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Panther City Stars Are to Be in T. C. U.

Some of the best athletes T. C. U. will have this year will be furnished by Tarrant county. From Fort Worth alone six basketball men are coming, whose past records make it a certainty that Texas University will have no walk-a-way with the championship next season.

From Bryant Training School several stars will enter T. C. U. George Nash is one of the best basketball guards in North Texas. Astynox Douglas is a 185 pound center, and will prove a valuable addition to the University five. Douglas is also a valuable football and baseball man.

Bob Whittington is a 184 pound guard, fast and as good as any man in North Texas basketball circles. Edward Bond, a 220 pound guard, is able to hold his own in both basketball and football.

Besides these stars, "Red" Weaver and Bell, of the North Fort Worth football squad, will fight for the purple and white." Bell is a good end and also a brilliant forward in basketball.

With these new stars added to letter men of last year, T. C. U. will have the best basketball team in years. Of the old men, Pirkle, Tudor, Lee, Vaughn, Dickinson, Willis, Leveridge, and Nelson (Capt.), and Humphries will be back. Nelson will call out the basketball men about the middle of November.

T. C. U. BOYS CROSS RACKETS WITH TENNIS MEN OF CITY.

Ben and Kirk Parks were guests last week of the Natatorium Tennis Club of Fort Worth. Four sets were played, the Parks brothers winning two—6-4, 6-3, and the Club representatives, Hines, Estell, Knight and Luther also winning two—6-4 6-4.

Ben, Kirk and Pirkle are invited to enter the club tournament, to be held this coming Saturday. Polytechnic City and North Fort Worth will also be represented with teams.

Miss Mary Hefner, T. C. U. student of Forney, visited the University Wednesday.

A card from Grace Brown, of Llano, lets us know that North Texas is not the only live place in the State. Grace has been a student of T. C. U. for several years and was Mrs. Cockrell's art assistant last term.

The Growing City--- Fort Worth

Fort Worth was not selected at random as the site of Texas Christian University. It was chosen because those who are backing T. C. U. wished "the coming University of the Southwest to be situated in the coming city of the Southwest."

The following editorial from the Fort Worth Record shows the wonderful development of this city in the last few years:

"The growth of Fort Worth in population during the last fifteen years is unequaled by any other city in the United States, according to the census taken by the United States government, the increase for this period being 72,840 persons. From a population of 26,687 persons in 1900 the city increased in numbers of inhabitants to 99,528 in 1915, according to the United States census estimate, and to 102,877 in 1916. The gain between 1900 and 1910 was 175 per cent.

In 1880, seven years after Fort Worth was incorporated, it boasted of a population of 6,663 souls, according to the United States census for that year.

This unparelled increase in population has had a marked effect on the density of population and the increase or expansion of the city's area. The United States census reports show that in 1883, with an area of 2,846 acres, the density of population to the square mile was 1,926 people; in 1900 although the area had grown to 4,303 acres the density of population has increased to 5,277 persons per square mile, and in 1916, with an area of 10,981 acres the density of population is 5,996 persons to the square mile.

Fort Worth continues to grow steadily in population, and this city is the center of Texas population. More than 60 per cent of the population of Texas resides within 200 miles of Fort Worth. The population of this whole territory is increasing at a more rapid rate than any other section of the United States.

COMMITTEE MAKES REPORT ON WADE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

RECOMMENDS ESTABLISHMENT
OF MEMORIAL LIBRARY FOR
PROHIBITION WORKER.

The committee which was appointed just prior to the closing of the 1915-16 session to formulate plans for a suitable memorial to Braxton B. Wade, former T. C. U. student, and Traveling Secretary of the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association, who died a few months ago, has submitted a report through its chairman, James A. Crain. The committee after canvassing the situation thoroughly, recommends the Texas Christian University Library to be known as the Braxton B. Wade Prohibition Memorial Library. This library will constitute a separate de-

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SUMMER SCHOOL IS LARGEST IN HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY

ENROLLMENT INCREASES OVER
LAST YEAR ABOUT 25
PER CENT.

