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# OFFICERS TRAIN NEW GROUP NON-COMS TAKE OVER OLD -

During the past summer, the imagination of the Air Force Faculty was enlisted in a difficult task, the invention of a shoulder patch for unit members of the Holy Cross AFROTC. The cadets are the sole benefactors of the endeavor. This unique insignia has no parallel; it has been designed specifically for "Crusader" cadets.

The patch incorporates the seal of the College with the shield of the United States. An eagle with outstretched wings has been placed above the crest of the College. Thirteen white stars, twelve of which are split into parallel groups of six with the thirteenth being the intervening element between the eagle and the College seal, are set against a field of blue. At the base of the College seal, there is a scroll with the inscription "AFROTC Holy Cross." The perimeter of the emblem has been done in gold embroidery.

In dimensions, the badge is three and three quarter inches from top to bottom and three and a half inches from the extremities of the eagle's wings. This emblem will be worn by all cadet officers and enlisted men on the upper left arm. Issuance of this article is dependant upon completion of the order by the manufacturer.



IT IS INDEED ENCOURAGING TO NOTE THAT there is an even larger Air Science I class this year than there was last. As things now stand, the two classes will drill separately down on Freshman Field for about two weeks and at the end of that time two new groups will be formed.

In order to select officers and non-coms for the new groups, screening of all personnel in the unit will begin this week. While AS II personnel are being rated on their capabilities in drill, AS I students will have the opportunity of drilling squads, flights, and squadrons in order to demonstrate their ability. The general pattern of the drill will be for the permanent personnel to act in an advisory capacity with cadets doing the actual drilling and instruction. The ranks awarded last year were for a one year duration and will remain in effect until the new appointments are made.

In an interview after he had seen two drills, Major Trojanewski said that the group looked very well on the drill field, but that a lot of hard work remains.

The first Wednesday we are unable to drill outdoors, Col. Murray intends to give the unit an address in Kimball Auditorium. He wishes to stress the advantages of the AFROTC program for the individual, for the service, and for the school. He will try to impress on the cadets their obligation of complete participation in the corps in return for the benefits received. He will also point out that our forefathers have always considered the right to live in freedom in the United States a valuable privilege, and two years service in the armed forces is only just payment for that privilege.

## RECRUITING COLUMN

Those interested in joining the staff of "THE FLYING CROSS" will report to Room 33 Baaven Hall, Thursday, 23 October at 3:05.

# NOVEMBER 8 BRINGS SOMETHING NEW NAVY BLENDS WITH AIR FORCE BLUE!

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## EISENHOWER OR STEVENSON?

There is one question which is being discussed in every corner of America today. It has captured the interest even of those who ordinarily give politics a wide berth. And no wonder!

Every channel of communication is involved in dispensing news, opinions, and prejudices concerning this decision. Television has shed new light on the selection of candidates. Conventions are now seen to be what they actually are, political circuses, with pressure and deals as common to them as cotton candy is to the big top. Radio, newspapers, and magazines devote time or space to keeping the public informed of the latest change, of its refutation of what has happened or should have happened.

And this is as it should be. For this is a critical time, and this is a pivotal year.

Literally, 1952 could be the year of destiny. It is entirely possible that by the end of this year our civilization may have ceased to exist. Our country, unfortunately, remains as the one believer in democracy strong enough to defend its belief. And we are surrounded, harried, even attacked by a gigantic, powerful, relentless enemy.

Who is to lead our country through these coming days of danger? Most of those reading this paper will have no say in the matter. But there is another question, equally important which they can answer. The country that follows the new leader, how strong will it be?

Strength our country needs to overcome its enemy, even to hold its own. Moral strength is of first importance. God cannot be abandoned and victory expected. Spiritual anarchy is as

THE COLGATE GAME, ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, is a matter of history. At exactly 8:00 P.M., in the Fieldhouse, of the campus of the College of the Holy Cross, Hal Reeves lowers his baton and brings to life the music for the first Air Force - Navy Military Ball.

Preparations are already moving into high gear for what promises to be one of the most dazzling social events of the year. Here is how it all started.

Last spring, the Air Force sent a representative to the meeting of the College's Calendar Committee to ask for that specific date and for the use of the Fieldhouse. The Dean approved the request, and after the school year began, the necessary machinery for running such an affair was set up.

Enthusiasm was evident in the large turnout for voluntary service on committees. Right in all were formed and their chairmen were elected during the break at the drill period last week. The general chairman is Tom Marino, who is ably assisted by his co-chairman, Carl Foley.

The first problem to be tackled was that of an orchestra. Ed Blanchfield, chairman of the entertainment committee, scouted Hal Reeves at the Patcher Dance and talked the matter over with him. An option was obtained, and last Monday the committee voted to make it definite. The contract includes Mr. Reeves, a female vocalist, and thirteen other pieces.

