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GENERAL PROGRAM

First Phase

8:20 A.M.—First Call.
8:30 A.M.—Assembly.
8:45 A.M.—First Adjutant’s Call.
9:00 A.M.—“PASS IN REVIEW.”

Second Phase

1. Assembly of graduating class, juniors, and Pershing Rifles in front of reviewing officers.
2. Addresses to graduating class by President Willard and Maj. Gen. C. D. Herron, commanding general of the Sixth Corps area.
3. Administration of oath of office as reserve officers.
4. Presentation of awards.
   Presentation of saber to Cadet Colonel Harold E. Goake, by Mrs. J. F. Zimmerman.
   Presentation of American Legion Auxiliary award, by Mrs. Josephine Soliday.
   Woman’s Relief Corps Panel, by Mrs. Elnor Arps-Foster.
   Presentation of sabers to seven cadet lieutenant colonels, by W. R. Kays.
   Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars award to Cadet Second Lieutenant Thomas Ridge, by Mrs. Iva Starner.
   University Gold Medal—George D. Walraven, Cavalry, by President Willard.
   Hazeltow Medal—Robert C. Ingalls, Field Artillery, by President Willard.
   Second Place, University Gold Medal—Edward S. Fraser, Engineer, by Mrs. Elsie Defilbaugh.
   Second Place, Hazeltow contest—George B. Avery, Engineer, by Mrs. L. W. Loftiss.
   American Legion Medals, by Matthew J. Murphy.
   Scabbard and Blade Citations, by Cadet Lieut. Col. George H. Zink, Cavalry.
   Phalanx Award, by Cadet Second Lieutenant John Thompson, Cavalry.
   Pershing Rifles Award—Edward S. Fraser, by Capt. Edward A. Routheau, Field Artillery.
   Exhibition drills by Pershing Rifles, Field Artillery, and Cavalry.

12 Noon—Joint Luncheon in Bradley Hall over Hanley’s.
Outstanding Military Students in Class of 1937

Achenbach, Dallas Fay
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Little, Richard Roy
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Newbert, Donald Frederick
Parr, Raymond Charles
Smith, Paul Arnold
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Zink, George Herbert

The R.O.T.C. Brigade—University of Illinois

By

COLONEL FRED R. BROWN
PRFST and Commandant

The sixty-ninth year of military training at the great University of Illinois ends today. May 27, 1937, is the finest and largest Reserve Officers Training Corps military review and academic convocation ever held in the United States.

Beginning in 1928, with an enrollment of all male students then at the University, a total of 70, the R.O.T.C. enrollment at the beginning of the present year reached at all time high of 2,108 physically fit, uprighting young men, each one proud of the uniform he wears and resolved to prove worthy of the name he bears. In addition, 350 were enrolled in the University Military Bands. Of the remaining 2,641 undergraduate men students in the University at Urbana-Champaign, it is safe in saying that all of them who were physically fit have completed the two years of basic training, unless exempted because of being over age, non-residents, or upon admission or for exceptional reasons.

Our military faculty of twenty-six officers of the regular army, assisted by two hundred enlisted men, are proud to be associated with this fine body of earnest young American citizens.

The parents, relatives and friends of the students at the University of Illinois are proud of the sound and patriotic attitude of these young men and women, on the importance of National Defense and the imperative necessity for at least the amount of military training required at this and other universities throughout this great nation. This is but a reflection of the ever loyal attitude of the vast majority of the citizens of Illinois, the teachers of the homes and schools, and the firm support of University and state.

Military Day is a time-honored tradition at the University of Illinois. It has become an occasion for Reserve Officers of the United States Army, representatives of various patriotic societies, and the authors and mothers of students, to visit the University and by their presence demonstrate their belief in the principles of national defense of which the Reserve Officers Training Corps is an important part. The University as a whole, and the Military Department in particular, appreciates the support which these visitors give the military training program by coming here. Their presence encourages and inspires the young men of the Reserve Officers Training Corps Brigade. This is THEIR DAY! Those who have completed the advanced R.O.T.C. course and have thus won commissions as Reserve Officers in the United States Army are to be congratulated on their achievements.

On behalf of the University I welcome all of our visitors and invite them all to come again on future Military Days as well as all other occasions of public interest.

A. C. WILLARD, President

The University of Illinois has the invariable distinction of being the last stronghold of the spontaneous efforts of misguided and disloyal persons and organizations, largely inspired by leadership from outside this state, who seek to prevent even the minimum measures of national defense provided in our National Defense Act, enacted in 1920. (Continued on Page 18)
MILITARY COUNCIL

Cadet Col. Paul W. Neidhardt

Cadet Maj. O. W. Lucier

ESTABLISHED as the controlling organization for all student activities in the Military Department of the University of Illinois, the Military council today is finishing its seventh year of leadership in the promotion of R. O. T. C.

