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## The candidates

A complete committal on our part to any of the CofHP presidential candidates at this stage, we admit, would be based only on personal prejudices.

Such factors are the only means by which any person can weigh the candidates honestly now because they have done little (and have had little opportunity) to put their job philosophy before North campus. They'll get their chance to do it personally Sunday in Younker lounge at 6:30 p.m.

But today they were given space in the *Scarlet and Black* (page five) to have their say. Perhaps, if we cannot feel right in supporting one candidate completely at this time, we can analyze the three platforms.

Steve Howell cites a change in the attitude of the CofHP in the last two years. He says the Council members are less "imposers" of policy now than in the past; that the trend is towards assuming the task of "providers" of well-rounded social programs for the halls and maintenance of "freedom within the framework of academic and civil order."

This latter is achieved, he says, by proposal of legislation to the Senate which will insure such freedom; by provision of information to hall members about operating procedures of the Courts. Howell, we assume, would strive to continue and improve this role of the CofHP as "providers."

Gar Smith's platform calls for complete compliance with college and student rules, a point which defies argument. However, his point that rules should be changed merely because they are inconsistent with one's ability or inclination to adhere to them seems strained to us. Sunday's Younker session will doubtlessly give Smith a chance to explain himself on this point.

One additional thing sticks on our craw, that being his request for a "positive orientation program." Many a bitter word has been written in this paper by this editor and past in argument against what others have called a "positive orientation program." But perhaps we're not being fair. Again, Sunday will provide him with the opportunity to state his case more specifically.

Tom Frantz presents a platform with more steel in it than the other two, we think. His indicated determination to see the drinking rule modified seems to be an honest attempt to see a bad situation remedied. The present rule is hypocritical and, we think, must be abolished.

Frantz asks for more autonomy in the hall system. This we are willing to see tried. It has been our experience that when groups make their own rules, they are infinitely more careful of their own responsibilities as well as their rights.

All three men would make capable leaders, we feel. They all have indicated executive potential in positions of leadership on campus. We think the question which should now decide our votes is what they would do with their abilities. Perhaps this will be indicated more clearly Sunday.

BY KEN SCHIFF

## convolvulus

We waited patiently  
For travelers with their messages  
And were not disappointed when they came  
Begrimed, half-dead, with tales of near-escape:

"We've had to crawl through narrow passageways  
To reach the undiscovered lands we sought  
But they were large and strange beyond belief  
And what we learned was worth the suffering.  
Amazing! I was right and you were right  
And those with whom we fought so bitterly—  
They too were always right.  
There was no need to try so hard  
But even that was never really wrong.  
We have been where things have different names.  
We fed on lotus plants  
And barely have returned, though oddly wise.  
What sights we saw, what thoughts we learned!  
We could invert old meanings and validities,  
Could trade the lexicon of love,  
Exhaustive chemistries,  
And outworn alphabets of bitter wine,  
For some outrageous lies.  
At our most lucid times we recognized  
The glistening hierarchy, tier by tier  
Of names and moments rising brightly high  
Beyond our sight, too large to understand,  
Interstices and webs, complex connections  
Slung in patterns filling every foot of space.  
Now, fever-racked and changed beyond repair,  
We have come home to rest,  
Where suns are not so bright."

# Halama reviews SGA's year

by Bill Halama  
(1961 SGA President)

The leaders of student government have endeavored in the past year to provide the unifying concept of "awareness" for the work of the SGA. It was our wish that from this concept individual issues would derive their meaning. Clearly, it is the responsibility of the Student Government Association to provide a wholesome balance between concern for campus issues and an informed, intelligent concern for national and international issues, and further, to foster awareness in both areas.

### Campus affairs

The primary task facing the SGA officers last spring was the actualization of the new constitution and its satisfactory implementation. In so doing, a substantial amount of time was devoted to the budget and to the handbook.

An increased activity fee allowed for more comprehensive social programming and placed the total budget at over \$44,000. Not only was the budget unified for the first time, but put on a program basis, it allows us to think in terms of its actual effects. To improve liaison and to provide for more efficient execution should, in the future, appoint a "comptroller."

Also, the three handbooks were combined into one. Unfortunately, an inordinate amount of verbiage made the handbook longer and less coherent than it should have been. Presently, the constitution is being somewhat shortened and house rules for both campuses are being revised and more compactly stated in order to make the handbook a more readable document.

Judicial and social by-laws were enacted in order to state more precisely the powers, procedures, and responsibilities of the courts and of the Social Planning Board.

To facilitate the work of the Senate a special committee, which concerns itself with budgets, nominations and constitutions, was established.

