, Mo., about two months after he and Dr. Howard Ham, left, were honored as outstanding Iliff alumni. President Lowell B. Swan presented them Iliff honor tiles at a luncheon held during General Conference in Dallas, Texas. Bishop Clair earned his ThM in 1927. Dr. Ham received the ThM in 1946 and his ThD the following year.

Iliff Curriculum Has New Look for Class of 33 Incoming Seminarians

A new introduction to the Iliff School of Theology was given this fall to an incoming class of 33 students.

The experiment of a three-week crash course to introduce seminarians to the church and its ministries brought mixed reactions. One hope was that students would be pulled into the tension of ministry role identification—parish or speciality—early, to grapple with the choices without just accidentally encountering them somewhere else along the seminary career. The emphasis was on exposure, however, and did not pre-empt counseling.

Students searched into church mission in a changing culture, explored tasks and roles of the minister and discussed the relation of theological training to the ministry. With other academic pursuits held until the final eight weeks of the quarter, one instructor, Prof. Kenneth Neal, felt that the course failed in its third goal of relating ministry and theological education.

The three professors—Prof. Neal, Dr. Charles Snelling and Dr. Fred

Clark—said that the rural church should have received as much scrutiny as the urban parish. General reaction of students was that the course was a good idea and should be continued. The faculty will make further evaluations later in the year after other curriculum innovations have been tested.

One result of the trial was a sharp polarization of liberals and conservatives, who first-year-student Philip Shull described in *The Source* as “activists and shepherds.” (The monthly *Source* and the weekly *Involvement* are new student publications designed to enhance communication within the seminary.)

The compact course under the academic division called The Church and its Ministries covered material formerly offered the first year by the departments of Christian education and parish ministry.

President Lowell B. Swan, in his summer commencement address, expressed his gratitude to the faculty for being willing to experiment.

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More Seminars for Iliff's Lecture Week Jan. 27-31

There will be greater emphasis on seminars in the new format for the Iliff Week of Lectures and Pastors' School, Jan. 27-31.

Guest preacher of the week will be Bishop James Armstrong of the Dakota Area of the United Methodist Church.

Persons attending the week will be able to select two of the six seminar subjects. Each seminar subject will be covered in two 90-minute sessions on consecutive days.

Subjects and leaders will be: evangelism, by Dr. Lawrence Lacour, pastor of First Methodist Church of Colorado Springs; core-city ministry, by the Rev. MacRaven Warner, director of Core City Ministries in Denver; practical economics, by Dr. Fred Glahe, of the University of Colorado economics department; ministry to the dying, by the Rev. Stuart Plummer, chaplain at Denver's Presbyterian Medical Center and a part-time member of the Iliff faculty; ministry to the middle class, by the Rev. Stuart Haskins, pastor of south Denver's Plymouth Congregational Church, and newspapers and churches, by Wesley French, religion editor of the Rocky Mountain News.

Guest lecturer will be Dr. Colin
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Trustee and Wife Donate \$25,000

A gift of \$25,000 worth of stocks to endow a scholarship fund was presented to Iliff recently by J. Herman and Dora Salley of Liberal, Kan.

Salley has been a school trustee since 1937. He has been in the grain elevator and real estate business.

Mr. and Mrs. Salley made the announcement before faculty and other trustees at a dinner meeting late in September.

President Lowell B. Swan said the gift raises the schools' scholarship endowments to nearly \$500,000, a sum which produces a return of about \$25,000 a year for scholarships.

Curriculum —

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Dr. Swan reported on a new study by the American Association of Theological Schools (AATS) aimed at stimulating curriculum innovations for the 1970s. The commission suggests a three-level model with the first level being the undergraduate college or university, with some prescription of areas of competence for the incoming seminarian.

The second and third levels of seminary would be offered in a major theological center located in a university environment with a number of schools gathered about a nucleus. Through the second level a seminarian should have gained moderate knowledge of the Bible, church history, history of Christian thought, contemporary Christian thought, contemporary issues confronting the Christian faith and one non-Christian religion.

At the third level, the student would choose between vocational or further academic pursuits. Vocational education is suggested at centers possibly far removed from the university-seminary nucleus. Types of centers that were suggested include life cycle ministry, ministry through institutions, business and industrial ministry, ministry through political process, crisis ministry and ministry through the arts.

Purpose of the centers is to "enable the student to gain a sufficient sense of role identity and sufficient skills to undertake a contributing role in the life of the Christian community." After work at such a center, the AATS suggests that a seminarian would return to his university-seminary nucleus for his final degree work.

