



THE BEST—Queen's Guard brings victory to the Banks.

Drill Team Wins Competition

"It feels great to bring victory back to the Banks," were the words of Queens Guard commander Milt Magaw remarking on the recent success of the University Air Force ROTC drill team at the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington last Friday.

The Queens Guard, in competition with 50 other drill teams from colleges throughout the country, captured first place in Friday's trick drill competition and earned the distinctive title of national champions. In winning the day's competition, the University drill team received Arnold Air Society and National Championship trophies. The same feat was accomplished in 1961 when the University drill team placed first in trick drill and parade competition.

The Scarlet Rifles finished ninth also at the festival. Unofficially they finished seventh, but because of overtime on the floor,

points were deducted which put them in the ninth place. The Scarlet Rifles' young team, composed mainly of freshmen, sophomores, and a few juniors, has a lot of potential for the coming year.

The Guard performed their routine flawlessly and executed maneuvers such as the "square," "suicide" and "cave." Commander Magaw noted that "the months of training our boys have undergone certainly paid off. They were terrific." The now national champs have been practicing for this and other meets since September.

In capturing the national championship, the Guard outclassed its next three closest rivals: the Capital Guard from Capital University in Ohio, Howard Army from Howard University, and a crack drill team from Clemson University.

The 24-man University drill

team is now riding on a string of successes which stretch back to the beginning of the year. In March, the Queens Guard captured first place in the Bean Pot drill held in Boston. Two weeks prior to this, the Guard finished a close second in a drill meet of 21 teams held at St. Peter's College in Jersey City.

On the 24th of this month, the twice national champs will compete with 25 other drill teams at the Singer Bowl at the World's Fair. Concerning this future meet, Magaw confidently remarked, "we feel capable of taking this one also."

Since 1959, the Queens Guard has been consistently rated as one of the top five drill teams in the nation. The University mentors have performed at the 1960 and 1964 Presidential Inaugural Parades as well as at a half-time show last year for the New York Jets professional football team.