

Freshmen Orientation Will Begin Today

All Students Must Sign New Loyalty Oath

Notary Seal Necessary After Ruling By Attorney-General

The loyalty oath, required by State law, has been prepared for signature by students here, according to Dr. F. C. Bolton, president of the college.
The oath must be signed by students when they register this semester, and signatures must be notarized, according to a ruling by the attorney-general.
"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 oath have been reprinted in the YMCA handbook and the Student Handbook, according to W. L. Penberthy, dean of students.

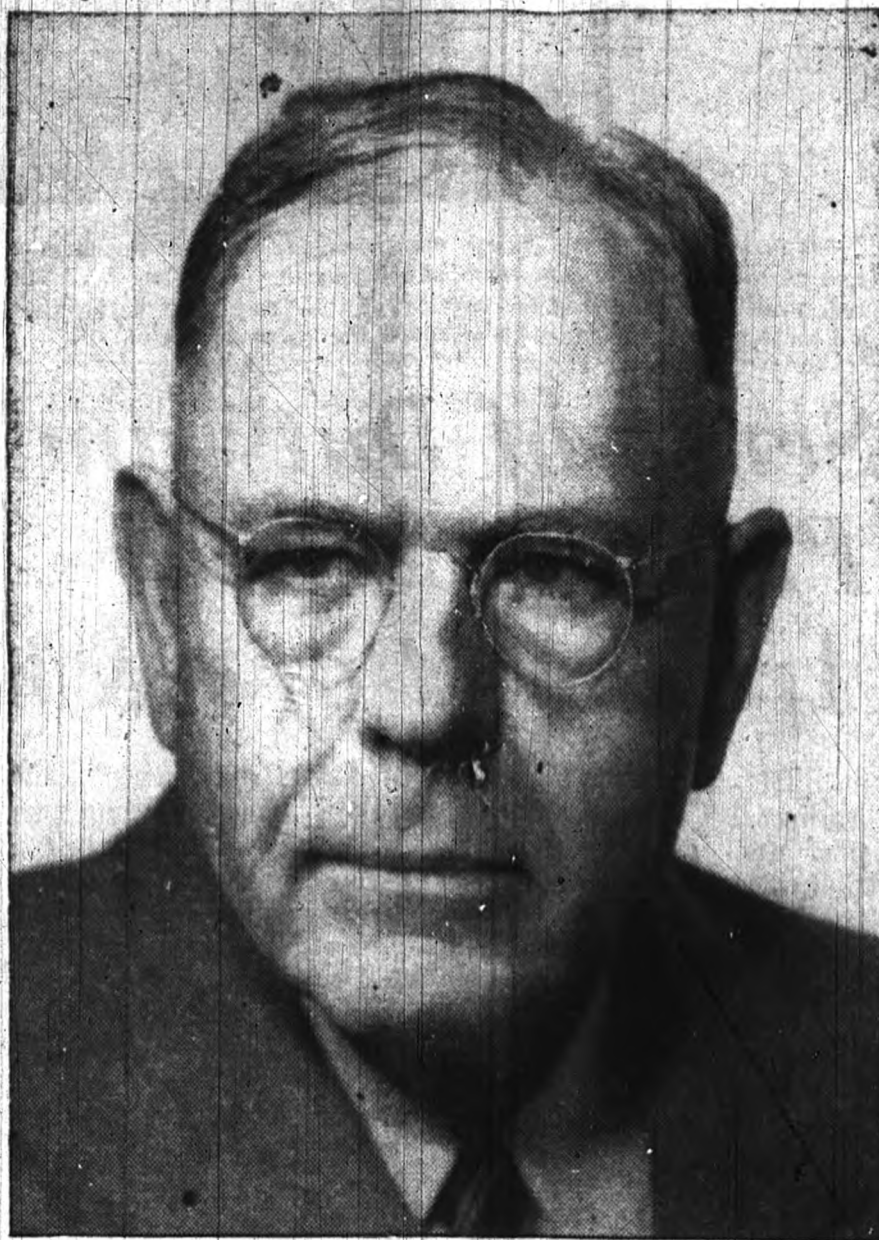
Employees Included
All employees of the state will be required to sign the oath, Bolton stated. This includes all employees of the college.
Excerpts from the loyalty act, originated by Representative Sam Hanna of Dallas are as follows:
The law was passed "to regulate and provide safeguards in the employment 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 (See OATH, Page 4)

ID Cards Required For All Students

Student identification cards will be required for all students attending A&M this fall, Bennie A. Zinn, assistant dean of men has announced.
The cards will be prepared by the Photographic and Visual Aids Laboratory and will be issued by the Registrar's Office.
Any college agencies may require presentation of the card at any time identification need be made. Such agencies requiring identification will be the Athletic Department in allowing admission to athletic contests; the Memorial Center in allowing the cashing of checks; the College Library in allowing the issuing of books and others.