The council is composed of the cadet colonel of the brigade, cadet lieutenant colonels of the six branches of service, and a representative of each of the 10 military organizations that are described in the pages that follow. With a total membership of 23, the council meets after the retreat formation each Friday of the school year to discuss matters of brigade policy and to make plans for the many activities which the Military council sponsors.

Under the plan laid down when the organization was founded in the fall of 1930, the cadet colonel automatically becomes president of the council. The offices of secretary-treasurer and historian are filled by election at the first meeting of the year. This year Cadet Maj. Orval W. Lucier served as secretary-treasurer and Cadet Lieut. Col. R. C. A. Purl as historian.

Principal event of the year for the Military council was the annual Military ball, outstanding formal social function of the campus spring season. This year the council took an unusually active part in the work of preparing for the dance, putting up the elaborate decorations and working out complete arrangements. The council also entertained the regular army officers stationed at the University, reserve officers, and student officers at the annual Officers’ ball held in December.

For the second year the council will award a medal on Military Day to the best drilled Pershing Rifles student who plans to enter the advanced course. The winner also will receive a pair of boots and spurs upon registration in the advanced course.

The council drew up and circulated petitions among the advanced course students opposing passage by Congress of the Nye-Kvale bill, which would compel all state universities desiring federal funds to have optional instead of compulsory basic R. O. T. C. These petitions were sent to Washington to be used in opposition to the flood of agitation from pacifist, religious, and subversive organizations seeking to weaken our national defense program.

Final function of the 1936-37 council is the publication of this edition of the Millini.

Responsibility of maintaining Military council policy from one year to another rests with the cadet colonel, since the council is composed only of selected senior officers. Next year’s colonel will be Harold E. Goeke ’38, a student in the corps of engineers.

Goeke is an outstanding student in the College of Engineering, having a five-semester average of 4.6. He is a member of Tau Beta Pi, national engineering scholastic honorary, Chi Epsilon, civil engineering honorary. Phi Eta Sigma, freshman scholastic honorary, and the American Society of Civil Engineers. He is editor of the Technograph, engineering quarterly publication, and is a member of Scabbard and Blade, honorary military fraternity, Pershing Rifles, and Tau Nu Tau, military engineering fraternity. During the past year he was a member of the junior board of the Student Alumni association, and is a member of Skull and Crescent, sophomore inter-fraternity honorary, and Sigma Pi social fraternity.

Goeke won the Chi Epsilon award for having the highest grades in civil engineering during his freshman year: military excellence bar and three stars for military proficiency; Scabbard and Blade award, engineering unit, 1936, for basic cadet having highest technical knowledge; and Phalanx award, as outstanding first year basic student in the engineering unit.

A member of the University rifle team for three years, he was a competitor for the Hazelton prize and University gold medal, winning second place in the gold medal competition last year for the best-drilled sophomore in the brigade.
Scabbard and Blade

By Cadet Lieut. Col. George H. Zink

The oldest and largest honorary military organization for advanced course R.O.T.C. students is Scabbard and Blade. A nationally known fraternity, it has as members widely known men such as Gen. John J. Pershing and other military leaders throughout the service.

Scabbard and Blade has held a leading position in the eyes of the Reinforced Brigade for over 25 years. The organization here at the University of Illinois is known as F Company, 1st Regiment, and is one of the largest of the 84 companies of Scabbard and Blade which, as a division, has an enlistment of over 22,000.

Scabbard and Blade was founded in the spring of 1905 by five cadet officers of the 1st Regiment, University of Wisconsin Corps of Cadets. The local company was founded at the University in the spring of 1909, and was the sixth company installed during the four years following the founding of the entire society at the University of Wisconsin.

Scabbard and Blade was the first and only military organization on the Illinois campus while the Student Army Training Corps was in existence. This Corps was abolished in 1919 and gave way to the forming of the newer Reserve Officers Training Corps which was expanded into six important branches of the army. The six units are now known as the Infantry, Cavalry, Signal Corps, Coast Artillery, Engineers, and Field Artillery, all specialists in their respective lines of training. At this time to promote interest within the six units, there was started a unit club or organization for the advance course students in these respective units, and another inter-unit club formed which had as its members students of the advance course from all six units. Scabbard and Blade has held its leading position in the military domain at the University of Illinois as well after the other unit clubs were formed as it did before.

