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The University of Dayton to Host Annual Drill Meet

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The University of Dayton ROTC Department, Company "B" of the Pershing Rifles will host its annual Drill Meet, Saturday, March 26 at Hara Arena.

One of the largest and finest drill meets in the country, this year's competition will feature 750 competitors from 22 colleges and universities throughout the country including Ohio, West Virginia, New York, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan.

The local Pershing Rifle group is under the command of 2nd Lt. Thomas Baratka of Pittsburgh, Pa. The faculty advisor for the group is Captain Alfonso Hernaiz, U.S.A.

Competition will be divided into Straight Drill on the platoon and squad level, Trick Drill on the platoon and squad level, and Coed Drill.

The team scoring the highest in the overall standings will receive the Honor Company Trophy. The defending champion is the U.D. unit. But they will be hard pressed by the Canisius University group who were named "World Fair" champions last year.

A great number of the units, including U.D. have been invited to compete in the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C. later this year.

The meet will begin at 7:00 a.m., Saturday morning and continue throughout the day until 7:00 p.m. Saturday evening.

The public is invited. There is no admission charge.

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