

# Scarlet & Black

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## Harassment on Eighth Avenue Thursday night

Last night, shortly after 10 p.m., while walking from ARH to East Campus, a student received a shot in the arm with what police believe to have been a BeBe gun.

The student was using a cell phone and didn't notice the car driving up behind them. The student heard a click that sounded like a gun and then was hit with what seemed like a small pellet or rock, said Steve Briscoe, director of Security.

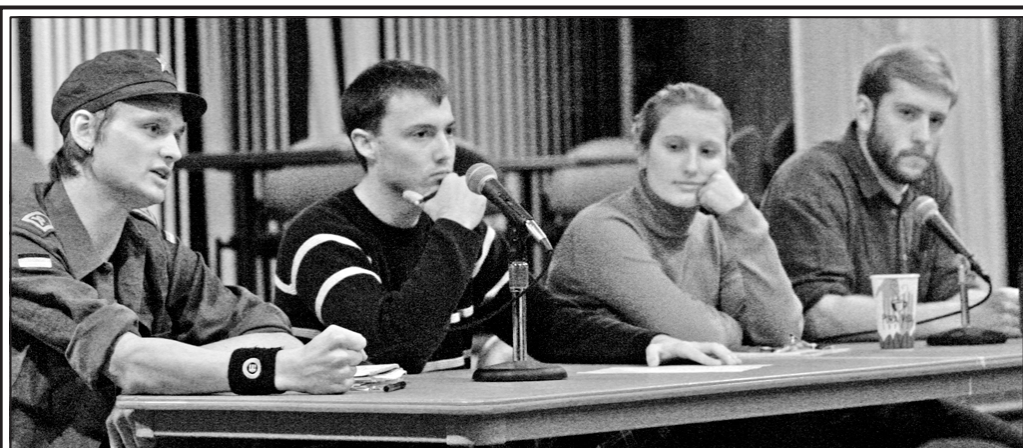
The student's coat deflected most of the harm of the object, according to Briscoe.

The vehicle is believed to have been a red Escort, and it may have also been involved in another incident last night, also on Eighth.

In this incident, motorists swerved towards a college staff member walking on the sidewalk. The car drove by, went around the block, and then came back to yell at the staffer.

Briscoe urged students to be "aware of their surroundings. We've had a number of harassment incidents, assault incidents in that area," he said.

—Sara Millhouse



## Barnum, Miller in today's SGA VP run-off today

Ned Brasington '05, John Sampogna '05, Rebecca Miller '05 and Bruce Barnum '05 discuss their differences in the SGA Vice Presidential Debates on Tuesday. See story on p. 4.

DAVID KENNEDY

# Candidates for Iowa seats face off

## Democrats challenge Republican incumbents in state legislature

As many Grinnellians opt to vote in Iowa rather than their home states, they will not only be voting for a president, but also for state and county positions in Poweshiek County and Iowa.

Republicans Danny Carroll and Neal Schuerer are both members of the majority leadership in Des Moines, while Democrats Eric Palmer and Tom Reilly have worked together in Oskaloosa city politics.

Candidates for State Representative Danny

Carroll and Eric Palmer will be debating on-campus today at 4:30 in the Forum South Lounge, sponsored by the Grinnell College Student Campaign for Increased Political Engagements (SCIPLE).

The information below is gathered from statements on KGRN, a debate at Grinnell Community Middle School and interviews with candidates and campaign representatives.

—Lola Garcia

### State Representative, District 75

| Issue              | Danny Carroll (R)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Eric Palmer (D)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| Education          | Does not support consolidation of school districts. "I don't like seeing young children on the bus for an hour in the morning and afternoon," he said.<br>Does support state incentives for school districts to share resources.<br>Sees tough years for school funding ahead, whoever wins the election.                                                  | "We need to put aside all the other crap and really focus on education."<br>"I hope the [majority in the legislature] are not thinking about cutting taxes when our education system is starving."<br>Opposes school district consolidation, but favors a stronger tilt towards local control in decisions about sharing resources.                                       |
| Health Care        | Sees his primary concern and time-consumer as having been "trying to avoid a crisis of Medicaid."<br>Sponsored a bill to create a preferred drug list and said he's "open to the idea of importing or reimporting drugs" from Canada.<br>Wants to "bring the people who know healthcare the best" to politics to help politicians "think outside the box." | Said one of his main priorities is decreasing Iowans' health care costs.<br>Blames the expected crisis in Medicaid on tax cuts supported by the House's Republican leadership.<br>"If there is a pending crisis, [Carroll] has helped bring on that crisis."<br>Palmer has advocated expanding the Iowa Hawk-I program, which provides low-cost health insurance for kids |
| Marriage Amendment | "I would support an amendment [defining marriage as between one man and one woman]," he told KGRN. "I wish I didn't have to...but it is just a matter of time before some court somewhere decide[s] what public policy [is]."                                                                                                                              | Argues that "divisive social issues" like gay marriage are used to distract constituents from real issues. "Healthcare is one of my main focuses in this campaign because when I knock on doors, people ask about health-care, not gay marriage."                                                                                                                         |

### State Senate, District 38

| Issue              | Neal Schuerer (R)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Tom Reilly (D)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| Education          | Opposes school district consolidation and supports a "switch to a knowledge- and skill-based" pay scale for teachers rather than the current seniority-based scales.                                                                                                                                                                  | "The parents, students, and teachers in this area deserve to get their fair share of support in the legislature."<br>Said he would fund efforts to reduce class sizes and increase teacher pay.                                                                                    |
| Amendment          | Supports an amendment to the state constitution defining marriage. "As far as marriage goes it should be between one man and one woman in Iowa."                                                                                                                                                                                      | Thinks that the current statute law defining marriage in Iowa is enough and that no amendment is necessary.                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Business and Taxes | Advocates a pro-business policy for encouraging growth and increasing tax revenue. Under the motto "grow Iowa, not government," he has pushed for easing the tax burden on businesses.<br>Blames dwindling funds in public education and human services on low growth.<br>"I'm not your state senator if you want to increase taxes." | "Tax cuts are not terrible but there's a happy medium."<br>Wants to fully fund and expand the Iowa Values Fund, a fund aimed at creating jobs.<br>Wants to increase investment in "vocational education, worker training and continuing education programs at community colleges." |
| Energy             | "Probably the first thing I'm going to introduce is to continue to support alternative energy."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Supports moving towards energy independence by providing tax incentives for Iowans to use alternative energy sources to "create good paying jobs for Iowans and reduce our reliance on Middle East oil."                                                                           |

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Students share dining services concerns at 'coffee with the president'

This semester, President Russell Osgood and Vice President for Student Services Tom Crady have begun holding open afternoon coffees with students.

While the date of the first coffee, in September, was confused, leading to a lack of attendance, five students attended the second coffee, held at 4:15 on Monday, Oct. 9 in the Forum Grill.

Several students used the time to air grievances about changes in this semester's dining plans, particularly the abolition of Southern Express. "My primary concern was that there's been a lack of meal equivalency," said Eli Zigas '06.

Osgood and Crady cited mainly financial reasons for ending the Express meal equivalency. While Grab-N-Go had been gaining popularity since its introduction, Southern Express had been steadily losing customers, said Crady.

Both stressed the transitory nature of campus amenities as Grinnell prepares for the construction of the Rosenfield Campus Center. "We're experimenting," said Osgood.

Matt Scharr '08 pointed out that because first semester freshmen are required to use the 21 meal plan, they have no access to dining dollars. Osgood claimed he was unaware of this situation and would look into it.

The "coffees with the president" were the brainchild of Davis Hart '06, according to Osgood. "[Hart] sent an email with the idea, and we scheduled the first one thinking we'd do several," said Osgood.

Osgood said the coffee discussion went as he had anticipated and that he and Crady hoped to conduct more meetings if students would attend, perhaps on a bi-weekly basis. "This is what I like to do for a living," said Osgood.

The next "coffee with the president" will be held the week of Nov. 8.

-Colin Reynolds

### All-campus trick-or-treating planned for Halloween night

This Halloween, students will get a chance to do some old-school trick-or-treating—right on campus. From 6-8 p.m. on Halloween, more than 40 SAs and four RLCs will be in their rooms with candy to distribute to costumed, or non-costumed, trick-or-treaters.

Information will be posted outside of the dorms, giving the rooms inside each building where trick-or-treaters can receive candy.

All-campus trick-or-treating was started last year by Kat Henry '07, with the assistance of student staff members. "I hope there's a good turnout," Henry said. "People who did it last year had a lot of fun." Characterizing it as a kind of study break, Henry added that she had high hopes for success.

Scheduling is favorable to a stronger turnout than last year, said Henry. Halloween is on a Sunday night this year. "Last year was a Friday night," Henry said. "It's difficult to compete with partying."

Henry also added her hope that students with Davis Buddies will participate. "It's difficult to bring the community to campus normally, especially with the dorms being locked," she said.

-by David Montgomery

### Joint Board votes down request for SGA hookah purchase

The request for an SGA purchase of a hookah was finally resolved at the Joint Board meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 27. Proposed by the co-founders of the Students for the Smoking of Hookahs (SSH) Joseph Gryka '06 and Davis Hart '06 on Sept. 20, the request had been tabled repeatedly by Joint Board for the past weeks as both sides of the argument worked to gather support.

Major concerns were the constitutionality of the \$99.95 purchase as per SGA bi-laws and the liability assumed by SGA

should the device result in any drug related incidents.

Jennifer Krohn, dean for student life, opened Wednesday evening's discussion by recognizing the SSH's commitment to use the hookah exclusively for the smoking of tobacco in accordance with traditional hookah use. However, Student Affairs would not support the purchase, she said, as it was not in harmony with the "spirit" of the SGA Constitution, which states that the college cannot grant "any requests that fund alcohol or tobacco purchases."

Krohn also said that police consider hookahs drug paraphernalia, and that, if found, hookahs are confiscated and tested for drugs such as marijuana.

Joint Board continued the hookah purchase for the better part of an hour. While some considered the purchase to be risky to the college and SGA, others maintained that the purchase would fall under SGA's responsibility to accommodate the interests of all students.

After a tied vote on the funding, Joint Board recessed for a few minutes as senators left to bring more senators to vote.

This time, Joint Board voted 8-7 against the budget proposal that would allow the hookah purchase.

-David Krist

### Voting information

Polls are open Tuesday, Nov. 2 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Students on-campus should vote in the First Ward at Fairview Elementary, and those off-campus can learn their correct polling location from their voter's registration card or by calling the Poweshiek County Auditor at (641) 621-5443.

On Saturday, Oct. 30, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., there will be satellite voting at the Veteran's Memorial Building at 834 Broad Street.

The auditor must have all applications for absentee ballots processed by 5 p.m. today. From Saturday through Monday, voters wishing to cast an absentee vote can do so in person at the auditor's office.

## A STRAPPING, YOUNG RICHARD GERE PRESENTS THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR...

| SUNDAY                                                                              | MONDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | TUESDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | FRIDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | SATURDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <b>HOLIDAY (PAGAN).</b> Samhain<br><b>TRICK-OR-TREATING.</b> Campus Dorms, 6-8 p.m. | <b>HOLIDAY (CHRISTIAN).</b> All Saints Day<br><b>STUDENT ACTIVITY.</b> Dia de Los Muertos Study Break, North Lounge, 4:15 p.m.<br><b>GORP.</b> Learn to Climb, South Gym, 4:15 p.m.<br><b>MEETING.</b> "Hot Stuff: Interfaith Dating Dialogue," Mears Cottage, 7:30 p.m.<br><b>LECTURE.</b> "What Is This Thing Called Economics?" Roger Backhouse, South Lounge, 8 p.m. | <b>HOLIDAY (CHRISTIAN).</b> All Souls Day<br><b>SEMINAR.</b> "Development of Novel Therapies for MS" Noyce 2021, 4:15 p.m.<br><b>LECTURE.</b> "Mysticism, Death, Desire in Medieval Christianity," South Lounge, 4:15 p.m.<br><b>COMMUNITY MEAL.</b> Davis School, 5:30 p.m.<br><b>MEETING.</b> Election Returns, North Lounge, 7:30 p.m.<br><b>MEETING.</b> World Hand Drumming Open Jam, Bucksbaum 103, 9 p.m.<br><b>ELECTION DAY.</b> | <b>AIKIDO.</b> Training, PEC Mat Room, noon<br><b>GORP.</b> Learn to Climb, South Gym, 4:15 p.m.<br><b>DISCUSSION.</b> How to Choose Your Major, South Lounge, 4:15 p.m.<br><b>PRESENTATION.</b> Coca-Cola Unionist Speaks Out, North Lounge, 7:30 p.m.<br><b>STUDENT ACTIVITY.</b> JaMaLand Poker Night, Main Hall Lounge, 8 p.m.<br><b>INFO. SESSION.</b> Spring Break Trip, 919 7th Ave., 8:30 p.m. | <b>MEGA-CLASS.</b> Incarceration, South Lounge, 11 a.m.<br><b>WORKSHOP.</b> Writing Resumes, CDO, noon<br><b>INFO. SESSION.</b> Spring Break Trip, 919 7th Ave., noon<br><b>PRESENTATION.</b> "Teaching LD/ADD Students," Noyce 1023, 4:15 p.m.<br><b>OPEN REHEARSAL.</b> The Last Five Years, Harris Center, 7 p.m.<br><b>CONCERT.</b> The Kopleman Quartet, Sebring-Lewis Hall, 8 p.m. | <b>BLOOD DRIVE.</b> North Lounge, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.<br><b>SEMINAR.</b> "From Soils to Solutes to Stream Channels," Noyce 2021, noon<br><b>MEN'S SOCCER MWC SEMI-FINALS.</b> location TBA, 1 p.m.<br><b>STUDENT ACTIVITY.</b> Swing Society Dance Lessons, South Lounge, 4 p.m.<br><b>PERFORMANCE.</b> The Last Five Years, Harris Center, 7 p.m.<br><b>STUDENT ACTIVITY.</b> Swing Society Party, Harris Center, 9 p.m. | <b>RECITAL.</b> Erika Leake, flutist, Sebring-Lewis Hall, noon<br><b>FOOTBALL V. ST. NORBERT COLLEGE.</b> Rosenbloom Field, 1:30 p.m.<br><b>SERVICE.</b> Pamela Ferguson Memorial Service, Sebring-Lewis Hall, 4 p.m.<br><b>STUDENT ACTIVITY.</b> Oktoberfest, 1221 Park St., 5 p.m.<br><b>RECEPTION.</b> Pamela Ferguson Memorial Reception, Bucksbaum Rotunda, 5 p.m.<br><b>STUDENT ACTIVITY.</b> The Whore-r Party, Harris Center, 10 p.m. |



# Grinnell elections through the years

BY BRAD BISHOP AND CAT PIERRO

With the Iowan and national elections less than a week away, the results are still anybody's guess, and election talk seems on everyone's tongue.