Scabbard and Blade has annually awarded a plaque to the outstanding Sophomore student in each of the six units for some specialized work in the respective units. This award is presented each year on Military Day, and this year the Scabbard and Blade citation was won by:

Kenneth L. Garrett, Cavalry, Equitation; Jack D. Sellers, Field Artillery, for Battery Communications and Military Maps; Thomas L. Pearse, Infantry, Close order drill; William W. Cassell, Coast Artillery, Gunnery; Clifford K. Poarch, Signal Corps, Technical Knowledge; Edward S. Fraser, Engineers, Technical Knowledge.

Scabbard and Blade also sponsors inter-company pistol and rifle matches within its own organization against the 84 companies throughout the United States. Other activities sponsored by the organization are acting as guides, ushers, and aides for University functions.

Twice a year, at the beginning of each semester, Scabbard and Blade holds a smoker to which time numerous advance course students from the six units are invited, along with a number of the regular army officers stationed at the University.

This year Scabbard and Blade began under the leadership of Captain George H. Zink, cadet lieutenant colonel of the Cavalry. Cadet Captain Paul H. Fackler, Infantry, acted as 1st Lieutenant, Cadet Major Gale G. Jones, Engineers, acted as 2nd Lieutenant, and Cadet Captain Orville W. Lucier, Infantry, acted as 1st Sergeant. At the end of the first semester, Cadet Captain Paul H. Fackler, Infantry left, and Cadet Major Merlin H. Whitehead, Engineers, was elected to hold the office of the 1st Lieutenant. Major Irwin L. Lummis, Infantry, served Scabbard and Blade as faculty advisor throughout the year.
The Phalanx
By Cadet Maj. Donald Nemitz

PHALANX was organized on the University of Illinois campus in 1925 as an honorary and professional military fraternity for advanced course students. Chapters have been added at the Universities of Nebraska, Minnesota, and Creighton of Omaha.

Juniors in the advanced course are pledged during their first semester and go through a four-week pledge period, during which they are judged on their conformance to the standards of the organization. Their duties are intended to give them understanding of military principles and important facts in the military history and policy of the country.

During the past year the fraternity initiated 33 juniors and now has an active membership of 72 students.

Officers of the organization are the commander, lieutenant commander, secretary, treasurer, and historian and sergeant-at-arms. At the installation banquet held late in the second semester of last year, the following men were installed to serve during the past school year: Donald Nemitz, commander; David Godfrey, lieutenant commander; Claud Harrold, secretary; Bitt Blair, treasurer, and Jack Lortz, historian and sergeant-at-arms.

Assisting in the government of the fraternity is a council of representatives from the various branches of the brigade. The council members usually are picked from the new junior pledge class in order to prepare them for leadership in the following year.

These officers are trained to further the purpose of the organization, which is: "To promote the interests of military training, to foster the spirit of fellowship among the military men on the University of Illinois campus, to aid in the preparedness of this country, to implant in its members the discipline necessary both in military enterprise and in civil life."

In order to achieve these purposes regular meetings are held once a week during the four-week pledge period and twice each month during the remainder of the semester. At the meetings speeches of a military nature are given by persons having complete knowledge of their individual subjects.

Social functions are held for the members to become fully acquainted with each other and to build fellowship.

The annual dance of the organization was held Friday, November 6, in the Park ballroom.

Marksmanship
By Maj. James D. Brown

RIFLE marksmanship begins early in the first semester, the basic students of the Infantry and Coast Artillery being required to participate therein. Along toward the end of the first semester an inter-unit championship match is held. This match is participated in by two teams—one basic and one advanced course—

from each of the six military units of the University. This year the cavalry advanced team won in their division with a score of 946. The coast artillery basic team won with a score of 950, the highest on record at the University. A total of three cups, 11 gold medals, 20 silver

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Pershing Rifles

By Cadet Maj. Gale H. Jones

SINCE time immemorial perfection and precision in close order drill has been the pride and goal of military units. To carry on this tradition at the high standards thus set, to inculcate a spirit of patriotism, service, and discipline, and to prepare leaders of civil and military life, Pershing Rifles was founded in 1892 by Lieut. John J. Pershing, who was then P. M. S. and T. at the University of Nebraska.

