

# Harris Parties Sell Out to Corporations



Above: While the college scrambles to set up a formal bidding process for rights to Harris dances, corporations have resorted to other measures to gain the upper hand over competitors.

HARRIS CENTER- Due to the popularity and huge success of the Harris Disney Bangerz party, corporations are now vying for the attention of Grinnell College. Representatives from major corporations in the areas of entertainment, news, and even food are converging on campus to prove that they are the fairest one of all.

"We believe that our shows like *SpongeBob* and the *Fairly Oddparents* have a certain type of nightlife flair over Disney," said the Nickelodeon representative. "For example, Trixie Tang has a more realistic sex appeal than, say, a woman with fins or an ice-queen that can freeze your sensitive regions."

The representative also assures that if the College does hold a Harris party in their honor, Nickelodeon will cater

to the preferences of the students.

"'90s kids should pay homage to what made their childhood," said the representative. "It seems like they want to take it into their adult life. We can help Grinnellians with that. If the story of how little John and Susy's parents met involves Daddy dressed as CatDog and Mommy dressed as Ginger, then so be it."

Other interested entertainment companies include Cartoon Network, boasting the successes of *The Power Puff Girls*, *Scooby-Doo* and *Teen Titans*; as well as ABC Family and Sony, although the latter could only afford to send in a pair of vintage headphones to plead their case. Students also felt the need to advocate their personal ideal themes, some of which included celebrities. Based on the repetition of the "We want Neil

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## Deez Nuts Takes Smouner By Storm

POPULAR PLACES FOR STUDENTS TO HANG OUT-Deez Nuts, the independent presidential candidate from Iowa, recently withdrew his name from the presidential ballot to officially endorse Bernie Sanders. Many have speculated that the underlying reason for his decision was his realization of the difficulty a third party faces in our severely gridlocked two-party political system. It thus came as no surprise to see the announced candidacy of "Deez Nuts" in the Smouner cluster senate race.

Fortunately for Nuts, Grinnell has a pluralist approach to its elections and campaigns. In many ways, Nuts has found a space and public through which he can showcase his skills as a political leader. Nuts shaped his Smouner platform to highlight this, including items to benefit the Grinnell community as

a whole. In an effort to bring people together, Deez Nuts has created a unifying theme throughout his Grinnell campaign - the nut. The simple nut, a lowly legume that can be manipulated into many a form, is an underlying element in all Nuts' goals for his senate term.



"You are what you eat."  
-Deez Nuts



Not only does Nuts strive to eliminate the stigmas and barriers nuts face as allergens in the Grinnell Dining Hall (expanding nuts to be an integral ingredient in every d-hall meal), but Nuts hopes to emphasize Grinnell's commitment to nutty causes by supporting the movement to change the mascot to a squirrel (an infamous nut-lover).

Many Smounerians have expressed their support of Deez Nuts and his nut-liberation aims. "I think nuts face a huge freedom problem in our nation at the moment," says Younker Pit resident Cassy Shoe '17. "Nuts face obstacles everywhere - they have to be marked on food labels and are stigmatized within their culinary community for their occasional cause of death. I am supporting Deez Nuts in his effort to reframe our mindsets and end the discrimination facing the nut in the modern world."

Despite coming in as an underdog, Deez Nuts has seen his popularity rising in the polls and now poses a serious challenge to the more traditional Smouner candidates. Whether Nuts will be able to enact serious and actual change or be crushed by the bureaucratic institutions that be, only time will tell.

## "Netflix and Chill" Just Got Easier

CYBERSPACE-Flixer, a new app designed by Grinnellians, has taken the student body by storm, and revolutionized the way they "Netflix and Chill."

Flixer is a social media platform designed to match users based on their Netflix interests. Utilizing swipe technology, accepting or rejecting others is easier than ever. "Everybody wants to watch Netflix," explains Flixer founder Joshua Graham '17, "and we designed a way to get around all that awful waffling."

