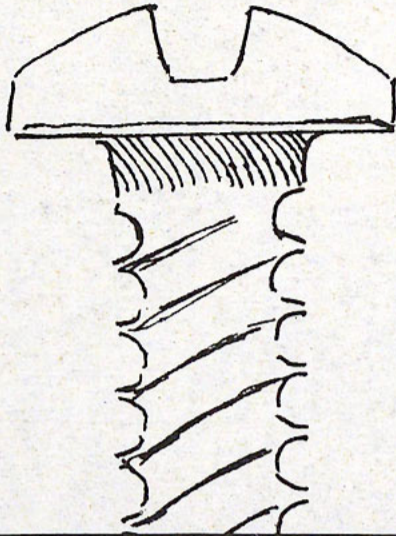


The Peace Beacon



Grinnell in Star Wars

ITS 1986, AND AT GRINNELL COLLEGE. THE FUTURE IS NOW.

In line with its continuing goal to introduce opportunities for students to combine problem-solving techniques with new technology, administration officials announced this week the new "Grinnell in Star Wars" program in conjunction with the Sloan Technology Studies and the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI).

"We're bringing the High Frontier to the cornfields," an administration spokesman said. "Who'd look for it there?"

This week, the S&B turns the screws on the Grinnell-Star Wars connection.



Poly-Sci Profs Peeved

by Iache El-Y'am

In an effort to increase space for the new "Grinnell in Star Wars" research program, the administration announced that the Political Science Department would be abolished, effective immediately.

"The administration feels it will be beneficial to the student body to have the added opportunity to take part in independent research," President Drake said in an interview.

According to Admissions director John Hopkins, "Students participating in the 'Grinnell in Star Wars' program will aid in conducting research to make today's pipe dreams tomorrow's death rays — oops, that's 'defensive deterrent.'"

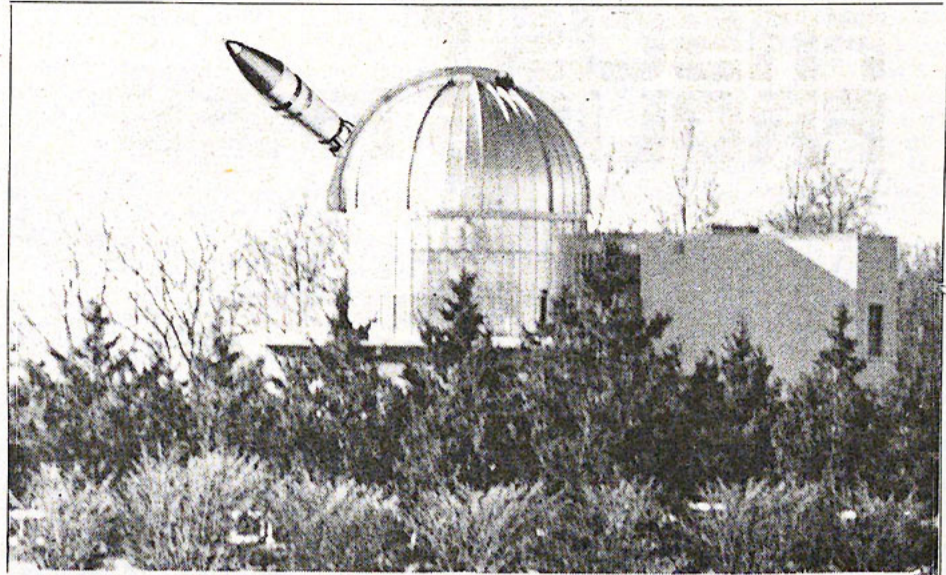
"We felt the continued existence of the political science department would only impede the full fruition of this program," he said in a later interview.

Department funding including the salaries of the former professors will be put directly into the conversion of their old offices and classrooms into SDI student research centers. Work is currently underway to convert the office computers into direct linkage with the Pentagon's mainframes.

"I don't care what they say," Associate Professor of Political Science Ira Strauber said. "I want these bombs out of my office, dammit!"



Ready for action: prospective missileman Cadmus. Photo courtesy of Defense Department.



Preliminary testing underway at the observatory. Covert photograph supplied by local intelligence services.

MX Moved

by Iache El-Y'am

The physics department has arranged an on-campus ICBM site in return for a substantial Defense Department research grant, sources inside the physics department say.

To the unknowing eye of the average prospective and Soviet spy satellites, the Gale O. Grant Observatory appears to be nothing more than a place to watch the stars. According to Professor of Physics Robert Cadmus, however, this fall the observatory will be a fully operational site for a \$70 million MX missile.

The MX housing was part of Grinnell College's bid submitted to the Pentagon for the SDI research contract. In return for extensive funding for research for SDI — lasers, particle beam weapons, and other systems — the college agreed to house the MX.

Students criticizing the deployment claimed the silo's presence makes Grinnell a primary target for nuclear attack.

"Actually, I feel that the silo's appearance as an observatory greatly reduces Grinnell's prime target status," Cadmus said. "Besides, it's time we took a stand to aid our President's fight against the evil Pinko empire. The Bear is in the woods, and this little baby is going to keep him there!"

Cadmus, or "Cranium Bob" as he is called in official telexes to the Pentagon, was tight-lipped as far as spelling out the actual research that is conducted on campus.

When asked if this was due to respect for national defense, he responded, "Hell, no! If I were to tell you what we are really doing in the physics department, the next thing I'd know, some bleeding-heart liberal would spring up out of the weeds and try to launch balloons on my front lawn."

Cranium Bob discounted any ethical or professional conflict in housing the ten-warhead ICBM.

"Are you kidding? The MX is a PEACEMAKER. It's a deterrent. It's time Grinnellians woke up and smelled the roses. The Nicaraguan Commies are a two days drive from Texas; the Cuban reds are close enough to pick-up Miami radio; and the Russian students have taken over Brown House!! The time to act against the Soviet lapdogs is near. I'm proud to be doing my part."

When asked why he agreed to talk to the S&B rather than remain silent in view of the proximity of potential Soviet spies, he replied, "I'm not worried. I've got the entire observatory wired. One false step and KABLAM! Besides, no one reads this paper anyway."

The following paid Scarlet and Black staff positions are still open:

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Copy Editor	Circulation Manager
Ad Manager	

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Graphics Design Cartoonist

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