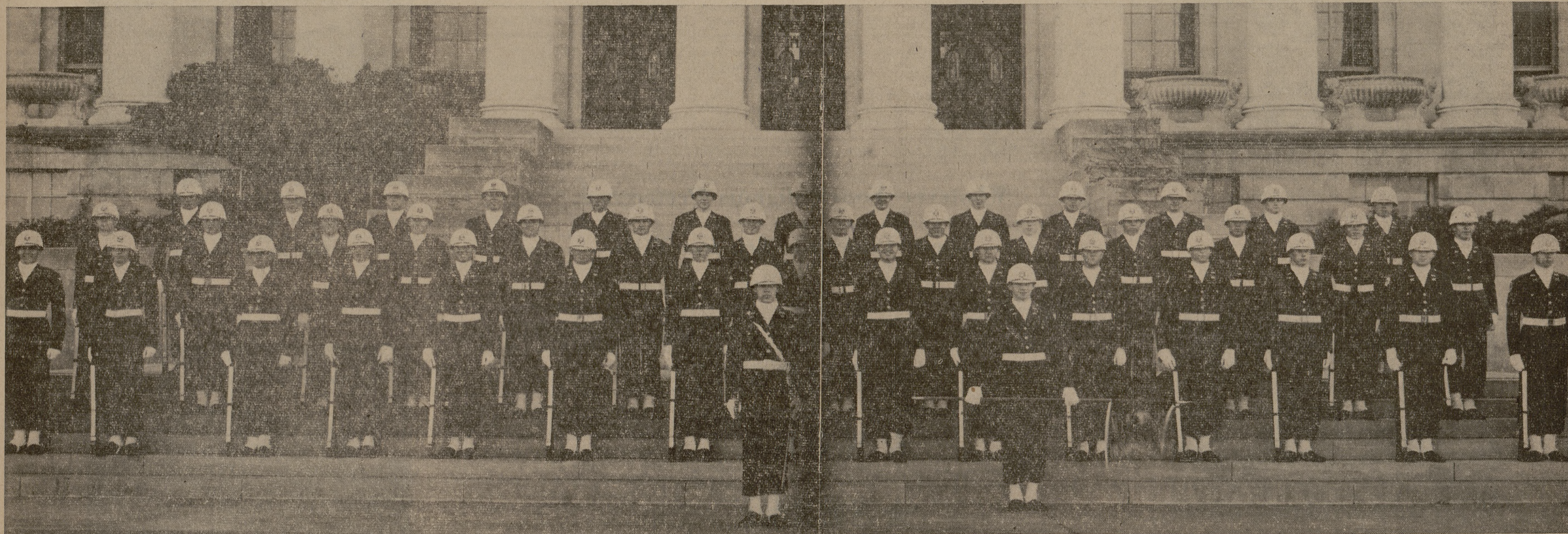


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## 1955-56 FISH DRILL TEAM



An outstanding honor is bestowed upon 50 Freshman each Fall as the members of the Freshman Drill Team are chosen from as many as 300 applicants.

All ROTC Freshman—both army and air force—are eligible to compete for membership, according to Sgt. M. T. Wilson, sponsor, in the tryouts which are held the latter part of September or first of

October. The original amount of applicants are then singled down to 100 men—at which time the hard process starts.

Within three days fifty cadets are then chosen on military bearing, general sharpness, appearance and tact. The 42 regular members and eight alternates are chosen after six weeks of observance by

Sgt. Wilson. The alternates always have a chance to make the regular team.

A team commander, right guide and guidon bearer are chosen to lead the group.

Last semester the Drillers appeared at Galveston Splash Day festivities, Houston Armed Forces Day parade, Fiesta Flambeau in San Antonio, which is also known as

the Battle of the Flowers.

The Team members were scheduled to appear at the Cherry Blossom meet in Washington D. C. and at Purdue University in Indiana but bad weather in those areas ruled out the trips.

Competing in the Area H Drill Meet with schools from Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas and New Mexico last spring, found the

Freshman Drill Team placing second. A formal banquet is held following this annual meet at the school which sponsors it.

The Team usually performs at least five times during the year. Participation at campus activities includes a five minute drill at the end of pass-bys and occasionally at the Final Review.

Dress consists of Class A uni-

form with white helmet liner, leggings, gloves and scarves.

All transportation, whether bus or plane, to out of town meets is furnished by the Air Force and when meets require over - night stays, quarters are furnished at Air Force installations.

"We have been assured of several trips for the Fall and Spring semesters," said Wilson.

The '56-'57 team members will be chosen this Fall by Sgt. Wilson, Col. Henry Dittman, Lt. Col. William J. Hall, M/Sgt. D. D. Christensen and M/Sgt. Thomas H. Williams.

"When the team appears out of town, they are given excused absences," says Sgt. Wilson, "and always, with an opportunity to make them up."

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