Flixer allows users to create a profile with information such as their favorite TV shows, preferred snack food, watching habits, etc. to advertise themselves to prospective Netflix buddies. "Before Flixer," says Graham, "if I wanted to ask someone else to watch *The Walking Dead*, I would have to go through the terrifying experience of talking to them, and possibly getting

rejected. Flixer, on the other hand, matches you only with other people who are interested in watching *The Walking Dead*."

A recent survey among Grinnellians shows that since the advent of Flixer, students have reported having



"What happened to the sanctity of a film?"  
-Religious Leader



50% more Netflix partners. Sociology professor Millicent Atkins is astounded by this sharp increase: "Because of this single app, students are enjoying their favorite television with more people than ever before. As a sociologist, this really blows my mind!"

But of course, this large increase in Netflix partners mean protection is extra important, with the risk of spoilers

increasing exponentially with the number of partners. "Of course you have to be careful," says Grinnell senior Daenice Targryen '18, "Finding out a new partner's history is always essential. But that's just a minor risk associated with the best app Q3 2K15."

Not everyone is happy with the rapid effect Flixer is having on youth (and adult) culture. The head of the Catholic Church, among other religious leaders, has expressed displeasure in the deviance caused by Flixer. "What happened to the sanctity of film? What happened to a man and a woman in a committed, consensual relationship enjoying their favorite motion picture together? Now these whippersnappers come in here and mess it all up! This generation is losing any sense of morality; hooking up with a stranger to watch twenty minutes of TV is now considered a norm."

**This Week's Horoscope**  
How many sooths would a soothsayer say if a soothsayer could say sooths?



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Off-Campus Students To Sublet Corners Of Their Apartments To First Year Parents During Parents Weekend

Students Distraught At Learning They Cannot Be Part Of The Nomination Campaigns For Bernie Sanders, Martin O'Malley, And Hillary Clinton At The Same Time

Grinnell College To Hold A Panel On How Effective Panels Are At Conveying Information

As Of 11 P.M. On Thursday, "Let It Go" Had Not Been Heard On Campus For The Past Four Hours, A Record Unbroken Since The Thursday Before Disney Harris

Despite Heavy Postering, Twitter Posts, And The Use Of The Loggia App, A Group Of Fourth Year Students Was Unable To Make 9/10 A Thing

New iPhone 6 Update Doesn't Destroy The Internet

New Study Shows That Being Cramped In The Same Room For 4 Hours Straight Does Not Increase Creativity

## SHACS Doles Out Free Menstrual Products



Above: A lecture for the Mestrual Products: Theory and Applications course

SHACS-Recent demand for free menstrual products has risen so high that SHACS is now offering them at no cost. "We give out free condoms, so why shouldn't we give out free tampons and pads?" Shanna Newman, a nurse at SHACS, explained as she displayed a new case filled with sample products.

These products are in such high demand that SHACS has created a menstrual calendar filled with each female-bodied student's menstruation week. Students will be granted access to the necessary products only during those seven days.

"It's ridiculous," Yolanda Wilkes '16 fumed as she stomped out of a closed SHACS on Saturday morning. "What if I start my period on a weekend? Or if it arrives early?

Or late?" Even when a student's flow aligns with the calendar, there is another catch. Much like lessons in rolling on a condom, as students learn how to do with bananas and cucumbers in high school, SHACS requires that students demonstrate proficiency in how to use sanitary napkins and tampons. Any student who wants access to the free menstrual equipment must enroll in a two-week course to learn how to use both a pad and a tampon. Even professors are expected to participate in these sessions.

"At first I thought it was absurd," Professor Adele Hawkins said as she unwrapped a pad in the packed classroom. "But then I realized how little I knew about these products. Did you know that the ancient Egyptians

used tampons made out of papyrus? More importantly, I much prefer free tampons and pads to shelling out \$6-\$7 for a box."

Other students find these classes to be tedious and unnecessary. "I've been shedding my endometrium regularly since I was ten. I think I know what I'm doing." Alex Irving '19 stated as they perfectly inserted a tampon into the SHACS skeleton on their first try.