But what's happened in the past? The *S&B* digs into its files for a look at the past 50 years of presidential elections from a Grinnell perspective. Below are some of the past headlines and highlights, even a time when Grinnell voted Republican.

## 2000

- 14 incidents of arson, vandalism, theft reported after Bush victory. Quad dumpster burned.
- Hate signs, Nazi references posted around campus defaming Bush, Nader.
- Campus Republicans disturbed. "This, to me, is just as bad as a racial slur," said Aaron Hollobaugh '03.
- Poweshiek votes 4,384 - 4,209 Bush.

## 1996

- Grinnell College votes Clinton 2:1.
- Jeff Lake '96 defeated in race for Iowa House.
- "Chelsea has blossomed," said Jeff Root '97.

## 1992

- Record 95% Iowa voter turnout.
- Grinnell College's vote "made the difference for the Democrats in this county," said Christopher Fletcher '91.
- Iowa Equal Rights Amendment defeated.

## 1988

- Dukakis carries 1st Ward 872-326 over Bush.

## 1984

- Reagan elected to second term and Republicans maintain Senate majority, add 12 seats in House.

## 1980

- Associate Dean of Student Affairs Janet Carl (D) defeats Gregg Edwards '80 (R) 3:2 for Iowa House.

## 1976

- Grinnell votes Ford (D), but overall campus campaign activity is low.
- Republicans distribute more literature and posters, reports the *S&B*.
- 40 voter registrations lost and

several students denied chance to vote.

## 1972

- Nixon (R) wins Poweshiek 4:3, 96 of 99 Iowan counties, and the national election.
- Grinnell College carries Nixon over McGovern (D) 555 - 396.
- Dick Clark (D) upsets incumbent Jack Miller (R) for Iowa Senate. Grinnell aids with 68% campus vote.
- Bonnie Roswig '72, campaigning for McGovern, encounters "nasty Republicans, nasty Independents, big ugly nasty dogs."

## 1968

- Nixon elected. Survey shows dissatisfaction among Grinnellians.
- Young Republicans President Jon Royal '70 is pessimistic about the growth of the liberal Republican movement. "One of the major goals of the country should be to see that Nixon doesn't get assassinated," he said.

## 1964

- Johnson-Humphrey (D) carries campus 592-276 with 82% turnout.
- Women show Democratic spirit, 316-111 for LBJ and HH. Men are 276-164.
- Faculty overwhelmingly vote Johnson ticket 129-25.

## 1960

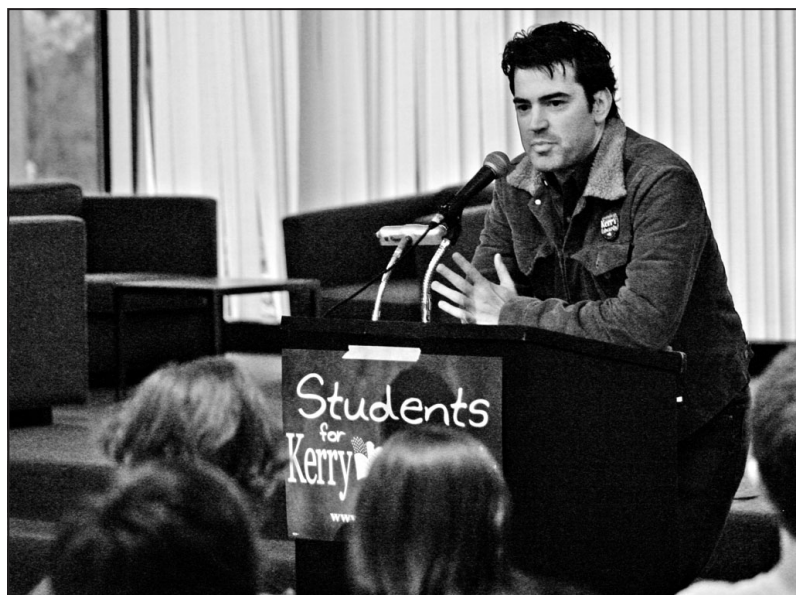
- Kennedy wins campus, state, nation.
- "I voted for Kennedy because he is inexperienced," said Doc Davenport '61. "Pianos and pet dogs are better than golf clubs any time."

## 1956

- Eisenhower (R) takes 71% of campus vote.
- "The Iowa voter is most unpredictable and inconsistent," said C. Edwin Gilmour '57.
- According to an *S&B* election brief, "Presidential candidate Pogo Possum charged with being a monotreme by affluent marsupials."

## 1952

- Campus Radio drops ball on timely broadcast of election results.
- *S&B* drops ball on publishing election results at all.



Actor Ron Livingston addresses students Sunday in South Lounge.

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# Q&A:

## Office Space star Ron Livingston visits campus to stump for Kerry

"I want a new president," said Ron Livingston, star of *Office Space*, to a packed Forum South Lounge at 4:15 on Sunday.

Livingston grew up in Marion and came back to Iowa to stump for Kerry. After his speech, the *S&B* caught up with him to ask him a few questions about his politics, his best and worst moments and his role in a cult classic.

*Q: Is this your first time being involved in partisan politics?*

A: It is really. I've been what I would call a sloppy voter. I was in New Haven for two elections and I only voted in one of them... I just wasn't really fired up about it. But I kind of changed my opinion about it, especially on this campaign. I think it's such a clear cut difference between the two candidates. It seems like it's a no-brainer to me.

*Q: Do you feel like you are able to influence people because of your celebrity status?*

I can attract a local news-crew. If they have 100 people out canvassing everyday trying to get the vote out, the news-crew won't come and do a story on that. But if they have 100 people and me, then a newscrew will come out because it's a television interest thing... But you know, I think the celebrity thing only goes so far. Maybe they'll listen to what you say but they're still going to make up their minds based on what they think.

*Q: Do you think some fans are upset that you talk about politics?*

A: I would be surprised if anybody who saw my movies thought that I was a diehard Republican. I don't think I look like that. So I don't think they should be too surprised.

*Q: What is the significance of your "Sportsmen for Kerry" pin that you are wearing?*

A: Well, I fish every once in a while. But this pin is not so much saying that I am a sportsman for Kerry but it's part of a message that I want to get people to see, that sportsmen are for Kerry. The crossover is that sportsmen are big on conservation... You can't fish without clean water.

*Q: What do you think about John Kerry's recent photo-op with the geese he shot?*

A: Well, I think he blew the geese vote, and it's a close election, so... you know, I think what he's trying to do is alleviate people's [fears.] The Republican Party is very good at throwing charges about him and scaring everybody, saying he's going to take away your rights to bear arms. I think it's his way of saying, no, listen I'm not trying to take

away anyone's Second Amendment rights. I'm not going to take away your First Amendment rights or your Fifth Amendment rights. If anyone is going to try to take away rights, it's George Bush.

*Q: Did you expect that "Office Space" would become a cult-classic?*

A: No, for two reasons: One is because I hoped it would be a commercial hit. And then when it wasn't a commercial hit, I thought it was just going to be a really good movie that nobody saw. I had a feeling that when it got to the Midwest, people would dig it. When we were making it, I didn't feel like we were making it for Hollywood people, we

were making it for people in the Midwest. A lot of the movie is about, beyond it being about jobs that people hate, it's about sucking it up and sort of taking it when people treat you like crap and still being nice to them, which I think, in the Midwest we're raised with the values that no matter how bad somebody treats you, you still have to be kind of polite and nice to them. And to me that's where a lot of the humor in "Office Space" comes from.

*Q: Do you see a downside if people just see you as the Office Space guy even though you've been in other movies?*

A: I honestly don't. You know, if I'm on a plane, and there's turbulence, and I start gripping the armrest, I always think, well, at least there's *Office Space*... It's nice because my job is so unpredictable.

*Q: [What's the] worst moment in your career?*

A: I think the worst moment in my career was: the very first pilot for a TV show I auditioned for... and I didn't get it. And I was at home when the series ended up airing... My parents were all excited for it because of course, "here's that show that Ronnie almost got." And so they had it on in the living-room, and I couldn't watch it so I just went upstairs. From the other room, I'm hearing the lines of the other guy saying the lines that I had been working on for months and had memorized.

*Q: [What the] best moment in your career?*

A: In 2001, on D-Day in Utah Beach (France) we did a screening of *Band of Brothers* in a tent on the Beach for the Easy Company Veterans and... they brought everybody who was still alive from the Easy Company, got them all back together... We got to go and see them... And then they watched the thing and you could see that they were very, very moved by this portrayal of their story.

-interviewed by Ben Weyl and Liz Ward

## Got conflict?

Can't solve it? The Campus Mediation Program, part of Grinnell's new Peace Studies Program, is now up and running.

Ten students received twenty hours of mediation training before fall break and are now ready to help resolve disputes between students or student groups.

Each case brought to mediation will be assigned a pair of student mediators who will meet with the conflicted parties in a designated room at a mutually agreeable time. The mediators' goal is to help the parties come up with a solution upon which both sides can agree.

To bring a problem to mediation, students can contact one of the following:

- Any RLC
- Student Affairs
- LeAnne Jones, RLC and Coordinator of the Campus Mediation Program, who received formal mediation and arbitration training from the University of Delaware.

The contact will determine whether the conflict merits mediation and if it does, the students may apply to the program through Jones.

# Peace studies program inaugurated

BY BEN KING

Just north of Bucksbaum stands a new peace pole. It is a simple, elegant metal obelisk tucked into a garden with winding paths, wooden benches and small trees. Each of its four sides is inscribed with the message "may peace prevail on earth" in a different language.

The pole, which previously stood outside the headquarters of the former Iowa Peace Institute at 917 Tenth Avenue, was re-dedicated to Grinnell College in a ceremony on Monday, Oct. 11 that marked the beginning of the college's new Peace Studies Program.

The Peace Studies Program will continue to coordinate the Peace Institute's Poweshiek County small claims mediation program and a truancy intervention program for local schools; it will also support a campus mediation service, sponsor speakers, encourage peace studies-related course offerings and facilitate internships.

The program is born from a gift to the college of the Iowa Peace Institute's headquarters building and endowment, which is currently worth approximately \$650,000. The institute was founded as a non-profit corporation in 1986 and recognized by the Iowa Legislature to "promote alternatives to the violent resolution of conflict." It was briefly located in Des Moines until the town of Grinnell won a bid to become its permanent home.

In addition to local work, the Peace Institute worked internationally. Projects included a conference that brought together rival parties from Northern Ireland, negotiation training for members of the Government of Tibet in Exile and various exchange programs.

In 2003, the Peace Institute "began looking for a way to continue its mission in a more financially stable environment," according to their brochure. After making the gift to the college, the institute closed in December of last year.

Val Vetter, coordinator of the Peace Studies Program, said that the choice for Grinnell College to inherit the endowment arose from "a lot of discussions with people on campus, especially with Kent McClelland, [Sociology], who for many years has been very interested in having a conflict resolution program on campus."

The college supplemented the endowment with



Bob Grey, Political Science, speaks at the dedication ceremony for the peace pole.

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a small budget and formed a committee that would decide how to construct the program. As Vetter put it, the gift was one "without strings attached."