An examination of the registrar's records of the first semi-term of six weeks of 1916 summer school shows a substantial increase over the enrollment of last year. The enrollment included 18 seniors, of whom 3 have taken degrees and are now taking post-graduate work; 13 Juniors; 18 Sophomores; 11 Freshmen; 21 Art students; 12 Preparatory students; 11 Domestic department students; 5 Piano students, and 62 unclassified, of whom some were regular T. C. U. students, and many were from other colleges, taking work they could not get

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Lake Worth Is the Site for the Training Camp

E. J. Tyra, Mayor of Fort Worth, let Coach Cahoon know last Monday that T. C. U. was at liberty to use Camp Tyra, on Lake Worth for the football training camp. Lake Worth is one of the largest and most beautiful bodies of water in the Southwest. It is twelve miles long and about a mile wide. Camp Tyra is situated on a sandy beach which slopes gradually out into deep water, and makes a swimming beach as good as that of Galveston. A better place could not be found to whip the men into shape for the long schedule.

CAHOON AND QUARTETT SWELL LIST OF PROSPECTS

Mr Cahoon and quartett completed last Saturday the longest automobile trip they have made this summer for advertising T. C. U. Their itinerary included, in the order named, the towns of: Cleburne, Meridian, Valley Mills, Temple, Holland, Belton, Bartlett, Waco, Hillsboro, and Milford. To say that the boys "had a splendid time" is but putting it mildly.

The regular concert was given in each of the places visited. They found Holland to be a regular T. C. U. town, and were made to feel at home by Grace Bailey. In Bartlett, they sang at the home of Pansey Bozeman. In Waco they took dinner at the Manhattan, and sang at several places there. In Hillsboro, they spent Friday night and gave a concert at Clyde Tomlinson's home. Two hours were spent in Milford, and dinner served to the "T. C. U.-ites" by Miss Bennie Ruth Clemants. Jesse Martin pleaded in vain that two hours was no time at all to spend in Milford. His dejectedness was cured, however, when Temple was reached.

In every town the list of prospective students for T. C. U. was increased. In some cases only a few minutes talk with Mr. Cahoon was necessary to show the prospects that T. C. U. was the place for them.

Robert ("Hungry") Bradford, of 1914 football squad, spent Wednesday night in T. C. U. with his brother Harry. Bob will join the boys at the training camp September 1st. He is a big, smashing tackle, and is remarkably fast for so large a man.

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'DEMOCRACY IN T. C. U.

Democracy in T. C. U. is neither a fad nor a whim; it is the principle upon which all student activities are based. T. C. U. always has among its student-body both the rich and the poor. And these two classes—if they can be divided into classes—have always worked harmoniously together. The rich and the poor, side by side, enthusiastically support the athletic teams; the rich and the poor strive

with keen but friendly rivalry for oratorical honors, the rich and the poor recite together, study together, room together. Always the working boy has an equal chance with the well-to-do. And never is the wealthy student discriminated against because of his money. The standing of the T. C. U. man or woman among his fellow students depends wholly upon ability and application. The "Belle" of the University is such because of her worth and personality—it matters not whether the stubs in her check-book amount to \$2,000 or \$20.

A person should not think himself generous because he gives advice to his fellowmen free. He usually gets for it just what it is worth.

Locals and Personals

Mrs. Wilkerson returned to her home in Killeen Saturday night.

Beula Bell left Saturday for a visit with friends in Henrietta.

Claude Grady is spending the remainder of the vacation in Milano, Texas.

Mrs. M. Harris, of Killeen, sister of Miss Tyler Wilkerson, was here a few days this week.

Reserve your room. It's now getting close to the opening of the biggest year of T. C. U.

Mr. C. W. Gibson of Waxahachie, was in T. C. U. Tuesday on a business trip. Mr. Gibson is a member of the board.

John Bateman '11, was in Fort Worth Tuesday.

Miss DeVitt spent the week end in the city with her parents.

Mr. Hutton's mother, father and sister have come to live with him.

Grace Jones left Saturday for her home in Killgore. She will visit in Dallas and Garland before returning home.

Miss Inez Hudgins, of Forney, visited the University last week. Miss Hudgins is a senior in music this year.

Freida Wirtz has returned from a visit to friends in Waco. Freida says we will have two Baylor girls with us this year.

Miss Beulah Bell and her mother will spend the rest of the month visiting friends in Weatherford and Mineral Wells.

Joe Sisk spent the week-end with his people in Dallas—so he says. He had not had any sleep when he got back: something wrong about that.

Mrs. R. J. Cantrell, who has been away for some time under treatment for rheumatism is reported much improved, and is soon expected home.

News was received on the hill Tuesday that the father of the Misses Biggerstaff had died Monday. His death was a shock to the T. C. U. people.