The next question to be settled was whether the Navy should be invited, thus making the dance a joint Air Force - Navy Ball. The matter was submitted to the Air Force committee and arguments were heard pro and con. After much deliberation, the members voted against the proposal. But their decision was set aside. When the Cadets heard Col. Murray speak in favor of it, they voted into existence a joint Air Force - Navy Ball.

Numerous public and military officials will be invited as guests of honor. Governor Dever heads the list, which includes such notables as Mayor Holstrom, City Manager McGrath, and General Spry, of Atlantic Division, M A T S.

One last bit of encouragement for the lovelorn. A date bureau will be functioning, if necessary, to supply the rather fundamental prerequisite for a successful evening. Thus your problems are reduced to the barest minimum, so make your plans now.



## AERODYNAMICS REPLACES MOSQUITO-WORSHIP

What is the area of Southern Somaliland and why don't most of its people live there? Is Buddhism gradually replacing mosquito-worship in this strategic area? These and similar queries will not plague the Air Force Senior or Soph this year. Instead, he may be confused by the complexities of dihedral landing gears or the basic differences between the Piston-Driven Internal Combustion Engine and the Atomic Bomb.

From Geopolitics, the second-year Air Force student turns to a brand new course of six units. Aerodynamics and Propulsion heads the list and is followed by a study of Maps, Aerial Photographs and Aerial Navigation. Next comes Meteorology (which Mr. Webster says is the science dealing with the atmosphere and its phenomena), and this is succeeded by a discussion of Applied Air Power. Lastly, the Organization for the Defense of the United States and a study of Personal Hygiene are to be covered. All in all, the new course promises to be both difficult and interesting.

## AIR UNIVERSITY TAKES OVER

On August first of the present year, the AFROTC, involving more than 145,000 students in 188 different universities, became a part of the Air University. The formal transfer of the program from Continental Air Command made Air University the world's largest educational institution. Located at Maxwell Air Force Base, Birmingham, Ala., the university consolidates and centralizes control of the program.

The transfer also brings under one command the complementary missions of the Air University and the AFROTC. Both programs are mainly concerned with the military education of potential Air Forces officers, or of those already commissioned. The Air University has professional educators qualified to assist in curriculum development and supervision, and has complete technical and professional facilities available for AFROTC use.

Lt. Gen. Idwal H. Edwards, Commanding General of Air University announced that the new program is being headed by Brig. Gen. Matthew K. Deichmann. The new curriculum will be put into effect beginning with the school year of 1953-54.

## EISENHOWER OR STEVENSON?

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perilous as political.

Militarily, it must be strong too. Its fighting men, all of them, must be devoted to its service. They need efficient equipment, enduring discipline, able leadership, but

## DRILL TEAM GOES TO THE WINDS

There will be a newly renovated attraction added to the AFROTC roster this year, which was not in evidence last year, for any length of time. A Drill Team is being organized under the direction of Cadet Lt. Colonel Joseph Clair. This team, which will consist of either twenty-four or thirty-six men, according to the number of candidates, will be groomed with the idea of appearing at reviews and possibly during the half of one of the later football games.

Last year and it was Major John Onila who attempted to get such a team together. But he was not successful because of the demand on his time resulting from the organization of the new AFROTC Unit.

This is a student activity for the Unit and everyone in it should take personal pride in the work of the team.

## PLAYERLESS TUBA CRIES FOR COMPANIONSHIP

The AFROTC has announced the formation of a marching band within the Unit. Approximately twenty cadets at this date have shown their interest. Most of them are well-experienced members of the football band. All instruments for the band will be supplied by the Unit. Present plans are for the band to play at Wednesday afternoon drills.

At the present time, a good band is expected. More volunteers, however, are invited to join the new organization. The band is on the lookout for bass players, especially a tuba player. Nevertheless, under the direction of Cadet Sgt. John Wag, everything is expected to shape up in about a month.

principally a realization of their efforts' object. To keep man man, and not a beast, is their goal. They must be resourceful for man's sake, for God's sake.

These two sources of the nation's strength should have peculiar interest for us. They call out to us in a special way. As Catholics, morality is a necessary part of our lives. Those lives must shine as examples of the true manhood we strive to preserve. Our countrymen must be made to see that by abandoning morality, they have surrendered the first line of defense against our foe. As future officers, the nation will be ours to defend, its defenders ours to instruct and command. We must learn first and learn to obey.

The present is not too soon to understand what is needed of us. The future is too late to produce it. Now, we must add to the moral, to the military strength of the nation. Now!