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SCHOLASTIC HONESTY.

Students generally seem to regard scholastic dishonesty as beginning and ending with tests and examinations. Such is not the case. Dishonesty in school work is not confined to such occasions; it extends to daily work as well. Many practices of the class room and the laboratory are just as dishonest as cribbing in examinations. We might mention, for instance, copying themes with only enough alterations to avoid detection, copying exercises and problems, "faking reports," and cribbing experiments. Not only are these and similar practices dishonest, but they are harmful to the student himself; for they prevent his gaining the benefit of consistent and conscientious work throughout the term. To indulge in them is to defeat the purpose for which the student attends a higher institution of learning.

Such practices are by no means infrequent. Each year a considerable number of students come before the Faculty Discipline Committee on charges of dishonesty in daily work; and doubtless for every one who is caught, many more escape detection. The harmfulness and frequency of such practices constitute a grave problem which must be effectively met, if the purity and efficacy of our scholastic work are to be maintained.

The number of upper classmen who come before the Faculty Discipline Committee on charges of scholastic dishonesty is comparatively small. Under class-men constitute the majority. More than half of the students found guilty of such offenses as copying and cribbing, are Freshmen and Sophomores. Moreover, in the greater number of such cases, the offenders are young. They are presumably too immature, or have not been long enough in the University to have acquired University standards of work, and to realize the value of doing things for themselves.

This inference is supported by the fact that the majority of such cases arise in the required and elementary courses. In so far as

they are elementary and required, these courses generally do not arouse the student's interest and enthusiasm sufficiently to inspire him to conscientious and persistent effort. Again, in at least half of the cases which come before the Committee, the offender is already on probation. This in itself indicates what has been inferred above that the cause of most cases of scholastic dishonesty is a failure on the part of the student to realize the value of conscientious, persistent and individual effort in the work of the class-room.

Doubtless, in some instances, the offender against scholastic honesty is simply dishonest. He constitutes one phase, but a minor phase, of the problem. For the most part, students who are brought up before the Discipline Committee each year for cribbing experiments, and the like, do not seem to have realized that their actions were dishonest. Such offenders must be taught the standards and the value of intellectual honesty. A feeling for independent work must be communicated to them; their imaginations must be touched.

—DAILY CARDINAL.

Debating Team Chosen.

The question, "RESOLVED, That it should be the Policy of the United States to materially strengthen its Military and Naval Establishments," was debated by the candidates for the Forum-Athenaem debating team last Monday night. It had been well chosen, as it brought out enthusiastic supporters on both sides.

Launcelot Gordon, Martin Paulsen, Frank Hamerski, Vernon Beggs, and Frank Wood, spoke on the negative side of the question; while Prosper Kluck, William Killen, Byron Thorpe, and William Gilson supported the affirmative. Each debator had worked for several weeks and consequently showed his ability to the best advantage. "Not a bit bad" were any of them, Coach Corneal might have said. Some of them had also spent much time with various members of the

Faculty in improving their debates and delivery. These things combined made the contest a real battle.

The judges were Attorney Murat, Mr. Godfrey of the local High School, and Mr. Orthman. The men whom they selected for the team are Gordon, Beggs, Paulsen, and Gilson. The decision was entirely satisfactory to the listeners. The first two members of the team, Gordon and Beggs, are Seniors, while Paulsen and Gilson are Sophomores. Each one has shown that he is a worker, and that he is worthy of the trust which we have placed in him. Success to them when they meet River Falls.

The Columbia Quartette entertained the audience while the judges were conferring.

TEN COMMANDMENTS.

1. Thou shalt refrain from talking in the halls.
2. Thou shalt refrain from taking that which is not thine own.
3. Thou shalt refrain from coveting thy school-mates' books, or her notes, or best beau; or anything that is thy school-mates.
4. Thou shalt refrain from dancing, except by thy mother's and thy dean's consent.
5. Thou shalt refrain from chewing gum, and from using slang, and from hanging on the boy's lapels.
6. Thou shalt refrain from cutting thy classes, and from cutting assembly before vacation, and any classes to which thou dost belong.
7. Thou shalt refrain from going to town on Saturday nights without a chaperon.
8. Thou shalt refrain from using the first four nights of the week for social events.
9. Love thy room-mate as thyself; even to leaving her part of her clothing.
10. Honor thy teachers, and supervisors, that thy grades may be high, and that thy sojourn in this school may be both pleasant and profitable.

