



Hillary Brings Self-Gov To World



Above: Candidate Hillary Clinton enthusiastically describes the progress of her Self-Gov agenda

HARRIS CENTER, NOVEMBER 3 - Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton visited Grinnell College to discuss her campaign platform, which largely builds upon the one proposed by Bernie Sanders during his September visit to Grinnell.

"I'll admit the old coot is headed in the right direction by proposing to instill Self-Governance as a primary value of our nation," she said in her opening remarks. "But as Secretary of State, I believe that it is possible, nay, imperative, nay, our duty, to deliver Self-Gov to the world!"

Clinton then proceeded to outline her plan to spread Self-Gov across the globe. She intends to deploy SelfGovCorps (SGC) missionaries to "primitively-governed" societies. The SGC's assignments will include translating the nine tenets of Self-Gov into various world lan-

guages, re-educating children, and systematically dismantling local forms of law enforcement by sowing seeds of distrust within communities.

"It's heartbreaking," Clinton bemoaned in an emotionally compelling anecdote that left the audience with aching souls. "Just after we married, Bill and I hosted a young woman from Sweden, a nation that relies upon law enforcement agencies to uphold regulations. When she first arrived, it was clear that she didn't trust anybody to keep a handle on their own shit. She actually called 9-1-1 on a gentleman who attempted to rob our house instead of gently reminding him that, 'Self-Gov is Love,' in a non-patronizing tone." A single tear trickled down her cheek. "My only consolation is that we, as the world's greatest nation, have the capacity to create change so the next

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Students Find Salvation in Grinnell

8th STREET, GRINNELL - This week, Grinnell received a number of mid-semester transfers with a surprising background. The Heaven or Heck Church of Christ, located in Sheolsgate, Indiana, visited Grinnell this week, and many of the members decided to stay on campus.

"Now I've finally seen the light," Simon Petersberg '19 exclaimed as he donned a pair of non-prescription glasses, "I'm meant to explore the liberal arts after all!"

Petersberg and eleven of his followers had visited Grinnell to preach the advantages of gender inequality in the workplace, and also talk about God some. Although they initially hoped to save the souls of Grinnellians, the students may have been the true converters.

"It was super cool," Mariana Magdela '19 explained as she took a photo with her fellow new converts in front

of the JRC. "We were talking about how Jesus preached love and acceptance, but also that you have to be very critical of anyone who sins by not being like you, for their own good. Then we realized that Grinnell preaches tolerance and critical thinking too!"

Handing twins James [redacted]

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-Simon Petersberg '19

and John Fisher '19 plaid shirts and jeans to symbolize their new place in the community, Cassandra Herme '18 said, "Once we opened up a dialogue, and showed them some respect, we realized that we're not that different. At the end of the day, the only difference between judging people based on stereotypes and outdated sci-

entific beliefs and judging people for being offensive and using ridiculous arguments is a combined high school and college education and significant real world experiences. But with the combination of the open curriculum and study abroad, I'm confident all this can be accomplished with a Grinnell education."

Grinnellians were so convincing in their morals that the church scrapped the live crucifixion they were planning on staging and decided to visit the Hillary rally instead.

"I think everyone should know what a cool community Grinnell is," Petersberg explained. "Not only do they practice what they preach, but they're also so much fun." Rolling a joint, Petersberg continued, "I've learned so much about gender, women, and sexuality in the past few days-after I've taken some classes at Grinnell, I may even major in it!"

Administration Proposes Anti-Disparity Measures

JRC 101, NOVEMBER 5 - The Grinnell College administration has unveiled a series of plans to target racial disparity in arrests and drug violations.

"All across the nation, we see that African-Americans are incarcerated at nearly 6 times the rate of their Caucasian counterparts," said Dean Henry Johinen. "Even at Grinnell College, African-Americans are arrested for drug offenses and charged three times more than whites, despite being a much smaller component of the student body."

"As an institution that advocates for social justice, we cannot just stand back and hypocritically do nothing whilst these injustices go on. For this reason, we, with the Grinnell Police Department, have come up with a comprehensive list of plans to increase the incarceration rate of whites and end this blatant disparity at last, so that whites will finally be arrested at the same rate as blacks."

The plan has been met with mixed reviews, with some praising the College's proactive approach to solving the disparity. Others called this, "Completely and utterly absurd," and that, "For fuck's sake, this misses the whole point of what the underlying problem is."

