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Starr district shines after clean-up day



Photo by Elsa Haag

Assistant Professor of Japanese Yasumi Kuriya hands a trash bag to sophomore Maria Adamson as they prepare to pick up trash in Richmond's Vaile neighborhood Saturday morning.

As part of this year's Earlham-Richmond Community Day of Service, about 40 students and a handful of Earlham faculty and staff joined city employees, elementary school students and other volunteers to pick up trash from the streets between Vaile Elementary School and the Elizabeth Starr Academy. Some ranged out as far as Glen Miller Park.

Students ate a Sodexo-furnished breakfast in Rmynan before piling into Street Department dump trucks and traveling to the Vaile and Starr neighborhoods. The event culminated in a lunch of pizza, hot dogs and hamburgers on 19th Street between the Starr Academy and the Restoration Outreach Center.

Richmond Mayor Sally Hutton had "nothing but praise" for the Earlham students and others who participated.

"We did a lot of work," Hutton said. "Working side by side and laughing, getting to know each other, I think, has done us all well."

Wind turbine installed atop roof of Dennis

By William Duffee

Staff reporter

Students and faculty erected a wind turbine on top of Dennis Hall last weekend, a symbol of Earlham's efforts toward sustainability spinning above campus for all to see.

The wind turbine is a development of the Hardware Interfacing Project (HIP), a student group in the computer science department that has been working on forms of alternative energy production.

The wind turbine is grid-tied, meaning it feeds the power it generates into Dennis' electrical grid. Though the turbine doesn't generate a large amount of power, it is nonetheless a source

of alternative energy.

"It's a small percentage of the building's power," said Associate Professor of Computer Science Charlie Peck, the faculty advisor for HIP. "The meter, in effect, never spins backwards, but it slows down."

The turbine's peak capacity of energy production is 1.5 kilowatts per hour, but HIP is unsure of how much the turbine will actually generate.

"What we're going to do is take close readings over a couple of weeks, compare those to the wind data that we have for those same couple of weeks, and then see what relationship they have to each other before we make any big predictions," Peck said.

"Once we get a year's worth

of data, that will give us a pretty good idea," said sophomore Ben Smith, a member of HIP.

Though this specific turbine has only been in the making since the fall, Peck and HIP have been working on related projects for much longer.

According to Peck, about five years ago he and Professor of Mathematics Mic Jackson received funding from an anonymous donor to work on sustainable energy projects. Together, the two designed a proposal to incorporate wind and solar energy into Earlham's energy usage.

They subsequently installed solar panels on the roof of Dennis, which have "been producing a noticeable part of the building's

energy for the last four or five years," according to Jackson.

Though they would have then worked on harnessing wind energy at Earlham, the technology had not advanced enough to use turbines on campus.

"The wind turbines that were available five years ago were too noisy, too much vibration, and too much of a dynamic load for this roof to handle," said Jackson.

At the same time, officials said wind power was not possible.

"When we first began this ... the common opinion was that this part of Indiana didn't have enough wind [to generate power]," Jackson said. "Charlie [Peck] and students put in a ... wind velocity measuring device on top of Dennis seven or eight

years ago, and their data has proven that we've got sufficient wind."

With these results, and as technology advanced, the two professors and HIP invested in a small turbine at Miller Farm, and more recently the turbine on Dennis, which is more powerful than Miller Farm's.

These turbines are part of a larger scheme for sustainable energy at Earlham — a scheme in which HIP plans to play a large role.

The group is looking at three more locations for turbines, which are Earlham and Wilson Halls, as well as another on

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Earth Week raises awareness, supports local food

By William Duffee

Staff reporter

Students are digging deeper into their awareness about environmental issues through Earth Week, a weeklong series of events surrounding Earth Day on April 22.

Earlham Environmental Action Coalition (EEAC) is sponsoring the celebrations that, according to sophomore EEAC member Clara Lippert, "promote sustainability and environmental awareness."

The celebratory week began on Sunday with a bird walk, and has since included a screening of the film "Fresh," a trip to the local farmers' market, a senator call-in session and, in celebration of Earth Day yesterday, a party and open mic at the student-run coffee shop.

Earth Week continues through Sunday, with a "Critical Mass" bike ride today, Farm Day at Miller Farm tomorrow, and a 100-mile radius potluck at Miller Farm on Sunday.

The goal of the week is to "be more aware in general," said Lippert. "There's lots of things that

we take for granted in our daily lives."

In addition to general environmental awareness, EEAC organized the week with a particular emphasis on local foods.

"Buying local food is really good for creating local economies: oftentimes small farmers use much more sustainable methods ... than large-scale, industrial agriculture," said junior Carmen Black, co-convenor of EEAC. "Buying local is something that students can do when they're purchasing their own foods ... [It is] something that's hard to do as a student, but can be done."

Former biology professor Bill Buskirk, who led the Sunday morning bird watch, appreciated the effort to focus on the earth.

"I have a lot of respect for the students who organize [the week] for the college," he said. "I think it's always an important thing for us to take that extra time and think about the Earth that we share with other organisms, as well as other people."