Students are also provided with a book titled, "They Bleed/I Bleed: How to Deal with Your Period in an Academic Setting," written by Florence Blaud, who goes by "Aunt Flo." (Aunt Flo also works at SHACS every Friday; however, due to her popularity, it is impossible to schedule an appointment with her until February 2018.) Her book provides helpful hints and tips, as well as incredibly graphic

designs that show exactly how to insert a tampon and use a pad, in the styles of various art movements. Interestingly enough, the inconvenience associated with free pads and tampons has sparked a new movement at Grinnell: the so-called "Crimson Market." "Nobody wants to study for an extra exam," Chastity Hope '16 said as she walked out of Wal-Mart holding a plastic bag filled with sanitary napkins. "I charge \$50 for a one-week supply, and the money just flows in."

In order to stop up the leak of student patrons to the Crimson Market, SHACS has decided to add alternative menstrual products to their inventory. An all-campus bulletin Wednesday proudly announced: "Dixie Cups and ShamWows are now in stock (supplies limited)!"

## SECURITY BLOTTER

7:00PM Officer starts patrol of JRC.

7:15PM Rowdy noises coming from Lyle's pub – Officer suspects Moose celebrations are getting out of hand.

7:20PM Officer discovers that jeers are actually republican candidates attempting to debate.

7:30PM Officer decides that watching a potential future president of the United States of America debate on CNN is more important than scaring some paranoid potheads.

7:50PM Officer gets riled up. Notices Donald Trump's hair.

8:15PM Trump's hair momentarily off-screen, breaks Officer's trance. Officer still riled up.

8:45PM Officer convinced that the nation's problems can be traced back to Obama's decision to wage a war against Christianity aided by illegal Mexican rapists and Iranian nuclear anchor babies, using black money obtained from selling aborted baby Hitler fetuses to Planned Parenthood centers to fund his evil campaign.

8:46PM Ad break. Officer snaps back to her senses.

8:48PM Officer patrols rest of JRC.

## What Do You Think?

The Pope is coming to the USA for the first time!

What do you think?



**Paul Revere/Jack Black**  
Obsolete but well-intended  
"One if by land, two if by sea!"



**Similar-Looking Old Guy**  
Stays up-to-date on world news  
"He's an attractive fellow, isn't he?"



**The Pope's Hat**  
Just along for the ride  
"I really hate jet lag."

## Corporate Harris *from page 1*

Patrick Harris!” chant, he is the frontrunner celebrity candidate.

NPR also wishes to capitalize on their popularity among students. This year, to have better outreach among young adults, they have released a new slogan called “NPR and Chill.”

“Our mission states that we want to serve the public the best way we can,” said the NPR representative. “We want the American college student to engage in safe romantic activities while continuing

being knowledgeable about the current events in the nation and abroad. Our organization may have less to work with, but All Things Considered, we have the best music available.”

Monsanto, not a stranger to campus or Iowa, sees this as an opportunity to strengthen their presence, and to improve their image to the public. Known for their rapidly expanding business ventures in GMOs, the company has faced harsh scrutiny

from politicians, voters and organic foodies for breaching nature and influence on Capitol Hill. Monsanto hopes that their presence in a fun environment will downplay their “evidently” seedy practices.

“The products that come from us are as safe—and fun—as can be,” said their representative. “We know that we look imperialistic and sadistic in continuing to grow our business. Hopefully that mindset changes when we integrate ourselves into club-like scenes.

“Our catering would surely beat out the rest of our competition. We know that corn can get tiring, but we will bring in a variety of corn that will make the night exciting. Everyone has a type of corn that grows on them and tickles their fancy. Monsanto Harris will be so successful that you will view it as your corn hub.”

All the businesses face tough competition from across the board. Yet whichever business is chosen, they will make an interesting mark on Harris.

## CLS Alumni Scandal Revealed

CLS-The Grinnell College administration has been rocked by accusations that Grinnell College has been paying actors to pose as Grinnell alumni.

In what people are now referring to as the Alumni-Gate scandal, the CLS stands accused of bringing low-profile Hollywood actors to campus to recite a pre-written poll-tested script, so as to convince students and parents that the ‘laissez-faire’ teaching style of Grinnell College works.

