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IMPRESSIVE EXERCISES MARK THE CLOSE OF A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Rev. R. H. Miller Delivers
Baccalaureate Address
to Large Audience

The commencement exercises, held in honor of the graduating class of 1916, were both interesting and impressive, —so interesting, in fact, that practically all the students remained for them.

The baccalaureate exercises were held Sunday evening, June 4th. A large crowd heard Rev. Miller, of the great Men & Millions movement, deliver a splendid address to the senior class. All members of the graduating class wore their caps and gowns, and occupied the seats nearest to the platform. Other features of the program were: a solo, by Mrs. Helen Fouts Cahoon; and an anthem by the young ladies' glee club.

Wednesday afternoon a reception in the art rooms was given, and that evening a program was rendered by the fine arts students. Texas Christian University has a School of Fine Arts that is second to none in the Southwest.

Thursday morning, at 10 a. m., the class day exercises were held. The seniors again donned their caps and gowns, and formally bid farewell to their friends and to the university. The mantle was bestowed upon the president of the Junior class by Clyde Tomlinson, president of the Senior class. The class orator, Mr. W. L. Thornton, presented the Senior gift to the University, —a handsome set of seventy-five volumes.

An interesting part of the program was the presentation of gifts to the seniors by the underclassmen. Paul Pirkle, president of the Freshmen, presented the graduates with a bucket of paint, with the advice to "go make their mark in the world." Charles Christenberry, of the Sophomores, gave them a bucket of Karo Syrup, with the instructions to apply this magic fluid, and thus stick to their life's work until they accomplish something in the world." Homer Tomlinson, leader of the Juniors, selected as the parting gift from next year's seniors, the "Key of Knowledge." All these valuable presents were accepted graciously by the President of the "parting ones."

STUDENTS APPOINTED TO LABORATORY POSITIONS

Science Department Proves
Popular During Summer

Three of Texas Christian University's most "diligent delvers" into the sciences have been appointed as assistants in the chemical and the biological departments of the summer term. Professor Dabbs has selected Miss Goforth and Hugh Brewster as laboratory assistants in physics and chemistry, and Professor Winton has appointed Shirley Sweeney as laboratory instructor in biology.

Brewster will be a senior next year; Miss Goforth is a graduate of the University this closing session, and Shirley Sweeney will receive his diploma at the close of next year. Besides being editor-elect of the Horned Frog for 1916-1917, Shirley is a member of the band, orchestra, and glee club.

Chemistry and biology are proving to be very popular courses this summer. Professor Dabbs reports a goodly number already enrolled, and Professor Winton can hardly find room for all his biology students. These courses require five hours or more daily, but are proving interesting in spite of this fact.

BIG MONEY RAISING CAMPAIGN

The Board of Directors Have Perfected and Launched a Mammoth Plan
with the Biggest Men of the Church as Leaders

On next Sunday, June 18th, will inaugurate one of the greatest money-raising campaigns in the history of Texas Christian University. It has been for some time the plan of the board of directors of T. C. U. and of the leading friends and backers of Christian education in Texas, to wipe out the indebtedness of T. C. U. and the other two colleges of this church, and put them in a position for rapid growth.

The carefully constructed plan is this: Twelve teams, each of them composed of six of the ablest men connected with the Christian Church or with Texas Christian University, will begin a systematic campaign thru the Christian churches of Texas for \$200,000.00. These teams are not out on a mere money-begging errand; they are

out on a well organized campaign in the interest of one of the noblest causes ever championed by strong men or women,—the furtherance of Christian education.

The realization of this project means the opening of a new era in the history of Texas Christian University. It means that we are not only to be lifted out of debt, but also that an epoch of progress is soon to be flourished in. Such an elaborate project as this one just started, shows that those back of the university have great plans for the future of Texas Christian University, and encourages us to expect to view soon such new structures upon our campus as a fine arts building, a library building, a first class gymnasium, and a splendid athletic field.

Every friend of T. C. U. and every citizen interested in the proper development of education in the Southwest is looking forward with interest to the result of the campaign.

