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EAU CLAIRE DROPS LAST CONFERENCE GAME TO POINT

Boone and Peterson Play Last Game For Alma Mater

The basketball team closed the season with a clean win from the team which had previously beaten it by the greatest margin of any team played. The Purple easily outclassed the Westerners all during the first half, but slowed up some in the second period when the Eau Claire squad made the Pointers step to keep pace.

Point Gains Lead

The Purple had exceptional luck in shooting all through the first half, worming down the sidelines and in behind the Eau Claire defense and sinking ringers one after another. MacDonald led the scoring with three field goals and an equal number of free throws.

The visiting team was unable to break through the Point defense at any time during the first half. The brilliant guarding of MacDonald, Weronke and Vrobel left the Eau Claire outposts virtually impotent and unable to work effectually.

Confliction Develops

Boone was put out on personals when referee Doehling claimed that the Purple captain had the limit and Hunting claimed that Peterson had made one of the errors. The referee settled the matter after an argument lasting for several minutes.

Captain Boone and Laurie Peterson have played their last conference games for the Purple, and the next year's squad is going to feel their loss deeply. Both have been strong and consistent players, adding points for the Point in each game.

The score at the half was 20-11 with the Point in the lead. The whistle blew with the score 29-25, but Vrobel was fouled just as the time ended, and added another point by his free throw, making the total 30-25.

S. P. N. INSTRUCTOR MAKES LAWRENCE GLEE CLUB

Mr. Norman Knutzen, faculty member at S. P. N. has been selected as one of the thirty-nine men who will tour this spring with the Lawrence college glee club.

Mr. Knutzen received a leave of absence during the 1926-27 school year to take post-graduate work at Lawrence college. He will also represent the school in forensics this year, having been chosen as college orator.

Point, La Crosse Tie In Debate

Stevens Point and La Crosse were tied last Friday for championship of the central triangle of the state college debating league. Arrangements are to be made for another debate between these two teams to settle the championship in order that the winning team may participate in the league debate.

All affirmative teams won the decisions in the triangle debates held Friday between Stevens Point, Oshkosh, and La Crosse. The Point affirmative team won from the La Crosse negative team by a percentage score of 100 to 96. Professor Bost of Lawrence College was judge.

At Oshkosh, the negative team lost to Oshkosh affirmative, 100 to 96, with Prof. A. T. Weaver of the University of Wisconsin as judge.

The La Crosse affirmative won at home from Oshkosh, 100 to 90, thus leaving La Crosse and Stevens Point tied for high honors with a total of 196 each.

IRIS CAMPAIGN TO CLOSE AT END OF WEEK

Announcement comes from the "Iris" office that the order for the "Irises" must go in the last of next week. There are according to the reports of the "Iris" office about forty students who haven't subscribed but intend to do so. The books are coming out early this year and they are, from early indications, going to be well above the average. We hope that no one will be foolish enough to go without a book merely because they lack the ambition to go to the business manager and take out a subscription.

Set Short Story Contest Rules

The Margaret Ashmun Club has announced its first annual Short Story Contest which will close April 12th. Arnold Malmquist, president of the Margaret Ashmun Club, in announcing the contest Thursday February 24th in the assembly outlined the conditions which will govern the submission of manuscripts by contestants.

Contrary to the contest of last year which was open only to members of the Margaret Ashmun Club, the contest this year will be open to any member of the student body of the Stevens Point Normal School. Two prizes will be offered: the first prize will be fifteen dollars (\$15.00); the second prize will be ten (\$10.00). In addition to the monetary prizes the winners of

HOME ECS AND PRIMARIES WIN FIRST GAMES OF CAGE TOURNAMENT

THE CALENDAR

Thursday — March 10 —
Loyola Club meeting — Ru-
ral Assembly — 7:30 P. M.
Friday — March 11 —
Girls Basketball Game —
Gymnasium — 7:30 P. M.
Saturday — March 12 —
Girls Basketball Game —
Gymnasium — 7:30 P. M.
Monday — March 14 —
Girls Basketball Game —
Gymnasium — 7:30 P. M.
Thursday — March 17 —
Rural Party — Gymnasium.

