



Grinnell College Trustee Robert Noyce addresses Chamber of Commerce luncheon at Robert Noyce Day. Professor Grant Gale is pictured at right.

## City honors Caliph of Silicon Valley

by Dave Piston

Grinnell College Trustee and Chairman of the Intel Corporation Robert Noyce, '49, was honored by the Grinnell Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon at the Grinnell Country Club last Friday.

Professor Emeritus of Physics Grant Gale, former instructor of Noyce's while at Grinnell, introduced him as the "caliph of silicon valley" before the audience of Grinnell businessmen.

The Chamber of Commerce declared Friday, November 4, Robert Noyce Day in Grinnell.

In response to questions, Noyce stressed the importance of Grinnell's "growing service sector." He cited Grinnell College and the new industrial park south of the town as two major pluses in luring such "brain-intensive" industries to the area.

Noyce said the future of the electronics industry lies in "a marriage between computer technologies and information technology." He foresees the day when one will be able to access plane schedules from home by linking one's home computer to the airline's database.

Noyce says that there is perhaps an "over-emphasis on the computer as an end in itself," especially in the home computer ads which imply that children without computer skills will do poorly in school. Rather, computers should be thought of as a tool, in the same way as reading would never be treated as an end in itself. But he points out one advantage of the computer

is that it "forces clarity of methodology" in the sense that a computer does only what it's told to do.

"The proper management of technology is to find real problems and real solutions. A viable technology must, within a reasonable period of time, produce benefits to society which justify its cost. One must be very careful not to get too enamored with what can be done, but with what is practical to do," said Noyce.

Soon after his family moved to Grinnell while he was in the 9th grade, Noyce showed his promise as a future businessman. To earn money, Noyce would arrange to shovel snow off neighbors' walks and driveways for the entire winter for a flat fee. After the contract was agreed upon, Noyce said he "went home, and prayed it wouldn't snow." He added that "you win some, and lose some" in that business.

After the meeting, Noyce said that the award as a Grinnell student he was most proud of was the "Brown Derby." The award was voted by the Grinnell students for the "person who got by the best, by doing the least," said Noyce. The Brown Derby is no longer presented each year.

Probably his best known exploit as a student is known as the hog story. While a Grinnell student, he was suspended for a semester for stealing a hog from a local farm.

"It was really a pig" says Noyce of the animal. Noyce butchered the pig in the women's showers for a pig roast with some friends.

## Divestment issue still haunts college

by Eric Green

Tensions are building once again between the Board of Trustees and the South African Support Group (SASG), despite the compromise agreement made in May, 1982. SASG feels that the Board and the administration have not lived up to the terms of the compromise and the SASG itself is becoming increasingly impatient with the moderate position the compromise forces them to adopt.

The compromise was agreed upon at the May 1982 Board of Trustees meeting, after members of SASG unexpectedly intruded on a previous Board meeting. Instead of divestment of Grinnell's shares in companies that conduct business in South Africa, which SASG was demanding, the Board agreed to allow the concerns of the Grinnell community to be felt "within the corporate system."

To facilitate Trustee-student communications, the Board established the Committee on Shareholder Responsibility. This committee was intended to consult with SASG to determine the College's position on stockholder resolutions pertaining to South Africa. According to John Price '60, who chairs the three member committee, the compromise gave the SASG the authority to vote the shares of the College on issues concerning South Africa.

In the opinion of Jim Hunter, who currently heads SASG, the Shareholder Responsibility Committee has not lived up to the group's expectations. Following the Trustee's meeting last Saturday, Hunter decided to air his frustrations in a letter (a copy of which the S&B has obtained) to the three committee members.

In the letter, Hunter charges that, in defiance of the compromise, the Treasurer's office has not "informed the campus community when relevant proxies have arisen." Consequently, during the spring of 1983, "the Treasurer [sic] failed to vote all three relevant proxies on which the College could have voted." Hunter's letter claims that the SASG has initiated all communications with the Treasurer concerning proxies and that the Treasurer's office has "repeatedly delayed releasing the college's [sic] stock portfolio, without which the group cannot work on proxies."

College Treasurer Robert Anderson said that there had been some confusion between his office and the SASG regarding the stock portfolio because his office regularly releases such information at the end of June and September and he was unsure if SASG wanted last spring's report

since proxies are normally voted in the spring. SASG now has the fall portfolio.