Ralph Martin, football captain, was out on the hill Tuesday, making football plans. Big "Gish" is enthusiastic over the list of athletic prospects.

Ben and Kirk Parks returned last week from a camping trip on the Brazos river near Glenrose.

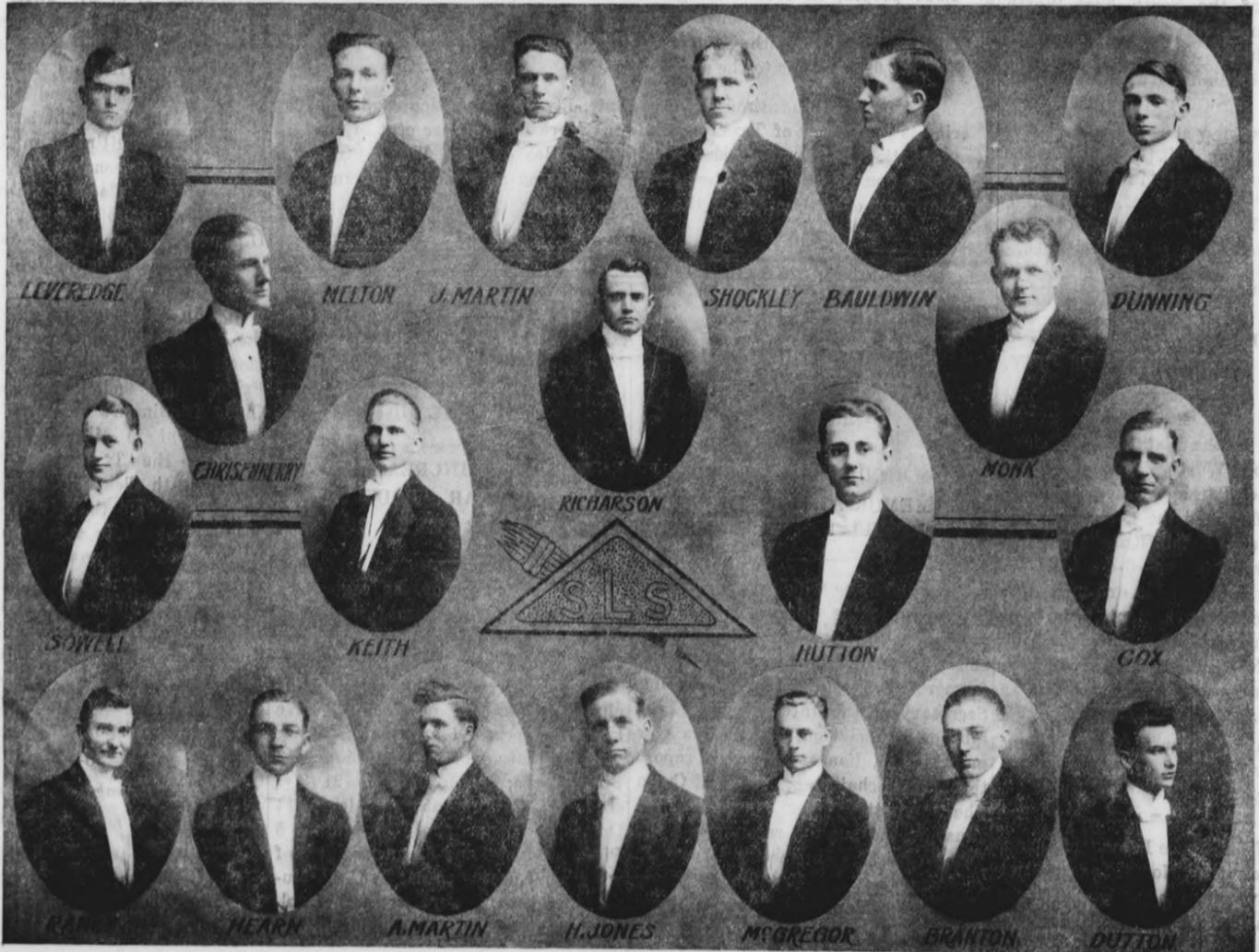
C. B. Gunter, next year's manager of baseball, passed thru Fort Worth in his car Thursday afternoon. Gunter is more than pleased with baseball prospects.