We can see nothing but success for this undertaking on account of the worthiness of the cause and the men who are behind the movement. The leaders of these teams are such capable men as: Rev. Anderson, of the

First Christian Church; President Jones, of Midland College; E. Ewell, of Palestine; W. P. Jennings, of McKinney; J. W. Kerns, of Austin; John G. Slayter, of Dallas; Brother H. M. Bandy; and Dean Paaks, of Texas Christian University. These men will lead their teams thru their respective territories for four Sundays, beginning this Sunday. The \$200,000 is to be divided between the two colleges and the one university supported by the Christian Church. The two colleges are Carr-Carlton College (for girls), Sherman, Texas, and Midland College, of Midland, Texas. The university is Texas Christian University of Fort Worth, Texas. T. C. U. will receive seventyfive percent, and the remaining twentyfive percent will be divided between the two colleges.

A MESSAGE TO ALL T. C. U. VACATIONISTS

What Are You Doing This
Summer? Write to the
Editor of the Skiff

Graduates, seniors, "preps", underclassmen; what are you doing this summer? Remember that T. C. U., your old 'Varsity, is still here, and will be waiting "with open arms and a loving heart for you next september. No matter whether you are working, traveling, "fishin'" or loafing, just sit right down and let the Skiff editor, and the rest of us here have a word of friendly greeting from you. Send us your address and we will send you, free of charge, the weekly summer Skiff, so that you may keep in close touch with the university, and know the plans for the coming year. Twelve teams have gone out to raise enough money for Texas Christian University to put us out of debt and to make numerous improvements. You will want to keep up with the success of these teams.

Yes, T. C. U. is to have a great year,—the greatest year of its history,—next year, and it is up to you as a unit of the university, to do your part this summer. Are you boosting T. C. U. by showing prospective students what a school we have here? This money raising campaign is no wild dream or vain vantage. It is sure success because it is backed by capable men in the country. T. C. U. with the present financial strain relieved, will be a live place next year. There will be no calling off of the Baylor games on account of no funds. In short, every department of the old school is to be livened up, and you will come back after your vacation to a better university, to a bigger student body, and with the old T. C. U. "Pep."

Miss Vestal Tompkins, the only graduate in voice under Mrs. Cahoon this year, caught the "Sunshine Special" last Thursday evening for Saint Louis, where she will meet Mrs. Cahoon, and continue her journey on to New York. She will study voice during the summer under the celebrated teacher, Mr. Young.

The father and mother of Milus Little are here on an extended visit. They both seem to be favorably impressed with the university their son is attending. Milus is taking work in the summer school.

STUDENT BODY OFFICERS FOR 1916-17 ELECTED

Are Making Plans This Summer
for Compact Organization
for Next year

The student body officers for the next college year are: Willis McGregor, president; Charles Christenberry, vice-president; and (Miss) Minnie Proctor, secretary-treasurer.

Plans will be made this summer by these officers for a progressive administration for 1916-17. It is their aim to lead the students to a stronger and



WILLIS MacGREGOR, PRESIDENT

more capable organization than they have ever reached before, and to cooperate with the university and take part in the affairs of the university life in such an intelligent and whole-hearted manner, that the wishes of the student body will be respected and its undertakings will be backed by the college authorities. This task has been greatly facilitated by the out-going administration, who have done much toward putting the T. C. U. student body on the "Varsity map."

The retiring officers are: John M. Keith, president; Clyde Grissom, vice-president; (Miss) Pansy Bozeman, secretary-treasurer.

WILLIS MACGREGOR FORT WORTH MAN WINS REED WATCH

Contest Is Close and Shows
Earnest Preparation and
Coscientious Work

The Malcolm H. Reed Oratorical Contest, one of the main features of commencement week was participated in this year by four men, all experienced in oratory. First place went to Willis M. McGregor, of the Shirley Literary Society. His oration was, "Acquisitive Statesmanship."

McGregor is vice-president of the Oratorical Association, and has made himself quite a reputation in oratory this year. Besides winning first place in the Reed Oratorical, he was also a member of the Shirley team in the Old Men's Declamatory Contest, and was on the debating team that defeated Trinity in the Triangular Debating Club of Texas. Next year "Mack" will have a busy year as he is a senior, editor of the annual, member of the glee club, and president of the student body.

The other contestants in the Reed Contest were: Homer Tomlinson, Stillwell Melton, and W. B. Higgins. All four orators exhibited splendid thought in composition, and seemed perfectly at home on the stage.

The winner was awarded a beautiful solid gold watch by Malcolm H. Reed, of Austin, Texas.

Head of the Spanish Department Resigns

Miss Clara Case, who has been Spanish instructor in T. C. U. for the last few years, has resigned. We all hate to see Miss Case go. Her noble character and kindly disposition made her respected and loved by all.

