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## Loyalty Oath To Be Required For Fall Term

### Must be Signed by Students And All College Employees

By JOHN DRISDALE

The loyalty oath, required by state law, is now being prepared for signature by students here, F. C. Bolton, president of The College, said today.

The oath will be signed by the students when they register for the Fall semester.

"It is mandatory under this law," said Bolton, "that any student refusing to sign this oath, be dropped from the rolls of The College."

"However," he said, "I do not expect any student to refuse to sign the oath."

Copies of the loyalty oaths are being reprinted in the YMCA handbook and the Student Handbook, according to W. L. Penberthy, dean of men.

Employees Included

All employees of the state will be required to sign the oath, Bolton stated. This includes all employees of The College.

Excerpts from the loyalty act, originated by Representative Sam Hanna of Dallas are as follows:

The law was passed "to regulate and provide safeguards in the employment and admission of persons in State-supported universities and colleges; to provide for an oath; to provide for the expulsion or dismissal of certain students and employees under certain conditions; providing for appeal; and declaring an emergency."

Text of Oath

"I swear or affirm that I believe in and approve the Constitution of the United States and the principles of government therein contained, and will not in any manner aid or assist in any effort or movement to subvert or destroy the government of the United States or any State or of any political subdivision thereof by force, violence, or any other unlawful means. In the event of war with any foreign nation, I will not support or adhere to the government of such foreign nation."

"I swear or affirm that I am not and have not during the past two (2) years been a member of or affiliated with any society or group of persons which teaches or advocates that the government of the United States or of any State or of any political subdivision thereof should be overthrown or destroyed by force, violence, or any other unlawful means, or the adherence to the government of any foreign nation in the event of war between the United States and such foreign nation."

The law states that the loyalty oaths shall be executed by every person each time they register for attendance in any State-supported college.

Any person who advocates the overthrow or destruction of the United States government by any method will not be enrolled or re-enrolled in any State-supported institution.

Regarding violation of the loyalty oath, the law says that any student found guilty of committing any act in violation of the oath, after having signed it, shall be expelled from the institution. (See OATH, Page 4)

## Registration Date Will be August 27

Students presently enrolled in summer school and old-returning students will be allowed to register for the Fall semester between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., August 27, according to H. L. Heaton, registrar.

The registration for students attending summer school will not be on Thursday, August 25, as the Summer Bulletin and the Undergraduate Catalogue stated. Instead, final examinations for the second summer term have been moved up and the official registration will now be held on Saturday, August 27.

Advanced Registration

"This is the first time in the history of A&M that old-returning students will be allowed to register in advance for the Fall term," Heaton said.

The regular registration date for new students with 15 or more hours of college credit and old-returning students, who did not register early, is September 17. Old-returning students have an option of registering on either of these dates.

Students enrolling in college for the first time and students having less than 15 hours of college credit will register at the Annex. Freshman Week for these students will be held from September 11 to 19.

Time of Registration

Registration cards for each of the two registration days on the main campus will be issued to graduate and undergraduate students at the east entrance to Sbis Hall in accordance with the following schedule:

8 to 9—Surnames beginning with A, B.

9 to 10—Surnames beginning with T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z.

10 to 11—Surnames beginning with L, M, N, O.

1 to 2—Surnames beginning with P, Q, R, S.

2 to 3—Surnames beginning with C, D, E, F.

3 to 4—Surnames beginning with G, H, I, J, K.

Regular classes will begin on the main campus on September 19. Saturday, September 24, is the last day that students will be allowed to drop or add courses, Heaton said.

Registration Fees

For Texas resident students, the amount of money due the Fiscal Department will be \$95.50. This includes matriculation fees, medical service fees, student activities, key deposit, and first installment on board, room rent, and laundry, Heaton said. If the six-dollar room reservation fee has been paid, the amount will be \$89.50. Non-resident students will be required to pay an additional charge of \$125.

Veterans attending school under the G. I. Bill of Rights may obtain fee waiver slips before the registration days from the Veterans Advisor. Students whose educational benefits under the G. I. Bill have expired and who may be eligible for exemption from the \$25 matriculation fee under the Hazlewood Act may get waiver slips in the Registrar's Office.

Official schedules of classes will be available for distribution at the time of registration, Heaton concluded.

## Horticulturists To Visit Pecan Groves

Orchard Management 319 and Fruit Production 601 classes will visit pecan groves on the Little River in the Holland and Belton area Thursday. Fred R. Brison, professor of Horticulture, said.

The object of this field trip is to let the students study and observe pecan trees in various stages of development.

These students will see the latest techniques used in the cultivating, pruning, spraying, harvesting, and maintenance of pecan groves.

