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STATE HIGH TRACK MEET HERE IN MAY

TOURNEY GAMES BECOME EXCITING AS CONTEST ENDS

Prospect Of Victory For Team Five As Pointer Goes To Press

Leading the other teams by one victory, team one, captained by Frank Wierzenski leads the other contestants in the volley ball tournament. Team one and team four, captained by Laurie Peterson were tied until Monday night, when team one won two out of three games from their rivals. The playing was very exciting, as each team won a game, and the third game was to decide the victory. After much battling, struggle and noise, Frank Wierzenski's team took the last game and put the Peterson aggregation in the rear.

Both of these teams had been beaten once. MacDonald's team, number six, beat the present (as we go to press) leaders three games straight.

There are seven teams in the contest, numbered consecutively and captained by Frank Wierzenski, Harold Holmes, Harold Paukert, Laurie Peterson, Ben Weronke, Forrest MacDonald and the Faculty team headed by Coach Hunting. The latter team has been beaten several times by student teams. Nevertheless the Faculty are satisfied, for they have had some good exercise.

Girls Play Off First Round Of Volley Ball

The first round of the Volley Ball tournament has been played, ending with team V in the lead. The percentages of the teams now are: Team V (Elizabeth Kelley, Capt.) 1000; Team IV (Faith Herriek, Capt.) 800; Team II (Helen Weaver, Capt.) 500; Team I (Leone Ligmun, Capt.) 250; Team VI (Alice Anderson, Capt.) 333 1/3; and Team III (Grace Roskie, Capt.) 000.

The second round began Tuesday, April 19, with team 2 and 6, and, 3 and 4 playing.

The following schedule will be followed for the next three games: Thursday, April 21, 1-2; 5-6; Tuesday, April 26; 1-3; 2-5; and Thursday, April 28, 4-6; 1-5.

Mr. Percival, head of the music department, is in Springfield, Illinois, attending the North Central Music Supervisors Conference.

"The Fool," Broadway Success, Is Chosen For Senior Production

They called me in the public square
The Fool that wears a crown of thorns.
—Tennyson.

"The Fool", by Channing Pollack, has been chosen for the Senior class play to be produced this year. It is a four-act drama with a thread of comedy running through it, and promises to be one of the "biggest" plays ever produced in Stevens Point by an amateur cast.

The fact that "The Fool" had a long run in New York, and was put on at Princeton University with tremendous success, had a great deal to do with the selection of it for this year's play.

Tryouts for the girls were held yesterday and the following have been chosen:

Mrs. Gillium Mr. Whitney
Mrs. Thornbury Clara Hanneman
Dilly Bernice Vinkle
Mrs. Tice Julia Van Hecke
Clare Jewett... Marguerite Jackan
Mary Margaret Mary Shorey
Pearl Hennig .. Henrietta Timme
Mrs. Levinson Velma Davis
Mrs. Henchley Marian Curtis

Only one male character has been cast as yet. It is the part of Daniel Gilchrist, the Fool, which will be played by Donald Vetter.

School Closes To-day For Spring Vacation

The annual Easter vacation will begin this afternoon, April 14, at 4:15 o'clock. The recess will last four days, the regular schedule of classes being resumed at 8 o'clock on Tuesday, April 19. In accordance with custom, no absences from classes, on the days immediately preceding and following the recess, will be excused.

Scholarship Offered In Essay Contest

A \$2,500 scholarship for a school year of study aboard the S. S. Ryndam on its second College Cruise Round the World, is soon to be announced by the University Travel Association, Inc., 285 Madison Avenue, New York City. It will be available to any young man, now an undergraduate in any college or university.

This scholarship includes full expenses on the "University Afloat" — tuition, lectures, steamship ticket, stateroom, shore trips and meals.

Traveler To Talk Here Next Week

Mr. A. L. Flude, who gave a series of travelogues at the Normal some time ago, is scheduled to lecture here again April 21, 22, and 23. His schedule has been arranged in much the same fashion as Mr. Arnold's. The morning lectures will begin at 10 o'clock, afternoon lectures at 2:15, and evening lectures, which will be illustrated, at 8 o'clock, with the exception of Friday. He will begin at 7:30 on Friday so that people wishing to attend both the lecture and the Loyola dance, may do so.

The main topic for his lectures will be China and Japan, and because of the recent National conflict with these countries, it is expected a large crowd will be present to hear of them directly from one who is in a position to give the true facts.

