

THE PHI BETES

## MAY CHANGE THINGS

Last spring Don McKee got up before the group of Phi Beta Kappa initiates and impressed them with the fact that he had got very little, of any-
thing, out of his membership thus far in the thing, out of his membership thus far in the
honorary scholastic fraternity. Among members honorary scholastic fraternity. Among members
of last year's group there were other rumblings of dissatisfaction with the present set-up, which
though not so ostentatious in expression as Mcthough not so ostentatious in expression as Mc
Kee's, served to create an atmosphere of impend ing reform for the new men.
In the past fall quarter the president of the student and faculty members of the fraternity began the job of probing the framework of chap
ters elsewhere and comparing their setup with the one in effect here. Since intra-fraternity critic ism seemed to be centered about low standard reorganization of the standards for admission an the size of the active chapter were undertaken.
And so night before last the unanimous approva of the executive committee was set upon a proposal to alter the present rubes of admission. This four-fifths vote of the local chapter after a week Instead of consideration. The proposal as this Instead of putting juniors to the adding machine with an average over 92.5, oly se ho emerge men will be selected at the end of the eighth quar ter. In addition to having scholastic averages o cream of the campus intellectual crop. Approxi mately half of this group will be chosen wit
scholastic, curricular work as a deciding factor with the other half extra-curricular work and gen eral campus constructive activity will weigh heav ily.
were not included made 92.5 or above but who will be selected at the end of their 11th quarter or in the spring quarter of their senior year. Thei selection will be essentially on the same basis as term of grade-averaging.
The foregoing is for most part the proposal on doubtless the most drastic action to be considere by the honorary fraternity in recent years. the proposal is upheld, the honor of being selected in the junior year (thus one of the small group of active seniors) will be increased tenfold. Also tive motility of the active chapter. Since eigh or a dozen men can and will get together much more easily than a group of more than 30 , the University activities.

Yet Phi Beta Kappa as a goal and subsequent lo a stimulus for the better-than-average studen to work harder in his studies will not disappear work for eight quaters, he certainly should be able to hang on for three more quarters. Then he will be elected as an out-going senior and can fare forth in world with his key just as the Members of the loir junior year. change sometime within the next month. Whether the proposal be accepted or not is problematical, unanimous approval by the executive committee bodes well. At least the chapter is taking a high ly critical look at itself.

## THE <br> THEATER

The Travelmg Salesman, Etc. A traveling salesman (old style)
and a farmer's wife (eternal style) and a farmer's wife (eternal style)
are at the center of an authentic an
reasonably amusing reasonably amusing country situatio
in Bernice Quilts." Working with the slight but quite genuine and obviously familia
material of needlewome material of needlewomen's jealousy, a
hen-pecked household, and the lure o the peddler's pack, Miss Harris hat
written a comedy which depends f written a comedy which depends
its effect largely upon expert ren tion of the terirble East Carolin idiom and dialect.
Fortunately the expert rendition there, poured enthusiastically and
spiritedly from the practiced mouths of Catherine Moran and Annetta Bur-
nett, the are' supported admirably by Fr Howard and Betty Hearn. As the
gaudy and eloquent peddler gaudy and eloquent peddler wh
leaves behind him empty cash-stoc ings, ten-cent finery, the delicio
smell of cologne water, and the seven year itch, Sam Hirsch has the kind part he excels in.
"Pair of Quilts"
"Pair of Quilts" is in the favorite
Playmakers tradition of folk stuff; cast, it ranks with the better effort in the tradition.
Kickless Melodrammer
Whereas "Pair of Quilts" comes ob-
viously from personal experience, we
should guess that the second play of
the bill, "While Reporters Watched,"
does not. The two-dimensional illusion
of silver screen and flickering projec-
tion-light would persist throughout
this rankly melodramatic "Christmas
Eve Newspaper Mystery," if there
were not an un-Hollywoodish jerki-
ness and general ineffectiveness of
presentation. Handicapped by prac-
tically no characterization, the actors
make rather ragged attempts to pro-
by excessive service in the movies an
the detective thrillers. The worst sin
ner at the path-w-work is the apoplec
tic Mr. Bernert. -BILL HUDSON "Mary-Marge"
Ellen Deppe wrote a play of Ca
lina Fisherfolk. I have never kno any of these good people, but I feel
as though there is more to them than
Miss Deppe felt disposed to show on the Playmaker stage yesterday ev
ning. Yet one must admit that com and as a comedy the play did rath
well. The situation was trite but th
dialogue and dialect (the two go ha in hand) seemed more sincere than
usual. As I say it did rather well, and in large part this was due to th
acting. Playmakers are very ade
at putting a real touch of the natur
in their folk plays, and this was exception. Viewing the play y
weren't conscious of a group of pe ple "trying to stage a folk play."
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eddler and she is slated to marry
oo the little boy of the household deby stealing the teethaker and thick work
nd the widow (Frances Goforth) get her teeth and her man (Burr Leac
Social Problem Gwendolyn Pharis' "One Man'
House" struck a more serious not in ending an evening played predominantly in the comic strain. There's nothing new about the theme of the ween family love and class loyalty,
ut it is timely and it is dramatic n this occasion it was handlede very
ell. At times one did feel that At times one did feel that the
lot called for the three-act form ee it expanded into three acts. Fred
Howard's "Sharecropper" seems to
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$\qquad$ working out the character of Jan eska, the Polish labor leader.
as infused him with the deep r uality the playwright intended, Mr. Hirsch has given what seems pre cisely the right portrayal for the part,
Betty Smith as his wife has done as well. Contrasted with her husbanc
she is a submissive person weighe life in general to object strenuousl
lif when Jan decides that a bigger loy
alty to the workers on strike demands that he sacrifices both himself and
 ders brought him friend. On his expedition, his delighted was he to see his friends again, the ofestate for the remainder of the war the whole Plantation weathered the Civil War with delight

## a "My Day" OR On A Raft

That new swimming pool is well worth the money. The only trouble is you have to be a swimmer has to face more natural hazards than a Republican in South Carolina.
Those combination locks are harder to open than an economic textbook. And just as complicated. Those combination numbers they give you are
just a starter. After you dial them you're on your

It Grows On You
I know one man who went swimming last week and is still wearing his trunks. It took him 38 minutes to get in them and he collapsed after five hours of struggling to get out. They say the trunks will have to be blasted off, piece by piece. I understand the Venidas group is getting up another petition, this time about the water in the swimming pool. They claim its the use of chlorine in violation of the Treaty of Versailles.

## Faculty Suffrage

A few days ago they decided to let faculty members go swimming. I heartily endorse that more. After all, facullty members are hum
sides, some of them might drown.
The safety devices around the pooi are really amazing. They'ke got everything except a coast sary, though, because there are these who parently have never seen water ber
The pool really is a blessing. There's nothing like a cool dip about 2 o'clock to wake you up
from a morning of sleep. A couple years ago there was a boy here who slept for 23 days. When
them he woke up they asked him if a tsetse fly had
bitten him. He said no, but an economics professor had.

## Thoreau-

I love to be alone. I never found a companion

