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## CAMPUS TO VOTE ON CONVENTION

### College To Boycott Local Hotel In Strike Against Discrimination

by Emily Falk

The administration took definite action this week against racial discrimination in the town of Grinnell. In a letter addressed to faculty members responsible for housing visitors to the campus, Merritt C. Ludwig, college vice-president, said:

"From time to time in the last two years students and faculty members have reported incidents which seemed to indicate racial discrimination practices at this hotel (Monroe Hotel). This past week an incident occurred which clearly supports our suspicions."

Charles Cleaver (English) and Samuel Baron (history), in response to a report by Robert Pois that the desk clerk had asked the race of his parents when he telephoned for a reservation, confronted the desk clerk. She admitted that it was hotel policy to make inquiries about the race of guests.

Ludwig went on to say, "In view of these circumstances, President Bowen has approved our taking the following actions: 1) When listing local accommodations for guests (e.g., for Commencement, Parents' Weekend, Homecoming, visiting teams), we shall omit reference to the Monroe hotel.

"2) Under no circumstances

shall a guest of the college (e.g., prospective student, speaker, visiting artist) be sent to the Monroe hotel.

"3) These procedures shall remain in effect until the hotel management gives positive evidence of having discontinued its objectionable policies."

Jill Dennington, chairman of the Race Relations sub-committee, presented the letter to Student Council with a recommendation that the student body join the administration in its boycott of the hotel. The council voted to accept this recommendation.

In discussion of this issue, it was pointed out that as of the first of the year, Grinnell House would be available to guests and should be able to absorb the overflow brought about by the boycott of the hotel.

It was also suggested that the Greyhound Bus Co. be informed of the administration's action with the suggestion that the student body would appreciate their support of this new college policy.

It was felt that the loss of income from college guests combined with that of Greyhound's moving its depot would force the hotel to change its present discriminatory policy.

### Study History Of Disarmament

The disarmament study group met Tuesday afternoon in Loose lounge to discuss plans for disarmament proposed in the past, reasons for the failure of these plans and what the group thinks necessary to make disarmament possible.

It was noted that every plan in the past has been vetoed by another country. For example, in 1952 the United States proposed the phase plan to eliminate all armed forces and arms in stages, starting with the less secret and eventually eliminating everything.

The two plans now being considered have been drawn up by the West and East reduction of military personnel in three stages, cutting weapon production and suspending nuclear tests. The East proposes reduction of manpower in one of armed forces in one stage, the manufacture of weapons stopped for five years, the elimination of stock piles and the dismantling of foreign bases.

Student members of this group, headed by Dick Mullins and Naida Tushnet, believe a satisfactory disarmament plan would have to be step by step, under the control of the United Nations, and with a neutralist location for training technicians. They also believe the U. S. should start this plan by cutting down arms appropriations.

The next meeting will be Dec. 13 in Loose lounge at 4 p.m. when more student plans for disarmament in relation to foreign policy and economic problems will be discussed.

### Crucifixion Drama Will Be Presented

A contemporary religious drama will be presented Wednesday morning at 11 in Herrich chapel. The drama, sponsored by the Board of Religion, is being directed by Leigh Tracy and the Grinnell Players.

"Christ and the Concrete City" is an attempt to explain the Crucifixion in modern terms. The drama is chiefly a choral reading, but there are inserts of both Biblical and modern life.

Acting in P. W. Turner's play will be Clark Diamond, Sue Hauser, Sandy Seeder, Howard Smith and John Williams.

### Campus Supper Club To Open With Guitar, Student Satires

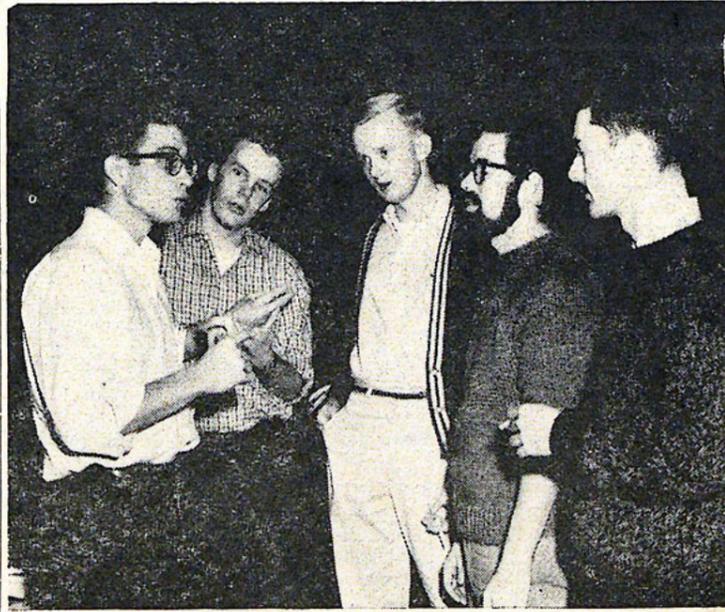
Opening tonight, the Grinnell College Supper Club will provide a new social experience for the Grinnell community.

The Supper Club will be open Friday and Saturday evenings in the private dining room, to be decorated with art works and lighted with candles. Entertainment will be provided by a group presenting two shows each night.

Al Stanley is director and master of ceremonies for the show, "Tonight We Improvise," featuring Donna Jo Briley doing torch singing, Sam Schuman on the classical guitar, Sherron Korbek playing the piano, and Nancy Game and John Ward taking part in satires. Dancing will be to stereophonic music.