Physical Exams Show Few Student Defects

Physical examinations for both girls and men were completed the early part of the week. The reports were satisfactory and the health ratio was declared to be unusually high.

Dr. Bowman, examining the men students, found the male element in splendid condition. His findings disclosed but a very few cases of heart trouble, none of which is serious, a few cases of enlarged tonsils and no T. B. whatever. With the exception of two cases all the men were found to have good teeth.

The examinations of the girls disclosed much the same findings as reported for the men. The chief malady among the fair sex seems to be the tendency toward bow-legs.

Margaret Ashmun Next Tuesday.

NO POINTER NEXT WEEK

There will be no issue of the **POINTER** next week, following the Easter vacation. Weekly circulation will be resumed April 28th.

CONTESTANTS FROM ALL SECTIONS OF STATE TO ENTER

Details Of Meet Being Worked Out As Entries Are Made

About forty schools are expected to attend the Central Wisconsin Interscholastic track meet which will be sponsored by the Central Wisconsin State Normal School on Saturday, May 28.

The meet has not aroused much comment during the past, since it has been held relatively early and the weather could not be counted on. Also, the schools which might have entered had not practiced enough to do so and be sure of any honors. This year, however, the meet will be held later, and more schools have signified their wish to attend.

The meet this year will be exciting. Madison Central and Wausau have each held the permanent cup twice. The one which gets it again will keep it. Consequently a fight is in store. Wausau has a good team this season, and Madison Central always has good material. Oshkosh and Kenosha have written concerning details of the meet, and as they have never attended before, the meet officials are anxious to have them here. The various judges and officials have not been decided upon as yet, since the track meet is too far away. However, Coach Hunting and the athletic committee are planning the details as the schools enter.

Irene Hite Applauded For Brilliant Work

In two modern Russian compositions, Miss Irene Hite, former student of the Stevens Point Normal, carried the ovation of the assembly April 7th. Her first number was "Etude", by Anton Arensky; her second, "Polichinelle", by Rachmaninoff. Both numbers were played with verve and brilliance giving the piano life that it has perhaps never known before. The auditorium throbbed with applause but Miss Hite did not grant an encore.

Miss Hite left here last June and has, since the opening of the fall session, been studying with the celebrated pianist Boguslawski at the Chicago Conservatory of Music. In the early part of this week she entered as a contestant in a prize competition for which she had been preparing for months.

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THE PROBLEM OF "CARRYING OVER"

Perhaps few things irritate an instructor so much as the inability of the student to "carry over" thoughts from one course to another. Opinions have been expressed on both sides by psychologists and educators in explanation of this phenomenon, but these opinions have never been established as anything more than opinions. As such they serve their purpose regardless of their further influence on educational methods. Whether a student can learn something in one course and "carry it over" in the proper relation to the new work in another course remains a moot question. In fact whether a student can learn a certain set of facts from one angle in a course and "carry them over" to another angle in the same course is a question. Subsequently a great and actually momentous need arises.

A student studying History and English and Biology accumulates masses of facts in each department, but almost invariably fails to use them as anything but straight History and English and Biology. All his History is piled up in one cylinder-like compartment. The more he learns about history the higher this History cylinder is heaped. Distinctly apart from this he learns his English. In this cylinder he has nothing but English, and in the next nothing but Biology. The more courses he has, the more individual cylinders he will have. He has mountains of segregated facts, but there is rarely, almost never, an attempt made to help him get a CROSS SECTION view.

The problems of life are varied and strange-shaped. They do not come lined up in military columns with a distinct call for History in one case, a distinct call for English in another, and an utterly different one for Biology. The problems of practical life have bits of all in them. But the student is not trained to meet them as they come. If he is able, by his own native ability, to meet the inexorable combinations that thrust themselves in his path he saves himself some distasteful experience. For the most part however students, as well as others, find themselves unable to meet such Medusas. This deprives them of competency, efficiency, happiness, poise and confidence.

Admittedly Biology must be taught as Biology; English must be taught as English; History as History. It is an impossibility to study the details of the Peloponnesian war and the characteristics of phylum arthropoda at the same moment. Because of that impossibility a new, an entirely new course, is needed. Some type of cross-section course is needed to correlate the huge, individual masses of facts that have been assimilated. Some course is needed to melt the facts of Biology and History and English into an understandable whole.

