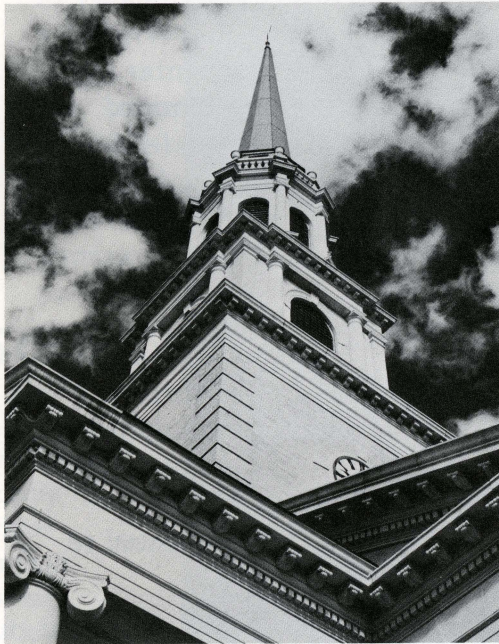




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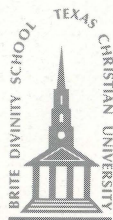
TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
Fort Worth, Texas



Brite Divinity School

"Brite Divinity School understands a graduate professional theological school to be an expression of the church which through Christ and under the guidance of the Spirit is an agency of God's purpose in the world. The seminary's special vocation is to serve as a center in which the church's faith and mission are examined, clarified, and articulated and in which the professional ministry is equipped to lead the church toward the fulfillment of its mission . . . In its degree programs, Brite Divinity School's purpose is to prepare men and women for ministry in the church of Jesus Christ." (From Purpose and Objectives statement of the 1978 Self-Study.)

Two hundred and twenty-five students, seventeen full-time faculty and administrators, and ten adjunct instructors form a community in pursuit of this goal. Together, we intend to discover and develop the theological and professional competencies essential to effective ministry.

