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  - b. those ~~unadmitted~~ seniors who, counting the grades of "credit" for this semester, have passed sufficient courses to fulfill requirements of their major departments and the general education requirements of the college, shall be awarded their B.A. degrees.
  
2. Classes be instituted, staffed by faculty and students, dealing with the following topics:
  - a. The political, historical and economic situation in Southeast Asia.
  - b. Governmental repression of minority groups and student dissent.
  - c. Techniques of community organization
    1. Your own community
    2. General strategy
  - d. Techniques of self-defense for non-violent political action
    1. Medical
    2. Organizational
    3. Street Action
  - f. Techniques of political communication.
  - g. Principles and tactics of collective action
    1. Institutionally
    2. Urban
  - g. American Foreign Policy - in general

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- 3) Coordination centers be established for the following purposes:
  - a. Dissemination of news information
  - b. Transportation to major political actions
  
- 4) Grinnell shall be closed for the remainder of the academic year.

Amendment: Substitute for 1 of

1. A) Classes and examinations for the remainder of the academic year shall be optional. No penalties shall be assessed for failure to attend either classes or examinations.
- a. All students presently enrolled for credit shall receive "credit" grades for their courses.
- b. ~~THOSE SENIORS WHO, COUNTING THE GRADES OF "CREDIT" FOR THIS SEMESTER, HAVE PASSED SUFFICIENT COURSES TO FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THEIR MAJOR DEPARTMENTS AND THE GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE COLLEGE, SHALL BE AWARDED THEIR B.A. DEGREE.~~ <sup>or fail</sup>  
Those seniors who, counting the grades of "credit" <sup>or fail</sup> for this semester, have passed sufficient courses to fulfill the requirements of their major departments and the general education requirements of the college, shall be awarded their B.A. degree.

1B) Classes optional

a) If no classes

1) Credit

2) Ext w/ grades

3) Seniors either

b) Option to attend

1) Receive grade & proceed

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a. all <sup>Courses</sup> ~~students~~ presently ~~enrolled~~ <sup>being taught</sup> for credit shall receive <sup>will be graded on</sup> "credit" for their courses. <sup>or</sup> <sup>credit-</sup>

b. those seniors who, counting the grades of "credit" for <sup>fail</sup> this semester, have passed sufficient courses to fulfill requirements of their major departments and the general education requirements of the college, shall be awarded their B.A. degree.

2.) Classes be instituted, staffed by faculty and students, dealing with the following topics:

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The following proposals will be voted upon in a campus-wide opinion poll to be conducted Friday, May 8, in Quad and Cowles lunch lines:

#### Proposal I

1. Suspend classes and examinations for the rest of the academic year.
  - a. All courses currently being taught will be graded on a credit-fail basis.
  - b. Those seniors who, counting grades of "credit" for this semester, have passed sufficient courses to fulfill requirements of their major department and the general education requirements of the college, shall be awarded their B.A. degrees.
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  - a. The political, historical, and economic situation in Southeast Asia.
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3. Coordination centers be established for the following purposes:
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#### Proposal II

1. Classes and examinations for the remainder of the academic year shall be optional. No penalties shall be assessed for failure to attend either classes or examinations.
  - a. Same as 1a. in Proposal I above.
  - b. Same as 1b. in Proposal I above.
2. Same as 2 above.
3. Same as 3 above.

#### Proposal III

Normal college activities should be suspended in some manner, but I do not agree with proposals I and II.

#### Proposal IV

All normal college activities should continue as usual.

Absentee ballots can be obtained at the SGA OFFICE (Forum) and returned there before 1 p.m., May 8.

# A STATEMENT FROM THE SGA PRESIDENT

Because of my role as chairman in the various meetings that have taken place recently I have not been in a position to state my views on the issues before us. However in my role as S. G. A. President I feel it my responsibility to state those views.

We have reached a critical point in our history. Decisions are being made and will continue to be made in the near future which will determine what path our nation will follow--self-determination or intervention abroad, liberty or authority at home, indeed freedom or repression in all our actions. These are the choices.

In light of these events it is necessary now that Grinnell College leave the ivory tower of academia and engage itself in the struggle at hand. This departure from formal academic endeavor will necessitate sacrifice by all members of this institution. But these sacrifices pale when compared with the sacrifices exacted by our nation of the young, the dissident, and people of color all over the world.

For these reasons I wholeheartedly support the Thomas proposal.

Andy Loewi

President, Grinnell College  
Student Gov't Ass'n

Attention Americans

We have stopped you  
for one simple immediate  
reason - it is a hassle. We  
have been hassled to even  
further extremes - we must  
fight YOUR war - a  
war with no meaning, an  
immoral and illegal war.

We want the war to end —  
NOW. Think of the small  
hassle you are going thru.

Then think of us - young  
people who must fight it  
and kill and be killed. Help  
stop the war. Support us.

Write letters. Vote only  
for peace candidates.

END THE WAR - NOW!