If English is only to be used in English classes, Biology in Biology classes and History in History classes, then there can be no motive in learning them for outside of their respective classes they would be as worthless as wampum on Wall Street. Students more and more are becoming displeased with studying a course just because it happens to be on the curriculum. Students want to know WHY they are studying a course; they want to know of what PRACTICAL GOOD it will be to them.

HOW TO KEEP FROM BEING DULL

The vacation starting tomorrow is the last this year. It will only be a few days, but it will be enough to rehabilitate student's attitude toward the last weeks of school. Too much work, indeed, does make Johnnie a dull boy. There will not be too much of it, but there will be a great deal in the little more than seven weeks that remain after Easter. Go home and play; go anywhere and play. But play! Then come back here and work.

A book is a friend whose face is constantly changing. If you read it when you are recovering from an illness, and return to it years after, it is changed surely, with the change in yourself. —Andrew Lang

To be resigned—self-satisfied, contented—will result in cold comfort some hot day—

HUMOR
MORE OR LESS
by "Rusty"

It appears of late, that the mannikins in the dressmaking room are being victimized by ulterior motives—they offer splendid possibilities for "necking" practice.

Don Vetter and Irving Gordon were among the first to grasp the idea. They are still "grasping" it.

A shipment of male dummies is expected this week for the benefit of our more aggressive co-eds.

This, as the goat said when he forsook his tin-ware and began masticating the mirror, is indeed food for reflection.

But nothing compared to the swivel-jointed co-ed who took centipede poison to keep her skin from crawling whenever the B. F. kissed her.

All this, however, (as "Artists and Models" would say) is entirely off the 'subject'.

HOT DAM-PUR-R-R.

Buzz — Mmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm
Norine — Mmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm
Both — Gosh, the speedometer's busted.

IN THE GARDEN

John P. — Gee, look at that girl with her stockings turned inside out.
Hank K. — Yeah, somebody musta turned the hose on her.

ASK F— OH, THAT'S RIGHT!

A wise student always knows the class record of the fellow he is copying from.

THINK ON THIS, YE PRATTLING YOUTHS

Horses neck — and hoof.

W'LD'S SH'RT'ST DR'MA.

I — May I kiss you?
II — No!
III — He kisses her.

THANK GOSH!

Joe Gunning — What is discretion, Mr. Spindler?
Mr. Spindler — Discretion is something that comes to a man when he is too old to profit by it, my boy.

TISH! TISH!

Lucille — No, Jerome, I never thought of you that way. But I'll be a sister to you.

Jerome — No thanks! I have a sister who swipes my cigarettes, socks, ties and frat pins, and I can't afford another.

YEA, BUT NOT ROTTEN

Lil Scotch Girl — You say that horrid man nearly strangled you from clear across the gym?

Donald — Yup, he threw an egg at me while I was cheering through a megaphone.

CONTRA-PER-CEPTIVE!

Precourt — Do you mind kissing on sanitary grounds?

Hazel — No.
Precourt — Let's stroll down to River Pines.

CATCH
AS
CATCH-CAN
COLUMN

Catch what you can;
Can what you catch.

I hate quizzes;

They bother me!
Yesterday I studied
All afternoon
For a quiz,
And this morning
I took it.
They say
"Time will tell"
But I don't need to wait.
If that had been
An entrance exam
To Heaven
I'd be heaving coal
Now.

I hate quizzes;

They bother me!

—Lena Waybeck.

Dear Editor:

Now that we are a State Teachers' College (or nearly one), I think that it would sound a bit more consistent if we referred to the time spent in the Auditorium, each Monday and Friday, as "Chapel" instead of "Assembly".
—The Interested Spectator.

Two Other Fellas

Who's this Fifth Horseman and what's he knows about geometry? Making such statements about the school triangle! That kind of mathematics would give Mr. Collins the shivers. It's not a triangle at all. Any dumb-dora can see that the whole proposition is a curved system. It is made up of two points revolving about a point within, called the center of attraction. A miniature solar system so to speak.

Now the whole question resolves itself into this: namely, who has the inner orbit? Are they equal? Is there a comet in the system, and if so, when will it return and will it bust up the whole business? What's it all about anyway?

P. Bunyan II

Local Color

Her lovely beauty lured him on;
Unable longer to resist,
He seized her and her red lips
kissed.
But when he looked the red was
gone!

He held her closely in his arms.
For her it was an awful test,
Her beauty stayed upon his
vest,
Tra-la-la-la Boomp teeyay.....

