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Pi Alpha

Times Square at midnight. . . . A sombre youth in topper, tail-coat, and red flannels stops, places his right index finger on the top of his head and rapidly twirls around singing "I am just a Prairie Flower" . . . crowds stare. . . . A Pi Alpha initiation. . . . Fun on Broadway for the Brothers . . . sore ends for the Neophytes. . . . Then back to Brooklyn . . . more fun for the brothers . . . terror in a dark strange room for the blind-folded fledglings . . . ridicule, embarrassment, more paddlings . . . finally examinations, ritual, degrees, admission "Congratulations! You're in." . . . Give me the handshake . . . another worthy underclassman lifted to the ranks of Pi Alpha, the oldest student organization in the college.

The brothers are not always so bloodthirsty. . . . Ordinarily a happy lot . . . spend their time running stags, planning dances, avoiding the treasurer when dues come due. . . . The P.A. man is a good student, faithful Catholic, but still one of the boys . . . drinks beer . . . goes out with a working girl, spends his days in class, his nights out and his money on weekends . . . is proud of his frat and prouder of St. Francis. He worked hard all summer . . . will spend the next in school or in the army . . . has just breathed a sigh of relief over having passed finals in all his courses. . . . Next week he will sell his books, stop smoking and hit up his pop for money to take that girl to his Frat's annual spring formal.

He realizes that it is a privilege to belong to Pi Alpha. . . . He knows that his associates are the outstanding students in the school and that they will go on to be successful in whatever field they choose because their predecessors did that. The President of the Student Council, The Editor of the VOICE, the President of the Senior Class, the acting president of the student body are all brothers of his in Pi Alpha. . . . He is conscious of the fact that the parties, Holiday dinners, initiations, and the dances are all events that will be the favorite memories of his college life even after he forgets his Rational Psychology and Chemistry. He knows that he has been chosen a member of this group because the others are confident that he can and will add to the glory first of St. Francis and secondly of Pi Alpha.

Phi Rho Pi

Phi Rho Pi, beta chapter, since established in 1923 has founded undying tradition and continual paths of happy memories never to be forgotten. The intimate association and fundamental cooperation between the brothers coupled with the natural capacity of each brother is the reason for Phi Rho's glorious feats. The present officers include the Varsity Basketball Center, Captain of Track Team, Intercollegiate Diving Champion, President of Duns Scotus Honor Society, Sports Editor of the VOICE and Basketball Manager.

In keeping with tradition, Phi Rho Pi contributed generously to all sports. Jerry Bussell and Ed Lawrie were on the Varsity basketball team; Captain Warren Curry, Kazlowski, Troy and Lyden were on the Track Team; while Panzarella, Kubik and Paolucci made up the Cheering Squad.

Intramurally, Phi Rho sent its annual basketball challenge to Pi Alpha who accepted. However the ghost of Phi Rho again proudly tipped its hat as the strong offensive play of Ray Ellmer and Chet Kubik earned an outstanding 26-14 victory. To prove itself further, the team took the floor twice and on both occasions were victors.

The Spring Sport Hop under the chairmanship of Popolato and Lindstrom, in keeping with precedent took the honor of being the most successful and enjoyable informal dance of the year.

The solemn note was sounded when Frank Trent, school trainer and honorary member of Phi Rho Pi, lost his life in the Normandie catastrophe. A plaque in his honor has been placed in the fraternity house.

Scholarship attained a new height as the brothers distinguished themselves as successful classmen with Joe Panzarella as the leader.

Graduation will soon claim Bussell, Lindstrom, Panzarella, Popolato and Quinn who have for three years shown an enviable spirit of true leadership. They will soon be alumni; men ready to carry their blended corpus of scholarship and sportsmanship into a needy world. These brothers have unselfishly given all for Phi Rho Pi and with this training will succeed in one of the sound professions — For a healthy core always surrounds itself with good fruit — these men proceed from the kernel of "For God, Country, and the Honor of St. Francis."

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