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POINT WINS SECOND IN STATE DEBATE

VOLLEY-BALL TOURNEY ON

SEVEN TEAMS IN BATTLE FOR 1st HONORS IN TILT

Last Games To Be Played Off Middle Of Next Week

The men's volley-ball tournament is in full swing. There are seven teams and each team is scheduled to play each other team. One of the seven teams is a faculty team to which the other teams may find it necessary to look with respect.

The tournament opened on Wednesday, March 30th and it will run until the middle of next week. Thus far the advantage is in favor of Team 4 of which Laurie Peterson is captain. Some of the other teams are close behind.

Only Six Captains

Captains for the teams were selected by Coach Hunting. Frank Wierzenzski leads Team 1; Harold Holmes, Team 2; Harold Paukert, Team 3; Laurie Peterson, Team 4; Ben Weronke, Team 5; Forrest McDonald, Team 6; the Faculty team has no captain, it being, it has been said, a communistic affair.

The tournament has been enthusiastically supported, a greater number of men having turned out for it than in past years. It is expected that the last games will be fast and furious.

Van Buskirk, Former Student, Music Head

Carol Van Buskirk, former student of S. P. N., is now director of a school of music in Chicago. Mr. Van Buskirk left here a year ago to take up study in the Chicago Conservatory of Music. Since that time he has been doing work under the ablest music masters in Chicago. He is a pianist and gained the admiration of all who heard him with his display of talent and his pleasing address in his recitals here.

In the year 1925 Mr. Van Buskirk earned his forensic letter at the Stevens Point Normal by representing the school in oratory. He visited here recently.

A thousand students have walked out of the Superior High Schools on a strike. Looks like it's time for someone to shout that it's the doings of the Reds.

SHORT STORY CONTEST TO CLOSE APRIL 12th

Stories to be entered in the Short Story Contest must be in the hands of the President of the Margaret Ashmun Club, Arnold Malmquist, Tuesday, April 12th. All stories must be in manuscript form.

Opera Is Musical Hit Of Season

"The Maid and the Middy" played to an overflowing house and completely eclipsed all foot-light efforts of this year. From the first curtain to the last it was a dazzling presentation of vivid color, melody, mirth and brilliance. The production was staged and directed by Mr. Frank E. Percival, head of the music department.

The cast was well chosen and each role was played adequately. Music and color were the predominant notes, but an enchanting dramatic suspense lingered until one moment before the final curtain fell. Then it was that the mysterious "Anita" was divulged, who proved to be a very jaded parrot.

Features Add Splendor

A number of features interspersed the action of the play. In the first act the audience was captivated by "The Dance of the Hours"; in the second act four wee toes appeared in a dance of the "Snow", and the natty and snappy "Liberty Battalion" strode forth in military fashion doing a unique drill. The "Celebrities", appearing in the same act, carried the house down with a subtle, ludicrous sketch. In this feature the opera achieved its climax.

"Miss Stevens Point" was presented with the "Celebrities" in the person of Norine Valentine.

Girls Mix In Final Volley-Ball Games

Six girls volley-ball teams are entered in the tournament which has been running for more than a week. Faith Herriek's team and Gretchen Kelley's team are running neck and neck for the honors. The games are by no means mild, the same speed characterizing them that was displayed in the basket-ball tourney. The contest will close next week.

Letters Awarded To 16 Grid Men

Football sweaters and letters were awarded to Stevens Point's heroes of the gridiron Thursday, March 31st, during the assembly period by Dr. Baldwin. Harold Paukert, captain elect, was honored by being presented his sweater first, the other awards followed: Henry Bannach, Laverne Kleese, Wm. Richardson, Norman Higgs, Robert Kennedy, Wm. Marsh, Leland Crosby, Harold Craney (captain during the last season), Ray Boone, Lyle Holmes, Harold Holmes, Neal Precourt, Forrest McDonald, Wm. Albrecht, and Ben Weronke.

Coach Hunting, in discussing the football season and the prospective team for 1928, outlined the qualifications of players to earn sweaters. He noted also that all but three men who are graduating in Spring will be back for the pigskin season in the Fall. In awarding the sweaters Dr. Baldwin declared that the letter men had by their work earned the privilege of wearing the symbol of the school.

Exam Findings To Be Compared For Report

Comparative results with other Normal Schools of the physical examinations given here Tuesday and Wednesday, April 5th and 6th, will be made soon.

