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A Magazine for new Grinnell Students!

ISO: The International Student's Organization welcomes not only foreign students, but also American students as members. It is the largest organization on campus, and one of its main goals is to increase cultural awareness. The ISO sponsors many activities throughout the year to bring together students of all nationalities in an atmosphere free of academic tension. There are dances, picnics, camp-outs, field trips, a food bazaar, and a talent show. In addition, the ISO holds an International table once a week at Cowles dining hall. Students meet to eat, chat, discuss different view points and share experiences.

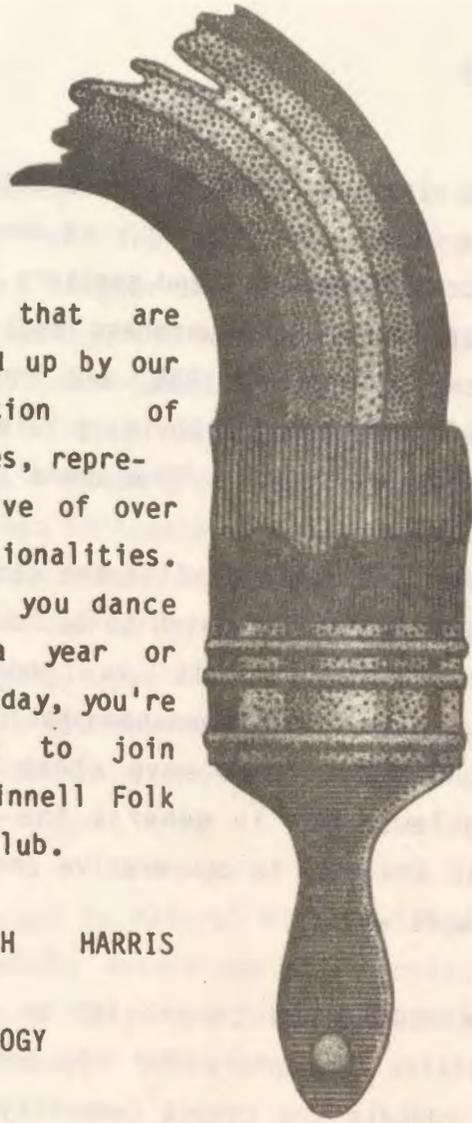
Grinnell is a great place to get to know all kinds of people, a friendly setting that constructs no barriers for the mingling of different cultures.... Welcome!

FOLK DANCING: Where's all that Romanian music coming from?!? Looks like the Folk Dancers are at it again. Folk dancing, an international pastime, is alive and well at Grinnell. From England to Africa, Israel to China, we've got the world covered.

We get together three times a week to teach, learn, and just have a good time. In addition, we attend workshops around the Midwest and perform

shows that are livened up by our collection of costumes, representative of over 16 nationalities. So, if you dance once a year or once a day, you're welcome to join the Grinnell Folk Dance Club.

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'85
BIOLOGY



GCGC: The Grinnell College Gay Community is a support group for gays and lesbians on campus that provides a positive, active, visible group for its members and the campus community. The GCGC meets once a week for open discussions, private rap sessions, study breaks, and for planning activities for gays and lesbians to interact in a gay environment.

The GCGC also functions as a political and educational group. "Just Shy", the campus newsletter, is published once a month and covers various topics and issues in the gay community. The

GCGC also sponsors all-campus activities once a month such as movies, dances, discussions and speakers. The first annual Gay Awareness Week took place in February 1985, and included several speakers, a movie, a Valentine's Day dance and "Blue Jeans Day".

Members of the GCGC find the campus a pleasant place in which to be "out-of-the-closet", as it is generally supportive and non-homophobic in nature. There have been some problems, but in general the staff (RAs and SAs) is cooperative and easy to work with.

The GCGC works to provide an open, positive atmosphere for its members, to educate the campus community as a whole, and to provide activities that are oriented toward bringing gays and non-gays together.

The GCGC

SCA: Society for Creative Anachronism is the local branch of a nation-wide organization dedicated to learning about life in the Middle Ages through reliving the time period. We seek to preserve the arts and sciences practiced in the time as well as upholding the ideals of chivalry and honor. We emphasize the romance and chivalry of

the times, and downplay such things as rotten meat and the plague.

We have several activities in which we engage in to learn more about the Middle Ages, such as: a drama guild, a calligraphy guild, weekly meetings, and archery practice. The big event of the year is the tournament in which the styles of medieval fighting are re-enacted (with very strict safety regulations, of course!)

If all of this sounds exciting to you, if you wish to live the lives of heroes that you had only read about in the past, prithee then, my lords and ladies and join us as we step forward into the past.

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 (STEVEN BOYD '85)
 CLASSICS/ANTHROPOLOGY

WOMEN'S GROUP: Grinnell College Women's Group is an organization for women as well as men who are concerned with women's issues. Our purpose is to further educate the campus community about women's concerns and to clarify our own ideas and thoughts. Some of the issues we have recently discussed are: domestic violence, sex

IPIRG/MOBE: IPIRG/MOBE is an organization composed of two activist groups. IPIRG stands for the Iowa Public Interest Research Group, which works on several projects each semester, including campus-wide paper-recycling activities and Sun Day. IPIRG had previously been a separate group but merged recently with MOBE, which stands for Mobilization for survival-- a nuclear-arms, nuclear-power, and human-rights activist group organizing activities such as civil disobedience workshops, die-ins, and films.

Activism is exactly what it sounds like. Anyone who has a strong interest and time can help any campus activist group. In order to change anything, you have to develop a commitment to a cause. The best time to start is in college, when free time and extra energy can produce tangible results. Like many things, what you put into a group is what you'll get out of it.

JON LEVIN '84
BIOLOGY

SEA: Apartheid is overt, systematic and institutionalized oppression. Students against Apartheid has been active on campus for over fourteen years trying to effect the apartheid systems

in South Africa. We implement various techniques, such as pressure through shareholder resolutions, divestment strategies, and direct support of anti apartheid groups within South Africa, in the hopes of ending the apartheid regime. We hold weekly meetings and work directly with the Board of Trustees of Grinnell College. This past spring the trustees voted unanimously to denounce the apartheid regime in South Africa and to facilitate the possible divestiture of roughly \$9 million from companies that do business in the country. Although we have a long history and have seen some progress, our group is always happy to see new faces and hear new ideas.

LES RAGAN '85
PSYCHOLOGY/PHILOSOPHY/ANTHROPOLOGY

CAMPUS DEMOCRATS: The Campus Democrats is a student organization designed to educate the student body on the political activities of Democratic candidates and representatives. Those persons interested in working on a political campaign will find Campus Demos a stepping stone to future opportunities. We sponsor political speakers, organize voter registration drives, and coordinate local, state, and federal campaigns on campus. I encourage anyone who is even remotely