The writer of the issue states some people convince that when choosing a major, the only motif college students should take into account is their talent and interest, while others believe that they have to select those fields of study that the job market demands for. In what follows, the main reasons posited by both groups are first discussed and then my position will be delineated.

Those groups who argue for considering only talent and interest when opting for a field of study seem to have two major reasons for what they believe: first of all, being talented and interested in a major helps the students to succeed in their academic courses and to feel satisfied with them. They strongly recommend not confusing a career choice with a major choice because any major can prepare you for a number of different job possibilities, so the sole important factor is pursuing your dream major and being successful in it. Additionally, choosing a major that holds no personal interest to you will lead to a career you aren’t interested in and can create stress that results in health problems such as fatigue and possible heart conditions.

As was mentioned before, there are some others who think college students should choose a field of study on the condition of having a job after graduation. They seem to concentrate more on the availability of job opportunities based on two significant incentives: basically, education is not only costly, but also time-consuming. Taking money, time, and energy to study a major of interest will lead to frustration after finding no job at all. We all pay for education with the hope that someday, we can earn higher than we spent by finding a career. As for taking time and energy, imagine a person who spends a greater portion of his early adult life training to be an astronaut, but if there is no work for a fully trained astronaut then he will end up taking something you don’t want to do.

As for my point of view, I should say that I concede that it’s better to choose a major according to your interests and talents and I have two reasons for what I’m claiming: First of all, demands of the job market changes within time. A certain field may be growing in size, but economics and other factors can reverse and change the job market, so we shouldn’t choose a major solely because of the job market demand. For instance, translation was someday among one of the most highly demanding careers, and some countries like Australia and Canada as immigrant seeking countries absorb translators all around the world, but now that demand is fulfilled and they deleted this job from their list of occupations needed. Secondly, some majors are directly related to career goals (such as accounting, engineering, or education), but most career fields are seeking applicants from a variety of majors. Consider a person whose field of study is management, but he knows two languages other than his native language. What might be probable is that he can get a job in a multilingual company as an interpreter although his major is something else. In fact, you can major in a field of study, but improve your skills in something else. What job market searches for are not degrees and certificates, but skills and knowledge. Employers are often most interested in the skills you have developed during your college career; Education brings many benefits for you besides the essence of education itself. You will learn to be a critical thinker, and expand your knowledge so that you will be ready for living in this world and conquer any job you choose to do.

In sum, there is a statement saying the people who make the biggest difference in the world are the people who love what they do. If you love doing something you will be more creative. No matter what the job market demands, try to concentrate on what you really enjoy to see what a bright future is waiting for you out there.