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Today is Primary Day

and the DAILY strongly urges all faculty members and students who are properly registered to take note of their privileges and duties as citizens of the United States by voting today and thus demonstrating their ability and desire to participate in our democratic form of government.

We think

P.B.K. IS nice, but not essential

to be a leader

If Prof. J. O. Hertzler, president of Phi Beta Kappa, was quoted correctly in Sunday's DAILY, and if he was speaking in all seriousness, he does not think much of the value of extra-curricular college activities. Perhaps it is natural that one defending scholastic honors should take a poke at activity honors, and yet to do so does not seem quite fair or necessary.

Certainly election to Phi Beta Kappa is an achievement of which to be proud, and one which should command respect and admiration. Members have demonstrated their ability to do superior work in their study at the university, Phi Beta Kappa is designed to recognize this superiority, and superiority is to be sought in all lines of constructive endeavor. However, anyone who believes that all of the benefits to be derived from attending a modern university come directly out of the classroom is overlooking a very important side of college life. For most students study should be of primary importance, to be sure, since that is the fundamental reason for universities' existence. But for some students, this extra-curricular activity may prove even more important to them after graduation than what they got out of textbooks, and for all students it can do a great deal.

If one wished to strike a comparison, it might be shown that work and advancement in extra-curricular activities more nearly approximate conditions to be found in post-graduate life than work and advancement in the classroom. One must not only demonstrate a knowledge of his particular line of work, but he must demonstrate an ability to get along well with people—a valuable and necessary ability in nearly all occupations. And anyone who thinks that success in activities has no concern with self-discipline and habits of hard work has no real knowledge of those activities. Students engaged in them are required to devote a great deal of time to them, as well as to keep up their school work, and so they are forced to forego many of the lighter pleasures of collegiate life. By no means are they mere "glamour boys." They work quite as hard for their recognition by activity honoraries as do P. B. K.'s. One might almost say that many of them work harder since they will be found to do above-average school work at the same time.

In the last analysis, knowledge is only as valuable as one's ability to use it. We live in a competitive and social world in which those who reach the upper branches of success are able to do so because they can demonstrate this ability and because they can get along well with those who are necessary to their success. It may be true that there are many P. B. K.'s among the world's leaders, but there are also many leaders who are not members of that organization. And one could find many P. B. K.'s who have made very small marks indeed

in the world. A survey of college activity leaders certainly would reveal results quite as complimentary. There may be "amiable mediocrity" among the rank and file of college students but there will not be any more among activity leaders than among scholastic leaders. The very name "leader" denies such an ascription. To be sure all leaders may not be worthy of the name. There are ways of becoming a P. B. K. without too much brain exertion and without too much brain to exert, and there are ways of becoming an Innocent or Mortar Board without having really achieved much in or for activities. But people who practice them are likely to find their success short-lived.

The only real value of honoraries lies in their ability to inspire superiority by recognizing it. Those who win election to them have over those who do not only the advantage of having begun early to demonstrate their capacities. The real success of their lives depends upon their ability to maintain this advantage, and the more broadly they combine those qualities for which P. B. K. stands and for which Innocents and Mortar Board stand (qualities which may easily and do frequently overlap), the more likely are their chances to do so. The mortality rate for empty-headed glad-handers is equalled only by that for encyclopedic recluses.

News Roundup

By Norbert Mahnken

Bulletin

As we go to press, the European political and war pot is boiling over. In the last few minutes, Norway has opened war on Germany. Perhaps by the time that this paper reaches your hands other Scandinavian countries will be at war with the nazis for already German forces have invaded Denmark.

ELECTIONS HOLD SPOTLIGHT

Election day interest centers on a few contests in Nebraska and Illinois, where primary campaigns have in a few instances been waged with considerable heat. Here in Nebraska attention will be centered on the contest for the democratic nomination for United States senator, over which a lengthy battle has been fought by Senator Burke and Governor Cochran. Considerable interest has been shown in the noisy campaign for the democratic gubernatorial nomination where Terry Carpenter and Keith Neville appear the chief contenders.

The nominations on the republican ticket are being sought by a large number of candidates, with the result that narrow margins of victory may well be in order.