Last week the Skiff was the grateful recipient of a box of splendid home-made candy from Miss Margaret Forsythe, of McKinney. Margaret is a "connoisseur" in the art of candy making, and thanks are hereby publicly (long ago privately) entered to Miss Forsythe for her kind thoughtfulness and generosity. I do not believe better candy can be made. But if any fair damsel wishes to practice on the Skiff, they are at perfect liberty—in fact, urged to do so. Rice Institute and Texas Christian University are given credit for having the most beautiful and most costly buildings of all colleges and universities of Texas.

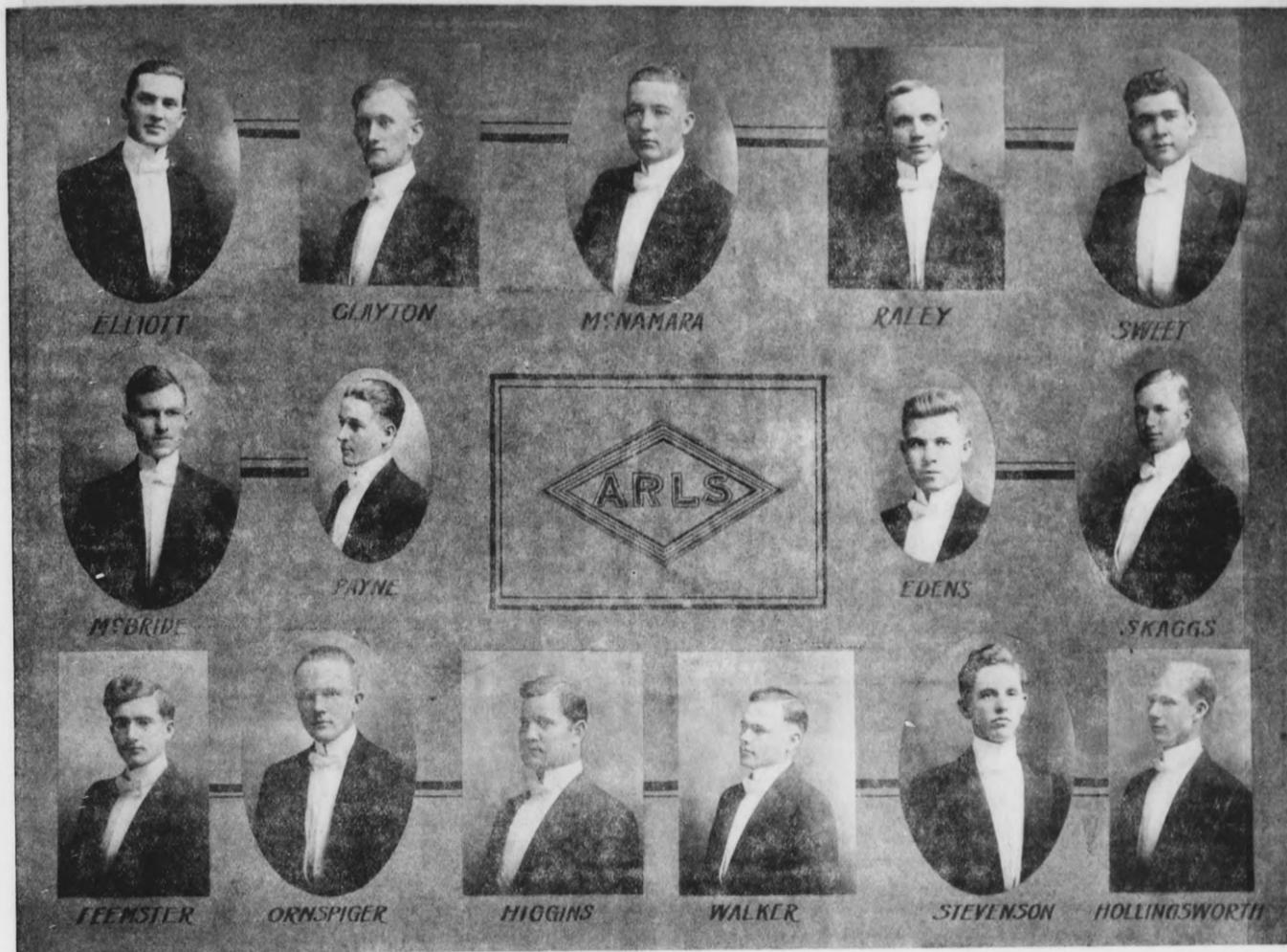
STOVALL WILL TEACH IN BADTHROAT CANADA.

