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HOW ABOUT DEMOCRACY IN OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM

Should the Students of S. P. N.
Have a Voice in School
Government?

At the present time the students of our institution have practically nothing to say regarding the regulation of the student body. It seems to be a case of the majority being dominated by the minority without due regard to the will of the former. This does not appear democratic and in conformity with the American ideas of equality and government with the consent of the governed.

A student council, consisting of at least five members nominated by either the faculty or student body and elected by popular vote should be created in this school. It has been done in many other leading schools of the state. This council would act for the students in co-operation with the faculty to promote school activities and develop a harmonious school spirit. Think this proposition over carefully. Do you believe in "domination without representation?" If so, why so, and if not so, why not? Make known your ideas through the columns of this paper. Don't fall asleep on the issue.

LEST YOU FORGET.

February 26—Lyceum Number—"The Climax."

March 2-3-4—Emerson Picture Exhibit.

March 3—Living Picture Exhibit.

March 4—The last basket ball game this season—Superior vs. S. P. N. LaCrosse vs. S. P. N. debate.

March 10—Beginning of the High School Tournament.

March 18—Oratorical Contest at Platteville.

March 19-22—Recess.

March 21-22-23—Teachers' Convention at Oshkosh.

NOTED SPEAKER COMING

Professor Elton R. Shaw of Chicago
Scheduled to Lecture Here
on February 28.

He has not eaten breakfast for over fifteen years, and yet he is unable to reduce below 186 pounds. He fully



ELTON R. SHAW

understands the foibles about what men like and do not like to eat, and yet he is not a professional dietitian nor a doctor. He knows all about the causes of divorce, and yet he is a most happily married man. When a boy, it

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ANNUAL MARDI GRAS PROVES A SUCCESS.

Large Crowd Partakes of Festivities
on "Fat Tuesday"—Proceeds
Go To "Iris."

Hundreds of students and their friends attended the Mardi Gras at the State Normal on Tuesday evening, February 8. The affair, always held on the eve of the Lenten season, was featured this year by Carnival costumes and decorations. The proceeds will go toward defraying the expenses of the "Iris."

Varied amusements which began early in the evening were liberally patronized and as the Carnival progressed interest centered in a costume dancing party in the gymnasium. Prizes for costumes were awarded to the men as follows: First, Frank Nalborski; Second, John Collier; Third, Ray Boone. Margaret Day and Inga Firnstahl divided first honors for the ladies' prizes, Miss Tessie DeBase received second and Miss Allene Bird, third.

Volley ball contests played between the "Bugs" and the Normal Faculty team were won by the former, the professors losing three games by scores of 15-5, 15-10, and 15-13. The faculty excelled in basket ball, defeating a local team by a 7-2 score. Swetland, Dyer, Evans, Hanneman, and Steiner composed the faculty quintet; Wilson, Hirzy, Delzell, Gullickson, and Connelly were their opponents. Another feature of the Carnival was a historic picture review, "Stevens Point in Tableau."

Two lunch rooms furnished refreshments from 4:30 until midnight.

The White Elephant auction for which the business men of Stevens Point made donations, was another source of interest.

The Mardi Gras of 1921 was a decided success. A net sum of two hundred sixty dollars was realized.

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EDITORIAL

It is safe to say that our athletic department is the most inadequately equipped of any in school. Our gymnasium is practically devoid of the necessary apparatus for physical development.

We acknowledge that the building of a strong physique is as essential as the development of a powerful mind. This theory is as old as civilization. Today we preach much about the need of strong bodies but we put little of our preaching into practice. Leading educators are constantly appealing for more prominence of physical culture in our educational school system. Many schools in our state have been provided with the necessary equipment for physical training but the Stevens Point Normal is not one of them.

It seems that when our legislators are confronted with educational measures calling for school appropriations the need of economy is uppermost in their minds. There is no danger, however, that we shall suffer national

bankruptcy through excessive expenditures for education so long as we have five times as much money to spend yearly for tobacco alone as we appropriate for our schools.

We hope that the appropriations for our school this year will provide for its greatest need, namely: that of adequate equipment for our gymnasium so that every student in school may be privileged to receive wholesome, systematic and constructive physical training.

DAILY REFRAIN OF THE POINTER STAFF.

What are the necessary requisites for a successful school paper? Do you think that it is entirely due to the efforts of the school reporters, or does the success of your school paper depend on you personally? To just an ordinary reader of the Pointer it would seem that the success of the paper was accomplished only by continuous and energetic LABOR on the part of the staff.