Recommended Reading

S. Neill, *The Interpretation of the New Testament 1861-1961*. A Galaxy Book. New York: Oxford University Press, 1966.

This paperback issue of the 1964 edition should prove to be a useful tool for orienting the pastor in New Testament scholarship. It is, however, light on contributions of German scholarship during this period.

—H. E. Everding

Joseph C. Hough Jr., *Black Power and White Protestants*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1968.

Aim of this excellent book, addressed to white Protestants, is to interpret the new stance and strategy of the Negro community (summed up in the slogan "black power") and to urge certain modes of thought and action by which white Christians may respond creatively to this new situation.

Roger L. Shinn, *Man: The New Humanism*. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1968.

This book is the sixth volume in the series "New Directions in Theology Today." With his characteristic wit and clarity of expression, Shinn skillfully probes in dialogical fashion the meaning of the "human" in recent theology and in other disciplines.

—Dana W. Wilbanks

Konrad Lorenz, *On Aggression*. Bantam paperback, 1967.

This is not a typical book for those interested in the field of pastoral psychology. Yet the work of this outstanding naturalist is being acclaimed widely by those involved in the helping professions. It cuts new ground. Worship takes on new purpose after reading Lorenz.

—Ronald R. Lee



IS THE MEDIUM THE MESSAGE? The unposed gloomy expressions of Dick Trotter, left, and Nick Woods express the reaction of many first-year students to the lecture medium. Communication — symbolized by both the lecturer's gesture and the advertising collage—was one of the big issues of the new three-week course. — Photo, Bob Haines.

New Courses: Inner City and Law

Several new concepts for Iliff education will be explored in courses scheduled for the winter quarter. All involve team teaching.

A course on the urban church and community organization will take a selected group of students: to an inner-city community center, Curtis Park, for instruction in community organization by Robert Doll; to various urban churches for instruction in urban ministry by Mrs. Porter Brown, former executive secretary of the Methodist General Board of Missions, and to the demographic research center at Denver's Temple Buell College for instruction in urban social theory by Dr. Sally Geis of that school, formerly Colorado Women's College.

Dr. Clarence Snelling, professor of Christian education, will be coordinator of the course. The Rev. MacRaven Warner, director of Denver's Core City Ministries, will supervise field placement of students in community organization task groups.

Students—who will be involved about 40 hours a week for eight hours of academic credit—will deal with such problems as housing, welfare rights, police-community relations, quality education for minority groups, white racism and the relation of suburban churches to inner-city tasks.

Theology and law students will be selected for a seminar course dealing

with civil disobedience and social rights, to be taught jointly by Dr. Charles Milligan, professor of philosophy of religion, and two professors from the University of Denver Law School.

The course will be a forerunner to possible joint efforts with other graduate schools, such as medicine and international relations.

A course on worship will incorporate services written by class members in the school's twice-weekly services. Services will be recorded with Iliff's new video tape equipment for later critique by the class. Instructors will be Dr. Snelling and Dr. Austin Lovelace, instructor in church music.

Lecture Week —

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Williams, dean of the University of Chicago Divinity School. Iliff faculty members who will lecture during the week are Prof. H. G. Van Sickle, professor of Christian history and missions; Dr. Ronald R. Lee, assistant professor of psychology of religion and pastoral care; Dr. J. Alton Tempelin, assistant professor of theology and church history, and Dr. Dana W. Wilbanks, assistant professor of Christian ethics.

Detailed program and registration information will be published early in December in *The Iliff Reporter*.



Mallot



Baker



Stevens



Keil



Sanders



Morris



Tatsumi

Leaves Carry Four Iliff Faculty Members on World Tours and Study

The meaning of the Christian message around the world is a question impinging upon the whole church, but is particularly close to Iliff faculty members whose leaves involve extensive traveling.

For example, Prof. H. Gordon Van Sickle of the Department of Christian History and Missions was in many of the religious centers of Europe last fall during celebrations of the 450th anniversary of the Reformation.

And last spring he and Mrs. Van Sickle went to Hawaii and Japan, including on their tour of Japan visits to Buddhist, Confucianist and Shinto centers and headquarters for the United Church of Japan.

"In all these centers I discussed the problem of Japan's modern culture and religion, and found that Japanese religions face almost the identical problems to those faced in any western modern technological urban civilization," Prof. Van Sickle said.

