



Security Office Struggles with Local Time-Space Distortion



Above: The vortex at the Grinnell Security Office

CORNER OF EAST STREET AND 10th - The Grinnell College Security Office has been plagued by interesting weather phenomena and appearances of mutant animals and discarded Outtake boxes. The cause of this, researchers have found, is a hole in the time-space continuum manifesting as a time vortex appeared a few feet above the roof. This has caused a local time distortion, leading time near the security office to run more slowly than time in the surrounding area.

According to staff, this is not a new feature, Officer Brad Tucker said, "We've actually had a very tiny vortex for as long as I've been here. Usually you can only see it when the wind calms down. It's generally not a big problem. Our clock runs weirdly, and passing

birds get confused, but nothing major. There seems to be a weird gap between when we get calls to security and when we arrive on the scene, but again, that's not a big deal."

However, the recent changes have created more severe problems.

Student responder Evelyn Grace '19 said, "Since the start of semester the vortex has been much more of an issue. The other day I forgot my backpack at work, so I stepped into building to get it. When I stepped out, half an hour had passed!"

Said Officer Caroline Jads, "The worst part is that the time distortion screws with our electronics and our WiFi. We've had a real issue sending emails in a timely manner."

Continued Jads, "We're trying out several options to solve this.

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Trustees Visit Campus for Networking Opportunity

JRC 101-Last week, the Grinnell College Club of Trustees was treated to a weekend of networking with current students, the first event of the 3-day-long career-oriented fieldtrip to Grinnell. The networking evening was specifically designed with the aim of introducing Trustees to a variety of students with all majors and backgrounds, thus better preparing the Trustees for the professional world.

"I'm very excited to speak with experts in my goal career, especially the first-year students who seem to be very decisive in their respective fields," said Trustee Nathan Holman '79, making his way to second floor of the Jow Rowselield Centre and sporting his trusty scarlet and black tee, which he hopes "will make me more approachable and networkable as opposed to those dressed in classic business attire."

Other Trustees seemed to be less sure of their future professions, but were equally ready to mix and mingle. Sandra Foster '82 gave snippets of her "elevator speech" to anyone who would listen: "As an Undeclared Trustee, I like to say that I am a sponge: soaking



"I'm soaking up career advice from students!"
-Sandra Foster '82



up as much knowledge and career advice from students as possible!"

Surely, she was not disappointed, as the 2nd floor was three times over its capacity with current students hoping to bestow their wisdom on the Trustees. "It's all about loving what you do, then you won't have to call it work," revealed panelist Joe King '17, much to the

wonder of the Trustees, many of whom recorded insights such as this on professional legal pads. "Yes, and it's important to not keep all of your eggs in one basket. In our interdisciplinary era, one should uphold the values of the liberal arts and gain as many skills as possible in order to be marketable, as well as selecting work that doesn't force you to wake up at 8AM I'M LOOKING AT YOU TUTORIAL," lectured Ell O. L. '16 during the small group session.

Overall, the event not only exposed Trustees to a real-world setting in the politically-correct, isolated Grinnell Bubble, but also allowed for students to reminisce on their time at Grinnell. "Every time I have the chance to share my life experience with Trustees, I am reminded of the best six months of my life as a Grinnellian," reflected a misty-eyed Hillary Laris '19.

SHACS Outsources to Massage Chair

WELLNESS LOUNGE-After many students raised issues with the current healthcare available at SHACS, the administration has found several new solutions. According to RayKay, the most important edition to SHACS is the new massage chair in the Wellness Lounge.

"All of our problems have been fixed," said the singular SHACS nurse. "With the introduction of the new massage chair, SHACS no longer needs to address any of the students' concerns or needs ever again!"

The new massage chair has more capabilities than a typical massage chair. There are two remotes: one for massage, and one to perform a psychiatrist's duties.

"Press one for a reassuring adage. Press two for a terrifying diagnosis. Press three to have a corrective prescription thrown at you," said the massage

chair.

Now that the massage chair has been installed, SHACS has started giving referrals to the massage chair rather than GRMC, for most medical or mental health problems. However, many students have complained about the



"Press two for a terrifying diagnosis."
-Massage Chair



chair.

