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National Fever

Grinnell Quiz Bowl team advances to Nationals thanks to facts on psychology, biology and Nelly

BY COLIN REYNOLDS

Last Monday evening, several Grinnell students gathered in ARH to quiz one another on everything from sports and history trivia to math problems and song lyrics. Two

weeks prior, identifying lyrics by hip-hop artist Nelly had helped to qualify four of them for Nationals.

The Grinnell College Quiz Bowl

Team took first place in Division II Sectionals in St. Paul, automatically winning an invitation to the National Academic Quiz Tournaments (NAQT) national finals. The team will send four of its members to the University of Maryland in College Park April 7 and 8 to vie for the national title.

Quiz Bowl is currently in its fifth year at Grinnell and last year placed third in Division II Sectionals, advancing to Nationals and placing 14th in the nation.

NAQT tournaments are organized in two divisions. Division I is for students who have been to a national tournament before, while Division II is for those who have not. Though most of the team's members were eligible to

participate in Division II, tryouts were held to pick a four-person team. "We ran the results through a com-

puter program to optimize the overlap in knowledge [between potential team members] and did what the computer told us to," said team member Avram Lyon '06.

Christine Vigeland '06, Avram Gottschlich '07, Mark Japinga '09 and Jordan Kujala '09 comprised the team that won the Sectional competition and will represent Grinnell in Maryland.

Lyon, Alyssa Hesse '07, Tom Soderholm '08 and David Montgomery '08 competed in Division I and placed fifth, not well enough to qualify for Nationals.

Practice sessions include questions of all kinds. Generally, the room is divided into two teams that compete against one another to answer "tossup questions," which require a participant to press a buzzer once he or she has figured out the answer. Answering a tossup correct gives that person's team a

"bonus" question, on which team members can confer.

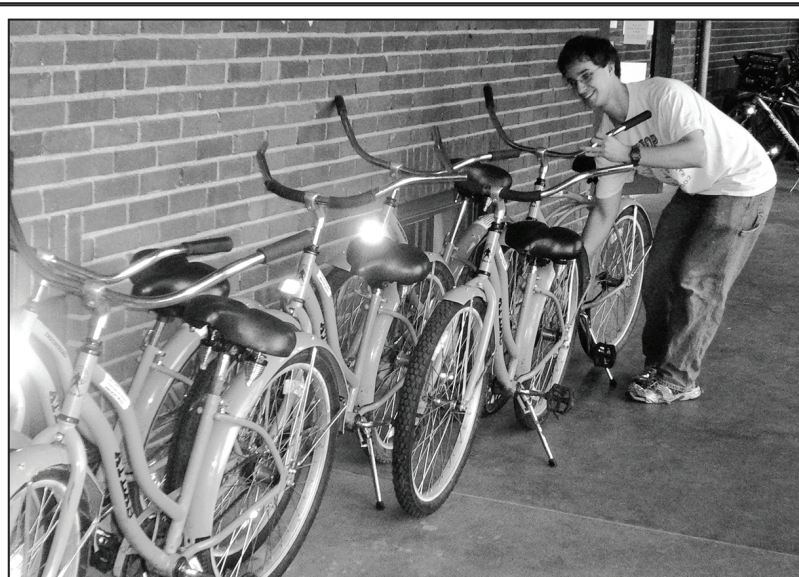
Quiz Bowl is open to anyone interested. Practices are held on Mondays and Thursdays at 7:30 in ARH's Russian seminar room.

"Most of the time we're just practicing," said Lyon. "We compete as much as we can, but practices are always fun."



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Avram Lyon '06



Spring in the air? Campus bikes return

Campus bike program manager Brad Bishop '08 places campus bikes on the North Campus loggia Wednesday night. The bikes were stored in the repair room in Clark Pit over winter break. At the end of last semester, four bikes were missing, and Bishop decided to keep the bikes in for a while in hopes that the missing bikes would reappear. When two did, Bishop picked a nice day to put the bikes back out.

JOHN BOWERS

Grinnellians remember Rose-Palermo

"Nonconformist" former Grinnell student died in Arizona last week

BY LOLA GARCIA

A former Grinnell student died in a bizarre drowning incident this past Valentine's Day.

John Rose-Palermo, formerly '05, was 23 when he plunged into river of an Arizona bridge last week.

According to police reports, he dove into 12-15 feet of water wearing only boxer shorts and tennis shoes and drowned before friends could save him.

Police are still investigating why Rose-Palermo dove into the water during his last semester at Arizona State University.

Rose-Palermo attended McClintock High in Arizona and Northern Arizona University before transferring to Grinnell and majoring in philosophy.

"John was an original," said friend Cain Elliott '06 of Rose-Palermo's range of interests. Rose-Palermo was an active student while attending the college. He was an athlete who played both rugby and football. "He was just a real friendly young man who enjoyed as much being out and being with a group of teammates as he did playing in ballgames," Coach Greg Wallace told The Arizona Republic.

Another former football player remembered Rose-Palermo as someone who enjoyed the fellowship of his team even if he was not the top player. "He was a really energetic guy who was happy most of the time," Franklin Gilmore-Metz '06 told the Arizona paper.

He was also an active member of the debate team and competed in the National Parliamentary Debate

Association Tournament in 2003.

But even as he was always busy, Rose-Palermo's friends remembered his casual approach to life. "He was perpetually riding the wave of 'right now,' just doing his thing," said friend Adam Lake '06. "He'd always make everyone else's plans for life look like lousy attempts at adventure."

Still, Rose-Palermo struggled with the Grinnell community and according to some his experience here was tumultuous.

"[The Grinnell community] did not want to take the time to interact with a person who did not conform to the unstated rules that govern our actions," said Elliott. "Football players aren't supposed to be sensitive intellectuals. Vegetarians aren't supposed to be rugby players who spend their evenings with Nietzsche and Merleau-Ponty."

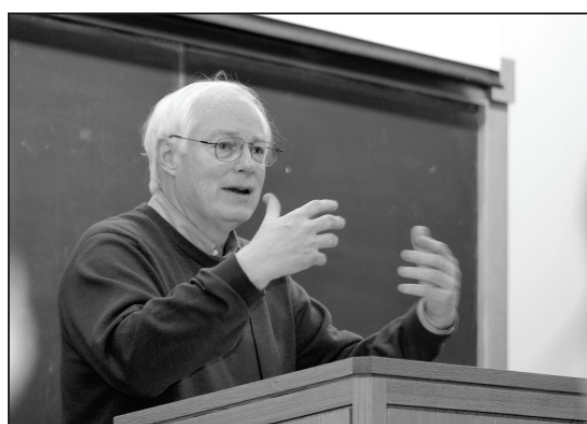
Personal problems also haunted Rose-Palermo and friends say he struggled with drug use. Elliott said that the Rose-Palermo's inability to resist "the intoxication of drugs" wasn't hurt by Grinnell students' acceptance of marijuana use.

"Saying this would have certainly pissed off John," explained Elliott, "but I think it's up to us to make something valuable of his life." Other friends point out that Rose-Palermo simply wanted to do something else with his life. "It didn't surprise too many people when he dropped out to play poker around the world," said Lake.

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—Cain Elliott '06

Rose-Palermo, cont. on p. 2



Veteran Congressman speaks on campus

Representative Jim Leach (R-IA), Chairman of the House International Relations subcommittee on East Asia and the Pacific, speaks in ARH 302 Tuesday morning about U.S. relations with China.

NICK HECKER



This Week in Joint Board

President Russell K. Osgood said Trustees will vote to authorize plans to renovate Cowles as alternative housing this Friday. Osgood said that there will be at least one more alternative housing project in the future. He said the trustees will also discuss the endowment, half of which is now up for reinvestment, an unusually high amount.

Osgood said Grinnell will eventually build windmills as an alternative energy source, but he is not sure when the project will take place.

Several resolutions were introduced addressing wind power, the creation of a campus pub and extension of hours for the Athletic and Fitness Center.

There was some debate over the Campus Republicans' request for funds to attend the Iowa Federation of College Republicans State Convention, owing to the SGA precedent of not funding partisan groups. The board voted to pay for their hotel and gas, but not the convention's participation fee.

