



# Merger Creates Grinnell College Country and Golf Club



Above: Grinnellians enjoy the new GCCGC facilities

NORTH OF THE BEAR-Last week, an email was sent to the student body announcing that the Board of Trustees of Grinnell College signed a deal purchasing the Grinnell Country and Golf Club. The new purchase officially merges the two institutions into The Grinnell College Country and Golf Club, GCCGC. As soon as the new contract is signed, all students will officially become members of the Club College.

The new college will be officially christened on June 1st at Arbor Lake. The contract will put into a place four new majors and two new concentrations. Beginning Fall 2016, club members will be able to major in Sailing, Palette Cleansing Analysis, Polo, and The History of the Tote Bag. Members will also be able to concentrate in Caddy-ing and Bowtie Studies.

In addition to the change in the curriculum, there will be a big shift in administration. President Raynard Kington will be replaced by a younger man from Connecticut by the name of Mr. Clive Cottonmouth has already announced that GCCGC's new mascot will be a single Scarlet and Black Sperry boat shoe. In addition, the Banquet Hall, formerly known as the Dining Hall, will deny access to any members who are not wearing a sport jacket and tie and/or a monogrammed purse. The only other food option will be the Grilléé which, going forth, will only serve avocado toast and quail eggs. Cottonmouth plans to change the social lives of members as well. Harris parties will now be called Sterling Quincy III Galas. Anger ensued when it became official that a wine and cheese brunch followed

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## OCS: Reaching for the Stars

KUIPER BELT-The College has recently introduced a brand-new Off Campus Study opportunity available starting Fall 2016: Grinnell-in-Space. The first of its kind, GIS aims to expose participants to the harsh realities of the universe while they take rigorous, engaging courses in nearly any subject. Open to any and all majors, the GIS curriculum includes intriguing offerings such as Black Hole Postmodernism, Planetary Analysis, Introduction to Gravity, How to Moonwalk, Cosmopolitan Societies, and Caring For Your Vacuum 101. "I've already been everywhere on Earth either in person or on Pinterest, so Grinnell-in-Space seemed like a perfect fit," gushed future semesteronaut Karlie Poger '18, intended Anthropology major. She hopes to "compare different galactic locations with and without culture, and discover how the absence

of culture is manifested in this vast space we call the universe."

Other recently accepted GIS participants seem equally enthusiastic to expand their horizons. Mateo Barlett '17 has quite the laundry list of #spacegoals: "I'm a Biochem major concen-



"Under the influence of 'moon dust'."

-Mateo Bartlett '17



trating in American Studies, so I'm very excited to see the flag on the moon with my own eyes, while also researching how high organisms (me) can jump across craters under the influence of 'moon dust'."

Of course, just like the other integrated OCS programs (Grinnell-in-Washington and Grinnell-in-London), Grinnell-in-Space classes

will be taught by Grinnell faculty. Says one future professoronaut who wishes to remain anonymous, "The main reason why I accepted this faculty position at Grinnell was primarily due to its isolated location full of peace and quiet. However, I have recently felt that Iowa is not isolated enough. Therefore, by going into space, I will be able to continue doing what I love in a place free from pressure. And air pressure."

Perhaps as one of its most valuable advantages, GIS offers students stellar contact with alumni. The networking opportunities in outer space are some of the most abundant around. "I have already been in radio contact with many mentors and potential career advisers that happen to be light years away!" exclaims Randa Higgins '18. "I'm very confident that Grinnell-in-Space will allow me to follow my dreams and reach for the stars."

## gHarmony a Raging Success

A FRESH LOVE NEST-Ever since the disbandment of Chainz, a Grinnell tradition, many students have faced a quandary.

"I depend on Chainz to find any and all hook-ups," Tyrone Wells '16 explained. "For the past three years, I've waited outside for girls to leave Chainz disappointed with their match. And then I'd flirt with them!"

However, with the dissolution of Chainz came a new opportunity: gHarmony.

"We thought it might be more fun for the students to get pick each other, because college students always make great decisions," gHarmony creator Gabriela Munoz '16 explained as they sifted through the three applications the organization eventually received. "Everyone's using Tinder and Match.com, so we decided that gHarmony could be a fun and more intimate

way to allow Grinnellians to make absolute messes out of their love lives in a community too small to avoid anyone on campus for more than 24 hours. Besides, there's free pizza, and pizza is everyone's favorite valentine."

And indeed, love



"Best! Night! Ever!"

-Greg Rodriguez '17



is in the air. And gHarmony may be the reason why.

"After I heard about gHarmony, I decided just to go up to my crush and ask him out! It was way easier than submitting a list and waiting for a week." Siobhan Falls '19 gushed as she gazed into her date's eyes at Relish. "Thanks, gHarmony!"