—G. I. M.

NOTICE!!! NOTICE!!!
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I hereby claim and affirm that I drive the most degenerate, rattley, spavined, slab-sided, leather lunged, tubercular, desipetic, asthmatic COLLEGIATE flivver on the campus, and I'll put up two bits that says so.

J. Keith Berens.

OUR DICTION KEY:

Cheap-skate — A man that never takes anything but a sponge-bath.

Ford — The car you push up-hill with your left foot.

Pun — A joke at which everyone groans — because he did not think of it first.



SOCIETY



LOYOLA PLANS DANCE ON FRIDAY NEXT WEEK

Plans are being completed for the dancing party already announced for the first Friday after Easter, to be given by the Loyola Club. Committees have been appointed, and preparations moving swiftly ahead. Elaborate decorations, together with several specialty dances, are among the pretentious plans. An orchestra guaranteed to produce plenty of peppy music has been engaged, and the invitation list is being made out. Anyone wishing an outside friend to be invited hand in his or her name to Miss Mae Roach, Helene Knope, or Bernice Vinkle.

Dinner Served Foods Class Among Flowers

One half of the Junior Foods Class entertained the remainder of the class at a six-thirty o'clock dinner last Friday evening. The style of service used was the Compromise Style (refer to Emily Post — page 128), and gave the students an excellent opportunity to become better acquainted with it. The new dishes introduced were Planked Fish and Baked Alaska. The guests literally ate among daffodils and the decorative effect lent by the flowers, real and artificial, was especially attractive. The dinner was very successfully conducted under the chairmanship of Miss Mildred Crook.

Forum At Interesting Meeting Monday Eve.

The Forum held a meeting Monday evening. The meeting was made unusually interesting by a talk by Mr. Collins, special music by Margaret Dickie, and a reading by Helene Knope.

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Rurals Select Comedy Drama As Class Play

Each year the Rural Department presents a Class Play. They play this year is to be "Putting It Up To Patty", a three-act comedy-drama by Seymour S. Tibbals. The Cast:

William Webster Ray Boone
Seth Wilson Marcel Lemmer
John Matthews .. Francis Roman
Dan Dickson Jerome Ware
Hiram Huckins Julius Williamson
Patricia Webster Eva Shambeau
"Aunt Mary" Webster

Edna Fisher
Mary Jane Stokes ... Hazel Wolfe
Hulda Huckins Lula Larson

Style Show Given By Class In Clothing

Miss Church's Clothing IV Class held an interesting style show Monday evening, after school in the sewing room, before Miss Allen and an appreciative audience. The girls have been hard at work all this quarter on their spring wardrobes, and this exhibition showed conclusively that we have some talented seamstresses in our midst. Hats, coats and suits in the latest spring mode were displayed on living models.

Margaret Ashmun Next Tuesday.

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With what automobile does an intelligent man associate the numbers 50-60-70-80? Who stamped yellow fever out of the Panama Canal zone? Who said "Don't give up the ship"? To what prominent Mohammedan was the original Fatima related? What is a Percheron? Of what great body is Charles G. Dawes the President? What U. S. poet married a consumptive girl of thirteen?

How many of these can you answer? There is no significance in answering them but they seem to have become a popular pastime. Next issue of the Pointer will contain twenty-five of these brain-twisters. So invite in your shrewdest friends, equip them with pencil and paper, and see who will be Champion. The answers will not be printed until the following issue.

Ex-Students Return For Spring Visits

Several of the old members of the high school department have been back to see us this last week. Among them are Charles Habeek, Elizabeth Weber, Ruth Robertson and Irene Hite.

Margaret Ashmun Next Tuesday.

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Mr. Spindler Talks On College Suicides

The Grammar Round Table held a unique and entertaining program Monday evening, April 11th. Mr. Spindler talked on the subject, "Is Life Worth Living?", in which he discussed the number of college suicides of late. Following the thought provoking talk of Mr. Spindler, Helene Knope read Kipling's "Gunga Din" and "L'Envoi". The program was altogether a pleasant one.

Music Students Sing At P. T. A. Meeting

Miss Elma Jole and Miss Arline Carlsten sang two duets before the Parent Teachers Association at the Washington school last week Tuesday. The music was arranged for by Mr. Percival. Miss Shuldnecht, local supervisor of music in the city schools was the accompanist.

Margaret Ashmun Next Tuesday.

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