Anderson also said that his office needed time to obtain proxy material because the college employs a trust company to monitor the daily activities of stock ownership. Under these circumstances, he said that it was impossible to take action last spring. Anderson stressed that his office was prepared to help the SASG in obtaining desired information.

Hunter was also disillusioned with the Shareholder Committee, especially following last weekend when the Trustees' schedule did not permit the Committee to meet with SASG. Hunter blames the President's office for not planning such a meeting. "We should be on their agenda without having to hassle them about it." The President's office told SASG that their request for a meeting came too late.

Despite the increased friction, SASG is planning to introduce a resolution at IBM's annual shareholder meeting in March. The resolution, purely a symbolic gesture, calls on IBM's management to cease operations in South Africa.

"They are one of the most well known corporations in South Africa. There is no way that they are innocent of not furthering the system of apartheid," said Hunter. Hunter said he is not optimistic the Shareholder Responsibility Committee will approve of the resolution.

Hunter noted that most members of SASG are not satisfied with the compromise because divestment is no longer the group's primary goal. He said that after he graduates in December, the group is likely to discard the compromise and once again press the Trustees on the divestment issue.

"Most members are at the point of forgetting this [proxy resolutions] and calling for divestment," he said. Hunter emphasized that SASG needs to continue actively encouraging divestment although the prospects for immediate success are dim. "It's some people's opinion that the Trustees are playing a waiting game — if the SASG goes out of existence, the issue will go out of existence."

Owen Charles, another SASG member, believes the group should shift its focus back to divestment. He said that stockholder resolutions are "not a remedy for anything in South Africa. The most important thing we can do is divest." Charles maintained that divestment is not radical because over 100 colleges and universities, as well as the Lutheran Church, have all divested their holdings in companies doing business in South Africa.

## Joint Board considers the elimination of student activism

by M. Wolfgang Schumann

Junior Jim Gillespie took the floor at Joint Board this week to criticize the way SGA is handling its wave of political activism, and to propose the elimination of the not-yet-formed Committee on Student Politics (CSP). He plans to introduce a proposal next week that would keep JB from acting on national and international issues unless they directly affect the students.

Gillespie took exception to the formation of the CSP, whose members were to be appointed and confirmed this week. Marc Lambert, the committee chairman, had not made his selections by that time and so the matter was postponed to next week.

"What the committee [CSP] does is . . . say there are twelve hundred signatures on a petition and that's how the college feels. That should not be done in the name

of students," said Gillespie.

SGA Vice-President Pete Hautzinger, a key supporter of CSP, responded to Gillespie, saying, "If you have a problem with that, then you are saying that Joint Board is not a valid elected body. . . I think it's entirely appropriate. I think it's kinda pointless to deal with purely fiscal matters."

Treasurer Robby Sckalor concurred. "I don't see how you can separate politics from government."

Debate over the proper role of SGA in politics has been going since Dave Kopelman first introduced a resolution condemning the Soviet downing of Flight #007. At that time, most of Joint Board's members went against Kopelman's proposal mainly because they felt that it was not their role to speak out on international politics.

Kopelman's October resolution denounc-

ing the Solomon Amendment, which prevents men from receiving federal financial aid, was easier to rally SGA support for because it more directly impacts students' lives.

The Kopelman resolutions were largely responsible for Joint Board establishment of the Committee on Student Politics as a handler of political resolutions before they are considered by the entire SGA body. The action that created the committee explicitly stated that its role was to be strictly advisory and that it was only to help students present their ideas, not to affect the content of a proposal.

When Vice-President Hautzinger asked Gillespie whether he had read the bylaw that created CSP Gillespie replied that he had only "heard it paraphrased."

"I do not approve of anything coming from the student government saying 'this is how the students feel.' It's not like

you're the House of Representatives of the United States," said Gillespie. Gillespie's plan would be for Joint Board to process whatever resolutions it sees fit, and then to put out petitions to be signed by the individual students themselves, so that no one would feel bound by a statement with which they disagree.

Hautzinger at that point told Gillespie that "a better way to pursue your goals [would be to] propose to disband Joint Board." Most of those attending seemed surprised or amused, but at least two upperclassmen, Kopelman and Wes Joe, had expressed ideas to that effect.

The debate moved on for over half an hour and President Jon Scharff repeatedly encouraged shorter speeches and twice had to cut off new names from the list of speakers. No action was taken at this week's meeting because no formal motion was made. Gillespie, however, will be back next week with his proposal and the matter should come to a vote.