What is it that makes a school paper a LIVE SCHOOL PUBLICATION? The thing that makes your paper successful is ENTHUSIASM, not a word spelled with little letters but ENTHUSIASM, with a little life put into it.

Every day something happens in the various classes you attend, but of all these jokes, comical happenings and sayings, about one out of a thousand are handed to the Pointer Staff. The purpose of the Pointer is not to hand to the outside world a choice composition or a long dissertation on nothing, but to give to prospective students of our Alma Mater an insight into the life of the students here.

MAKE THIS PAPER YOUR PAPER! Don't let just a few of the students have the entire say of what will be printed in your paper. Make it a point to hand in little editorials, write-ups of social happenings in your "bunch", comical happenings in your class-rooms, jokes that you happen (?) to overhear in the corridor, at the Dorm, or elsewhere. Of course, these last three items will not be of such a nature as to offend anyone. At any rate very few people will show themselves to become offended at little jokes, so hand in all that come your way.

As a caution, when you read this item, please don't allow its contents to enter in one ear and make a direct exit from the other. Allow some of it to stick to the gray matter supposed to occupy a place in your craniums.

"It is well to be a self-starter, but the fellow who finishes everything he starts is the man who counts in the world."

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was impossible for him, through fear, to "speak a piece," and yet today he is one of America's polished orators.

The above description is of Professor Elton R. Shaw, of Chicago, who lectures in the State Normal Auditorium Monday evening, February 28, at 8:15 p. m., on the subject: "Eating, Loving, Learning." On Tuesday morning he speaks for twenty minutes at the assembly hour on "Where Do We Go From Here."

Mr. Shaw is an authority on civic and governmental problems. He has studied these matters all his life, he has written several books about them and numerous articles for periodicals. He comes to Stevens Point as a specialist. Not only is he a specialist on the serious side of life, but he has a unique understanding of the laughable side of life. In a spicy way, the "Soulosopher," as Professor Shaw is called, tells of what he sees as he watches the world go by.

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DEPART NEWS MENTAL

HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

The dancing party given by the High School and College departments on the night of Feb. 4th was an occasion for much curiosity and comment. Music was furnished by Edwin Walker and his orchestra and dancing continued from 9 to 12 o'clock. The gymnasium was decorated in a rainbow color scheme, and the party was one of the prettiest affairs that has been given at school for a long time.

Several out-of-town guests attended, as each member of the department was privileged to invite one guest. About thirty-five couples were present.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Spindler acted as chaperons.

On Jan. 27, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Smith entertained at their home the senior students of the High School and College departments at a 6 o'clock supper. Pres. and Mrs. Sims and Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Spindler also attended. The evening was spent informally. The Misses Battin, Smith, Scheril, Fish and Schaffer served.

Practically every member of the High School department has signed the petition directed to the Board of Regents asking that the degree of Bachelor of Education be given upon the completion of the required work.

Such an arrangement would greatly facilitate students' adjustments at the universities, and would make higher salaries for teachers a certainty.

The Normal schools, and especially Stevens Point, could proceed with this work immediately as all forces are prepared to advance.

It is our interest to have the degree granted at the earliest possible moment.

HOME ECONOMICS.

The work of furnishing the rest room has begun. The Interior Decoration classes, under Miss Willis's direction, are to do the work. The walls of the room will be stencilled in a panel design and the draperies and curtains made by the girls. Rugs, chairs, screens, and cots will be selected and arranged in the room. The room will probably be ready for use at the beginning of the fourth quarter.

Miss Evelyn Braatz, a senior student of this department, left on February 2, for Wilmet, Wisconsin, where she took a substitute position in the Home Economics department of the High School.

RAH! RAH! RAH! GRAMMARS.

Of all departments in this school
The Grammar is the best,
It never fails in any way
To measure up to test.

Our director is a wonder;
Mr. Watson is his name—
His inspiration teaches us
To play up and play the game.

We have started out again this year
With the same aim we had last fall:
To win the silver cup
For playing basketball.

Now will we be defeated,
For we have set our mind
To carry off first honors,
And leave clouds of glory behind.

Perhaps you aren't acquainted
With the players on our team.
Why, there's Winifred Wysocki!
And say, kids, she's a scream.