PEACE

May 8, 1970

To the Grinnell town and college communities:

We, members of the Grinnell College Christian Fellowship,

- concerned by the continuing violence and killing in Southeast Asia,
- concerned by the increasing hostility and polarization of our fellow men of all ages and colours,
- in accordance with our Christian belief that ". . . all other commandments are summed up in this one saying "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Love hurts nobody: therefore Love is the answer to the Law's commands," (Rom 13: 9-10),
- realizing the moral imperatives of our faith,

Hereby,

- publicly state our revulsion at senseless violence and bloodshed, and ask each American to consider non-violence, peaceful action, and brotherly love as his personal tactics in these troubled times,
- and will, as individuals and as representatives of the Grinnell College Christian Fellowship, visit the ministers and congregations of Grinnell to share our views and learn of their views during the coming days.

9 May 1970

TO: All Students and Faculty

FROM: J. F. Wall

To assure the expeditious completion of course grading selections by students and to guarantee equitable evaluation of all course work, the following options, which are an elaboration and extension of those outlined in the President's statement of May 8, are given below.

The student may request:

1. a grade of "credit" or "fail" based on the instructor's evaluation of course work due by Friday, May 8. In this category of cases, the instructor will report to the Registrar only "credit" or "fail" (not a letter grade). These credit grades may be employed in any course the student may be currently taking, including courses in satisfaction of general or major requirements. As no letter grade will be submitted by the instructor, the credit grades in this category may not subsequently be converted into letter grades.
2. a letter grade based on the instructor's evaluation of course work due by Friday, May 8. If the instructor believes that requisite work completed to date does not allow of a letter grade evaluation by reason of considerations internal to the course, he may choose not to honor this option. In such a case a student may then elect either option 1 or 4.
3. a grade of "incomplete" to be temporarily registered and converted into "credit-fail" grade upon completion of requisite work on or before October 1, 1970. In this category of cases, the instructor will report to the Registrar a letter grade in addition to the notation "credit" or "fail."
4. a grade of "incomplete" to be temporarily registered and converted into a letter grade upon completion of requisite work on or before October 1, 1970.

The student may select any of these options, but his selection must be made by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 13. If the Registrar does not receive notification of student option (attached form will be used) by Wednesday, May 13, option 1 will be automatically assigned. Each student should fill out the form, in consultation with his course instructors. Both the student and the instructor will sign the form. ALL FORMS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE.



Recognizing the grave political and educational crisis which this nation and this college presently face, I believe that the college cannot continue to carry on its normal and traditional functions in the next two weeks. I recognize the desire and the need of individual members of the community to participate in non-violent and informational political activities, and by suspending normal activity for the remainder of the current academic year we allow individual members of the community to engage in such activities.

After consultation with the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and other members of the Board, I am therefore recommending to the Faculty that classes be suspended for the remainder of the academic year and that the campus be officially closed at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13.

This means that: 1) there will be no final examination period this year; 2) there will be no Commencement activities this year; 3) that by the period between now and May 13th students will have the opportunity to meet with their instructors to work out arrangements for the conclusion of their academic responsibilities under conditions which Dean Wall will discuss; 4) that individual Grinnell students will have the opportunity to engage in educational and informational activities of their own choosing until the date of closing.

Let me speak more specifically to several concrete problems which are before us: First, there is the problem of meeting academic requirements. I am making the following specific proposals regarding academic regulations:

a. Students may request:

- 1) a grade of "credit" or "fail" be submitted on the basis of faculty evaluation of work completed to date;
- 2) a grade of "incomplete" be temporarily registered and converted into a letter grade or "credit-fail," depending on the student's choice at registration, upon completion of assigned work by October 1, 1970.

b. The selection of the grading option will be the individual student's; requests for "incomplete" grades will be honored by all departments and will be approved by the Dean of the College. The Academic Standing Committee will be in daily session during the next week to consider individual cases of academic status that students may wish to bring to the Committee.

c. In order to facilitate the selection of the grading options, all faculty members will be available in their offices for consultation throughout the next week. Students concerned about their status in a given course should then consult with their instructor.

d. The Commencement exercises will be canceled this June. However, all seniors presently eligible for graduation will be assured their degrees, with a grade of "credit" being registered for work done this semester. However, any senior requesting a grade of "incomplete" will be awarded his degree upon favorable completion of assigned work at any time before October 1, 1970. All degrees, earned and honorary, will be awarded in absentia, and Commencement exercise programs will be mailed to all graduating seniors.

Second, I have directed that all college housing facilities be closed on Wednesday, May 13, at 6:00 p.m. Food service will be available until the same time on a cafeteria basis.

Third, Building and Grounds personnel have been directed to keep storage facilities open on an extended basis in order to facilitate packing and storage of student belongings.

Fourth, I have directed that bus transportation to Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, and Chicago be provided students by the college in order to ease the problem of student exodus from campus.

Fifth, because one student option concerning the fulfillment of academic requirements is to take incompletes in courses until October 1, 1970, I have directed the library to extend loan privileges to students throughout the summer.

Sixth, since preregistration for courses next year cannot be conducted on campus this spring, preregistration will be done by mail during the summer.

Seventh, because of the myriad of administrative responsibilities which remain, administrative processes in Burling, the Downtown Office Building, and student Forum will remain active during this period.

I have brought this to you, with the authorization of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, for your consideration. At the conclusion of discussion I shall ask for an expression of your support.

Glenn Leggett