The admissions committee enlarged the student ambassadors program. It is our hope that this program will attract outstanding high school students to Grinnell.

The freshman orientation commission has critically analyzed the entire orientation and New Student Days programs and has come forth with several valuable recommendations.

A building program committee was established and is presently being rejuvenated. This committee works with faculty, administration and trustees in making known student opinion on plans for construction of campus physical facilities.

A civil defense committee has worked with the faculty-admin-

istration committee in planning for a fall-out shelter on campus and in voicing student criticisms to the viability and to the worth of such a civil defense program.

An encampment was held again this year at Pilgrim Heights and an eighteen-page summary of findings and recommendations concerning various facets of campus life has been printed. Most of these ought to be referred to the appropriate committee or body for action.

Still in embryonic stages are the curriculum committee and the summer employment committee and it is hoped that these will be allowed to continue their work.

The single issue which generated the greatest amount of student opinion was nuclear testing. A resolution was passed voicing opposition to a resumption of testing in the atmosphere and then an independent group of students traveled to Washington. It is my hope that student government will continue to express its opinion on these kinds of issues and that the student body will continue to give its respect to those who are courageous enough to demonstrate their convictions peacefully. For this is a right inherent in the structure of a democratic society.

Considerable attention was given to the House-Un-American Activities Committee and to the question of civil liberties in general. Both "Operation Abolition" and "Operation Correction" were shown on campus and a debate was held between Fulton Lewis III and Michael Harrington. All of these were presented in conjunction with the Program in Practical Political Education. Such programs in conjunction with other campus organizations ought to continue and to be expanded if possible.

Grinnell reaffiliated with the National Student Association this year and through the work of a senate committee, we were able to maintain close contact with the national office.

In addition, the Iowa-Nebraska region of the National Student Association is embarking on a program designed to study and to deal with Iowa's social and economic problems. We will work on the problem of migrant laborers within the overall program. However, due mainly to poor leadership, the region is still rather decadent. Since our primary contact with NSA is on the regional level, Grinnell might well devote significant effort to providing dynamic leadership in the region and hence to becoming a real force within NSA.

### International affairs

The Senate committee on international affairs has assumed control of the campus foreign

student program and of the Foreign Student Leadership Project within NSA. The SGA has donated full scholarship for a foreign student this year. has provided personal expense money for two others, and has provided lodging and employment for them during vacation periods. Also, the debt which the SGA has inherited from past foreign student programs will be liquidated by the end of the year.

Finally, this committee is developing a summer program for American students travelling abroad.

### Personal observations

The position of SGA president is both a challenging and a rewarding one. At times it becomes difficult on an active campus such as both to find persons willing to assist in the implementation of worthwhile programs and projects.

Nevertheless, the president must have a realistic grip on every situation and must attempt, sometimes against great odds, to implement programs which are potentially meaningful. At all times, one must keep his goals in mind and must pursue them with a relentless passion.

In order to lighten the burden on major campus officers, more office help is necessary. A part-time non-student secretary is sorely needed, as is a full-time (and preferably trained) extracurricular activities counsellor. This person should be made available to all persons in student government, to club-presidents, etc.

### Unresolved issues

There are a multitude of these and I could not begin to articulate all of them in a brief summary of this nature. Particularly outstanding however, is the matter of achieving proper coordination among the various branches of government.

The lack of such coordination can burden officers unnecessarily and can make leadership positions unpalatable to potential office-seekers. We must constantly remember that student government governs not a nation but 1100 students whom we serve.

As mentioned above, our relationship with NSA on the regional level must be improved and the leadership position there strengthened. Finally, a solution to the book stealing problem in the library must be found.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish the incoming officers of the SGA, and particularly Al Boston, best wishes for a successful year. I urge all of you to give him your support. For without this, the SGA president cannot effect a meaningful year of activity in the Student Government Association.

## Horwatt asks creation of arms studies division

by Mike Horwatt

"Peace! Peace! Peace! What the Hell, everyone wants peace." That was the caption on a cartoon by Paul Courtwright. All right Mr. Courtwright, what are you, what are we going to do about it? To want peace is one thing. To work for it is another.

Is there a workable alternative to our present policy of deterrence, of maintaining what President Kennedy calls "The Balance of Terror?"

Equally important is the question of whether or not our assumption that a balance of terror decreases the chances of war is a correct one.

Answers to these questions will not be found merely by taking trips to Washington. Nor will they be found by drawing unconstructive cartoons like Mr. Courtwright's; nor by placing blind faith in

the government; nor through taking such a narrow approach as "better dead than red," or other such meaningless slogans.

