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A Case Of Myopia---

Grinnell's delegates to the Midwest athletic conference convention, held in Chicago this past past week-end, have now carried home the information that the conference voted down a motion to repeal the "no-freshman" rule. The proposed change would have permitted freshman participation in varsity basketball this coming season.

Reportedly, Grinnell, Cornell, and Coe were the only schools favoring relaxation of the rule. It will be remembered that Grinnell took the same stand in regard to freshman participation in football. Thus, our position is quite clear-cut.

It seems to us that the dissenting schools, unfortunately in the majority, are being very short-sighted about freshman participation. Perhaps they are taking the view that they, as individual schools, have not so much to gain from relaxation of the rule as do their rival schools; perhaps they first took inventory of their freshman material, and voted in accordance with the gain they might expect..

As a matter of fact, the improvement of their own athletic fortunes was hardly consideration of the schools fostering the movement to permit freshman participation in varsity basketball. The major concern was not so materialistically objective. These three schools, Grinnell among them, feel that it is only a measure of fairness to freshman athletic hopefuls to grant them the opportunity to participate in varsity athletics before the time comes when they must leave school to take up wartime duties. And that piece of reasoning strikes us as being most just.

In voting down the change, however, the other conference schools may have done something more far-reaching and significant than to deny the thrill of varsity participation to freshman athletes. It is possible that they may have signed the death warrant of athletics in the Midwest conference. We have no assurance that many of our varsity men will not be called into active service before the end of the coming basketball season; nor do these other schools.

In that event, freshman participation would be the only solution to the problem of continuance of intercollegiate athletics within the conference.

While it is true that the future of intercollegiate athletics is necessarily uncertain because of the transportation problem, it does not follow that our athletic programs need die an untimely death.

War Movies Program--- "Three In A Shell Hole" ---Starts Friday

"Three In a Shell Hole" will be the main feature on the first British war movies program of the year Friday, November 27, in the Little Theatre at 7:30, Nancy Emmerich, war publicity chairman, announced today. Other movies will be: "H. M. (His Majesty's) Motor Launches," "Into the Blue," and "Paratroops."

These movies are sponsored by the Women's War Council in cooperation with the college League of Women Voters, as a part of the war publicity program on campus. The purpose is to acquaint American students, faculty, and army with the operations of their allies at home and in battle.

The first program is being presented as a part of the national bond and stamp week, November 22-28. War stamps will be sold at the door as admission tickets before and the program will last approximately one hour, Miss Emmerich said. Students, faculty, the army, and members of the League of Women Voters' town league have been invited to attend.

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A COLUMN OF PURE BEAUTY

Pardon us while we go reflective. Maybe it's the genial holiday atmosphere, but anyway, we remember . . . .

A YEAR AGO TODAY

When **Cal** was going mad trying to decide what to publicize about **Ruth Alexander**—her legs or her learnedness.

When **Chafa** was announcing it was once more "Open Season" and **Bette Carson** was flying back to sister **Janie** with incriminating letters, photos, etc., all safely retrieved from Georgie.

When they were calling **L. Krause** "fingers".

When **Dulcy Goldstein** and **Jack Truesdale** were mutually recuperating.

When **Rocky Hampton** was proposing breakfast in class, and **Ed Gilbert** wanted shorts worn to council meetings.

When **Green** was getting almost used to the lamp post in place of **Gus.**

When a headline about a Pine Tree-Read football game would have caused mayhem on campus.

When **Jim Gardner** didn't even know there was a **Marge Willard.**

When it would have been, and was, **Dud** that **Becky** took home to C. R. for weekends, not **Fosdick.**

When **Carmody** had disappeared in the wilds of the windy city, and the preps were being sued for destruction of property.

When the Pioneers were on their way to Colorado and **Zeno** wanted the student body to go with them.

When no one was sure about **Chleboun** and **Bowers.**

When it would have been and was, **Dud** whom **Becky** took home to Cedar Rapids for the weekend, not **Fosdick.**

When there were men all over campus, when no one took trig, when it was not a question of 'if' but 'how many' cokes, when the butter didn't come in pats, and Macy was just the "last house before Merrill Park."

Ellen Ide Leaves Campus For Job In Chicago Sat.

Miss Ellen Ide, assistant in the personnel office leaves Saturday for Chicago to assume her new duties as technical assistant in job placement for the Federal Housing Authority, she announced Monday.

Miss Ide has been associated with Grinnell since September, 1941. After graduating from here she received her master's degree from Northwestern university.

