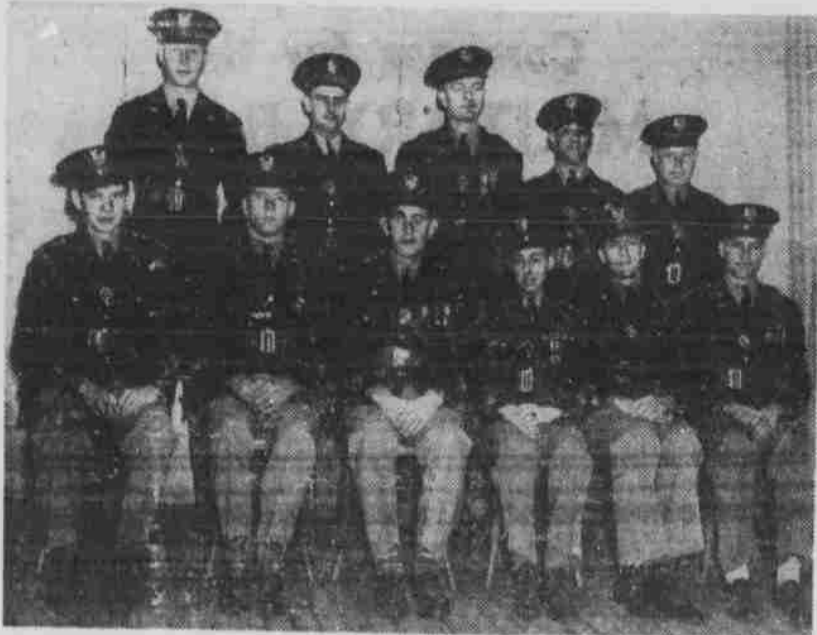


Traditional Military Ball Holds Spotlight



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Committee chairman in charge of planning the Military Ball Friday night are, left to right: Back row: Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Charles F. Bush of Hamlet in charge of publicity; Cadet 2nd Lieutenant M. Orval Spelts, Lincoln, refreshments chairman; Cadet 2nd Lieutenant William H. Wiley, in charge of main floor decorations; Cadet 1st Lieutenant Byron Salem, ticket sales; Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Donald G. Dickson, state decorations.

Seated in the front row are: Cadet Captain Carl W. Harnsberger of Ashland who is chairman of the music committee; Cadet Captain Kenneth E. Husemoller, parking; Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Millard Cluck, presentation of the honorary colonel; Cadet Captain Ephram M. Gershater, patrons, guests, seating and floor management; Cadet Captain Louis W. Sprandel, checkroom; Cadet Captain Richard Goodding, programs and invitations.

If the third time is the charm, the thirty-third time must be terrific. And when it comes to the Military Ball, one thing is sure: Friday night's thirty-third ball will be a lot different than the third version of the military department's traditional affair.

Vital facts concerning the 1941-2 edition include: big-name band, expected 5,000 attendance, packed coliseum, honorary colonel, spectacular presentation, opening of the formal season.

And vital facts of 1911: local band, 140 present, empty hotel ballroom, no surprises, no presentation, little significance.

Few Outsiders.

Unlike today, the military balls

of 1908 when the first one was held, 1909 and up until the 19-teens, were strictly military department affairs. There were few outsiders and less campus interest.

In one respect, the ball of old and the streamlined version are identical: They both had a grand march, only the colonel of the regiment then marched with his best girl.