PAUKERT TO BE CAPTAIN OF FOOTBALL SQUAD

Harold Paukert was elected foot ball captain for next year, at a special meeting of foot ball men called last Wednesday afternoon by Coach Hunting.

Harold is a Junior in the High School department and has played on the team the past two years, doing excellent work as fullback and punter.

POINT ALUMNUS COACH OF CHAMPION RACINE CAGERS

Edward McCarr, formerly of this Normal school, is getting his picture in the papers now as coach of the Racine High School lightweight basketball team, which has been beating every team of its own size and many that were not. The Racine Lights, as they are called, recently won from the West Allis Heavies, 24 to 13.

High School and Rurals Get Off to Bad Start

The first series of games in the G. A. A. basketball tournament proved to be thrillers in every sense of the word. The colorful suits worn by the players added to the fantastic impression, forming a kaleidoscope of flashing greens, whites, blues and other colors.

The first game was a walkaway for the Home Ecs, who dropped in baskets indiscriminately until the scorer perspired trying to work his pencil fast enough. The Kitchen Mechanics have been ably coached and they are all good players. Helen Lohr and Florence Shoaf were the outstanding members on the hash slingers squad, being almost infallible shots. The Rurals had poor luck with their shooting, being unable to penetrate the Home Ec defense to any great extent. The final score was 58-14.

H. S. Loses to Primaries

The High School had luck in the same proportion as the Rurals in their game with the Primaries. Joe Gunning did a good job and his team had a number of star players, some of whom have played together during their High school career. The Primaries have a fast and consistent-playing team and should stand a good chance of competing for final honors. The score at the end of the last quarter was 26-7. Although the High Schools lost, they have a good bunch if their luck holds, and ought to show up well.

At the time the POINTER went to press, no data could be had on last night's games. However judging by Monday's battles, the Home Ecs are the class of the tournament. They play as a team, they have the necessary technique and are "all there" when it comes to shooting.

DOUDNA COMPLIMENTS LOCAL PAPER ON SCHOOL STAND

E. G. Doudna, Secretary of the Wisconsin Teachers' Association, in a letter to the Journal, dated February 24, 1927, compliments the paper on its strong editorials on the educational situation, namely the question of whether or not we have too many Normal schools in Wisconsin.

He says, "Just now there is a lot of reaction against the normal schools. Much of the criticism is unfair, and probably some is malicious. You are doing a great service in pointing out the very fundamental truth, that Wisconsin has not now an over-supply of teachers with qualifications which our schools deserve."

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LEST YOU FORGET

Not so many weeks ago a new semester started. A new chance was offered: a clean slate. You decided you would work harder this semester. You admitted that you had not worked as hard last semester as you might have. You were a little disappointed in your grades. You felt that you were worth more than that.

Six weeks of the new semester have passed. A third of this last session. Your ardor is a little cooled now. Working as diligently as you intended has become tedious. Your first flush of ambition is fading. You are beginning to slacken. That, you remember, was what happened last semester. Will you slide until the close of THIS semester and wonder, again, why your grades are disappointing. NOW is the time to throw off that lethargy. NOW is the time to hit the ball.

No one else is working for you. YOU are working for YOU. Aligator tears at the semester's end are a form of poor sportsmanship.

Sylvester Lives

Final Chapter

There are times, and times. well-meaning, but listless acting boy. Times when Sylvester would have liked to have Pamela Kelsey visit him. But to visit him here, in jail, was horrible.

If Sylvester could have escaped from his cell as he saw Pamela approaching he would have done it, but as it was, there was no possible evasion of that smile of her's. She had said something to him which he thought resembled a greeting, but he had been pre-occupied, and now as she stood before him he looked wistfully, helplessly into her eyes.