Mrs. W. B. Parks, wife of our Dean, has been elected to fill the vacancy. From all reports, Mrs. Parks is thoroughly familiar with her chosen work, and will be able to realize the two essential points in teaching any language: instill in the student the habit of reading the best literature of the newly acquired language, and teach him to speak it as soon as possible.

If you find that you have had vacation enough by August, come and take a course in the summer school. The second term begins at this time.

LIVE SUMMER SCHOOL OPENS AT T.C.U. WITH ENROLLMENT OF 120

Many Interesting Courses Offered.—Regular Faculty
in Charge

Texas Christian University opened its summer school last Monday with about 120 students enrolled in the different courses offered, and still others entering daily. Dr. Parks, Dr. Batson, and Dr. Lockhart compose the committee in charge of the school; and Dr. Batson reports that finer looking bunch of students could not be found at any time during the regular session, and that all of them seem to have that "studious spirit" which insures good work, in spite of the heat of the long summer days.

Many of those beginning this term's work are high-school teachers, either reviewing some of the courses they expect to teach, or adding to their education during the vacation months. Others are taking required courses toward their degree, while still others are studying certain subjects in order to finish next year.

There are to be two terms during the vacation months, each covering six weeks. It is possible for a student to make as many as 18 credits during the two terms, provided classes are regularly attended. The full time required for nine credits is 108 hours, and as this is the minimum time required, it is essential that the student enroll immediately at the opening of each class.

First-class board may be secured at the Goode Hall dining room, and pleasant rooms may be rented by the young ladies in Jarvis Hall, and by the young men at Good Hall and Clark Hall. The cost of both board and room is very reasonable, \$22 per month. The tuition is \$9 for a six-credit course, and \$12 for a nine credit course, and so on. The only extra fees charged are fine arts and science courses.

The faculty of the summer school with the courses offered are as follows: (The numbers after the courses are as they are listed in the catalogue.)

W. M. Winton, Biology 11, credits.
H. B. Dabbs, Miss Goforth, Chemistry 11, 9 credits; physics 17, 9 credits; chemistry 21, 9 credits; physics C, one

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STUDENTS PASS UPON THE T. C. U. YEAR-BOOK

It Is Pronounced a Piece of Art
by Majority of Student-Body

The 1916 year book of Texas Christian University, "The Horned Frog," has now been before the eyes of the public long enough to receive its just praise and criticism. It has been pronounced a decided success by the great majority of students; and as the criticism of a student-body is usually considered the severest there is, it must a splendid book.

Much credit is due Joseph McNamara, business manager, and Raymond Fox, editor in chief, for the long hours and earnest work spent upon this publication. The two men elected by the Senior Class to put out this year's annual resigned at the last moment, and Fox and McNamara were forced to take this responsible position without experience or chance for preparation. Fox was also handicapped by the fact that the members of the staff were not able to give much time in aiding him. The business manager showed his ability by securing adds from the cream of

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Reduced Size for Summer Distribution

Keeping in Touch

DURING the summer the students and friends of T.C.U. being scattered over Texas, will necessarily get out of touch with one another, and will come to feel more than ever that bond of common interest and fellowship which draws them together—the fact that they are students of T. C. U. The Skiff is desirous of serving as a medium of communication between these friends and students of T. C. U., and accordingly suggests that you write an occasional letter telling of the vicissitudes, the slings and arrows as well as the smiles, of fortune which befall you.

If the large number of the students will reciprocate in this matter The Skiff will be enabled to render a real service to the students and to the school, and to aid in encouraging that famous old "T. C. U. Spirit."

The Summer School

THE Summer School is one of the signs of the modern idea of efficiency. In the old days when universities were just coming into existence they were presided over by one or more scholars or philosophers who imparted their philosophy to interested disciples squatting around the master on a straw floor. The students were given a vacation during several months of the year in order that they might harvest the crops.

This custom of granting a vacation, along with the habit of spending a disproportionate quantity of time on the classical languages, has passed down into our present system of higher education without any seeming cause. Such is the strength of precedent.

There seems to be no more reason why one who is making a business of studying should be idle three months out of twelve than that a business man should close his shop during a part of the year.

The regular summer session in T. C. U. offers all the advantages of a regular term, with the additional inducement that the fees, with the exception of those in laboratory courses, will not be imposed.

Loyalty to T. C. U.