—EXCHANGE.

Student Resolution No. 218.

WE, the Student body of the Stevens Point Normal School,

DO HEREBY RESOLVE, That it should be the policy of all Normal students, faculty, and employees, to cheerfully wade thru from six to eight inches of water on their way to and from the school building and their respective boarding places.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a vote of thanks be extended to the residents along the north side of Main Street near the Normal; and also to those residing on the north side of Clark Street, for their heroic efforts to create scenic lakes for the particular enjoyment of the student body. We appreciate their efforts highly.

And finally, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Normal Regents be respectfully requested to install ferry boats at the following points:

First, To operate between the west entrance of the Normal building and the mail box on the corner of Normal Avenue and Reserve Street.

Second, To operate across the corner at Main and Reserve.

Third, To operate between the Normal building and Atkin's General Store.

And Fourth, To operate between the main entrance of the Normal building and the residence of Prof. A. J. Herrick. F. B. W.

Contributions by the Sub-Freshmen on the Subject "Why Everybody Laughed."

My friend gave a party at his home, a short time ago, to which I was invited. During the progress of it, a neighbor boy ran in to telephone for the doctor. It appeared that he was not very accustomed to telephoning; for when he was asked for the number, he said, "Three hundred twenty-four Church Street." VERNE VAUGHN.

They told me not to worry,
Nor sit up late for crams,
Nor feel a sense of fury
In taking my exams.
And so I did not worry,
Nor sit up late for crams;
Nor felt a sense of fury,
But—flunked in my exams.
—EXCHANGE.

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ARENA NOTES.

The Arena Society.

The following officers have been elected for the Arena Society:
 President Laura Cooper.
 Vice President . Bertha Foshage.
 Secretary Beulah Lawson.
 Treasurer Elizabeth Thompson.

"Blue and White, Blue and White, Arena! Arena! They're all right."
 The fact that history repeats itself, was again demonstrated last Friday night at the Arena-Ohiyesa Literary Contest. As far back as we can trace American history, the Indian has proved to be no match for the whites. December 15, 1911, the Arena came out the victors in a like contest, and the honor so cherished has not yet been taken away by the Ohiyesa Society.

On Friday night, at the appointed time, the assembly room was well filled. The Arenas were present in the audience in full numbers. They met in another room, and marched in singing "It's a hard thing to beat Arenas." They were dressed in white with blue sashes over their shoulders, and carried blue and white pennants. This uniformity made a very pleasing spectacle.

The contest proved to be the most exciting occurrence of its kind that has taken place at the Normal this year. Great enthusiasm was shown,

and Society rivalry was at the highest pitch it has reached for some time. It was fully demonstrated by the various songs and yells. The contestants went in with the "fight to win" spirit, and showed up as true Literary people.

The Arenas won in the "Short Story" and "Vocal Selection," thus gaining five points to the four points of the other society.

Let us all give three cheers for Brady, Malcheski, Natchway, and Schnabel. We're proud of our contestants, aren't we Arenas?

FORUM-ATHENAEUM.

The following Program was carried out at the Forum-Athenaeum Monday night, February 22, 1915:

- I Roll Call: Respond with a song.
- II Song: Society: Led by Messrs. Rybickie and Nelson.
- III Reading: Stanley Glisczinski.
- IV Piano Solo: Miss Mildred Tarrant.
- V Talk: Mr. Delzell.
- VI **Debate:** RESOLVED, That capital punishment should be abolished from the U.S.