Willis Stovall left last Tuesday morning for Badthroat, Canada, to take charge of the school there. Willis is thoroughly familiar with his work, as he was a missionary to this same country several years ago. This time he is not going as a missionary, but will give the biggest part of his time to teaching, and the rest to trapping.

"Stogie" bids his fellow-students good-bye, as he does not expect to return to Texas for a number of years. After a year or two in Canada, Stovall is planning to attend Yale or Cornell. Harry Stovall, the brother of Willis, was in Cornell this last year.



Shirley Literary Society--Group One



Add-Ran Literary Society--Group One

LITERARY SOCIETIES FILL IMPORTANT PLACE IN T.C.U.

Literary societies in a college have no substitute. There is nothing that can take their place or supply their need. It is in these societies that the boy or girl makes his first speech. It is here that the orator begins his career. The society hall is the incubator or training camp for orators. They are indispensable and invaluable to a real live university. No student can afford to go through a university and neglect his literary society work. Of all the courses, no one is of more value to the student than that which he has an opportunity to gain in a good literary society.

We have in Texas Christian University five real live literary societies—four for college students and one for the Academy students. No student is compelled to join any of them but every student is urged to become a member of one of them. The question is not which society you join, but the fact that you become an active member of one of them and strive to make that one the best. No society is better than its members and if the society to which you belong is not the best one then you have not the best membership; in other words, you are not doing your part to make it the best.

The Add-Ran and Shirley societies are for the college young men, the Clark and Walton societies are for the college young women, and the Roberts society for the preparatory students. The Clarks are the sisters to the Add-Rans and the Waltons are the sisters to the Shirleys. These societies meet once a week in their respective halls and render programs which would do credit to any "National Assembly."

These programs consist of orations, declamations, readings, debates, jokes, impromptu speeches and such other numbers as are appropriate in a college literary society.

We have two splendid society halls well furnished and artistically arranged.

The leaders in the social life of the University, the students who really make a mark and do things around the University are the members of these literary societies. More "pep" and more enthusiasm is originated and organized inside the walls than in any other phase of the college life. It is in these halls that young men are inspired to take stands and uphold their positions and to try to convince others to their beliefs. It is in these halls that live current questions are discussed and passed upon, not only pertaining to problems of school life but to state and national life as well. No student makes a greater mistake of omission than to stay out of one of these literary societies. Be a booster, become a part of the real life and spirit of the University by getting into the societies as soon as school opens. We would advise the new student to not join, or promise to join either society until you have visited all of them, but by all means make up your mind to join one. It does not matter so much which one that is, because of your work in the society and the success of the society depends on YOU and not on the mere fact that your name is on the roll.

Last year our societies put out men who won all of the Inter-Collegiate debates and second place in the State Oratorical contest. Let's do better this year by winning the first place in the State contest in addition to all of the debates, (which is understood) our winning depends on YOU.

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Committee Makes Report on Wade Memorial Library

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partment of the general library, and steps have already been taken to have suitable quarters, labels, etc, provided.

It is the opinion of the committee that no more suitable monument could be found to memorialize the life of "Brack" Wade, as he was affectionately known, than that proposed. While a student in T. C. U., and later at the State University where he took his law degree, the cause of prohibition was a passion with him. He was the president of the Prohibition Association, represented the University in the State contests several times, and in general was perhaps the most aggressive prohibition leader T. C. U. has ever produced. While here he lamented the scarcity of material in our library available to prohibition contestants, and felt that the cause of oratory in general, and that of prohibition oratory in particular could be set forward many years by providing an adequate library upon the subject. At the time of the fire in Waco the entire library was destroyed, and while in the six years that has elapsed since the fire, the library has grown rapidly, the fact remains that at present the prohibition department is limited to about 20 volumes, the greatest number of which have been sent out from the breweries and distillers' headquarters as propaganda material of the liquor interests. The authors consulted, report that practically no university in the country has what could be called a model prohibition department, and that the southern schools are practically without reference books upon this subject.

In a letter to Miss Nell Andrew, Mr. Harry Warner, Secretary of the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association gives his enthusiastic approval to the memorial project and sends as his first contribution a copy of his new book, "Social Welfare and the Liquor Traffic", and promises to give the matter publicity through the columns of the Intercollegiate Statesman when plans have been perfected. Soon after Mr. Wade's death the Statesman ran an obituary notice, together with his picture, closing with the words: "His was the supreme sacrifice, the kind that never fails—that does not destroy life, the kind that inspires the lives of others to enter and win the conflict."