Drs. Stussey and Bartell, who examined the girl students and Dr. Bowman, who examined the men students, will complete their reports soon. A comparison will then be made with the other Normal Schools of the state. The preliminary examination given some weeks ago disclosed that near-sightedness was prevalent among the students. Some startling findings are expected, though it is generally believed that the health ratio will be high.

Regent Board Meets To Discuss Policies

Dr. Baldwin and Mrs. Maloney, the local regent, journeyed to Madison Friday, April 1st to meet with the State Board of Normal School Regents and the Presidents of the State Normals.

The meeting was called to discuss the problems of the Normal Schools and to consider legislative appropriations. Mr. Brown's brief on the Normal School policy was carefully considered.

FALLS IS VICTOR IN STATE FINALS OVER POINT TEAM

River Falls Wins Championship With No Defeats

In the State debate finals held last Monday, April 4th, The Stevens Point teams emerged with one victory and one defeat. The Negative team, led by Don Vetter and supported by Arthur McNown and Elizabeth Kelley, met and won from the Platteville Affirmative here by a score of 100 to 93. The Point Affirmative team journeyed to River Falls where it lost by a score of 100 to 93, and River Falls affirmative defeated Platteville negative at Platteville by a score of 100-93.

The Platteville Affirmative team under the supervision of Coach Miss Ruth Borchers never seriously endangered the Point Negative case. The Platteville case was supported by Martin Bartels, captain, Lee Bird and Ben Davis. Professor Frantzke, head of the speech department at Lawrence, was judge. Frank Joswick, who represented the Point in the oratorical contest, presided as chairman of the debate. The McNary-Haugen Bill was the debate subject.

Point Affirmative Loses

The Point Affirmative met perhaps the stiffest opposition in the state and acquitted itself admirably by holding the Falls aggregation to the score of 100 to 93. Irving Gordon, captain, Allen McVey and Bernice Vinkle comprise the Affirmative team. Mr. L. M. Burroughs accompanied the team to River Falls.

Norine Valentine Is Presented as Queen

In the contest held in conjunction with "The Maid and the Middy", Norine Valentine, of the Home Ec. Department, was chosen "Miss Stevens Point". She was presented in the second act of the opera and was received with warmth and enthusiasm. A huge bouquet of flowers was given her.

One girl from each of the five departments was entered in the contest. Though the winner was selected Thursday night her identity was not revealed until Friday night at the performance.

Delicate as freshly blown bubbles.—Anon.

Terrible as a radio trio.—Anon.

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WHEN MERE MAN LOVES

Judge Ben Lindsey, who has dared to discuss the supposedly unmentionable subjects of life, finds himself very much in the position in which Socrates found himself several thousand years ago. Socrates was put to death "for corrupting youth" yet it is openly confessed today that he was as harmless as a mustard-plaster. People look with horror on the outrage of justice but they do not hesitate to malign and even condemn the very much milder Judge Lindsey.

The prudish and the straight-laced point with fanatical disdain at the idea of "companionate marriages". It can, they say, lead to nothing but dire profligacy. They will not, however, listen to the plan which the Judge is propounding. They will rely upon wild and lurid reports of the viciousness of the plan, and so, armed with assumed "facts" proceed to point out the incredible atrocities which it will bring down upon the human race. Their intolerance is a ludicrous reminiscence of the "monkey" trail in Tennessee two years ago. Their stance is the stance of the provincial mountaineers who fear the science of biology will bring the wrath of the ages down upon them.

Judge Lindsey's ideas about the sanctimonious institution of marriage are perforce startling. But they are concordant with the changing order of society. In one corner of the world it was once necessary for a man to kill two crocodiles before he was considered fit for marriage. When the supply of crocodiles was exhausted they were confronted with a problem. Since banishing the natural tendencies of man was impossible the custom was changed. The old order gave way for the new. The world has gone on changing since that day, and changes in the social mechanism must change accordingly. The change, of course, is painful, but it is as necessary as a new typewriter-ribbon when the old one has worn out.

It is romantic to bewail the passing of chivalry and it is noble, though ridiculously so, to attempt to practice it in this day of wireless telephony and adjustable marriage vows. Chivalry belongs to another age; whether our modern marriage institution also does remains to be seen. Whatever marriage relations are, they must be practical, for practicality is the slogan of modern day life. When a woman can step into a man's place and earn the money he was earning; when a woman can compete with a man for his job, then that woman is on an equal with him. Then she should not have the privilege of suing him for a neat sum either for breach of promise or for alimony. She should not have that privilege any more than he should have the same privilege of suing her for the same misdemeanors.