Many students have

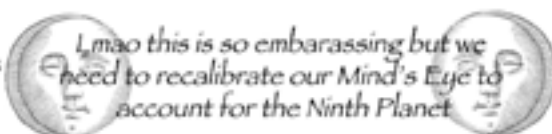
decided that it's simply easier to speak to their potential hookup than to fill out a form. This decision has sparked a movement on campus. Other students decided to try a more old-fashioned route.

"I can't talk to people," Greg Rodriguez '17 explained. "So I just wrote this dude a note and asked him to circle either Yes or No if he wanted to go to Frank with me. Best! Night! Ever!" (He rushed off before revealing whether or not his prospective date had accepted the invitation.)

One slight downside to this revolution is that no one attended the gHarmony event on Saturday, February 13. But even this had its perks.

"No one showed up, so we just hung out in the gym and ate the pizzas we'd bought," Munoz explained. "And one of my fellow coordinators finally asked me out!"

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## SECURITY BLOTTER

**14:20:** Officer responds to call about student partaking in the "Jazz Oregon" at Read.

**14:23:** Officer sees poster for stand-up comedy open mic night.

**14:30:** Officer intrigued, abandons call and heads back to the office.

**14:35:** Officer opens word document of stand-up material she's been working on for the past few months.

**14:36:** Officer puts phone on airplane mode and gets to work.

**18:04:** Officer laughs out loud at some of her jokes, has a great time, has a healthy snack as she works.

**19:45:** Officer heads down to Bob's with butterflies in her stomach.

**20:14:** Officer enjoys student performances, notices a surplus of phallic humor.

**20:30:** Officer takes the stage and launches into her set, "Read Second more like Weed Second!"

**20: 44:** Officer knocks them dead, audience left reeling and in tears.

## College Plans Zone of Effluence



Above: Students wait in public to take their turn attending to basic hygienic needs

MIKE'S BIG SHOWER-To kick-start Grinnell College's "zone of confluence" initiative, President Rayofsun recently announced the new plan to move all of the college's bathrooms into town to "foster more student engagement with the community." "I'm honored to develop the relationship our regal institution has with its townspeople!" he said while walking down Main Street with his shower caddy and Selsun Blue in one hand and his towel in the other. "What better way to pop the Grinnell bubble than by showering with your neighbor?"

The zone of confluence is Grinnell's attempt to blur the lines between the college campus and the town. Administrator Windy Crawfish hopes to "foster more student engagement with the commu-

nity . . . so that local businesses can get a crack at students' parent's money." Initially, plans included opening up a "cool arcade" featuring "fun games and nachos" as a hip hangout spot, but when students didn't express interest, the zone of confluence task-force came up with the idea of making students walk into town to take care of their basic hygiene.

This move is the next step after last year's purchase of the town's Pizza Hut, which will be taken apart and reassembled behind the pizza counter in Dining Hall to draw townies onto campus. RayofSun justified the purchase by bringing up an old feudal practice. He noted that, "In the late 19th century, English and French nobility would buy old castles throughout Europe, dismantle them and rebuild

them on their property. C'mon, this is for the students; there are lots of other businesses I could bring to the college. If it were up to me, Derek the Cobbler from Brown's Shoe Fit Co. would be slaving away at a pair of Italian winter boots in the back shed behind my house right now. But the kids want pizza. Plus they've got a crust made out of pizza rolls. Genius."

Local business owners are excited about developing potentially meaningful and intimate relationships with students. Mike Pompous of Mike's Big Shower, a truck that has opened up by the old Pizza Hut building in anticipation of the move said, "To be honest, business hasn't been stellar lately." His store is completely empty but for a single shower nozzle in the back right corner. "But that nozzle can clean up to eleven people! -well, nine

if the sanitary department is watching" he whispered. "I'm great with kids, great at getting clients to consistently come back—Once students start having to deal with the lines of having maybe twenty bathrooms for the entire campus, customers will flock to my truck. And if business gets good enough, I could even set up another nozzle, maybe two, no problem. Watch and learn, Grinnell, this is capitalism at work!" Mr. Pompous concluded.

"The only thing we need to work out now is paying for the cost of moving all showers and toilets on campus into town." said Crawfish. "Yes, it would cost millions, but what are a few million dollars to the possibility of students and townies sitting down and having a chat together while expelling waste from their bodies?"

## What Do You Think?

The Pope visited the Mexican side of the U.S. Mexico Border to speak about immigration. What do you think?

*What do you think?*



**Bob the Builder**  
*He did build that*  
"Can we build a wall? Yes we can!"



**More Realistic All American Bob the Builder**  
*Ambiguously a white supremacist.*  
"Can we solve all of America's problems by building a wall? Yes we can!"



**Border Patrol Agent.**  
*Doesn't appreciate Irony.*  
"Oh, yeah, I popped over to see that, it was a pretty cool experience."