The project has the support and approval of the entire Wade family, who expect to place many of "Brack's" books in the list and to otherwise support it. It is expected that from \$150 to \$250 will be needed to give T. C. U. the greatest prohibition library in the South, and already many of the students and alumni are planning to have a part in the undertaking. In order that it may be made representative of the student body, the alumni and the friends of the institution in general, a request has been made that the books be held open for a few weeks in order that other contributors may have an opportunity to subscribe. The committee announces that contributions of either cash or books dealing with prohibition will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Contributions of cash are preferable, because with the superior book purchasing facilities at the disposal of the library committee a much better collection can be had at less expense than by the book solicitation method. Address all communications to Miss Nell Andrew, Librarian, T. C. U.



THE HONOR SYSTEM IN THE UNIVERSITY.

The most natural and logical way for college men to be governed is for them to govern themselves. When a young man or woman has completed high school and has gone off to college where the watchful eyes of the parents are no longer on them it is without doubt time that he or she begin to feel his or her responsibility, and no longer depend absolutely upon the direction of older people in matters of right and wrong. Dr. George Truett of Dallas, one of the broad thinkers and great orators of the South, says: "The habits formed and the principles adopted during the four years in college are rarely ever changed in after years." If this is true, we must adopt

the principles of good citizenship during our university years, or we will graduate unfit to perform the duties of a citizen. Evedy young man in T. C. U.—and before long, every young woman—will, in two or three years, join that great body of "intelligent voters" who control and govern this nation of ours. In fact, many university students are already qualified voters. Such a body should not hesitate to champion self-government. Such a body should not hesitate to put HONOR first. The college man who does not learn the lessons of efficient citizenship in college is not likely to ever learn them. The irresponsible boy in college usually makes the irresponsible citizen.

The student-body showed its progressive spirit in the fall of 1914-15

by adopting that phase of student government known as the honor system. In September next, its third administration will begin. So far it has been only fairly successful; its champions, however, are not discouraged, for they realize that the principle upon which it is based is fundamentally correct, and that it is bound to eventually become one of the most effective institutions of T. C. U.

The members of the governing body, or council, are elected from the different classes and departments of the University. The jurisdiction has until now extended only over cases of cheating on examinations, stealing on the premises, and advisory jurisdiction over such acts as it deemed dishonorable. It is hoped that the jurisdiction of this governing body may be added

to each year, until T. C. U. may be truly said to be self-governed. This, of course, can only be made possible by the earnest co-operation of the students themselves. Each new student should understand that it is his duty to report to the Council all cases of cheating, stealing, and dishonesty in the University. It is primarily for the good of the school, and should no more be looked upon as "tatling," than should an instance where a man is reported to the State for murder.

Each case which comes before the Council is given a fair and impartial hearing, and nothing is decided upon without deliberation. The Honor Council members, it must be remembered, are students themselves, and any punishment meted out to a fellow student is most likely to be fully deserved.

Summer School Largest in History of the University

Continued from first page. in the schools from which they expect to graduate. There are still others from T. C. U. Medical department who are making up the college work which must be completed preparatory to completing the study of medicine. Adding to the above total of 171 for the first semi-term of 75 enrolled for the second semi-term, the total, without allowance for duplication, on which no figures are yet obtainable, is 246 for the entire summer school.

Quite a number of the other colleges of the state were represented, among these being University of Texas, Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, Texas Woman's Col-

lege, Trinity University, Kidd-Kay, Simmons College and Southern Methodist University.

The summer school has several purposes. It sometimes occurs that students will become ill, or for some other reason fall behind with the work of the regular school year, and when this happens, the student may make up the work during the summer, thus supplying the deficiency and graduating in due time in his own class. Then there are some students who teach each year, and come to T. C. U. during the summer, and finally obtain their degrees; this would be impossible if work were given only during the long session, because that is the time they must follow the profession of teaching. It is also possible, by taking three years' work and also some summer work, to graduate in three years instead of the four re-

quired if a student takes only the work of the long sessions.

It is thought that the standards of scholarship and excellent equipment of the University will, together with the advantages of the summer school, combine to make this part of the year's work more popular each succeeding year and that the increase in enrollment this summer is but the harbinger of larger enrollment for the summer school until it shall finally become possible for Texas Christian University to operate on the quarter plan, now observed by others of the large Universities of the country, under which plan school is in session for four quarters of the year of twelve weeks each, and a student may enter at the beginning of any semester and proceed with the required work in good order.

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