Black said that Earth Week has not been a big event at Earlham

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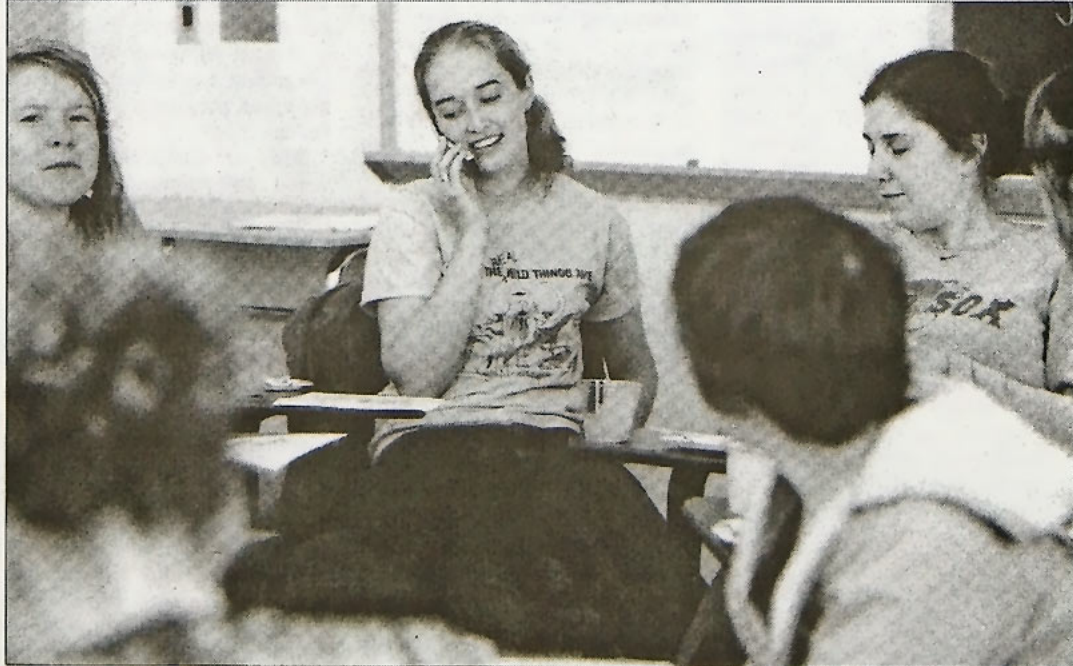


Photo by Elsa Haag

Junior Sarah Waddle leaves a message for Indiana Senator Evan Bayh (D) on Wednesday as part of a call-in organized by the Earlham Environmental Action Coalition (EEAC) for Earth Week. About a dozen students showed up to place phone calls to Senator Bayh and Senator Richard Lugar (R) urging them to vote no on the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act. EEAC members baked food for students who showed up using local ingredients from Clear Creek Co-op.

NEWS BRIEFS

Magician to perform

Magician Norman Ng will perform "The Norman Magic Experience" in Wilkinson tomorrow at 10 p.m. Ng will also be giving impromptu performances at Springfest, an event sponsored by the Student Activities Board (SAB).

"His performance is not the conventional pull-a-rabbit-out-of-a-hat sort of magic," said SAB member Maryam Taheri in an e-mail. "It's a real experience. I think people will be pleasantly surprised by it."

Taheri added that Springfest, which is SAB's only daytime event during the spring semester, seemed like a good place to add a performance.

"Everyone loves the hypnotist at the beginning of the year," Taheri said. "Norman is amazing in a different way."

Ng has been performing for over 17 years and his stop at Earlham College is part of a longer nationwide tour. He focuses on bringing audience members up on stage and into his show, according to his Web site.

Wondering about the "E"

A giant letter "E" made out of aluminum cans surprised students on the Heart on Monday.

Freshman Leah Park created the sculpture, constructed out of 2,446 aluminum cans, packing tape, Styrofoam and photos of Earlham students. Park titled the construction "The Screaming E." She built it to honor the diversity found in daily life on Earlham campus.

When asked about the inspiration behind her creation, Park said, "I don't know why or how, but it just came to my mind."

The Screaming E is part of Park's final project for her Interpretive Practice, David Ebenbach's "Creative Process." The class required students to complete a creative project for this Tuesday, with a final paper about the experience due at the end of the semester.

Park's essay will describe the frustration she experienced, as well as the ways she overcame them to succeed.

"I learned that to be creative, patience is needed, and sometimes you need other people's help," Park said.

She has been collecting cans since the project's assignment a month and a half ago, drawing from sources that include donations from students and teachers, campus recycling bins and dumpsters, and the Hash.

Park's original plan was to make a companion "C," but was unable to complete it before the deadline. She is still, however, collecting cans and adding photos, in hopes of finishing the project while on-campus during the upcoming May term.

Upcoming concerts

The Fine Arts Department will host three concerts in Goddard Auditorium this weekend.

Tonight at 7:30, Hand Drum Ensemble, Rhythm Project, Moment's Notice, Salsa Band and Jazz Ensemble will play pieces including "Kudani" by Mamady Keita and "It Don't Mean a Thing" by Duke Ellington.

Tomorrow evening at 7:30, the Choral Concert will feature Woman's Chorus, Concert Choir and the Madrigal Singers. Concert Choir will be performing pieces by Samuel Barber and Robert Schumann, Madrigal Singers will be performing some international pieces from Africa and South America, and the Women's Chorus will be performing favorites from Disney movies.

Finally, on Sunday, April 25 at 4:00 p.m., the String Quartet, Flute Choir and the Orchestra will perform in the Chamber Concert. This concert will include classical chamber pieces from composers like Antonin Dvorak, Yuankai Bao and Bach, as well as a world premiere of "Ossify" by senior music major Alex Arnold.

Earlham students work to harness alternative energy as power source

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Dennis. These would be easier to install, compared to the current turbine, according to Smith.

"If we were to put up more, it'd be much quicker, just because we've got stuff figured out; we've got the people collected," he said.

However, HIP currently lacks the funds for these turbines, as their two main sources — the anonymous donation and last year's senior gift — are running dry. Nonetheless, the group is looking at the big picture.

"Our vision for Earlham is a whole lot more. This is just getting our foot in the door, trying to get people both aware that wind energy is a real possibility here and we need more," Jackson said. "We'd love a few years down the road to see commercial-grade wind towers ... south of campus."

"It turns out that in rough numbers, the college owns enough land in a place that has favorable-enough wind patterns that we could probably produce about two-thirds of the electricity of the campus," Peck said.

However, Peck noted that current government regulations would not permit instituting the technology to produce and store that energy.

"The legislative, bureaucratic mechanisms in place in the state like Indiana right now are not such that that is possible," he said.

While Jackson and Peck may be eyeing such projects and plans

for the future, both emphasized energy conservation over sustainable energy production.

"Conservation is the first and most important thing you can do," Peck said.

"The energy conservation side of it is a whole lot more important and more easily dealt with than energy production," Jackson added. "Energy production is always going to be expensive."

