



*Upper: Sausville, Wall and McCabe. Lower Left: Clyne and Langton standing, Kelly and Finnegan sitting. Lower Right: Scanlon and Lowery standing, Murphy, Musacchia and Kraft sitting.*

## PI ALPHA

Since its inception in the school in 1906, thirty-seven years ago Pi Alpha has been a staunch sponsor of loyalty and friendship in everything Franciscan. This group of young men are bound together to bring glory to the Church, to our country, and St. Francis.

At present there are sixteen active members of the Frat, four of whom were initiated during the past year. This recent initiation was preceded by the usual "dogging period" in which the pledges were dressed in bizarre costumes and had to conform with every whim and fancy the brothers had. At the end of this period they promised "never to bring disgrace upon their Church, their country, their school, or Pi Alpha."

Our activities this year have necessarily been curtailed. The Thanksgiving Day Mass in the chapel of Our Lady of Angels was celebrated this year not only for our deceased members, but also for the brothers in the service. Our annual dinner, on a somewhat smaller scale, was held during the Christmas recess. The formal dance, however, was postponed, until such time as conditions will permit such an undertaking.

## PHI RO PI

Phi Rho Pi and Lucky Strike Green have gone to war. Already eighty-five per cent of all Beta Chapter members are in the service of God or their country. Hats off to you! May we soon again be gathered together under the banner of peace and raise our glasses to the memories of St. Francis days.

Our aim of quality and not quantity was again realized, with the reception of Bob Rossiter and Charlie de Sylva into Phi Rho. These two boys will never forget the evening during which they were endowed with the mighty heritage of the "Fighting Brotherhood".

Under the staunch leadership of Joseph Patrick (King Kong) Clarke, the shortest Praetor of his kind, Phi Rho conducted two of the most elaborate "Rackets" ever staged at "Donaven's Dungeon". The "Monster," four feet eleven inches of dynamite, and elected to every office in the fraternity, arrived late for the second festive celebration. At the time he was working in the Post Office and was accidentally "stacked" in a number two Mail Bag marked "SHORT ROUTE."

In the words of one of the immortal of Phi Rho, we say to the class of '43, "Ave atque vale", and to the rest of the student body, "BUY WAR BONDS".



*Upper: Sussillo, Ellmer and Flynn standing; Rossiter, Clarke and Paolucci sitting. Lower Left: Clarke, Sussillo, Kubik and Greeley. Lower Right: Greeley and Kubik.*