475 Graduates Get Degrees During Summer

Approximately 475 graduate and undergraduate students qualified for degrees at the end of the summer term. No formal commencement exercises were held and diplomas are being sent out by mail, according to H. L. Heaton, registrar.
Simultaneously with the graduation of this large summer group, approximately 300 students attending summer school and old returning students registered for the fall semester Saturday, August 27.
This was the first time that old returning students had been allowed to register early. Regular registration day for transfer students with 15 or more semester hours of credit and old returning students is September 17.



On this opening day of the 74th Session of the College I extend the greetings of the faculty and administrative staff of the College to each student, whether you are returning after a brief vacation or are casting your lot with A. and M. for the first time. We hope that this will be both a happy and a profitable one and I am sure that, if you make satisfactory progress in your studies, you will enjoy the year.
Seniors and juniors are in that part of their college career where they are applying the scientific principles that they learned in the earlier years. These should be interesting years.

We are glad to have the sophomores on the main campus this year. Your class made an enviable scholastic record at the Annex, and we know that you can continue to do well both in the classroom and out by using judgment in scheduling your time and entering enthusiastically into the task at hand, whether it is work or play.

We are pleased that so many new students have selected A. and M. as their college and are with us this fall. We take pride in the reputation which A. and M. has earned for developing men who are not only trained for service in their chosen professions but have learned to assume some of the duties of citizenship, and we invite you to use the facilities of the college to fit yourselves for most effective and useful lives. You come to college with high ambitions and with enthusiasm and determination to succeed. Keep those high hopes; do not let yourself be satisfied with anything less than the best that is in you. You come from Christian homes. The same high ideals that you acquired there can help you in college and life. Do not be ashamed of them. You will meet discouragements but, if you do well each day's work as it comes, you can look back on the year next June without regrets.

Let us join in making this the greatest year in A. and M.'s history.

F. C. Bolton
President

Reception Set for 3 Today; First Meeting at 8 Tonight

Bolton Begins New Term As President

When a future historian feels called upon to write the story of A&M there is one man whose name is sure to be included among those who have dedicated their lives to the college. That man is President Frank C. Bolton.
President Bolton will begin his 40th year of service to A&M this fall when he assumes, for the second year, the office of president.

Breazeale Will Be Dean of Men At A&M Annex

William G. "Breezy" Breazeale, assistant director of Student Affairs, has been named Dean of Students at the Annex for the 1949-50 school year, according to W. L. Penberthy, dean of students.
Breazeale has been on the college staff since 1945. He holds B.A. and M.A. degrees in Industrial Education.
Coming From Crockett Breazeale received his B.A. in 1935. He won three letters and one numeral in basketball while in school here. He also won a letter in track. Breazeale captained the Aggie basketball team in 1935.
Serving in the Pacific Theatre of Operations during World War II, Breazeale attained the rank of major.



DOYLE AVANT
Colonel of the Corps

Freshmen Week starts today at 1 p.m. for all students beginning their college careers and for students transferring less than 15 hours of college credit, according to H. L. Heaton, registrar.
From today until Freshman classes start on Tuesday, September 20, the new students will follow a schedule designed to orient them with the customs and traditions of A&M.
Freshmen will receive housing assignments from 1-5 p.m. today. The YMCA will hold an informal reception for the new students, their parents and friends from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Annex Student Center.
This evening beginning at 7, Dr. J. P. Abbott, assistant to the dean of the College, will preside at a general assembly to be held on the south side of the chapel.
Week's Activities
Tomorrow's activities will be restricted to testing. Dr. F. C. Bolton, president of the college, will deliver a welcoming address at a general assembly in the evening. Tryre L. Bell, Class of '13, and member of the A&M Board of Directors, will address the group on "What It Means To Be A Texas Aggie."
The schedule for Tuesday will be the same as for the preceding day. In the evening movies of famous Aggie football games will be shown.
Wednesday, September 14, will be devoted to more testing. At Wednesday evening's general assembly the senior yell leaders, Glen Kothman, "Red" Duke, and Bill Thornton will lead yell practice for the Freshmen.
Further Orientation
Thursday morning orientation will be given in the Annex gymnasium and will feature talks by W. L. Penberthy, dean of men, Col. H. L. Boatner, Commandant, and Lt. Col. Robert L. Melcher, assistant to the commandant.
In the afternoon additional instruction will be given as announced by the Tactical Officers at the morning session.
M. L. Cashion, YMCA secretary, will preside at the general assembly on Thursday evening.
Advisory conferences will be held all day Friday to be followed that night by the President's Reception in the Student Center.
Saturday and Sunday have no activities scheduled. Transportation will be provided for all Freshmen who desire to see the A&M Villanova football game Saturday.
Registration Monday
The Freshmen will register for classes on Monday, September 18 and classes will begin at the Annex on Tuesday.
All activities of Freshmen Week will take place at the Annex, Heaton concluded.