There are Kennedy and Somers—
Both experts at the game:
With these three forwards on the job,
Our opponents will look lame.

Friedl, Kampine and Carteron
Are playing guards this year.
The forwards on the opposing team
Regard these three with fear.

Our centers are the tallest,
And the biggest and the best.
"Believe me!" Cole and Firnstahl
Will put their opponents to the test.

LAURIN GORDON HEADS RURAL LIFE CLUB.

The Rural Life Club met on Monday, January 7, and the following officers were elected:

President—Laurin Gordon.
Vice-President—Harold De Lain.
Secretary—Elna Christenson.
Treasurer—Henry Bannach.

After the election a short program was given, consisting of the following numbers:

Piano Solo—Amy Waller
Reading—Frank Grab
Pictures "Scenes Along the Rhine"—Walter Hintz and Leonard O'Keefe

Emily Lorbecki is at the Jordan Demonstration school doing practice teaching, supervised by Miss Clara Stepp, the regular teacher.

The Junior party given Thursday evening, Feb. 3, was an enjoyable affair. A short program exceptionally well rendered formed a part of the evening's entertainment. After the program, dancing and games were the order of the evening.

Dainty refreshments were served consisting of candle light salad and wafers.

Miss Roach chaperoned the party.

KILL-KARE-KORNER

Mr. Watson: "How long is twilight on the Arctic Circle, on June 26th?"
Class: "About a half hour."

Mr. Watson: "Because the sun is where?"

Walker: "Just around the corner."

Rural "Frost" (At Barber Shop): "Say, barber, how long will I have to wait for a shave?"

Barber: (Eying him closely): "About two years, sonny."

One discharged colored soldier asked of another: "What did you say T. N. T. on that he's explosive shell mean?"

"Well," replied the other, "I ain't much on grammar, but I knows it means, Travel, Nege'a, Travel."

Mr. Burroughs: "Why were you tardy to class this morning?"

Hougen: "Well, the class started before I got here."

Miss Hussey (In English Lit.): "What did Caesar say when Brutus stabbed him?"

Ben Held: "Ouch!"

She: "How many subjects are you carrying?"

He: "I am dragging three, and carrying one."

"What is that thing over there?"

"That is an electric plant."

"What grows on it?"

"Currents."

"How are they gathered?"

"In shocks."

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

We are pleased to know that three new students have enrolled in our department for the new semester. They are:

Esther Carlson, Unity, Wis.
Dolores Mannel, Norwalk, Wis.
Margaret Fasbinder.

Grammar Basketball News.

Winifred Wysocki was elected captain of the Grammar team at a meeting of the "Grammar Eight," Monday, Jan. 31.

Marcella Kennedy is back on the "Forward" job, after an absence from practice due to an operation.

The Grammar Team defeated the Home Ec's in a practice game on Monday, Jan. 31. The score at the end of the Second half registered 10 to 3.

On Feb. 1 the team surprised the Rurals, scoring 14 to 4.

ORGANIZATIONS

THE Y. M. C. A. MOCK TRIAL.

The last meeting of the "Y" was held Wednesday evening, Feb. 16. No meeting was held on the 9th on account of the Mardi Gras.

The meeting consisted mainly of a program of vocal and instrumental numbers. It was featured by a "Mock Trial." One of our worthy members had been charged with stealing chickens. Certain witnesses testified against the accused, and others testified in his favor. In the examination and testimonies that followed, situations arose which made it somewhat embarrassing for the accused and a few of the witnesses. The audience will vouch for that fact. But at the end of the trial, the jury cast a verdict in favor of the accused on condition that he make a solemn promise to keep away from hen coops. This he should do, even if his intentions are not to steal chickens.

New Officers Elected.

Parker Clark was elected as treasurer for the remainder of the year. He succeeds Lyle Sheldon, who is now at Northport, Wisconsin. Mr. Sheldon is the principal of the state graded school at that place. Our best wishes for success go with him.

Y. W. C. A.

At the last weekly meeting, held Wednesday, Feb. 9, a valentine was sent to each of the children at the School for the Deaf and Dumb at Delavan, Wisconsin.

A Mission Study Class has been organized by members of the Y. W. C. A. This class meets at Nelson Hall at 4:30 o'clock each Sunday afternoon. A study of Missionary work in Japan will be taken up at these meetings. All girls are invited to attend.

GIRLS' ATHLETICS.

