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Members, We Salute Thee.

Tuesday morning Phi Beta Kappa announced its forty-five selections for the coming year. bers of Phi Beta Kappa may not conform to our ideas of true scholarship. What is the names were announced. On Ivy Day the actinames were announced. On Ivy Day the actinames were announced. The chief dif
whoever enters on a caning in which he is deeply interested can not but be happy. Vocations are fort there can be nothing. Never often regarded as the necessary routine of life, but in reality they routine of life. vity people will have their day. The chief differences in the two ceremonies will be the size of the audiences, the amount of cheering and than grades shall we measure it? the people chosen.

There has always been a distinct division between activities and scholarship. From the list of forty-five chosen this year to Phi Beta as grades. In college we see athletes receiving no recurrent days of discontent in of forty-five chosen this year to I'm Beta Kappa only eight activity workers can be selected. Not a single member of a major sports team is listed. But one Innocent and four Mortar Boards were named.

| Concentration of their prowess, not necessarily because they played the game well, but more because they played so many minutes during the season. We see activity men and during the season. We see activity men and the season of their prowess, not the person that is interested in his task works unawares. He is happy, because happiness lies in devotion, in a kind of obliteration of self-in the person that is interested in his task works unawares. He is happy, because happiness lies in devotion, in a kind of obliteration of self-in the person that is interested in his task works unawares. He is happy, because happiness lies in devotion, in a kind of obliteration of self-in the person that is interested in his task works unawares. He is happy, because happiness lies in devotion, in a kind of obliteration of self-in the person that is interested in his task works unawares. He is happy, because happiness lies in devotion, in a kind of obliteration of self-in the person that is interested in his task works unawares. He is happy, because happiness lies in devotion, in a kind of obliteration of self-in the person that is interested in his task works unawares. He is happy, because happiness lies in devotion, in a kind of obliteration of self-in the person that is interested in his task works unawares. He is happy, because happiness lies in devotion. Mortar Boards were named.

Or perhaps it works the other way. Perhaps the scholars are not activity workers. Perhaps they see the futility in campus leadership and refrain from participation. Perhaps the high grades required are indicative of higher mental capacity. Perhaps not.

At any rate there is a distinct separation between activities and high grades. That is apparent at a glance. The reason is as obvious. Time, the all important factor, is the answer. Activity people must necessarily slight something in order to get their work done. People who are striving for Phi Beta Kappa have the same trouble. Activity workers slight studies and students slight activities, and there is the

keeps women in a limited number of activities activity people.

There are few, too few, who are classed as scholars by Phi Beta Kappa. Many of the ones selected and honored have no right to be is derived from this public recognition, then on the list. Many of those excluded should be indeed are the poorly rewarded. there. But Phi Beta Kappa has only one means grades. And grades tell no story.

A Scholar writes that activity people are honored by the number of organizations they have been able to worm their way into. By the same token, then, people are chosen to Phi Beta Kappa as a result of the grades they have been able to worm out of professors. He declares that "every recognizable form of achievement in the world is an arbitrary standard based on just such an artificial foundation as grades,"

That does not prevent educators from demanding a change in those arbitrary standards. There is nothing in the rules of human conduct which forbids criticism, legitimate criticism, of standards which critics believe to be wrong. The grading system serves no purpose. It is, in fact, a hindrance to all of the principles of education. Grades have come to be the goal of all students rather than knowledge as it should be. The strife for grades has taken the place of the strife for knowledge. It is not so important to get everything possible out of a course as it is to get the best grade possible or at least a passing grade. And so just as the organization joining complex leads the honorary seeker on, so does the grade getting complex lead the scholarship seeker on.

Upon those flimsy numbers and letters is based the selection of Phi Beta Kappas membership. Upon those grades, which represent, not so much what the student knows but what the instructor felt like giving the student, or how the reader felt on a certain day, or the result of a trick quiz, and luck, upon those grades, then, does Phi Beta Kappa base its selections.