## WEATHER

EAST TEXAS — Partly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Thursday; scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers mostly in the North portion and near Upper and Middle Coasts; not much change in temperatures; moderate to locally fresh southeast winds on the coast.

West Texas — Considerable cloudiness this afternoon, tonight and Thursday; scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers; not much change in temperatures.

SHOWERS

much change in temperatures.



The University of Texas continues to grow. Those were the words appearing with this picture in a Texas University advertisement in the Houston Post last Sunday. We don't doubt that the Uni-

versity will continue to grow if it keeps claiming the buildings of other colleges. Wonder how that Texas tower would look over here?

## BSU Plans Summer Picnic

The annual summer picnic of the A&M Baptist Student Union will be held Saturday, August 13, at 5:30 p.m., according to R. E. Moore, president of the organization.

The picnic will be held at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur M. Smith, 603 Francis Drive, Woodland Acres, (East of College Hills) Moore said.

There will be food, fun, and fellowship. The food will be prepared under the direction of the B.S.U. Council with the help of the Women's Missionary Union of the local Baptist Churches. Fun will be provided on the lawn of the Smith home before the food is served.

Fellowship will be climaxed by a brief devotional service at the close of the evening. A devotional message will be delivered by Dr. Virgil Robinson, active faculty supporter of the B.S.U., who is leaving for Vanderbilt University to do further graduate work.

All the Baptist students of the College Station and Bryan areas are welcome, Moore said.

## Forty Acres Grows, With Our Building

By W. K. COLVILLE

It is extremely gratifying to learn that the University of Texas continues to grow. Perhaps some fine day, when her alumni cough up their pocket change and her money mills in West Texas become solvent, she will burst rocket-like into the pedantic elegance of all her forty acres—and can afford a building of her own with which to advertise.

Or maybe you didn't see the advertisement in last Sunday's Houston Post. A facsimile of the Post cut has been reproduced above.

Shades of swivel-eyed make-up man! There stands the stately Academic Building, pushing its dome through piles of cumulus... and with a University of Texas banner a myopic mole could see a furlong away slapped across the front! From the Aco's pillars to Post, someone has blundered!

Repercussions have already started cranking like E. E. majors' minds. C. L. Babcock, Aggie-ex-

said this in a letter to "Jitterbug" Henderson, president of the Houston A&M Club.

"It looks to me like you and your club should set up a howl and law suit (put the money you get in Aggies Ltd.) about the Teasippers trying to use our property to inveigle unsuspecting high school boys to go to TU...."

But let's not be belligerent. Our Austin friends need a good right arm to assist in pushing cookies. They could have the Academic Building they obviously want, but we couldn't evict the scores of pigeons and Architecture students living in the eaves.

But we'll give them our most prized edifices Pfeuffer and Austin Halls. With a little coaxing we might even throw in Gathright. What more could they ask?

Chin up, TU. Pip, pip and all that, you know. Maybe someday we'll adopt you—but don't lay your frat pens on it.

## Center Boy Named 1949 Jr. Forester

Wayne Smith of Shelbyville was named the outstanding 1949 junior forester at the 4-H and FFA Forestry Camp held on the E. O. Sieck State Forest at Kirbyville August 1 through 5. Smith is a 17-year-old Center high school FFA student.

Larry Berry of Lufkin, a 4-H Club boy, was second place winner. The selection of the outstanding forestry campers was made on the basis of an examination over the subject matter covered by the camp instruction. Fourteen prizes were donated by commercial concerns and awarded to the boys making the best grades at the camp. These prizes included fire pump, axe, saw, compass and many other useful forestry tools.

The camp was sponsored jointly by the Texas Forestry Association and the Texas Forest Service, A&M, to develop better forest practices in East Texas.

## College Creamery Gets Milk Cooler

The College Creamery has purchased a new 4000 pound per hour multi-pass plate milk cooler from Creamery Package Manufacturing Co., according to Jim Riddlehuber, superintendent of the creamery.

This new type cooler consists of two sections, one for water which has passed through an atmospheric aerator and the other section for 24 degree mechanically cooled water. A third section can be added to make a complete high temperature short-time pasteurizer.

"A better quality product will result from the use of this cooler, because the milk will not be exposed to the air at any time while being cooled, and the milk will be cooled more evenly," says Riddlehuber.

## New Periodical Subscriptions For Engineers

New subscriptions to approximately 35 periodicals have been made by the Texas Engineers Library, R. E. Betts, engineering librarian, announced today.

The majority of these new periodicals are concerned with oil and oil products. The library now has an excellent collection of material in this field. The Tulsa Public Library is generally acknowledged to be the best in the world in the field of petroleum and the Texas Engineers Library is "about the best south of Tulsa," R. E. Betts said.

