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MARDI GRAS READY TO START

WHITEWATER LOSES AND OSHKOSH WINS IN FAST WEEK-END GAMES

Purple Wins and Loses by Difference of Single Point

The second out of town trip by the Purple cage squad resulted in the same proportions as the first. One game was lost, and one came out in Stevens Point's favor.

The Oshkosh battle was played on an odd floor. The Winnebago gym is as long as the basket ball rules allow — ninety feet, and it is only forty feet wide. This makes for specialization in floor work. The Point has always played on a fairly "square" floor, and while they had been coached for the Oshkosh court, the odd shape hampered them somewhat. Nevertheless they put up a raring good fight against a team used to their own floor. MacDonald was hurt in the first half and had to come out during the second period due to the injury. The final score was 18 to 19.

Oshkosh people were very favorably impressed with the pep displayed by the students who went down in the bus. Their cheering undoubtedly helped the team considerably.

Pointers Defeat Whitewater

At Whitewater things came out better. The squad was in a belligerent frame of mind from the Oshkosh tilt, and Whitewater got all the benefit. The Purple took matters into their own hands and ran away with the game. The score did not amount to much, but from actual baskets caged, the Purple was far ahead of their opponents. Five field goals were made but did not count, for obscure reasons. The final score was 17 and 18.

Milwaukee Game

Friday night at 8:15 the Milwaukee contest will be held. Milwaukee has been defeated by Whitewater, and the Point stands a fine chance of running up the best score.

RURALS ELECT SECOND SEMESTER OFFICERS

The officers of the Rural Life Club for the second semester are: President Ray Boone. Vice-Pres. Dale Spry. Sec. Eva Shambeau. Treas. Edna Fisher.

After the election of officers a pleasant half-hour was spent in dancing.

Point And Falls Meet In Debate

On Tuesday, February 22, and Wednesday, February 23, the Point Negative team debated the River Falls Affirmative team, at Stevens Point and Amherst, respectively.

Although both were non-decision meets, the Pointers made such a splendid showing that the home audience wished that a decision had been rendered, as they felt sure that it would have been in favor of the Negative team, even though they had to compete against Marshall Norseng, who has made a name for himself in this type of activity.

The Negative team is composed of: Elizabeth Kelly, first speaker; Arthur McNowen, second speaker; Donald Vetter, third speaker; and Alma Hougum, alternate.

KOLKA, WASRUD NAMED ON MARDI GRAS STAFF

Some changes have been made in the Chairmanships of the Mardi Gras Committees. It will be impossible for Harold Craney to act as chairman of the Popularity Contest, in his place is Henry Kolka. Walter Wasrud will act as chairman of the counter committee instead of Arthur McNowen.

STUDENTS EMBARK ON STORMY SEA OF LIFE

Miss Marie Fritz, a Junior Home Economics student, discontinued her course at the end of the first semester but intended resuming it at the close of the third quarter. We have now been informed of her matrimonial intentions, our first source of information being the marriage license notice which appeared in the Stevens Point Journal. With the excellent preparatory training the course provides the prospect should really be quite delightful. The department regrets the loss of a very capable student.

Ruth Jaquish who graduated from the Rural Course last semester has obtained a position in the primary department of the State Graded School at Luger-ville.

Mardi Gras Program

Matinee dance — Gymnasium — 4:30 — 6:00.
Supper — Home Economics Dining Room — 5:00.
Stunts and Sideshows — 7:00 — 8:00.
Union Vodvil — Auditorium — 8:00 — 9:00.
White Elephant Sale — Auditorium — 9:00 — 9:15.
Carnival Dance — Gymnasium — 9:15 — 12:00.

Queer Gift Sent To Dr. Baldwin

President Baldwin is in receipt of a package sent by Mr. E. McLaughlin from Madeira, California, containing some Egyptian or Kaffir corn and cotton.

The corn, which is left on the stalk, bears a resemblance to our Indian corn, and the similarity can also be noted in the leaves. Mr. McLaughlin states in his letter that the farmers cut the heads of the corn off and leave the stalks to be plowed under.

The cotton which was sent is some which was left on the bushes after the rest was picked.

FORMER S. P. N. PROFESSOR DONOR OF NEW BOOKS

The library has received two new books donated by a former professor, Mr. Garry E. Culver who is now spending the winter in San Diego, California. They are newly published books on Astronomy. One is by Abbot, "The Earth and the Stars". The other, "Meteors" is by Olivier.

New book-plates are being used which will be pasted in donated books. They are not elaborate but their beauty lies in the printing.

G. A. A. TO SPONSOR DANCE AFTER THE GAME

The Girls Athletic Association is sponsoring an informal dance after the game tomorrow night. A good orchestra has been engaged and a fine dance is in store for all who come.