In order to further the conservation aspect on campus, HIP, Jackson and Peck's next project will involve monitoring the usage of energy in individual buildings — the entire campus is currently measured on one meter — beginning with Dennis, Warren and Wilson. The group has plans to present the amount of energy used on displays at each building, in the hopes that such displays will encourage students to cut back on individual energy consumption.

In the meantime, HIP, Jackson and Peck hope that their efforts speak to the Earlham community as a whole.

"[A] primary goal is to make people aware that it's not hard to do. My hope is that students who graduate from Earlham in the coming years will see [alternative energy and conservation] as something to be part of their own lifestyle," Jackson said. "Maybe they can do solar panels, wind energy, other alternative energy forms to reduce energy demand from this country ... that's maybe the most important thing that might come out of this."

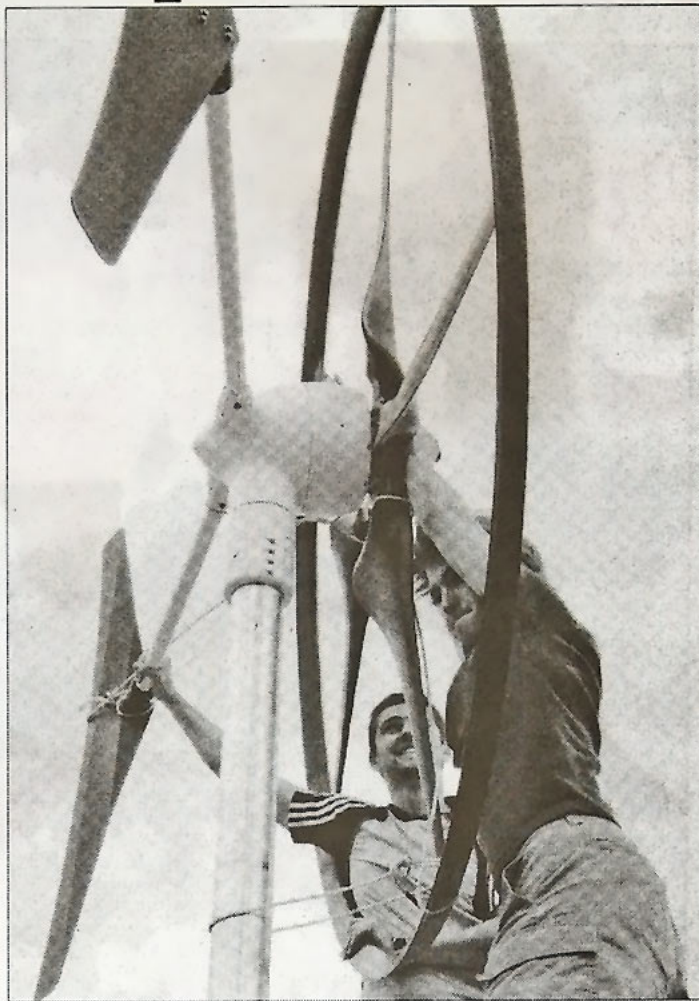


Photo by Elsa Haag

Freshman Ivan Babic and sophomore Ben Smith make final adjustments to the wind turbine on top of Dennis Hall before running electrical checks on Friday. After a few glitches on Friday, the turbine was started on Saturday.

Students foster appreciation for Earth

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in recent years, but that EEAC hopes to change that.

"We'd like to keep expanding what we're doing, and bring more people into it. Right now we're a pretty small core group, but a lot of people attend our events," she said. "Clearly, environmental awareness is important to Earlham students, but it's sometimes hard to get people activated to do things."

Black also mentioned that

EEAC intentionally organized some of the events in cooperation with the student-run coffee shop because of its efforts to be environmentally sustainable.

"They're aligned with the same kind of initiatives as we are," she said.

Earlham's Bike Co-op has also contributed by sponsoring the bike ride to the farmers' market on Tuesday, as well as the Critical Mass bike ride today.

A "Critical Mass" is an organized bike ride that aims "to make a point about the use

of bike traffic, in the way a lot of [car drivers] are angry about seeing a biker on the road, because there are more cars than bikers," Black said. The Bike Co-op holds Critical Mass once a month, weather permitting.

Critical Mass begins today at the Bike Co-op at 4 p.m. and will include a barbeque grill afterward.

Farm Day at Miller Farm begins at 10 a.m. tomorrow — a shuttle will be available in front of the old security office. The 100-mile radius potluck at

Miller Farm will be at 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Earth Day began in 1970 as a teach-in on environmental issues. Former U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson initiated the first Earth Day, around which the Earth Week Committee of Philadelphia organized the first Earth Week.

Earth Week typically begins on April 16 and culminates on April 22, but EEAC opted to observe the week as a calendar week in order to utilize two weekends.

Seniors continue to raise money for gift

By Aleta Cox

Staff reporter

Though graduating seniors may be financially stretched thin, they still face the task of raising more money for the Senior Gift, which an event at Miller Farm set out to do last Friday, April 16.

The Senior Gift Committee (SGC) co-sponsored the event, with the Bike Co-Op, the Earlham Environmental Action Coalition and the Environmental Responsibility Committee teaming up to hold the potluck/fundraising event this year, once again at Miller Farm, due to its popularity last year, as well as its applicability to the cause.

The event featured a potluck beginning at 5:30 p.m., with bands The Funkaholics, Mermaid on a Mountain Top, and Caw! Caw! playing shows beginning at 7 p.m. Displays were set up by SGC and some of the co-sponsors of the event, showcasing information on sustainability and environmental responsibility.

The farm hosted around 65-70 students, despite the weather being cold and windy that day. With a matching gift from Joe Lopez in the Admissions Office, the fundraising event collected a total of \$106.

"We decided to set our goal this year at \$8,500 and a total of 40 percent class participation. So far, we have raised a total of \$7094.18 with 22 percent class participation," said Assistant Director of Alumni Relations Mae Turley, SGC's advisor.

Last year's class donation "totaled \$10,413.71 and 52% of the class participated," according to the Senior Gift Web site.