The program will continue to support and coordinate mediation services for Poweshiek County and truancy intervention services for local schools. "The [county] magistrate is very supportive of [the mediation] program," said Vetter. "All small claims cases in Poweshiek County, or almost all of them, are required to go to mediation first... About 70 percent are resolved in mediation and those that aren't then go to hearing, but the idea is to help people resolve their problems without having to go to court." The mediators are community members who have been trained to help settle disputes.

In conjunction with the peace pole dedication ceremony, the committee brought several speakers to campus between Oct. 8 and 12, three of whom spoke on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Although the speakers included a former special adviser to the Israeli prime minister, a former Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Commissioner for Jerusalem

Affairs and a 2002 Grinnell graduate who works with the latter, each emphasized that the voices of the ordinary citizens of Israel and Palestine must play a key role in the peace process.

Also in conjunction with the dedication, Christopher Dowsell, a member of the Hunger Task Force of the United Nations Millennium Development Project, spoke about ways to reduce hunger in Sub-Saharan Africa.

The Peace Studies Program receives assistance in organizing lectures from the Rosenfield Program in Public Affairs, International Relations and Human Rights and from the Center for International Studies, said Vetter.

The Peace Studies Program will also facilitate and sponsor student internships. Internships could be tailored to student interest, but possible internships may be with organizations that bring Israeli and Palestinian musicians together or that foster restorative justice in U.S. prisons.

In order to raise awareness of peace issues, the Peace Studies Committee also identified parts of this year's curriculum that deal with conflict and conflict resolution. All of the peace studies-related courses chosen by the committee are listed on the Peace Studies Program's webpage, except for one new course that will be taught next semester in the Japanese department, in English, called "I survived: Japanese Comics and War."

When asked whether, with the combination of curriculum and internships, the Peace Studies Program could be turned into a formal concentration, Vetter replied, "We're not there yet. We're growing gradually and it would be something that we would definitely consider... as we become more established or are perhaps able to encourage more curricular incorporation of peace studies."

At the peace pole dedication ceremony, Professor Bob Grey, Political Science, reminisced about Grinnell's legacy of nonviolent political and social activism. For example, Grinnell students protesting the Vietnam War by occupying the campus Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) house accidentally broke a window and immediately took up a collection to pay for its repair.

To Grey, a legacy of such activism will make Grinnell College a nurturing home for the new Peace

# Run-offs today for VP election

Rebecca Miller '05 and Bruce Barnum '05 vie to be Vice President of SGA and President of Academic Affairs; students can vote on Pioneerweb until midnight tonight and results will be released after a 24-hour grievance period

## Bruce Barnum '05

### Top priorities (academic):

- Raising faculty salaries for tenure track professors/ reduce dependence on temporary faculty
- Reduce class sizes, create a curricular composition responsive to student interest
- Increase number of minority faculty

### Top priorities (student life):

- Improve dining options
- Increase OCCO housing by making the fifth East Campus dorm apartment-style housing

**On faculty diversity:** "As PAA, I will ensure that we bring in new faculty to every department through the [Minority Scholar in Residence] Program. We will fund this by having an alumni fund drive for endowed chairs. If alumni will pay for the extravaganza of new buildings going up around campus, they will certainly put forward the smaller amount of money needed to create excellent and diverse faculty on this campus."

**Experience:** "Last March, Andy Grimm and I ran against each other for the SGA VP/PAA position. It was a very close race, but in the end, he came

out on top with a narrow margin of nineteen votes.... While I'm saddened that events have forced Andy Grimm to take a leave of absence, and I hope for his future success, I am deeply concerned about what he leaves behind."

**On tuition:** "I will fight against raising tuition merely to 'keep pace with out peer institutions.' I am also very opposed to the current financial aid policy that interprets the 'full-need' goal we supposedly hold so dear to mean, 'Bleed every student for every penny they can possible afford'.... I will always be at the forefront of an effort to increase financial aid beyond the bare minimum."

**On working with trustees and administrators:** "I will never back down nor shall I ever fail to champion student demands. I will reopen the line of communication between the student body and the administration... Never again should we allow things such as the Forum Grill or the Southern Express to change or close without student input."

## In brief

As soon as students returned from fall break, candidates in the SGA VP special election started campaigning.

Polls for the first election opened at midnight on Tuesday and polls closed midnight on Wednesday.

Ned Brasington '05 and John Sampogna '05 were eliminated, and Jason Chen '07, was found ineligible for being a first-semester sophomore.

Current Student Services Coordinator and interim Vice President Rebecca Miller '05 took 38% of the vote and will face Bruce Barnum—who received 26% of the vote—in a runoff today.

Polls close tonight at midnight.

-Lola Garcia

## Rebecca Miller '05

### Priorities if elected (academic):

- Buffer/Reading Days before finals week
- Larger, more diverse faculty
- Online Registration

### Priorities if elected (student life):

- Campus safety
- Tuition
- Parking
- Co-ed dorm rooms

**On faculty diversity:** "In my opinion, students are not able to have a true liberal arts education if they are not exposed to different opinions on any issue. I will push for the continuation of [the Faculty Diversity Initiative] as well as more programs like it in order to create a much more ethnically, ideologically, and pedagogically diverse faculty."

**On JudCo:** "This year's renewed use of the Judicial Council, in which students, instead of administrators decide the fate of their peers, represents a return to our basic philosophy of self-governance. However, I also firmly believe that the SGA Vice-President has a responsibility to ensure that the cases brought before JudCo are indeed seri-

ous infractions of self-governance."

**On self-governance:** "We need to re-establish our commitment to assuring its continuation, specifically through a renewed emphasis on educating students."

**Experience:** "I was a Joint Board Senator for two semesters, have served on several committees..., and am currently the President of the Student Alumni Association."

**On tuition:** "If elected Vice-President, I will fight against these increases in tuition that exceed the rate of inflation. I will also work to see that financial aid continues to rise and that Grinnell's program of loan forgiveness is increased so that students are not graduating with such large amounts of debt."

**On working with administrators/trustees:** "I already have established a good relationship with many administrators of the college, as well as with the Board of Trustees... I will continue to take a strong stand and see to it that students and administrators work together to make positive changes."





## To Catch the Memory Thief: An Investigation of Quality of Life for Elders with Dementia

Lara Galloway's proposal title reads like a thriller, but her proposal entails working as a caregiver in urban and rural long-term residence care facilities for those affected by dementia in Australia, Lithuania, South Korea and Norway.

Galloway's interest in dementia began after seventh grade, when she attended a neurobiological camp and handled human brains. Her personal experience as a caregiver in American facilities cemented her resolve to find a better way.

Galloway estimates that there are now four million Americans affected by dementia and by mid-century there will be 14 million. Her goal is to research and eventu-

ally develop better long-term care systems.

Each country has radically different strategies for caring for the elderly. She plans to compare and contrast the political and cultural situations in each country that affect the way they care for the elderly, including differences in nutrition, funding and payment, medication, population diversity and family involvement with residents.

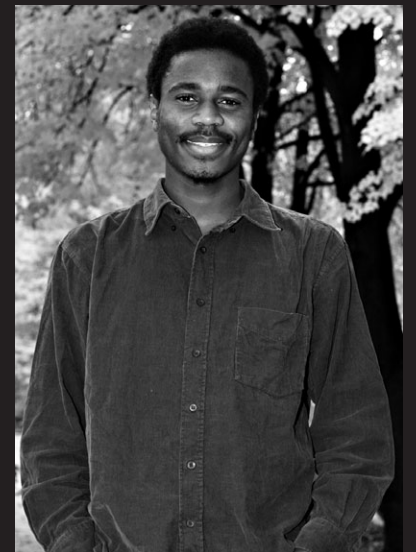
Galloway will also gather material from residents of the care centers for a collaborative story project as a way of evaluating the experience of the residents and their changing social roles as dementia progresses.

## Bringing Home More than a Medal: The Socioeconomic Impact of African Runners

Omondi Kasidhi based his project proposal on two things that have become central to his life since he came to Grinnell: running and economics. He plans to visit Botswana, South Africa, Ethiopia, Morocco and Nigeria (the last is contingent on the lifting of the U.S. State Department Warning for that country). He sees the Watson Fellowship as a step towards his life's work of pursuing and promoting African unity, which he sees as a necessary and inevitable process.

"Africa, running, economics...it would be impossible to define myself without them," he says. To Kasidhi, the advantages of his Watson proposal include the practicality of its implementation and the contrast between institutionalized study such as Grinnell's and the freedom of choice involved in his project, which involves experiential learning rather than hours of research in a library.

"Running could be a unifying point," Kasidhi said, going on to say that great African runners are currently identified by nationality. In the face of bad news from Africa, the success and impact of its runners is a positive thing to focus on, he said.



## Where in the world...

Four Grinnell seniors nominated to travel the world on Watson Fellowships outline their project proposals

BY MARY PARKER

The Thomas J. Watson Fellowship awards graduating seniors \$22,000 to travel around the world for one year while pursuing an independent study project. Participants are not allowed to return to either the United States or their home country, if an international student, over the course of the year. The year of study culminates in a presentation at a Returning Fellows Conference.

"We have a six member faculty committee who makes the nominations," said Doug Cutchins

of the Office of Social Commitment. "Each applicant is interviewed one-on-one by three of the six faculty members over a two-week period." The interviewers then prepare notes, which along with the applications, form the basis for the nominations.

This year, out of approximately 195 applicants from around 50 colleges, up to 50 will be awarded fellowships. Grinnell College is allowed to submit four applications; this year there were 17 applicants.

## Border Crossing: The Effects of Relocation on Women's Roles



Lara Janson grew up near a Meskwaki settlement, which inspired her interest in cultural and gender issues related to physical mobility, displacement, and the boundaries of nation-states, she said. Her project deals with the plight of the 19.8 million displaced people in the world today, more than 80 percent of which are women. She proposes to visit Mongolia, Spain and Norway, all of which are home to groups of people from traditionally nomadic or semi-nomadic cultures who have been resisting the fixed notions of the modern nation-state and national boundaries.

"Women most heavily bear the consequences of creating stiff lines, borders, and ideologies," Janson said.

She structured her project around the effect of decreased or increased mobility on the cultural roles of women.

Janson plans to study the institutions established to help displaced populations, such as non-governmental organizations which assist the Gitano and Romani populations in Spain and Mongolia's Learning for Life Project, which combines Western-style education with knowledge that women can use in their daily lives. Janson hopes to investigate the influence of the current support structures on the role of women in the home, society, and the nation, and the boundaries that mark the domain of displaced women.

## The People's Fate: Language and Politics in Three Turkic States

Kyle Marquardt first became interested in the interaction between language and politics in eighth grade when he read George Orwell's *1984*. He plans to travel to Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan, countries he chose because of their continuing struggle for national identity and because he knew less about the area than about other parts of the world, he said. Each of the states he plans to study is multiethnic and multilingual, which can sometimes pose difficulties to national unity.

"Though I don't believe that a government can actually use a language to as extreme a degree as in 1984, I do believe that the government can use language, and laws regarding language, to achieve a variety of ends," said Marquardt. Before the fall of the Soviet Union, Russian was the language of social advancement, and after its collapse, each government prioritized individual national languages, such as Kazakh in Kazakhstan. Marquardt plans to investigate the different processes used by each state during his year of study.



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# August graffiti case makes its mark

Even though Student Affairs dropped charges against a student witness to vandalism who failed to provide Security with names of perpetrators, SA expresses concern about the precedent the incident may have set

BY LOLA GARCIA

Though the Cleveland Beach graffiti painted the first weekend of the semester is fading, the subsequent security office's investigation has produced many questions. Namely, should witnesses to violations of college policy be required to supply security with the names of the perpetrators?

Megan Ford '06, SA for Cleveland First and Pit, admitted that she did know some of the people involved in the vandalism, but felt that it was not her job as a student or staff member to report the names of the students involved to security. She was, however, listed as the informant on a report submitted by RLC LeAnne Jones. The report named another student as involved in the vandalism.

On Aug. 31, Ford spoke with Steven Briscoe, director of security, to tell him that the student listed on the report was not responsible for the vandalism. Briscoe asked Ford to

identify the perpetrators of the incident and Ford declined to name them. She was asked again three days later and again declined.

On Sept. 16, Briscoe filed charges with the Judicial Council. He cited Ford for "failure to obey a reasonable request made, or direction given, by a member of the faculty or administration" on two separate occasions. The citation came directly from a list of "Actions that Violate the General Community" in the Student Handbook.

On Sept. 30, Ford says she was called into the Student Affairs office and informed of the charges as well as the decision not to pursue them.

While the charges were dropped, Ford remains unhappy with her situation. "I think it is a problem that security brought [charges]

against me," she said, "I don't think it's an okay precedent to set."

Briscoe denied comment for this story, telling the *S&B* via email that, "I usually do not comment about judicial charges," and directed further inquiry to the office of Student Affairs.

Dean of Student Affairs Jennifer Krohn, who refused to have the charges heard before JudCo, said that the incident raised some issues about the language of the reasonable request clause.