Back issues of many periodicals are being obtained to fill out incomplete volumes. Many magazines have complete or nearly complete volumes as far back as 25 years ago and some as far back as the turn of the century.

Foreign publications dealing with engineering, oil, geophysics, radio, and electronics are subscribed to by the Engineers Library. Many of the periodicals obtainable here are not available elsewhere on the campus. Also, a few are not to be obtained in any other library in the state, Betts said.

More and more students are using the Texas Engineers Library and have caused quite an increase in the amount of circulation over that of last year. This is especially true of the periodicals, Betts concluded.

## GROVE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 10—Juke box dance.

Thursday, August 11—Free movie, "Mark of Zorro," with Tyrone Power.

Friday, August 12—Square dancing.

Saturday, August 13—Dance with Aggie Combo.

Sunday, August 14—Skating.

Monday, August 15—Bingo.

Tuesday, August 16—Free movie, "Thunder in the Valley," Technicolor.

From Horns to Handicraft...

## Unique Hobby Wins Awards For College Station Man

By MARGARET BURTON

Imagination, creative ability, patience, and a desire to change an ugly, almost useless cowhorn into something both beautiful and useful, started H. H. Belcher of College Station on a fascinating hobby.

Belcher, now 71 years old, has won wide acclaim in both the United States and Canada for his unusual avocation of carving beautiful objects from animal horns.

He first became interested in his hobby about 15 years ago when his son, D. L. Belcher, of the Industrial Extension Service, was making a horn whistle. Since that time Belcher has completed about 200 items and has exhibited them to thousands of people.

His most recent exhibition was at the National Hobby Show in Toronto, Canada. Belcher exhibited his hobby for four days at the request of M. C. Gordon, manager of the show. News-reel shots and many photographs were taken of his horncraft exhibit at the Toronto show.

The horncraft has been exhibited at the Dallas Museum of Art, in Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Minneapolis, and various schools, youth centers, and churches.

Belcher has received many awards on his work at shows where it has been exhibited including a first place ribbon in the Oklahoma City Recreation Contest; first award at the Second Annual Hobby Show sponsored by the Pilot Club of Tulsa; and was awarded an Artist Membership by

the Dallas Museum of Fine Arts. A retired cabinet maker, Belcher has never made any money from his hobby. He has refrained from commercializing on it in any way and the real joy he receives from it is in sharing his hobby with others and exhibiting it at benefit shows.

His is a good hobby, very inexpensive, absorbing and satisfying. He has truly made an art of his spare time, although he has never had a lesson in art.

"Nothing in the world" says Belcher, "can compare with making something beautiful from an old ugly crooked cowhorn and having other people see it and enjoy it."

For his fascinating hobby, Belcher uses only a few simple tools to be found in almost any home toolbox. He uses a wood rasp, a jack-knife, coping saw, drill, electric buffer, steel wool, and jeweler's rouge, the latter being used to give the article its final gloss.

The only expensive item among the tools is the electric buffer, but Belcher declares that it is well worth the money in time saved and results obtained.

Some of Belcher's favorite pieces are his flowers complete with stamens, petals, leaves and pistils; his deer, geese and stork. "Fisherman's Dream," one of his outstanding masterpieces, contains a boat, fisherman and fish, all carved from horns.

Other items in his collection include electric lamps, a galley slave boat, mountain lions, and polar

bears. Beads, necklaces, bracelets, and ear screws are among some of the jewelry Belcher creates from horns.

Once, in Wisconsin, before moving to Texas, Belcher had some of his "horn" birds on a table in the yard, preparing to take photographs of them. To say that they are realistic is an understatement, as a cat jumped onto the table and tried to kill the "bird."

Belcher quite often has no exact idea of what he is going to make from a horn until it begins to take shape in his hands. As he says, "I just start cleaning and smoothing the horn, and then something about the pattern or shape of the horn determines what it will become."

He is quite proud of his many guestbooks full of names of some of the thousands who have seen his work.

Some of the remarks in his books show how his work affects people. "A cow would be mighty proud if she could see her horns now," "the middle man between a cow and a beauty," and "better than they make in Venezuela" by a woman from that country.

"Cette collection a fait l'admiration d'une Française," is inscribed in one of Belcher's guest books by a Frenchwoman, and "better than they make in Venezuela" by a woman from that country.

Truly, Belcher's work is worth spending a long time with, observing the delicate craftsmanship and the work of a true artist.