The college established SGC to assist the Office of Institutional Advancement by serving as

liaisons between the college and members of the senior class. Members of the committee are engaged in activities that encourage classmates to give back and help current students develop a better understanding of the institutional and financial needs of Earlham.

Members of the Senior Gift Committee help the college in securing gifts from their classmates to support a gift effort, as selected and voted on by the college and the committee. The nature of the gift must represent something that will benefit the college as a whole and support a budget-relieving effort such as student scholarships, selected activities, programs or equipment needs.

This year, senior class members voted and chose to continue supporting sustainable energies at Miller Farm, with the money they raised to continue contributing to the farm eventually being run by solar wind power. Last year's senior class also chose this as their gift, which supported the installation of a wind turbine at the farm. This year's senior class members also chose to raise money to contribute a bench on campus, to match the concrete 1910 bench near the swing at the Heart.

For those seniors who are short on cash, College Provost and Professor of Psychology Nelson Bingham has invited seniors, through e-mail, to participate in the Senior Survey, which donates money to the Senior Gift.

"It helps give the college information they need on graduating seniors, and with every senior who completes the survey, the college donates \$5.00 to the Senior Gift Committee's total," said SGC member Keeley



Photo by Leah Pope

Seniors Max Nolds and Shane Hogle and sophomore Joel Hogle from the band Sexx Kontinuum perform Friday evening at Miller Farm for the Senior Gift benefit dinner.

McAnnis-Entenman, senior. "This is such an easy way to give, and so far about 48 seniors have participated."

Committeemembers will spend these last few weeks talking with peers, including non-seniors and faculty, to help reach their goal.

"With only \$1,405.82 more dollars to raise and 23% more of the senior class to give, the possibility of reaching our goal

is achievable if we work really hard these last few weeks," said Turley.

SGC members will be tabling in Runyan for the rest of the semester. Donors may also stop by the Alumni and Student Development Offices and give money directly to Mae Turley.

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SECTION B

CCL to revise current smoking policy

Committee seeks to promote climate of mutual respect between smokers and non-smokers

By Sasha Benderly-Kraft

Staff reporter

The Committee on Campus Life (CCL) is lighting up changes in Earlham's smoking policy, which was up for renewal under its three-year review cycle this past fall.

Members of the committee felt strongly enough during the discussion of the policy to call for a change in the policy for its next cycle, according to CCL member and Earlham Student Government Co-President Cory Mathieu, senior.

The committee has decided upon no definitive version of the policy's new form at this point, but Mathieu was willing to discuss the committee's thinking and process on the matter. From her perspective, the two main issues at stake in this revision are enforcement and respect.

According to Mathieu, a focus on the language of the policy with an eye to respecting smokers is prominent among the committee's priorities.

"We're being careful not to make smokers feel marginalized," she said. "As a whole, the committee isn't concerned with stopping smoking on campus."

Instead, the committee hopes to create a climate of mutual respect between smokers and non-smokers.

To Mathieu, second-hand

smoke is the main issue when it comes to respect. While she said the committee acknowledges that smoking will happen and does not wish to make smokers change their habits, the health and comfort issues of second-hand smoke provide an impetus for a clearer and more respect-oriented policy that will allow smokers and non-smokers alike to be comfortable, she said.

To her, a major part of this process is selecting more specific smoking spots and clearly labeling them, while attempting to change the phenomenon she refers to as "smoking in transit" — students lighting up immediately on departure from a class building on the way to another. Mathieu says the committee understands the reasons for this behavior, but would like to have specific smoking areas available for these times for the comfort of non-smokers.

The main focus of the committee, however, is finding a balanced policy toward enforcement. According to Mathieu, the committee is concerned about a disconnect between the language and standards of the smoking policy and the manner in which it is currently enforced.

For instance, the fine for smoking in academic buildings or residences is \$500, but enforcement is rather relaxed. Mathieu sees the high fine and

the lack of enforcement as closely related.

"Most of the reporting falls to RAs," Mathieu said, "and not many students want to impose a \$500 fine on one another."

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— Cathy Anthofer,
director of Campus Safety and Security

In light of this disconnect, the committee hopes to form a revised policy that is both more respectful to smokers and more likely to be enforced.

Cathy Anthofer, Earlham's director of Safety and Security, says that the issue of enforcement is primarily a question of responsibility.

"We expect that everyone should hold one another responsible, which is part of being a community," she said. "But it can be uncomfortable to confront others over something like smoking."

Currently, according to Anthofer, Security has no special

place in smoking enforcement. Security officers simply file reports of major violations in academic spaces and hold community members accountable the same way anyone else at Earlham is expected to. However, she said the committee has talked of giving security a more significant place in enforcement.

"Security isn't particularly vested in stopping smoking," Anthofer said. "But we're already working on policy enforcement in terms of parking, so some committee members saw it as a natural step to have Security be another layer of smoking enforcement."

Anthofer stressed that Security would not be the sole authority on the matter.

"We want enforcement to be not authoritarian, but a matter of community concern," she said. "We want to frame smoking enforcement as a teachable moment for community responsibility."

Anthofer also mentioned that this educational aspect is important to Earlham's smoking policy.

"I never think a fine alone will make a difference on a college campus," she said.

Mathieu was unable to give many specifics on the new policy, as the committee has yet to approve specifics, but she noted that the committee will likely lower the current fine and

establish specific smoking areas. She predicts that Security will assess the new fines.

Mathieu said she could not say quite what the new policy's impact will be.

"It depends mostly on the community's approach," she said. "We're not trying to actively change the culture, we just hope to create a climate of mutual respect that everyone is comfortable with."

The success of this approach will be determined once the final policy is released and responded to.

Vice President and Dean of Student Development Cheryl Presley, for her part, sees smoking as a test of the Earlham community's interest in looking at its own culture.

"In this kind of situation, everyone should be responsible for deciding where we want to go," she said. "But that sometimes means that nobody is actually responsible."

Since this is a multi-layered issue, involving questions of health, environment, weather and respect, Presley sees it as a focal point for a broader discussion.