She knew. He had been arrested; taken from a house being raided for moonshining. What could he have been doing there? Other women? Perhaps. And he had told her—that one night when he folded her into his arms and kissed her, that ravishing evening on the veranda—that he loved her. She had believed him, in her ecstacy. Then that episode when it seemed that they were misunderstanding each other: his improvised date with Ellyn Foulkes and the disastrous collapsing of his relations with both of them. Pamela remembered, painfully, that this man before her was indeed the man who had said he loved her. But that seemed strange now.

"I know how it looks to you," assured Sylvester, "and I suppose it wouldn't do much good to tell you any more about it."

"No, Syl, you couldn't know how it looks to me," she said.

"Yes—"
"No," she stopped him, "you couldn't, for you are just a big,

well-meaning, but listless acting boy."

"Boy?"

"Yes, Sylvester. Boy."

"I knew you wouldn't understand."

"But I do. Far better than you like to think. Far better than I ought to think. This is a queer place to find you; here in this jail with an unsightly group of charges against you, but it could not be otherwise. I could not talk to you while you had your freedom, for you were too busy living your life. You hadn't time to listen. You were probing into life and finding surprises that you had heard about and that you wanted to investigate."

"I knew all about life before I knew of this school."

"Of course. Story-book life; the kind that fictitious characters live, but not the kind that you could live."

"Are you trying to preach to me, Pam?"

"Perhaps. I've got you in a place now where you can't escape. You'll just have to listen. Let's be frank."

"Frank? Do you mean—"

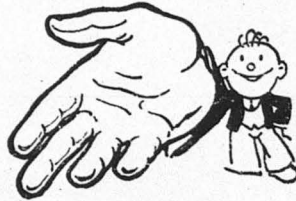
"I mean that I believe the only time you have ever been frank with me was the night you told me you loved me. You couldn't help it that night. There was a moon, a blue sky, quietude and all those other things that make men say silly things—things which they revile when they think of them afterward—and you did the natural thing."

Sylvester looked down, unable

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HUMOR

MORE OR LESS



Students! Do not offer any suggestions for this column; it is against our policy to use suggestive material. Har!

SKULE SPEARIT.

The young man walked down the street with one shoe off and his coat turned inside out. A cop grabbed him and demanded: "What's the big idea?"

It's like this, said the young man. "I'm taking a course at a correspondence school, and yesterday those darn sophomores wrote to me and told me to haze myself!"

THAT'S NOT HIT.

He thought he'd surely make a hit. When for his photograph she prayed: "Out, when this calls," she wrote to it, And gave it to the maid.

CALL AGAIN.

Spry — It would be a pretty dull world for you girls if all the men should suddenly leave it.

Kertzheim — Oh, we should still have you college boys left.

WITH A PAST, TOO.

Whitey — This bluff about history repeating itself is the bunk! Name one thing of importance that has happened in the last twenty five years!

Jerry — Me!

Joswick called up V—, his angel of the switchboard, and asked for heaven. That isn't what she gave him.

DON'T GIVE ADAM.

Albrecht — They say that man becomes morally weaker as the day wears on — less able to resist temptation.

Weronke — Shouldn't wonder. You know it was near Eve that Adam went wrong.

PERSONAL APPLICATION.

Heinie — After all, fools make life amusing. I should hate to live with all the fools dead.

Springer — Don't worry, you wouldn't.

NO, NOT HERE.

A general good time was had until eleven o'clock, when fruit salad and cake was served by the home Ec. department.

HIDDEN TREASURE.

Crystal — I bet, dad you never saw swell dancing like this back in your day.

Daddums — Yes, I did, often — but the place was raided before ten o'clock.

AND MAYBE THE RAG.

"Guess I'll go home and chew the fat with the old man," replied the prodigal son.

THAT WAY?

