



CRAFTS SHOP—Instructor Mary Briggs, center, oversees the work of two students' wives. Left is Katie Bain, at work on her ceramic piece and right, Kathy Rowin smooths down a portion of her 12-place setting pottery set. The girls are part of the 60 students and wives enrolled this semester in the Crafts Shop at the Memorial Student Center.

Largest Class

Ceramics In Craft Shop

By BARBARA PAIGE
Battalion Woman's Editor

The old phrase "I've been working over a hot stove all day" has rung through many a household but Mary Briggs, director of the MSC Craft Shop, could probably top them all.

Among her many duties, Mary manipulates the complicated kiln which reaches a top temperature of 1,900 degrees over a period of eight hours.

The kiln is one of, if not the most important, phase of ceramics. Every ceramic piece has at least two and sometimes three "firings" in the kiln.

"But there is tedious work acquainted with ceramics before the kiln comes into the light," said Mrs. Briggs, wife of Charles Briggs, senior dairy production major.

Mrs. Briggs teaches ceramics to 60 students and wives, along with leather tooling, metal works and

sculpturing.

"This is the largest early enrollment the Crafts Shop has ever had," said Mrs. Briggs, "and we expect about 20 more students in the class."

Most of the 48 students wives in the classes are interested in ceramics, their chief purpose being Christmas gifts.

Ceramics pupils have a variety of 40 models to choose from in selecting their subject, 14 of which were purchased for the shop last year.

"These molds run from lamp bases to figurines," says the experienced teacher. "One wife is making her own 12 piece pottery set."

The process is fairly simple but great care has to be taken when handling the fragile pieces, she added.

The liquid clay sets for about an hour when it is poured into the molds, then after its removal, must dry for approximately 12 hours.

It is next sanded or scraped

smooth and painted in preparation for the first firing. After the eight hour firing, it remains in the kiln 24 hours while it cools.

The ceramic piece is then painted with a glazed finish and fired again. Gold or china finish requires a third firing.

"We hope to have another kiln installed in time for the Christmas rush," said Mrs. Briggs.

Although ceramics takes a majority in the shop, there are several students interested in leather tooling. One in particular, a professional tooler, is James Miller, freshman, who has tooled saddles, boots and designed patterns for leather shops.

Classes are held in the Craft Shop from 1-5 p.m. every day except Wednesday and Sunday and 7-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Students and wives may come any time they want unless classes grow too large.

Enrollment in the Craft Shop is

\$1 per semester for students and wives. The clay or leather goods are sold at the shop.

"Sculpturing or free-form, as it is called, may be done here," says Mrs. Briggs, "but the potter's wheel takes so much time and practice, very few students or wives ever tackle it."

When questioned about the length of time it takes a student to catch on to the knack of ceramics, Mrs. Briggs said it depends entirely on the person. Some never have enough confidence or patience to tackle the molds and scraping without constant help.

The Crafts Shop has cash awards for first, second and third place in the separate studies of ceramics, metal and leather each spring.

"This year we hope to enter the Southwest Ceramic Show in Dallas if we have enough outstanding articles," the instructor said. "No two molds will ever look exactly alike. Every person changes the finishes in one way or another."

Conference

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tions which are specifically geared to their needs.

"And yet, recognizing the above facts, a program which aims at rehabilitation of offenders and, even in the case of those who cannot be permitted to continue at an institution, aims at aiding them in gaining insight relative to their problems and to the appropriateness of the dismissal action is education in its richest sense. Such a concept of education is in complete harmony with the student personnel point of view—a point of view which recognizes that the center of all education attentions is the individual student and that his welfare and proper development are of paramount concern. It does not 'buy' the concept that 'the punishment must fit the crime.' Rather it states that discipline is an educational process—that effective discipline aims at rehabilitation of an offender."

More than 75 attended the conference. C. H. Ransdell, acting dean of the Basic Division, was general chairman. Dr. W. W. Armstrong, dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine, gave the welcome address.

What's Cooking

7:15

Waco-McLennan County A & M Club will meet in room 301 Goodwin Hall to elect officers for the year.

Newman Club will meet at St. Mary's Student Center.

Letters

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can offer no solution to the situation, but maybe this letter will arouse enough interest so that someone will find a method by which the problem can and I hope will be solved.

Sincerely yours,
James H. Cook '56
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Dodgers

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in the spacious grounds of Yankee Stadium.

Podres and Hodges just didn't mind tempting fate at all, yesterday. And the Dodgers are now celebrating their first World Championship.

Duke Snider, powerful center-fielder for Brooklyn, hit four homers during this year's Series—the second time he has performed that feat. He now has nine homers in World Series play, one more than Joltin' Joe Dimaggio, and stands third behind Lou Gehrig and Babe Ruth.

Podres' clutch victory was his second of the Series; his first was in the third game, 8 to 3, which started Brooklyn on the comeback trail.

Social Whirl

Newcomer's Club, a branch of the A&M Social club, will hold an informal lawn party at the home of Mrs. M. T. Harrington.

It will begin at 3 p.m. today, and will honor new members. Membership in the Newcomer's Club is open to wives of the college staff who have been here for not more than three years.

Officers will be elected at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Chemical Engineering Wives Club. Jean Mayes, president, was elected last May.

The meeting will take place in the South Solarium of the YMCA.

Warren Rice, assistant professor in the Mechanical Engineering Department, spoke to the M.E. Wives Club Monday night on the History of Engineering.

"Mr. Rice presented a short summary of different laws in the Engineering field in order that it may help the wives to better understand their husbands' major," said Esteline Irwin, president.

It's easy to barbecue hamburgers right in the kitchen. Brown the patties as usual, then simmer them in a favorite barbecue sauce.

Mid-Week Services Set

Hillel Foundation

The foundation will meet at 7:15 p.m. today in rooms 2A and 2B of the Memorial Student Center for a report on the Hillel Institute.

A&M Presbyterian Church
A Hayride and weiner roast at C. I. Miller's farm holds the lime-light at the church this week. The truck will leave the church at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday and will pick up students at Sbis and Duncan Halls after the pass-by. Worship program is under the direction of Miss Martha Blum and Roy (Connie) Eckard. Miss Faye Sims is in charge of the food.

Wesley Foundation
A student panel will discuss the organization of Wesley Foundation at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Wesley center. Program chairman for the affair is Curtis Schluzer. Vespers will be held at 7 p.m. Friday.

Christian Science Society
The Christian Science Society will hold mid-week services at the church at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

St. Thomas Episcopal Chapel
The St. Thomas Episcopal Chapel

annual "Tamalada" supper will be held Nov. 1 in the parish hall. A limited number of tickets are on sale now for the Mexican dinner and may be purchased from Mrs. Walter M. Hermitage or the church office.

Holy Communion followed by a breakfast will begin at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday. Canterbury Association will meet at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday.

St. Mary's Catholic Chapel
Mass is said every day at 6:45 a.m. at the chapel. Wednesday evening services are held at 5:15 p.m. Newman Club will meet Wednesday evening at 7:15 in the Catholic Student Center.

Corn syrup and canned whole cranberry sauce make a good glaze for ham.

Freshmen

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Cramer, Raymond Doucet, Leo Wotipka, J. E. Driskell, Eugene Hays, John Steadman.

GUARDS—Don Browing, Carl Luna, Allen Goehring, Brewer Newton, David Smith, Tommy Howard, A. A. Crews, Dick Milam, Laurence Hill. CENTERS—Dick Goff, Stanley Roper. QUARTERBACKS—Luther Hall, Jackie Hathorn, Hal Sandefur, John Carbone.

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H. L. Heaton, Registrar. 24t4

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