"Once CCL makes its recommendations, we will need to look at the policy in broader context of our social responsibility and reality," she said. "The entire community should be involved in figuring out where we go from there."

Gospel fills Goddard with praise, songs



Photo by Rawan AlOstath

The Gospel Revelations choir performs during Sunday's Gospel Fest in Goddard Auditorium. The concert featured guest performer DeWayne Woods as well as Psalmist Jackie Nixon, CDF Praise and Worship Team-Restoration Outreach Center, Galileo Charter School's Gospel Choir, Stacey Davidson and former Gospel Revelations member Trenton Herald. Gospel Revelations performed four songs at the concert, which many community members attended.

New Principles document embraces simplicity

By Jonas Shellhammer

Staff reporter

As the year winds down and both faculty and students look forward to the end of the academic year, so too is Earlham's review of its Principles and Practices document nearing the final stages of its process.

The review process, which happens every four years, will be complete before the end of the semester. This time around, the committee in charge of the review has spent most of its time on two sections entitled "Simplicity" and "Community."

In fact, a section on consensus governance was edited and merged with the community section, according to Professor of Classics Stephen Heiny, who served on the review committee.

The rationale behind this decision was to "make sure that Principles and Practices was faithful on how we make decisions," said Heiny.

The section on simplicity commanded extra attention. According to Heiny, "simplicity

is a call to discern the heart, the most important part of a thing."

Part of the revision focused on the fact that the committee didn't want to encumber Principles and Practices with verbiage.

"The goal was to say what was most important, rather than saying all that could be said," Heiny said.

The process started last summer, when faculty members, students and the Board of Trustees began looking at the document. Since then, proposed changes have been drafted out and presented to the Committee on Campus Life and Earlham Student Government, among others.

Sophomore Kento Ichikawa was one of the student representatives involved in the process. Part of his role during last semester was to act as a liaison between students on campus and the committee. This semester, he has worked with Board of Trustees member Lavona Bane on specific sections to draft proposed changes.

"Students were the people who were most concerned about the

accessibility of the document," he said. "They weren't as concerned with specific wording input. They were kind of apathetic about it, and wanted to know why they should care."

However, Ichikawa also maintained that he felt positively

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about the revision process, saying, "I think the changes we've made have made it more active and engaging."

The college's Principles and Practices document has changed

over the years. In the past, its title was the Community Code on Student Life. The copy of this document, available through the school archives in the 1984-1985 student handbook, has various sections ranging from detailing "social violations," a provision against smoking "outdoors on front campus," and a clause prohibiting "excessive noise."

Other items include the "Recommended Minimum Responses for Specific Violations," which states that a first-time incidence of drunk and disorderly conduct merits disciplinary probation, and that the second-time offense results in 10 days suspension from the college.

Senior Jay Zevin, a member of the Principles and Practices Review Committee, also had some thoughts on student involvement.

"I think that people identify deeply with the values of Principles and Practices more than they are actually familiar with the document," said Zevin.

He then explained that he thinks students on campus are

aware of the central tenets, but not so much of the document itself.

However, Zevin did express a difference he perceived between the freshman class and the rest of the student body. According to him, the freshmen had more knowledge about the document — a fact he attributes to the recently changed New Student Orientation (NSO) procedure as of this year.

The NSO organizers decided to scrap the years-old idea of performing skits to explain Principles and Practices and instead divided the first-year class into three groups and had student/faculty panel discussions about the document's provisions.

In the end, Zevin thinks that the most important work done this time around was that on the simplicity section.

"That was probably the most rewarding work we did," stated Zevin. "Personally, I feel like I came to a much better understanding of simplicity through our work on it."

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Students eat rice, listen to music for cause



Photos by Abby Kathan

From left to right: freshmen David Minnix and Martin Ventura jam at the Rice and Jam event. Last semester the event was called Rice and Beatles; this semester, the event featured student performers, leading to the new name "Rice and Jam."



Earlham students partake in the Rice and Jam event on Wednesday. Students donated their meals "to purchase food supplies through Sodexo, which are then donated to Rock Solid Ministries' soup kitchen in Richmond," according to freshman Stephanie Ambar, who organized the event. Ambar estimates the event raised \$700.

View from abroad: volcanic ash delays air travel

Student on England program reflects on eruption of Icelandic volcano Eyjafjallajökull

By Pablo Romero

Guest writer

The United Kingdom (UK) has come to an aviation standstill. All five London Airports (Heathrow, Gatwick, City, Luton and Stansted), and other airports have been shut down due to a ... volcano? Yes, folks, that's right, a volcano from Iceland has erupted and spewed out ash clouds that currently surround the airspace in the UK.

Iceland's Eyjafjallajökull (yes, that's actually how its spelled) volcano erupted last Wednesday, April 14, which left thousands stranded in airports across

Europe. This had particular significance for the UK, as most of its routes for long flights come near Iceland.

The ash that spews from the volcano has the potential effect of making the engine fail, a risk which the Eurocontrol air control agency did not want to take. The importance is that the airstream leads the ash over the UK, and as it continues to do this, the ash might lead to certain parts of the United States.

Here at the Earlham England program, we felt the presence of the canceled flights as many people re-routed to come home [to London] via ferry and

train. Upon our return from our adventure weekend in Wales, we got on a train from Pembrokeshire to London with a connection in Swansea. The trains were overbooked and we underwent a long journey with people crowding the alley and gangways in the train. All the additional people made the train unbearably hot and as we pulled into London Paddington Station, we were relieved to come back to the place we currently call home.

The travel ban has usurped the front pages of the newspapers here in London. In the midst of the British general election, Prime Minister Gordon Brown and

Secretary of State for Transport Andrew Adonis have come under pressure to do all they can to bring citizens stranded in other countries home to the UK. The Royal Navy has dispatched to France and Spain with rations of food for British citizens. However, this does not appease the British travelers, who long to come home and still have to wait.