Phi Beta Kappa is to be praised for the number of good selections which it does make, despite the system of chioce which it is forced to use. Scholarship is as intangible a quality as good moral character, the other requisite for membership in the organization, and yet Phi Beta Kappa presents its selections each year on the basis of these intangible characteristics. It has done as good a job this year as in any year. Some of them are bound to succeed, just as some of the activity people are bound to succeed. Some of them will fail just as some

of the activity people will fail. Phi Beta Kappa should not sit complacently atop the heap, hands folded, regarding itself time to a likely means of bringing these standas the best. It is among the high ones. It is ards up to a plane where society will respect a worthy organization and it is an honor to be- them. When college men come to view suclong to it. There should be no mistaken no- cessful and unsuccessful escapades from the tions about it. The people who have been same angle, they will have created a consistent selected were picked because they made their code of ethics that brands towel-lifting as robchoice early. They made the decision which bory and places gate-crashing in the category everyone has to make. Scholarship, activity, of criminal behavior .- Penn State Collegian.

or just college is the problem which every stu-

dent has to decide. The new members of Phi Kappa made their choice. They worked hard and fought hard for it. They have won. Salutations and greetings.

A New

A new experiment sponsored by the Carnegic Institute is worthy of note. The International Relations club is instituted to promote study of internaional problems. The Carnegie Institute provides books and material upon which to base study and the club itself convenes to hear reports on the material and have a round table discussion on it.

This club is distinctly not an activity. It is a group founded for the purpose of studying. Interested persons will find here a club organized only by its common bonds of study. Faculty members and students alike have been welcomed into its circle. It should be refreshing after all of the other organizations on the

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Merited Distinction.

TO THE EDITOR:

Why is it that every year when Phi Beta Kappa announces its new membership a great outery is raised over the doubtful scholarship

Nebraskan. "Scholarship is an intangible plant and animal in his surrouidquality," he continues and the only way to quality, he continues and the only way to became fascinated by the person-too conscious of their own imperations to grades received in courses taken. But dictionary with fervor. Real interpretation too conscious of their own imperations to grades received in courses taken. But grades are little or no indication of scholar- est manifests itself in ways like their freedom from imperfections ship, he declares.

Agreed that grades may be a poor measurement of scholarship. Agreed that some mem-"scholastic" achievement in college, and if we are the very essence of life. Work continue to recognize it by what other means and enjoyment should be one, and, a healthy appetite.

The point is that every recognizable form of achievement in the world is an arbitrary standard based on just such an artificial foundation women on the campus who are recognized by selection into "honorary" organizations, such as Innocents and Mortar Boards, not so much self expression. We express our selves when we put ourselves company respectable and useful work perhaps on the basis of real work accomplished pletely into something. as on the number of other organizations they sible not only happiness but also not see, however, that a certain have been able to worm themselves into.

No doubt the same situations could be pointed to outside the college world by those who are more familiar with them. The only the kind of work in which one pend on choosing a calling in conclusion to be drawn is that for the most shows no facility. Interest is based part, the people recognized by these various chiefly on two instincts—the in-methods have achieved some particular object. stinct of curiosity and the instinct

There are a few in the list who have the ably be unhappy all our lives when we see terested for some time, one may power of concentration which has enabled some of the crude people who are rewarded or feel assured that one will not them to participate in both. The ruling which when we are rewarded ourselves. It may justly prove incompetent in that calling. he a source of satisfaction of a limited nature accounts for the fact that there are more to most people to be elected to Phi Beta women than men on the list, that is of the Kappa, to win a letter, or be chosen to an hon- his best thing easiest. Yes, a man orary organization. But if the artificial and does his best thing easiest because material recognition is all they have gotten and concentration without effort is from their work, and if their chief satisfaction interest.