Now there are twenty-five companies scattered through the colleges and universities of the country. The local company was established as Company D, First Regiment, on March 7, 1931. After the recent reorganization it became Company C, Third Regiment, in the same regiment with companies from Indiana University, Western Kentucky Teachers college, and Michigan State college. The officers of the company for the years were: Cadet Maj. G. H. Jones, captain; Cadet Maj. O. W. Lucier, 1st Lieut.; Cadet Maj. D. N. Nemitz, 2nd Lieut.; Cadet Capt., E. T. Peeples, 2nd Lieut., and Cadet Lieut. C. E. Wright, 1st Sgt.

Company C, Third Regiment, marked the school year 1936-37 with a large expansion program. Under the direction of the faculty advisers, Capt. E. A. Roubeau, F. A., 1st Lieut. C. H. Sturies, S. C., and 1st Lieut. R. B. Lothrop, C. E., the company started in September to increase the personnel, and after pledging and initiating selected men, increased from about 120 the previous year to 140.

The company, as in the years previous, acted as color company at the weekly retreat formation. Attendance at this formation was not compulsory because of possible conflict with classes and em-

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The Cavalry Officers’ Club

By Cadet Lieut. Col. George H. Zink

In order to provide a better understanding and to bring about a closer relationship between the advance course students of the cavalry unit and the regular army instructors, a unit club was formed in 1930 known as the Cavalry Officers’ club. From the bi-monthly meetings the unit has maintained an “Esprit de Corps” which is characteristic of the cavalry. The club this year has about 60 members, all of whom are leaders. The club has gained much prestige since its founding here at the University of Illinois in the fall of 1930.

At the beginning of each semester, the club holds a smoker, and all new advance course students enrolled in the cavalry unit as well as the regular army cavalry instructors and a number of the regular army officers stationed here at the University of Illinois are invited.

After the smoker all new cavalrymen are known as “Remounts,” and they must go through a probationary pledging period for about five weeks.

Like all other clubs, the Cavalry Officers’ club has its special insignia. One is a blue and gold bar surmounted by cross sabers to be worn on the blouson above the left breast pocket. The other insignia of recognition is a small gold key in the shape of a horseshoe surmounted by crossed sabers, one of the symbols of the cavalry unit, and is carried on a watch chain when either civilian clothes or army uniforms are worn.

There are several customs or traditions which have come about since the club was founded and which have been faithfully upheld. These traditions, four in number and held annually, are the uniformal house dance, the horse show, the supper ride held in the fall, and the spring ride.

In the first part of November, on a Friday evening after retreat, the Cavalry club members and the regular army cavalry instructors met at the University stables, saddled their mounts and rode from the stables to Savoy, a small town about five miles south of the campus. The horses were tied to a picket line and the members of the club assembled in the basement of a church in the town to eat a fine meal. After eating their fill, they again mounted their horses and proceeded home. This ride covered approximately ten miles... an enjoyable ride on a crisp November night.

The annual Dad’s Day horse show was not held this year due to the horses contracting a disease while at the Second Army maneuvers held in Michigan last summer. They were quarantined for the whole of the first semester and part of the second semester. However, a show was given May 8 by members of the cavalry and field artillery units.

There are four offices in the club to be filled each year. The retiring officers this year are: President—George H. Zink, Cadet Lieut. Colonel; Vice President—Eugene Baur, Cadet Major, in charge of the pledges; Treasurer—Luther Long, Cadet Captain. Incoming officers for the year 1937-38 are: President—Van R. Parker; Vice President—E. J. Fruin; Treasurer—R. K. Galagher; and Secretary—D. R. Barrett. Cadet Maj. Marvin Monk represented the Cavalry club in the Military Council this year.

The Cavalry Officers’ club had as its able and efficient faculty adviser Lieut. Col. Hrarry A. Flint, chief of the Cavalry unit at the University of Illinois. The club wishes to thank Lieut. Col. Flint for his time spent with the members of the organization, his guidance, advice, and interest.
Top row: Nemitz, Lierman, Mulliken, Binford, Whitehead, Castle
Bottom row: Eubanks, Coffey, Little, Busch, Lortz, Evans

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Top row: Purl, Brown, Jones, Martan, Monk, Capt. Matthews
Bottom row: Hashbarger, Foersterling, Gordon, Woltanski, Zink, Fackler

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[Image of military council members]

[Image of military personnel on horses]

[Image of military personnel on parade ground]
The Caisson Club

By Cadet Capt. E. M. Eubanks

C AISSON CLUB is a national honorary and professional fraternity for advanced students in the field artillery unit of the R. O. T. C. It was founded at the University of Illinois in 1923, and has grown steadily, now having thirty active chapters. The fraternity is based on the principles of artillery fellowship, and has as its aim the promotion of the R. O. T. C., the field artillery, and the spirit of friendship between regular army officers and student officers through its activities outside the classroom.