All airlines have been forced to cancel and rebook flights and give refunds due to the ash that has created a cloud over the UK, Ireland, and much of the Baltic Sea. The fact that all London airports are indefinitely closed

as of April 20 is causing a minor scare for us on the Earlham program, who are due to return home on April 27.

This fright is due to the history of Icelandic volcanoes. In the past, when one volcano erupted, it set off a trigger for another volcano. The possibility of another eruption and another ash cloud surrounding the British sky is likely.

While returning home will be nice for us here in London, I surely wouldn't mind another day in the greatest city in the world.

Gamelan ensemble brings Java to EC

By John Jacobson

Staff reporter

The sounds of Gamelan Ensemble reverberated in Goddard Auditorium last Saturday night as the Javanese percussion group, led by Associate Professor of Music Marc Benamou, made its sixth annual performance.

The pieces of the Gamelan Ensemble were performed on bronze gongs and drums. Guest performers Tri Sutrisno and Joko Sutrisno performed with the ensemble.

Junior Michael Skib and senior Alex Arnold both performed as members of the ensemble. Arnold played the gong while Skib played the bonong. Both Arnold and Skib were members of the gerong, the male vocal ensemble.

"We learned everything orally," said Arnold. "Marc [Benamou] would either play it or sing to us. He taught us the notes on the different instruments and we would then learn it through repetition."

Benamou explained his thoughts on teaching the pieces the group performed. "I've been

teaching gamelan since 1986, so I've kind of developed my own techniques, my own ways of teaching, which are a little quirky," said Benamou. "I don't actually teach things exactly the way they are taught in Java ... I teach primarily without notation ... We start with easy pieces and in the very beginning we often switch instruments so that they can get an idea of how the pieces should sound."

Benamou was impressed with this particular performance of the ensemble.

"I thought they did a really great job, they really came together and they were really focused," he said. "That long piece that we did in the middle of the program ... is quite a challenging piece ... You need to stay focused for twenty minutes ... and they did."

Arnold and Skib reflected on the audience at the concert.

"I think there was a good amount of people there ... they were pretty responsive and they seemed to enjoy it," said Arnold.

"I was glad that [the audience] stuck around for the twenty-minute piece, I feel like it really tested some peoples' patience," said Skib.

Lit mag, sexuality zine throw party to celebrate new releases

By Gabriel Middaugh

Staff reporter

Two student-run publications, Crucible and (Not Just) Lip Service, are joining up together for the first time to release their newest issues, next week.

Many of the members overlap from one organization to another, and work closely on both projects. However, the joint release and celebratory dinner party is exciting for fans of both publications and anyone interested in becoming involved.

The release party will be held in Runyan's Orchard Room on Thursday, April 29 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The goal of the social event will be to share the new issues, listen to readings from the contributors, eat pizza and bring more awareness to the work they do.

Freshman Seth Wenger said, "I have a couple pieces being released in the Crucible. We changed the format by releasing

one issue instead of two. I think it came out better this way."

Senior Helen Marie Staab, co-convenor of Crucible, also works as a staffer for (Not Just) Lip Service.

"I love the poetry and art so the Crucible is important to me. Lip Service is great as it's trying to start a discourse about positive sexuality," she said. "The hope is that by doing the release together, it will demystify everything. We want people to join and be part of the process."

This will be the release of the 2009/2010 issue of Crucible and the fourth issue of the year for (Not Just) Lip Service.

Although some members are in both organizations, the publications run differently for a few reasons. Crucible has funding from the Student Organizations Council, popularity among literary groups on campus and accepts submissions through either boxes around campus or email.

In contrast, (Not Just) Lip Service lacks funding, they have less popularity because they are so new, and most of their submissions come via word-of-mouth or e-mail.

Staab mentioned that "there are limitations to becoming more popular and Lip Service doesn't want to, because of these limitations."

Students interested in submitting art, poetry, plays, stories or anything else that may fit into either of these publications are encouraged to contact Crucible at arthurmillerisdead@gmail.com or (Not Just) Lip Service at NotJustLipServiceZine@gmail.com. More information is available on their Facebook event page (search for "Crucible and Lip Service Release Dinner") and at the release this Thursday.

Voices on the Heart

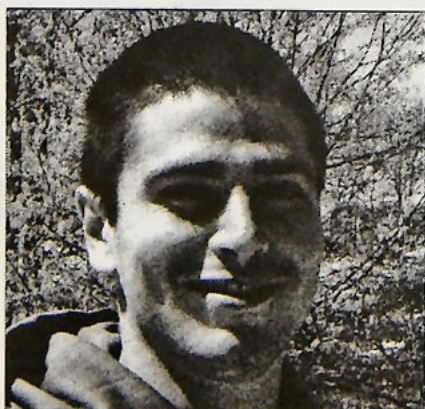
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This "Voices on the Heart" asks students, "What are you going to do over the summer?"



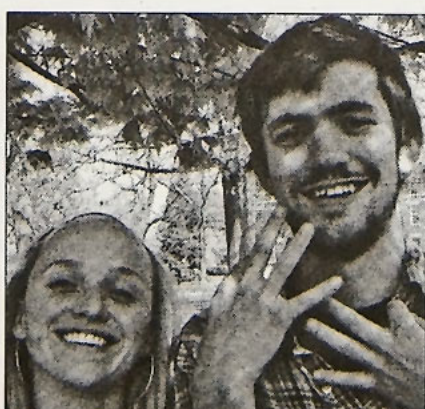
"I might backpack around Europe and do WWOOFing in France."

YUSRA SALEH,
SOPHOMORE



"Probably get a job and work, because I need money."

CHRIS MARSHALL,
FRESHMAN



"Anna and I are going to Bali to study Balinese dance."

JONATHAN JENNER,
SENIOR



"I'm going to be working at Explore-A-College and chilling with my parents at home."

HANNAH REED,
SENIOR

OPINION

SECTION C

FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2010

Drinking culture poisons our Earlham community

By Dan Miller

Guest writer

As a first-year student approaching the end of his first year, and possibly his last year at Earlham, I can't help but think about my experience here.