"I just wanted some Tylenol for a headache. The massage chair threw horse tranquilizers at me," stated Kenneth Irving '18 while picking pills out of his beard.

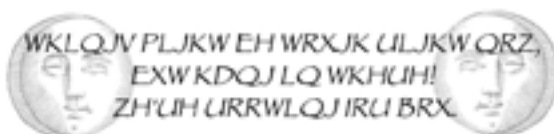
Despite the students' complaints, the administration has been continuously reshaping the Wellness Lounge as the "New SHACS." Many new features are

being put into place, such as a machine that dispenses free condoms to anyone who shouts "[NAME NEEDS CONDOMS!]", and five-dollar tampons. To save more money, SHACS has been converting existing Wellness Lounge features to serve as medical/mental health support. The iPads are now constantly logged in WebMD, so that students can look up their symptoms and perform a self-diagnosis. Students running a fever are now asked to press their faces against the tile floor to cool themselves down.

"I broke my arm and SHACS had me sit by the glowing orange wellness rock!" said Emily Marsellus. Her arm is still broken.

The move to the Wellness Lounge will be completed before the end of semester. Once it is finished, the Dining Hall plans to use the space and have the area dedicated solely to hot dog rollers.

This Week's Horoscope
The Oracles of Grinnell see a...
Caesar salad? Forgive us...
The future is unclear and hazy...



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Tips and Tricks to help you nail it!

Try playing Red Light,
Green Light in the dark.
It's like regular Red Light, Green Light,
except in the dark :)

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100 Days Party Takes a New Turn



Above: Students at 100 days embodying selfie love as self gov

ELK LODGE - A tradition long cherished by fourth years, 100 Days, took place last weekend. Although the night is known for its promiscuity, copious alcohol, and fun, students seemed to let loose in a different fashion this year.

"Just arrived at 100 Days!" Macy MacCreedy exclaimed as she snapped a photo of herself standing outside of the lodge in a formal dress. "Looks like it's time to send a snap! Hashtag so cute, hashtag what fun, hashtag 100 days!"

Other students partook in the massive social media outpouring. Many were taking photos of the food, drinks, and live band, while others were busy making Vines. Rather than dancing or mingling, most students sat in folding chairs, their eyes glued to their phones.

"Can we take a photo of us making out?" Chance Clarke asked his companion. "I promised my fans that I'd make-out with someone if I hit fifty followers."

The administration also supported the students' decision to take photos and live-blog the event. "Normally the students just awkwardly mill around, trying to hang out and talk to each other. But tonight, they're not even focused on making out. They're trying to find the perfect Instagram moment. I'd be worried about it if I weren't live-vlogging it myself," Shania Carlyle, head of 100 Days Committee said as she stuck her phone in front of a couple live-tweeting the event.

Many students participating in 100 Days weren't even physically at

the lodge. Several students facetimed into the event, staying in their rooms instead of going out and socializing.

"I got all dressed up, but decided not to go. I mean, why would I listen to music other people have picked out or dance under tacky decorations? Here I can eat what I want, listen to my own playlists, and make out with myself" said Clive Stetterson.

"My first year, I was super excited about making out with my classmates, especially this one guy I've had a crush on freshman year. And then I realized that it'd just be so much fun to spend my evening texting him instead of talking face to face! He just liked my post! We're basically dating." Paul Gates explained, showing off his iPhone.

"In the end, the food was delicious, and the atmosphere perfect for a

midnight dinner. However, the booze was cheap, which didn't really help. The water was also a little too spicy for me, so I ended up giving it one star" Carli French explained.

Even the special surprise—a class-wide shot—was panned online.

"Hashtag moonshine? Hashtag cheap alcohol." French explained, before turning to the girl beside her. "Want to film ourselves making out? For posterity?" Although most students were excited about the new changes to 100 Days, some reacted negatively. "It's not that I hated it, it's just that I spent three and a half years working up enough courage to talk to my crush," Camden Southerland explained. "And when I finally did make out with him, it was only for 10 seconds because that's the longest a snapchat video can be."

SECURITY BLOTTER

1:34 p.m. Officer walks into Security Office.

1:50 p.m. Officer walks past front desk.