—compiled by Merrick Meyers

Student "had big plans"

Rose-Palermo, cont. from p. 1

After transferring at the end of 2004, Rose-Palermo returned to his home state of Arizona and spent time with his mother in San Diego and planned to eventually travel the world playing poker. He worked for a time at a pizza parlor in Mesa, Arizona before enrolling at Arizona State in fall 2005 in order to finish a degree in architectural studies.

Even after leaving his pursuit of philosophy, friends remembered Rose-Palermo for his thoughtfulness and long conversations.

Lake recalls a visit last year to Rose-Palermo in Arizona over spring break. "He still had big plans," Lake recalled. "We stayed up that night making toasts in all the languages we knew, until we couldn't stand up."

"I will miss conversations till three in the morning over topics ranging from the kind of fathers we hoped to become, to how often we should wash our socks," said Elliot. "John was an acquired taste well worth the time and effort."

Rose-Palermo was buried on Monday in his parents' hometown in Arizona following a service at Mount Carmel Catholic Church.

Longtime trustee dies

Gardiner Dutton '53 suffered a cerebral hemorrhage Sunday in Arizona

When the Board of Trustees gathers this weekend at the Old Glove Factory, one familiar face will be missing. Gardiner Dutton '53, a trustee of the college since 1970, passed away Sunday in Arizona.

Trustee Fred Little '53 was Dutton's roommate for three years at Grinnell and has stayed in contact with Dutton.

"It was a real shock to me," Little said. "We were so close." The two had attended Harvard graduate school together after Grinnell, Dutton for business and Little for law, and over the subsequent years close ties had developed between their families as well.

"Gardiner was a skinny little redheaded kid," said Little. "Enormously talented. Studies came enormously easily to him." Dutton graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Grinnell and was a Baker scholar to Harvard Business School, where he graduated second in his class.

Others came to know his intellect. Professor Emeritus Waldo Walker, Biology, met Dutton in the 1970s while Walker was Executive Vice President of the college.

"He was a very sharp and intelligent fellow," Walker said. "He had a very good business mind."

For many the best example of that sharpness was Dutton's role overseeing the college's investment in a television station in Dayton, Ohio.

"[The purchase] was Warren [Buffett's] idea, but Gardiner did the heavy lifting," said Little. "Gardiner was a very busy executive at the time, and he came out several times a month" to oversee the station. "We purchased the station for \$13 million, and sold it for \$49 million. The endowment was only \$20-30 million at the time, so that was huge."

Walker echoed that praise. "Taking over the station, the trustees had to have someone who was responsible to run it," he said. "That was Gardiner."

Little and Dutton had been connected even before they met. Dutton was the first recipient of a scholarship in the name of Little's father, also a graduate of the school.

"He always used to joke that he didn't get enough money," recalled Little.

—David Montgomery



Shorthand

① Evan Case '06, a TC at the Help Desk, was named the student employee of the year at a student employee reception Wednesday. ② Hannibal Kershaw Hall was officially dedicated Thursday following a day of events, including a scholar's convocation from well-known historian Nell Painter and presentations from President Russell K. Osgood and Trustee Henry Wingate '69. ③ Free The Planet circulated a petition among students and alumni urging Osgood and the Trustees to construct a wind energy turbine for the College. The petition comes after the release of a long-researched report from the Wind Feasibility Committee which states that a wind turbine is feasible and economically sound. The petition was launched on February 10 and had over 800 signatures by Wednesday night from students, alumni, faculty, staff and others. ④ Friends and supporters of imprisoned Grinnell library assistant Christine Gaunt will hold a potluck fundraiser Monday to benefit Gaunt and her family. The fundraiser will be in the Friendship Hall of the Grinnell UCC Church at 6 p.m. Bob Cadmus, Physics, is organizing the event. Gaunt has been imprisoned since November for trespassing at a protest against the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, formerly known as the School of the Americas.

—compiled by Sarah Mirk and Lola Garcia



Ask the President

A WWE superstar (professional wrestler) by the name of Randy Orton (<http://www.wwe.com/superstars/smackdown/randyorton/>) calls his finishing maneuver the RKO (as a spoof off of total knock out—randy knock out). Since he's using your initials, how do you plan to retaliate?

—Submitted by Wes Barber '06

I don't know anything about this and don't intend to find out. I don't believe in retaliation in life. The initials RKO were used by a movie chain when I was younger, so I've seen it before. I even have heard of another person named Russell K. Osgood. Pro wrestling doesn't interest me.

—submit your questions for Ask the President to [garcia2]

For the record: correction from our last issue

In the feature story last week titled "Grinnell's grade inflation," we failed to mention that the Biology department has also requested its grade distribution from the college.

THE S&B PRESENTS

CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR

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WORKSHOP. Grad School Planning, 1127 Park St., 4:15 p.m.

DEMONSTRATION. Sufi Music Event, Sebring-Lewis, 4:20 p.m.

ALL CAMPUS EVENT. The People's Revolutionary Party, Harris Center, 10 p.m.

PERFORMANCE. GIT presents The Neverland Players, Bucksbaum, 7 p.m.

CONCERT. Sufi Music Concert, Bucksbaum, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY 26	MONDAY 27	TUESDAY 28	WEDNESDAY 1	THURSDAY 2	FRIDAY 3	SATURDAY 4
RECITAL. Nancy McFarland Gaub & Eugene Gaub, Bucksbaum, 4 p.m. ALL CAMPUS EVENT. Cultural Evening, Harris Center, 7 p.m.	PRESENTATION. Interview Techniques, 1127 Park St., 12 p.m. WORKSHOP. Spring Tutorial Orientation Sessions, John Chrystal Center, 4:15 p.m. STUDENT ACTIVITY. Interfaith Laboratory, Steiner 305, 4:15 p.m. PRESENTATION. Facebook: Friend or Foe?, 1127 Park St., 4:15 p.m. PRESENTATION. Korver Presentation to Faculty, ARH 302, 4:20 p.m. OPEN DISCUSSION. SGA Candidates Open Forum, North Lounge, 8 p.m.	WORKSHOP. Composing for Harp and Flute/Harp Duo, Bucksbaum 102, 9 a.m. LECTURE. Talk of U.S. Policy on the Middle East, ARH 302, 9:30 a.m. PRESENTATION. Good Credit, Bad Credit, Don't Get It? ARH 120, 12 p.m. PRESENTATION. What You Don't Know Can Sink You, ARH 312, 4:15 p.m. PRESENTATION. Intramural Debate, North Lounge, 7 p.m. PERFORMANCE. David Berkman Jazz Quartet, Bucksbaum, 7:30 p.m.	PRESENTATION. From College Bubble to Job, ARH 120, 12 p.m. LECTURE. Professor Hubertus Zander, ARH 102, 4:15 p.m. PRESENTATION. Unionizing in Columbia, ARH 302, 4:15 p.m. WORKSHOP. Job Search Strategies, 1127 Park St., 4:15 p.m. SEMINAR. Math Journal Club, Noyce 2424, 4:30 p.m.	PRESENTATION. Money Management and Credit Cards, 1127 Park St., 11 p.m. PRESENTATION. Identity Theft, 1127 Park St., 4:15 p.m. PRESENTATION. Presentation by Bernie Mayer, South Lounge, 4:15 p.m. OPEN DISCUSSION. Sleep at Grinnell, South Lounge, 8 p.m. LECTURE. Lecture - Palestinian Solidarity Group, North Lounge, 8 p.m. PERFORMANCE. Dance World: Student Solo Choreography, Bucksbaum 102, 8 p.m.	ADMISSION PROGRAMS. Bowen Scholarship Day, John Chrystal Center, 7:30 a.m. PRESENTATION. Shadows, Echoes and Ghosts, Environmental Education Center, 2 p.m. LECTURE. What Happens When You Lose a Revolution?, ARH 102, 4:15 p.m. ALL CAMPUS EVENT. Unity Through Community, Harris Center, 5 p.m. PERFORMANCE. Dance World: Student Solo Choreography, Bucksbaum 102, 8 p.m.	STUDENT ACTIVITY. SCA Period Dancing, Harris Center, 2:30 p.m. STUDENT ACTIVITY. SCA Archery Practice, Middle Gym, 3:30 p.m. RECITAL. Christa Stauder '06 - Flute, Bucksbaum, 7:30 p.m. ALL CAMPUS EVENT. Disco, Harris Center, 10 p.m.