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One of the more controversial measures proposed was charging people for setting off fire alarms.

"Whites and blacks smoke at comparable rates, so if we arrest all of the campus pot-heads, then we will help fight some of the disparity on campus," Johinen said, elaborating on the plan. "This measure will help target those students who engage in marijuana. We

already charge people for covering up their smoke detectors. Thus, we will punish people if the fire alarm goes off for not covering their smoke detector, which will encourage people to cover up their smoke detector more and we can then charge them for that." When a student pointed out that this would mean more covered up smoke detectors and thus pose an even greater fire hazard for students, Johinen quickly dismissed those claims as "exaggerated" and defended his position.

"Even if that were true, we prioritize arresting minor drug offenders rather than ensuring proper fire and safety requirements and guaranteeing the well-being of our students," he asserted.

Other plans proposed by Johinen include illegalizing the pumpkin spice latte, fining people for being basic bitches, and arresting people if they forget to check their white privilege.

This Week's Horoscope
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A soggy square.



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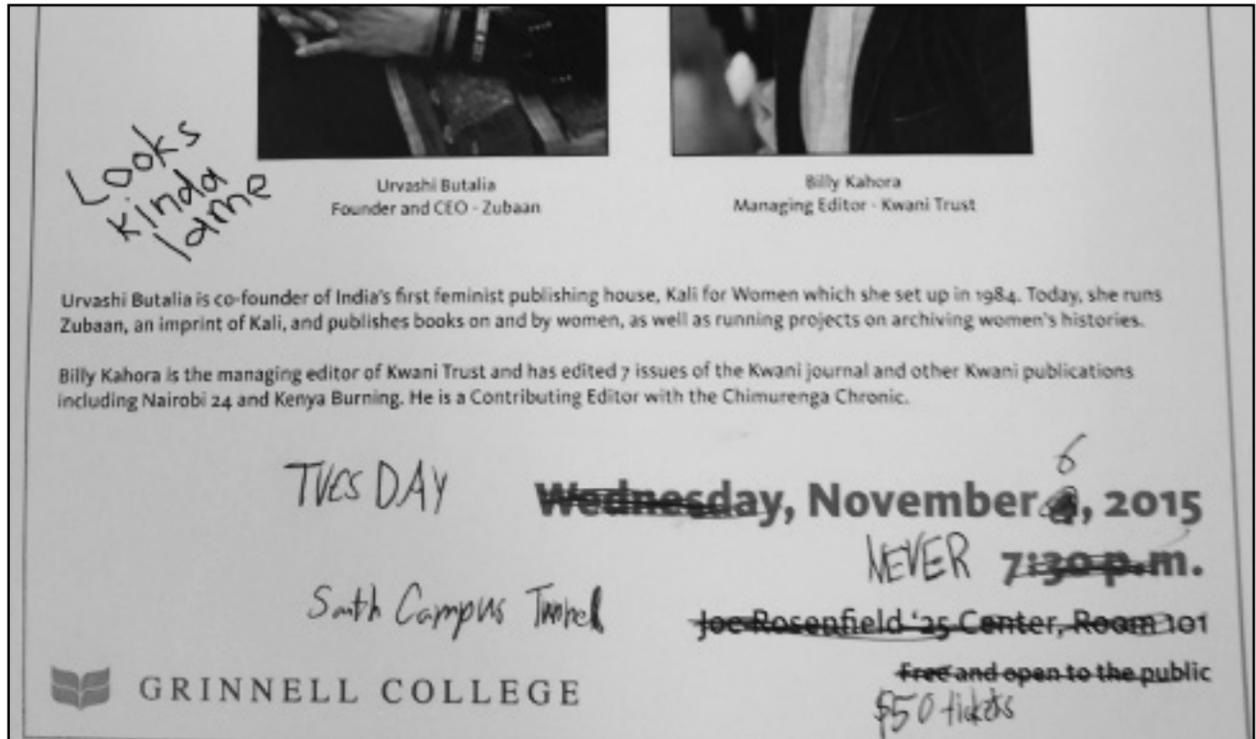
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Grinnell College Embroiled in EventGate Scandal



Above: An attempt to deter students from attending an event

JRC - Grinnell College has been showing images of flowers on the display screens in the JRC. Although many interpret this as a new artistic touch, sources within the administration claim that this innocuous change is part of a much larger conspiracy.