"What the incident did was make us look at the policy, and what that policy is," said Krohn. She said that the clause under which Ford's charges were brought was "intended for the specific person who is violating [college policy]," she said. "It is not reasonable to use it when we

are asking students to give information about what other people have done."

Ford is particularly frustrated because she thinks that the primary reason she was charged was because of her position on student staff. "We are not paid for a reason," she said. "It is not because the college doesn't have the money. The reason I don't have these obligations is so people can feel comfortable coming to me." Unlike Resident Advisors (RAs) at most other colleges and universities, SAs are unpaid and therefore not contractually obligated to report violations of college policy.

Krohn also emphasized the importance of maintaining the SA system. "We give student staff...a pretty high level of confidentiality so that they can deal effectively with students on their floor," she said. "We want to keep that in place."

**"[SAs] are not paid for a reason. ... The reason I don't have these obligations is so people can feel comfortable coming to me."**

—Megan Ford '06

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# A different kind of horror at Harris



Little Linda Blair wore demonic make-up, old age make-up and special make-up effects to look this freaky.  
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Bryce Dallas Howard didn't wear obscene amounts of Halloween make-up, and thus, she is a failure.  
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## The Exorcist (R)

This Sunday is Halloween, or as those who love apostrophes and annoying correctness would say, Halloween, so we gotta have a scary movie on campus. Besides the *The Village*. And *Control Room*'s a scary example of American diplomacy, but still, neither of those have pea soup vomit.

*The Exorcist*, for those of you too scared to have seen this movie previously, is about Regan, a scary little girl (Linda Blair) in Washington, D.C. who may be possessed. By Demons! Her mother (Ellen Burstyn) does the sensible thing and calls in two priests, one of whom (Max von Sydow), just got back from Iraq. The Iraq thing isn't crucial, but still, Iraq. Anyway, Regan vomits some more and twists her head around, while everyone gets freaked out, even though they can see all the

strings director William Friedkin relied on.

This is a really good horror movie. You can tell because studios keep re-packaging it and shoving it into theatres. A directors' cut of *The Exorcist* was released in 2000, containing a really scary part where Regan walks like a spider down the stairs. This year, *Exorcist: The Beginning* came out, and was bad. Here's an excerpt of a review by *The Washington Post*'s Stephen Hunter: "It manages a trifecta of pain: It's dull, it's grim, it's stupid. How's that for a recommendation?"

I can't explain why *The Exorcist* is so great. Describing all the scary parts makes it sound hilarious, in part because movies like *Scary Movie* have been aping it incessantly. In part, it survives on subtlety and good use of fog. If your midsem grades and the election polls aren't freaking you out enough, head for the Forum this weekend.

—reviewed by Bradley Iverson-Long

## MOVIE TIMES

**The Village**  
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**Control Room**  
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**The Exorcist**  
Fri. & Sat. 8 & 10 p.m., Forum South Lounge

**Children of Paradise**  
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## Control Room (NR)

With constant in-depth coverage, from *The New York Times* to Fox News, by way of *The Daily Show* and *Fahrenheit 9/11*, it seems almost impossible that there is any aspect of the Iraq war that Americans haven't looked at. But when was the last time you watched al-Jazeera? I know, most Grinnellians can't speak Arabic, and Mediacom doesn't get the Arab news station, at least not in Loose Lounge, but very few of us have listened to a news source that has been vilified by the Bush administration as harshly as anything save Hussein and bin Laden.

*Control Room*, Jehane Noujaim's gripping, detailed documentary covers al-Jazeera's news coverage of the "official" Iraq war, from Bush's request that the Husseins leave the country to his "Mission Accomplished" speech on the USS Lincoln. Al-Jazeera, based in Qatar, is the most watched TV station in the Arab world, with ratings only *Friends* could match. They attempt to present an independent source of news without taboos, including video of American hostages taken by Iraqi soldiers.

## The Village (R)

*The Village* is just a little cheesy, it gets its job done, whether you like it or not. With this film, M. Night Shyamalan is well on track to becoming a sort of modern Hitchcock. Like Hitchcock, he includes himself somewhere in every one of his films, has some hits and some misses, and finds suspense in a variety of situations. Having his brand of hand-wringing psychological tension to the subjects of domestic ghosts and alien invaders, he now takes on the historical drama.

*The Village* is set in isolated, nineteenth-century Pennsylvania, among those lovely, haunting woods of the sort featured in that old classic, *Blair Witch Project*. Cut off from the rest of the world, the members of this self-sustaining community keep mysterious rituals against monsters in the woods and have really pretty wedding parties, but underneath this veneer of order, something's awry in paradise. Without the

religious traditions or historical referents one might expect from a colonial community, all of the characters, all of their actions, become increasingly puzzling and suspicious. The most likeable characters are ultimately the outcasts—the strong silent Joaquin Phoenix, the vaguely blind girl, and Adrien Brody as the village idiot move the plot forward as they unwittingly threaten to expose the dark secrets of the town.

If you want to wager a guess at the proverbial skeletons in the town's closet, they're not all that hard to figure out, but if you buy into the premise, the film is pretty fun. *The Village* combines the terrifying fear of both real and psychological monsters with the primitive living situation to create a potential political allegory of fear and isolation.

In the end, this contemporary context of the film either makes or breaks it, depending on how much disbelief you are willing to suspend. But honestly, the monsters are scary enough that I spent the whole way home from seeing the film looking for red eyes in the cornfields alongside Highway 6.

—reviewed by Emilia Garvey

## Smith's final farewell

Technology is great because now all songs are eternal, even after their singers die. We can still listen to Lennon, Hendrix and Strummer. This aural lingering is possible for songs that aren't finished. While Elliott Smith labored on songs for his sixth solo album since 2001, he did not finish *From a Basement on a Hill* before his senseless death last October. Thanks to diligent, respectful work by his family and friends, his music is now complete.

Elliott Smith was a devastatingly introspective musician, yet his songs are famous mostly for being plugged into *Good Will Hunting* and *The Royal Tenenbaums*. The songs snatched for those movies came from Smith's intimate and raw earlier albums. Smith's last three CDs, including *From a Basement*, are more elaborate studio works, which have contradicted Smith's fans' expectations of a whiskey-soaked, sad voice.

The studio tricks on the opening track "Coast to Coast" are terrific,

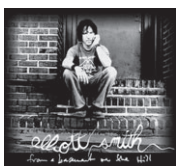
with dissonant strings sounding like the precursor for a message from beyond the grave. These well-orchestrated big sounds are scattered among Smith's traditional rough, guitar-only tracks,, which are lonely yet also quite compassionate.

Listeners could easily apply these songs to Smith's apparent suicide. Songs titled "A Fond Farewell," "A Passing Feeling" and "Last Hour" make this Tutorial-level analysis, but Smith always sang sad songs. More uncharacteristic are several thudding, trite lyrics, like "You belong tagging along/ and I belong in a zoo" in "Coast to Coast."

*From a Basement on the Hill* won't replace "Hey Ya" at Harris, nor is it the cherry on top of a painful, pithy life, but it is Elliott Smith's best work in several years.

It may not be precisely the album Smith wanted, but its familiar warm, friendly, depressing sound, is welcomed by his fans.

—reviewed by Bradley Iverson-Long



**Elliott Smith**  
*From a Basement on the Hill*  
Anti (2004)



# On the right track

Founder J. B. Grinnell chose Grinnell's location based on plans for rail lines, and the tracks still run right through the center of local life

BY KIRSTEN AHO

What makes loud noises and is the reason why Grinnell exists where it does? The train.

Dorothy Pindor, one of the editors of the *Grinnell Herald-Register*, tells a story of a Sunday morning meeting not long ago in the Forum South Lounge. "A train came through while the speaker was talking, and he made a comment about how he didn't understand why anyone would want a train to run through the middle of their campus," she said.

"I went up to him after the meeting and told him the college wouldn't be here if there were no trains running through it."

According to Pindor, J. B. Grinnell wanted to start a town that was economically viable. This location was perfect: surveyors had marked it as a spot trains would run through. Grinnell bought the land surrounding the surveyor's marks and reserved space for the college, local schools and churches.

In the past, the train has functioned to bring freight, mail and people to and through Grinnell. Now, the train brings only freight through Grinnell. The passenger service stopped back in the early 1970s, during the Kent State Riot.

Because of the overshadowing importance of the riot, most people were not concerned with the loss of passenger services.

ger services.

"The government made wonderful roads," said Robin Braders, a member of the Model Railroad Club. As a result, there was little interest in the passenger service offered by railroads. Additionally, the auto industry could employ more people, said David Jones,

"The college wouldn't be here if there were no trains running through it."

—Dorothy Pindor,  
Grinnell Herald-Register

## Model Trains

- The Model Train Museum is open to the public every Monday and Friday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- For a tour, call the Chamber of Commerce at 236-6555, and they will get you in touch with one of the club members.
- If you would like to make miniature buildings for the train club, contact one of the club members (through the Chamber of Commerce), and they will be happy to help you out.

another member of the club.

Some groups are actively pursuing getting passenger service back again, but the current condition of the railroads makes this unlikely.

The railroad mail service stopped when Federal Express and other road-based mail services became popular, but the Railway Express Building in Grinnell is still standing. This building once served as the post office for mail and packages coming off the trains. Located across the street from the former train depot, now a restaurant, the Railway Express building has become the meeting place for the Model Railroad Club.

The Model Railroad Club officially began about a year and a half ago. The club has an arrangement with the Mayflower Retirement Home, owners of the Railway Express Building, which also allows residents of the home to take part in club activities.

The club also provides materials and mentors college students who want to make miniature buildings.

The members of the club have each built several of these buildings for a model train set, including models of the Depot, the former Monroe Hotel, the old Spaulding factory and their own houses.

They are building models on three different scales, the HO scale, the O scale and the G scale, "trying to make it as eclectic as possible," said Jones.

## Lines in Grinnell

### North-South Line

**Then:** Chicago North-west Line  
**Now:** Union Pacific Line  
**Carries:** Primarily corn in the morning when it goes south, and corn syrup in the evening when it goes north. It also carries various smaller loads for lumberyards.

### East-West Line

**Then:** Rock Island Line  
**Now:** Iowa Central Line  
**Carries:** The freight carried by the Iowa Central Line is far more diverse than that of the Union Pacific Line, with each customer using no more than 15 percent of the train, according to David Jones.

## Model scales

Model trains are built on different scales, which are named with letters.

- Z: 1 to 220
- N: 1 to 160
- HO: 1 to 87
- O: 1 to 48
- G: 1 to 22.5

Information from  
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## A day in the life

### Jacob Cram '06



8 A.M. Wake up for some inexplicable reason. Think, "Good, I'm off to an early start today." Fall back asleep.

9 A.M. First watch alarm goes off.

9:30 A.M. Second watch alarm goes off.

9:40 A.M. Wake up, shower

9:58.30 A.M. Leave for class

9:59.50 A.M. Arrive at class.

Most seats are taken. Fortunately, I usually sit up front, and nobody else wants to sit there.

10:50 A.M. Realize I am hungry. Go to Forum. See line and change mind. Wish I had eaten breakfast. Go to class.

12 P.M. Second class ends. Go to Grab-N-Go. Go home. Eat. End up discussing Dag with housemate.

12:50 P.M. Tell housemate I am late. Pull books out of backpack, look through mess in room for floppy hat, sunglasses, tennis shoes, field notebook, pocket knife, snorkel gear, wetsuit, flashlight, insect collection vials and plant collection jars. Run/jog/powerwalk to lab.

1 P.M. Lab group leaves for CERA.

1:30 P.M. Arrive at CERA. Work on all-class project; sample and categorize lots of insects in prairie.

2:30 P.M. Class finishes work. We have time to work on insect collections/independent projects. Collect insects for a while.

3:15 P.M. Give up on bug collecting and decide to work on personal project. Get in lake. Swim around looking for things that I don't find. Try to catch a few small fish by hand, fail. End up filling two jars full of seaweed to examine for my insect collection.

3:45 P.M. Swamp thing, covered in muck and weeds, leaves lake and metamorphosizes into Jacob. Head back up to lab and change into normal people clothing.

4:15 P.M. Return home. Shower; change again; start homework.

6:30 P.M. Eat dinner. Pretend to start homework. Actually get distracted by housemates.

7:30 P.M. Attend Joint Board meeting. Decide the fate of the universe; approve a few budgets.

9:30 P.M. Joint Board ends. Talk to SGA cabinet members to try to get them to do things. Fail.

9:45 P.M. Start homework. Work on assignment I thought I had already finished.

10 P.M. Dag fighting starts. I decide to go late so I can at least get some work done.

11 P.M. Go to Mac Field. Fight Dag. Everyone else is tired because they've already been fighting for an hour. Ha-ha, I win. Sometimes.

12 A.M. Everyone else collapses from exhaustion. I make fun of them for tiring quickly. Get into an argument over goblin religion and culture. Go home and start my homework, again.

