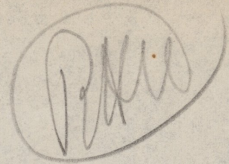


CHAPEL - October 4, 1932



-- President Wright

Scripture reading: Five verses from the First Chapter Book of St. John

At a meeting of the faculty, after considerable thinking and discussion of the subject it was decided to abolish all free cuts. That was brought about by the student body. I do not know why it is, but it seems to be true --and is evidently true in other institutions in the state--that if you say to a group of people "You may have option up to a certain point" they feel in the course of two or three years that they must reach that point; whether the cuts allowed are three, four, or any number, in the case of class cuts, they feel that they must take that many. That seems to apply to all kinds of regulations. Isn't it a pity that we can't take a privilege without feeling that we have to use all of it. Did you come to college to see how many class periods you can avoid going to? Or did you come to college to see how much you can get out of your work? This regulation does not affect any other regulation of the college. For example, you may go home just the same as you have been going, but if you miss a class you must see your teacher and arrange to make up the work. If you go to the Infirmary and miss any work you must see your teacher and make arrangements to make up the work. Too many students have missed chapel. We are going to keep up with your chapel attendance. There isn't any examination we can give you on that, and I think the only thing to do is to ask you to go home and stay. If you can't fall in with the spirit of the college, college won't do you any good; in fact, it may do you harm.

Last year you who were here know that conditions in this building were very unsatisfactory, and I threaten~~ed~~ to close the building in the evenings, but I gave you a chance and you failed to avail yourselves of it. This year this campus will be closed to all students who live off the campus at 7:30, except the library. The classroom buildings, this building, the science building, the

campus building, will be closed at 7:25. If you are having a social hour in the campus building, at 7:25 you leave, so as to be in your rooms at the study hour. If you are not in your rooms you must be in the library---and not sitting on the front steps either-- in the library. You know sometimes I couldn't get into this building without nearly stepping on folks on the front steps---and cars parked along outside with folks studying(?) in them! You understand, of course, that the buildings will not be closed for your entertainments, and the post office will be open for you to mail letters. On Saturday night, I presume, there will be a moving picture show and of course the building will be open until after the last show if it is necessary to run it twice. I do not see any objection to keeping the Y store open on Saturday night when there is an entertainment here if that will be any service to you. But the thing I am after breaking up is that enormous amount of loafing that was done here last year. The Entertainments sponsored by the college and college organizations will be held as usual. The Austin, Science, and Campus buildings will be closed to students at 7:30 with the exception of the Student Council, Y. W. C. A. cabinet, Teco Echo Staff, Scribblers Club, Tecoan Staff, and entertainments sponsored by the college and college organizations. You will leave the buildings at 7:25 in order to be in your rooms or the library at 7:30. Saturday night social hour in the campus building will be under the supervision of a social committee, appointed by the Student Council and approved by the Dean of Women. The committee of three for each Saturday night will be posted two weeks in advance. Students must stay in the campus building--not on steps or in cars outside--and must leave the building by 9:50.

In other words, young folks, I am going to be just as human as I can, but the condition that existed in this college last year was not a credit to the student body. I want, and I am sure I am going to get, hearty cooperation from the entire student body.