Step out folks! It's only a few days before Lent!

A TIP

If some ambitious young woman wishes to make an impression on HIM, she might impersonate Salome at the Mardi Gras dance.

CARNIVAL TO BE REVELRY OF GAY MERRY MAKING

Bal Masque and Union Vodvil to be Features

Whatever you might imagine about this impending Mardi Gras you will never quite be able to imagine the splendor of it. It will be as much more glorious than anything ever presented at the Stevens Point Normal School as the stunts, minstrels, dazzling costumes, stunning caps, confetti will blend in a rhapsody of revelry. Masked romance will add a tinge to the mystery of the Grand Bal Masque. Music will keep cadence with the hearts of the merry-makers. It will be Mardi Gras as you dream of Mardi Gras.

Popularity Contest Close

It promises to be bigger than ever before. All the elements that make for success and color have been summoned into service. The product of all this effort will be a panorama of incredible delight.

The Popularity Contest, now going at top speed, will have ended, the winners announced on the big night. Every Department is working to put its candidates into the thrones. No one will know until the last moment of the contest who will win. The race will be a close one.

Continuous Entertainment

From 4:30 in the afternoon, when the matinee goes on the air, until the midnight hour draws near, something will be happening every moment. It has been so arranged that you can start at the beginning and go through the entire set of sensations without leaving the building. Lunch will be served in the Tea Room from 5:00 o'clock on, and the stunts and side-shows will begin at 7:00 by the clock.

Talent In Acts

Before you have succumbed to the spirit of these features the Union Vodvil will begin. The best talent, six acts, will be presented in the auditorium. Prizes will be awarded the winners of this contest. The competition for the honors promises to be keen.

All that, but you will still have energy enough to attend the White Elephant Sale and the Bal Masque. It is at the Bal Masque that you will get that feeling of adequate contentment. Mardi Gras, indeed, will be the hilarious revelry you have been so long awaiting.

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THE MARDI GRAS BAL MASQUE

The Grand Bal Masque which will follow the last of the individual and departmental stunts promises to be the most colorful feature of the Mardi Gras. It will supply that opportunity that you have always wanted to "dress up"; to be, just for a night, someone romantic and beautiful. You can be whomever you choose. You have but to select your character, be it Hammurabi, Helen of Troy, Little Nell or Robinson Crusoe, step into their lives and live as they would live on a Mardi Gras eve.

It is doubtful, highly doubtful, if any character whom you might select ever experienced anything as novel as a Mardi Gras Bal Masque. Such things have only come to be since the advent of the S. P. N. Festival!

It's not hard to find opportunity; turn your back on soft snaps and you will have plenty.—Bert Estabrook.

Sylvester Lives

PART VI

"Dud" leaped up and without an excess gesture made for the back door. "Cops?" thought Sylvester. "Cops?" He heard "Dud" opening the back door and hastened to follow him. He got to the door just as "Dud" was being backed into the house by a husky plain-clothes-man.

"Alright, stand over there," said the officer. "Dud" and Sylvester complied, though Sylvester had not the slightest idea why he should.

Meanwhile the officers at the front door had forced their way in. At the same time one of them returned from the cellar with several bottles of illicit liquor and the coil of a still, another came down from upstairs with Regina's father.

It was then that Sylvester learned what was what. The house was "pinched" for bootlegging!

Nothing seemed important about this business of being locked up. As a matter of fact Sylvester had often wondered how it would feel to be put in a cell, to hear the lock click, the foot-steps of the jailor fade out as he walked away, and to see the darkness at the end of the day plunge everything into blackness.

Curiously, it all seemed reversed. He was indignant. He found himself inside a cell that lacked utterly all the comforts of home. It had not the slightest likeness to anything romantic. Every prison he had ever read about, every dungeon into which heroic characters had been hurled, had been alluringly romantic. But there was nothing romantic about this. And to make it worse,

to destroy the faintest mite of attractiveness, he was pushed, violently, into it in the darkest of hours. It had always occurred to him that one was taken to jail in the morning. That one lived the day within the sombre walls, and that night came like a comforting climax; that one took it gratefully and lay down to soul satisfying sleep.

But, it was night now; early morning. It was dark; horrifyingly dark. This was too sudden. Sylvester ceased to regard it as romanticism. He was locked up! It was black, and he had not the faintest idea of the size of his cell. This was painful.

The discomfiture of being locked up had precluded any thoughts about the seriousness of the charge against him.

He had lain on that uncompromising jail cot for more than an hour, when his nerves seemed to buckle suddenly and he jumped. He was awake. It was then that he sat up, stared about him into the blackness and realized that he was in jail; that he was—so far as the world was concerned—associated with a bootlegger! Bootlegger? He shuddered.