Comedian has Iowa on his mind

Gary Kroeger left Iowa to "make it big" in New York and, unlike most wide-eyed aspiring actors, he actually did. Kroeger worked on *Saturday Night Live* from 1982 to 1985 and later hosted *The Newlywed Game*. Since then, his career has been a patchy series of appearances on television shows, including *Curb Your Enthusiasm* and *L.A. Law*, and voiceover work. After marrying and having a son, Kroeger decided the best place to build a career was not New York or Los Angeles, but Cedar Falls, Iowa. Kroeger spoke at Grinnell Monday night, encouraging students to consider living permanently in Iowa and to combat the undesired "hick image" of the Hawkeye State.

What did you think about [your friends and family] who stayed in Iowa while you were in L.A.?

When I left Cedar Falls, I kind of thought I was doing something special, like I am getting out of the rut. I didn't look down on my friends, but I thought, "Gee, why wouldn't they want to get out of here too?" But as the years went by, I would come back for Christmas [and] the Fourth of July and my life was somewhat of a struggle in terms of my career—because entertainment can be that way, I would look at my friends who stayed in Cedar Falls, who had good jobs and nice houses and were involved in school activities with their kids, and I would get very jealous. And I would think, "You guys did it right." I thought that there was this big world out there, fame and fortune, glitter and glamour, and it was so meaningful and important. But I would look at my friends and go, "You know what? You had it right. You are living good solid lives." And now when I hang out with them, I get to be one of those guys.

It's like, "You know what? We took different routes, but here we are." And we share our kids, school issues, sporting events.

What did your friends think when they saw you on Saturday Night Live?

They made a big deal out of me. It left me a little embarrassed at times. They would always make a big deal out of how I went off into the world and pursued a very difficult career and had a reasonable amount of success, and they still make a big deal out of it, you know? And it embarrasses me a little bit, because I

want to say, "Geez, come on guys, not this stuff again." But at the same time I enjoy it ... Iowa, Cedar Falls is very kind to me and allows me to speak at col-

leges and high schools. They want me to be in their organizations, things like that. And some of that's because of the fact that I went out and did these different things. I'm enjoying the attention.

A lot of Grinnellians are really committed to changing the world and social justice. What do you recommend they do upon graduation? Do you think they should not pursue that big world?

The greatest minds and thinkers come from all over the world. I just want them to include Iowa as a choice. That's my only mission. I don't want Iowa to just be shoved aside ... I want to put it in the game and see it be a choice. Iowa's just a piece of the world, but

what I found out is that I can't change the world. All I can do is change my part, and if I can affect the lives that surround me, maybe as big as the borders of the state, then I think it becomes a domino effect. My goal is to contribute to the community I live in, and if that contributes to the world at large, great. I'm not going to be president now. That dream's probably gone away. But anyone that wants to conquer the world—go for it. Maybe you can conquer it from here ... There was a time when if you wanted to write a script for Hollywood, you had to live in L.A., but now you can write from anywhere.

What sort of misconceptions do people in California have about Iowa and vice versa?

The main misconceptions Iowans have, particularly with L.A., is that they're just a bunch of jerky liberals out there. And that's really not the case. There are just as many conservatives, good people and bad people as here. The misconceptions they have about Iowa—and I hear them all the time—is that there's nothing to do here—that we're just kind of happy-go-lucky hicks. They're surprised to learn how educated we are. They're surprised to learn that there are world-class industries here ... The world at large doesn't know that. We haven't done a great job of marketing Iowa, but there's an Iowan snobbery, too. We don't like people who put on airs and seem to be false, and I think we tend to look at urban centers like Chicago, New York and L.A. as false and full of pretense. But they're just people.

That sort of seems to be the opposite of the Los Angeles actor type. How did you mix the two?

There were plenty of people like myself who just wanted to be good people and honest. The industry tries to steer you away from those qualities. My friends were all people who



Gary Kroeger spoke in South Lounge Monday.

MARGARET TOOMEY

I barbequed with and joked with, and they were from all over the country. They were like me, just looking for the humanity in the midst of all of it. And that's all over LA. You really find your own, even in a big city like that.

What's going to happen if your kids grow up and want to move to L.A.?

You know if his passion is—whatever it is and wherever it takes him, I will support him. To be an actor you have to really have no choice. It's like, "I love performing so much. I don't care what the odds are. I'm gonna do it." That's the only way you'll make it, to just have that blind, crazy ambition, and if he has that, then begrudgingly I'll accept it. But I'd rather he be a doctor.

—Sarah Mirk and Abby Rapoport

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Old virgins, young wizards and trespassing

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13)

The latest Harry Potter installment, *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*, shows the power of thorough Hollywood filmmaking. The film is full of exciting segments, well-edited and shot, but ultimately the decision to focus on fast-paced action and simple exposition rather than making the most out of the real story means that, while exciting, it doesn't hit quite as hard as it could.

For example, in the novel, Harry retrieves an egg from the nest of a chained-up dragon in a tournament. In the film adaptation, the scene is set the same, but instead of Harry managing to evade the dragon and bring home the prize without too much drama, the film's dragon manages to break its chains and pursue Harry all over the Hogwarts grounds, from tower to valley and even barreling through a rather formidable stone bridge. At one point, Harry is barely hanging on by his fingers, one hand desperately reaching for his broom, in a moment that owes more than a little to the famous ice-cave of *The Empire Strikes Back*.

Unlike the first two films, which strictly adhered to the source material and had the unpleasant result of being entirely too dry and lifeless, this fourth film takes the text and adds all sorts of Hollywood devices. But with the addition of a more Hollywood tone, the series loses something as well.

In *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*, roguish director Alfonso Cuarón introduced a new children's film aesthetic: mature and powerful, alluring and mysterious. With Newell, the style has shifted away from Cuarón's artistry and towards simple craftsmanship, offering less to the viewer's imagination. Your mind simply doesn't have to work as hard as in the third film.

While *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* is not quite an artistic triumph, it does have remarkably entertaining character development. Newell seems to have a knack for small, meaningful moments – little cinematic clues that help us better understand the players.

He's also an "actor's director." In the climax of the film, Daniel Radcliffe displays a much wider emotional range than in previous films. Rupert Grint and Emma Watson, playing Harry's best friends Ron and Hermione, measure up as well. As is tradition, the role of Defense Against the Dark Arts professor is taken by yet another veteran British actor, this time Brendan Gleeson in a total physical transformation.

Still, while the acting is admirable, the film doesn't quite fit together as cohesively as it could. Some

scenes are captivating. The climax of the third challenge is especially atmospheric, but the few cinematic gems do not quite satisfy the high standards set by the previous *Azkaban*.

—reviewed by John Richards

3-Iron (R)

Western cinema really ought to learn from contemporary Asian cinema. There aren't many Western films with deaths induced by golf balls, romances without words and main characters that break into homes to do chores.

In Korea's *3-Iron*, written and directed by Ki-duk Kim, the protagonist is mysterious, to say the least. He remains silent for the duration of the film and breaks into homes to repair malfunctioning property, clean dishes, do laundry and make beds. Of course, he also indulges by "sleeping" in the owner's bed (I'll tell you when you're older), preparing sumptuous Asian cuisine, watching television and doing anything else that strikes his fancy.

When his clever system of determining whether his hosts are home fails, he befriends a woman who resides in one of the more affluent homes he visits. Her husband returns to find them, and the main character quixotically takes care of him with what I assume to be a 3-iron.

His new comrade accompanies him to more houses and becomes his sexy, silent apprentice. They keep getting into more trouble, and the main character perfects his crime to such an extent that he becomes almost ghost-like. The woman returns to her husband when the main character is incarcerated, but upon his release, the three find an interesting way to live together in relative harmony.

The message of the film is difficult to ascertain, but by the end of the film the main character and his female companion begin to settle into their hosts' homes even when the owners are around. Ki-duk Kim may be pleading for more amiable relationships between people, particularly strangers, and the elimination of the enmity and anti-social proclivities that many people harbor. It is a convincing argument yet difficult to embrace with the lack of dialogue, even though that did not hinder the pacing of or themes in the film. Ki-duk Kim's film surpasses and breaks away from the four or so plots typical to Western cinema. The actions, pantomimes and interactions of the various characters truly evoke their own interpretations. The few subtitles are superfluous.