“It’s all simple economics” John Ehrlichman, an expert in college finance and public relations, said. “Grinnell College offers a teaching style that, to most of the Western world, seems like bullshit: paying over \$50,000 a year for an education that emphasizes non-specialization and taking as many electives as possible so as to best be able to critically engage with the world and use a liberal-arts thinking style to further enhance progressive discourse and enact positive, compas-

sionate change in the communities that surround us. Half of the people out there don’t even know what this sentence actually means, much less terms like ‘engage critically with the world’.”

“Twenty-dollar words will only get you so far, though, and Grinnell realized that,” Ehrlichman continued. “In order to convince parents that their pedagogical methods work and to reassure students that they’ll be able to get a job after college, they needed proof – essentially, they needed successful alumni.”

A source inside the administration (who preferred to remain anonymous) said that Grinnell College was having difficulty finding successful alumni who had continued the ‘hippie-loving’ idealistic lifestyle after Grinnell College.

“Most alumni who were successful ultimately followed the same

path: first years who came in knowing they wanted to do pre-med or law, going on to graduate school to do pre-med or law, and having high-profile careers as doctors and lawyers,” the source disclosed. “Do you know how tough it was to find a successful alum who didn’t know what they wanted to do straight out of college? Or one that ‘found themselves’ in college and chose art or philosophy over pre-med?”

As such, the source informs, Grinnell College decided to pay actors to impersonate alumni who fit in this profile.

“Yeah, it’s kind of obvious once I think about it” Sam Li ’16 remarks. “Every alum I met had the exact same speech: ‘My major in no way determined my future career path’, ‘Coming straight out of college I didn’t have a single clue what I wanted to do with my life’, ‘My career took me to really unexpected turns’, ‘I am now highly successful and making a ton of money and doing my ideal job and

following my dreams’... It was almost too good to be true.”

The Grinnell administration has vehemently denied these accusations, calling them ‘baseless’ and attributing them to part of a ‘smear campaign’ to discredit an education in the Liberal Arts.

Kendall Paige, a member of Grinnell’s public relations team, said, “We have many successful alumni of Grinnell college who are successful professors at Grinnell college, some who are administrators at Grinnell college, and there are even many alums in places like the city of Grinnell.”

Paige continued, “In addition, even if, hypothetically, there was an actor paid to impersonate alumni, that actor would likely be an actor who also happens to be a Grinnell alumni who graduated in 2005 with a major in Theater and a concentration in Global Development Studies. If such rumors about actors could possibly be true, of course.

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## Train Refuses to Accept Self-Gov

**TRAIN TRACKS-** As the weeks after New Student Orientation pass by, students are settling down into their coursework and activities. A glaring exception is the noticeably stressed state of the school's student advisors. After helping first years become acclimated to the culture of the campus through numerous community value sessions, floor meetings, and resource tours, the team of appointed second, third, and fourth years realized that one member of the Grinnell team had not been properly assimilated.

The Train, an institution at Grinnell College, seen and heard running through campus daily, remained blissfully unaware of the nine tenets of self governance. At press time, student advisors were scrambling to slow down the multi-ton locomotive to ask its preferred gender pronouns and what it thought it meant to be an active bystander.

So far the Advisors

have attempted yelling 'Self-Gov is Love!', throwing free condoms from SHACS, and trying to set up an appointment with a Career and Life Services Counselor as the Train passes through campus.

"We've tried putting up flyers on the train cars promoting fun events like Pub Quiz and Karaoke, but it speeds by too quickly!" said one disgruntled student advisor. Another added that, "the process would be a lot easier if The Train would stop by the JRC to get its P-Card issued. Then we would at least know that it would be able to eat and print out assignments."

The whole scenario has noticeably lowered the morale of the tight-knit group of advisors. One dispirited student advisor, who would not give their name, reported that, "It's honestly just getting annoying at this point. I bet RA's at Coe don't have to deal with this shit."

