Alpha Chi Rho Fraternity, Founded at Trinity in 1895, Now Has 18 Chapters

By E. F. Bassett, '39

Alpha Chi Rho was founded at Trinity in the year 1895. The previous year the Reverend Paul Ziegler, Trinity, '72, had returned from a foreign study tour. He was aided by his son, Carl G. Ziegler, '97, and a former pupil, Herbert S. Sherriff, '97. The elder Ziegler wrote a statement of their ideals which the fraternity lived up to. On June 4, 1896, five founders were initiated into Phi Psi Chapter of Alpha Chi Rho.

Alpha Chi Rho soon grew in size and influence. At the end of the 1895-96 year there were seventeen undergraduate members, many of whom were prominent in scholarship and occasionally in athletics. Within a few years Alpha Chi Rho was one of the leading fraternities on the campus, and in its early days the Phi Psi Chapter was especially good in scholarship. Three men who were members of the Class of 1902 were Alpha Chi Rho, and in another year there were three Holland scholarship men.

Alpha Chi Rho started expansion early. After several petitions to the officials had been rejected, William Earley, one of the founders, went down to Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute and interested a group of men who became charter members of the second chapter. Phil Psi, at the end of 1896.
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**SPORTS SIDELIGHTS**

Employing the standard Warner Brothers formula, the new east coast gridiron warriors constantly opened huge holes in the Trin line and quickly rushed the ball onto the field. In the opening game with Trinity's four, in a game marked by confusion and long opens, Burpee's lengthy feet carried two passed four of our efforts. However, even the Trin kicking suddenly bowed in Ambler's superiority, when Pete Rihl's last field goal dropped the ball at the twenty-seven yard line.

Maddox Lawe was once more kind to us and allowed our selections to appear on the Harvard, Dartmouth over the Princeton Tiger, Yale over the Brown, and Massachusetts State, nevertheless, two of the "five-minute" men's performances were suggested by big Al Clapp, and Eric Hocheberg at fullback and goal, respectively, when they were pressed and stretched. On the last day of the season, there was a last minute decision against Gable's illness.

Last Monday the Freshmen and Varsity cross-country squads ran in the Harvard-Yale meet, a race from the old Intramural race, for awards. It brings to mind our complete and permanent end of the season in our competition, whatever, among our student body. The Harvard-Yale meet has been indefinitely forwarded to all the Harvard-N Pennsylvania intramural teams for ratification. This date is declared to be a stirring and honest effort to initiate an intramural program giving nearly every student the opportunity to play. We have noticed that polo is one of the most popular sports (a game which we always considered unequally in winter).

This week our secret agent number ten reports that Williams and Ambler are in the back seat and Yale will probably clip the broadegaters, because it will be too late to change. South Dakota and Rochester gridmen, the Kobresky and Ambler, are trying hard to sell their "victorious" prices as the Detroit Lion's expenses, and finally Trinity will, by all means, take the Norwangs men in tow.

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**Editor-in-Chief**

M. & Co. claim that this column has deteriorated from what it used to be. We've had nothing but favorable comments since we started it. Everybody (both of us) has composed on the subject we've done so by golly. We've left alone to do our own Horatio Alger stuff (Remember, Sikh of Our Parish, Live or Die?)

**Footnote's Corner**

Little drops of water, Little bits of sand— And sometimes a small wave Like the wrath of God.

**Last week we saw Dr. N.— or something— Playing tennis. We spent the better part of "dishing it out" to see why they were playing as they were. It was pitch dark, nobody seemed to know where the ball was, and everyone was laughing fit to kill. We like sports and all that but somehow we think this activity is more of an extreme, don't you think?**

The other day in a biology class a very interesting thing happened. The professor poured a mixture of sal ammonium, alcohol, and some other vile stuff into a beaker and we'd heard that if one keeps on doing this over a period of time the stomach would deteriorate completely. Immediately a freshman hand was raised and said "If I were you I'd do it up, I think one drink would do any harm. Guilty conscience, eh?"

We listened to the Giants vs. Pirates' game last Sunday and our own football team had New England's due and probably better than their old Dodge with its forty-nine (count 'em) progressive improvements.

Speaking of Major Brown, remind us of some other radio artists. Who has what has happened to Amos and Andy? And the one in the West seems to be a very plausible and successful movie director.

Up at Ambler the cheerleaders shot off a cannon or a skydome shoot off a long way down or a long play. They had just hit a skydome when out of nowhere came a Great Dane that grabbed the firecracker in its mouth. We had visions of parts of dog spread all over the football field, so we turned our heads. After we heard the explosion and romance of the accident turned anvils and prepared to pick up teeth, etc., but the dog had dropped it just before we got there. And maybe the greatest thing to come to have free hot dogs in our lap; we like ours cooked. We couldn't cut a thing the rest of the day.

Real college spirit should be shown no matter what one's teams do. It is imperative even when a team is riding the crest of national prominence. So much is this the case with the football team since it has been over-accentuated during the past two years, even though the football team has gained national prominence. Now that our team is world champion, we must not forget that the plane of success, the students will be subjected to a real test of their spirit. Will they increase their support, as they should? TheFootball team has shown the most already mediocre enthusiasm to degenerate into carping aliens and disloyalty.