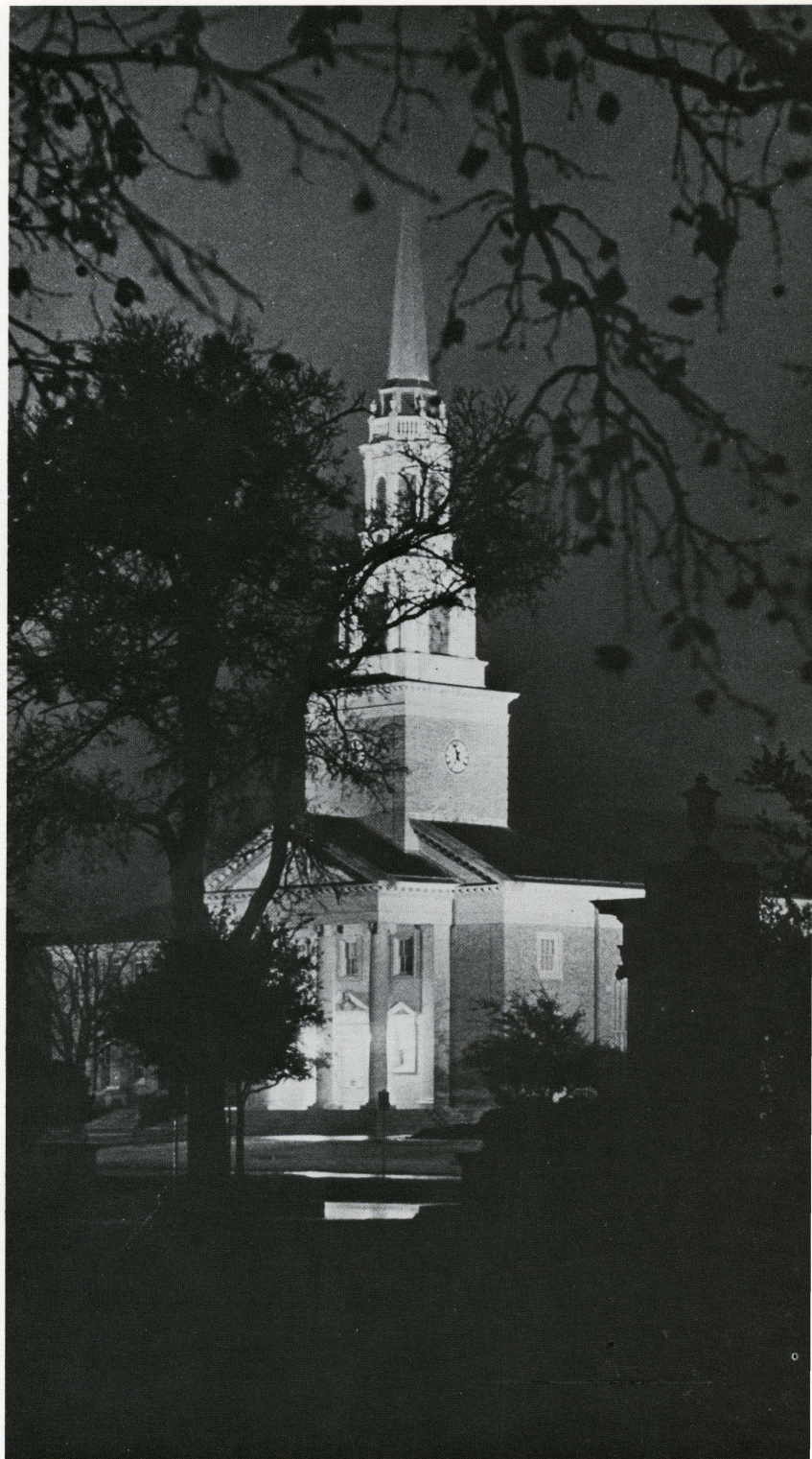


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Brite Divinity School is a seminary of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). It educates more ministers of the Christian Church than any other seminary. Through the Council on Theological Education, it is related to the Disciples' Division of Higher Education, and it reports to the Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in the Southwest.

Yet, 45% of its students are drawn from other denominations — United Methodist, Assembly of God, Baptist, Lutheran, and others.

Located in the Southwest, it is — in fact — a national seminary, drawing students from and sending graduates to all parts of the country.





Degree Programs

Brite offers four graduate professional theological degrees.

▪ **The Master of Divinity Degree (M.Div.)** is a three-year post-baccalaureate degree which provides the foundation for general ministry. Primarily oriented toward the pastoral ministry, Brite's M.Div. curriculum also affords a broad base for specialized ministries (pastoral counseling, religious educa-

tion, chaplaincies, theological scholarship) for which a knowledge of the church's faith, life, and program is significant.

▪ **The Master of Religious Education Degree (M.R.E.)** is a two-year post-baccalaureate degree primarily intended for persons who plan to serve the educational endeavors of local congregations.

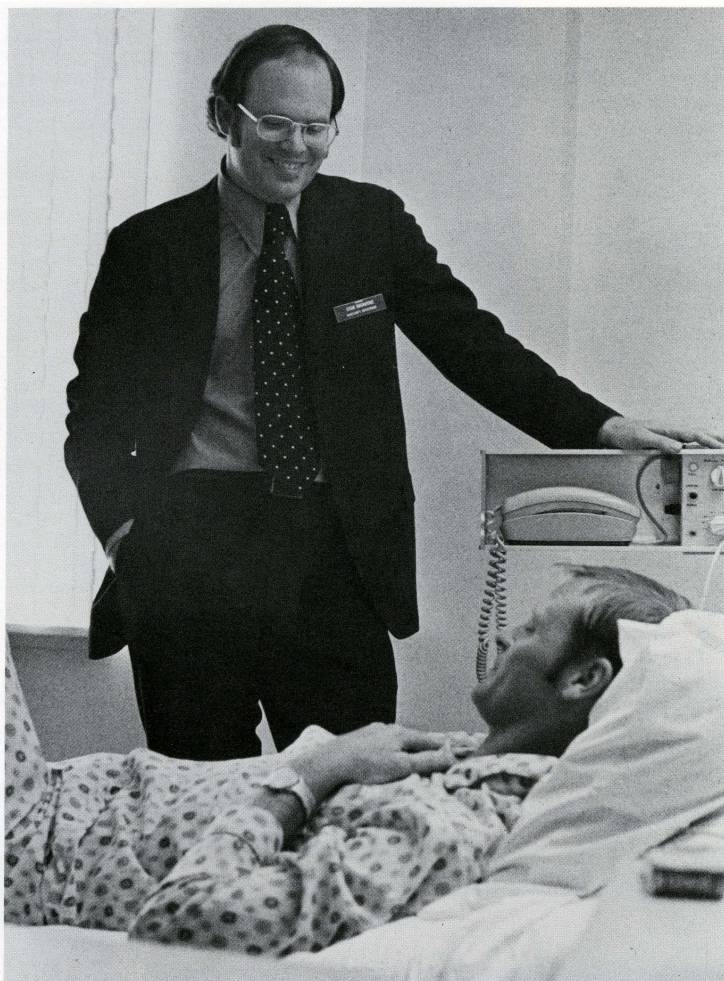
▪ **The Master of Theology Degree (Th.M.)** requires thirty semester hours of graduate professional work beyond the M.Div. The Th.M. at Brite is offered only in Pastoral