Christianity is barely holding its own, Mr. Van Sickle was told, and the traditional faiths of Japan are holding only the older members as the nation undergoes rapid urbanization and industrialization. Confucianism, which stresses respect for one's elders, is weakened when the family scatters to various industrial jobs. And a faith emphasizing love of nature—Shintoism, for example—is difficult in a city of 11 million persons such as Tokyo, which has more smog than many U.S. cities.

One reaction to this new culture, Prof. Van Sickle discovered, is the development of small cults—dozens of them, some stressing salvation or healing, and others borrowing and combining elements of a number of traditions.

The great variations found solely within the Christian life were seen in capsule form this summer by Dr. Harvey H. Potthoff of the Department of Christian Theology, one of 25 Meth-

odist delegates to the World Council of Churches assembly in Uppsala, Sweden.

"It made one mindful of the different circumstances under which people are trying to live the Christian life—in Russia, East Germany, developing Africa, South America," he said.

One of the dramatic sessions of the assembly was when two Christians—one from Nigeria and the other from Biafra—stood on the same platform, helping decide what kind of a statement the World Council could make on their war-torn land.

"It was encouraging that a Christian statement could be reached under those circumstances," Dr. Potthoff said. The statement takes no sides; it urges resumption of negotiations, imaginative governmental action to reduce anxieties of the people and steps toward reconciliation, justice and peace.

Dr. Potthoff found strong anti-American sentiment, as Prof. Van Sickle had faced in Europe nearly a year before. Dr. Potthoff encountered two university students eager to talk to an American to test their impressions before making decisions. But generally, Dr. Potthoff found a readiness to judge the United States and other affluent nations without recognizing the unique problems in those countries.

The Uppsala assembly dealt largely with social issues and failed to wrestle with the theological grounds for what delegates were saying sociologically, Dr. Potthoff said.

While the needy of the world seem to be increasing in number the percentage of Christians is declining, he noted. And in the meantime the World Council concerns itself with communication within the Christian faith and not particularly with other world faiths, Dr. Potthoff said.

"There is so little effort in mission
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Montgomery



Spring

Eleven Degrees Given in Summer Commencement

Eleven degrees were awarded at the Iliff Summer Commencement, Aug. 22. President Lowell B. Swan's address was on the subject "Future Trends in Theological Education."

Receiving the Master of Religious Education degree was Mrs. Charlotta Murren Mallot of Meeker, Colo., wife of Sheridan Mallot (BD '61).

The Master of Divinity degree was awarded to: Frederick B. Baker, pastor at Elwood, Neb.; Errol K. Stevens, director of Turnstile, a teenage crisis center in Denver; Richard L. Keil, assistant director of Turnstile; Dale A. Sanders, pastor at Bartley, Neb.; Kenneth L. Thurman, pastor at Winlock, Wash., and Glen L. Wolf, pastor at Nooksock, Wash. (Photographs of Thurman and Wolf, graduated in absentia, were not available.)

The Master of Sacred Theology degree was awarded to James O. Morris, who plans to teach, and Satoshi Tatsumi, now in Himeji, Japan.

Recipients of the Doctor of Theology degree were Doyle W. Montgomery of the Grand Avenue Methodist Church in Salina, Kan., who wrote on "Concepts of Divine Kingship in the Ancient Near East," and Charles M. Spring, an instructor at Temple Buell College, whose dissertation was on "The Sexual Revolution in Theological Perspective."

World Travel -

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as communication and understanding," he lamented.

What about Christianity in South Africa?

Dr. J. Alton Templin, associate professor of history and missions, spent part of the summer there on a research project, tracing the religious "sanctification" of apartheid.

He brought back pictures and vivid descriptions of two worlds—a white world which appears as modern as any and which wields vast control out of fear, and a black world in which three-quarters of the population occupies 13 per cent of the land and which is powerless and cowered by fear.

Dr. Templin had been granted fellowships by the Social Science Research Council of New York and the Graduate School of International Studies, University of Denver.

He sees little chance of change in South Africa through internal political means. And the blacks lack means for a successful revolution. Only external help offers much hope, a view reiterated by the Rev. Michael Scott when he was at Iliff this fall for a seminar appearance.

Some travel is still in the future:

"If Marshall McLuhan is right that the whole world is a tribal village, we will see other parts of the village."

Speaking is sociologist Dr. O. R. Whitley. He's been on sabbatical from the Department of Sociology of Religion since summer and during the second semester will teach aboard ship for the World Campus Afloat, sponsored by Chapman College in Orange, Calif.