"Buzz" — I'm beginning to think your friend, Vic is rather a dumb sock. "Fish" — Smart? Why he's the kind that would plant a piece of dog-wood and expect to raise a litter of puppies.

The biggest problem in life is living them down.

HORRIBLE!

A student in the University of Chicago died recently from over-work. Gollee! And after all this caution!

SURE L.

"Love's Labor Lost" wasn't a tragedy, but a lost love of labor is.

CATCH AS CATCH-CAN COLUMN

Catch what you can;
Can what you catch.

Dear Editor: —

Sometime ago Dr. Arnold spoke of the death of poetry using the nose as its subject. I venture the following as an explanation of that fact.

Poets many odes devise,

All about their lovers eyes:

Teeth have come in song and rhyme

To be lauded all the time;

As for lips, who could resist,

Writing of those lips he'd kissed.

But the nose alone is there,

Missing of its rightful share;

If to understand 'tis hard,

Just imagine you're a bard;

In poetic exaltation,

You look for some inspiration;

Lady friend turns red with fear,

She says, "Does my nose shine, dear?"

You can't see it long enuff,

Cause it's covered with a puff.

The Philosopher.

The Mystery Man.

He is that exceptional student:

When professors are late, he never

wants to cut at ten minutes past—

He never sings with the boys under

a classroom—

When the Christmas holidays come

around, he does not want to get off a

couple of days ahead of time—

He never sits in front of the post-

office and remarks about the fine

points of the coeds as they go by—

He never goes home from the girls'

dormitory and tells what a hot date he

had—

He never discusses the fine points of

the profs—

He is that exceptional student that

the profs talk about, but has never been

seen or found on the campus.—

Ala. Rammer Jammer.

PAGE CITY FIRE DEP'T

The Cottage girls still are not satisfied as to the cause of the fire as suggested in the last issue of the POINTER. We are sorry but we must acknowledge that "sparking" is not in our vocabulary. The suggested cause may therefore be correct but it requires explanation.

HOW COULD YOU, LEITH

Leith says she found a wolf in her dormitory bed, but you know and I know what she found instead. (?)

A Flapper is one who bobs her hair, powders her nose and says to herself: "Clothes, I'm going down town, if you want to go along, hang on."

It won't be long now before young men's fancies will begin to return. Balmy evenings and languid days and young men's fancies are hard on the school-girl complexion.

OUR DICTION-BOOK:

Laughter — A good losers only way of expressing contempt for himself.

Hard-hearted Brute — The one who holds the lamp while his mother chops the wood.

Home — A place where you have all mail sent.



SOCIETY



Play Presented By Woman's Club

"Glory of the Morning", a play written by William Ellory Leonard, was presented by five members of the Stevens Point Woman's Club at assembly last Thursday morning.

"Glory of the Morning" is a one-act play based on early Wisconsin history. The setting is a wooded section around the four lakes, which is now the site of Madison.

Watson Lectures on Deep Waterway

Mr. Watson gave an unusually interesting talk on the great possibilities of the St. Lawrence Waterway Monday morning, March 7. He said in part, that transportation touches the life of every individual, and when we purchase the smallest article we are bringing in the phase of transportation. We, as individuals, do not recognize the cost of transportation.

The cheapest transportation known to man is the ocean. No nation has ever come into power or leadership without a seaport. The difficulty in this country is that it is too large, and we are cut off from the easy access afforded by the ocean to coastal lands.

The Great Lake region is the richest region in the world, but still they cannot ship their produce without great expense. The opening of the Great Lakes — St. Lawrence water-way would mean a saving of 25% on all transportation rates, which would apply equally well to both exports and imports.

Open the Great Lakes — St. Lawrence Waterway and the shores of the Atlantic will be placed at Milwaukee, Duluth and Chicago. This water-way will go further than anything else to solve the farmer's difficulties.

MISS MESTON BACK

Miss Meston has again resumed her teaching duties after a short absence. We may like to think ourselves quite responsible, but nevertheless we are more appreciative of Miss Meston's aid now that we have been without it for a while.