Student Advisors are not the only individuals on campus who are dealing with the stress of assimilating the steel behemoth to Grinnell College. Other

administrators on campus have also expressed concern. A representative from SHACS said that she was unsure whether or not The Train qualified for subsidized health care. Insurance issues aside, the Train has been unable to provide proper documentation on whether or not it has received a tuberculosis shot, putting the tightly compacted first year students at potential risk of infection.

A Dining Hall spokesperson was unsure that the kitchen staff would be able to produce enough fuel to power it through the semester. "What do we do if it asks whether or not the coal is vegan?" wondered a chef on staff at the Dining Hall, as he called the coal company inquiring about whether they manufacture in a facility that also produces gluten products.

When reached for comment on whether or not it was ready for the transition into the semester, The Train whistled three times and departed campus, leaving behind a trail of CLS flyers sliding off of its roof.

## INFOGRAPHIC

**Ruh-roh! Ringworm is going around! What are some easy and effective remedies around campus?**

**-Create a student initiative against it**

**-Put a pizza bagel on it**

**-Revive the GrinWell challenge**

**-Hold it under the Noyce Rain for at least one hour**

**-Rub it on a first year who doesn't have homework tonight**

**-Check <http://www.weather.com> for more information**

**-Give it its own PioneerLink account so that it becomes discouraged by the lack of successful fungal alumni and eventually slinks away with its spores between its legs, disenchanted by the futility of professionalism**

## Dealing with homophobia

Sophie Kornbluh '16

As far as queer people go, I have been pretty lucky. I came out at Grinnell, where my identity has always been accepted and respected, and my family has only ever been supportive, or at the very least well-meaning, in the case of a comment from my grandmother about how I probably wouldn't have wanted a ruffled miniskirt for Hanukkah (I did not).

But I also knew that outside of my sheltered world, a lot of people have it a lot worse, and it terrified me. Even among my peers, people swapped stories of slurs

and bullying. And seeing pictures of signs reading "God hates f\*gs" in the news made me want to curl up in a ball and never leave my room. Overt homophobia, in some form, was inevitably in my future, and I dreaded the day when it would occur.

This summer, my fear finally came true. I was traveling with a friend, and we were staying in the home of an older couple in New Zealand, helping around the house in exchange for room and board. We were watching an evening news segment about the United States Supreme

Court ruling in favor of same-sex marriage, when one of my hosts declared something along the lines of, "I think homosexuality is unnatural. The next thing you know, mothers and sons will be sleeping together." Rather than retorting with the sort of snappy comeback that I like to think I am capable of, I completely shut down, barely speaking to her (or anyone else) for the rest of the evening.

Part of what silenced me was the power dynamic. If I had confessed to being queer, my host might have been condescending to the point that living with them was unbearable. But

I was also shocked. Here I was in a country where same-sex marriage had been legal for almost two years. In fact, this was one of the reasons I had chosen to study abroad in New Zealand — I thought it would be one less thing to worry about while adjusting to a new culture. And yet, this kindly Labrador breeder who had welcomed my friend and me into her home was unable to accept the reality of an unfamiliar lifestyle.

I didn't think I would be able to live out my last few days in this household comfortably, in such close proximity

to someone who would automatically view me as lesser because of an innate part of myself. But I got through it. I was in the closet, and it sucked, but I got through it.

I honestly don't know if I regret the way I dealt with the situation. Which is more important, individual self-preservation, or standing up for what you know is right?

Maybe I was being a coward, but maybe I was also protecting myself from harassment. And anyway, my host probably wouldn't have changed her mind based on the preachings of an idealistic American backpacker.

(This sounds a lot like justification, though, doesn't it?)

But now, looking back, I regard the whole episode with a feeling of relief. I endured my first brush with homophobia, and I know that it's still out there waiting for me, possibly in more painful forms. That, unfortunately, is the truth of our current world.

But I got through it once, and it didn't change who I am as a person, regardless of my sexual orientation. I can probably deal with it again. And next time, I'll be ready to speak my mind. I will not silence myself anymore.

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### This Week's Playlist

Get Ready for 80's!

Under Pressure - Queen

500 Miles - The Proclaimers

Modern Love - David Bowie

Every Rose Has Its Thorn - Poison

Subdivisions - Rush