- AFFIRMATIVE:**
- 1. Antone Schreiner.
 - 2. Verne Vaughn.
- NEGATIVE:**
- 1. Frank Hamerski.
 - 2. Herman LeCaptain
- VII Discussion of the "Student Voting Bill."
 - VIII Business Meeting.
 - IX Critic's Report: Mr. Delzell.
 - X Adjournment.

This meeting was one of the most successful of the year. Two members of the Girl's Societies commended the boys on the meeting; and Mr. Delzell said that it was too bad that more boys didn't attend such valuable meetings.

The Forum-Athenaeum had one of the best meetings in its history on Monday night, March 1, 1915. The meeting was scheduled for seven o'clock, and it started but five minutes later. It will be the policy to start all meetings as promptly as possible, and even though there are but a few boys in the room, the "rap" will be heard precisely at the scheduled hour. This policy will make each and every boy feel like coming on time, instead of waiting until he is sure that the meeting has started. The building is open at 6:45 when the meeting starts at 7:00, and at 7:00 or 7:15 when the meeting starts at 7:30.

One day last Summer, when my mother was entertaining some friends, an agent came to our home to get subscriptions for a newspaper. My mother did not know whether to take the paper or not. Just then, my little sister who was six years old, said, "Oh, take it mamma, it will do to make the fire with." THERESA BAUGHMAN.

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Program Forum-Athenaeum.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 1915.

- I. Roll Call: Respond with a Question.
- II. Song: Society. Led by Mr. Van Tassel.
- III. Talk: Mr. Rogers.
- IV. **Debate.** RESOLVED, That Moving Pictures are of Educational value.
- AFFIRMATIVE NEGATIVE
 - 1. Burton Ambrose. 1. Martin Rieschl.
 - 2. Lyman Branch. 2. Lee Stone.
- V. Violin Solo: Mr. Emil Hafsoos.
- VI. **General Debate.** RESOLVED, That it should be the Policy of the United States to materially strengthen its Military and Naval Establishments.
- VII. Ladies Quartette.
- VIII. Business Meeting.
- IX. Critic's Report. Mr. Rogers.
- X. Adjournment.

Arena Sleigh Ride.

On Wednesday evening of last week, the Arena girls, chaperoned by Miss Parkhurst and Mrs. Spindler, enjoyed a three hour sleigh-ride. It was a beautiful evening in every way for such an enjoyment.

It was considered a remarkable trip to have no more than one person lost off the back of the sleigh.

This, no doubt, is due to the fact that the Arena girls are known for their stick-to-it-iveness.

After such a jolly time, the party returned to the Normal School dining room where the committee on refreshments served all with delicious hot cocoa and wafers.

SPRING, From Various Views

The Poet's View.

Thou hast come again, dear pleasant Spring,
And have given the Earth new birth.
'Tis now that do the robins sing
The songs so full of mirth.
The grandest season art thou sure;
O! mayst thou ne'er depart,
In this Life I would long endure,
And light would be my heart.

The Student's View.

Thou hast come again, dear pleasant Spring.
The time for Life's re-creation,
And brot with thee the usual thing
That we call our Spring vacation.
Sweet to us thy name does sound,
But it causes us vexations;
For every time you come around,
We buck for examinations.

The Busy Man's View.

Thou hast come again, dear pleasant Spring,
And caused the snow to leave.

The Poets of thee sweetly sing,
We cannot help but grieve;
The down town streets are filled
with mush;
We cultivate profanity,
While walking knee deep in the slush;
It drives us to insanity.

The Miliner's View.

Thou hast come again, dear pleasant Spring,
And brot forth rimesters sonnets.
Glad are we, and our hands we ring;
For 'tis now we sell our bonnets.
All the damsels sweet and fair,
As down the streets they skid,
Stop, and at our windows stare,
Then come in and buy a lid.

Ye Scribe's View.

Thou hast come again, dear pleasant Spring,
Surely thou didst hurry,
And if no sheep-skin thou can'st bring,
We think not that "we should worry."
Glad are we that the snow has left;
But o'er thy grandeurs we can not gloat,
Of Spring-time joys we are bereft,
Third Algebra has our goat.

J. C. WILBERSCHIED.

I.