Other parts of the "village" primarily will be Asian ports of call. Teaching is closely correlated with the immediate environment and students get

exposure to new culture through field trips and visits in homes—"more than gawking at the Taj Mahal," Dr. Whitley said.

A major benefit from the trip, he said, will be first-hand contact with undergraduates from a college of the type that furnishes Iliff with much of its enrollment.

Mrs. Whitley also will make the trip, working as secretary to the school's dean. Son John is in his sophomore year at Morningside College and son Chris, 13, will spend the semester living with the Whitleys' neighbors.

Faculty-Staff Notes

Dr. Walter G. Williams is teaching a five-week course in archaeology and the Bible at Emmanuel United Methodist Church and a nine-week course on the Dead Sea Scrolls at the Jewish Institute of Adult Studies, Temple Emanuel. Dr. Williams was at Methodist Theological School in Ohio in September as chairman of the Commission on Ecumenical Affairs of the Rocky Mountain Conference. The commission will issue information soon on next steps in ecumenicity and recommended ecumenical activity.

Dr. Harvey H. Potthoff attended in September the first meeting of the Theological Study Commission, directed by the uniting conference in Dallas to study a doctrinal statement for the United Methodist Church. Dr. Potthoff attended a University of Chicago conference on continuing education late in October. He recently was named: a member at large of the General Board of Education and a member of its executive committee, a member of the Program-Curriculum Committee, and chairman of the Committee on Conferences of the Western Jurisdiction.

Dr. Martin Rist, professor emeritus of New Testament, has begun a series of 26 lessons for the journal "Mature Years." The lessons will constitute a survey of the New Testament.

Prof. H. Gordon Van Sickle attended a School of Missions at the University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wash., during the summer. He taught a course on new forms of missions for the Rocky Mountain Conference in July and taught in the Nebraska School of Missions in August.

Dr. Ronald R. Lee, assistant professor of pastoral psychology, attended the 28th International Congress on Alcohol and Alcoholism in Washington, D.C., in September. He was co-author of a paper, "Interview Techniques to Measure Alcohol Intake," which was presented to the medical section of the congress.

RETIRED BISHOP DIES—

Retired Bishop Wilbur C. Hamma-ker, 92, of Washington, D. C., died in Denver Aug. 11. He was bishop in Denver from 1939 to 1948.

Alumni Notes

Ray Clements (ThM '59), Methodist chaplain at George Washington University, is seeking campus or church groups interested in helping market handicrafts made through the encouragement of missionaries and Peace Corps workers. Goods come from Mexico, Ecuador, Haiti, Guatemala, Africa, Hong Kong, Vietnam and the Holy Land. One-fifth of sales can be used for local projects. Write Ray at 2106 G St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

Inaugurated this month as president of Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Ala., was Allen K. Jackson (ThM '58). His father, Monford Jackson (BD '28) was the official representative of Iliff at the ceremonies. Dr. Harvey H. Potthoff will participate in the inauguration. Dr. Jackson formerly was at Morningside College.

Frank Edwards (BD '26) died on March 1, it has been learned. He was living in Sarasota, Fla.

George Briggs (ThM '55) reports he has moved to Pittsfield, Me., as minister of the First Universalist Church (Unitarian Universalist). His address is 9 Easy Street.

A summer workshop on minority relations problems was conducted during the summer at University of Redlands by sociology professor Donald M. Rusk (ThD '67).

A second retirement came this summer for Arthur L. Hardy (BD '30), who retired the first time in 1965 but for the past three years has been supply pastor of the Methodist Church in Bucyrus, Kansas. "The first year," he said, "the church and parsonage both burned and we built a new church and it was all paid for when we moved in . . . I have been preaching for 47 years and eight months and felt that it was time to stop and give way to the younger men . . . We still feel that Iliff is a wonderful school." His letter included a gift to the Iliff Alumni Association.

NAMED DIRECTOR—

Mrs. Betsy Kester, wife of Iliff business manager Donald Kester, has been named executive director of the Auraria Community Center, located near downtown Denver. She was Auraria program director for three years before serving as a coordinator with Denver's Head Start program.

THE ILIFF FAMILY—

Lois and Phil Mesner (BD '63) became parents of a new daughter, Kerri Annette, on March 27. She has a sister, Kristi, 4, and a brother, Jerry, 2. Phil is a chaplain at Colorado State Hospital, Pueblo.

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