An inside informant said, "You may think that the flower pictures replacing the event calendars were just bad planning on our part, but actually it was our goal. The college is engaging in a strategy to reduce the awareness of college events.

"I haven't really been told the details. All I know that is for some reason, too many people are attending public events, and it's become a problem," the source continued.

Some other methods the source disclosed include encouraging FM staff to take

down posters more often, reducing the font size on the campus memo, and moving all information over to GrinnellShare where "no one will ever find it."

Hailey Jenkin, a member of Conference Operations and Events, denied the existence of any anti-publicity conspiracy, but alluded to possible motivations.

Said Jenkin, "The idea that Grinnell College isn't trying to publicize events as much as possible is absurd. However, I will admit that some speakers may have recently expressed discomfort about crowd size. When you are expecting six people to attend your lecture and instead an entire ten show up, it can be a bit of a shock. And a lot of our visitors really would prefer to use Grinnell as a quasi-rest-stop, with a minimal presentation and a bit of R&R before moving on to where

they are actually going."

Other factors may be at work as well. Paul Matan, catering employee, said, "I do think there has been a lot of pushback lately about the amount event-catering ends up costing. We've been asked if we can cut back on workers, serve less food, and most ridiculously, use normal napkins."

Matan said, "We are fighting this because at the end of the day you expect catering to have standards of quality. What would free pizza as an incentive even mean if catering pizza wasn't slightly better than D-Hall pizza? And we pride ourselves on having the least shitty coffee on campus besides Saint's Rest. I think this has all been done to limit the amount of people who will be eating the food."

There is some evidence the strategy is working. Shane Renworth '17 said, "Now that

events are so easy to miss, I no longer feel guilty when I skip them to go do homework but then binge watch 'House of Cards' instead."

On the topic of GrinnellShare, Johanna Smith '19 said, "You mean the online whiteboard thing? Or wait, are you talking about OrgLink?"

However, most administration members continue to deny the existence of any conspiracy.

Ann Wright, of the Office of Communications, said, "This accusation is completely out of step with all of our current policies. We put a lot of thought into how to make events known across campus."

"I think the best evidence would be our task list and progress tracker, which we update every week. It's all there in the document, which you can find easily on GrinnellShare."

SECURITY BLOTTER

6:45 PM: Officer finishes investigating the last of the seven poltergeist complaints she's received in the past three hours, all of which seemed to vanish into thin air upon her arrival.

6:46 PM: Officer is fed up.

6:50 PM: A passerby shouts "Nice Halloween costume!" at officer. Officer has a brilliant idea.

7:00 PM: Taking advantage of her height and youthful appearance, officer begins to trick or treat in the guise of a high school student in a very realistic police officer costume.

7:20 PM: Officer has so far seen mixed success. Her bag has for too many fruit gummies and far too few Reeses. She curses health initiatives.

7:45 PM: Officer is tired but determined to continue. Her walkie-talkie goes off, earning her praise for realism.

8:10 PM: A Grinnell Police Department Cruiser pulls up. Officer is informed she must return to her parents because official trick-or-treating time has passed. The police officer insists on escorting her home.

8:12 PM: An awkward car ride ensues.

8:15 PM: Officer arrives home to the candy bowl outside her porch emptied except for three packets of fruit gummies.

What Do You Think?

The World Series happened.

What do you think?



Enthusiastic Baseball Fan
Would be considered a genius if the world was run on obscure baseball facts
"WOOOOOOOOOOOOOH!!!!"



International Student
Cannot conceive of a sport more popular than soccer
"Watching an Americanized version of cricket is more interesting than football? What gives?"



Extreme Optimist
Responds 'Who the fuck cares, we have a CUP!!!!' to the question 'Is the cup half full or half empty?'
"Go Cubs!"



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generation doesn't have to grow up under the same oppressive conditions that Hildegard did."

When questioned as to whether the policy could actually be effective on a global scale, Clinton retorted, "Have you heard anything about a war between Australia and New Zealand since I took office as Secretary of State? No? How functional would you say those governments are? Exactly. And we're just getting started."

The student response to Clinton's proposed policy

has been overwhelmingly positive. Attendance was at an unprecedented level; indeed, reputable news sources such as New York Times estimate that 97% of Grinnell College students support Hillary Clinton. Some found Clinton's laidback, easy-going manner the most appealing aspect of the presentation. "She was willing to take a selfie with me!" gushed Taylor Markowitz '18. "That's pretty cool for a presidential candidate!"