Thanks

This first edition of the 1949-50 Battalion, unlike Topsy, didn't just grow.
A great deal of work on the part of the staff of the Summer Battalion, as well as some extra curricular time by staffers of this year's Battalion, went into it's 22 pages.
We want to particularly thank Clayton Selph, co-editor of the summer Battalion, for his great amount of time and effort, contributed in addition to his regular duties on the summer sheet. This paper is really his baby.
To all the other workers from both the Summer Batt and the approaching year's staff, our sincere thanks for your work done on this special edition.
It's a job well done in the past and we're looking forward to a great year in 1949-50.
C. C. Munroe
Bill Billingsley
Co-editors, The Battalion



WALTER ZIMMERMAN
Corps Executive Officer

Old Hands, New Writers Report For Duty On Battalion Staff

The Battalion for the school year 1949-50 began its year's operation today with a nucleus of old staff members and an outer ring of new reporters which may vary over the two semesters.

C. C. Munroe and Bill Billingsley, the corps and non-corps co-editors chosen in last year's campus elections, took over their new duties and announced their tentative staff.

Charles Kirkham, an editorial writer on last year's Battalion and Chairman of the Editorial board for the summer, was named to that position for the approaching school year.

Ben Brittain, an advertising representative during the past four semesters, was chosen as advertising manager. Feature Editor for the approaching school year will be Dave Coslett, a regular feature writer last year and former associate editor of the Little Batt.

Only two managing editors have been named as yet. They are Otto Kunze, an experienced ME from both last year's and the summer Battalion; and Lewis Burton, who worked as a front desk man during the summer. Three other daily ME's will be named as soon as all

class schedules are received by the co-editors.
Munroe, who was Batt Feature Editor last year, is a senior Business Major from San Antonio and is Public Information Officer for the corps, holding the rank of Lt. Colonel.
A senior journalism student from Waxahachie, Billingsley was



CHARLES KIRKHAM
Editorial Board Chairman



C. C. MUNROE
Co-Editor

a managing editor and wire editor before his election to the co-editor post.
In addition to his advertising experience, Brittain has been a member of the Singing Cadets for three years. He is a senior Business major from Bryan.
Sports for the important fall and spring semesters will be covered by an experienced staff including Chuck Cabanis, sports editor of the Aggeland 1949; Travis Brock and Bill Potts, sports co-editors of the summer Battalion; and Frank Manitzas and Frank Simmons, two returning sports writers from last year's Battalion.
Assisting Kirkham with the editorial duties, in addition to the two co-editors, will be Clayton Selph, summer co-editor; George Charlton, a member of last year's feature staff who spent the summer with the Dallas Morning News; and Dean Reed, editor of last year's freshman page.
Two experienced feature writers will be the basis for Coslett's feature staff. They are W. K. Colville, a feature writer on the 1948 Battalion who dropped out of school at the end of that year but re-

turned to his old position this summer; and Frank Cushing, who fell heir to most of the Batt's contests during the last regular semesters.
A new position of Amusement's Editor has been created and will be filled by Herman Gollob. After serving as last year's movie reviewer for the Battalion, Gollob spent the summer in Houston, studying the amusements of that city. He is a junior English major and will be critic and columnist for all College Station amusements, including movies, Town Hall series, Student Activities sponsored stage shows, and any other entertainment slanted for A&M students.
Three staff reporters from the summer Battalion are returning to strengthen that department. They are John Drisdale, Barry Smith, and Bob Williams. Several reporters from last year's freshman page will move in from the Annex to round out the reporter department, but their definite assignments had not been made at press time.
Photography work for the approaching term will be in the hands of Frank Helvey, lensman for the summer Batt, and Martin Howard, a San Antonian returning to school

after a stint in the Army. Past readers of the Battalion will remember Howard's younger brother, Art, a former sports editor who wrote a summer column from Europe.

All three of last year's photo engravers will return, with the two senior members of the staff having been with the shop since its installation two years ago. The

three plate-makers are Hardy Ross, Joe Trevino, and Brad Holmes.
Cartoon and line drawing work in the 49-50 Battalion will be done by two old staff cartoonists and one newcomer. Kenneth Marak, who at one time or another has done art work and cover layout on all student publications, will head the staff, along with Emmett Trant, who is now working on first drafts of a contemplated Battalion comic strip. Alex Munroe, a new penman from San Antonio, will be the third cartoonist.
Assisting Brittain in the advertising department will be A. W. Frederick, a business junior from Fort Arthur.
Circulation manager for the approaching semester is Lawrence Oliver, a senior business major from Groesbeck.
The co-editors reaffirmed the Battalion's policy of previous years regarding letters to the editor. All letters, not libelous or obscene, which are signed by students or college employees, will be printed. Persons who wish to have their names withheld from publication may request such action and the names will not be divulged.

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