All juniors in the field artillery unit at the University of Illinois are eligible for membership when they enter the advanced course, and they remain eligible throughout their term of service as student officers in the event that they are unable to take advantage of this opportunity at first. Juniors are especially urged to join the Caisson club because of the many advantages which membership in the club holds for them. By active participation in the affairs of the club they may become better acquainted with each other, preparing themselves for the six-weeks summer training period at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.


Activities of the organization consist mainly of smokers and regular meetings, at which there usually are speakers, chosen from the R. O. T. C. faculty. With the aid of these speakers, it is possible to review and discuss interesting topics of a military nature which fall outside the realm of classroom work. This year we inaugurated a new policy—that of giving an initiation dance following the first semester formal initiation. The dance was given in conjunction with Tau Nu Tau and Pi Tau Pi Sigma, and was quite successful. At the present time, we are making plans for an overnight ride to Turkey Run, Indiana, to be held sometime later this spring.

At the April meeting, we elected temporary officers as a governing board to handle the affairs of the club until next fall, at which time a regular election will be held. The officers chosen were: battery commander, J. J. Bristow; executive officer, Howard Messman; reconnaissance officer, J. K. Hester. Under the leadership of these men, the Caisson Club will be organized for next year while the members are at summer camp, and plans will be made for a smoker for the incoming juniors next fall. Under this system, it is hoped that the members and officers will find it easier to draw up a constructive program of events for the next year and become better acquainted before the final selection of officers is made.

As retiring battery commander, and in behalf of Ralph H. Engstrom, executive officer, and Robert M. Dole, reconnaissance officer, I wish Caisson club and its new officers the best of success for their term of membership. May they make Caisson club an even bigger and better organization.
The Coast Artillery Club

By Cadet Maj. Chase C. Coffey

The Coast Artillery has for its mission the defense of vital and strategic points on our coasts from enemy naval attack with its guns, searchlights, and submarine mine, and to prevent enemy aerial observation and attack by the use of its anti-aircraft guns, sound detectors, searchlights, and machine guns. Since much stress is placed upon the aerial activity of bombing planes, attack planes, carrying light bombs and armed with machine guns, and observation planes, equipped with cameras to photograph our positions and movements, it is easy to understand the importance of the Coast Artillery as a unit in our national defense.

The Coast Artillery unit was established at the University of Illinois in the fall of 1929. With two regular army officers stationed here. Today the unit is second only to the Field Artillery in enrollment, with the following five officers instructing: Lt. Col. B. S. Du Bois, Maj. J. B. Muir, Maj. J. D. Brown, Capt. Milo G. Cary, and Capt. V. W. Wortman.

For a period of six weeks the advanced course students attend camp at Fort Sheridan. This camp is in an ideal location, due to its proximity to Chicago and Lake Michigan. The lake furnishes an agreeable climate for the students, and offers an area over which target practice may be carried on with safety. Other universities represented there are the University of Minnesota, University of Kansas, Washington University, University of Michigan, Ohio State University, University of Wisconsin, University of Cincin-

nati, Kansas State Agricultural college, and Michigan State college.

A regular course of instruction is followed at Fort Sheridan, including work with the three-inch anti-aircraft guns, machine guns, the use of small arms, protection against chemical warfare, and the use of sound locators and searchlights. The equipment and training are designed to keep the Coast Artillery abreast of the recent developments in aircraft.

The need for a unit organization soon arose to foster better understanding and closer relationship among the advanced course students. As a result the Coast Artillery club was formed in 1930. Every student registered in the Coast Artillery advanced course is a member automatically, thus eliminating discriminations. There is no initiation fee and the dues are in the form of self imposed assessments. These conditions make the Coast Artillery club the only military organization of its kind on the campus. The purpose of the club is: “To develop high ideals of the military profession in the University.”

The officers during the past school year have been: Cadet Maj. Chase C. Coffey, president; Cadet Capt. Ben T. Baird, vice president; and Cadet Capt. Edward T. Peeples, secretary-treasurer. These officers in conjunction with those of Alpha Tau Sigma of the infantry advanced corps arranged a dance held at College hall in the month of January. The last meeting of the year was a banquet in honor of Capt. Milo G. Cary, who is to leave soon for Hawaii.
Tau Nu Tau

By Cadet Maj. Harry D. Evans

TAU NU TAU is a national honorary and professional fraternity for military engineers. It confines its membership to advanced course military students in corps of engineers.

