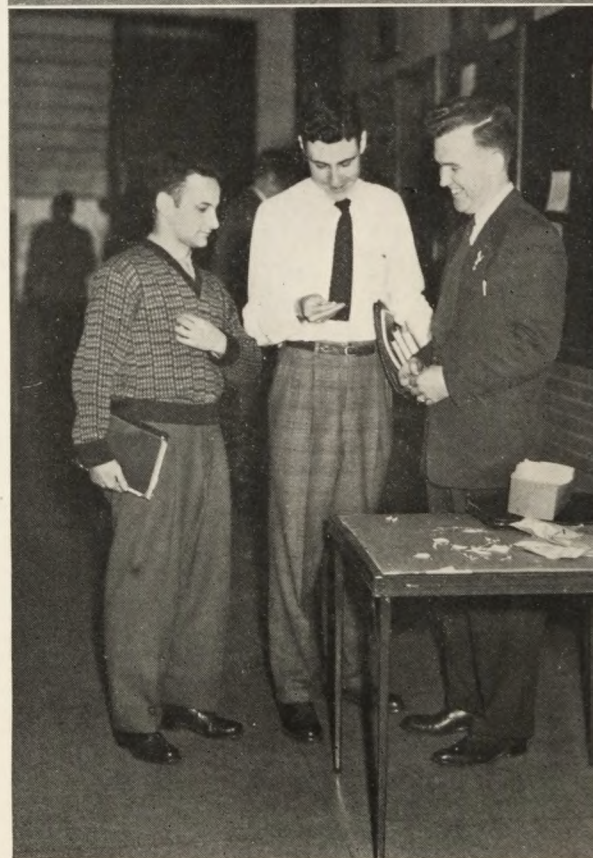


## senior history

The class of 1948 is composed of men graduating in February and June, and also those receiving their degrees after the coming summer session. Some of the men started college at St. Francis back in 1940, and at least one of them started at another school ten years ago. Thus, in point of age and interests, this is as diverse a group as could be found in any one place; yet it *is* a group, with a great deal in common. This last year, particularly, the seniors have been a closely knit body. All the manifold activities and details of senior year have served to deepen the bonds of good-fellowship, warm friendship, and cooperation that is so characteristic of St. Francis College. A good percentage of the fellows have worked hard on the various senior committees, or have done their best to help. And if one looks at the list of activities under each name, it is evident that the activities of the whole class were not confined merely to the senior year.

It is agreed by most people that the school years, and especially college, is the most happy, carefree, time of a young man's life. The war interrupted this period for a great many of the seniors, but fortunately, once returned to the familiar atmosphere of one's family and the St. Francis halls, it was not too difficult to slip back into the normal way of life. At any rate, this is senior year, and the vacation, enjoyable as it has been, will soon be over. We will be going out on our own, to face the responsibilities that fall to us all. However, the class that is going forth is a mature one, in that it has seen a great deal of life not ordinarily to be encountered by those of our rather tender years, and has a good idea of the world, what is to be expected from it, and from them. Therein we have an advantage over the seniors of other classes, and from this we may draw some comfort for the years we spent away from home.





Included in this class are philosophy majors and chemistry majors; mathematicians, biologists; students of English, History, and Journalism; of Economics and Education, future teachers, doctors, dentists, businessmen, lawyers, artists, musicians, newspapermen, etc., all included in a group of fifty-eight odd. It is a wonderful thing to consider that these men have worked and lived, and been happy, in this college that is more than a college, a place where one absorbs, first and above all, the spiritual considerations that lead men on the road to a good and devout life. This is the secret of St. Francis College—the intimacy and union, in practise and teaching, of the spiritual and material aspects of education.

And so, for a number of reasons; for the friends we have made, for the lessons learned, for the good times and the tough times, for all the priceless experiences we have had here, we are reluc-

tant to leave. But we can be proud of the school and of our class, and hope we may be able to retain the lessons and the friends we have found here, at St. Francis College.