Others were inspired

by her political agenda. "I managed to get a photo with her! I'm totally fangirling in it and she's looking at me like, 'Whoa dude, calm down!'" Anna Nguyen '17 exhorted.

However, not everyone who attended the event was impressed by Clinton's performance. "I've never gotten so many likes on a profile picture before!" Ed Schlesinger '16 gloated.

However, despite the occasional negative remark, Clinton appears to have effectively won over the student body. Her most vocal

support group, Grinnellians for Bernie Sanders for Hillary Clinton (slogan: Feel the Bern from on top of the Hill!), has teamed with formal rival group Grinnellians for Martin O'Malley for Hillary Clinton (slogan: Why is O'Malley still running? For Hillary!) to form a powerful promotion campaign. Spokesperson Jared Dunham '16 stated, "By the time we're done, there will be so many H's around this campus people will think the College is called 'Hinnell!'", and proceeded to laugh loudly for several moments.

Halloween Is Real

GRINNELL - For all college students, Halloween is a night of free candy, cheap alcohol and racially insensitive costumes. Yet this Halloween, the danger became real for some students when an outbreak of the zombie virus hit campus.

The zombie virus, which has several varying stages ranging from mild (slurred speech and a dependency on coffee to function in daily life) to severe (inability to walk followed by a taste for human brains), may have been imported into Grinnell after Fall Break.

Students speculate that the outbreak may have begun at Halloween Harris, where Jansen Crane '19 was reported to have been running around and biting various students. Crane was later dropkicked and court-martialed by two of the visiting Navy Medical Corps officers, but the damage had been done.

"It was cray, man," Calvin Handen '16 explained as he stood out-

side of Harris in his "sexy darque bunny" costume. "He just sprinted up to me and bit the side of my neck. His costume wasn't even good either...he just had splotches of blood on his clothes."

Other students agree. "I was talking to this hot guy...and then he started talking about how much he wanted my brain. I mean, I know I'm smart, but that's still a little...odd," Sadie Hawson '17 explained, twirling in her "sensual genie" costume. "Turns out he just wanted to eat my brain. Lame."

Students who had any red on their costumes were immediately herded outside at the end of the night to be examined for the symptoms. This proved to be quite difficult, as many Grinnellians decided to attend Halloween Harris as the most popular and easiest college costume—a zombie.

zombie virus are also commonly found in both drunk and college students.

"Since it's Halloween, half these kids are in a sugar coma and the other half are hungover," said SHACS nurse Cody Forks as they took a lethargic student's pulse. "Not only are their pulses all janked, but they're also sleepy and uncooperative. There's essentially no way to tell the infected from the partying."

As a result, SHACS was flooded with students recovering from either confirmed or suspected zombieism. Although SHACS has installed new zombie-proof beds, they have outsourced many of their patients to the basement of Noyce. "It was a no-brainer," Forks said, gesturing around the small, cramped area. "I mean, no one comes down here anyway." Zombies appeared to be adapting well to the basement, as the lack of doors, windows and general sunlight are perfect for zombies in their hungry state.

When asked about her feelings on being doomed to spend an eternity in the Noyce Basement, Kasie Cranfield '17 was optimistic. "I mean, we're basically excused from class for the rest of the year. I'd be upset or something, but lack of [my own normally functioning] brains means that I don't really care about anything except sleeping or eating. Got any extra brains? Or an intern you don't like?"

Although the zombies are hungry and brains are limited, SHACS has once again developed a solution. "We just try to extract a few students from the prospective student tours, and lure them down to the basement. Then we just leave them to be eaten. If they survive more than three hours, then so be it," Forks stated. "Students themselves have also begun to visit the basement in the hopes of becoming zombies. Especially first years. Turns out that Grinnell may have been a bit too hard for them to handle."

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Grinnell Prize Losers Share Stories

HERRICK CHAPEL - Last Tuesday night, Grinnell College invited two Grinnell Prize winners to speak in Herrick Chapel on their work in public welfare and education. The following night, President R. Nerdy Kington invited two former Grinnell Prize Losers to speak on how to cope with scraping by. They also spoke in the Chapel to a packed audience, each speaker with their own podium.