The movement that Judge Lindsey is advocating is by no means indigenous of America. Several days ago Judge Sieber of Vienna dismissed action on a case brought by a girl against a man for alleged slander growing out of their intimate relations. The Viennese Judge handed down his verdict on the grounds that the sexes are free and equal and that women must stand the consequences of their indiscretions along with men who are guilty of the same violations.

The institution of marriage, to be sure, is on trail. As it stands it is an impossibility. Changes, however distasteful, will have to be made to fit the growing complexity of life, even as changes had to be made when the last of the crocodiles had been killed.

GENIUS

It has been said that all genius was discovered by accident. The Margaret Ashmun club is sponsoring a short story contest which will provide a great many possibilities for students to discover that they have the ability to write. It will not be an accident that the winning stories will be selected as the winners, but it may be an accident that this contest has provided an opportunity for the winner to discover that he has genius. Genii are people.

To prove that it is quite possible the Editor has taken it upon himself to write an entire paper. Everything in this issue was written by the Editor.

HUMOR

MORE OR LESS
by "Rusty"



AT THE OPERA.

Martindale — Shall I lower the curtain?
Mr. Perival — Why?
Martindale — One of the living statues has the hiccoughs.

The old fashioned girl could make a dollar go farther, but the modern girl can make it go faster. Ask Bill Richardson.

WHAT TO DO!

Sprague — Gee there are a lot of girls who don't want to get married.
Springer — How do you know?
Sprague — I've asked them.

PREVIOUS RIGHT.

Gladys — Get off that man's lap.
Arline — I will not, I was here first.

HELP!

Adeline — I sure made a fool out of him on April 1st.
Gillette — Who did it the other 364 days?

GANGWAY

Maid — Mother, may I go out to swim?
Mother — Yes, my darling, but don't go near the channel.

TO BE EXACT

Rusty — I think you're heavenly. I adore your dress, your beautiful hair, your wonderful eyes. Oh! your eyes are ecstatic.
Switch-Board Beauty — Oh now, you're exaggerating.
Rusty — (persistent and pointing) Well, anyway, that eye's good.

TOUGH LUCK

Schroeder — Why didn't you neck her?
Joswick — She talked my arm off.

HOLDING HER OWN

"Oh, dear," sigher Graal as she stepped off the scales, "I guess I must be one of those losers."

MATTER OF FORM

Lucille — Love me and the world is mine.
Jerry — Get it first and I will.

REVELATION!

Mr. Mott — What do think of the James-Lange theory.
—Verna—(impetuously) The Einstein theory is more feasible.

METHOD IN HER MADNESS

"She's very modern."
"How come?"
"Fights with Don, pulls off the frat pin and pins it on the other side."

VERY SHORT

Barber — Hair-cut?
Marty — Yeah. Girlish bob.

FAIRNESS

"Oo-oo. I saw you kiss Sis!"
Everett Bright — Er — ah — here's a quarter, Bill.
"And here's fifteen cents change. One price to all."

HIGH COST OF BEAUTY!

McDonald — I'll give you two bucks to beautify these surroundings.
Crosby — What's the idea?
Mac — Move on to the next block.

CATCH AS CATCH-CAN COLUMN

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LOVE'S LABOR LOST

He held her tenderly lest he harm her frail delicacy. Ever so warmly he pressed her in his grasp, and listened for the murmuring sounds that his heart yearned to hear. Nearer to his face he held her until her mouth seemed to tell him in its silence that all was well. She breathed weavily and he felt her heart beating rapturously. Again his grasp closed earnestly about her. He listened intently, but in vain. In utter desperation Maurice Rice cast her back into the aquarium and howled, "Miss Jones, I can't make this frog croak!"

FANCY THIS!

Girls, it has been said, make the best Primary teachers because of their patience. They must develop it during those long winter months waiting for the young men's fancies to return!

—Thinker.

HAS IT COME TO THIS?

Whatever there is to this "young men's fancies" idea things are becoming more intense now. The school triangle has continued to be trying. But perhaps it is not true that Min keeps a time schedule.

Something must have happened, though, or now even George Schriver, Frank Wierzenski and Harold Holmes are being wafted away by the balmy spring zephyrs. The report is unconfirmed that they are planning to collaborate on a poetical breath of life entitled, "My Heart Goeth Up In Ecstasy When I Think, Dear One Of Thee".

—Fifth Horseman.

THESE AFFAIRS

The debate was interesting as things (?) frequently are interesting. Anne and Erv, and Arline and Bill found the debate over their heads (literally). Nevertheless, they found IT interesting! Ask Anne!