2:16 p.m. Officer walks to their personal desk.

2:32 p.m. Officer sits down in their chair and feels the insidious feeling that, despite all evidence to the contrary, TIME HAS PASSED.

2:40 p.m. Officer experiences existential crisis about the meaninglessness of human perceptions of the world, and how our lives pass by in an instant, and how all that we create will ultimately crumble to the earth, and...

4:30 p.m. Officer snaps out of it and decides to take a walk to clear their head.

5:07 p.m. Officer walks out of security office and notices it is now considerable darker outside.

5:07:30 p.m. Officer checks their watch and realizes its time to go home. They shake off the feeling that they have accomplished nothing.

What Do You Think?

Face-swapping is the newest hit trend.

What do you think?



Sophie Kornbluh '16
Fourth Year tired of her flesh prison.
"Plug me in."



Normal Power Outlet
Keeps it tight.
"Plug it in."



TRANSCENDENT BEING
The horror, the horror.
"The pact has been made and the contract is complete. We have Risen."

Distortion *from page 1*

At the beginning of the semester we were using a Morse code lantern system to communicate with ITS, but the time distortion made everything seem like a dash. The logical plan B is using coded messages transmitted via carrier pigeon, but there is a shortage of those in Iowa so we might try turkey vultures instead."

However, the staff are working to address the slowdown of normal operations caused by the time-space hole.

Officer Tucker said,

"One way to remedy our reduced efficiency is to hire more student workers to receive calls. Also, most of us are confident the student staff's training is enough for them to also act as responders in low risk situations. The competence of our student staff will greatly improve our speed."

Officer Jad said, "We have also considered more radical methods to compensate for our increased time deficiencies. We may

increase the officers, perhaps moving to two officers even at quieter times like Saturday nights."

For a more permanent solution, Security has reached out to the Physics department.

Said Professor Amy Gonzalez, Physics, "This is a serious issue. Previous case studies of time vortexes show that there is significant chance that the office could get stuck in a time loop. The officers would never be able to leave. While this might only have a marginal impact

on security's efficacy, it would be more problematic for those trapped in the building."

Gonzalez continued, "Because of the importance of the situation, I am planning a MAP with three to four students. Our goal is to either remove the vortex or, in the best case scenario, to harness its space-time travel potential, which would allow officers to instantaneously teleport across campus. I estimate this could lead to responder wait times as low as twenty minutes."

HAIR//CUTS

CAMPUS - We've all been on campus for a long time and you know what that means! It means that we all look really gross right now! At least I know I do! Hahahaha, I really need a haircut! My hair gets in my eyes and when I roll over in bed I can hear it crackling with static and it hurts to breathe sometimes and it's really hard to comb! I know a lot of us have this problem so fear not, we've tested every hair cut option available to us right here in Grinnell!!

First up is a local barbershop! I walked right in there and sat right down on one of those big fancy chairs and told them to give me the daily special! The haircut didn't even take 20 minutes and you'll never believe what I saw when I looked into the mirror! They gave me the double twenty two switcheroo, a style popularized by the owners themselves! It was great but it looked like they didn't even cut my hair at all!!

There's a salon right next door and I went straight there! I walked in but all the chairs were full?! I spoke to the receptionist and she said that they were completely booked for the day! And the next day! And the next day!! What the heck!? This place is so popular how is anyone supposed to get their hair cut? And they do scalp massages?? I don't need anyone getting that close to my noggin! What if they break it?!

Next! I grabbed some scissors and ran to the JRC! HAHAHA just kidding don't run with scissors! You might accidentally stab someone and spend the next few days apologizing to them and bringing them to-go boxes in the hospital because hospital food is really bad and then you'll have to a new pair of scissors because your old ones are covered in someone else's blood! Anyway, I grabbed my

new pair of scissors and ran to the JRC and asked people walking by if they'd cut my hair! A few people did! They did a really good job, they detached locks of my hair and everything! One of them recommended going to their roommate for a haircut because she cuts the hair of everyone he knows! Wow, what an entrepreneur!