"Yeah, I didn't win the Grinnell Prize. Not by a long shot," opened Frank Carrot '82. "Ah, I had such big dreams as a college student. I wanted to open up a slingshot outlet; with really practical slingshots, like ones that can shoot paper airplanes with messages on them, or slingshots for tossing petals at a bride's feet during a wedding. I was like, 'I figured it out. I'm a genius!' Slingshots were gonna be big...before the internet came along. I mean, nobody saw that coming. Hey! Don't look at me like that! Most of you guys won't win it either."

The other speaker, Linda Murpsy '66, had

a different experience with the Grinnell Prize. "Back in my day, the Grinnell Prize went to anyone who could smoke a whole ounce of pot in one sitting. Then you had to count the corn in a nearby cornfield. You had from sun up till sun down to smoke and count. I trained and trained and trained and finally won it my senior year. Yup, 4,996 stalks of corn. The Grinnell Prize now is worth \$100,000 — half goes to you and half to your project. But back then, it was a \$100,000 pure-gold trophy. But I was really really high when I got it, and I... just...put it down and forgot where. The pub? Cleve 2nd fire escape?" she said, tapping her foot for a minute, lost in thought. Finally, as if remembering she was speaking in front of an audience of hundreds of students, she blushed and quickly piped back up, "And that's how I lost it. At least I still have the 'intramural champion' T-shirts for every sport that came with the trophy."

After semi-uproarious applause, it came time for question and answer. There was, however, some misunderstanding, in that the Grinnell Prize Losers, ecstatic at

having finally received some sort of attention and relive their college lives, decided to prolong their 15 minutes of fame by being the ones to ask all the questions.

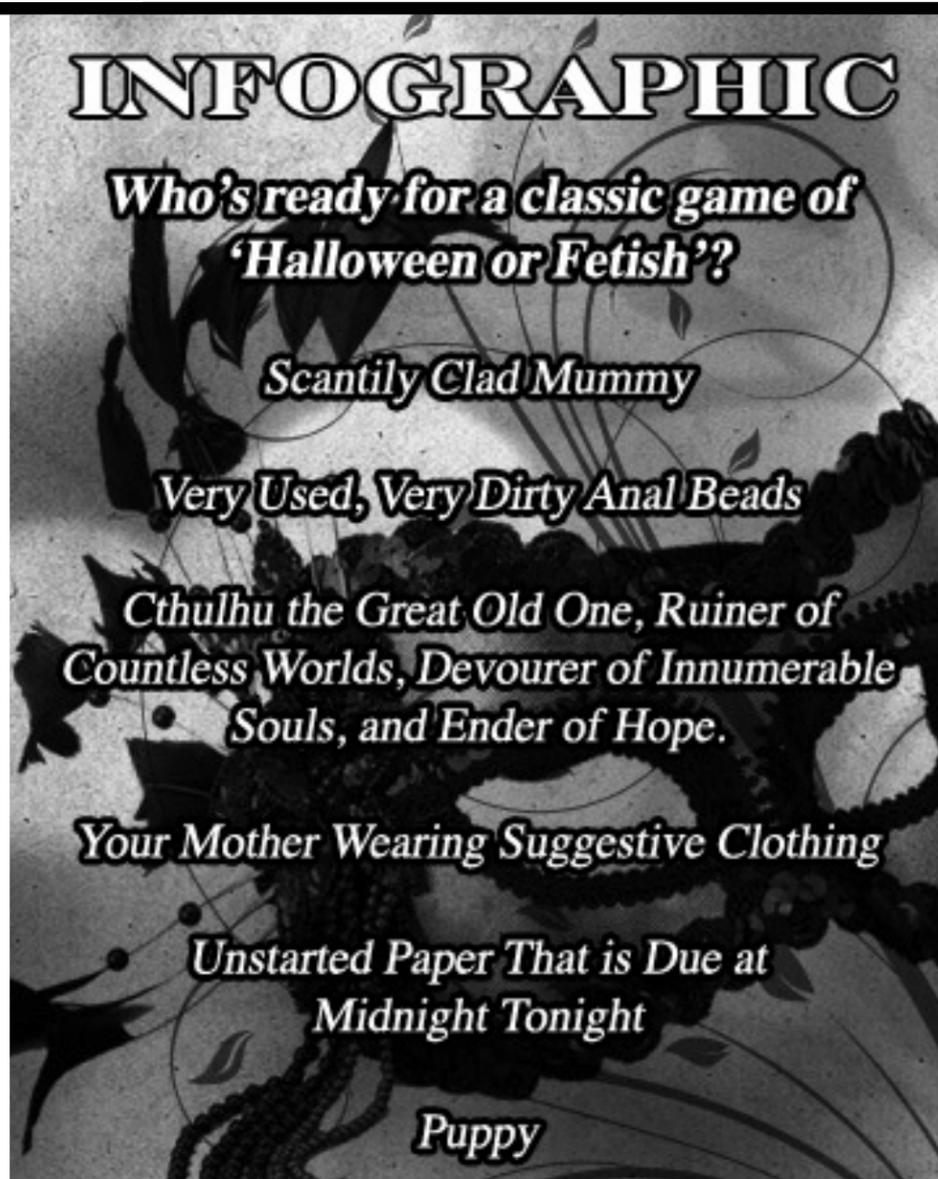
"Anyone here in Calc. 2?" Carrot '82 asked, as he whipped out an old notebook. "What did you guys get for problem #34 in unit two... yeah the one about the basketball? I couldn't get that one, and it turns out to be surprisingly relevant to my daily life."