ONE of the largest factors in advertising a school, either adversely or favorably, is the impression conveyed to outsiders by the alumni and students of the institution, both by the way they conduct themselves and by what they say of their alma

mater. Several hundred inches of newspaper advertising can be neutralized by the thoughtless criticism of one or two students.

Most of the students who go out from T. C. U. will have opportunities this summer to give their opinion of T. C. U. to some prospective student. Take counsel of yourself before you put out any adverse criticism of the institution whose advantages you have enjoyed, and bear in mind that what you have got out of your school life is proportional to what you have put into it. If you have wasted and thrown away your time, you will probably consider T. C. U. a failure as an educational institution.

Besides, you owe the school a certain amount of loyalty through having accepted its benefits for a year or more. If you don't like the place you are at liberty to depart, but be careful about knocking on it. The following excerpts from a pamphlet by Elbert Hubbard called "Get Out or Get in Line" will convey the idea:

"If you are a student in a college, seize upon the good that is there. You get good by giving it. You gain by giving—so give sympathy and loyalty to the institution. Be proud of it. Stand by your teachers—they are doing the best they can. Mind your own business. "Do this, or if for any reason you should prefer not, then take your choice of these: Get Out or Get in Line. You have to do one or the other—now make your choice."

LIFE:

Yells
Bells
Knells.—Luke McLuke.

LOVE:

Thrills
Frills
Bills.

Ouch.

"A syllogism is something silly."

Live Summer School Opens at T. C. U.

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unit.
M. M. Knight, History Latin America) half term or full term, 6 or 3 credits.

E. D. Wilson, psychology, 3 credits; logic, 3 credits, ethics, 3 credits.

Clinton Lockhart, Messianic Prophecy, 6 credits; freshman Latin, 9 credits; New Testament History, Old Testament History.

W. H. Batson, Modern Elementary Education, 3 credits. Psychology of Elementary School Subjects, 3 credits; Methods of Teaching, 3 credits.

Jas. A. Crain, English Prose and Poesry, 6 credits; American Literature, 9 credits; Nineteenth Century Poetry, 6 credits.

Mrs. M. L. Sargent;—no German until second term, then first year is offered.

Mrs. Lena Gardner, Preparatory English.

C. H. Roberts, Academy History.

R. J. Cantrell, High School Latin.

M. L. Munday, High School Mathematics.

Professor Dabbs is in charge of Clark Hall for the summer, and the verdict of the boys is, that a more agreeable proctor could not be found. Professor has already made arrangements for ice water during the hot days and nights, and has also turned the office into a pleasant reading room, with the two daily papers always on hand. A piano has also been installed.

Riley Aiken, professor of Spanish in North High, of Ft. Worth, is taking Biology under Prof. Winton. Riley attended T. C. U. in 1915, and will be a candidate for an A. B. degree in the university this coming year.

John Bateman, president of the Alumni Association, is taking work in the summer school. Bateman graduated from T. C. U. in 1911, and teaches in the Fort Worth High School during the regular sessions. John is a credit to the institution from which he graduated.



DEAN W. B. PARKS

In the field to help raise \$200,000 for Christian education.

Loy Leddeter, an instructor of the Bryant Training School, is taking Physics this summer, and is also in charge of the post-office. "Led" was a junior in T. C. U. in 1915. He was elected business manager of the Horned frog, but resigned to take his position at the Bryant School For Boys.

John Nelson and Ralph Martin decided last Saturday that they could do more for themselves and for everybody by going home instead of working here this summer. Martin will be out frequently during the summer months in the interest of football. Nelson expects to return as soon as he helps his father catch up in his ranch work.

