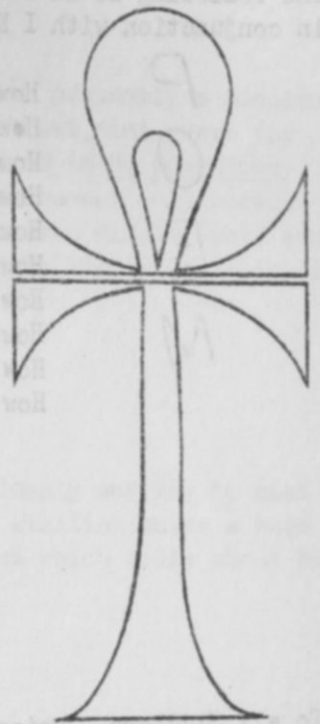


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JUST ANOTHER QUESTIONNAIRE ?

By now it's hoped that all students and faculty have given some thought to the brief questions concerning grading and evaluation here at the Seminary. Many students participated in the evaluation sessions earlier this semester. That effort, as you know, was a procedure carried out in accordance with the plans made two years ago to take a look at the successes and failures of the new curriculum. Well, you might say; "here's another one." But the latest questionnaire isn't just another one. This questionnaire isn't resultant from a prescribed plan, nor is it the product of administrative inquisitiveness. Investigation into grading and evaluation procedures at the Seminary was directly asked for by the students who participated in the earlier curriculum sessions. And so once again the academic integration committee has been asked to handle the mechanics. It was thought that broad questions such as those contained in the questionnaire would stimulate dialogue among students and faculty. Following the informal discussion, it would be most beneficial to the future policies of the Seminary, if every student and faculty member recorded his or her opinions on the two page form and returned it to a member of the AIC or the office. The students should be reminded that this procedure is a result of their request, and its success depends on a high rate of return. Take some time to think, talk, and then write down your thoughts. This investigation will affect everyone on campus. Try to return the questionnaire as soon as possible, but don't forget the dialogue. That's the main purpose of the questions.

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The following is in response to certain demands by certain people. This should be read in conjunction with I Kings 19:9-18:

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How does the bird...find the sky?
How does the rain...find the flower?
How does the tree...find the wind?
How does the music find the...violin?
How does the fish...find the sea?
How do you...find me?
How does the grass...find the ground?
How does the mountain...find the cloud?
How does the water...find the frog?
How do you...find God?

Ray Ursin

To all Middlers, Juniors, and Special Students,

As part of its pastoral responsibility the Faculty needs to be aware of students whose outside employment indicates a financial need unknown to the Faculty, and of students whose academic work may be suffering because of their unusually heavy employment schedule. In light of these factors the Admissions Committee of the seminary will be issuing after Easter a new employment sheet to be filled out by all non-seniors. We hope that all will complete the sheets in freedom, so that the "law" will not have to be applied!

The use of the employment form will in no way be punitive, but will be used to protect students from over-committing themselves and hurting their education. The four students on the committee were in full agreement with the committee's action, as one step in increasing seminary attempts to aid the individual student.

Wally Taylor
on behalf of the
Admissions Committee.

The following a convocation schedule for the rest of this academic year. Hopefully by giving this information to the students at this time, the attendance at all community functions can be increased:
April 5--Communion, Dr. Newpher, preacher
April 12--Student Body Meeting
April 19--Open
April 26--UCI presentations
May 3--Open
May 10--Communion

Here is a schedule of events which should interest the entire seminary:

April 7--Spring Banquet
April 3-5--Alumni Convocation
April 24--Choir Concert
April 25--Communion 7.30p.m.
April 29--Women's Auxiliary Day
April 29-30--Mt. Airy Players Present.

MARRIED STUDENT HOUSING

The following is a portion of a letter drafted by the Seminary Community Committee and submitted to Dr. Newpher:

"Traditionally, obtainment of housing for married students of this seminary has been left to the students themselves, including the assistance of one member of the Wives' Club whose task has been to supply information about known available apartments to those who were in need of one. At times, people call the seminary if they have an available apartment in the area. The seminary usually has these people contact the student's wife who is responsible, or receives the information itself and then refers it to the student's wife. She in turn gives the information to those who are searching and interested.

It is the feeling of the Seminary Community Committee that this present procedure is ineffective and should be changed. In the first place, it is the committee's opinion that if the seminary expects to attract new students, there should be a better (continued on page four)

The following article is by the Rev. Dennis Hilgendorf, who is presently a missionary in Lebanon. He is fluent in Arabic and has been in the Middle East nine years for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. This article originally appeared in My Devotions back in May of 1971. Read it. It speaks in a somewhat simplified manner only because it was originally written for children who did not know the life in the Middle East and still understand the Old Testament in light of today; in light of the Middle East; in light of Jesus Christ. -RAU.