I think about the amazing classes I have had and the professors who have inspired me to achieve goals higher than my expectations. I think about the fun I have had outside of class, but inevitably I end up thinking about the reasons that I came to Earlham and the reasons that are driving me to leave.

While attending Westtown School, I was introduced to Quaker education, and I liked what I experienced. Therefore, while looking for colleges I was drawn to Earlham rather quickly.

I liked the focus on Quaker values, the small student body and all of the good things I heard about the community at Earlham. Community, that word, more than any other, is what influenced my final decision to come to Earlham. Ultimately, though, it is the same reason for my leaving Earlham.

People asked me why I wanted to attend such a small school in the middle of nowhere. Quickly I would retort with, well the community there is fantastic, students take the fact that they are isolated, and turn it into a boon. They rally together and strive to create a good experience at Earlham despite their location.

I truly believed this before I came to Earlham; everything

I heard about Earlham pointed to a strong sense of community and fellowship. What I found was a community, but not the community I was expecting. Instead of working to improve the situation, students seemed hell bent on making it worse.

The community here, with the exception of possibly Bundy, is built around drinking. The drinking culture here is horrible. First of all, Earlham is a Quaker school that is supposed to foster respect. Earlham is a dry campus, period. Whether you agree with that or not, you made the choice to be a part of this community.

You chose Earlham, and you chose to follow the rules that Earlham has established. When one breaks this rule, one is disrespecting the institution, but more importantly one's peers.

By partying on weekends, being loud and disruptive, by damaging the resident hall because of drunken shenanigans, students are doing their best to kill the community at Earlham. All of this drinking and disruptive behavior is disrespectful to the people who live on campus. By being loud and destructive, one is infringing upon another's right to have a healthy and safe living environment.

This is not an issue of whether or not one believes Earlham should be a dry campus, this is a matter of respect. Respect for one's community and school. By breaking the rules and transgressing upon the rights of others, students who party on the weekends are killing any chance

of fostering a healthy community at Earlham.

It is about time that Earlham students took a good long look at their behavior and the effects that it has on the community here. I do not doubt that others will disagree with my opinion, but it is hard to argue with facts.

The fact of the matter is retention at Earlham is dropping, and I know for a fact that other students are just as distraught as I am, enough so to also leave Earlham. To continue to say that Earlham is a dry campus and has a good community, is blatant false advertising. The old campus adage that it is "pleasantly wet" only serves to rope in students who would otherwise go elsewhere if they knew the truth.

By ignoring this issue of drinking, breaking the rules and general disrespect, Earlham is forgetting its Quaker roots. There is that of God in every person, one needs not believe that to come to Earlham, but one must agree that whether or not there is that of God in each person, everyone has the right to be respected.

That is not the case at Earlham today, and for that reason, many others and I are seeking an education elsewhere. Earlham College, I encourage you to examine your behavior, I mean really examine it, is this really the kind of community you want to create?

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Cheers & Sneers

CHEERS to:

- Wendy Seligman, who listens and loves. And for illuminating to me the fact that college is our world right now, but we still need to breathe.
- Faculty who share their lives with us, because it gives us perspectives on ours.
- The sandwich ladies at Saga, because never before has a tuna and Swiss made the day so much better.
- The cleaning staff, for dealing with our drunken messes.
- Washington, D.C., for unanimously approving medical marijuana on 4/20.
- People who bring baked goodies for others to enjoy.

SNEERS to:

- People who text or go online on their phone while at a concert, festival or talk at Goddard: it's rude and distracting. If you don't want to be there, why did you come?
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- Sunburns.
- Smokers and other drug addicts. Just because you can rationalize your problem does not mean that you do not have one.
- People who break the Adirondack chairs.
- End-of-semester stress.

CHEER: noun, a shout of encouragement, approval, or congratulation.

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Sustainability at Earlham: reaching for the STARS

By The Environmental Colloquium Class

Guest writers

Has anyone ever scolded you for not recycling, not composting, driving too much or leaving your light on in the name of "sustainability"?

Do you ever feel like those small adjustments are inconsequential since they are just individual actions? I mean, what does turning off one light do if 300 million other people have left theirs on?

It actually does a lot. Individual actions do add up, and although that may not be evident on a national or global scale, it is definitely obvious on a smaller scale, say the scale of the Earlham community.

What if you were one of 1,200 other students and 500 faculty and staff turning off your lights, recycling, carpooling, biking, composting and eating locally-

sourced food each day? That would surely make an impact.

We all know, however, that Earlham is not making the difference that it could be. So where does Earlham as a whole stand regarding sustainability? What are students, faculty, staff and administrators doing to help promote sustainability through individual and institutional actions?

This semester, the Environmental Colloquium class, along with help from tons of staff and administrative faculty, sought answers to these questions. They began by helping Earlham fill out the new Sustainability Tracking And Rating System (STARS) developed by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE).

Earlham is a charter member of this voluntary assessment. STARS will help us see where we are as a college regarding sustainable practices. The data

and information gathered will help inform future actions that both individuals and the institution can take to make our community more sustainable.

Earlham will submit its first institution-wide assessment at the end of this year and will resubmit an updated assessment every three years to evaluate if, and how, the college is progressing.

The STARS assessment looks at more than just Earlham's recycling, composting, transportation and energy usage — things that usually come to mind when we think about sustainability.

STARS is a comprehensive assessment that looks at environmental, social and economic components of sustainability in institutions of higher education. This means STARS also includes curricular and co-curricular education, investment practices, general public engagement, coordination

and planning, and diversity and affordability of the institution.

Curious about what we have found after a semester's worth of work? In these last few weeks of school, you will be hearing all about our finalized data.

Our findings will be visibly posted around campus, people will be actively talking with you about STARS, people will be interviewing you about your thoughts on Earlham's approach to sustainability, and the Environmental Colloquium class will be organizing a Move-Out waste-diversion program to reduce the volume of student waste entering the Richmond Municipal Landfill at the end of the year.

Excited? You should be. This is Earlham's first comprehensive institutional assessment regarding sustainability. Next January, once the assessment is complete, we will know what Earlham's strengths and weaknesses are and

how to move forward in creating a more sustainable community.