The recognition in reality should be merely of selecting its members. That is through an incident in the whole process of achievement, the major part of which consists in the strength no one should undertake mistake Wilson made in his first real accomplishment of the work itself, and from this latter should come the true satisfaction. Perhaps this seems an idealistic picture. but for those who are truly worthy of the honors, I believe it is an accurate description of what they will derive, while those who are not worthy must be satisfied with the empty recognition they receive.

Why then pick on Phi Beta Kappa? Let us congratulate the ones who were recognized and take satisfaction in the thought that the honor will bring them about as much happiness as they deserve to get. SCHOLAR.

College Editors Say-

Ethics?

It is difficult to understand the average college man's conception of ethics. He would scorn to rob a bank, he would grown on refusal to pay honest debts, and yet he blatantly displays towels and silverware "lifted" from hotels and other establishments he has

Perhaps it is a feeling that such items as towels and silverware are common property. But a little thought will show that they are rigidly on a par with any other form of private property and, as such, should be viewed with all due respect to the owner's rights.

Gate-crashing is another collegiate breach of ethics. Some college men boast openly of the number of dances they have crashed, much as the Indian would flaunt his scalps and take pride in the heap he had been able to capture. Particularly proud is the collegian who discovers some new and novel means to thwart those who would make him pay or show proper eredentials before entering a dance.

The Daily Californian, student newspaper at the University of Southern California, reports: 'Fraternity men were arrested rocently for taking thirty-five electric light bulbs from local establishments for their house dance. Their stunt was collegiate and clever, and would have been lauded by uppperclass brothers who sent them on the escapade had they been skillful

enough to complete their errand.' This points to another of the many inconsistencies in collegiate ethics, and at the same

WHAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN CHOOSING A VOCATION?

BY CHRIS PULOS Third Prize Essay in the Chancellor's Contest

know under what conditions a vocation. given plant will prosper, we must understand its characteristics; before we can know where those conditions exist, we must discover the

nature of the soil, knowing himself when he has ascertained the tendency of his interest. Ability and interest are interdependent. Interest is always active; if it is not active, it is not interest but fancy. When I was a child, I heard one day some neigh-bors praising a certain doctor for his surgical acumen. During the next week, I was determined to be a surgeon, and I operated on the tomatoes in our garden. I was not. however, really interested in surhowever, really interested in sur-gery; I was but interested in play. know himself. No mistake but has

Should Enjoy One's Vocation. One should not feel that one is interested in a particular profession unless one enjoys doing those

Injustices are done, and poor selections are made, but on the whole the rewards are indications of merit and ability.

If we are to take them too seriously, however, as many people do, then we will prob-

Do Best Things Easiest. Emerson said that a man does

a strenuous career. One should seek to develop physical fitness before one chooses a vocation that requires strength and vigor. Health is an advantage in any calling, but in some callings it is a necessity. In medicine, law, teaching, and the like, success without health is impossible. It is excellent advice for any one to be told to choose a vocation that will have favorable influence upon health.

What one should consider in If one's physical constitution will choosing a career falls into two di- not enable one to enter on a visions-facts about opeself and strenuous career, let one accept facts about the various vocations. the fact with resignation, and Man is like a plant. Before we can make the most of a less strenuous

Without leadership it is inadvisable for one to enter on a career that requires leadership. The lack of leadership does not mean that ature of the soil.

A person has gone far toward ly means that one can not be successful in certain things. There are various degrees of leadership. The great leader is original and daring, dominating and audacious. He makes others think they want to do precisely what he wants them to do. He plans; he takes chances. Some degree of leadership is needed in large businesses and in the learned professions. Many a man highly successful in a small business has met defeat when he aspired to handle a large

> its consequence. Assert Your Leadership.

Still, let no one feel that he is Still, let no one feel that he is should choose also some one spe-destitute of leadership. In fact, let no one feel that he is not a leader which to become most proficient. outery is raised over the doubtful scholarship of some of the members elected to the group?