Originally this fraternity was known as the Engineers Officers' club, but in 1928 the members of the club petitioned the University council of administration to change its name to T. N. T., the abbreviation for tri nitro toluene, a very powerful explosive commonly used in military engineering work. This name was chosen because it represented not only the unit, but also the enthusiasm and pep of its members.

The council of administration granted the requests for the change in name, and great progress was made in the fraternity. Then the members, desiring to have a Greek name for their fraternity and still to keep the symbols T. N. T., changed the name to Tau Nu Tau. It is by this name that the fraternity is known on the campus at the present time.

Tau Nu Tau is based on the following principles:

1. To foster a spirit of co-operation between military engineers and engineers in civil life.
2. To foster a spirit of fraternity among its members and an esprit de corps within the corps.
3. To promote interest in military engineering among engineering students of the various colleges and universities of the United States.
4. To diffuse information of military nature among its members.

In July of 1930 Rose Polytechnic Institute of Terre Haute, Ind., and Michigan Technical college at Houghton, Mich., were formally granted charters by the Illinois chapter at a meeting of the three schools at the R. O. T. C. summer camp at Camp Custer, near Battle Creek, Mich. Two years later a chapter was installed at the University of Kansas, and the number of chapters was increased to four.

The fraternity promotes several activities on the campus. In October of this school year the fraternity held its annual fall smoker, and 24 juniors in advanced course engineering were pledged.

After their initiation in November they were entertained by the active members at a dance in Bradley hall. Caisson club and Pi Tau Pi Sigma joined in giving the supper, which was very successful.

In the second semester many other activities were planned. The spring smoker was given in March, and two additional juniors were pledged. T. N. T. had an exhibit in the College of Engineering open house, and on the following Monday, April 19, a "mess supper" was given for the sophomores. The food for the supper was a sample of the type of food served in the summer camp. The military engineering faculty co-operated in giving the supper. Cadet Capt. Ferguson was in charge.

The badges of the fraternity are two in number: The bar, which is a white band surrounded by two red bands, with a miniature castle in the center; and a key which shows an eagle flying over a castle and has the motto of the engineers, "Essayons," a French word meaning "let us try," inscribed upon it. The bar is worn on the uniform while the key is worn with civilian dress.


Officers of the fraternity are:

Alpha Tau Sigma

By Cadet Maj. Robert J. Binford, Jr.

Alpha Tau Sigma was informally founded at Camp Custer, Michigan, by 10 students from the University of Illinois, who were attending the 1931 R. O. T. C. camp. Capt. Paul V. Kellog assisted these students in making it a permanent fraternity of Infantry officers.

The 10 founders and the four regular army officers of the infantry met in September, 1931, electing H. L. Garrison as their president and Lieut. Col. James A. Stevens as their faculty adviser. Crossed rifles on a blue and white bar was chosen as the official insignia of the fraternity. Since that time the following presidents have led the organization: G. R. Bailey '33, R. R. Manion '34, R. L. Redfern '35, J. D. Benner '36, R. J. Binford, Jr. '37, and Miles S. Duwe '38.

The present school year was started with a smoker at the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. The juniors of the Infantry advanced course were invited to attend and told of the merits of the fraternity and the advantages that would accrue to those who became members. Col. F. R. Brown, Lt. Col. Stevens, Maj. Abraham Tabachnik, and Maj. Irwin L. Lummis spoke to the juniors. Following these talks, moving pictures taken by Cadet Lieut. Col. F. J. Foerstler at camp last summer were shown, and refreshments were served. The next Friday after the retreat formation 21 juniors took the pledge and began their roomieships.

The fraternity became interested in rifle team work about three years ago. Frank Kubick was captain during his sophomore and junior years and had the honor of representing the corps area at Camp Perry in September, 1935. Kubick had to drop out of the University at the end of the first semester, 1935-36. He returned this year and on May 7 received a medal as member of the team winning the William Randolph Hearst trophy. He also received the National Rifle Association medal awarded annually to the member in a club making the highest score in a match. Kubick shot a score of 1,678 out of a possible 1,800 in six rifle matches.

On December 22, 1936, the fraternity held a dance at the College Inn dance hall in conjunction with the Coast Artillery club.

Through the efforts of Col. Stevens, Maj. Tabachnik, and Maj. Lummis the fraternity presented a moot court January 12 before a district meeting of the American Legion. The nature of the trial made a rehearsal almost detrimental to its realism, so the members of the fraternity did not have a combined practice session. The members of the court, the attorneys, and the spectators came to the trial ignorant of each other’s parts.