1 P.M. Everyone who isn't me goes to bed. The cat now rules the house.

2 A.M. Try to throw cat out of room. Fail. Leave door open in the case it ever decides to leave. Go to bed.



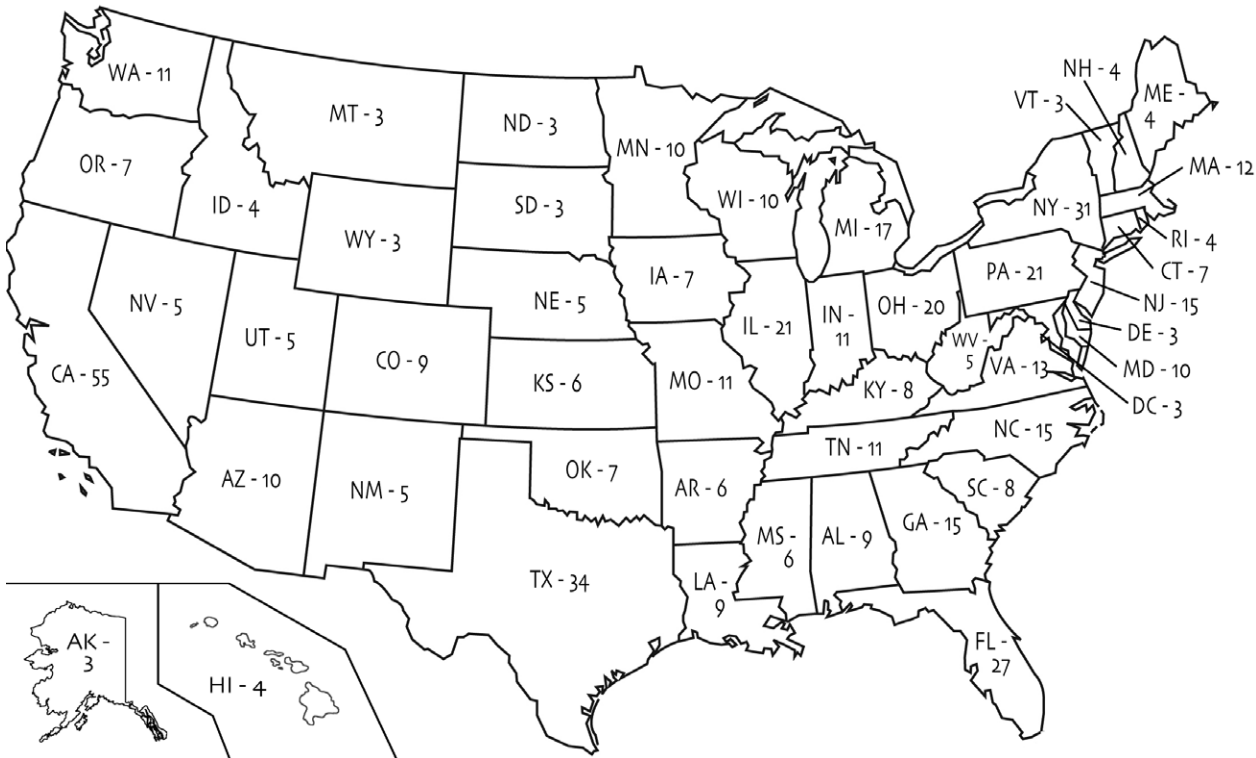
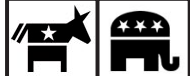
A train rolls through South Campus in the evening hours, carrying corn syrup to the North and blaring its horn all the time.

NICK HECKER



# Political Partying

## Election night coloring game



### How to color your map

This activity is reminiscent of those elementary school days when George Bush (the original) took on Bill Clinton. It requires only this map of the U.S.; a hard surface to color on; blue and red crayons (preferred), markers, pens, or pencils and contact with the outside world.

- Watch election night coverage next Tues., Nov. 2, on any major television network, follow the election on the internet or ask a friend or neighbor to run and find you in the library as each state's results are announced.
- Color in states whose electoral votes go to Kerry/Edwards with your blue utensil. Color in states whose electoral votes go to Bush/Cheney with your red utensil. Watch out for false calls of results in Florida—no one likes a purple state.
- As you color in the states, add the electoral vote counts to the columns to the right of the map. Use those elementary math skills to add them up. First one to 270 wins.

Jen Walsh

### Presidential trivia

Facts about the former leaders of the U.S.

- Nine presidents never attended college: George Washington, Andrew Jackson, Martin Van Buren, Zachary Taylor, Millard Fillmore, Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Johnson, Grover Cleveland and Harry Truman.
- At the last party Andrew Jackson threw in the White House, guests ate 1,400 pounds of cheese in two hours.
- Eight presidents died in office: William Harrison (after having served only one month), Taylor, Lincoln, James Garfield, William McKinley, Warren Harding, Franklin Roosevelt and Kennedy.
- Presidents John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe all died on July 4; Calvin Coolidge was born on that day.
- Two peanut farmers have been elected president of the United States: Jefferson and Jimmy Carter.
- The ancestry of all 43 presidents is limited to the following seven heritages, or some combination thereof: Dutch, English, Irish, Scottish, Welsh, Swiss or German.
- The oldest elected president was Ronald Reagan (age 64); the youngest was John Kennedy (age 43).
- The tallest president was Lincoln at 6'4"; at 5'4", James Madison was the shortest.
- James Buchanan was the only president never to marry.

Information from infoplease.com, msn.com and skippy.com

### Election night drinks



- Patriotic red, white and blue mixed drinks and shots for election night. Remember to drink responsibly or choose the non-alcoholic alternatives.

#### American Flag Ingredients:

- 1/3 grenadine
- 1/3 crème de cacao
- 1/3 Blue Curacao

#### Mixing instructions:

- Pour in grenadine. Then pour in the crème de cacao and the Blue Curacao over a bar spoon. Looks red, white and blue and tastes like a chocolate covered cherry.

#### Non-alcoholic alternatives

- **Red:** cranberry juice, fruit punch, cherry soda, grenadine
- **White:** milk, eggnog, soy milk, rice milk, half-and-half
- **Blue:** Kool-Aid, blue sports beverages, prune juice

Try one of each color!

#### American Pie Ingredients:

- 1 tsp grenadine
- 2 oz vodka
- 1/3 sweet and sour
- 2/3 7-Up
- 1/2 oz Blue Curacao

#### Mixing instructions:

- Pour grenadine in glass. Add straw and ice carefully. Fill 1/3 of glass with sweet and sour. Add vodka. Fill glass almost to the rim with 7-Up. Add Blue Curacao. Do not stir.

Some information from webtender.com

# Recipes of the week

Things you can cook in the dining halls when the ordinary options get dull

## Open-faced sandwich

### Ingredients:

- 1 piece sourdough or rye bread
- 2 slices swiss or mozzarella cheese
- 1 slice roast beef
- 2 pats of butter
- 1 Tbsp regular mayo
- 2 Tbsp black beans
- 2 Tbsp garbanzo beans
- 1 Tbsp salsa
- 1 tsp Parmesan cheese
- Pinch onion powder
- Pinch chili powder

### Directions:

- Take the sourdough or rye bread and toast it at the highest setting.
- Spread the toast liberally with the mayo and butter on one side, making sure to coat all surfaces and at least part of the plate and your fingers as well.
- Sprinkle parmesan cheese, onion powder and chili powder on bread.
- Add first piece of cheese and microwave for 30 seconds, stopping to rotate bread (hopefully on plate) 2/3 pi radians every 10 seconds.
- Slice roast beef into thin strips and place it on top of cheese bread. Also add salsa, black beans and garbanzo beans.
- Slice final piece of cheese into thin strips, apply in criss-cross waffle pattern on the top for that "Martha Stewart" look.
- Microwave another 30 seconds or until you hope the bread isn't too soggy.

-Brad Bishop



Above, Brad Bishop prepares an open-faced sandwich using a microwave in Quad. Below, a picture of the ingredients in a quesadilla pizza and the finished product. SERGE GIACHETTI AND KAT PICKENS



## Quesadilla pizza

### Ingredients:

- Two flour tortillas
- Monterey jack cheese
- Pepperoni (if available) or pastrami
- Jalapenos
- Onions
- Cream cheese
- Grated cheddar
- Green peppers
- Pepper
- Red pepper seeds

### Directions:

- Get the tortillas.
- Spread slices of Monterey jack cheese on the bottom tortilla.
- Spread pepperoni on top of the cheese or tear or slice up the pastrami and spread it.
- Slice up jalapenos and spread them around the meat.
- Slice up onions and spread them around.
- Slice up green pepper and spread it.
- Sprinkle pepper.
- Sprinkle pepper seeds.
- Sprinkle grated cheese.
- Spread cream cheese lightly on the upper tortilla.
- Put the top tortilla (cream cheese down) on the bottom one.
- Cook in the microwave for about 50 seconds.
- Slice up and enjoy.

-Earl Falcon



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### Internship Grant Program Information Session

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1127 Park conference room

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# Baseball: an irrational love

In my last column, I believe I said something about getting married "when hell freezes over." I'm going to have to amend that statement, because as anyone who saw the 500-point font headline on the New York Daily News last Thursday knows, hell *did* freeze over. The Boston Red Sox beat the Yankees for the pennant.

I'm not getting married. But I am going to do something completely uncharacteristic of myself; I'm going to write an entire column about sports. You see, as indifferent to sports as I may appear to the casual observer, I'm actually quite capable of getting extremely worked up about baseball.

As I write this on Monday afternoon, I'm hesitant to make any predictions about what the next four days will bring, and I don't want to guess and jinx things. But, oh, Red Sox, please, please, please win.

I'm from New York, yes. But with a mother from Massachusetts and a father from Brooklyn, I am genetically incapable of experiencing anything but joy to see the Yankees embarrassed. In

fact, I do believe that the Evil Empire may be my least favorite thing about the city I love so much. They definitely rank right up there with cockroaches and that [expletive deleted] who robbed me of my wallet on the 9 train. Rooting for the Yankees is like reading the Harry Potter books and cheering on the Death Eaters.

For all you non-baseball people out there, I know I sound crazy. Baseball is a crazy irrational thing. All of the sports announcers on TV can tell you the probability of a comeback after losing the first three games of a series, or a player's batting average in post-season play. They can even tell you that Johnny Damon's hair is 297% longer than that of the average Yankee player, and that 27% percent of all fans like mustard on their pretzels. Hell, those statistics people can tell you almost anything, except what's actually going to happen. They couldn't explain how the Red Sox won last Wednesday, for example. And they can't explain why baseball makes otherwise dignified people cover themselves with body paint and scream obscenities

at each other.

Baseball even made Kevin Costner listen to creepy voices and mow down his cornfield. More recently, baseball made my mother (and later me) open the living room window and yell "Go Red Sox" out into a street full of sulking and possibly violent Yankees fans.

Baseball also has the power to make terribly pragmatic people suddenly superstitious. If you've ever watched a game with a truly obsessed fan, you know that every little action matters; and I'm not just talking about the players. If your feet are on the coffee table when your team gets on base, you'd damn well better not take your feet off the coffee table. If you go to get a glass of water and come back to find that Derek Jeter hit a home run, then you'd better not drink any more water for the remainder of the series. I thought this sort of logic was peculiar to my own family until I watched Sunday's game with Joe Geni.

"Hey," Joe exclaimed when I returned from the bathroom to find that Boston had scored, "you should leave and come back more."

Perhaps you are one of those people who find baseball to be boring. You may feel that five hours in front of a television set would be better spent watching the BBC version of *Pride and Prejudice* than the World Series. But try thinking of baseball as a Jane Austen novel in cleats. Both may seem tedious to the disinterested bystander.

However, to someone truly invested, it's impossible to not be on the edge of your seat the entire time. Is Captain Wentworth really in love with Anne Elliot? Will Johnny Damon hit a home run? Is Mr. Darcy going to go ahead and propose already, or will this novel go into extra innings? Stay tuned to find out.



EMILY ZDYRKO  
much ado about nothing

## If 'all the world's a stage...'

Things are going quite well here in London as the inevitable rain sets in. As you read this, we Grinnellians will be wrapping up our fall break using London as the gateway to a myriad of European escapes – Prague, Rome, Amsterdam, Paris... I myself will have been in Dublin to research my ancestors because I'm a geek like that.

But before I head to the home of Keats, Wilde, Joyce and countless other theatre heroes I must tell you how incredibly ripe London is with theatres. [Disclaimer: I'm a theatre major, this may be a bit biased.]

It is disputable, but there have been many a Londoner I've met so far that has said that London is the world's capital of the theatre (disputable because I don't want a New Yorker to bite my head off for something I didn't say).

It is true that the London theatre scene is massive, including small community theatres that barely seat one hundred audience members (such as the one I will be interning at next month) to larger than life West End theatres (think Broadway) where musicals like *The Lion King* and *Les Mis* have been running for hundreds of days.

The Grinnell program has given us the opportunity to see a variety of shows in a variety of venues. We just recently saw a revival of a 1930s war drama in a West End theatre and we've seen three shows in the great monolithically concrete National Theatre. Great fun, great fun.