"Scholarship is not considered" in the selection of members says the editor of the Daily ings. When he was a boy, Webster sert themselves because they were these. The person that is interested silence is sweeter than music, will pursue with alacrity what Plato said that the disparity bemost others would seek to avoid. tween human effort and human Whoever enters on a calling in achievement will never cease to much wind; just criticism, fruit for

In the foregoing paragraphs we facts concerning the various vocations. Information concerning vocations is just as important as

"Do not be content to enter on a business," said Garfield, "that Interest, however, makes pos- tellectual growth. If a person can vocational success. I have already vocation offers such an opportunstated that interest and ability are ity, that person should not choose interdependent. It is almost im- that vocation whatever it be. Sucpossible for one to be interested in cess and happiness ultimately dewhich one descries an opportunity of mastery. If an interest initiated upon one should form an expand-

For ever and for ever when I

When one finds that the margin of the untraveled world of one's work does not move when one moves, one will soon die though one live a hundred years.

Be Sure of Vocation. Before one chooses a certain vo-cation, one should also make sure A man may be deeply interested in a particular kind of work, however, and still fail to distinct the should also make sure that it is pretty much what one thinks it to be. We are all familiar with the fact that Woods himself because of certain short- two only to find that he had comings. Without physical chosen the wrong profession. The

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ypical lawyer of today is exactly like the typical lawyer of the past. Wilson was a lover of history.

associated law with great orators
—with men like Webster. But Wilson soon discovered that the pro- the right vocation. If every young fession of law had undergone a tremendous change. One of the most distinguished lawyers of recent times says: "The successful ameliorated and crime considerlawyer of today is the business ably reduced. Whoever drifts into lawyer. By that I mean....the a vocation will never cease drift-man who can map out and show a ing; and the habit of moving about business man a successful business aimlessly from one job to another plan. The old fashioned lawyer is fast passing away." Changes are taking place in other vocations also. One should seek to know what the requirements of a voca-

tion are today. There is, furthermore, a growfor men and women to concentrate their abilities upon one branch of their chosen vocations. scientist said that he had unwisely tried to learn all about beetles, when he should have confined his study to horned beetles. Not long ago psychology, sociology, educa-tion, and political science were all included in philosophy. Today they are not only separate fields, but also are fields with their own plots. A great French psychologist devoted many years of his life studying the emotions only. Today a person must be trained to do some special thing like a palyp of

Portuguese man-of-war. choosing a vocation, therefore, one General knowledge or ability to-day is the foundation not the aspiring part of the structure of achievement.

Money Isn't Happiness.

If there be any mistake made again and again in choosing a vo-cation, however, it is to make sal-ary the chief consideration. No one should let salary divert one from one s true calling. One does not need a million dollars to be happy, and one that abandons one's true pursuit for riches is likely to gain neither riches nor happiness. A man's best oppor-tunity lies in his true pursuit. No vocation but offers enough money for comfortable living.

One were wise, nevertheless, not to consider creative art a vocation at least until one has distinguished oneself. If one loves creative art, let one consider it one's avocation until one has established reputation. Musset said that his state of poverty was conducive to his ability as poet, but one must remember that the French poet statement. It is one thing to speak these brave words to a listening world, and quite another thing to only. There is this difficulty also -true merit is seldom immedi-ately recognized. Not long ago a penniless artist died in an insane asylum. In Omaha there is a beautifu! painting done by him now valued at thousands of dol-

Choice Important.

In one's choice of a vocation, of a number of things well. A per-

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in this manner will do best in the least crowded of his possible voca-

tions. The happiness of the individual and the welfare of society alike depend upon every one's choice of man and woman would think ser-One of the | iously before choosing a vocation, will preclude the unfolding of true manhood or true womanhood. Drifting into jobs destroys enthusiasm, progressiveness, and self-respect; and nourishes discontent, hate, and immorality. Maladjustexisting in the world.

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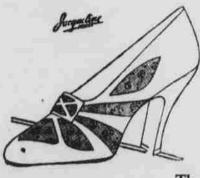


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