I found her! Or at least I found her room!! I walked in because the door was unlocked (LOCK YOUR DOORS!!) She had a ton of different scissors so I knew I was in the right place! She even had special craft scissors that you use to cut patterns out of construction paper! Like waves! They don't work well on hair though!! I looked for some clippers but her roommate came in and screamed! She didn't like my haircut! I guess this isn't the best place to get a haircut!

Where else can you even get a haircut here?! Why do I even need to get a haircut?! I called my dad for some fatherly

advice on how to get a professional haircut! Here's what he said! "I'm sorry, the number you have reached is not in service, or temporarily disconnected! The number you have reached is not in service at this time!" I can always count on my dad to give me just the advice I need! Service, of course! If you're looking for a good haircut, you HAVE to try Grinnell College's very own CLS (which stands for Center for Careers, Life, and Service! Although it should really be called TCFCLAS in that case to be honest! CHANGE IT!)

I stopped by for some quick advice but they didn't have any haircuts! They did have cool wigs and cut-up suits I wore to take a LinkedIn photo! Thanks, CLS!

Lastly I tried out... my cat, PEPSI!! I crushed up some catnip and rubbed it in my hair and told Pepsi to do her best!! And she did!!! She tore out a lot of my hair and then spit it back out later in case! How considerate! Thank PEPSI!

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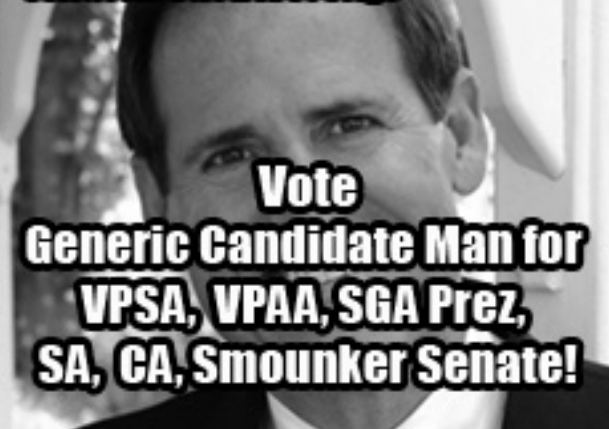
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Do you like Mental Health? What About Diversity?



I promise to:

- Represent Grinnellian Interests In Meetings With The Administration
- Work on Diversity, Mental Health, Title IX Stuff, Transparency, And Other Issues That Literally Every Other Candidate Cares About
- Bring World Peace
- Keep Making Vague Promises Without Any Hint of How To Implement Them

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I HAVE SPOKEN.

VOTE FOR ME OR PAY THE CONSEQUENCES

Senior Ex-Athletes Struggle

THE BEAR-Senior athletes who have completed their final seasons are finding that once they leave the comfortable sweat-soaked cocoon, there's no going back.

The symptoms of athletic withdrawal can be devastating. Sarah Lopez, a former cross-country runner, bemoaned, "I feel so lonely and isolated without my team all around me. We always used to finish each other's..." Here she paused, but nobody chimed in.

Harry Cho, formerly of the men's soccer team, also experiences difficulty with the separation. "Yesterday I went to the Bear to work out to forget my sadness, and it worked at first, but as soon as I stepped into that shower alone the echoing emptiness was just devastating. And then I got lost walking to the JRC. I guess for the past four years I've been just following the pack, so I never actually learned anything for myself."

Faculty members report that recovering athletes

can be disruptive in classes. "When they're in season, it's easy for the football players to scratch their sportive itch," explained economics professor Chad Zimmer. "But now whenever one of them answers a question wrong in class they'll jump out of their chair and run a lap of campus as self-punishment."

Some of the coping mechanisms that the seniors have been using can be very public. "Honestly, the only thing that really made sense was to plaster the loggias with screenshots from our team's inside jokes on Snapchat," insisted former women's soccer team member Alice O'Reilly. "It's our way of providing concrete evidence that for the past four years, we have eaten, slept, and laughed as a family. As long as these pictures are publicly available, nobody can deny our experience."

For others, simple physical contact with a relic of their athletic past can provide the comfort they need. "I carry a volleyball with me wherever I go," explained Misty Roberts, formerly of the women's volleyball team. "I got

a signed letter from my coach—I mean, my ex-coach," she said, choking back a sob, "so that I could take it to class. It's actually the ball from the game where we almost beat Carleton. Good times."