London's theatre prestige goes way back as we know. Shakespeare once lived and penned some of his great works in London, working at the Globe Theatre. And London has not forgotten him. Parliament dutifully passed an Act of Parliament (clever name, what?) to allow the reconstructed Globe to have an authentic thatch roof installed (thatch = dry grass = fire hazard = against the law after the Great Fire of 1666 levelled most of London). And on any given day there are at least 5 productions of a Shakespeare play available for the avid Elizabethan drama geek.

We Grinnellians ourselves just witnessed a production of *Twelfth Night* set in India, a nod to the deep connection England shares with its once-colony. But the true jewel in our Shakespeare-education crown was indeed our trip to Stratford-upon-Avon.

Technically not London, but still part of our experience, I cannot resist an account of our adventures, especially given that it's such a place of pilgrimage to make Jerusalem blush in comparison.

It was a three-day, two-night affair, one Shakespeare play each day. Stratford-upon-Avon hosts a summer repertory of Royal Shakespeare Company productions ever summer and we caught the tail end, seeing *Hamlet*, *Romeo & Juliet*, and *Macbeth*.

While we were there we also got to diligently make pilgrimage to some of the important shrines of Shakespeare's life in Stratford. Trinity Church where he is buried. His daughter's house. The house next

door to the house that Shakespeare lived in when he came back from London but was torn down because the guy who bought it later got sick of everyone knocking on his door wanting to see where the Bard had lived. And of course, The Birth House, where of course dear William was born.

All very exciting, especially if you take delight, as I did, at the sight of Japanese tourists taking pictures of each other in front of the house. (Don't ask me why, it was just amusing.)

The other total upside to our visit to Stratford with the Grinnell-in-London posse was that we had at our fingertips the wise Donna Vinter (Shakespeare Professor and London Program Director) to tell us that if we hurried over to the Black Swan Pub (known locally as the Dirty Duck) we might be able to see the actors out of costume and make up.

And given that the RSC's actors don't look half bad in tights, well, you know we were there. One brave soul, Miss Leah Romanelli ('06) and friends tried to buy Hamlet, aka Toby Stephens, a pint. Though he said he didn't drink, he did accept a Diet Pepsi, much to their delight. Sorry to say, Mr. Stephens, recently seen in the recent Bond-flick "Die Another Day" as the bad guy Gustav Graves (thank you IMDB.com) is married, but he gave a great question and answer session a day later when he extrapolated on the meanings of Hamlet and how he liked being a Bond villain.

So what this long tangential column boils down to is: if as Shakespeare said, 'All the world's a stage' then all the world is in London, a far cry from the middle of Iowa.



MARGARET TOOMEY  
union jacked



### Cowles and Quad go head-to-head

Mac Pohanka polled 100 people at Cowles and Chris Neubert-polled 50 people at Quad on Tuesday, asking:

**Bush or Kerry?**

**Cowles**

**9%**

**Bush**

**91%**

**Kerry**

**Quad**

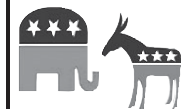
**4%**

**Bush**

**96%**

**Kerry**

### Political Quote of the Week



"I asked President Clinton if there's anything you have in common with George W. Bush? He thought for a moment and said, 'In eight days and 12 hours, we will both be former presidents.'"

—PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE  
JOHN KERRY

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## Grinnell Jewel of the Prairie 150th Anniversary

### Things to Check Out in Town

Friday, October 29 to Thursday, November 4, 2004

**Political Debate:** Friday, October 29, 4:30 pm. Grinnell College's Student Campaign for Increased Political Engagement (SCIPLE) is hosting a formal debate between Danny Carroll (R) and Eric Palmer (D), candidates for Iowa House of Representatives at the college Forum's South Lounge.

**Community Halloween Party:** Friday, October 29, 5:30 pm. Spooky games and crafts for the whole family at the Galaxy Youth Center located at 824 Commercial Street. Free of charge though donations are welcome. Call 236-7235 for information.

**Pancake Breakfast:** Saturday, October 30, 6:30 am-12:30 pm. Pancake Day at the Veterans Memorial Building (4th Avenue & Broad Street). Enjoy pancakes, sausage, egg and beverage for \$4.50. Sponsored by Kiwanis Club.

**Autumn Craftshow:** Saturday, October 30, 9 am-2 pm. Grinnell Autumn Shoppers Showcase is located at the Grinnell Fairgrounds on south East Street. The craft show will include arts, crafts, antiques, gifts, collectibles and jewelry. Get a jump start on holiday gifts.

**Gallery Family Workshop:** Saturday, October 30, 10-11:30 am. Explore the gallery together and have an opportunity to create simple animations. Grades K-4 with adult. Limited enrollment. Faulconer Gallery. Call 269-4663 to register.

**Art Opening:** Saturday, October 30, 1 pm. New art exhibit by Alicia Lacina. Reception at the Phoenix Cafe and Inn. Located 834 Park Street.

**Harvest Breakfast:** Sunday, October 31, 6-11 am. Annual fundraiser of pancakes, eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, potatoes, fruit and beverages will be served at a cost of 6.00. The Elks Lodge of Grinnell is located at 720 3rd Avenue.

**Community Wide Trick or Treat:** Sunday, October 31st 6-8 pm. Many colorfully dressed, scary masked, little fairies, gremlins, goblins, witches and wizards will be showing up on the doorsteps of the Grinnell community for their bounty.

#### ONGOING:

**Faulconer Gallery Exhibits:** William Kentridge Prints will continue to be exhibited at the Grinnell College Faulconer Gallery through December 12th. The Gallery is open Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from Noon until 5 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.

**Valle Drive-In Theatre Double Feature:** Weekends only gates open at 6:30 and first show at 7:30. The area's only drive-in theater is open for your entertainment pleasure. Located on Highway F-48, west of Newton. This Friday night movies are Friday Night Lights and Bourne Supremacy. Rate PG13. Call 641-792-3558 for Saturday and Sunday movies.

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<http://www.grinnell.edu/offices/communityenhancement/eventscalendar>

# Feelin' the Electoral College blues

The time is ripe to break from the stated purpose of this column and write about domestic affairs. The election is a topic that the near entirety of the S&B readership can appreciate, and, more importantly, the election has so absorbed my attention that I'm now barely more qualified to write about international affairs than, well, you.

Specifically, the topic I have in mind is the prospect of yet another constitutional crisis.

Certainly, there the ever-present possibility of a near-tie, with the accompanying prospect of "the next Florida," (which might even be Iowa) but the field is ripe with other possibilities.

First is the prospect of an electoral tie. It is certainly possible for both candidates to receive 269 electoral votes.

There are at least two plausible allocations of swing states that yield the result.

Now, in principle, the constitution is clear enough on such a contingency: The House selects the president and the Senate selects the vice president, although not too simply.

The president is selected by the House in a system where each House delegation gets one vote.

Since Republicans are in the majority in 30 state delegations, this would seem to propose a clear victory for Bush. (I am making the very safe assumption that there would be no landslide changes in the House.)

But what if Kerry wins the popular vote? Would not there be a clear moral obligation to vote for the candidate with the popular mandate?

It would not be clear enough to sway those delegations with Republican majorities of five, as in my home state of Pennsylvania, but many state delegations have slimmer Republican majorities, and many state delegations are simply one republican.

Why wouldn't, and more importantly shouldn't, liberal Republican Michael Castle of Delaware, the state's sole representative, then vote for Kerry?

Most assume in such a scenario that the party line would hold steadfast, but I like to think that it may at least not be so simple, that indeed the federal government is at least some slim semblance of a democracy.

That won't happen, though, and whatever I may like to think, what I know is that an electoral tie means four more years. Another intriguing prospect gives the "justices" of our Supreme Court yet another opportunity to "interpret the law."

Colorado has a binding referendum on the ballot this year which, if passed, would switch its electoral system from a winner-take-all to a proportional allocation of votes.

More importantly, it would be retroactive to this election. In this scenario, then, a slim victory or tie would turn to a Kerry win. (That is, assuming Colorado goes to Bush, which I think is a safe bet.)

Or, in quite a perverse but plausible scenario I constructed with the *New York Times* vote calculator, the proportional allocation of Colorado votes could throw the races into a tie.

In either case, the election would again be thrown to hands of the courts, because the legality of the 'retroactivity' of the Colorado initiative can be called into question.

The many who assume that we actually know the electoral vote count after all the people's vote might do well to second-guess themselves.

Remember, with our quaint system of electing a president, it isn't the American public or even states that do the electing, but rather people calling themselves "electors." Historically, there have been 156 electoral votes cast for candidates not chosen by the electors' party.

These are the cases of "faithless electors." In some states there are no punishments at all for an elector who switches parties, and even those states requiring electors by law to hold faith only treat violators with misdemeanor punishments like fines.

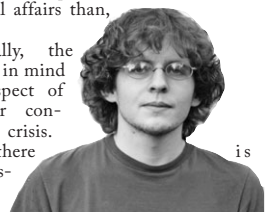
Even in the 2000 election, a delegate from D.C. abstained rather than vote for Gore, to protest D.C.'s lack of representation in Congress.

A West Virginia republican elector has already said that if his state goes red he plans to vote for someone other than George W. (As in, perhaps, Dick Cheney.)

My guess is that he wouldn't do so if the election came down to it, but nobody really knows.) Such a scenario indeed has the neat property that it doesn't seem (at least to me) to be challengeable in courts, as there is a clear precedent of counting the votes of faithless electors as any other.

The odds are still against any sort of debacle on the scale of 2000. There were quite a few successful and clear elections in the 20th century before we got to Bush v. Gore, and even given a very close race the prospects of a constitutional crisis this time around are slim.

It's almost a shame, really, because in many respects, especially those having to do with governing a country democratically, our constitution could be a lot better. (Come on. The Senate? My pants are more democratic.) Maybe a few crises are just what it needs.



SAM ECKSTUT  
like the *New York Times*, but awesome

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## Correction:

In the Oct. 8, 2004 issue of the S&B, quotation marks were inadvertently removed from professor Katya Gibel Azoulay's guest column "Race, gender intersect." The quotations were intended to be attributed to Kimberle Crenshaw and Derrick Bell.



## S&B guide to the 2004 elections

"This is the most important election of your life." On Feb. 9, 2003 Howard Dean kicked off election season by preaching this message to a packed South Lounge audience. Over the past year and a half, the campus has been hit with a barrage of candidates and speakers working to drive this message home.

Nonetheless, we cannot emphasize enough that this election will depend on how many voters turn out. Depressed turnout all but ensures a Bush victory in Iowa, and with the race so close, in the overall election as well.

With that in mind, we make one final plea for students, faculty, administrators and staff to vote and volunteer. Having said that, we would like to address some Election Day issues that have not received as much attention and could be easily overlooked.

**1) Fill out the whole ballot.** The presidency is not the only office up for election. Most notably, there are hotly contested races for the national House of Representatives, Iowa State House and Iowa State Senate.

Since these are all local races with limited turnout, your vote can go a long way. Also, each of these races features candidates with strong ideological differences.

For instance, the Republican candidate for the Iowa State Senate has stated that Jews and Hindus are at the root of America's problems (see "Local politicians draw criticism for remarks" in the April 28, 2003 edition of the *S&B*), while his Democratic opponent has not.

Likewise, the Republican candidate for Iowa State House has openly campaigned to install the Ten Commandments in Iowa schools, while his Democratic opponent has not. The choice is yours.

**2) Don't vandalize...channel your energy in more "constructive" ways.** Vandalism on campus is not cool. Few students are left at Grinnell who remember what happened after the 2000 elections. To summarize, massive chaos ensued after the votes were tallied as students engaged in 14 incidents of arson, property damage and theft.

We should all remember that it is students who assume the cost of such acts. Rather than promote destruction, students should strongly consider other releases for all of that pent-up anxiety. Check out [www.votergasm.org](http://www.votergasm.org) for advice on how to have an extra special election night.

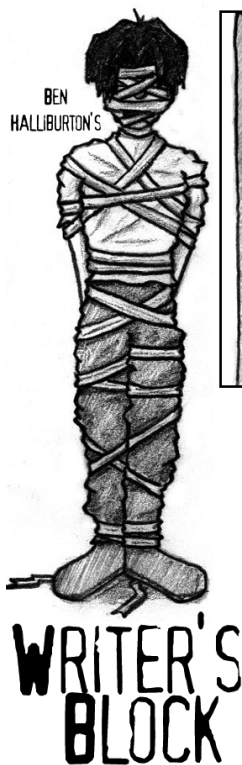
**3) Report voter suppression.** Since this election will be so close, some are likely to resort to unseemly tactics to ensure victory. If you see any signs of people discouraging others from voting or of people being turned away at the polls, please report it to the county auditor at (641) 623-5443.

**4) Drink responsibly and only drink unionized beer.** No matter what the results are, don't get carried away drinking. For instance, taking a shot of vodka for every electoral vote Bush wins is probably not wise.

Besides, vodka's a drink for the Communists. Be a true American, steer clear of conservatively-sponsored Coors and support unionized beer companies like PBR.

**5) Have fun.** The presidential elections only come around once every four years. Don't spend your time getting stressed. Get with some friends, fill out an electoral map from our very own Features page 9 and watch Fox News for a good laugh.