## N. Y. Play Will Begin Bryan Artist Series

The 1949-50 Bryan Artists Series will open on October 31 with "The Hasty Heart," a play to be presented by the New York Theatre Guild, Ara Haswell, president of the Artist Series, said today.

Mrs. Cameron Siddall, ticket sellers committee chairman reported in conference yesterday that tickets are selling rapidly. Most of the tickets have either been sold or are already promised.

Mrs. Siddall urged Bryan-College Station residents to purchase their season tickets as soon as possible, as the high school auditorium seating capacity is less than 1,000 persons.

The complete schedule for the 1949-50 Artists Series as announced by Haswell follows:

October 31—"The Hasty Heart," New York Theatre Guild play.

November 10—Elsa Maxwell, noted party giver.

January (date not yet set)—Dallas Symphony, directed by Walter Hendl.

February 4—Robert Rounseville, New York City Center Opera Co. tenor.

February 24—Appleton and Fields, duo-pianists.

## Bolton To Continue In Office Until Successor Is Appointed

A check with Dr. F. C. Bolton, president of The College, revealed that he will continue as president until the board of directors selects a successor to his office.

"The board has asked me to continue," Bolton said. "However, I have asked to be relieved as soon as a successor can be found."

Bolton was requested by the board more than a year ago to forestall his retirement until August 1. Subsequently he was asked to stay on until September 1.

Information from Dr. Bolton, revealed that 21 faculty members will not return to the A&M staff when the Fall term begins.

The 21 leaving the faculty are Dr. Charles R. Barron, veterinary anatomy; Mrs. John Caulfield, English; Donald D. Cherry, municipal and sanitary engineering; J. W. Chilcoat, business and accounting.

G. J. Douglas, modern languages; Howard L. Furr, electrical engineering; Lewis L. Grandt, electrical engineering; Mrs. Charlotte Johnson, history; R. S. Kiester, geography; John A. Kirkpatrick, economics.

Sam S. Kreuz, veterinary anatomy; Lewis B. Meyer, veterinary pathology; Marvin O. Mitchell, English; Lenard R. Murph, business and accounting; John V. Persons, petroleum engineering; Richard Rivers, physics; Albert K. Sparks, biology.

David Steinicke, agricultural economics; William J. Thomas, English; James A. Tinsley, history; G. W. Wise, modern languages.

## Specialist Warns Turkey Growers

F. Z. Beanblossom, extension marketing specialist warned Texas turkey growers yesterday that they would get less for their birds this year.

Speaking before the Texas Poultry Improvement Association, Beanblossom suggested new marketing methods to uphold prices.

Pointing to a few hard knocks poultry growers will encounter this year, he said more "purified" marketing techniques is the only answer to out-of-state pressure.

## Movie to Be Shown To Sales Classes

A training sound film, "Strategy in Selling," will be shown to the members of the salesmanship and sales management classes tomorrow, 7:30 p.m. in the YMCA chapel, according to Ernest Bulow of the Business and Accounting Department.

The film, Bulow said, was made by the Dartnell Corporation, which specializes in making training films.

It is designed to contrast the good and bad characteristics of selling.

## Lynn Sparks Makes Hit In Port Arthur

Lynn Sparks, Bryan Junior Chamber of Commerce representative to the Port Arthur bathing beauty contest, failed to bring back the Miss Texas title, but she certainly had the support of the crowd there, according to Bo Byers, Bryan Jaycee who attended the meet.

As Miss Brazos Valley, Miss Sparks gave a "triple-threat" demonstration at the talent test. Her program consisted of giving a skit, and then singing, accompanying herself on the piano.

Following the bathing beauty finals, the Jaycee bi-regional convention was held. Davis Grant of Bryan is vice-president of Region 8, while Harold Clayton, vice-president of Region 7, presided at the sessions.

The Bryan Jaycees came back with a promise of a plaque, certifying that in proportion to the number of members, the local association had more members present than any other junior chamber. The plaque will be awarded at the state convention next April.

## A&M Holstein Ups Milk Production

A registered Holstein cow named Fosh Ormsby Fayne (V.G.), owned by A&M has further added to her outstanding lifetime production of more than 100,000 pounds of milk, according to official records of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

In eight yearly milking periods, this animal has produced a total of 122,126 pounds of milk and 4173 pounds of butterfat. Her highest single record was made at the age of 11½ years when she produced 587 pounds of butterfat and 17,437 pounds of milk.

Violation Penalty

Regarding violation of the loyalty oath, the law says that any student found guilty of committing any act in violation of the oath, after having signed it, shall be expelled from the institution. (See OATH, Page 4)



H. H. Belcher, horncraft hobbyist, puts the finishing touches on one of his latest creations. The flower, pot, and all parts are carved from cowhorns.