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### TO BE OR NOT TO BE-- THAT IS THE QUESTION

How May This Be Applied to the Present Situation in Athletics At Stevens Point Normal?

The above age-worn quotation derived from Shakespeare's "Hamlet" has innumerable applications. On every path of life, from infancy to old age, we are confronted with that vital question. We ask ourselves even in early youth, "Am I going to fall behind, weakly tottering away from the path of endeavor that leads to success, to make room for the endless line of toilers who are ready to take my place in line; or am I going to struggle on tenaciously, watching the others fall aside, until I reach that goal so coveted by all?" And so we all join that endless, everlasting train of toilers—at least all who possess that real American vitality of which we as a nation are proud. We apply that all-pervading question to our school life, to our school activities, and at present, to a problem in which many S. P. N. students are much concerned. It is one which has been reflected on more or less ambiguously in a previous article in "The Pointer." It is one which has awakened a surging spirit of antagonism toward these sentiments so expressed. With apology to Shakespeare, we change his age-worn quotation: "To participate—or not to participate (in Normal athletics)—that is the question." Shall we, as students of S. P. N. join in school activities—football, basketball, and track—or shall we not? That is an issue worth much consideration. Evidently there are some who favor the abolishment of these activities from the Normal. And on what grounds? The main argument seems to be that not all students can participate in them. Certainly these sports are open to all—boys and girls alike. But why is it that only a small number of them do participate? Ah! that is a matter of choice! The non-participants are indifferent; lack school patriotism, and that glorious competitive feeling in a great American game which every sportsman enjoys. There are too many

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### The American's Creed

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect Union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I, therefore, believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag and to defend it against all enemies.

—William Tyler Page.

### INDIVIDUAL MEET TO BE HELD ANNUALLY

Event to Be Made An Interesting Affair for the Purple and Gold Athletes

Through the initiative of Harold S. Dyer, Professor of Music, and the supervision of Coach Swetland, a new meet is to be instituted annually on a date set by the Athletic Director. As an incentive to the participating athletes Prof. Dyer is offering a beautiful silver cup which, contrary to custom, does not become the property of the individual winner of the meet, but remains in the trophy case in the Normal as a treasured relic of past years. The name however, of the victor will be engraved upon the outside of the cup each year. Moreover, a medal will be awarded to the individuals who win first, second, and third honors.

The events for this annual affair have been posted on the bulletin board. To enumerate them would result in too lengthy a discussion. Anyone desiring particulars may consult Coach Swetland about same. Suffice it is to say that this is a meet to determine the most efficient track man in school. He

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### U. GLEE CLUB RENDERS FIRST CLASS CONCERT

Capacity House Grooms Organization of Twenty-six Experienced Singers

On Friday evening, April 15, the University of Wisconsin Glee Club presented a concert before a large audience in the Normal auditorium.

Rarely do the students and townspeople of Stevens Point have the opportunity of hearing a musical production which equals that rendered by the Varsity Club on Friday evening. Each singer was a master of his voice and the ensemble of the entire club was beautiful. The voices were well controlled and blended into a shapely harmony.

The Brown brothers, one of whom has formerly appeared in concert here, featured the evening.

The director of the U. of W. Glee Club is Prof. E. Earle Swinney.

### WEBB-BERNARD CONCERT

On Thursday, April 14, Murry Webb, America's Baritone Supreme, and Grayce Bernard, "the pianist with a heart touch," appeared in concert in the Auditorium. This concert was one of the musical sensations of the year. All who attended appreciated the program. We can do no better than repeat some of the opinions expressed by other admirers of these artists.

"The beauty of Mr. Webb's singing, aside from his perfect enunciation, wide range of voice, and excellent quality lies in his compassionate interpretation of the songs he sings."—Sheboygan Telegram.

"Miss Bernard is a pianist of wonderful skill and her playing is sympathetic and appealing in every degree."—Ames Daily Tribune, Ames, Iowa.

### Oh! Girls!

Vain One—"My face is my fortune."

Sarcastic—"Someone short changed you, dear."

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# EDITORIAL

This is the eighth issue of The Pointer for this year. Two more issues will follow.