## Letters to the Editor



### Working hard for diversity

We, the members of the Advisory Board of the Center for the Humanities, are committed to the importance of diversity as a core value of the College and the Center. That is why we extended three of our first six invitations to feminist scholars of color when we began organizing this year's activities on feminist scholarship.

We regret that none of these invitations were accepted. However, contrary to the suggestion of a recent column in the *SC&B*, the absence of racial diversity among the four visiting professors this semester was due neither to complacency nor to a failure to follow through on our commitment to diversity.

In the future, we will continue to work hard to attract scholars of color to our activities. In the four years since the Center for the Humanities began operations, invitations to serve

as our Distinguished Visiting Professor or to participate in our annual Symposia have been extended to some of the leading figures in the Humanities.

Among those who have for various reasons not been able to accept our invitation to spend time at Grinnell are Arjun Appadurai, Huston Baker, Hazel Carby, Rey Chow, Okwui Enwezor, Coco Fusco, Henry Louis Gates, Paul Gilroy, Evelyn Nakano Glenn, Stuart Hall, David Levering Lewis, Trinh Minh-ha, Arnold Rampersad, and Arundhati Roy.

We will continue to work to bring to campus leading humanistic scholars who represent the diversity of the humanities fields and the cultures that these fields engage.

To that end, the members of the Advisory Board invite the College community to give us suggestions for participants we may wish to bring to campus in conjunction with our activities next year, which are centered around the issues of Intolerance, Religion and Violence, and the New World Disorder.

We are grateful to the four distinguished scholars who have accepted our invitation to participate in this year's events, and we thank

them for their valuable contributions to Grinnell College.

—Center for the Humanities Advisory Board  
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 Jenny Anger, Charles Cunningham, Ellen Mease,  
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### X-amine your YKK

Dear Sir,

Stare at my crotch long enough and you will see a top-quality zipper bearing the trademark YKK. The Yoshida Kogyo Kabushiki-kaisha Group controls almost 45 percent of the \$4.3 billion annual zipper market. Founded in 1934 by Tadao Yoshida, YKK Group now operates in 60 countries employing some 37,000 people, with a U.S. plant in Macon, Georgia producing 7 million zippers every day. It was in Macon that Yoshida's intimate and lasting friendship with Jimmy Carter began. Yoshida was not a figure free from controversy, allegations of his cult-like worship within the company persisted until his passing away in 1993, fuelled by his alleged ban on golf playing

by any YKK employees. His U.S.-educated son and the YKK Group's current head, Tadahiro Yoshida, is no stranger to the pleasures of a day on the links.

Alas, all is not well for Japan's and the world's #1 producer of clothing fasteners. Roughly 30 percent of global zipper production is in the hands of small Chinese firms, some of which illegally brand their zippers with the YKK trademark, cutting into YKK's business and lessening the reputation for producing none but the highest quality zippers that YKK Group has nurtured over the last 70 years.

Yoshida imparted his personal philosophy to the company that bears his name; the 'Cycle of Goodness' succinctly states "No one prospers unless he renders benefit to others". I implore this newspaper's readers to keep this in mind should you encounter difficulties with what may appear to be a YKK Group product.

Respectfully Submitted for the Consideration of the College Community,

—Garth Spencer

## random rants

Students speak out about what's on their minds in 142 words or less, and you're invited! If you have a rant, email it to rathodja@grinnell.edu. After all, complaining in a public forum is always more fun than doing it alone.

### What's up?

Instead of "Hi," "Hey," or even just a head nod, people continue to baffle me by inquiring "What's up?" as a means of acknowledging my presence as they saunter past me on their merry way. It doesn't even sound like a question. People say it like it's a statement of some sort. I don't know what to do with that. You just asked me what's up and now you're walking away. Should I run after you and tell you that I got 2.5 hours of sleep, didn't do any of the homework I should have, have no clean clothes, can't find my shoes, ate shit for dinner (as usual), have a \$200 cell phone bill to pay, and am, in fact having the day from hell? Because that's "what's up". Mayhaps a simple "Hey" would suffice.

—Caitlin Carmody '08

### SGA voter suppression

The Blackboard voting system is conducive to voting failure. If you follow the link to the online elections, then select the link to view the candidates' statements, you get locked out of the ballot. It is difficult to say how many people have encountered this and similar problems but in an electoral process where decisions are made by as little as 19 votes (Grimm vs. Barnum - March '04) the disenfranchised voters could make all the difference. I warn all students voting in future elections to, after selecting "take this assessment now," complete and submit the ballot immediately. I also call for a redesign in the system such that: the ballot window does not have links to other parts of the website that would invalidate the form, and candidates' statements appear in a new window once a user has opened the ballot page.

—Josh Lindgren '08

### Post-break stress disorder

I believe that students are suffering from an epidemic of post-break stress disorder. Fall Break strips away all motivations to be productive during students' week-long stay in bliss: a state of happiness that occurs when students are freed from the pressures of the standard work week and are allowed to venture forth from campus and travel to elsewhere, which may be defined as "anywhere but academic buildings," engage in sleeping—a state of unconsciousness that is purported to have revitalizing properties—and eating healthily by avoiding fried edible products from Quad or Cowles. Upon returning to uncomfortable, squeaky chairs in frigid ARH, cat-naps in front of computers, and consumption of expensive (yet unappetizing) calories, I have decided that there is only one possible recourse: affix blame. Sadly, the true culprit is Fall Break, as upon its conclusion we must now transcend our complaints, for what we want and what we need has been confused.

—David Kennedy '06

# Two close defeats for men's soccer

Goal-starved men's soccer gives Ripon and Carroll a scare but loses two more on the road; Pioneers close at IC on Saturday

BY JUSTIN WALLACE

Goals were hard to find last weekend in Wisconsin as two more solid defensive efforts by the Grinnell College men's soccer team went unrewarded. Playing on the road, Grinnell held conference foes Ripon and Carroll to two goals apiece, but came up on the short end in both games.

Last Saturday, the Pioneers fell 2-1 at Ripon despite taking five more shots than the Red Hawks. First-year starter Ben Schraeger opened the scoring in the 41st minute, and the Pioneers took a 1-0 lead into halftime. Not to be denied, Ripon senior Tommy Becker recorded his 17th and 18th goals of the season in the 56th and 83rd minutes to secure victory for the hosts.

"We had them down and we didn't do enough to put the game away when we could have," said first-year coach Brian Jaworski.

"We lost 2-1 but that game could have been 7-2 in our favor," said midfielder Gideon Erkenwick '06, echoing Jaworski's frustration.

One highlight, Erkenwick said, was the continued support of Grinnell staff member Lyle Bauman.

"I thought I was dreaming this weekend when we went out to the Ripon field, a 7 hour drive from Grinnell, and there sitting on the bleachers was Lyle Bauman with his whole family waiting to cheer us on," he said. "I can't even describe the type of difference that kind of support makes in our play."

A goal draught haunted the Pioneers on Sunday as well, as a strong defensive performance in the first half put conference frontrunner Carroll College (9-4-

1, 8-0-1) on edge.

"We scared the crap out of them in the first half," Erkenwick continued, "I don't think they expected us to play like we did, which was better than them for those first 45 minutes."

Two goals early in the second half spoiled a strong first-half and again sent the Pioneers home empty-handed.

The losses dropped the team to 4-9 overall, 2-6 in conference play, but the Pioneers feel its record is not indicative of the progress they have made this season.

"The guys on this team did a lot of work in laying a new foundation for the program and I am grateful for their honest, hard work all season," said Jaworski. "One, five, ten years from now, our seniors and all these players will be able to come back to campus and have something they know they rebuilt and I think that will be a great feeling for all of them."

Erkenwick spoke highly of the transformation enacted by Jaworski in his first season as head coach.

"This is my third season with the Grinnell men's soccer team," said Erkenwick, "and although we may not end up with a record as good as past seasons, I think we are actually playing the game better than we ever have before."

Without a berth in the conference tournament, the men conclude their season at Illinois College (2-11, 1-7) this Saturday. Jaworski, as always, expects quality play from his team.

"I expect us to play our best soccer," the head coach said.

"Although we may not end up with a record as good as past seasons, I think we are actually playing the game better than we ever have before."

—Gideon Erkenwick '06

## 2004 Results

Men's soccer held a 4-9 record (2-6 MWC) heading into yesterday's game against The Franciscan University. Seven of Grinnell's first 12 games were decided by one goal, and one of those was an overtime loss to Aurora on Oct. 8. The schedule to date:

|          |                    |                     |
|----------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Sept. 1  | CORNELL            | W 1-0               |
| Sept. 9  | CENTRAL            | L 3-0               |
| Sept. 11 | @ Carleton         | L 6-1               |
| Sept. 15 | @ Coe              | W 2-1               |
| Sept. 18 | BELOIT             | L 4-0               |
| Sept. 19 | @ Monmouth         | W 2-1               |
| Sept. 25 | LAKE FOREST        | L 4-2               |
| Oct. 2   | ST. NORBERT        | L 6-2               |
| Oct. 3   | LAWRENCE           | L 1-0               |
| Oct. 8   | AURORA             | L 1-2               |
| Oct. 16  | @ Knox             | W 3-2               |
| Oct. 18  | @ Simpson          | cancelled (weather) |
| Oct. 23  | @ Ripon            | L 2-1               |
| Oct. 24  | @ Carroll          | L 2-0               |
| Thursday | THE FRANCISCAN U.  |                     |
| Saturday | @ Illinois College |                     |

## Instant Replay

GRINNELL WATER POLO remains unbeaten as it heads to Nationals. The Wild Turkeys defeated Carleton, St. Marys and Macalester before topping St. John's 15-5 in the Conference Championship Game. The team now heads to the National Division III Club Championship on Oct. 30-31 in San Antonio, Texas. ... Buried amidst the overwhelming numbers put up by the Grinnell **WOMEN'S TENNIS** team in their triumphant 2004 campaign was this one: **RACHEL ENGH** '08, Grinnell's No. 5 singles player and a member of Grinnell's No. 3 doubles team, didn't lose a singles match all year, compiling a 10-0 regular season mark and winning her singles matches in both the team and individual championships. The No. 3 doubles team for Grinnell lost only two matches all year. ... 11 minutes into **WOMEN'S SOCCER**'s 10-0 romp over Ripon on Saturday, **SARAH EVANS** '05 scored her 64th career goal, the most in Grinnell history. ... Following his 32-yard passing day at Monmouth, Pioneer quarterback **SEAN PFALZER** '07 responded with a 296-yard day against Knox and, most recently, a 314-yard effort against Lawrence on Saturday. In seven games, Pfalzer has 1697 passing yards. ... Returning from injury on Saturday, **NATE WINEINGER** '05 rushed for 125 yards for the Pioneers. In just five and a half games in action, Wineinger has rushed for 767 yards and is on pace to hit 1,000 yards for the season. ... **MEN'S SOCCER** has held eight of its 13 opponents to two goals or less this season. Unfortunately for the Pioneers, they have been held to two goals or less in 12 of their 13 games.

—Joe Geni

## On Deck...

**FOOTBALL** hosts St. Norbert in its third straight—and final—home game of the season. The Pioneers are looking for their first win over the Green Knights in the 21st century. Kickoff is at 1:30 p.m. The game will also be broadcast on the radio on **KGRN-1410 AM**. ... **VOLLEYBALL** will host Illinois College on Saturday for its final regular season contest before the Conference Tournament. The match will be played at 1 p.m. at Grinnell High School.

—Joe Geni

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### Chicken BLT Salad:

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Pioneer quarterback Sean Pfalzer '07 (no. 10) goes up top in practice this week. Pfalzer has thrown for over 600 yards in the last two games, both home victories for Grinnell, which currently stands at 4-3, 3-3 Midwest Conference. Grinnell hosts St. Norbert on Saturday.

EVAN PETRIE

# Ready to run

Women's cross country, fresh off a win at Dr. Tucker, is eyeing its first MWC title since '95, while the men's team is primed to win yet again at Conference

BY BRADLEY IVERSON-LONG

The women's and men's Pioneer cross country teams will descend upon High Cliff State Park in Appleton, Wis. tomorrow for the Midwest Conference Championships. The course for the race will be a challenge for Grinnell.

"There are some sections of narrow trails and the footing may be less than ideal in places" said women's coach Evelyn Freeman.

Nevertheless, both teams are flying high into the race.

"We've got a lot of confidence going into conference," said Freeman. The women's team won the Dr. Tucker Invite in Dubuque on Oct. 16, with a strong team score of 45.

"It was outstanding," said Freeman. "Our times were incredibly fast." Sarah Spencer '08 finished first with a time of 18:39, and last week was named the Midwest Conference Runner of the Week.

Going into the championships, the Grinnell women have some of the top times in the conference. Spencer has the fastest time this season, while Meredith Groves '08, Katie Ryan '07, Erin Sindewald '08, and Lola Garcia '06 are all in the top 10. Monmouth is the only team to have two in the top 10. The Pioneer women last won a conference championship in 1995.