The fighting heart of Dan Jessee and the team is not so unconditioned. We are convinced that, in spite of all reverses, they will continue to do their level best and we are confident that, just from slacking, will become intensified. Trinity football team will able to continue to do their level best and we are confident that, just from slacking, will become intensified. Trinity football team will not fall into the same lapses as they have shown in the past three seasons. They will play with renewed energy and enthusiasm.

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Simply, this is Armistice Day.

Airplanes dive and swoop over defenseless cities, tossing their tons of deadly bombs on combatants and non-combatants alike; innocent men, women, and children amidst burning dwellings; the tramp of marching feet and the roar of mechanized equipment that makes this Armistice Day of 1937.

This Thursday will mark the nineteenth anniversary of the signing of the Armistice ending the "war to end all wars." On that eleventh day of November the Allies thought they had "made the world safe for democracy." In the ensuing peace negotiations President Wilson and the representatives of our allies dug every shilling out of the Allies' coffers in order to preserve the right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Democracy today is a broken dream.

Now, as we look at the proceedings of the last nineteen years, we wonder why democracy will ever again draw an easy breath. Dictators have either bullied or belied their way to the leadership of nations. Communism, Fascism, and all the other "isms" hateful to the ear of a democratic state, are apparently here to stay.

There can be no doubt but that these multi-colored shirt organizations have brought some alleviation to suffering peoples at home on the one hand, and peoples in other climes they have shown only an antagonistic attitude. Germany and Italy supply men and munitions to rebel Spain; Russia, extends the same aid and comforts to the loyalists. Likewise, in the Far East, the warring nations have their respective backers. And smiling through it all are the blustering dictators who continue to bluster the world.

The war in Spain will continue until one of the "isms" exhausts the other, and the world is divided into two sections of success may prove to be a "blessing in disguise." This statement undoubtedly appears paradoxical, but elaboration may serve to clarify its face value absurdity.

The truth of the matter is that Trinity fans have been spoiled during the course of the season. Millions of dollars have been run up by the football team that the students have come to take them as a matter of course. And now, with our football team temporarily cast down into a sort of minor depression, it is about time that we sat down and took stock of ourselves. Whether the steady stream of wins has tended to reduce our over-confidence, however, can hardly be said to have increased the active interest of the student body.

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SUFFIELD ON SATURDAY

Blue and Gold Yearlings Finish Team Expected to do Its Best

*start game the next day.

-TRINITY SOCCER
SUFFIELD ON SATURDAY

Facing Suffield will probably be the last big test before the Blue and Gold meet Wesleyan. 

-AMHERST GAME
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last time in getting their offense under ways. On Saturday it when playing Clark at 1:15 on the Trinity go field. This past two years Clark has beaten the Blue and Gold with scores of 1-0 and 4-1.

-AMHERST GAME

Despite a poor season the Trinity booters are putting plenty of fight into each game. Although the Blue and Gold have been weakened all the while by injuries which have occurred in the sidelines several of last year's lettermen. This, coupled with the fact that the team had only a short time to practice before the season began, help to explain the disappointing record of this year's game.

-TRINITY DEFENSE STIFFENS

In the second period, the Trinity forwards seemed to get somewhat off balance. The Blue and Gold were able to tighten up the defense, and although the Lord Jeffs were still able to gain almost at will in midfield. Cary, Keller and Vinick were instrumental in stopping the Amherst offense on the 10-yard stripe where the latter recovered the ball and gave Rihl a chance to punt out of danger. Just before the half ended, O'Malley was called for interfering with Miller's pass to Wazzo putting the Amherst team in good position to score.

-TRINITY TREATMENTS

With the wind to add them, the Trinity defense the Blue and Gold did not have a single point in the third period. Rihl had a good game at the safety guard where the safety man was downed in the Jeff defense with four tries and the ball was lost on downs. Furman then punts to the 6 yard line and dashed all the way to the 20. Score Amherst 5-0.

-Time out due to lightning. The lineup:

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since, upholding Fraternity standards and keeping the chapters and graduates in touch with each other. In 1903 the process of expansion was revived and continued slowly but surely until now Alpha Chi Rho has eighteen active chapters.

Phi Psi rented various houses on Allen Place and Broad Street until 1914 when it bought the present house at 84 Vernon Street. For a time during the war when membership was reduced to six by army enlistments, the house was rented out, but it has been occupied continuously since then. The Chapter recovered rapidly from the effects of the war and soon was back to its normal position. Now it has healed its depression wounds and has close to the largest roll of members in its history, most of whom are engaged in some activity, even if it is only keeping off pro.

In the first year of its existence, Alpha Chi Rho was incorporated under the laws of Connecticut. Since then Phi Psi lawyers have formed the Phi Psi Building Association which owns the house, and the Phi Psi Eating Club, which employs the famous Crow Cook, Frau Esser. In recent years undergraduates have formed three more organizations, the Phi Psi Sabbath Hiking Club, the Phi Psi Sabbath Football Association, and the Scholarship Committee which meets on alternate Thursdays at the Silver Tavern.

A week from Sunday the football team is journeying to Middletown to play Phi Gamma, the Wesleyan Chapter. The relations with Phi Gamma are very cordial; several times a year one chapter visits the other on football or basketball and enjoys a beer party. According to the experts Phi Psi is a favorite in Sunday's battle, so Trinity may have a little revenge for the defeat on October 30.