—reviewed by Matthew Pflaum

The 40 Year Old Virgin (R)

At first glance, *The 40 Year Old Virgin* is just another lame sex comedy. The formula is fairly straightforward: under-appreciated guy, his manly-man friends, awkward relationships, good-looking women and lots of sex jokes. Despite this familiar formula, this movie does what the others before it could not: stay funny all the way to the end.

Director/writer Judd Apatow (*Freaky and Geeks*, *Undeclared*) is one of Hollywood's best at creating likeable characters, and he uses his talents to sell this movie.

Moving beyond his memorable supporting roles, such as Brick Tamland in *Anchorman*, Steve Carell has stepped into the limelight. He plays Andy, an electronics store employee who rides his bike to work, wears really ugly shirts, watches TV with his elderly neighbors and who obviously hasn't managed to round all of the bases in any of his relationships.

Andy's friends Jay (Romany Malco), Cal (Seth Rogen) and David (Paul Rudd) become involved in his sex life after he makes up a story about feeling a woman's breasts. They decide they are going to get Andy a partner so that he can finally experience the joy of sex.

Unfortunately, none of the Andy's dates go very well, ending in particularly hilarious situations. Andy eventually goes off on his own and meets Trish (Catherine Keener) and hopes that, by using his friends' advice, he can woo Trish into having sex with him.

Andy's friends play their stuck-up, manly roles very well and make use of the movie's R rating, spicing up two hours of film with incredibly dirty, yet funny conversations. Their "you-know-how-I-know-you're-gay" banter is a highlight and gives us more reasons to laugh at stuff we probably shouldn't. (Be wary, Grinnell fans of Coldplay. You will have to once again defend your taste in music.)

Unlike the summer's other hit comedy, *Wedding Crashers*, *The 40 Year Old Virgin* manages to maintain its humor throughout the movie, something that most comedies fail to do.

In the end, the movie succeeds because of its combination of rapid-fire jokes and its feel-good, romantic comedy. Geeky Andy garners the audience's support and affection as he finally breaks free from his life of action figures and video games at home. By the time Andy gets deflowered, it's easy to realize that *The 40 Year Old Virgin* is the best comedy of its kind in recent memory.

—reviewed by Mark Japenga

MOVIE TIMES

HARRIS

The 40 Year Old Virgin

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Sat. - 1:30 p.m.

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

Sat. - 7:30 & 10:30 p.m.
Sun. - 1:30 p.m.

Short Film Festival: Best Shorts of Year

Wed. - 8 p.m.

THE STRAND

The Pink Panther

Fri. - 4:45 & 7:10 p.m.
Sat. - 2:10, 4:45 & 7:10 p.m.
Sun. - 2:10 & 4:45 p.m.
Mon. - Thurs. - 4:45 p.m.

Brokeback Mountain

Fri. & Sat. - 9:15 p.m.
Sun.-Thurs. - 7:10 p.m.

Eight Below

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Sat. - 2, 4:30, 7:20 & 9:45 p.m.
Sun. - 2, 4:30 & 7:20 p.m.
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Smoke-free Cleveland?

Publications building to be new South Campus smoking lounge

BY EMILIA GARNEY & DAVID MONTGOMERY
When student publications vacate their current building between Haines and James Halls on South Campus next year, the building won't remain empty. The college will convert it into a new smoking lounge, according to Vice President for Student Services Tom Crady. This may or may not mean the end of the Cleveland First lounge as a smoking area.
Plans aren't finalized yet because of the massive number of changes administrators are dealing with as a result of the soon-to-be-completed Joe Rosenfield '25 Campus Center. That building will be home to many currently dispersed student groups, including student publications. "We haven't planned that much [about smoking] because we're still kind of shell-shocked about moving into the Campus Center," said Crady.
As a result, the smoking lounge on Cleveland First might be eliminated in favor of the more centralized location. But nothing is certain.
Crady also said that having a smoking lounge in a dorm is not an insurance concern. "[Insurance companies] tell us they are more concerned about alcohol policy," said Crady. "If open flames are the concern, candles probably supersede cigarettes."



Top: *Counter-clockwise from bottom left:* Paul Harrington '08, Liz McGinnis '08, Jesse Mulier '07 and Rebecca Decroft '06 smoke in the Cleveland Lounge Thursday afternoon. The official South Campus smoking lounge is currently in Cleveland, though it might move next year. (See story, top left.)
Nick Heckler
Right: Nick Johnson '06 and Keegan Gaultie '07 smoke on the bench outside ARH Thursday afternoon.
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Left: Jamie Alper '09 lights up on East Campus Wednesday morning. Because of the way the buildings were designed, East Campus can have no smoking lounge.
MICHELLE FOURNIER

Smoking's long and mixed history at Grinnell

BY EMILIA GARNEY
The Grinnell Women's Christian Temperance Union was indignant. "Are the moral standards of the College to be lowered?" they wrote in the *SCSB* in 1914. Lamenting the rise of smoking among the boys of Grinnell College, these women hoped to convert college boys to "clean habits."
But as far back as the 1920s Grinnell students were often more interested in being cool. In 1928, an *SCSB* editorial noted that, "girls smoke because it is supposedly the fashionable thing to do; they are termed 'old fogey' if they don't."
Though women were smoking, men could smoke in their dorms while women were only allowed to smoke in the Haines Pit lounge. A struggle ensued. A headline from 1934 declared that "Recent Action

of Governing Body Ends Coeds' Fight for Flag Freedom, allowing women to smoke in public, and in the men's lounges on North campus. By the mid-30s, an *SCSB* statistician reported that women accounted for half of Grinnell cigarette sales.
Students and professors lit up in residence halls, academic buildings, at Butler Library and in the dining halls for decades. "At the time it wasn't an act of defiance," said Don Smith. History: "It was just what people did."
But in the 70s and 80s, anti-smoking advocates began to speak up. In 1978, a letter to the *SCSB* noted that though there were designated areas in the dining halls for smokers and non-smokers, some smokers would "forget" and light up at will. Smoking in classrooms was phased out in the late 1970s, but professors still

smoked in their offices. "Many people thought that a professor's office was his or her castle," said Smith, "and that a professor should be able to smoke there."
Opposition to smoking persisted, and students held a Smokeout in the Forum in November 1986, with no smoking allowed for 24 hours. In 1987, tobacco sales in the campus bookstore were banned because they went against the college's official non-smoking policy.
Compromises and new provisions for smoking and non-smoking spaces were instituted throughout the 80s and 90s. "When we built the Harris Center we decided that it would be non-smoking to begin with," said Tom Crady. Crady said that cost played a large role in this decision, citing costs the college incurred when Bob's Underground allowed smoking.

Smoking eventually dwindled to a handful of places. "We never planned to do this systematically," said Crady. "We did it in response to complaints we got that were hard to argue with."
Until fall 2004, when the smoke-free campus policy was set in motion, students could decide if floors would be smoking or non-smoking, and students were allowed to smoke in their rooms with the doors closed even if their floor was non-smoking.
But that too has changed, and smoking is prohibited throughout dormitories, with the exception of the smoking lounges. "It's a controversial subject on both sides," said Crady. "Until recently, we were one of very few campuses not to have gone to a smoking ban. We were getting a lot of complaints and had to respond to them."