Meanwhile, the Grinnell men's team has won 17 of the last 18 conference championships, a streak of dominance extending back to before some of the current Pioneers were born. They are expected to extend their run of success.

"We feel pretty good about our chances," said men's coach Will Freeman.

The men last ran on Oct. 9 at the Dan Huston Invite, taking second place in the 4k race. Justin Riley '06 paced the Pioneers, finishing third with a time of 12:25.

"Our main goal is to get to (the NCAA) Nationals," said captain David Honig '06. As part of their quest, the team's top nine runners will not taper off their training this week. The next step toward that goal will be the NCAA Regionals in two weeks. Overall, Will Freeman said his team "has made a commitment to the training and I think it's going to show up this weekend. I think they're ready to go."

# Football takes two

Grinnell blows out Knox and rallies to beat Lawrence with a last-second touchdown pass, but will face its toughest test this weekend vs. St. Norbert

BY KEVIN BYRNE

Senior linebacker Charles Blake knew that it was only a matter of time last Saturday before his Pioneer football team would start putting points on the board. It just took a little longer than expected.

"We just told each other to settle down and lock them down, because we knew that it doesn't take long for our offense to ignite, especially in our house."

When it was all said and done, the Grinnell offense had treated the home crowd to another fourth quarter comeback, this time with a 30-27 victory over the visiting Lawrence Vikings.

The win follows a 37-6 victory over Knox the previous weekend that left Grinnell with a 4-3 overall record, 3-3 MWC, with three games remaining.

Grinnell got on the board first thanks to a Bud Baumgartner '07 28 yard field goal in the first quarter. Lawrence countered with a 33-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter, and Pioneers went into the half down by only four points.

However, just 1:25 into the start of the third quarter, Grinnell quarterback Sean Pfalzer '07 had a pass intercepted by Lawrence defender Tyler Krzewina and returned 50 yards for a touchdown.

Another touchdown later in the quarter put the Vikings in the driver's seat for the time being, up 21-3. The Grinnell offense was not finished, however.

"I would say the turning point was when Nate Wineinger [05] scored that initial touchdown to stop the momentum Lawrence was having on defense," said defensive coordinator Tim Hollibaugh. "They were stuffing our offense while our defense was returning the favor to Lawrence's offense."

Wineinger, who has been plagued by an ankle injury of late, was not completely healthy in the game, but rumbled for 119 yards in the second half, including the 21-yard touchdown

run late in the third quarter. Lawrence came right back and answered with a wide receiver pass for a 52-yard touchdown as the fourth quarter opened, making the score an overwhelming 27-10. Pfalzer got back to work, and with the help of Wineinger, and a trio of big-play receivers, he marched the Pioneers down the field three times for scores. Trey Raney '05 caught the first touchdown pass from 24 yards out to make the score 27-17. After a few key stops by the Grinnell defense, Pfalzer got hooked up with Matt Teeters '05 for a 15 yard touchdown pass with only 1:49 left on the clock. The score was

27-23 after a missed extra point try. Grinnell's defense got another huge stop, and Pfalzer again worked his way down the field, finding Chris Villa '05 several times down the sidelines. Eventually he found Raney in the endzone again, this time for the game winner with 24 seconds left. A lengthy extra point after an excessive celebration penalty was converted by Baumgartner and the score remained 30-27 as the clock ran out. Raney finished the day with 109 yards receiving, Villa with 90 and Teeters with 51. Pfalzer threw for 314 yards.

The emotional victory comes at a great time for the Pioneers, as they get set for their final home game of the year, against one of the conference's toughest opponents, St. Norbert (7-1 overall 7-0 MWC). They will spend the week preparing for a difficult offense and a big defense.

"We are preparing the team mentally more so than anything else," said Hollibaugh. "We do not have to do anything different, we just have to take care of the ball, stop hurting ourselves with penalties and the defense must force some turnovers. To me, this game is going to come down to the team which plays the best. Sure, St. Norbert may be bigger, may be stronger and faster, but we have great team dynamics. The best athletes in team sports do not always win. It is the team which plays together that usually wins on Saturdays."

## How they scored

Grinnell's game-winning, six-play, 60-yard, 52-second drive capped a barnburner of a second half against Lawrence. The scoring:

### 3RD QUARTER

13:35 LU - Tyler Krzewina 50 yd interception return (Vince Iacopelli kick), LU 14 - GC 3

07:51 LU - Dominique Lark 12 yd pass from Eric Aspenson (Vince Iacopelli kick), 7-46 1:46, LU 21 - GC 3

01:50 GC - Nate Wineinger 21 yd run (Michael Nunez kick), 8-45 2:54, LU 21 - GC 10

### 4TH QUARTER

14:46 LU - Nick Korn 52 yd pass from Dominique Lark (Eric Aspenson pass failed), LU 27 - GC 10

09:48 GC - Trey Raney 24 yd pass from Sean Pfalzer (Michael Nunez kick), LU 27 - GC 17

01:49 GC - Matt Teeters 15 yd pass from Sean Pfalzer (Michael Nunez kick failed), LU 27 - GC 23

00:24 GC - Trey Raney 4 yd pass from Sean Pfalzer (Bud Baumgartner kick), LU 27 - GC 30

2004  
Results

In rolling to an impressive 10-4-1 record this season (7-2 MWC), the Pioneers have blanked nine foes and scored three or more goals in eight of their fifteen contests. However, Grinnell is only 2-4-1 in games in which it scores two goals or less, and two of those losses came to first-round opponent Carroll and projected second-round opponent Lake Forest.

|          |                 |        |
|----------|-----------------|--------|
| Sept. 3  | CARLETON        | W 2-0  |
| Sept. 8  | CORNELL         | W 4-0  |
| Sept. 11 | @ Bethel        | W 6-0  |
| Sept. 12 | @ Augsburg      | L 1-0  |
| Sept. 18 | BELOIT          | W 6-0  |
| Sept. 19 | @ Macalester    | L 3-1  |
| Sept. 21 | @ Knox          | W 10-0 |
| Sept. 25 | LAKE FOREST     | L 2-1  |
| Oct. 2   | ST. NORBERT     | W 4-0  |
| Oct. 3   | LAWRENCE        | W 1-0  |
| Oct. 9   | @ Illinois C.   | W 4-0  |
| Oct. 10  | @ Monmouth      | W 5-1  |
| Oct. 17  | @ Gustav. Adol. | T 0-0  |
| Oct. 23  | @ Ripon         | W 10-0 |
| Oct. 24  | @ Carroll       | L 2-1  |

MWC PLAYOFFS  
Saturday, Oct. 30  
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@ Lake Forest

Sunday, Oct. 31  
MWC Title Game 2 p.m.  
@ Lake Forest

Soccer  
hits the  
road

Hosts no more, women's soccer must go to Lake Forest to win the Conference Tournament

BY JUSTIN WALLACE

The Grinnell women's soccer team enters the postseason with high hopes. "I think this is the strongest team I've played with since I've been here," said senior Rachel Abbott '05, who also played for last year's conference champion squad. This year's conference record of 7-2 (10-4-1 overall) earned the Pioneers the third seed at the conference tournament to be held on Saturday and Sunday in Lake Forest.

At 11 a.m. on Saturday, the women's team will square off against second-seeded Carroll College, who knocked off the Pioneers 2-1 last Sunday in Wisconsin. A breakaway goal in the eighth minute put the host team up 1-0 early on. It was nearly 70 minutes before Kari Scheelk finished a scramble for a corner kick to secure a Carroll victory. Grinnell senior Kelsey Alford-Jones netted the lone Grinnell goal in the 85th minute.

"The most critical point in the match was the first ten minutes when we were adjusting to the speed of our opponent," said Grinnell coach Heather Benning. "Carroll is definitely the fastest team we have faced and we were caught off-guard by how quickly they pushed forward and were able to get in behind us."

Carroll plays home soccer games on a turf surface which magnified the speed of the Carroll strikers.

"We are going to get to play them on grass this time," Abbott said, "so it



Katie Johnson '08 and Anne Eaton '08 fight for the ball in practice this week, as the Pioneers prepare to return to the Conference Tournament this weekend. The Pioneers hosted the tournament last year and lost in the Championship Game to Lake Forest. This year, Lake Forest will host the tournament, and Grinnell will play Carroll in the first round of the playoffs.

EVAN PETRIE

will be easier for us to play our kind of soccer."

The defense will also be more respectful of Carroll's strengths this time around.

"I think this is the strongest team I've played with since I've been here."

—Rachel Abbott '05

"More than anything, [the defenders] are not going to push up unless we are sure we can win the ball," said standout defender Dana Price '05.

The Pioneers began the Wisconsin road trip with a 10-0 thumping of conference rival Ripon College last Saturday. Rachel

Moskowitz '06 and Molly Kratz '08 led Grinnell with a combined five goals and four assists. In the 11th minute, Sarah Evans '05 recorded her 64th career goal to become the Grinnell's career leader in goals scored.

"I am very happy for Sarah to achieve the status of all-time leading scorer," Benning said. "She is unpretentious and a team player first. I hope that her record sticks for a long time."

Evans will lead the Pioneers into the four-team conference tournament this weekend hosted by first seed Lake Forest (14-2, 9-0) who survived the

regular season undefeated in conference play.

"Against Lake Forest, it's just a matter of hard work," Abbott said. "The last time we played them we just didn't put together a full 90 minute game."

The key to success at conference will be tenacity not skill, coach Benning explained.

"We learned last year that the best team doesn't always win, but that the team that comes into the tournament willing to leave it all out on the field and seize every opportunity will be the victor," she said.

## Tennis overpowers all at Conference

Pioneers win first team title since '98, rule individual singles and doubles championships

BY JOE GENI

Grinnell women's tennis could have been more dominant this season—but not much.

The Pioneer women's tennis team finished its two-month tear by winning the Midwest Conference team championship they came so close to winning last year, and dominated the individual championships to boot.

"Last year was really hard because we felt robbed almost, because we went into it being the best team and lost a heartbreaker, 5-4," said co-captain Jill Harms '05. "This year, coming back into it we were the number one seed again, and we actually won, which is the most amazing feeling."

In the team championships, Grinnell played against Carroll in the first round, but only as a formality. By the time the Pioneers were finished sweeping the doubles and having top-seeded Shweta Khajuria '07 and fourth-seeded Jill Harms '05 handily win their singles matches, Grinnell had clinched a 5-0 victory and rendered the remaining four singles matches unnecessary.

The championship rematch with Lake Forest was a different story, however.

"We went into it really ready to play, but Lake Forest came out with this amazing doubles matches," said Harms. "They played better than I'd ever seen them. It was kind of what happened last year, and it shook the team a bit, but we pulled it together and played amazing singles matches."

The top two doubles teams for Grinnell suffered surprising upsets (for the Khajuria sisters at the No. 1 doubles spot, it was indeed their first defeat of the year), but Rachel Engh '08 and Jocelyn Newhouse '08 clinched a 6-2, 6-0 victory at the No. 3 doubles spot. The Pioneers rapidly took the top three doubles matches, and when Engh won at the fifth singles spot, the Pioneers could call themselves MWC team champions for the first time since 1998.

"As soon as we won, we stormed the court," said Harms. "This team was so close, and to actually achieve it was an amazing experience."

Grinnell demonstrated one reason why it won its final 10 matches, compiled an 11-1 record, and dominated the MWC team championship the following day at the MWC Individual Championships at Nielsen Tennis Stadium in Madison, Wisc. The Pioneers proved their depth and versatility when they

won all three individual doubles titles and five of the six singles championships as well.

"The team is deep, that's for sure," said head coach Barbara Waite. "Although last year's team was deep, too. Unfortunately we had a slow start due to illness and injury. This year's team has been harder from day one. They've certainly had their share of aches and pains, but I rarely heard about it."

The Pioneers are done for the year unless either an individual or the team acquires a sufficient ranking to earn additional play dates in the spring and a trip to nationals, which as far as Waite is aware of has never happened for Grinnell women's tennis. As it stands, however, the fall season begs the question of whether this year's tennis squad is the best in team history.

"There are many ways to determine the 'best' team, aren't there?" said Waite. "This team definitely stands out in many ways. They have the best record of any team I've ever coached and they were a great group to work with."

"The main difference is that we've got an amazingly deep lineup this year," said Harms. "I've never played on a team so united and so focused on a common purpose."

Individual  
champs

Grinnell wasn't just the best team at Conference, it dominated individuals. The singles and doubles champions;

- NO. 1 DOUBLES:**  
GC Jill Harms '05/  
Camila Alarcon '08
- NO. 2 DOUBLES:**  
GC Shweta Khajuria  
'07/Sid Khajuria '05
- NO. 3 DOUBLES:**  
GC Rachel Engh '08/  
Jocelyn Newhouse '08
- NO. 1 SINGLES:**  
GC Shweta Khajuria
- NO. 2 SINGLES:**  
GC Camila Alarcon
- NO. 3 SINGLES:**  
GC Sid Khajuria
- NO. 4 SINGLES:**  
GC Jill Harms
- NO. 5 SINGLES:**  
GC Rachel Engh
- NO. 6 SINGLES:**  
SNC Jill Warner