The Staff has endeavored thus far to make The Pointer a paper worth while. We are not in a position to say just to what extent our efforts have been appreciated. Perhaps we have aimed low and have gone amiss on several occasions but our purpose has been to make the paper the best.

Thus far, few, if any, students outside the staff have contributed articles for publication in The Pointer. Therefore, the staff takes this opportunity of appealing to the student body, Alumni, faculty, and others interested in our publication to help make the two issues to follow better than any previous editions. We have poets, prose writers, humorists, philosophers and other talented individuals in our midst to whom we appeal for articles for publication.

Stimulate yourselves to respond to this appeal and help make the two remaining issues a success.

## To the Editor:

In reply to an article which appeared in the last issue of The Pointer referring to the value of examinations:

Examinations tend to impress upon the student the necessity and importance of preparing his lessons thoroughly. They also serve as a splendid means of testing the student's mind as to the amount of knowledge absorbed and retained. Examinations serve fur-

ther as a pressure upon the student's inclination to master his studies. Without "exams" the scholastic standard of school work would be far below what it is at present.

## Culver to Madison

Professor G. E. Culver, veteran science instructor in the Stevens Point Normal, occupied a place on the program given before the Wisconsin Academy of Science Art and Letters on Friday evening, April 15. His part on the program consists of a paper on "Volcano Kilauea." He is well acquainted with his subject and he visited the volcano while in Hawaii.

President Birge of the University of Wisconsin, is president of the Wisconsin Academy of Science Art and Letters.

## He Gasses Them

Hugh—"Say, how do you get so many girls?"

Breitenstein—"Oh, just sprinkle a little gasoline on my handkerchief."

## TO BE OR NOT TO BE—

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who live through our school days with an overpowering nonchalant spirit, which, if injected into the veins of all, would bring the roof of Normal LIFE tottering down upon our heads to crush out the very germ of initiative. But the LIVE individuals get out and work for the glory of their Alma Mater. They advertise the school by the winning of laurels in interscholastic activities. They help bring newcomers who inquire before matriculation whether this is a live, wide-awake institution.

What would be the result if athletic activities were abolished? Would everyone join in a game that could be played by all? No! The most essential and fundamental reason among others is: There would be no competition in such sport. Take away competition from any game and inevitably all interest wanes and finally dies out. It would be like throwing the meat into the garbage can and handing us the bare bone.

It is true that athletics have cost the Normal a substantial sum of money. But, when it is said that all this was expended for the training of twenty men, we object. There are about thirty alone who received athletic direction on the football squads. And then, how about boys' basketball, girls' basketball, and the various indoor sports and track? We should venture to say there are at least twenty-five percent of real live students in S. P. N. who receive athletic supervision. As for the rest, do you hear them clamoring for attention? No, they don't care whether they obtain physical training or not.

Now then, let us as loyal students of S. P. N. ask ourselves: "Shall I participate or stand by and look on?" That is the question.

## LET'S

By Alfred Arnold

Let's work and play;  
Let's live our day,  
Nor brood o'er cares and frets  
Let's sing our song,  
And push along,  
Nor mind the weather;  
Let's!

Let's kindly smile,  
Nor yield to guile  
Nor dally with regrets.  
Let's friendly be  
And hold the key  
To strength and courage;  
Let's!

Let's greet the morn  
With hope new born;  
And when the kind of sun sets  
Let's meet the night  
With hearts still light  
And turn to slumber;  
Let's!

A man is foolish to borrow trouble when there are so many people anxious to give it away.

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## DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

### GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT

At the regular meeting of the Round Table on Monday evening, April 4, the following program was given:

Picking the New Cabinet—Louise Luchterhand.

Vocal Solo—"Out Where the West Begins"—Edith Crocker.

Value of Silent Reading—Winifred Wysocki.

Witticisms—Flossie Sorenson.

The committee in charge of the program consisted of: Chairman, Dorothy Dimmock; Margaret Burke, and Flossie Sorenson.