Timeline of smoking at Grinnell

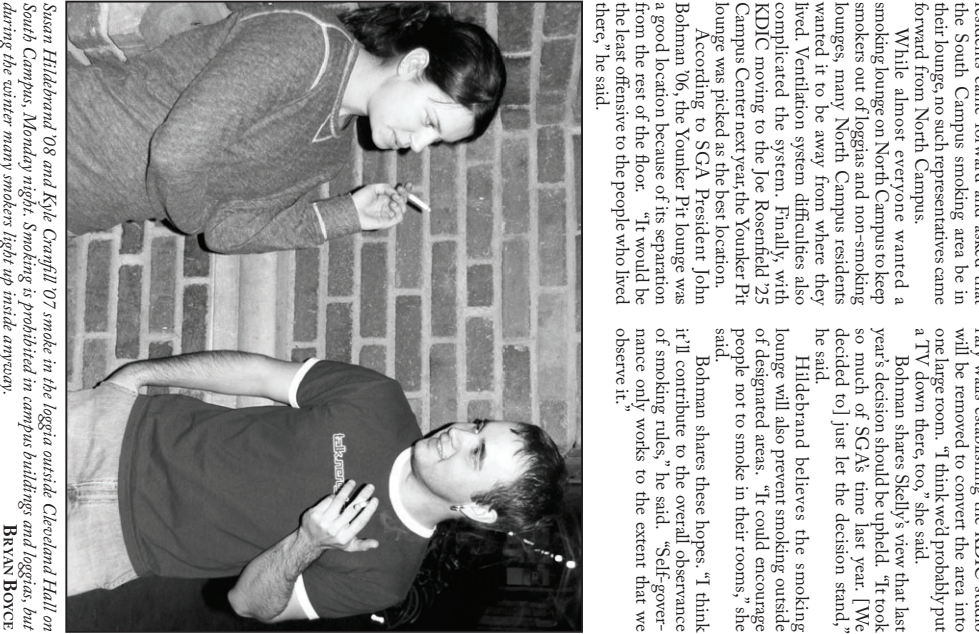
Smoking at Grinnell has been a contentious topic before. Smoking's fortunes at Grinnell have risen and fallen over the past century. Here are some of the key events.
1914: The Grinnell Women's Christian Temperance Union attacks the rise in smoking among Grinnell men and calls for "clean habits."
1920s: While men can smoke in dorms, women are only allowed to smoke in the Haines Pits lounge.
1934: Women are allowed to smoke in public.
1936: Tobacco sales in the bookstore are banned.
1992: Smith Hall becomes the first non-smoking dorm.
2004: The college announces an official non-smoking policy for all buildings.

Younker Pit to be North Campus smoking lounge

BY ABBY RAPPOPORT
While students on South Campus have been able to go to Cleveland lounge to smoke for over a year now, North Campus smokers have been going without their promised smoking lounge. That will change over the summer, when the current KDIC studio in Younker Pit will be converted into a smoking lounge.
The debate over a North Campus smoking lounge has been playing out in joint Board and on student life committees for two years. A campus-wide smoking ban went into effect in 2004, and administrators decided to pick one lounge on South and North Campuses for smoking.
"When we went to [a smoke-free campus] Tom [Crady] said we'd have two smoking lounges, one on North Campus and one on South Campus," said Jennifer Krohn, dean for Student Life. While Cleveland residents came forward and asked that the South Campus smoking area be in their lounge, no such representatives came forward from North Campus.
While almost everyone wanted a smoking lounge on North Campus to keep smokers out of loggias and non-smoking lounges, many North Campus residents wanted it to be away from where they lived. Ventilation system difficulties also complicated the system. Finally, with KDIC moving to the Joe Rosenfield '25 Campus Center next year, the Younker Pit lounge was picked as the best location.
According to SGA President John Bohman '06, the Younker Pit lounge was a good location because of its separation from the rest of the floor. "It would be the least offensive to the people who lived there," he said.
Susan Hildebrand '08, who lives on Cleveland First, said the new smoking lounge will change some dorm dynamics like it did on South Campus. "It doesn't necessarily bring together people from the floor but from ... all around," she said. "It will create its own community."
Smoulker Senator and Younker Pit resident Nora Skelly '08 is not excited about these changes. "I don't particularly want to live in a place where smoking is rampant ... and encouraged," she said.
Skelly does not think SGA should reconsider its support for the smoking lounge. "It's a decision that's already been made," she said.
Krohn said East Campus is not eligible for a smoking lounge due to its specific building regulations. According to Jennifer Krohn, dean for Student Life, this will mean changes for the Younker Pit lounge itself. The temporary walls establishing the KDIC studio will be removed to convert the area into one large room. "I think we'd probably put a TV down there, too," she said.
Bohman shares Skelly's view that last year's decision should be upheld. "I took so much of SGA's time last year. [We decided to] just let the decision stand," he said.
Hildebrand believes the smoking lounge will also prevent smoking outside of designated areas. "It could encourage people not to smoke in their rooms," she said.
Bohman shares these hopes. "I think it'll contribute to the overall observance of smoking rules," he said. "Self-governance only works to the extent that we observe it."

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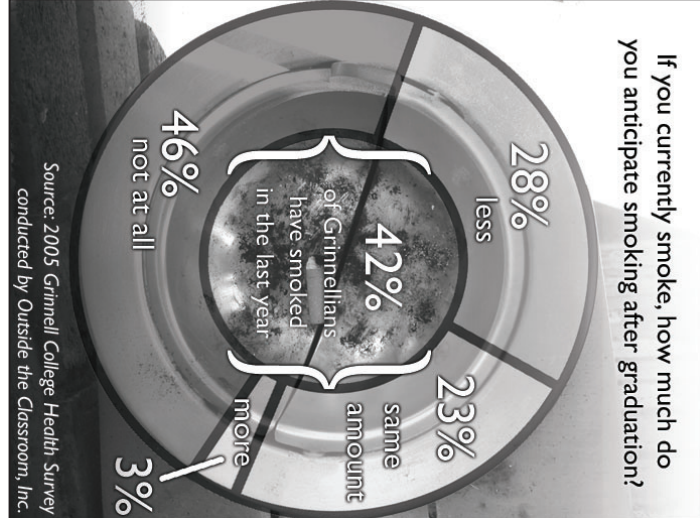


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Language Acquisition

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In addition to homemade materials, all of the tutors have access to a picture dictionary, which Hakim said is very helpful. "The good thing about the picture dictionary is that we can build on what Daniela has been learning in each session and we can review what we've done in the past," she said. "It also comes with a workbook which also helps so she can learn how to write the words she's learning."

Henry Reich '09 works with Jerry, a third-grader, for two hours each week. Reich uses both English and Spanish to teach age-appropriate skills such as addition of large numbers and place-holding. "I think Jerry should be learning everything in context," he said. "Not just

learning English by looking at pictures."

Rosenow said that a student's progression depends on whether he or she was able to read and write in another language, their willingness to learn and how much emphasis the student's family places on education.

Sometimes everyone, including teachers, are unaware of a student's true language ability.

"There are some kids who've been in the United States for three years. They know conversational English quite well but when it gets in to academic subjects they have trouble," Rosenow said. "Teachers say, 'Oh, he knows English,' but then when the students gets in science they've never heard those words."

Hakim said that Daniela is a fast learner and picks up on vocabulary quickly, and while she is shy around English-speakers, once Hakim started talking to her in Spanish, she was very outgoing.

Susan Hildebrand '08 also tutors Jerry. "He's in a classroom most of the day listening to a language he doesn't understand and I walk into the classroom and say 'Hola, ¿como estás?' and he just lights up," she said.

Amy Graves, Community Service Center coordinator, said that there are many requests for opportunities to speak Spanish. According to Graves, students returning from abroad want to use their new language skills, and students seeking post-grad ESL jobs desire teaching experience, she said.

Kugisaki said she enjoys using Spanish and it helps her connect with Daniela.

"I'm surprised at how much comes out of my mouth," she said. "Daniela kind of giggles when I mess up and it encourages me to stick with it."

Hildebrand said she has gained more than just teaching experience.

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An Al-Qaeda terrorist, a Grinnell policeman and an FBI analyst on a surveillance mission walk into the Down Under Pub. After a few too many beers, the terrorist jolts for the bathroom. The FBI intelligence analyst follows him. After taking care of business, the terrorist washes his hands and blurts out "I hate the new Darby, I'm going to blow it up." The analyst, who wants a police force alerted and dispatched immediately, rushes out to tell the policeman. As he's about to speak, he remembers that Congress did not renew the PATRIOT Act, so it is illegal for him to share the information. Darby is blown to smithereens.

While blowing up Darby is a tad far-fetched, Al-Qaeda attacks on American targets from the Golden Gate Bridge to the Lincoln Memorial will become distinctly possible if Congress does not renew the PATRIOT Act. As Democratic ex-CIA directors James Schlesinger and R. James Woolsey have written in an open letter to Congressional leaders, "The government's success to date in preventing another catastrophic attack on the American homeland since the Sept. 11, 2001, would have been much more difficult, if not impossible, without the USA PATRIOT Act." Indeed, according to the *National Review*, 212 terror-related defendants have already pleaded guilty or been convicted, in part because of its provisions.