But he was not associated with the bootlegger. Everyone ought to know that. He just happened to be—but how could he explain his presence there. "Dud" was with Regina, but he... well, he was with no one. He was there alone. And if he were not there for negotiations with Regina's father, the bootlegger, what was he there for? That was it: what was he there for? Sylvester emitted a guttural groan.

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HUMOR
MORE OR LESS

"In filling out your income tax blanks," quoth Herbert S. with expulsion of tony words, (he was advising the other members of the faculty) "refer to Table 113, on Page 11, Section 28, Part IV of return. Then if item 86, Schedule V, line 7, exceeds the sum stated in Item 21, Page 9, Schedule Z, get another blank form." "It's perfectly simple," he concluded.

THESE WORDLY WOMEN!

Greg: Say Marie, what did you tell your pop when he first told you there wasn't any Santy?

Marie: Asked if he was just finding it out.

Flattery is a sort of moral peroxide; it turns many a Sheba's head.

ANOTHER ROSETTA?

Here's a sob extracting quip of pronounced mentality, dug from the beer cistern of the Ptolemies, in its original form:

Zabsu tikkla baba mokka baba sajo gossdomnooh.

"Come, noble 'bag', let us 'neck!' "Relinquish your moral turpitude, and tear with me out behind the Sphinx; I can get the old man's chariot 't night.

Which goes to prove that Antone and the rest of Cleo's gang knew their lines even though they did let them drag.

"Here's where I get off," said Mr. Spindler's spectacles as the hand approached for the twenty-seventh time in thirty minutes.

PUNCH! PLEASE COPY!

WANTED: Women to mangle — Have lost art, but can use intuition.... Montague Crosby.

ALL KNOWN - CENTS.

Mr. Mott — "And I've found in my contact with life that there's no fool like an old fool."

Miss — "What about the young fool that marries an old fool?"

The following poem, reproduced from a prize contest in which all members of the Pointer staff participated, won by a neck. Its theme is Love.

Two hearts that yearn
For Love's sweet prison,
— Ask "Rusty" Lewis for the last two lines.

Many a wandering mind has visited nothing but the Halluci Nations.

FREE MALTEDS.

Patchin — Pray, Lloyd why that bell on the neck of you cow?

Andrews — Oh, that's to ring when the calf's dinner is ready.
(Or course, Mildred said "Piffle", but we're far to discreet to tell anyone about it.)

A FIZZY WORD.

Somehow, we feel that physicist should mean a soda fountain clerk; but of course it doesn't.

? OF SCALE SCALING.

Hardel — What made you drop music, Butch?

Van Hecke — Aw, he's too particular about where we keep our notes.

Oh Buttermilk! Where is thy sting?

CATCH
AS
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COLUMN

Catch what you can;
Can what you catch.

THE PENALTY

DON'T GET YOURSELF INTO THIS FIX!

I saw the youth in throes of anguish keen;
Remorse had swept his mental threshold clean—
His hands were ice, his temples throbbing fire,
Broken, each string of Hope's enduring lyre.

I clutched the woe-wrenched figure to my breast,
And talked to him as man talks, vest to vest;
Besought the grief-stung lips for some true reason
For all the squalid show of moral treason.

"Tis all too late," he answered with a groan,
As sob-knives left his spirit to the bone,
"But Gad," — as molten tear drops seared his chin—
"I'll never miss a Mardi-Gras again."

THE TRUTH

WANTED: Girl, pituitary type, five feet seven, weight about 120 pounds, brunette, clear skin, healthy, small hands and feet, passable good looks. Must have— Good teeth — I. Q. 114 or above— reasonable temper — excellent personality — good breeding and presentable ancestors to three generations back — good reputation. Musical, mechanical and monogamous tendency required. All applicants meeting specifications will be given fair chance to prove themselves.

Apply at Pointer Office.

BRAINLESS QUERIES

Why are the seats in the front rows of the Majestic so popular these days? Especially on week-end nights. Of course, we would hate to say anything, but we surmise that the fact that a number of the fellows in the orchestra are pretty keen looking has something to do with it. How about it, girls?

Mr. Watson: Henry, tell what you know about the Mongolian race.

Hubb Kolka: I wasn't there.

Burroughs, coaching play: Put more life into that dying scene; make it realistic.

OUR DICTION-BOOK:

College Romance — Brief insanity terminated by the engagement of one or both interested parties.

College Education — The knowledge gleaned from books — with chorus girls on the frontcover.

Fastidious man—One who drinks wood alcohol from a sanitary cup.