### RURAL DEPARTMENT

On Monday evening, April 4, the Rural Life Club was given an illustrated lecture on Hawaii by our much beloved and respected Professor Culver, who visited these islands last year. We greatly enjoyed Mr. Culver's lecture and hope we may have the pleasure and the privilege of having him talk to us again in the near future.

Hawaiian melodies were played on the Victrola and the members of the club felt that they had had a profitable as well as enjoyable evening.

A group of Seniors accompanied by Miss Roach, observed work in the Jordan Demonstration School, Tuesday afternoon, April 12.

Miss May Webster and Mrs. A. Borgen and Alma Anderson, both former graduates of our department, were recent visitors of the Normal.

### GIRLS' ATHLETICS

The two Spring activities in girls' activities—indoor baseball and hiking are now under way.

Girls representing each department are out for indoor baseball. After all the girls have been given an opportunity to learn the game and enjoy the fun of playing it, teams will be chosen and a department tournament will be played.

We are glad to see a commendable spirit in spring hiking exhibited. None of the sixty girls who are showing they love the primitive gift of tramping, who like the touch of the soil, who experience some pleasure in a campfire and simple "eats" at the end of the tramp are to be seen suffering the inconvenience of waiting for a jitney or refusing to walk because of a little rain or snow. We love to hike and we wish all the girls of the school might find time to hike with us just for the love of it.

Hiking brings us in closer contact with nature; we know our surrounding country better if we hike over it; we become better acquainted with our associates; we forget our petty cares, and we are just happier and better for the experience.

Shakespeare attributes a merry heart to a walker:

"Jog on; jog on the foot path's way  
And merrily hent the stile-a,  
A merry heart goes all the day,  
Your sad tires in a mile-a."

There are six hiking clubs. The captains are Emily Carteron, Leon Pazorek, Frances Eiden, Lena Storzbaeh, Winifred Wysocki, and Jean Murdock.

### RESULTS OF TRAINING SCHOOL TOURNAMENT

The basketball tournament conducted among the grades in the Bradford Junior High School came to a close on April 4.

First place in section one, including grades three to six, inclusive, was awarded to the "Minks," who represented the fifth grade. Second place was won by the "Bears," a sixth grade aggregation.

First place in section two, including grades six to nine, inclusive, went to the "Tigers," an eighth grade team. The "Coyotes," representing a seventh grade, received second place.

The Junior High School students and faculty are to be complimented on the splendid success of the tourney.

### I Want to Know

Do ships have eyes when they go to (sea)?

Are there springs in the ocean's (bed)?

Does Jolly Tar flow from a (tree)?

Can a river lose it's (head)?

Are fishes crazy when they go (in Seine)?

Can an old hen sing her (lay)?

Can you bring relief to a window (pane)?

Or mend the break of (day)?

What kind of vegetable is a policeman's (beat)?

Is a newspaper white when it's (read)?

Is a baker broke when he's making (dough)?

Is an undertaker's business (dead)?

Would a wall paper store make a good hotel,

Because of its (borders) there?

Would you paint a rabbit on a bald man's head?

Just to give him a little (hare)?

If you ate a (square) meal would the corners hurt?

Can you dig with the ace of (spades)?

Would you throw a rope to a drowning lemon

Just to give a (lemonade)?

There's one peculiarity about women—the more a man knows about them the more he has to learn.

Every woman owes it to herself to be good looking.

Be earnest in all your undertakings, but not anxious.

Kisses are the real thing when backed up by the heart.

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who wins the greatest number of points in the fourteen events listed shall win that highly honored distinction and the medal mentioned above. It is required that he participate in at least nine of the listed events. To do so requires a real all-around athlete. We as students of S. P. N. will brand him and recognize him as such.

At present the keenest competition is evident among track men. Everyone harbors a secret resolve to win this meet. Who's the best individual track man in school?

### TRACK SCHEDULE

April 18-23—Trial week.

April 29—Annual Purple and Gold meet.

May 6—Tentative Oshkosh meet—here.

May 14—Tentative Lawrence College meet—there.

May 18-19—Annual Individual All-Around Championship.

May 21—Interscholastic Meet.

May 27—Tentative Oshkosh Meet—there.