The PATRIOT Act has been effective because it 1) breaks down the wall between criminal and intelligence-related investigations and 2) revises antiquated legal requirements, strengthening law enforcement's ability to combat technologically-advanced terrorists.

First, prior to the PATRIOT Act, combating terrorism was a bureaucratic nightmare as barriers impeded intelligence sharing. FBI Director Robert Mueller has said the task was like "attempting to put together a complex jigsaw puzzle at separate tables." In fact, according to Mueller, an FBI investigator who received important intelligence information from a court-ordered wiretap could not inform an intelligence analyst down the hall about what he heard or advise him to seek his own wiretap. Section 203 of the PATRIOT Act broke down this bureaucratic nonsense.

Second, it gives law enforcement the same tools for fighting terrorism that they have long used against mob bosses or drug dealers. For example, pre-PATRIOT Act, law enforcement needed court approval for a wiretap for every phone that a terrorist used. If he changed cell phones every day, that meant going to court for a new wiretap every day. Now, wiretaps are pinned to the person, not the phone. Such provisions that account for modern technology have been invaluable in the War on Terror.

Finally, the PATRIOT Act has made Americans safer without infringing on their civil liberties. Although it may come as a surprise, *there are no verified civil liberties violations resulting from the act*. When Democratic Senator Dianne Feinstein asked the ACLU for cases of abuse, she said even "they had none." The revised version of the PATRIOT Act up for vote now includes 30 additional civil liberty safeguards.

The 9/11 report said, "...[N]othing is more likely to endanger America's civil liberties than the success of a terrorist attack." If radicals block renewal of the PATRIOT Act, a successful attack will probably follow. In the wake of another attack, a frightened public would make more painful sacrifices than now, opening the floodgates for policymakers to restore order at the expense of their rights. Let's choose security and liberty while we still can.

A democracy constantly weighs individuals' rights claims against appeals to the common good. Sometimes, the rights of individuals should prevail, but sometimes, overwhelming necessity justifies curtailing a few rights. No one disagrees with that. But when it comes to the USA PATRIOT Act, there is too much possibility for rights infringement and too few benefits.

The act gives the government broad authority to violate citizens' civil liberties in ways that were previously prohibited; according to the ACLU, the version of the Patriot Act currently under consideration will only widen the loopholes that enable the administration to spy on citizens.

For example, Section 215 bars doctors, accountants, librarians and others holding private records from notifying clients that their records were subpoenaed until a year after the fact, and the gag order can be extended indefinitely by a "national security certification" from the administration.

And this isn't just for terrorists, either: Section 215 doesn't require the government to show a link between the documents they seek and a terrorist or spy.

Citizens who are under investigation therefore have no right to develop a defense or challenge subpoenas. And that's just one example.

But whether or not suspected terrorists should be afforded legal rights while they are under investigation, the

dangerous myth that the USA PATRIOT Act only applies to suspected terrorist activity is false.

For instance, People for the American Way report that they have found evidence that the FBI has used its newfound authority in a Medicare fraud case that had nothing to do with terrorism.

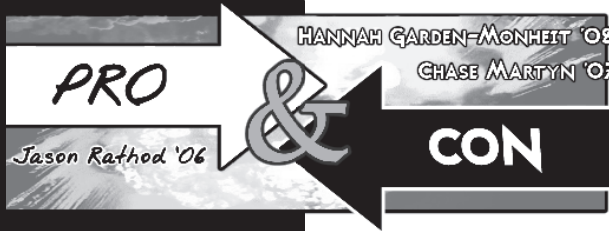
Of course, the definition of terrorism itself is in question: the USA PATRIOT Act broadens the scope of the term considerably. Section 802 defines the crime of "domestic terrorism," which now includes any actions within the United States that are "dangerous to human life" and intend "to intimidate or coerce a civilian population" or "to influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion" (there are additional characteristics of domestic terrorism listed, but the two preceding characteristics are sufficient on their own).

Whether or not protests should be "dangerous to human life," the USA PATRIOT Act seems to allow officials to identify any act of civil disobedience that escalates (unexpectedly, even) as terrorism. The immediate result may be the chilling of dissent; the long-term results could be far worse.

The question still exists: is giving up such a wide range of civil liberties to the government worth it? The truth is that many of the powers granted to the government by the act were already on the books in slightly more rights-conscious forms before we were attacked (take FISA, for example).

Obviously, in the days following the Sept. 11 attacks, we heard plenty of impassioned arguments from our politicians in favor of the USA PATRIOT Act provisions—at least from those who weren't operating secretly under the cover of night or from bunkers in undisclosed locations—but our democracy is resilient enough to recover from the perilous, undemocratic politics of fear.

Our leaders should recognize and correct their error expediently and we plan to do what we can to make that happen.



We want uncool, quirky class of '10

Grinnell recently cracked into a new set of rankings. Congratulations, Grinnellians. You now attend one of America's top 50 colleges. According to *Cosmo Girl* magazine. Needless to say, this could mean trouble lurks in the entering class.

The Office of Admissions is currently sifting its way through the final applications of what will become the class of 2010. This moment gives curmudgeonly seniors and curmudgeonly-seniors-in-training our annual chance to lament at how much has changed since we arrived and to hope, ever so feebly, that the apparent qualitative changes to Grinnell's social fabric aren't so bad as we think.

Grinnell's supposed to be a school where students go against the grain, but each successive class seems to be getting more glitzy and "with it." Even the anti-cell phone old guard has given up and gone wireless. We admit, this does have its benefits. Just please don't admit students who show Blackberry or SMS-in-class tendencies. And let any mention in the admissions essay of the dastardly Uggs boots/mini-skirt combo merit immediate disqualification.

Please admit the students who are actually non-conformists.

Wearing an Uggs boot as a hat, for example, would be acceptable. We would like the applicants who are attracted to Grinnell because they want to improve our world by taking action, not just to spend four years getting action at Harris.

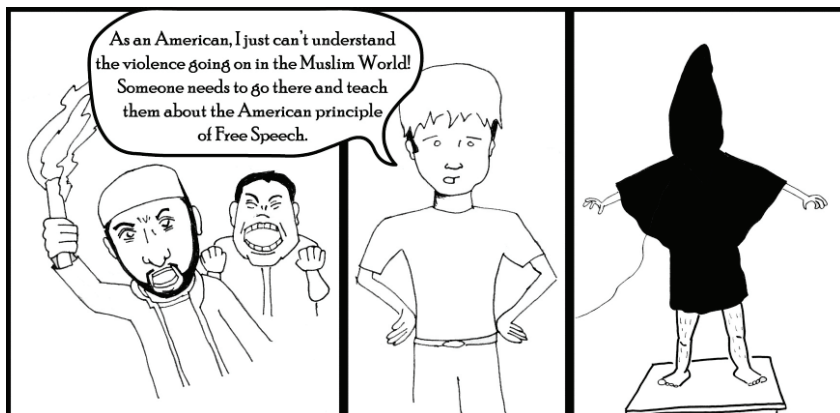
We know that the administration would love to attract even higher-performing students to Grinnell so we can stand toe-to-toe with those frequently mentioned "peer institutions." There's nothing wrong with our students testing like Ivy Leaguers. We just don't want to act like them.

More than anything, this may be a plea for our current students to return to the old school pleasures of Grinnell. We, not the still-hypothetical entering class, are obviously the ones guilty of abandoning the proud traditions of campus unity. Instead of forming endless quirky campus groups with inexplicably high membership, many among us are fans of reality TV. The class of 2010 should turn us back around, a class unafraid to participate in our giant campus cookie that we've so carelessly allowed to crumble.

At least, please, please, don't let them have heard of us through *Cosmo Girl*.



COMIC BY JOSH LINDGREN AND ANAND BALASUBRAHMANYAN



Lorin versus Viverly

Maid Rite houses rhetorical bout between town resident, student

"Well I heard it costs all sorts of money to go to this college here." My ears perk up at what can only be a reference to my most treasured and costly education. "I just hope those kids have the sense to appreciate being at such a great institution."