According to Gadabouts chairman Allison Davis, \$1.25 will be charged for each person spending the evening at the Supper Club. This charge covers food and waiters' salaries.

The buffet featured at the



Several "core" members of the original Cowles discuss progress of the constitutional convention movement.

### Cuba Viewed In Discussion

"Cuba: Democracy or Dictatorship?" is the topic of this afternoon's coffee hour discussion at 4:15 in Younker lounge. Three graduate students from Iowa State university are reporting on their visit to Cuba this past summer.

Dan Figgins is moderating the session, and Stella Barria, from Panama, is participating in the discussion.

The ISU students are Baldor von Hohenbolken, Vienna, Austria; Richard T. Shand, Sidney, Australia; and Edward L. Venetio, Santiago, Chile.

To present a different perspective of the current Cuban domestic scene than the U.S. press has presented is the aim of the coffee hour. Jointly sponsored by the Cosmopolitan club and the Latin American conference steering committee, it is an effort to help prepare the campus for the Latin American Conference slated for next April. Further information on Latin American countries is available on the open reserve shelf in Burling library.

club will consist of baked bean pots, relish tray, cheese tray, bread and cracker tray, potato chips, salted mixed nuts and assorted mints. These are standard items.

Five different menu variations including sliced ham, shrimp with cocktail sauce, chow mein, Swedish meatballs, Creole shrimp and caviar, will be offered.

Club facilities are available to both students and faculty, and "stags" as well as couples are encouraged to take advantage of the Supper Club. Reservations should be made in advance by contacting Arlan Danne, head waiter, at Ext. 240 or 466. If reservations are not made, it is still possible that students may be accommodated.

Appropriate dress for the Supper Club will be coats and ties for the men and dresses or skirts and sweaters for the women.

### S&B Ranks High In ACP Rating

The Scarlet and Black is a "first class" or "excellent" college newspaper according to a rating received today from the Associated Collegiate Press.

The rating was given to the S&B for the second semester of last year. The paper was awarded a total of 3,170 points in a scoring system which gave points for all aspects of coverage, content and physical properties. An "All-American" rating requires 3400 points.

The S&B was cited for "staying on top of the campus news" and for its "concise, sharp and to-the-point leads."

An editorial which appeared on May 6 concerning the Military Ball peace demonstration was cited as "outstanding . . . for its logic and moral correctness accurately reflecting America's guaranteed freedoms . . ."

Most of the criticism was directed at wordiness and weak make-up which, according to the rating, was "sometimes repetitious and occasionally gray." The quality of photography was also criticized.

This is the third consecutive semester since the S&B became re-affiliated with the ACP that the paper has been awarded a "first-class" rating. There were 16 other papers in the S&B's class of weeklies published at schools with an enrollment of 1000 or under.

### McMillan's Works Exhibited In Main

Robert McMillan, (art) will have a one-man exhibition of some 20 of his paintings in Main hall through Thursday, Dec. 15.

The showing, part of the annual series arranged by the art department, was set up Nov. 23.

McMillan, who joined the Grinnell faculty this fall after previously teaching at the University of Kansas City and Southern Illinois University, has a B.Ed. degree from Southern Illinois, M.A. from Columbia university and Ph.D. from the State University of Iowa.

His work has been shown in several midwestern exhibitions, including shows in St. Louis, Mo.; Omaha, Neb.; Oklahoma City, Okla.; and Cincinnati, Ohio.

### Long SC Debate Ends In 24-7 Vote

Dec. 7 Set For Referendum

The Student Council voted 24-7 Wednesday in favor of a motion that "a referendum be put before the student body calling for a constitutional convention for the purpose of re-evaluating and, if necessary, reorganizing student government."

A long and serious debate was undertaken in Council as the culmination of a series of rumors that have been circulating around campus since Cowles hall "seceded" from the CofHP.

The debate was occasioned by a motion made by Bayard Catron, the temporary representative to SC from Cowles, that "a referendum be put before the student body, calling for a constitutional convention for the purpose of re-evaluating and, if necessary, reorganizing the student government at Grinnell." Debate on the motion was limited to 45 minutes.

Council president Duane Krohnke relinquished the chair to Lois Christopherson during the debate so that he might speak in favor of the motion along with Jerry Shipley, Ernie Rutherford and Mike Horwatt. Speakers against the motion included Karen Halvorsen, Gary Knamiller and Dick Barbour.

Arguments for the referendum centered around a list of grievances that had been published by Cowles hall and distributed at the meeting. Among these grievances were the lack of balanced student government, the lack of communication between the three branches of student government and the Administration, and the lack of a fair judicial system.

Arguments against the referendum centered around the contention that although there were grievances, many of them justified, a constitutional convention was not the best method in which to settle them because of the terrific amount of work involved.

Some speakers against the motion argued that both the CofHP and AWS Board are now considering changes that cannot wait for a constitutional convention. Finally, a few speakers were just not satisfied that the present system was so bad that it needed to be changed by a convention.

After the debate, the motion was brought to a vote. It passed by a total of 24 in favor and seven opposing.

Because some students are unaware of the reasons for a convention, a motion was made and passed by a close margin, that any group interested in having the convention, draw up a list of purposes and goals it would want such a convention to accomplish. The groups will also be responsible for distributing these lists to the student body before the referendum is voted upon.

Another motion made in relation to this referendum was that the referendum be placed before the student body on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and that a majority of the votes cast be considered binding. This motion was passed by a large majority.