

## Phi Rho Pi, Beta

**B**EYOND the misty veil of Greek characters that invariably designate a Fraternity, few observers ever take the trouble to penetrate, for the fraternity is an organization of, by, and for the Fraters. Outsiders merely see appearances of that hidden Fraternal spirit.

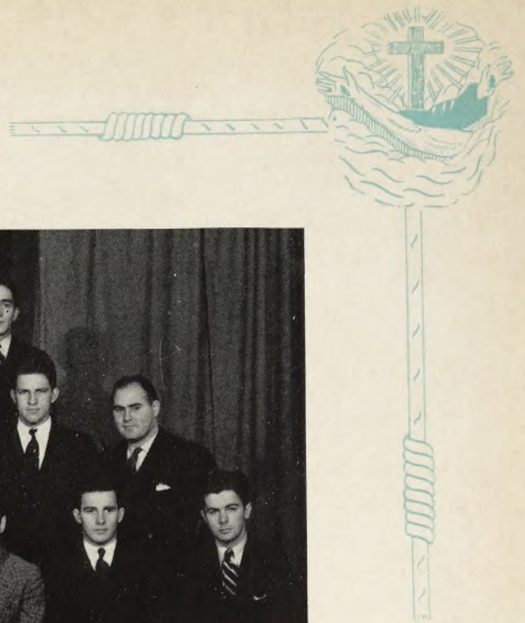
Originally founded at Manhattan College, Phi Rho Pi did not see the light of the Franciscan day until some fifteen years ago. In the fall of 1922 twenty-five of the most progressive students of the Butler Street institution banded together to sustain the noble traditions of Christian brotherhood, which had persisted for over forty years at Manhattan. From that day Beta Chapter has grown with each expansion of our beloved college. Phi Rho has been rightly gratified to have included many of those followers of the Assisian on her membership rolls. The roll of honor includes among others Father John McCormack, former president of the Alumni; Joseph I. Nevins and Francis E. Canavaciol, two of the professors who helped give St. Francis its present widespread name as an educational institution of repute; Joseph Geary and Thomas O'Brien of Terrier court fame; Thomas Booras for years mentor of the St. Francis Prep natators, private school champions of New York State, and now coach of the embryo aquatic team that is soon to make St. Francis "swim conscious."

Phi Rho men are those collegians who maintain in addition to their qualifications of character and intellect a moderate flair for social life. Fraternity dances and banquets tendered throughout the year for the men of St. Francis are ever a source of fun and entertainment, a relaxation from the drudgery of classes and books. Last fall the fraternity introduced a "novel and refreshing delight," Monte Carlo Nite, in which all the gaming devices found in the Mediterranean resort were transported to the shores of the Gowanus. Later in the year the semi-annual initiation was held for the aspirants to the Phi Rho Pi emblem. Lard in the face—molasses in the hair—a host of ripe (!!) fruit—where it imparted the most benefit—bizarre costumes and plenty of baseball bats were the order for the evening. It must be admitted that the pledgees stood up well under the strain (even though later they could hardly sit down to their meals).

Another milestone along the road which is Phi Rho's chronology was marked by the annual Commencement week dance. This affair has always rounded out the school year in a most satisfactory manner.

It has always been the boast of St. Francis that its men are balanced both intellectually and socially. It is likewise the boast of Phi Rho Pi, Beta that it effectually handles the social obligations.





## Phi Rho Pi

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