The tournament is on! Have you picked the winner? There's one thing we want at any tournament or contest and that's enthusiasm. Let's show some spirit. Let us all get into the game. We want every student in Stevens Point Normal to come out and display some suppressed energy. Forget your dignity and yourself and help the girls play.

The girls have worked hard, each team looking toward a victory for its department and we all want to do our bit—even if our part of the game is staged on the bleachers.

The team that is victorious will be rewarded by more than just honors. Some trophy will be awarded to each player of the victorious team. In fact all the players will receive some recognition for their effort. Each girl playing will receive a certain number of points which will entitle her to a membership in the Girls' Athletic Association. A monogram or a pin, depending on the number of points the player has earned, will be awarded the players.

There has been some question about the Girls' Athletic Association. It has not been discontinued and we hope to have the association running as smoothly as ever, as soon as Miss Bronson can get an assistant. Just now there has been so much for one to do that there has been no time to give the association much consideration.

Next year we will be on a satisfactory financial basis, which with an assistant in the physical department will put the organization on a systematic and progressive basis. Meanwhile your points will be tabulated and placed to your credit.

Gordon: Do you believe in preparedness?

Mabel: Well, I don't believe in being in arms.

Joe Krause: "I received a blank to report my income, but returned it with the following reply:—

"Sir: — I belong to the Foresters, and don't care to join the Income TAX."

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"But"

"No"

"Just"

"No"

"Once"

"No"

"Please"

"No"

"Henry, why didn't you shave?"

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SOUX INDIAN LECTURER PLEASES BIG AUDIENCE

Dr. Eastman gives interesting and educational address on "The Real American Indian".

Thursday Evening, Feb. 10, Dr. Chas. Eastman, the greatest and most popular authority on the subject of the North American Indian, gave a very interesting and educational lecture before a large audience of Normal students and townspeople.

His subject was "The Real American Indian." Being a native born Sioux, he gave first hand facts and personal experiences that held the attention of the audience every minute. His delivery was free and easy, every move, every gesture, being typical of the natural grace of the Indian.

Dr. Eastman told the tribal legends that have descended for thousands of years from our continents' early inhabitants. These legends explained to the Indians how they originated. Then he went on to the more recent past and to the present, making an appeal to the women voters to help make the present day Indians citizens of the United States. At present they are wards of the government, minors, and are as capable and perhaps in many ways more capable of being good citizens than many who now enjoy the privileges of citizenship. Dr. Eastman told of some of the brave deeds of the Indian volunteers in the World War.

Dr. Eastman was born in Minnesota, in the heart of the Sioux hunting grounds, and until he was fifteen was educated in true Indian fashion. Then he went away to a mission school and later to Dartmouth College from which he was graduated in 1887. He also graduated from Boston University and received the degree of M. D. Dr. Eastman has been very active in working for the welfare of the Indians and has received many decorations from his Sioux brothers. He appeared in the full dress of a Sioux Chief and explained to the audience the meaning of all the bead work on his buckskin suit and the eagle feathers of his headdress.

Dr. Eastman also appeared at General Assembly the following morning and gave a fine talk before the Junior High School and Normal Students. He emphasized the necessity of living out of doors and getting plenty of fresh air.

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Come And See Us.

Student trying to get the best of a professor, put this joke in the school-paper: "Why is a school-room like a Ford?"

Answer: "Because the crank is in front."

The professor censoring the paper added a few words and the joke ran like this: "Why is a schoolroom like a Ford?"

Answer: "Because the crank is in front and the 'nuts' are behind."

Have you ever seen a mosquito weep?

No, but I have seen a moth ball.

MISS JORJORIAN SPEAKS IN ASSEMBLY.

Thursday morning, February 3, Miss Jorjorian made a plea in Assembly for the suffering Armenians. She is sent out by the Near East Relief.

Miss Jorjorian was born in Armenia and she came to this country at the age of ten years. Her parents settled in an Armenian colony in Troy, New York. Since coming here she has attended the University of California and the University of Chicago. For the past four years she has been traveling in the interests of her countrymen.

Miss Jorjorian described the present condition in Armenia. Two hundred fifty thousand orphans are starving whose fathers were killed in service and whose mothers were either murdered or carried off as slaves to Turkish harems. These little ones are living on grass: unless aid is immediately sent they will die.

The heads of the different departments have been requested to solicit offerings from the students. Do your bit to relieve these starving children.

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Wilson: "Did it ever feel any other way?"

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