Murpsy '66 raised both hands above her head, her countenance perplexed. "Where can I get some molly around here?" she announced. "The Gardner this Friday looks groovy."

"Does Main still have free laundry?" Carrot '82 interrupted.

"Oh yeah!" Murpsy '66 chimed in, excited. "I forgot; I was gonna ask about that! Yeah, I brought, like, an extra suitcase of my dirty laundry." Murpsy turned to face Carrot and smiled.

Carrot '82 turned to her slowly. "Wait, that's so funny. I brought one too..." he said. He smiled back. The students, instinctually, rapidly filed out of the chapel.



Give it a rest

Nina Galanter '18

You may have heard, a few times or perhaps 25 times, from admissions talks, your days as a prospie, your professors, or you complaining to your friends in incoherent sentences at 3:00 a.m., that Grinnell classes are hard.

We then add in work, extracurriculars, applying for internships or summer programs, applying for more work, and not being that person who never goes to anything. And then there are the unfortunate other basic necessities, like washing your clothes and then drying them two times before giving up.

So it's no surprise to me that I've been feeling

pretty busy lately, and that most of the people I talk to feel the same way. But while I am all for preparing for the future and being involved, and while I recognize making money can be pretty important given just how much attending Grinnell costs, I think in many cases the busyness can get out of hand.

At some point a lot of us are just doing as much as we can because it's become a bad thing to stop adding commitments until you've cut down on sleep by at least a few hours to make room. Recently, I talked to a friend who mentioned they felt guilty that they had free time. I know that

when I have free time, my first thought is, "What have I forgotten that I'm supposed to be doing now?"

Of course, there are plenty of Grinnell students who have a good balance and keep a manageable workload, whether in their life manageable is a few activities and a job or taking the time to actually watch the ever growing list of Netflix shows that I apparently have to watch. But I'm fairly confident I'm correct in saying there is a significant portion of students for whom this is not the case.

What I've realized about being too busy is that first of all, it's bad for us in many ways. Just in terms of

physical health, having the time to sleep, to exercise, and to be sick, is important both because it prevents our current head colds from snowballing into Superflu, and so we develop habits which won't eventually cost us huge sums in hospital bills. And sleep also plays an important role in mental health, not to mention the direct mental health effects of being stressed and rushed all the time.

Also, if we forget or never learn how to accept and handle free time by the end of four years at Grinnell, that represents a huge loss. I'm fine aiming to be a conscientious student, or a responsible

young adult. But I'd prefer not to be a workaholic, and I'm beginning to be uncomfortably aware that the only difference is between me and the stock stereotype on a workplace comedy is a few more years of growing older.

But a less talked about point is that overcommitment is also bad for all the people who are depending on you to do your part in some small way, as a club member, an employee, a friend, or a fellow member of the student body.

In a certain light, juggling too much to be able to stop and think is a little selfish. There should be more to doing something than just checking it off a list. Critical

thinking and creativity shouldn't end when you walk out of the classroom, but I know that for me, often I don't really feel like I have time to actually consider what I am doing and why I am doing it. I can think of plenty of times my silly, tired mistakes have caused trouble for other people, and plenty of times other people's tired, silly mistakes have caused trouble for me.

So take the time to relax and actually be a person as opposed to a walking, talking, caffeine intake machine. At the end of the day, doing less more thoughtfully would probably be a better outcome for all involved.

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