NEGATIVE DEBATE TEAM GIVES THEATRE PARTY

On Saturday evening, March 5 the negative debate team entertained a theatre party for the affirmative team. As the scores for competitive audience-decision debates were equal up until the final debate Friday, it was decided on the way home from a debate trip to Waupaca, that whichever team won in the final debate should be entertained by the loser. The show was a particularly amusing one — "Harold Lloyd in 'Kid Brother'". Ten people were in the party, including Prof. and Mrs. Burroughs, who chaperoned.

Dear Society Editor:

I am writing this letter to you, because I believe that it comes under your department, and hoping that you will do something about it. I have been wondering what the Juniors intend doing about a Junior Prom. It's very near to Easter (Only one week of Lent has gone, but that's alright, I have my Easter hat anyhow), and some sort of arrangements should be made so that this affair will be the best of any (since it's the first). If you have room please print this letter someplace where the Juniors will be sure and see it. As ever,

Joe College.

P. S. When calling for your girl to take her to a Prom is it advisable to bring a wheelbarrow, or let her walk?

RURALS PLAN DANCE ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Here's a chance to break the monotony of Lent. The annual dance given by the Rural department on St. Patrick's Day will soon be here. This is one of the social highlights of the year and promises to furnish entertainment galore to those who attend. Invitations will be out before long, so start making your dates.

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Sylvester Lives.

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to meet her eyes.

"But," she began soothingly, "you can take that back — — — if you want to. You can forget that you ever told me that — — — if you want to. And then we can talk about life as it is, rather than as we suppose it to be. You can forget that you kissed me, and I'll forget it too — — — if you want me to."

"No Pam," Sylvester was able to stammer, "it isn't that. I don't want to forget all that, but I know I can't keep you from forgetting it, if you want to." Pamela stood before him, silently. Before him, but beyond him. He was behind the bars, and it was not until this moment that he appreciated it all. Behind the bars!

He recounted how it had all come about. Cluneyville, the village of his birth had been intolerable. He had wanted to live life in his own manner. Unrestrained. School, Pamela Kelsey, that glorious night on the veranda — that night! — Ellyn Foulkes, that Hallowe'en party, "Dud" and the trip to Regina's house, the "cops" and now this! This cell! To this his desire to live life had led him! Jail!

He looked up, reached through the bars and took Pam's hands into his own. Living life? It would be worth living on the other side of those bars; it had been his desire, a false fantasy of life, that had been responsible for his being put here.

Pamela placed her face very close to the bars and Sylvester caressed her lips lightly with his own. "Pamela," he said, "life can only be lived in reality."

THE END.

To the Student Body: —

I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the presentation made me in assembly. I appreciate the fact that, even though beaten, the students have taken this opportunity to show their esteem.

Asel Weldon—

Campus Gleanings

Harold Paukert has styled himself a performer of miracles. He dropped a basketball through the ring from the other end of the floor and never touched the hoop.

Now that Lent has come to pass, the candy counter has a slack trade — when it's closed.

Keep your weather eye open or you may get into a collision. Kraake and Krause are practising for the mile, along the shaded city walks.

In the spring, the young men's fancy turns to thoughts of — work next summer.

STUDENTS!
THE FOLLOWING
PATRONIZE US
YOU PATRONIZE THEM!

CLASSES IN NUTRITION ORGANIZED BY NURSE

The city school nutrition classes which have been carefully organized by Miss Britz, city nurse, have been placed in charge of some of the Senior Home Economics Students. The students have their classes directly in charge and are under the supervision of Miss Britz.

Each Student teacher has ten or twelve children who are very much under-weight. It is the task of the teacher to bring each of these children, by concentrated endeavor, up to its normal weight. The mothers of the children are invited to attend each class session.

This is a new project in Stevens Point and it is a difficult, but admirable, undertaking. Splendid progress, it has been reported, has been made.

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