June 4—State Normal Meet, Madison.

The opposing teams for the Purple and Gold event are to be selected by Coach Swetland, Dolaway, and Precourt. This committee may be relied upon to choose the participants in such a way that the one team (Purple) will balance the other (Gold). Under the efforts and initiative of Coach Swetland, the Purple and Gold event shall become an annual meet, as will also the Annual Individual championship event. The purpose of both is to stimulate interest in track work in the Normal. Ribbon prizes for first, second, and third places are to be offered as an incentive to the contenders.

Coach Swetland is at present negotiating with Oshkosh Normal and Lawrence College for meets on May 6th, 14th, and 27th. It is most probable that these meets will be agreed upon, but if negotiations for any one date for some reason fail, the faculty proposes to meet the Normal athletes in a highly interesting and evenly matched event.

Everyone in the vicinity is more or less familiar with the Interscholastic Meet. This year several additional events are to be introduced, namely: Football, punting and passing; basketball, free tossing, and javelin throwing. It is expected that the May 21 event will be one of the most successful this year.

Track men of S. P. N. are with few exceptions showing unparalleled interest in field work. Although there are many inexperienced men out, with Coach Swetland's excellent coaching, it is hoped that the team this year will make as good a record as last year. The most potent controlling factor is unflagging interest and pep. If we keep that up look out for S. P. N.! Let's work hard, fellows, and show 'em what we're made of!

## S. P. N. ORGANIZATIONS

### THE LOYOLA CLUB

Our last regular meeting was a social gathering. The program consisted of but one number, an original short story, "Mediocracy vs. Excellence," by Adeline Shierl. It was a wonderful short story read appropriately and received with hearty applause.

### GLEE CLUBS RENDER

#### PLEASING CONCERTS

S. P. N. has had unusual opportunities during the past two weeks to listen to enjoyable concerts. Carroll College Glee Club appeared in the auditorium on April 2. It presented a very pleasing program with all the ability and enthusiasm for which Carroll is noted.

The Lawrence College Glee Club rendered an artistic and pleasing program on April 7. The program was enjoyed by every one present and it showed ability on the part of the club. It is to be hoped that Stevens Point will have the pleasure of hearing this musical organization again.

### Y. M. C. A.

On Wednesday, April 13, the students of our institution were given the opportunity of hearing one of America's most influential speakers, Dr. Winfield Scott Hall. He gave three lectures. One was given during general assembly period to the entire student body. The subject of this lecture was, "Man's Struggle Upward." During the noon hour, Dr. Hall spoke to the boys of the school, his subject being, "The Young Man's Problems."

At 3:45 P. M. he gave a lecture to the girls of the school. Dr. Hall presented his subject in a masterly way. He spoke with the authority of a scientific specialist accompanied by the clearness, simplicity, and attractiveness of the popular teacher. His manner is so dignified and yet so sympathetic that he commands respect and holds the closest attention.

## MAJESTIC

April 24-25th, Sunday-Monday—  
**ROBERT W. CHAMBERS** Novel  
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April 26-27, Tues.-Wednesday—  
**ANNETTE KELLERMAN**  
in "WHAT WOMEN LOVE"  
Mile a Minute Comedy

April 28-29, Thurs.-Friday—  
**ELAINE HANNERSTEIN** in  
"THE DAUGHTER PAYS"

Also

**JOE MARTIN** (Monkey Comedy)

April 30th—Saturday—  
**JAMES K. HACKETT** in  
"THE GREATER SINNER"

May 1-2, Sunday-Monday—  
**WALLACE REID** in  
"THE CHARM SCHOOL"

## LOCALS

The Misses Ida Brevad, Mary Bronson, Carolin Rolfson, May Roach, and Viola Nast spent last week end at the Waupaca Lakes.

Mr. Delzell judged a County Oratorical contest at Plainfield on Friday evening, April 15.

Miss Mabel Peterson visited her aunt at Amherst Saturday and Sunday of last week.

Miss May Roach was a judge at an oratorical contest held at Colby Friday, April 15.

Miss Hilda Guinell spent last week end visiting in Madison and Milwaukee.