## Golf *from page 1*

by a Croquet match would replace the 10/10 as a campus tradition.

There has been a large backlash by many Grinnellian students and some have even gone so far as to protest. Jackie Miller '18 stated, "I don't know if the administration knows how much this is going to affect students like me. What am I going to do with vintage Birkenstocks and my thrifted wool sweater collection? My eight similarly colored oversized button-down flannels will certainly be useless at

the new Club College. I heard that Second Mile is becoming a J. Crewnana Republic store. Where will I shop?! Ugh."

Other students, however, are enthusiastic. "After semesters of dealing with problems like SHACS being understaffed and some dorms being plain inaccessible, I'm glad to see the administration finally take action," said Christie Chang '17. "It's nice to see that they're finally listening to the student body and allocating

resources in a beneficial way." In preparation for the new changes, students were seen all over campus throwing out their record players and Neutral Milk Hotel tapestries.

The new contract includes a blueprint of the new campus. Right next to the hot springs relaxation room will be the new building Betternow which will be adjacent to Bucksbaum. Bucksbaum will be home to the new Mozart appreciation center. All students will be required to listen to 41 hours of classical music in

order to graduate. Two more graduation requirements include hand sewing a salmon pink polo shirt to fit a large Thoroughbred Horse and spending at least one semester on a juice cleanse.

The Administration plans to release a new email in the coming weeks outlining a timeline of when these changes will take place. When asked for a comment, Cottonmouth responded, "All you hippies better watch out. Better go ask your mom for your grandmother's old pearl necklace."

## Grinnellians Mourn Caucus Season

HARRIS-The recent caucuses on February 2nd had a large student turnout—over nine hundred people were present at Harris Center alone. However, now that the caucuses are over, many students have reported a descent into ennui.

"I just couldn't bring myself to care about current events when I realized that I would not get to see any presidential candidates today," stated Mary Jammer '19 as she slowly shredded the Grinnell Herald-Register. "My Docs are still covered in the dust left behind when the campaign buses high-tailed out of here, and I don't want to wipe off those memories."

The campus itself also appears to be deserted, with only a few students wandering aimlessly. Many O'Malley posters have been found scattered across the ground, and Bernie pamphlets fly through the air like tumbleweeds.

"There's nothing left for me now that I can't

turn an O'Malley supported into a Hillary supporter," said Kemal Leaver '17. "I've had to make all of my political arguments on Facebook. I've already lost three friends!"

Nicole Shandy '18 expressed this sentiment as well, saying that her source of happiness has now become "reblogging dank Bernie Sanders memes".

Additionally, some particularly upset students have been taking to living in the Harris Center, reliving memories of the caucus. Rather than attending class or doing homework, the students just sit in certain corners of the gym, and raise their hands all day long, waiting to be counted.

One distraught fourth-year was even arrested this week because of his post-caucus angst. Reid Williams '16 was taken into custody after breaking down the doors of many houses in town, in an attempt to canvas.

"CAN I COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT FOR MARTIN O'MALLEY," he repeatedly yelled to one terrified family.

The College's administration has acknowledged the clear and present problem of post-caucus melancholia. After many private meetings with the SGA, administrators found a solution to the problem: senatorial elections, which were held last week. However, vote turnout, in the words of an anonymous SGA official, was "abysmal". Overall, only 25% of the student body actually voted in the election. Another SGA official expressed her surprise, saying that, "I thought this was what the students wanted! We just cannot win!"

When asked to explain the low vote turnout, student Tyler Richardsen '18 said, "Wait, we had the senator elections?"

Other students complained about the actual setup of the elections, saying that it was "nothing like the actual caucus."

"That's why I didn't vote," said Carla Cheek '19. "If I'm not sweating my ass off in a crowded gym for two hours at a time, then I am not interested in being a part of the democratic process."

In an effort to compare the high turnout at the caucus versus the low turnout for the senatorial elections, many students were questioned about why they had chosen one but snubbed the other. When asked about voting in the caucus, John Coudis '16 said, "There's nothing better than electing the next leader of this country!"

When asked about voting in the senator elections, he stated, "There's nothing better than posting articles to Facebook about the coin flip scandal, not even taking three minutes to vote on P-Web"

Overall, the college administration has admitted defeat. President Kington is confirmed to have muttered, "Well, I guess these students won't be normal again until November."

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## Self-Gov Eaters

CAMPUS-The Grinnell College administration is under fire after rumors surfaced about they have been invoking dark powers to silence any mention of self governance.

The information came out in the form of an on-line statement made by an anonymous author who claims to be a member of the Grinnell college administration. Among the information leaked is a list of contacts and messages between administration members and entities the source identified as "evil archvillains" such as He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named, Sauron, House Lannister, and George W. Bush. The source discloses that tactics have been implemented, such as sending "Self-Gov Eaters" to track down anyone who mentions "Self-Gov Is Love" and casting "gradus descendere spells that curse tour guides with a 50% reduction in GPA if they dare mention Self-Gov to prospies".

