

No Charge For Athletic Events--Says Grinnell

GRINNELL, Ia.—(I.P.)—Abolition of charges to the public for athletic games has been strongly advocated by the Grinnell College faculty both for Grinnell and for all other colleges and universities, it was revealed here.

It was learned that a four-page credo "intended to spell out in specific terms the attitude of Grinnell College toward the program of intercollegiate athletics, to define our interpretation of the 'spirit' of amateur athletic competition, and to present to the faculties of the Midwest conference colleges the results of our thinking" was passed by faculty vote recently.

President Samuel N. Stevens is widely known to be against collegiate professionalism, although the report passed originated in the Educational Policies committee and the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics of this institution. The report was presented to the meeting as having the full approval of the coaching staff of the college.

Abolition of spring football was another tenet of the passed document. "No off-campus group shall have control of athletic policies," the same document reads, and continues: "It is the essence of this proposal that no group of alumni, 'friends' of the college, sports promoters, booster clubs, 'sidewalk' alumni, or any other person not an integral part of the physical education department, the faculty, or administration of the college shall have a voice in determining either policy or procedure for the athletic program."

Campus consensus on this campus seemed to be that while football here could not be a box-office attraction in the foreseeable future, basketball is very definitely a "paying proposition," and that Grinnell acceptance of the "no box office charge" would be felt in that sport.

Echoes of the Beloit College suspension of last spring were seen in the Grinnell faculty action, for while no reasons for the suspension have ever been made public it is common knowledge that sports are paying off in the Wisconsin institution.

The Grinnell credo is based on four main points: (1) Intercollegiate athletics are for the benefit of the students, supplying those students with a focal point for group activity and shared emotional experiences; (2) Intercollegiate athletics must operate on a strictly amateur basis with no financial profit accruing to the student participants, to the college, or to the coaching staff; (3) Intercollegiate athletics must be administered as an integral part of the physical education department, and may not be used as a basis for exploitation of students, or for extensive institutional promotion; (4) Intercollegiate athletics must be controlled in the same manner that all other institutional activities are managed.

Where Grinnell goes from there seems at this point not entirely clear even on the campus itself or on the part of sampled faculty members. Various faculty men have stated that the document does not in itself constitute an authoritative action putting the specific sections into effect at Grinnell. Rather, they say, it is a recommendation to the Midwest conference.

Terming current intercollegiate athletic troubles as "homemade," President Stevens states that "It is outside of the academic tradition for intercollegiate athletics to be thought of as a circus or spectacle for the masses."

Weekly Bridge Games Start

The Graham Memorial main lounge will be host tonight and every Tuesday night at 7:15 to the regular weekly duplicate Bridge tournament. All old participants and all other interested bridge players meet in the GM main lounge.

The games will be held each Tuesday evening with rating-points being awarded to the winners. Once a month a master-point game will be held. The first of these games will be held on January 22.

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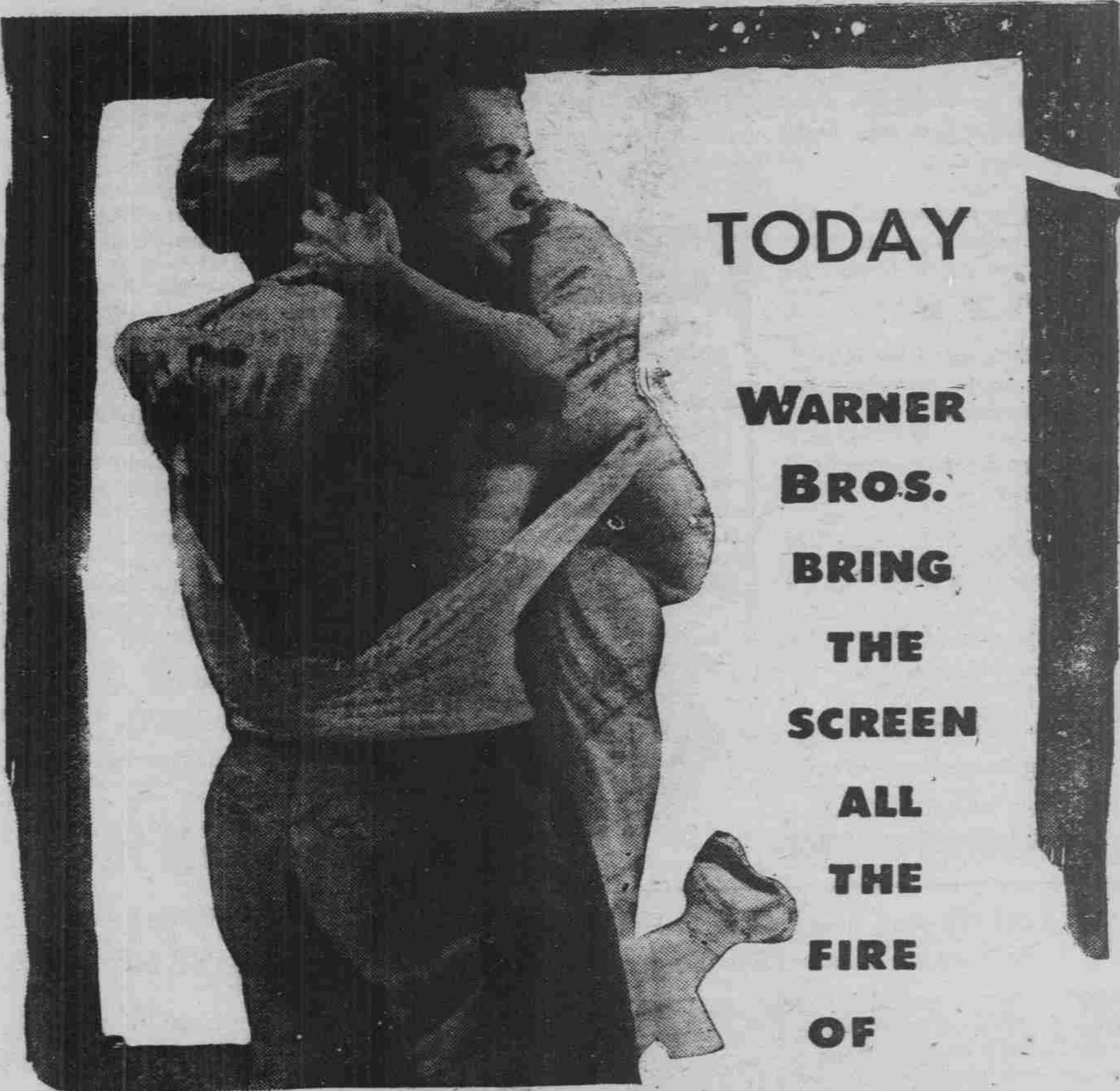
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