Dear Editor:

Is it not possible to have some legislation enacted to prevent students from unnecessarily endangering themselves? Bill Albrecht and that trick hair-comb of his, and that flowing girl, have attempted to reintroduce a device that is detrimental to the resolutions of the best of our girls. Our girls need some protection against so bland a philosopher.

—Connoisseur.

CONTROL

There, secluded in the humble solitude of Isherwood, Don Vetter with his characteristic altruism "controlled the surplus". The surplus remained, after being "controlled", and the evening went on in its characteristic mad fashion.

—Green Eye Monster.

OUR DICTION-BOOK:

Baby Face — A new song for freshmen.

Poise — Self consciousness developed to the nth degree.

Fraternity brother — One that would give you the shirt off his back, if it were yours.



SOCIETY



Mr. Smith Entertains Teachers at Lunch

Miss Bannach and a group of High School teachers from Almond, Rosholt and vicinity will be entertained at a noon day luncheon here on Tuesday, April 12th.

Mr. Smith's guests will visit classes in session at the Stevens Point High School to become acquainted with the Morrison plan now being employed in some classes there. Frank Martindale and Eleanor Booth will talk to them about the organization and management of the plan as they are employing it in their practice teaching at the High School. After the luncheon, a round table discussion will be held in which problems concerning the plan will be considered.

On February 18th a similar affair was sponsored. Principal Hildebrandt of the High School officiating in the discussion.

Miss Wilson To Talk To Science Devotees

Miss Wilson of the Home Ec Department will address the Science Club in the meeting to be held Wednesday, April 13th, in room 207. Allen McVey, representing the student end of the program, will also appear on the program. The program as planned promises to be one of the very best this year. There will be but one more meeting after this one this year.

Slick as an oyster in a bottle of castor oil.—Anon.

Welcome as a caterpillar in a bird's nest.—Anon.

When some polygamous Scandinavians died their wives were offered up as sacrifices. Might be a good idea to reverse the English and try that on some of these "two-time" men.

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Students Are Victims On April Fool's Day

Students were given a few unceremonious surprises April 1st for which they had not bargained.

Miss May Rowe, matron of Nelson Hall, pulled one on the unsuspecting customers of the Dorm. Dinner was served in candle-light, as is sometimes the custom. The surprise came when the supposed meat-pie, which was served as first course, was discovered to be a very delightful peach cobbler. The fish course was served last.

Outside of Mr. E. T. Smith's class room hung a sign, "Mr. Smith's classes will not meet today, April 1st." Some students took the sign at its word.

Wrightstown Teachers Pay Week-End Visit

Miss Ruby Tilleson and Miss Beatrice Cayo, teachers of the Wrightstown High School, were week-end visitors here. Miss Tilleson is an alumna of the Stevens Point Normal having graduated in January, 1926. Miss Cayo is an alumna of the Oshkosh Normal.

They visited the school and several of the professors Saturday morning and left for Wrightstown Sunday afternoon. Their sojourn was an altogether pleasant one notwithstanding the certain stimulation and the early hours.

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Net Tourney To Be Run In June

The first week in June has been definitely set for the annual Tennis Tournament. Detailed plans have not been made, but the Tennis Club is working them out now.

Only members of the Tennis Club will be admissible to the tournament as contestants. President Irving Gordon has not started the Tennis Club activities, but it is expected that a great number of neophytes will be admitted soon. New members will be required to pay a membership fee besides an additional small working fee.

Since the snow has disappeared the four courts have been occupied continuously. Considerable likely material is developing and a closely contested tournament is predicted. There are eight weeks before the first of the tournament games will be played allowing ample time for the ambitious net enthusiasts to get into tip-top form.

Knocked him cold as a form letter.—Anon.

Mean as the man who gave a homing pigeon for a birthday present.—Anon.

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Flude To Return To Give Travel Series

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Mr. Flude has traveled the world over and knows its quirks and oddities from Pango Pango to Siberia. He is renowned for his ability to take his audience with him, as in his pocket, to the remote, almost unheard of corners of the earth.

Mr. F. J. Schmeekle, of the entertainment committee, reports that the series of entertainments arranged will start almost immediately after the lenten season.

BASKET-BALL CHAMPION- SHIP WON BY MORTON HIGH QUINT

The national high-school basketball tournament was won by the Morton High School of Cicero, Illinois, by a score of 18 to 16 over the Batesville, Arkansas, aggregation. The final game was played at the Bartlett Gym, Chicago.

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