My diminutive hands begin to shake in fury as I listen to this baseless slander. Armed with my liberal arts critical thinking skills, I effortlessly read between the sordid lines of these seemingly innocent comments. A clump of sad, crumbled meat escapes the enriched white bun of my Maid-Rite sandwich as three seats down, two suspiciously adorable eighty-year-old women (let's call them Vivienne and Beverly) sidle up to the counter.

Disguised beneath my child-like stature, with a face that reads like a chapter of Billy Graham's latest family values manifesto, I blend into my surroundings by posing as a typical 14-year-old Grinnell High School student. I listen, intent and undetected, pondering my rebuttal as Vivienne and Beverly ruthlessly slam the college community:

Vivienne and Beverly (hereafter, Viverly) College Student Slander #1: It sure costs a lot of money to go to that nice little college over there.

Hey! Just what is it you're trying to say exactly? You think I'm rich or something? Rich?! Look at me for God's sake. I have holes in my jeans! Holes! I use a piece of twine for a belt. My shoes are held together with duct tape and I haven't bathed in recent memory. Do you think I'd look like this if my parents owned half of Picasso's blue period and let me buy ponies on their credit card? Try getting your facts straight Viverly. It was a stallion. Please, as if I would ride a pony.

Viverly Slander #2: I hope they don't lose their common sense doing all that studying.

The Law of the Conservation of Sense: The total quantity of sense (book and common) available in the universe is fixed. Sense cannot be created or destroyed,

only converted from one form to another. A complex theory, to be sure. But once again you're off the mark, Viverly. I got plenty of common sense. When I lived in a real house over the summer, I figured out how to put the trash in big yellow bags so that it disappears in the night, and even how to call the plumber and pay him \$300 to fix the leaky faucet.

And I found out that if you leave a piece of furniture on your lawn till it becomes a public health hazard, the city'll haul it away for free! Yeah, that's right. Who's got the sense now, Viverly?

Viverly Slander #3: I wonder why none of those kids want to stick around here.

How do I even respond to such a ridiculous defamiation? Listen Viverly, I got better things to do with my independent Peace Studies major than stick around a town with low crime, high standard of living and a strong sense of community. I'm taking my \$120,000 degree, moving back with my folks in Evanston and working part time at the bagel shop. Geeze, just the thought of staying here and wasting my degree on something so ... rural. I don't think I could even get myself out of bed to ride my Paso Fino stallion in the morning.

Viverly Slander #4: This one time I saw two girls holding hands in the grocery store.

Lesbians! Gays! Immoral love for everyone! Alright, Viv. You've got me on this one. But honestly, what do you expect when I'm surrounded by nothing but spoiled, East-Coast, socially awkward, rich, unkempt guys? In fact, you might do well to get on board with the lesbian revolution yourself. From what I hear, the Mayflower is severely lacking in eligible men.

So you see Viverly, we college students aren't so bad. Just misunderstood. And oppressed. Oppressed by the Bush administration. And pollution. And the rich bastards of the Coca-Cola company.

In fact, you [Viverly] might do well get on board with the lesbian revolution yourself. From what I hear, the Mayflower is severely lacking in eligible men.



Lorin Ditzler '06
Mounting the Jewel

Letters to the Editor

Violence is bad

I would like to respond to the letter to the editor of last week's *S&B* issue, titled "Violent resistance can do good." The author brought up some very good points considering the problem of resisting against an unjust system, governmental or otherwise. However, his fundamental point was that violence can be justified in certain situations, which I happen to disagree with.

The idea that violence can be justified in certain situations is a notion which, I think, most people agree with. I don't think that violence can be justified; I think that violence can be explained.

Violence is a product of a social environment, caused by external factors, and not internal factors. Looking at the world today, it would be safe to say this view is correct.

There is an epidemic of violence: terrorism in the Middle East and Europe, gang warfare everywhere and a genocide in Sudan. This cannot be because all of these people actually hate and wish death on the people they are rebelling against (or oppressing). There must be an external trend to explain each different situation of violence, and most of the time, there is. Therefore violence can be explained.

But explanation doesn't constitute justice. Just because violence can be explained, either in the individual sense or the collective sense, does not mean that there is no other way, or a better way. Violence may solve things in the short run. Revolutions and wars may end the problems of a few generations, and a couple of acts of terrorism may expose corruption of an institution. But in the long run, these violent acts solve nothing.

There are examples of the endless cycle of violence everywhere. The war in Iraq has created, and will continue to create, more terrorists than have ever existed in the Fertile Crescent. These terrorists will then commit their own acts of violence, creating more violent reaction.

The cyclical nature of violence can only be broken by individuals who, in situations that warrant and justify the use of violence, choose not to act in violent ways. There are other ways to do good without violence, as seen in the works of many different people. The people that step away from the cycle of violence are the truly good people, and the people that will make the most difference in our world.

The author of "Violent resistance can do good" says that a person choosing to participate in violent rebellion is making somewhat of a self-sacrifice. Rebelling against any sort of normal institution is an act of self-sacrifice.

The choice that a rebel individual must make is how to rebel. A rebel does no good when they take something for themselves and make another's life worse off. This process just creates another rebel, and continues the cycle of violence.

Violence is never an internal choice, but a reaction to the circumstantial world. This is how violence can be explained, but violence is never right. It only creates more violence and more suffering for all of humanity.

The only way to stop this suffering is to understand the cause of violence, and understand that there is a peaceful way. With this understanding, the world will be a better place.

—Jeffrey Raderstrong '09

The Snedger



Cowles and Quad go head-to-head

On Wednesday, Jason Rathod polled 100 people at Cowles, and Abby Rapoport polled 100 people at Quad, asking:

Do you like your classes this semester?

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69%

Yes

31%

No

Quad

78%

Yes

22%

No



On this date in 1868, the first parade to have floats was staged in New Orleans, Louisiana.

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Women's basketball ends season with a win and a loss

Pioneer women finish strong at home but continue to struggle with consistency, losing their final game on the road



Hannah Wolf '08 puts up a shot during the final home game of the '06 season against Knox on Feb. 15. The Pioneers defeated the Prairie Fire, 63-59. NICK HECKER

BY KEVIN BYRNE

An exciting victory and a disappointing defeat finished up the regular season for Grinnell's women's basketball team. Knox College visited Grinnell for the last Pioneer home contest of the season and Grinnell promptly handed Knox its second loss against the Pioneers this season.

The two seniors led the way down the stretch to secure the season sweep of the Prairie Fire, as Katy Bowen scored a team-high 15 points and Lauren Meredith added nine points and three rebounds.

Both Bowen and Meredith sank key free throws in the final minute to protect Grinnell's narrow lead on the way to a 63-59 victory.

Bowen finished with 15 points, five rebounds, five assists, two steals and one block.

Hannah Wolf '08 added 12 points of her own, along with four rebounds, three assists and three steals. Laura Burton '08 scored six points and Emily Kolbe '07 had four points, six rebounds and two assists.

"It felt great to pick up a win in our last home game," said Meredith. "This season has been up and down for us, but to finish at home like we did feels good. We've been working hard for a long time and it's nice to know that the hard work can pay off."

The Pioneers took their victory and went on the road to Lake Forest College last Saturday for their final contest of the season.

Unfortunately, the women's basketball team could not capitalize on the positive momentum from their recent win against Knox.

The Pioneers found themselves down by eight at halftime, but came out of the locker room with some intensity and managed to tie the game with 17 min-

utes left in regulation.

Grinnell and Lake Forest see-sawed for the better part of the second half, but with seven minutes left, the Foresters began to pull away.

The Pioneers could not catch up to Lake Forest in the end and fell with a final score of 90-75.

"Lake Forest consistently out-rebounded us throughout the game," said Bowen, "but we were making shots and were able to keep up with them. They went on a run midway through the second half where we missed some shots and they had some easy fast break lay-ups that we were never able to recover from."

Bowen became Grinnell's second all-time leading scorer during the game, as her 21 points were enough to push her past Missy Sharer '91 for second place.

Bowen finishes her career with 1280 points.

Wolf also had a big game as she scored 19 points, including five three-pointers.

Burton scored six and Meredith had five points and three rebounds in her final game.