SOCIETY



Mardi-Gras Lunch To Be Served

Remember to patronize the Tea Room during Mardi Gras. We are anticipating all your likes and dislikes, getting information from your friends about what you like to eat and how much you like to eat, and on these facts and suppositions we are formulating our menu. And too, everything will be inexpensive and therefore still more satisfactory.

RURALS, FORUM PRESENT CARNIVAL FEATURES

The Rural Department has started work on the play which will be their contribution to the success of the Mardi Gras. They are also planning on giving a music-comedy special.

Members of the Forum watch for special notice of a meeting. Julia Van Hecke has been appointed chairman of the Mardi Gras committee. By the puzzled expression on her face we would say that she has not been idle.

HIGH SCHOOL PREXIES ENTERTAINED AT LUNCH

A twelve o'clock luncheon was served to the gathering of High School Principals by the Junior Home Economics students Friday noon. As usual, the meal was well planned and served, and from the evidences received was adequate in every respect.

HOME ECS HAVE LAMP SHADE WORK DISPLAY

The scarfs and lamp shades exhibited by the Sophomore Home Economics Art classes in Hannon-Bach's window last week attracted much attention. The majority of the scarfs were silk, and the motifs were painted on with Gypsy dyes. Not all of the designs were original.

All of the Art classes participated in the making of 24 lamp shades for the Palace of Sweets. They are made of parchment with a flower and bird design.

Primaries Plan Special Stunt

To see the Primary stunt alone will be worth coming out to Mardi Gras for. You will be surprised at the vaudeville talent we have in this department. The plans are progressing very satisfactorily.

The Primaries are not only planning a stunt for the assembly program but will have a special feature attraction in one of the department rooms which promises to be a rare entertainment.

The committee in charge consists of the following girls:

Clara Hanneman, Marianne Garry, Angelyn Duranceau, Helene Knope (Chairman), Hazel White, Edith Hauden, and Jenny Mitchell.

Those who will take part in the assembly program are:

Clara Hanneman, Marianne Garry, Arleen Carlston, Kathryn Jennings, Helen Mitchell, Kathryn Kitowski, Jenny Mitchell, Lucille Markham, Leith Lindow, Marguerite Jackan, Leona Piddee and Marguerite Palm.

GRAMMARS PLAN COLORFUL MARDI GRAS STUNT

Five more days to Mardi Gras! Are your departments ready with your stunts? The Grammars are hard at work on a stunt that will in all probability be one of the best. Those in charge of the performance are Adeline Goetzke, Gladys Nelson and Grace Roskie. The girls promise to make the Grammar stunt one of the outstanding performances of the Carnival.

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**NINTH GRADE CLASS IS
HOST AT FACULTY TEA**

The Ninth Grade Training School Class under the supervision of Miss Lila Olson entertained the members of the Faculty at an informal tea in the Home Economics reception and dining rooms, Wednesday February 9, from four-thirty to five-thirty o'clock. The menu was carefully chosen and prepared by the girls, using previously gained knowledge as a basis. Tea was poured by Miss Evelyn Disher and Miss Genevieve Stankia; they were very capably assisted by the remaining members of the class who acted as hostesses and waitresses.

FROM OTHER PAPERS

"Well boys", quoth one member of the Oshkosh expedition, "Me and Mardi Gras ain't gonna connect this year. I spent all my shekels buyin' chili, bus fare, tickets, candy bars, Cracker Jack, cookies, apples and El Ropos for Mr. Davidson."

The Echo Weekly asks students to join the business staff. The work is on a commission basis, and offers in addition, an opportunity for development in salesmanship and technique of advertising display.

Gene Stratton Porter's "Keeper Of The Bees" was given in the Normal auditorium at White-water, Jan 28. The Profits went to the School Band.

Former Coach Swetland's basketball team at Aberdeen S. D. put the kibosh on Sioux Falls in a recent game, to the tune of thirty four to fourteen. This is the second Conference win for the Wolves team.

Four students and teachers are out of school at Antigo High, due to attacks of appendicitis. It begins to look like Antigo is unhealthy for heavy eaters.

SYLVESTER LIVES

(Continued from page 2.)

It would look lurid in the Newspapers. Everyone would read, COLLEGE STUDENT CAUGHT IN RUM ROUND-UP, and would find an account of his being in the bootlegger's house when it was raided. They would say, "Sylvester Pym. You know him, he's that..... Well, I always did suspect something like that about him." Sylvester sweated thinking about it. His eyes felt like they were popping out.

It was shortly before noon the next day when the turn-key announced that there was somebody there to see him. Sylvester waited, breathlessly.

He gulped and gasped, unable to answer the "Hello, Sylvester" that came from the mouth of Pamela Kelsey. (Follow Sylvester through his bungs next week).

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