To ease the transition, the College's athletic training staff has developed a program intended to gradually decrease the seniors' reliance on all things sports. "Our most successful initiative to date has been our team-breaking series," boasted trainer Monica Murray. "The purpose is to allow teammates to show one another that they no longer have unconditional support, through activities such as Mistrust Falls, in which everyone gets dropped, and Anonymous Insults, where people express their true feelings. It's been great—the men's cross-country team is hardly speaking to one another anymore!"

But despite their struggles, the ex-athletes maintain empathy toward their peers. Said former football player Brett Sykes, "While this is hard for us, I imagine it must be devastating to our fans."

INFOGRAPHIC

How did we spend Leap Day?

-Played leapfrog with someone we love

-Skipped class

-Experienced temporal distortions

-Submitted a budget to ACE for your "Everyone Jump at the Same Time" Event

-Hopped a train

-Started writing "March" in the date too early

-Ran as fast as possible in an attempt to reach light speed and negate one extra day of aging

What Are You Doing After Graduation?

Sophie Kornbluh '16

Well, nobody said it would be easy, but here I am, watching Gmail in real time in the hope that one of my prospective employers will contact me, muttering "Please employ me please employ me please employ me please employ me" out loud and furiously chewing over-salted roasted pumpkin seeds, the husks sticking to my teeth to become tasty morsels for later.

My reaction to "What are you doing after graduation?" has evolved from fear, to general annoyance, to wanting to throw my computer at a tile floor, to hysterical

laughter, to fabricating stories about working as a double agent in corporate espionage for both Google and Apple, and finally to genuinely not feeling quite as concerned but still really hoping something works out.

I gotta say, if there's one thing Grinnell doesn't prepare us for, it's rejection. This place is dripping with opportunities, and if you know the right people in the right places it can seem like anything is possible #nolimits. So when I got my first "Sorry, we don't think you're right for our team" email, I was almost a little bit offended. For the past four years people

have been telling me that just having Grinnell on my resume will open so many doors for me, which is still probably true, but apparently the big professional world out there doesn't play favorites.

Another thing that I feel weird about is that feeling that, when I do land something, it has to be Big and Good and Prestigious. I'm probably projecting, but sometimes it seems that, with my classmates getting scooped up by tech companies and national agencies left and right, I'm somehow not living up to the Good Name of Grinnell if I wind up doing something less impressive,

like AmeriCorps or HealthCorps.

Of course I am excited for my peers, I want to make that clear. It's just hard not to compare myself to them. But then again, if I'm bragging on my resume about knowing beginning French and having once used InDesign, maybe I don't actually deserve this kind of position.

Ultimately, I know that what I really want is Happiness. And of course, the whiny young millennial that I am, I have no idea what that means for me. Grad school? Research? Service work? True Love? I have lots of vague interests that don't particularly line

up with careers. Does the world need another post-bac whose marketable skills are writing scientific papers, doing improv, and worrying about social interactions at a level of detail that is entirely unnecessary?

Well, I'm proud to announce that I think I'm finally internalizing the idea that living at home and working at a job that isn't intended to directly advance my career goals is an acceptable and reasonable (if short-term) option. And I'm not just saying that to sound like a non-bitter and well-rounded person. It's really not the end of the world if I don't get any of the positions to

which I've applied. (On a side note: aren't we just sick and tired of applying to things? I thought I was done once I got into college but now I realize that the rest of my life will just be a series of applications and cover letters and guiltily asking for letters of recommendation.)

So now, as my rejection emails trickle in and my options dwindle, I think I need to hope for the best but also be prepared for "the worst". Anything could happen. To quote the Grey's Anatomy theme song, "Nobody knows where they might end up. Oh, oh, oh, oh, suppose you'll never know."

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Dean of Baked Goods: Aaron Weerasinghe '17
Dean of Obscure Fonts: Nina Galanter '18
Dean of Dankness: Abraham Mhaidli '17
Vice Deans List: Elizabeth Zak '18, Andrea Baumgartel '19, Katie Lou McCusker '19

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