Students minister in a variety of settings.

Care and Counseling. It is strongly supported by the seminary's Pastoral Care and Training Center.

▪ **The Doctor of Ministry Degree (D.Min.)** is a graduate professional degree for persons who have completed at least two years of experience in ministry and who seek to enhance their professional competence while maintaining their residence in their fields of service. The degree program is constructed around individual needs and goals within a framework of significant, peer-evaluated projects in ministry. Ministers in the D.Min. program are expected to spend at least two and no more than five years in the degree process.

Supervised Field Service Education is an important element of the M.Div. and M.R.E. programs.





Continuing Professional Education

Brite provides a variety of opportunities in continuing professional education for ministers.

- **TCU Ministers Week** is a mid-winter lecture-and-fellowship event which features three distinguished series: the McFadin Lectures, the Oreon E. Scott Lectures, and the Wells Sermons.

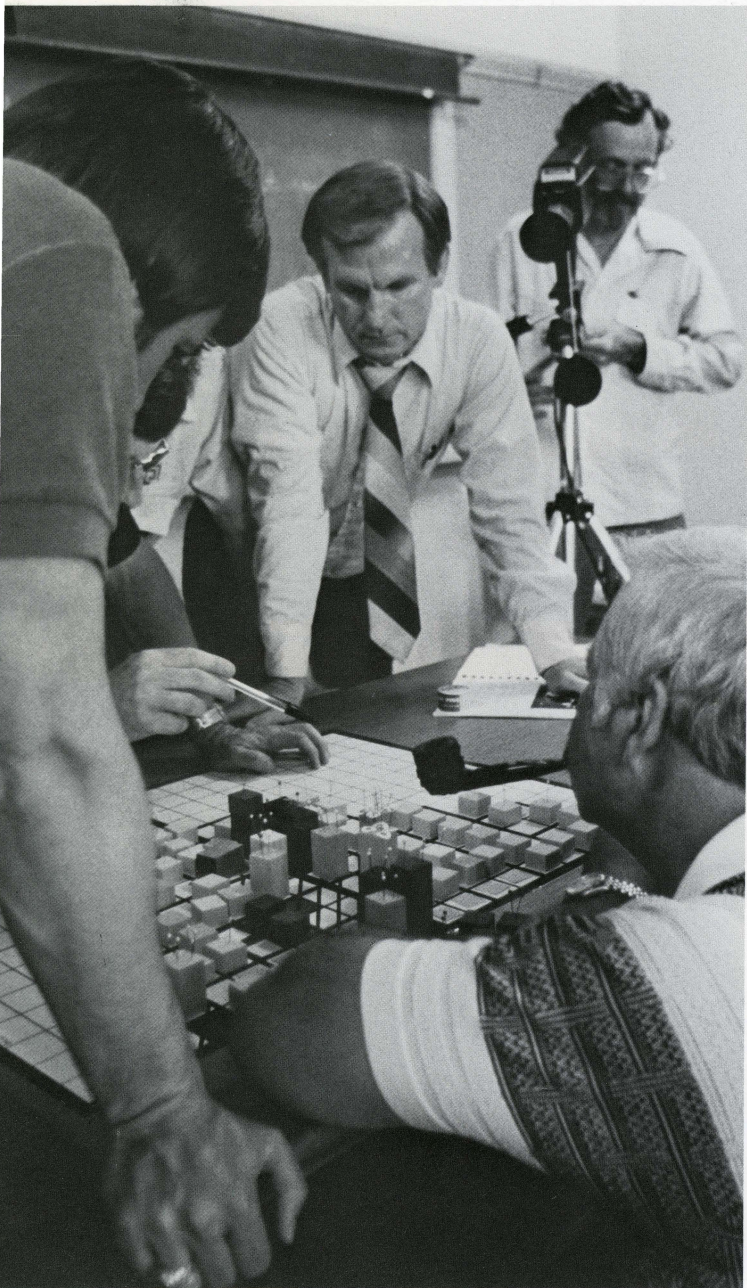
- An annual **Spring Institute**, funded largely by a gift from East Dallas Christian Church, offers an intensive, in-depth exploration of an issue of significant church concern.