The loss gave Grinnell a finishing record of 9-14 overall (5-11 MWC). This last pair of games reflects the unstable ups and downs that were present for most of the season for the women's basketball team. The returning players will look to improve on their consistency as well as their record when they begin the next season.

"I think the team knows that we didn't always perform to our greatest potential this year," said Meredith. "With many of the players returning, the team can look forward to being more experienced and poised for next year's season. Rebounding was definitely an area that hurt us this year and could make the difference for the team's success in the future."

Lauren Meredith '06

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Pioneers play Carroll in MWC DIII semifinals tonight

Grinnell will take on #14 ranked Carroll in a rivalry rematch with the chance for the MWC championship at stake



John Grotberg '09 makes a layup during the Feb. 15 home game against Knox. The Pioneers won 102-83, sweeping Knox for the '06 season. MICHELLE FOURNIER

BY KEVIN BYRNE

The Grinnell College men's basketball teams heads into the Midwest Conference Tournament today as the number three seed, squaring off against the tough, nationally ranked Carroll College team at 5 p.m. today. The MWC tournament this year is hosted by Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisc.

This match-up represents the semifinal round for the Grinnell Pioneers. A victory today will place them in the Conference championship game against the winner of the Lawrence/Knox contest that will also be decided later this evening.

Grinnell secured the three seed with an impressive victory over the Knox College Prairie Fire last Wednesday, 102-83. John Grotberg '09 led the scoring with a game-high 21 points. Davie Arseneault '09, the nation's leading assist-man scored 18 points and dished out eight assists. Mike Schmidt '08 hit five three-pointers on his way to 17 points and Doug Ticus '07 added nine points and seven rebounds. The Grinnell defense held Knox to 43 percent shooting in the second half and outscored the Prairie Fire 50-34 in the final 20 minutes of the game.

"Beating Knox at home on senior night was very important," said Davie Arseneault, "because it allows us to play Carroll in the first round of the conference tournament instead of Lawrence on their home floor."

The Pioneer victory cemented Grinnell's place in the Midwest Conference Tournament and it made their final regular-season contest at Lake Forest College somewhat meaningless in terms of playoff impact.

Grinnell fell behind early against the Foresters during their game against Lake Forest last Saturday, trailing by 17 at the half. The Pioneers gave a very

strong performance, with five Grinnell players putting up double figures during the game. Grotberg scored 24 points and Arseneault added 16 points and seven assists. Bobby Long '09 had 12 points, Keith Chamberlain '08 put up 11 points and Ticus also put up 11 points as well as a couple of steals during the game.

Unfortunately this impressive effort by several key players on the team was not enough to overcome the Forester offensive attack. The Pioneers continued to struggle down the stretch, eventually falling to the Foresters, 110-93. The men's basketball team is hoping that the loss on Saturday does not carry over into the tournament.

"I'm not sure what happened at Lake Forest. We were flat for the first time this year. If we were thinking ahead to the playoffs, then I hope there is a lesson learned—stay in the moment!"

Head Coach David Arseneault

"I don't think that the loss to Lake Forest will really hurt us," said Schmidt. "It will make us just want to come back and win our first tournament game even more."

Head Coach Dave Arseneault felt that his team had something to learn from the loss.

"I'm not sure what happened at Lake Forest," said Coach Arseneault. "We were flat for the first time this year. If we were thinking ahead to the playoffs, then I hope there is a lesson learned—stay in the moment!"

Grinnell will indeed have to stay in the moment later tonight as they take on a Carroll team that handed the Pioneers a high-scoring loss at home earlier this year.

A victory will have to be hard-earned and the reward will be one more round with Lawrence University on their home court.

The Pioneers will have to worry about Lawrence later as they must defeat the Carroll Pioneers to reach the finals.

"Carroll is a load," said Coach Arseneault. "I am still searching out a game plan. I do know that I will be leaning on a couple of our better players for some extra minutes."

Men's Basketball Season at a Glance

- The Pioneers are ranked No. 3 in the DIII Midwest Conference
- Grinnell's record for the '06 season is 14-8 (10-6 MWC)
- Grinnell has appeared in the MWC tournament six times. The semifinal game will be the seventh
- The men's basketball team won the MWC tournament two times before, in 2001 and 1996
- Grinnell will go up against No. 2 ranked Carroll today at 5 p.m.
- The Carroll College Pioneers defeated the Grinnell Pioneers during their only match up this season. Grinnell fell to Carroll 150-138
- Carroll College has defeated Grinnell College in their last three meetings including this season's loss
- The winner of today's competition will move on to play No. 1 ranked Lawrence or No. 4 ranked Knox at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25

Men's tennis picks up another win

BY ANDY CHON

Instead of a pair of wins this past weekend, the Grinnell men's tennis team only came away with one. However, the Pioneers' perfect record is still intact.

Grinnell was scheduled to play a pair of back-to-back meets Feb. 18 against Beloit College and Wartburg College, but the meet against Beloit was canceled due to bad weather, leaving the Pioneers with only one meet on Saturday.

The Wartburg Knights were no competition for the Pioneers, who racked up another shutout victory, closing the game 7-0.

"We played really well," said Eli Best '07. "We were expecting Wartburg to be a little stronger."

No Grinnell singles players dropped more than two games in a set. Both Best and Rick Fenbert '06 lost only one game in their respective matches.

The Pioneers also had an impressive performance from the doubles teams. Freshmen Dan Lafontaine and Nate Fox took down their opponents, 8-1. The two other doubles teams that Grinnell fronted during the meet defeated their competition 8-3.

The win last weekend makes the men's tennis team's record 3-0.

Although the Knights did not leave a strong impression on the Pioneers, the meet against Wartburg provided valuable insight into Grinnell's position relative to other schools early in the season.

Coe College, a very strong conference opponent, posted similar scores against Wartburg, which is en-

couraging news for the Pioneers who face Coe on March 18.

"We are as good as we've ever been," said Best. "We've got a chance to win the conference again and maybe go a little further."

The men's tennis team will be making up for the slack last week with a full schedule this weekend.

"We have an away meet on Friday and two home meets on Saturday," said Best. "That's a lot of tennis."

"I think it's really going to help us in our conditioning and mental focus," said Fox. "We haven't had this many matches in a row, so we'll be able to see what we're capable of."

The Pioneers play the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh this afternoon at 5 p.m. in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and go up against Cornell College and Buena Vista College tomorrow at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. respectively on the indoor tennis courts.

"This weekend if we play well, we shouldn't have trouble with any of the schools," said Best. "We are kind of calling these matches tune ups to get us ready for the future."

Most of the Pioneers are looking ahead and despite their strong position, they are not ready to underestimate the competition.

"Every school has the opportunity to do damage against us," said Fox. "It's whether or not we have the ability to step up our game and keep our mental focus. We'll be looking ahead to Carleton next week. I think they'll be our toughest opponent yet."



SPORTS BRIEFS

Grinnell College Swimming and Diving

When Peter Brown '06 arrived at the University of Chicago to compete in the Midwest Invitational, he was only accompanied by Head Coach Erin Hurley and he only swam in one event. Brown was the only member of Grinnell's swimming and diving team participating in the meet, giving him one last chance to represent the Pioneers before the swimming post-season finally came to a close.

The Invitational was the last meet of the season for Brown, at least until he finds out if he has made Nationals.

Although Brown did not beat his conference time of 46.36 in the 100 freestyle, he still won the competition, which boosted his confidence.

"I feel a little more confident simply because I know I've done the best that I can do and that there is nothing more I can control," he said. "That was a large part of the reason why I went to the meet."

Now Brown, along with divers Dan Shryock '06 and Sarah Stayer '06 must wait until next Friday to find out if their provisional qualifying performances will allow them to advance to Nationals, which will be held March 16-18 at the University of Minnesota.

The three seniors are not as nervous about the upcoming news as might be expected.

"Of course I'd prefer to know now," said Brown, "but at this point there is no reason to stress since it's not going to change anything."

Brown, Shryock and Stayer will continue to practice until they find out if they will be competing. Even though the season is over for the rest of the team, teammates have come out to practice with the trio to provide support.

"The team and my teammates have been extremely helpful in getting me this far," said Brown.

—Abby Rapoport