A more constructive approach to the problem is through study.

Contrary to the opinion of C. Wright Mills, matters of defense strategy are not decided by Wall

**grey matter**

Street. Research by responsible scholars indicates that government policy-makers rely far more heavily on the advice of research organizations like the Rand Corporation than the pressures of the arms industry.

In 1958, Herman Kahn, an economist and member of the Rand Corporation, wrote a book entitled: "On Thermonuclear War." It is largely on the basis of its propositions that the Rand Corporation recommends appropriate strategies to national policy-makers.

Considerable evidence points to the fact that institutions like Rand and approaches like Kahn's are the greatest single influence in the formulation of defense strategy. However, it should not be assumed that Rand and Kahn are exclusive elements in influencing strategic decision makers.

We ought to examine the validity of Kahn's book in light of other relevant social scientific data. By submitting our findings to the appropriate decision-makers, we can make a valuable contribution to society and at the same time enrich our knowledge.

Perhaps we ought to work for the creation of a disarmament studies division. This could exist as a subsidiary of the present international studies division or as a separate entity.

**GREY MATTER**  
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Letters

To the Editor:

Finding ourselves no more enlightened than before the coffee hour for the candidates for AWS Board president, we want to question seriously the view South campus as a whole apparently sanctions as regards AWS elections.

The discussion centered chiefly around the duties and functions of, and qualifications for, the office. This might have been informative, due to certain ambiguities in the new constitution; hopefully, a little controversy could have been aroused. However, all that resulted were the usual meaningless platitudes.

We want to emphasize that we do not mean to cast any aspersions on the candidates individually, or on the moderator who so successfully stifled the airing of specific issues and the delineation of views. The coffee hour was merely run in the traditional manner, without consideration for the present demands of the position.

It is naive to suppose that the AWS Board, although an executive body, does not have a great influence on legislative matters, especially in connection with women's house rules. The board, by the mere fact that it is in a position to bring issues to the fore and sound out opinion, or to soft-pedal them, undeniably is able to wield a substantial amount of power.

It is essential that in the selection of the AWS Board the problems of freshman dorms, the drinking rule and other matters of south campus life be openly and frankly dealt with. The board is designated to be an extension of the will of the women students; its representative function must be emphasized and voters should be cognizant of the candidates' views and proposals for new legislation.

We strongly urge that the election procedure be revised in light of the broad functioning of the board. Certainly, what we are advocating could be carried to extremes. We in no way envision girls running on the Prohibition or Panty-raids-and-Parties tickets. It is too late to handle the election of the president in a responsible manner; however, we hope and urge candidates for house presidency to take definite stands and we encourage women students to demand such definitive statements from them.

Emily Horne  
Becky Rateliff  
Shelia Scriggins  
Paula Weisberg

To the Editor:

Sunday afternoon, after Grinnell had won its third conference sports-events title of the year, several freshman women from Mears Hall (later aided by others from South and North campuses) with encouragement from their upperclass advisers, rioted for a skip day. It fizzled out—much to the amusement of many others who had previously declared "We're all for it but you'll never get it." We told them there was strength in numbers; their reply: "We know. We have to study in case you don't get it." What motivates people on this campus? NOTHING. Too many are all for something in name only; if you don't stick your neck out you'll

never get anywhere, all you apathetic people!!!

Some felt they had a legitimate reason for opposing a skip day because it would ruin our basketball team's chances to go to the NCAA tournament; if we had a skip day the faculty would be sure to vote against the tournament. It seems to us that the faculty and administration are overlooking the fact that a healthy school is NOT 99 per cent academic and 1 per cent athletic; they are holding a most reactionary viewpoint by blotting out what school spirit we have via our athletic teams. It also seems that the ten or fifteen members of the basketball team are a relatively small percentage of the student body.

The administration prides itself on the participation and voice of the students in school government. However, if the students feel afraid to speak for fear of losing a conference day or spring day, the claims of the administration are invalid.

Christine Verner  
Nina Berger  
Sally Wolf  
Anne Kassel

PPPE internship applications due

C. Edwin Gilmour, (political science) director of the Program in Practical Political Education, has announced that Wednesday will be the last day that applications for the 1962 summer Political Internship program will be accepted. To be eligible for the \$500 award, sophomore and junior students must have above average scholastic records and must have demonstrated an interest in partisan politics on or off campus.

Application forms and further information concerning the program may be obtained from Gilmour's office in Blum house.

Business program open to inquiry

Job hunting techniques and opportunities for women graduates of a liberal arts college will be the topic of Miss Ingely Hansmann when she speaks to Grinnell women at a dinner on Friday. Miss Hansmann is assistant director of the Harvard-Radcliffe program in business administration.