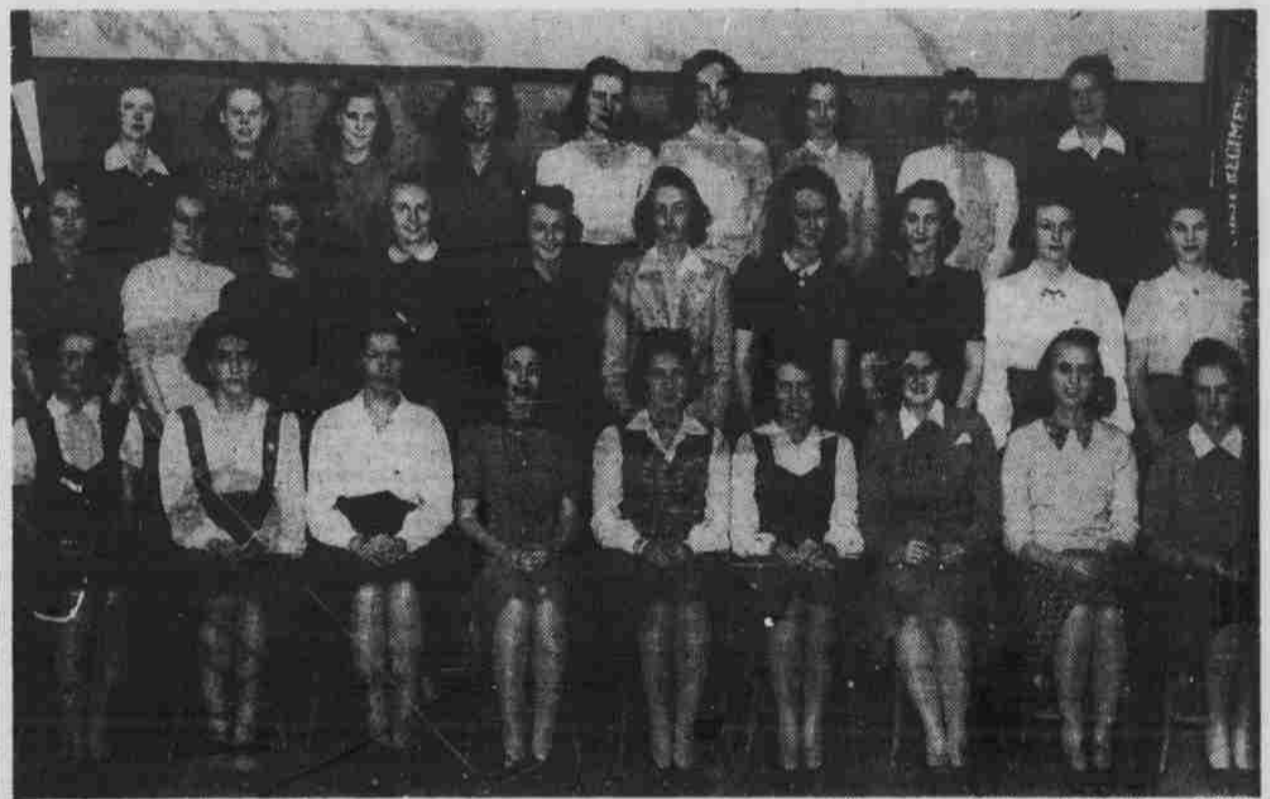
Until about 1925 the Cadet Officers association was sponsor of the affair, but the university accepted the military ball as an all-school party, and the student cadets found themselves unable to put it on. That's why the military department stepped in to help the

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Cadet Colonel Roger Cox appears happy above—and for good reason. He will escort one of the three smiling beauties, left to right, Betty Cox, Harriet Talbot, or Ben Alice Day, during the grand march of the Military Ball. One of three was chosen honorary colonel by popular vote in the fall election.



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These girls will participate in the traditional ceremonies at the Military Ball Friday evening. Each of them is the coed sponsor of an ROTC unit.

Pictured from left to right are: Back row: Betty Lou Rangeler, Company "G" infantry; Maxine Copsey, Second battalion, field artillery; Florence Hamer, battery "C," field artillery; Justine Sutton, freshman band; Ruth Holland, Battalion, Engineers; Sidney Ann Gardner, Company "L," infantry; Barbara York, Company "B" Infantry; Margaret Rosbor-

ough, Battery "F" field artillery; Virginia Mutz, infantry company "I."

In the center row are: Marjorie Adams, infantry company "K;" Bette Dobbs, varsity band; Ruth J. Harvey, field artillery battery "B;" Betty Ann Nichols, infantry company C; Dorothy Ann Koenig, infantry company "A;" Louise Lee, infantry company "M;" Patricia Benton, infantry company "F;" Mary Ellen Robinson, field artillery battery "D;" Marcia Beckman, regimental infantry.

Front row: Betty Kendle, engi-

ners company "C;" Buehla Beam, engineers company "D;" Hazel Zink, engineers company "A;" Joan Hall, company "B" engineers; Charlotte Smith, company "E" infantry; Helen Matz, infantry second battalion; Joanne Beltzer, regimental field artillery; Gay Gimple, infantry company "H;" Marjorie Stewart, Pershing rifles. Sponsors not in the picture are: Marjorie Rivett, infantry third battalion; Penelope Tstorras, infantry company "D;" Retha Edeal, first battalion field artillery; and Kay Huston, field artillery battery "A."

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