In Illinois the pre-election struggle has been more heated. In the democratic preferential primary both Roosevelt and Garner are seeking votes, and the Garner supporters have spared nothing in their denunciation of a third term and all that the New Deal implies. The contest for the Illinois democratic gubernatorial nomination borders on the ludicrous. Lieutenant Governor Stelle has come out as an "independent" candidate in opposition to Hershey, the Chicago machine candidate who also has the backing of Governor Horner. To add interest to the election Lieutenant Governor Stelle yesterday proclaimed himself acting governor (Horner has been ill, and has made only three visits to his office in a year and a half.) Even though the state's attorney general has asserted that his action was illegal, Stelle called a special session of the legislature—to meet on the same date as Horner had planned. With such horseplay a large vote is expected in that state.

Candid Clippings

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What was probably the biggest college event of the last weekend took place at the University of Texas where they held their 11th annual round-up which started Friday morning and ran for 17 consecutive hours.

The entire campus put on extra finery for the event. A parade with 69 floats was staged by the students, the University of Texas sweetheart was presented at the annual Bluebonnet ball, and a special concert was presented by the University band. The "Daily Texan," came out with a special 86 page paper for the celebration. At the top of the first page the paper carried the title of the day's editorial, "All This and Nothing More."

At the University of Kentucky the Student legislature tabled indefinitely a bill brought before it to abolish "hell week." Opinion on the campus is that tabling of the bill means permanent shelving. The bill advocated uncondition abolition of the institution after next September with suspension of charters as a penalty for infringement. Before final passage the original motion would have been put on the ballot for student approval.

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TODAY

PSI CHI.

Psi Chi will hold their initiation in parlor C of the Union at 5 p. m., a banquet in parlors Y and Z at 6:15 p. m., and a lecture in the ballroom at 8 p. m. The lecture is open to all students.

DELTA PHI DELTA.

Members of Delta Phi Delta will meet in parlor A of the Union at 6 p. m.

BARB UNION.

Members of the Barb Union will meet in parlors B and C of the Union at 7:30 p. m.

SOCIAL WORK MAJORS.

Social Work Majors will meet in parlors X and Y of the Union at noon.

HARMONY HOUR.

Next in the series of weekly harmony hours will be held in the faculty lounge of the Union at 4 p. m.

PHARMACY CLUB.

Members of the Pharmaceutical club will meet in room 313 of the Union at 7:30 p. m.

PHALANX.

Phalanx will meet in room 300 of the Union at 7 p. m.

WEDNESDAY

MATINEE DANCE.

There will be a matinee dance in the Union ballroom at 5 p. m.

ECONOMICA.

Economica will meet in the faculty lounge of the Union at 7:30 p. m.

AG ENGINEERS.

Ag engineers will meet in room 315 of the Union at 7:30 p. m.

GAMMA ALPHA CHI.

Members of Gamma Alpha Chi will meet in room 315 of the Union at 8 p. m.

Stealers—

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Bertrand (Adna Dobson), keep the giggles giggling.

Some femme.

Thespian Dobson, 300 pound "dainty" Gangreena—the power behind the throne—does his slapstick role of hen-pecking and brow-beating Bertrand with the audacity and sloppy cleverness of a veteran. Louis Wilkins, whose resemblance to Charles Laughton (also of the theatre) is extremely noticeable, flicks his frock-coat in true Fanland presidential style as President of that country.

And the others.

Colonel Hamfat Jones, Colonel of the Imperial Eightball Lungers, makes his appearance in shorts, a fur coat, and a beautiful set of darling dimpled knees. Verne Geissinger plays this role with a regular British scrawny moustache and half-open mouth. His drawled-out lines and everlasting craving for a spot of something or other—especially food—are omnipresent. It takes a true Kosmet Klubber to speak his lines while munching a banana.

Fanny affair.

Best line of the show is spoken by Egor, while he's raving about taking all the people in Fanland as prisoners. "Just think," he shouts, "I'll have a prison full of fannies!" The dialogue of the rest of the play is good, and will no

doubt improve by tomorrow night, when the opening night kinks are stretched out.

The theme of the play follows the recent Russo-Finn war, but deviates from the facts in that Egor, Hairy Mata, the Cossacks, and Egor's girls are all captured in a climactic raid by Guy Helsinki, son of Fanland's president, and his small band of Finnish soldiers.

Morton to speak

Dr. W. H. Morton, chairman of the department of secondary education, will address the southeast district convention of the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs at Falls City April 9 on topic of "Citizenship."

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