- **The Pastoral Care and Training Center** is a program affiliated with Brite Divinity School which adds a special dimension to the seminary's

degree programs and also is available for qualified pastors who can benefit from supervised clinical experience. The Center is certified by AAPC.

- **A Minister-in-Residence Program** is open to two ministers for a designated week each spring and fall. Ministers accepted for the program have full library privileges and may consult with appropriate faculty in connection with their study.

- **Regular Course Offerings** during long-term and summer sessions may be used as "refresher courses" by ministers in service. Summer courses run from three to five weeks. Some long-term courses are offered on a one-day-a-week schedule.



Video camera records Doctor of Ministry students engaged in a simulation game.

The Pastoral Care and Training Center is located a half block from campus.





University Affiliation

Brite Divinity School is the graduate professional theological school of Texas Christian University, a strong Ph.D.-granting institution of higher education. It benefits in numerous ways by its university connection.

▪ **Courses of Instruction** in other colleges and schools of the University are available to enrich and give special definition to the student's program: for example, literature, communications, history, fine arts, business, education.





The facilities of the Rickel Health, Physical Education and Recreation Center are available to students.

Group study tables and a locked carrel section of the TCU Mary Couts Burnett Library are reserved for Brite students.

- **A Special Concentration in Church Music** is offered for M.Div. students who are preparing for general ministry but seek a focus in music.

- **The Mary Couts Burnett Library** is a fully-integrated facility which houses the seminary's superior theological collection and the additional resources appropriate to a university of first rank.

- **University-Wide Forum, Lecture, and Entertainment Series** provide a variety of events available to all students.

- **The University Health Center** is staffed by three physicians and a competent nursing staff. "Hospital care" for short-term confinement is available.





Fort Worth and The Southwest

The city of Fort Worth and the area of the Metroplex represent a stimulating environment for education.

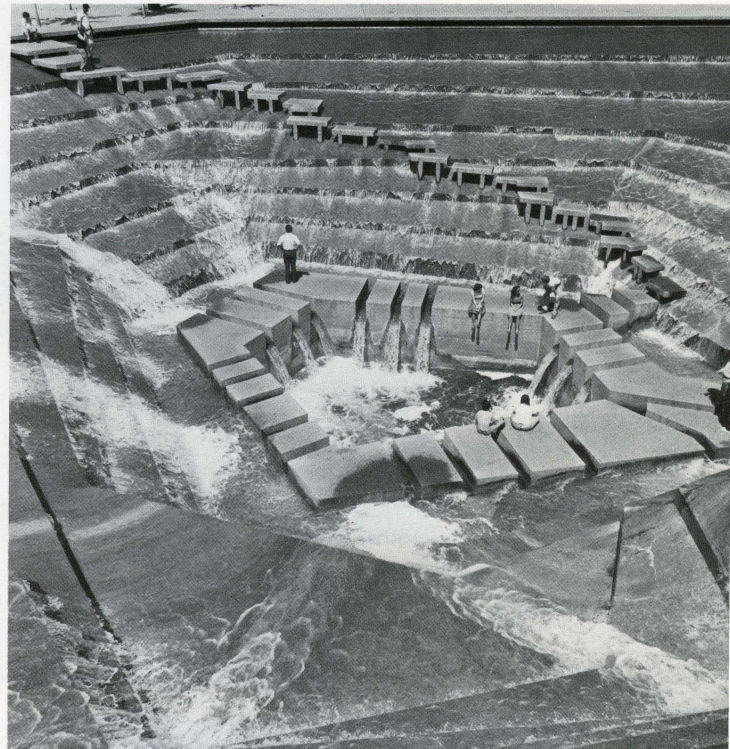
▪ **Fort Worth** is still called **Cowtown** in the city thirty miles to the east (Dallas). And there is yet a Western tone to the city's life. The oldest indoor rodeo is held in Will Rogers Coliseum. A restored North Side keeps alive the days of the stockyards, cattle drives, and Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid.