THE RAM

(Gen. 22:1-14)

If you ever have the chance to see a flock of sheep, look closely and try to pick out the ram, the male sheep. He rules the flock very much like a stallion rules a herd of mares. The ram knows he is the leader. There is an Arabic poem which tells about him. It says:

He has power and strength;
His back cannot be bent.
He walks about like Antar [an Arab knight]
Among his soldiers.

He protects the sheep, it's said,
He even shepherds them.
His horns are like a crown on his head,
It all makes him very proud.

Sheep were used as sacrifices in the Old Testament, but on special occasions a ram was used. When a ram was sacrificed, everyone knew this was a rare occasion.

Such sacrifices are occasionally performed even in the 20th Century. I attended the dedication of an Orthodox seminary (a school for pastors) in Lebanon which began with this ceremony. A ram was killed and part of its blood ran down a path to the new seminary. Then the meat was roasted and eaten by the new students. Because it was ram's blood and meat, everyone knew the day and the ceremony and the school were special.

In our Bible reading Abraham was living a special day. God had spared Isaac, his son. More special than that, God had made a new beginning with Abraham (Gen.22:14-18). Years later, God's Old Testament people followed that example whenever they wanted to confess their past sins and to make a new beginning (Lev. 5&6).

The Bible tells us that Christ became our sacrifice for a new beginning. He, not a ram, died for our sins at our new beginning. He was our ram-sacrifice.

When I talk about Jesus that way for people in the Middle East, they really think He is something great. Do you?

Well, it's happening again-or at least it's happening to me-I've been able to lose sight of goals in all the hectic rush that Holy Week and Easter bring on, and you're going to get another one of my pleas to stop, just for a minute, and refocus your **sights** on that goal that we, as men preparing for the Christian ministry, should have in view. I've never been good at writing devotional material and for me to sermonize to you is not something I'd claim expertise in; however we have tried to keep this issue of the Seminarian a bit more on the serious side, maybe to call some out of the rush of Holy Week. We have a little devotional reading for children above which comes out of the Middle East--pretty good too. Ray's poem on page two is also something to make you stop and "think" for a while. Our life together needs encouragement every now and then, so we've listed some community events. Hopefully this busy season doesn't keep us so much in the present that we forget to look back on what this week is all about, or ahead to what this week might mean for us.

--Dennis Kohl

(continued from page two) system for providing married student housing. Secondly, the committee feels that this responsibility should be in the hands of the administration, since a student or student's wife does not normally have the time to fulfill this responsibility adequately, nor should they be expected to. To be effective, this matter needs to be dealt with on a larger and more intense scale.

"To poll student opinion on this matter, a questionnaire was distributed; compiled results reveal overwhelming student support for the proposal that the responsibility for married student housing lies with the administration. The ultimate direction of this administrative responsibility is unclear. From the results of the questionnaire, student opinion is split among at least three major alternatives. Thereby, it is the feeling of this committee that each of these alternatives should be seriously considered and investigated by the Facilities Use Committee. The three alternatives are: 1) build an apartment complex on the seminary grounds; 2) obtain additional houses directly adjoining the campus to be subdivided into apartments; and 3) obtain homes in several clusters throughout the area to be subdivided into apartments.

"Students, as polled in the questionnaire, are in further agreement with the Seminary Community Committee in that a solution to the problem of married student housing cannot await the enactment of such alternatives, which would take several years to implement. Therefore, based upon questionnaire results, this committee proposes that, until such times as one of the ultimate solutions can be implemented, the administration supply or hire an individual to assist married students obtain housing. At this time it is unclear who this individual would be, but this committee proposes that the administration explore the possibilities, i.e., a student, a student's wife, a realtor, or other feasible persons."

Administration action on this proposal was immediate. Mr. Kaufmann will assume the above mentioned responsibility, yet the exact nature of his role remains uncertain at this point. Between now and the end of this academic year, the administration and the student couple now assisting with married student housing, Chip and Sandy Fairchild, will review the current proced-

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Seminary Community Comm.

STAFF

The Seminarian is published by students at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. It is a weekly publication, hitting the streets on Wednesdays. If you would like to learn how to turn out church bulletins, stop around on Tuesday nights, around 6:30.

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Today is the last day on which you can purchase tickets for the Spring Banquet. They cost:

- \$4.50 for Beef dinner
- \$4.25 for Turkey dinner

If you don't have the money for the tickets today, see one of the committee (names are listed on the bulletin board) to reserve your tickets for the banquet.

There will be a cocktail hour from 6.30 to 7.30 and dinner will start at 7.30. Dancing will be from 9 until 1 a.m. The dinner will be held at the Sheraton Penn-Pike Motor Inn on route 309. We hope as many possible will be there!

Have a happy and peaceful Easter vacation! See you back here on Tuesday, April 4, at 8.00 in the morning.