"In fighting Grinnellians to end self-gov, we can't just really do the

usual – suspend those who are acting rowdy, threaten to expel them if they fight back, arrest people on charges of sedition..." the source wrote. "It was decided that a think-tank of the world's most powerful super villains would help us silence dissenters".

Said student Cayla Bents '16, via Facebook "Even though I was super polite at my meeting with President Kingston and took the cookie his secretary gave me, I am pissed as fuck at this bullshit. Even though Kingston very strongly denied the student body's accusations, I would like to point out that the administration has yet to provide explanations for behaviors which the student body sees as 'evil and just plain fucked up', such as the decision to set up a portal to the netherworld in our new golf course, and how President Kingston's was drinking animal blood during our meeting."

Students also point to a recent statement on the Grinnell College website, which read, "We're not saying that these allegations have a fragment of truth to them. But maybe, maybe, if you

are attending this college, then maybe, you have no right to complain about how we deal with self gov, and maybe, if you do decide to be ungrateful, then maybe, some demonic banshee will strangle you with your own entrails and post embarrassing statuses on your Facebook." Although it was taken down, it was replaced with another message that just read "Maybe."

Whilst some students call out the hypocrisy of Grinnell being a place of social justice and consorting with beings who are "literally the most evil beings to exist", others take greater issue with the cost of these new connections are allegedly charging the college.

Said Wesley Harper, "Come on, you're telling me that with this 'we are in austerity mode' bullshit we live under we can pay for Cthulhu to travel all the way from under the ocean to come and give a 10 minute speech on how to Consume our enemies, and satisfy his requirements for an incredibly specific diet of freshly spawned salmon and impressionable adults? What gives?"

## INFOGRAPHIC

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Clams

Sea Sponges

Silverfish

Androids

Genetically Reconstituted Dinosaurs

Baby Groot

## Sensitivity and Politics

Nina Galanter '18

I first heard that Antonin Scalia had died when I was walking down a South Campus hallway and read "OMG Scalia dead!" written on a dorm whiteboard. While this is notably the first and likely the last time I gained useful information from the odd flashes of decorating motivation Grinnellians have, the public and very exclamatory message did not sit well with me.

After confirming the news, I truly believed that there would be at least a day of politicians and media taking a moment to let the facts sink in, and maybe release some

of those noncontroversial obituary articles that don't quite say anything. Apparently even in the age of clickbait politics and POP CULTURE REFERENCE, I've still retained some of my naivete, as the immediate political responses to Scalia's death on all ends of the spectrum prove.

What has bothered me more are the people expressing, implicitly or outright, that they are happy Scalia is dead. Not many are disputing that Scalia was dedicated to his country. Scalia was admirable in many ways. Although he was politically conservative

and often voted that way, in some major cases he voted against the Republican consensus, such as in Texas v. Johnson and Maryland v. King. As my greatest bipartisan achievement was dressing up as Michelle Bachmann for Halloween, I respect that.

At the same time, it is potentially unfair to ask Americans to just view the issues Scalia held opinions on abstractly. If he had been able to completely enforce his opinions on abortion and LGBTQ rights, there would be many more obstacles to happiness or just survival in the lives of Grinnell

students and Americans in general. In addition, there is real evidence Scalia was homophobic. The Atlantic quotes him once saying, "If we cannot have moral feelings against homosexuality, can we have it against murder?" and as having dissented against overruling DOMA partly because it would pave the way for same sex marriage. I think it's reasonable to assume that Scalia's personal opinions influenced his work.

Another facet that complicates a proper response is the issue of death versus retirement. I would have been readily comfortable with people

expressing gladness at Scalia's retirement. Rejecting what Scalia achieved while on the Supreme Court is one thing, but to be positive about his death is in a way rejecting everything he achieved in his life. Thus, more sensitivity is required.

In the end, after not really coming to any opinion of my own, I think the most important aspect of anyone's reaction was the thought they put into that reaction. While researching this article (I actually did research, aren't you proud Mom?) I realized that the best articles were the ones whose writers put serious effort into grappling with

their opinion, whether they praised or condemned.

Just focusing on the strength of one's own opinion is, I believe, a lot of what is wrong with politics and even the increasing polarization of the court. Scalia was likely part of the problem and the solution. I'm sure there is no easy way to combat polarization in society, but at least we can do so in our own lives by thinking through responses to events like the death of Antonin Scalia, and preparing to stand by and defend our opinions. (Or just take the easy route and claim no strong opinion like me.)

### Claiming Responsibility:

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Vogue-Madonna

Mambo No. 5 (Disney)-Lou Bega