In addition to general office work, she assisted in compilation of all material issued by the college concerning the armed services.

Students May Procure Tickets For "Alice Sit-by-the-Fire" Next Week

Semester Fee Cards Must Be Presented In Quadrangle Corridor

Tickets for "Alice-sit-by-the-Fire" to be produced Dec. 4 and 5 may be procured on November 30 and December 1 after lunch and dinner in the corridor outside the quadrangle dining room, Miss Martha Keefe, director of the play, announced today. Students can receive tickets upon presentation of semester fee cards without any extra charge. The regular price is 40 cents plus four cents tax.

No tickets will be sold at the door, Miss Keefe said. This is to avoid seating difficulties as there are only 361 seats in the Little Theatre, and therefore a limited number of tickets can be sold for each night.

Faculty members should call Miss Keefe's office to request tickets. Although, no seats will be reserved, tickets will be held at the door for faculty members.

Miss Keefe urges all students to be sure that they are going to the play when they obtain their tickets, because of the limited seating capacity.

Nugent, Lincoln To Give Program

Members of the Forensic Club have been invited to a tea at the home of Mrs. Grant O. Gale, sponsor of the club, Friday afternoon at five o'clock, according to Blanche Lutcha, president.

The program that is planned will consist of readings by Mary Lee Nugent and Roberta Lincoln. Miss Nugent will read several of her own selections and discuss them. Miss Lincoln, who is a member of the club, will read several of her selections that have appeared in the Tanager Magazine.

"Sacrifice Week" Opens Drive For War Chest Funds

Plans to finance the 1942-43 War Chest today were centered around an all-college "Sacrifice Week," Dec. 1 to 7, during which time all students and faculty will be asked to give up cigarettes, gum, and cokes, donating the money usually spent for them to the War Chest fund, according to Peggy Gardner, secretary of the committee in charge.

Though the committee ruling was very clear in meaning, no means for checking on individual participation was mentioned.

Collection of the donations will be by hall and cottage representatives appointed by the War Chest committee.

An alternative to the elimination of such expenses for the week was listed by the committee, Miss Gardner said. Persons who continue to buy the items to be sacrificed will be expected to donate an equivalent sum to the chest.

Funds collected in this manner and through other projects of the committee have been pledged to a fund for purchase of an ambulance for the overseas division of the Red Cross, at a cost of $1500.

Army Specially Invited to Hear Band December 6

Officers and soldiers of O. C. S. number two are especially invited to attend the first performance of the Grinnell college concert band 4:30' Sunday afternoon, December 6, in Herrick chapel, director Kenneth D. Simmons announced today.

Admission is free, and a program of varied numbers will be played, he said.

Barbara Takahashi Visits Parents in Cody, Wyoming

Barbara Takahashi, Mears freshman, has left for a week's trip to visit her parents at Heart Mountain Center in Cody, Wyoming, Miss Evelyn Gardner, dean of women announced today.

Miss Takahashi is traveling with a group of students from Des Moines. One of these students' father is a minister at the camp in which Miss Takahashi's parents now reside. This is the first time that Miss Takahashi will have seen her parents since last spring when she left California to come to Grinnell. She will return to Grinnell next Sunday, Dec. 1.

Theobald Next Subject For Radio Show Series on Grinnell Faculty

Duncan Releases Schedule Of Radio Programs

Calendar for the Grinnell radio programs for the next three months was released today by Thomas Duncan, assistant professor of journalism and director of the radio series.

A dramatization of the life of John Theobald, English instructor, will constitute the Grinnell college radio broadcast of December 1st.

On December 8, the life of John C. Truesdale, professor of physical education, will be presented.

The December 15 broadcast will be given over to the Officers' Candidate school.

The first broadcast following the holiday recess, that of January 12, will also be an army presentation.

An all-music broadcast is planned for January 19, the January 26 program consisting of a poetry recital by Theobald.

A symposium, designed and directed by Stuart Gerry Brown, associate professor of English, will be presented on the February 2 broadcast.

The Officers' Candidate school will again take charge on February 9.

A large musical broadcast under the direction of J. Forrest West, is planned for February 16.

No plans have been made as yet for the next French club meeting, which will be held in two weeks, Patricia Milnor, president, said today.

This Week At Chapel

Thursday, 11:30 a. m. Thanksgiving service, President Samuel N. Stevens, "Things to be Thankful For." Faith Weis and James Chaffee will lead in the liturgy of worship. Special music by the college choir, Anthem, "We Praise Thee, O God, and Our Redeemer.'

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