▪ **Cultural Opportunities** are, nevertheless, an important feature of the city's life. The old-time Opry House has been replaced by the Fort Worth Opera, the oldest such performing group in Texas. The Fort Worth Symphony season brings good performances from a

solid professional organization. Several excellent museums are clustered near the Will Rogers complex. Architect Philip Johnson designed the home of the Amon Carter Museum of Western Art. The close-by Kimbell Museum houses a fine collection in a Louis Kahn building widely regarded as the finest example of modern museum architecture.

▪ **Outdoor Enjoyment** in the TCU vicinity includes Forest Park and Zoo, bicycle trails, and the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens. A downtown place of quiet beauty is the Water Gardens (also by Philip Johnson). Just east of Fort Worth is the Six Flags Amusement Park.

▪ **Sports Abound.** Horned Frog athletics are year-around. The



Students explore the "old" on the restored North Side of Fort Worth.

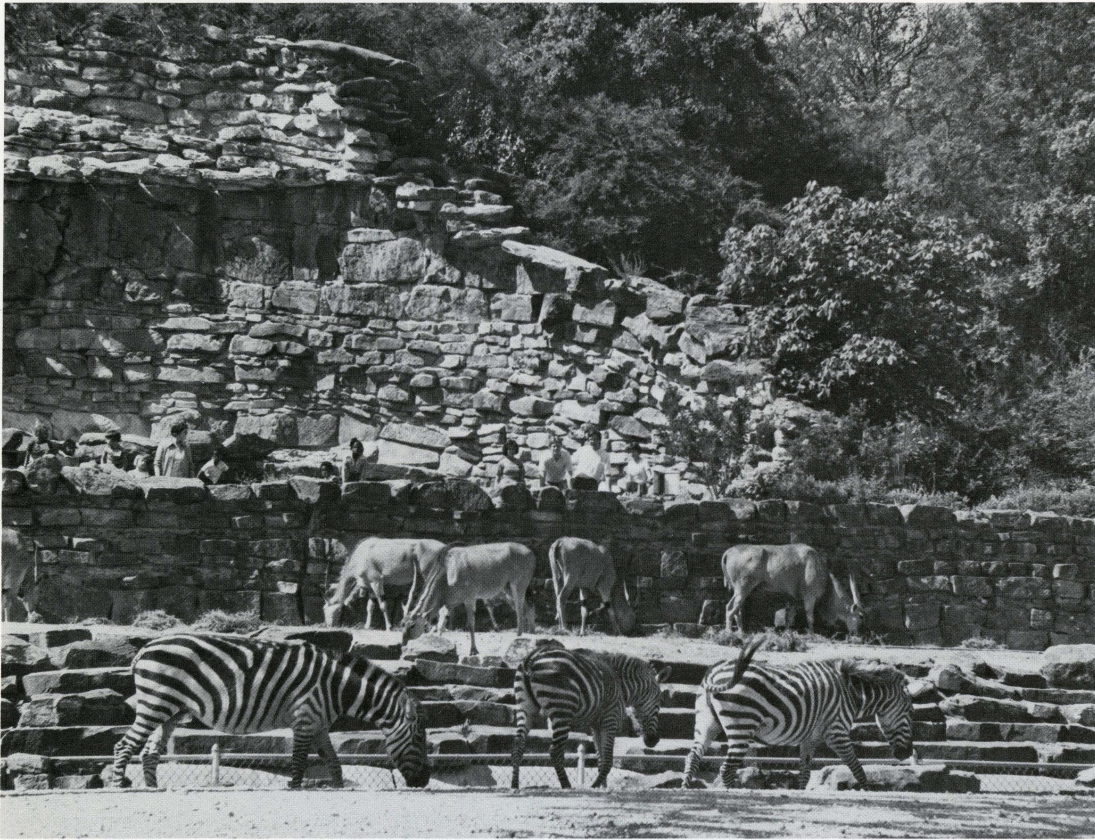
The Kimbell Art Museum and the Fort Worth Water Gardens are spectacular examples of the "new."

And snow is an occasion for celebration!