Oh! this Geography killeth my brain,
It hurteth my eyes, and it giveth me pain,
It rouseth me up in the dead of the night,
It maketh me scared, lest the end be not right.

II.

The pictures are funny, strange looking concerns;
Just take, for example, those old Isotherms,
They tell about Climate and muddling Topography,
It is so confusing, this awful Geography.

III.

If I escape flunking, great joy will be mine,
And if I get eighty, in peace I'll recline;
But I long to get higher, for great is my greed,
And oh! to get ninety would be fame indeed.

Great interest is being shown in the Agriculture classes, especially by members of the fairer sex. Ellis tells us of a certain young lady of the Junior class who was heard to remark that she had to go immediately as it was time for her to look after her corn. Who would not know that she was a pure seed enthusiast?

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The Ohiyesa Society has challenged the Arena Society to a Declamatory Contest to be held some time in April. It is expected that the Arena people will accept the dare, as they have "confidence to burn."

Owing to illness, Miss Wilson has been unable to attend to her duties as Critic Teacher in the Eighth Grade the past week. Earl Edes has had charge of the work.

Mr. Sims is again at Madison. An extended account of his work while there, will appear in a later issue.

Work on THE IRIS is rapidly progressing. All Seniors and Faculty members have had their pictures taken, and the cuts of these are now being made by the engravers. Plans for the entire book have been carefully formed, and judging from all present indications, this year's Annual will surpass any former issue.

Mr. Herrick acted as a judge in a declamatory and oratorical contest at Blair, Wisconsin, last Friday. While away, he also visited friends and relatives at Whitehall where he formerly taught.

Mr. Hippensteel will act as judge in a high school debate at Mondovi to-night.

Mr. Delzell will address the School Board Convention at Westfield, Marquette County, on Saturday. He will speak on "The Value of the Trained Teacher in Rural Schools" and "The Recitation."

Mr. Culver has returned to school after an absence of several days, due to illness.

The Misses Webert and Blunt will have charge of the "Story Hour" at the Public Library tomorrow morning at 10:30.

Mr. Ames will act as judge at the high school debate to be held at Black River Falls to-night.

Mr. Hyer and Mr. Phelan will conduct an institute at Unity, Marathon County to-morrow.

Basket Ball.

The Marshfield and Wausau High School teams will play in an elimination contest in our gymnasium to-morrow at 2:30. This game is to decide which team will represent this section in the Lawrence College Tournament. The admission will be 25 cents.

Dr. Allison is with us this week. She has charge of a class in Home Nursing.

The Arena Society held a candy sale on Friday evening in the gymnasium. The proceeds were over six dollars.

Mr. Watson gave an interesting talk on LINCOLN before the assembly on Wednesday. He compared the greatness of Lincoln with that of Gladstone, and also the amount of preparation each one had.

Ohiyesa night at the Gem Theatre was a decided success financially and otherwise. The Columbia Male Quartette rendered a number of selections that were very much appreciated.

Miss Graham spoke to the Young Womens Christian Association last Tuesday evening, on "The Eight Week Club." Miss Brewster also gave an interesting talk to the Young Womens Christian Association this week.

On Monday, President Sims gave an account of his trip in the East the previous week. Especially interesting was his account of the school for mountain children in Kentucky.

A large number of Seniors have positions for the coming year.

On Wednesday evening, the Arena Society had a sleigh ride. A good time was reported.

The Young Womens Christian Association Cabinet met with Mr. Hippensteel on Saturday, to select a list of officers to be recommended to the Society for the new cabinet for next year.

An interesting set of Rhetoricals was given on Friday, on the "Post Office and Postal System." Misses Krutza, Gill, Kelly, Blank, and Anderson, talked on the various phases and methods used.

The Sophomore Class, chaperoned by Miss Bronson, enjoyed a sleigh ride to Springville and back, on Tuesday evening. Those who heard the school and class songs and yells given by the "Sophs," were thoroughly convinced that they were having a good time. Refreshments were served under the direction of Florence Bourne during the ride.

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