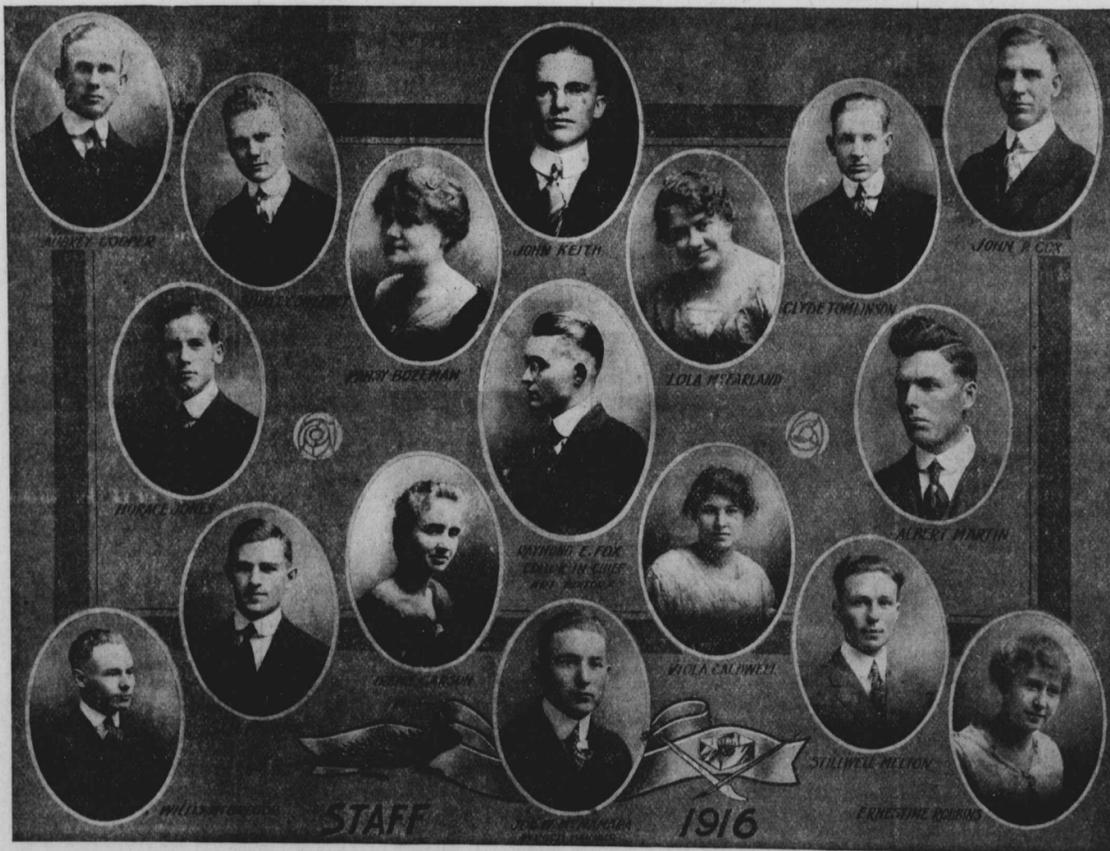
Let us hear from you, students.

The campus is beginning to look like the "real thing," since the lawns were set out, and trees are green. Before long work will begin on some additional tennis courts and a basketball court. It is the plan of the management to make the campus and the athletic fields as attractive as possible before the opening of the fall term.

Ornaments.

A first year student informs us that some other things might be more ornamental than the railroad tracks between T. C. U. and town.

Evidently the Germans have the wrong key to the lock on the Verdun forts. And the worst of it is that they don't seem to know it themselves.



HORNED FROG STAFF 1915-1916

Students Pass upon

T. C. U. Year-Book

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the business houses of Fort Worth.

The annual is divided into eleven books, each book containing views, photographs, and explanations of some special organization or department of the university. It is dedicated to W. C. Stripling, one of North Texas' foremost powers in the business world. Book III, or the graduates' and the

underclassmen's book, is especially worthy of mention. The cap and gown pictures of each graduate is tastefully set off by a life-size Kodak cut, each one in his or her characteristic pose.

The strong point of the whole compilation, however, is the mounting and engraving. Harmony, beauty, and symmetry are the three words necessary to describe the engraving and mounting of the pictures. The mounting stamps Raymond E. Fox an artist in this line, and the engraving was even more elaborate than the wonderful Frog put out by Bentley and Reader of last year.

The athletic section is splendid, as far as it goes. Among some of the divisions a few unnecessary mistakes were made, and some departments of the university life were left out. This was, no doubt, due to the fact, as stated above, that the editor was forced to do most all the work because of the laziness of his staff. Wrong classifications were made in some of the class groups; the Music Study Club, one of the most valuable organizations in the college, was omitted; the athletic council, this year's basketball squad, the Skiff staff, the woman's glee club, tennis association, art department, the

prohibition association officers, the law faculty, the society winners in the New Men's Declamatory Contest, the last year's winner in the Reed Oratorical Contest are a few more things that might have very appropriately had a place in the Horned Frog. The year book as a whole, however, is highly commendable, and is a very good "mirror" of the college activities for the year 1915-16.

Next year's annual will be managed and edited by Willis McGregor and Shirley Sweeney.

Shirley Sweeney, cartoonist, deserves special mention for his splendid work.