American League Texas Rangers are at home just fifteen miles away in Arlington. The Dallas Cowboys' Texas Stadium is in Irving (a twenty-minute drive when the Cowboys play in Washington, two hours when they are at home).

▪ **A Sunbelt City** is, of course, what Fort Worth really is. Opportunity is in the air. It is a growing metroplex in which churches, businesses, industries, and educational institutions face the challenge of development without finally spoiling the



The variety of cultural opportunities includes an outstanding symphony orchestra, the Japanese Gardens, and the Fort Worth Zoo.

At bottom is an aerial view of downtown Fort Worth.

environment or falling victim to the typical urban dislocations.

▪ **And the Climate** is something else. Temperature-controlled summers were "discovered" in the Southwest. It gets warm here. As for the "other" season, it is a bad winter when there are five days of ice and snow. One Brite faculty foursome has had a tradition of playing golf on Christmas Eve. (Check the World Almanac for accurate information; the preceding is based on the Texas Almanac.)



The People at Brite

The Faculty of Brite Divinity School takes teaching — the sharing of the experiences of discovery and assimilation of truth, the process of identifying and sharpening abilities — as its first obligation and primary opportunity. Because learning is central, both formal and informal occasions for instruction are welcomed. Characteristically, Brite is known as a school in which professors' doors are "open."

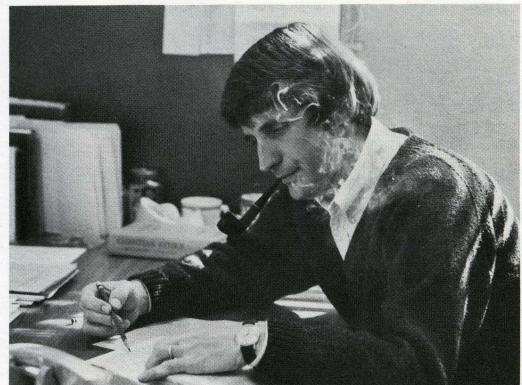
At the same time, faculty members view themselves as teacher-scholars and take seriously their responsibility to contribute to the gathering and dissemination of knowledge for the benefit of the church. Their scholarship is widely recognized. To take only a recent short period as an example, during 1976-78 Brite's faculty:

Published five books — and sent two more to the press.

Published ten articles or essays of importance to scholars and other popular articles for church journals and magazines.

Presented eleven scholarly papers at national and international meetings — and other papers at regional and area professional gatherings.

Delivered major lectures at





Deans and faculty enjoy teaching, scholarship and informal relationships with students.

fourteen Ministers Conferences, Regional Assemblies of the Christian Church, and special college or university lectureships — and addressed other academic and church settings.

Served as national officers in several scholarly professional societies.

Served the ecumenical church at national and international levels.

A majority of the faculty have served as ministers of local churches; all are active participants in the life of the church. Most, as might be predicted, are members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), though the Presbyterians, the Lutherans, and the United Methodists are also represented among full-time faculty. Members of other denominations serve as adjunct faculty.



Brite Students come from a variety of ethnic, geographical, educational and denominational backgrounds. Of the 228 students enrolled in the fall of 1978, 40 were women, 18 were blacks, and 4 Hispanic. Brite students represented 32 states and 93 colleges and seminaries. Fifty-five percent of the student body were members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Twenty-two percent (49) were United Methodists, seven percent (17) were members of the Assemblies of God, and five percent (12) were Baptists. Lutherans, Episcopalians and Presbyterians are also represented in the Brite student body.

The life of the Seminary is enriched by the gifts that students bring. Of the 75 students admitted to new programs in 1978, more than one-third are in the honor graduate category. Students also bring musical and artistic abilities. An increasing percentage of Brite students come to seminary out of a background in one of the secular professions.

All Brite students are members of the Brite student body organization; its purpose is to reflect the concerns and interests of students. Sophia provides support for women and other minority students and advocacy of minority student concerns. Students are also represented on all seminary com-



The cloister is a meeting place for Brite students.

mittees. The student body organization is responsible for Homiletic Guild (the weekly community meal of the seminary) and sponsors the Brite Series (an annual lecture program). Zelotai, an organization for spouses of Brite and TCU Department of Religion faculty and students, sponsors a variety of meetings and activities.

TCU does not discriminate on the basis of sex, religion, handicap, race or ethnic origin.

Your Seminary?

Is Brite Divinity School your seminary? It's a question to think about.

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