The final meeting of Alpha Tau Sigma was held during the last week of May at the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity house. At this meeting the new officers of the fraternity were installed: Miles S. Duwe, president; Wilson J. Seldon, vice president, and Lynne L. Renne, secretary-treasurer.

The last smoker will be the finale for the seniors, and Alpha Tau Sigma and the University of Illinois will soon be pleasant memories, but to the juniors we throw the torch of our fraternity. The juniors carry the spirit of the Infantry fraternity with them when their departure arrives as we, the seniors, are carrying it with us this year.
Pi Tau Pi Sigma

By Cadet Capt. Joseph J. Martan

In the spring of 1920 the War Department sent notices to the large electrical schools in the country that R. O. T. C. signal units were to be installed in each school and asked that representatives be sent to Camp Vail, N. J., in the summer to prepare for organization of units the following fall.

Captains Ballard, Code, Hale, and Autrey and Lieutenant Hodges were sent to Camp Vail to assist in the training. There they conceived the idea that an auxiliary club would aid in the work of the unit with the following specific advantages:

1. It would serve as a medium between the cadets and the commanding officers and would shorten the period of adjustment which occurs after a new officer takes charge.

2. It would give the upper classmen the opportunity to guide the underclassmen.

3. It would follow men into civil life and maintain their interest.

In 1923 several of the officers of the signal unit of Ohio State university decided to form a fraternity in the unit, and organization work was begun. The name of the fraternity was Liaison, meaning communications. They decided to work toward establishing a national fraternity and immediately opened communication with Signal, a fraternity at Wisconsin in the signal unit. A meeting was held in May, 1923, in Chicago.

There the present ritual and constitution were drawn up and adopted. The organization took the name of Pi Tau Pi Sigma national fraternity. Wisconsin was to be Company A of the West and was designated as Alpha chapter. Ohio State was to be Company A of the East and was designated as Beta chapter. In May, 1926, the Alpha chapter installed the Gamma chapter here at the University of Illinois. We now have a chapter at every school having a signal corps unit.

Pi Tau Pi Sigma has an official publication, "ZAR" (I have a message for you), which is published monthly from October to June and contains articles written by the faculty of the different schools as well as news letters from the chapters. This magazine was published at Illinois for several years, but Ohio has taken it over for the coming year.

Gamma chapter at the University of Illinois has been active in the signal corps and in the brigade as a whole. A dance was held jointly with TNT, engineer fraternity, and the Caisson club, field artillery organization. The fraternity held lectures and moving pictures and taught saber drill to the junior officers. Main event of the year was the annual competition for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors held the last week in April. The winners this year are:

Juniors: S. S. Doherty; sophomores: K. Gonseth; freshmen, G. R. O'Neal.

A smoker was held for the sophomores who will become junior officers next year. The organization is grateful to Capt. Stice and Lieut. Sturies for their guidance and co-operation during the year.
The Polo Team

By Cadet Maj. Michael J. Gordon

UNDER the direction and coaching of Maj. Clifford Cole and Capt. L. M. Grener, the Illinois polo team has made great progress during the past school year. It has enjoyed enthusiastic support of Col. Fred R. Brown, commandant, and the entire military department.

At the beginning of the year the available material was considerably in advance of that of the preceding season. Lettermen from past teams were Fred Wright and myself. In addition there were a few men who had not received letters but who had been with the team as regulars during the previous year. These included Lee Rodgers, Bud Burroughs, and Gene Bauer. Among others returning who had had enough experience to be valuable were Bob Johnson and Sterling Blackstone.

The training of horses was begun at once with the aid of an excellent force of competent numeral men. The string of horses was reinforced by a few horses from the R. O. T. C. unit at the University of Chicago, and some new remounts. Thirty men were taken into the Polo association, and they gave valuable assistance as well as preparing themselves for future work with the team.

The season was opened against Missouri, Illinois won, 7 to 6, in an overtime game. A week later the team played Ohio State on the local field. Illinois started well by scoring four goals in the opening chukker, but let down until the fourth period, when they began clicking again and finished ahead, 8 to 5.

The following Friday, Illinois met defeat against Missouri at Columbia, 7 to 2. Immediately after the game the team drove to Ames, Ia., where they lost to Iowa State Saturday morning, 9 to 6. On this trip the team travelled nearly 1,000 miles and played two games in 40 hours.