Junior and senior women are invited to attend the dinner in the private dining room at 6:15 on March 16. Reservations will be by sign-up in the women's halls. The dinner is sponsored by the Senior Women's Committee. There will be no charge.

Miss Hansmann will be available for private interviews with women students who are interested in the Harvard-Radcliffe program from 1 to 5 p.m. on March 16. Appointments should be made with Miss Allene Sanderman, secretary to Dean Stauss.

Miss Hansmann is on a speaking tour of the United States, visiting liberal arts colleges throughout the country.

Conservative group takes cue from YAF, states philosophy

by Bill Platt

There is an organization on campus which, at the present time is no more than a conservative coagulation as yet unaffiliated with any national organization. Although at the present time we maintain no connection whatever with Young Americans for Freedom, Inc., we have adopted in a modified form that organization's founding document, the Sharon Statement. Our version of the Sharon Statement is as follows:

In this time of moral and political crisis, it is the responsibility of the youth of America to affirm certain eternal truths.

We, as young conservatives, believe:

That foremost among the transcendent values is the individual's use of God-given free will, whence derives his right to be free from the restrictions of arbitrary force;

That liberty is indivisible, and that political freedom cannot long exist without economic freedom;

That the purpose of government is to protect those freedoms through the preservation of internal order, the provision of national defense, and the administration of justice;

That when government ventures beyond these rightful functions, it accumulates power which tends to diminish natural order and liberty;

That the Constitution of the United States is the best arrangement yet devised for empowering government to fulfill its proper role, while restraining it from the concentration and abuse of power;

That the genius of the Constitution — the division of powers — is summed up in the clause which reserves primacy to the several states, or to the people, in those spheres not delegated to the Federal Government;

That the market economy, allocating resources by the free play of supply and demand, is the single economic system wholly compatible with the requirements of personal freedom and constitutional government, and that it is at the same time the most productive supplier of human needs;

That when government interferes with the work of the market economy, it tends to reduce the moral and physical strength of the nation; that when it takes from one man to bestow on another, it diminishes the incentive of the first, the integrity of the second, and the moral autonomy of both;

That we will be free only so long as the national sovereignty of the United States periods of freedom are rare, and can exist only when free citizens concertedly defend

their rights against all enemies;

That the forces of international communism are, at present, the greatest single threat

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Donna Jo Briley feels the primary responsibility of the AWSB president is as a representative of South campus to central campus. She must also keep the larger goals of the Grinnell community in mind, when representing it at the Intercollegiate Association of Women Students convention.

Although her experience has been mainly in organizational activities rather than student government, in coping with a wide range of problems she has gained an objective view of government. She said she thought her experience as a baffleboard member would be valuable in co-ordinating the new AWSB into an efficiently functioning body.

The transition of the role of the president from a primarily executive one to that of a co-ordinator is a trend, Myrna Sumption mentioned. She would like to see the president utilizing creativity in policy initiation, bringing fresh ideas from outside sources.

Improvement of relations between the AWSB and the primary court are vital, she feels. The president must understand the process of decision-evolution and not try to impose her will on the court.

She would like to see a consistency of rule enforcement developed on South campus. The co-operation of individual women students in maintaining their responsibility toward rules is vital also.

Participation in the Grinnell Student-Faculty Encampment last fall helped her to gain an overview of the projected course of the Grinnell College community in the coming years.

to these human liberties, and that the United States should stress victory over, rather than coexistence with, this menace; and

That American foreign policy should be geared to this end.

It is imperative to emphasize that this conservative group will stress both study and action. We already know how we feel, but it is necessary to clarify in our own minds why it is we feel this way. It is also our duty to promote conservative philosophy when the opportunity presents itself.

GREY MATTER (Contd. from p. 2)

A special section in the library dedicated to the problem of arms control, the establishment of an outside lecture series and the initiation of student research projects could constitute this division.

It is a mistake to think that unless we have top secret information, we cannot grasp the problem of defense strategy. For such information is interpreted in terms of general concepts which are not top secret, which in fact, can be found in books like Kahn's.

It would even be appropriate to institute a disarmament studies seminar. Kahn's book could be used as a basic text for the course. Furthermore supervision and planning for the course could be inter-departmental. The approach of this course would be analytical and its function would be to examine, not to propose.

Instituting a disarmament studies division should not be a costly affair. Mobilizing the resources for such an endeavor should be the joint responsibility of faculty, administration and students. The new student body president ought to give the matter careful attention.



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