

We Want In

By MOLLY McGUIRE

The question of student attendance at faculty meetings remains an active issue on campus, although no decisions have been made by the faculty.

A petition was circulated by Dan Cheifetz and Mike Brandon asking that every student be able to attend the meetings, drawing signatures from about one-third of the student body.

They intend to present this to the faculty at the meeting today. (Friday)

Thursday, Brandon along with Cheifetz who initially presented a proposal to the faculty, met with President Leggett to discuss suggestions to be made to the executive council, who will offer a proposal to the faculty.

The four main considerations

brought up were: 1) All students be able to attend the faculty meetings; 2) The students would be able to speak if recognized; 3) They would not have voting privileges; and 4) The faculty could hold closed executive sessions if they gave a reason for doing so and explained what they were going to cover at the meeting.

Earlier in the week, Mr. Zitner (English) distributed to the faculty a sheet of several alternatives they could follow on the question.

Stripping Through History

By ALLAN HART

The now legendary Grinnell strippers may have shocked numerous Iowans and in particular their elected representatives, but the actions of these students were far from revolutionary, and, amazing as it may seem to the aforementioned citizens, they certainly did not set any precedents for obscenity or public lewdness.

According to Dr. Wall, stripping is an old form of protest. He pointed out in an interview that one could certainly consider the nude ride of Lady Godiva an authentic protest. Before that, during the Protestant Reformation, a group known as the Adamites stripped in church as part of their ritual. They believed in a return to the simplicity and innocence of Adam.

Later on, right here in the very United States of America, the Quakers, during the seventeenth century, protested persecution of their sect by the Congregationalists by stripping in

public. This to them was the ideal form of totally non-violent expression. Two centuries later, the Abolitionists of the Congregational Church used public nudity as a protest of slavery.

It is important to point out that in those backward times, the nude protesters were not punished for their acts of stripping; some received, though, prosecution and persecution for their beliefs.

Obviously, only in these modern times has it become clear that the crime is in the exposure of the human body, which is clearly dirty and lewd, not to mention immoral.

In recent times, a religious group, the Doukhobors of Canada, have been the cause of problems to authorities. They believe that the road to purity is through stripping and burning. The real problem there is the burning; not only do they burn their own homes, but engage in bombings of other buildings and automobiles. However, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police use the Doukhobors' mass gatherings where the believers strip en masse as opportunities to make arrests.

No one is really certain who first originated the idea of nudity as protest, but one of the earliest records of such a demonstration clearly shows that this obscene bodily exposure was a device of the International Jewish Conspiracy. In the eighth century before Christ, the Jewish prophet Isaiah walked the streets of Jerusalem naked to protest his government's military alliance with surrounding nations to safeguard against the Assyrians!

One can draw numerous analogies with present conspiracies to the lewd act of Isaiah. Once again, we find that the Jews are behind SDS. There is, though, one important difference between the Grinnell strippers and those of the past. The Grinnellians' method of protest was directly symbolic of that which they were protesting — a great, free enterprise! So, in the end, we find it is not a real difference in protest but rather the difference between the unenlightened governments of the past and the upright officials of today. And, in the end, we again find the International Jewish Conspiracy the root of agitation.

New Commencement Possible

Some proposed changes in the commencement and baccalaureate ceremonies are being discussed and finalized this week. ROTC commissions will not be given at the commencement, but at a private service that was requested by ROTC.

President Leggett firmly maintains his position on the "to wear a robe, or not to wear a robe" controversy. He requests that all seniors wishing to participate in commencement should wear their robes. If they

prefer not to stand fast with tradition, they may receive their diplomas by mail.

Last year's anti-robe faction eventually turned out to be one lone crusader who refused to don his cap and gown. The baccalaureate service will include singing by the choir and some words by Reverend Haas. A Roberts Honor Professor will no longer deliver an address and this function may be assumed by the President's medalist instead.

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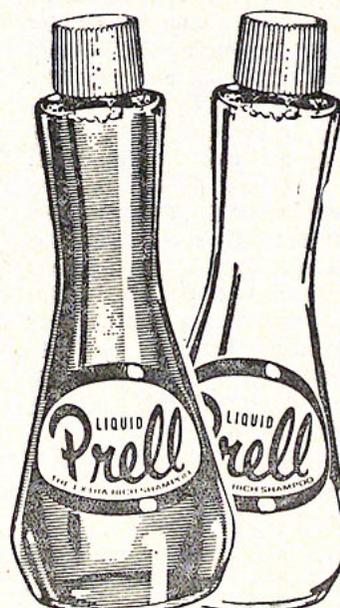
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