A game scheduled to be played against Ohio State on Saturday, November 7, was snowed out. This ended the fall season except for scrimmages held to build up reserve material among the sophomores. The team looked forward to a good indoor season, but was disappointed when Lt. Col. Harry Flint, director of mounted activities, announced that the indoor season would be abandoned this year. This action was caused by the fact that the horses were not out of quarantine from a siege of shipping fever, and were being used too much. Another factor was the small size of the Stock pavilion, which makes indoor games there unsatisfactory.

The long trip usually taken to start the spring outdoor season was dropped this year because the Easter vacation came two weeks earlier than it had come the previous spring and the team had had no practice, due to the abandonment of the indoor games.

The spring schedule was opened April 24 at Missouri, where Illinois lost a well-played game, 9 to 5. The following Saturday a scheduled game against Iowa State at Ames, Ia., was rained out.

On May 8 the team won over Missouri, 4 to 1, after the R. O. T. C. horse show. At the time this article was written there were three games to be played, the last coming on Military Day.
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Under deceptive high sounding titles and slogans, the real subversive objective is to prevent national military and naval preparedness for defense, the first step being the reduction and ultimate abolition of the ROTC, in the full knowledge that this would do the greatest possible damage to our national defense set-up.

The Nye-Kvale Bill introduced in the last Congress and again in the present Congress, if enacted into law, would destroy the right of States, and many of our principal educational institutions to determine for themselves the character of their training courses. The plan would destroy the very heart of the national defense policy of the nation which, in reality, is the true purpose of the bill and its advocates.

Each of the organizations supporting this bill is, in truth and fact, opposed to all forms of military training and service as shown by their individual records and combined purpose. Every communist, socialist, radical, and pacifist group in America is supporting this vicious bill and the two year "Emergency Peace Campaign," which is being directed by a "United Front" of the principal leaders of such groups.

As opposed to the cowardly "Oxford Oath" recently reported as taken by about thirty men and women students out of our present local enrollment of 11,000, I offer the preamble to the Constitution of the National Society of Scabbard and Blade which, also, expresses the belief and ideals of the nearly 500 advanced course cadets and the vast majority of our basic course students.

"Believing that military service is an obligation of citizenship, and that the greater opportunities afforded college men for the study of military science place upon them certain responsibilities as citizens, we, Cadet Officers in various Universities and Colleges conferring baccalaureate degrees, do form this Society and adopt this Constitution in order to unite in closer relationship the military departments of American Universities and Colleges; to preserve and develop the essential qualities of good and efficient officers; to prepare ourselves as educated men to take a more active part and to have a greater influence in the military affairs of the communities in which we may reside and above all to spread intelligent information concerning the military requirements of our country."

President Edward C. Elliot, Purdue University, after many years' observation of the ROTC, announced the ROTC Creed as follows:

"I believe in the R. O. T. C.; for myself, for my sons, for my university.

"I have confidence in the R. O. T. C. as an agency and as a method for the accomplishment of some of the essential purposes of an education that fits men to perform the duties of peace as well as of war.

"I consider that the R. O. T. C. constantly contributes to the development of the constituent qualities of dynamic character—the sense of personal responsibility, the spirit of obedience as the activating substance of purposeful cooperation, the inspiration and valuation of leadership in human affairs, and the recognition of the place of order and organization in society."
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medals, and 11 bronze medals were awarded the winners of this competition.

During the second semester, varsity, R. O. T. C., freshman's men's, and girls' teams were organized and fired in postal matches with other colleges and universities throughout the country.

The outstanding achievements of our rifle team this year were the winning for the second consecutive year of the Sixth Corps Area Intercollegiate league match and the winning of first and third places in the William Randolph Hearst trophy match. Trophies and medals were presented the members of the two Hearst teams. In 1936 our team won first place in this match. Medals were awarded to the individuals of the corps area intercollegiate team.

The National Rifle association seventh annual western conference intercollegiate rifle team match, participated in by the University of Minnesota, Ohio State university, University of Iowa, University of Indiana, University of Chicago, the University of Wisconsin, and the University of Illinois, was held on the Armory ranges. Our team placed second. In the individual matches we captured four awards.

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ployment, but on the average six squads were present at each formation.

The Military council offered an award to the best sophomore in the company who intended to enter the advanced course. Of the several men who met the requirements after an inspection and drill in the school of the soldier with and without arms, Edward S. Fraser was declared winner of the prize, a medal and boots and spurs.

The local company acted as host this year for eight companies representing colleges and universities in the Middle West at the inter-regimental drill meet May 7.

Highest honors went to the University of Kentucky company, which won the inter-regimental cup. The University of Kentucky also won the first regiment cup, while the University of Illinois won the third regiment cup and placed second in the inter-regimental standings.

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