Royal Gordon and Parker Clark spent three hours of last Sunday trying to extricate a Buick from the muds of a certain spot in Waupaca county. Their efforts, however, were futile for it became necessary to revert to primitive means of transportation in the form of a team of horses in order to become detached from the mud.

Ethel Alton, one of the students in the High School department, is wearing a conspicuous diamond. Maybe she can tell you more about it.

Mr. Steiner will be a judge at the Medford-Stevens Point-Marshfield League contest which will be held at Marshfield, April 22.

Mr. E. T. Smith will not be with us during Summer School this year. He has decided to attend the University of Chicago. Mr. Smith taught summer school for eleven consecutive years. We wish him a happy and profitable vacation.

### Before and After

Before we wed she was submissive;  
I had all to say,  
For she was my stenographer—  
List to my plaintive lay.

The situation now reversed,  
Alas, that thus it be,  
In those days I'd dictate to her,  
Now—she dictates to me.

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## THE CONTINENTAL

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# The Spice of Life

Mr. Neale to L. Kankrud: "You are the biggest fraud I have ever seen."

L. Kankrud: "Look in the mirror, Mr. Neale."

He told the shy maiden of his love,  
The color left her cheeks;  
But on the shoulder of his coat,  
It showed for several weeks.

Prof. B.—"An abstract noun is something that you can see but can't touch. Now, Willie, give me an example."

Willie—"A red-hot poker."

The clock struck nine, I looked at Kate,  
Her lips were rosy red,  
At quarter nine, I mean  
To steal a kiss, I said.

She cast a roguish glance at me,  
And softly whispered low,  
With her very sweetest smile,  
The clock—is fifteen minutes slow.

He—"Have you made up your mind to stay in?"  
She—"No, I've made up my face to go out."

"Esther, dear," moaned John Z,  
"life would be a desert without you.  
What is your answer?"  
"Buy a Camel," was Esther's heartless answer.

Mr. Smith (to student)—"So you are studying history."

Stude—"Yes'r."

Mr. S.—"Studying hard?"

Stude—"Yes'r."

Mr. S.—"What kind of history is it you are studying? Is it U. S., Ancient, Modern, or what?"

Stude—"I don't know. My book hasn't a cover on it."

"Why, Percy," she exclaimed, as he started to run from a bull dog. "You always swore you would face death for me!"

"I would," he flung back, "but that darn dog ain't dead."

The other night Swede attended a lecture and when the orator exclaimed, "time wasted is worth money," Swede arose and went home to confer with his text books.

Mr. Spindler, talking about Wordsworth's poem: "I see a million daffadils waving in the breeze":

"I see a million dandelions

Waving in the breeze,

I plucked a couple bushel—"

That's all we dare say about such things these days (rubbing stomach).

The other day when Mr. Rightsell looked over the Physics examination papers a grin came over his face. Wonder why.

A sure way of getting Mr. Steiner to the phone is by telling him you're his wife. It HAS worked.

## Bright Sayings by Bright Students

A student who allows his studies to interfere with his education is missing all the joy of life.—Hugh Leonard.

He who studies hard shall be rewarded with high standings.—James Barron.

Me for the fair sex.—Harvey Haugen.

## HOW IT GOES

The Colonel tells the Major  
When he wants something done,  
And the Major tells the Captain,  
And gets him on the run.

And the Captain thinks it over,  
And to be sure and follow suit,  
Passes the buck and baggage  
To some shave-tail second Lieut.

The said Lieutenant ponders  
And strokes his downy jaw,  
And calls his trusty Sergeant,  
And to him lays down the law.

The Sergeant calls the Corporal  
To see what he can see,  
And the Corporal calls a private  
And the poor blame private's me.  
—Ex.

Be a live wire and you won't be stepped on.

The father spareth the rod and the son taketh it and goes fishing.

## Eloquent Bill

In a little valley  
By a maple tree,  
Bill and dainty Gertrude  
Happy as can be.

Speech in Bill has risen,  
Words that fairly burn;  
He says if she'll be his'n  
That he will then be her'n.

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