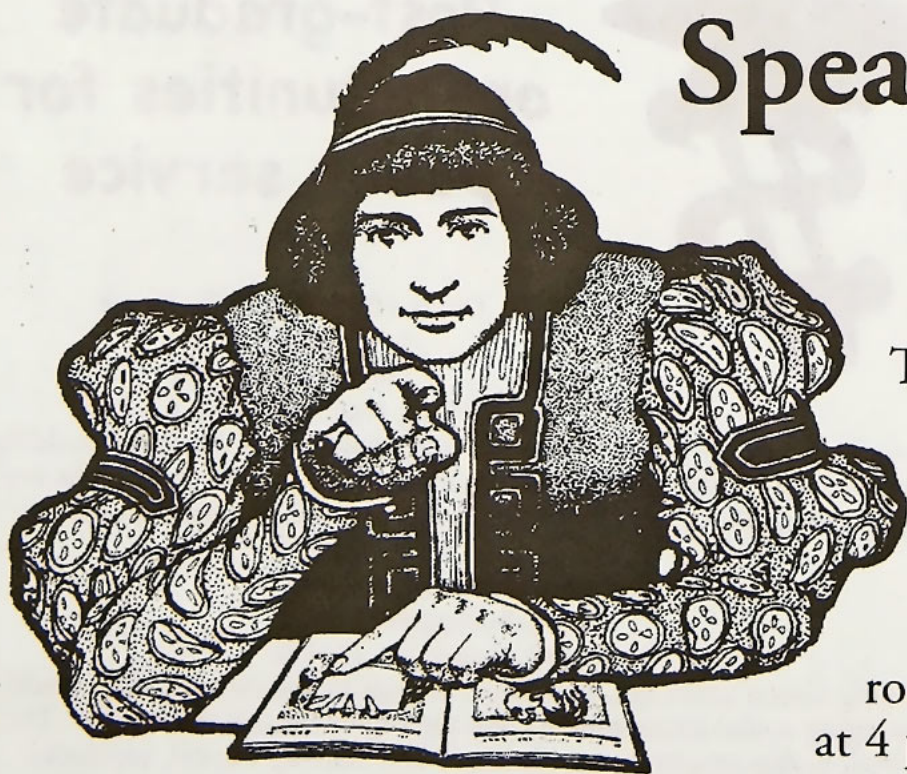
This effort will require not just the interest of a single class during one semester, the work of a single sustainability intern over the summer, but of the entire community over the long term, including you.

Think about it. What more could you do?

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OPINION

SECTION C2

FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2010

Revolution will not be run by hypocrites – still

By Adam Estroff

Guest writer

I wrote last semester about how the environmental revolution will not be won through hypocrisy, in response to the Dow Chemical-sponsored Live Earth races taking place across the country this week.

The races are 6K long, to symbolize the distance the impoverished have to walk for clean water. Now, I am not against providing clean water for the world's poor, but come on, Dow Chemical?

For those of you unfamiliar with the name, Dow is a publicly traded chemical corporation with net revenue of \$7.5 billion dollars in 2008 and over 46,000 employees around the world.

Dow is responsible for some of the worst environmental catastrophes of our time. During the Vietnam War, Dow Chemical produced Agent Orange, a defoliant that produced horrific birth defects and caused strange mental and physical illnesses in veterans. Dow is also responsible for Dioxin, a potent chemical pesticide that has poisoned 22 square miles of watershed in Midland, Mich., Dow's corporate headquarters.

If this were not enough, Dow also purchased Union Carbide

— the corporation whose negligence led to the 1984 Bhopal Methyl-isocyanate leak that killed over 20,000 and has left 600,000 suffering with polluted water. The Bhopal disaster, the worst industrial accident in human history, was caused by the negligence of factory management, when it was seen that the Bhopal factory was not turning a profit.

Dow purchased Union Carbide in the 1990s, fully aware of that company's outstanding criminal charges in India, and while Dow settled Union Carbide's American debts (to workers poisoned in Texas), it did not make any effort to make right in India.

The Bhopali protest movement has pursued justice for these past 25 years, and the movement is recognized around the globe for its tenacity and commitment to non-violence. As the women of Bhopal say, "We are flames, not flowers," as they resist the corporate paradigm that puts shareholders over community stakeholders.

The Bhopalis also seek a world where "no more Bhopals" will occur ever again. This fear was recently brought home when the Methyl-isocyanate plant (sister to the one in Bhopal — now run by Bayer) in Institute, W. Va. leaked out some of its toxic contents.

Local protest and concern were quickly hushed up, showing that the same forces of complicity that perpetuated the disaster in Bhopal exist here as well.

This history of toxic pollution is not one of a provider of clean water; this is Dow's greenwashing — pulling the proverbial wool over our eyes.

So what can we do?

First of all, we can take back our environmental movement from greenwashing corporations like Dow.

The Live Earth runs for water are going to be televised on Bravo — so boycott them this week. Flex your social muscles and vent about the hypocrisy on Facebook and Twitter, and tell your friends to boycott Bravo as well. We may all be drops in a pond but with social networking we can create ripples at will; let us not forget that those time-wasting sites can be tools as well.

It is time to stop hypocritical corporations that attempt to funnel our concern for our fellow man and ecosystem into guilt and profits, guilt is an easy chair and it is time to stand up.

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ESG weighs in on. . .

Environmental Responsibility Committee

Hello again, student body!

Here is an update from the Environmental Responsibility Committee (ERC): one current project is to increase the education regarding bottled water and its negative environmental impacts, as well as to develop a reusable water bottle system for events on campus.

Sodexo will help in cleaning bottles and the community will help by donating old water bottles with the goal of decreasing the use of bottled water.

In addition, ERC plans to create a separate energy metering system for all campus buildings (or at least dorms) to enable future energy saving competitions and to better inform the college of where our energy usage lies to aid in further conservation.

ERC plans to create a subcommittee that will propose a climate commitment for Earlham based on the greenhouse gas emissions inventory completed this year.

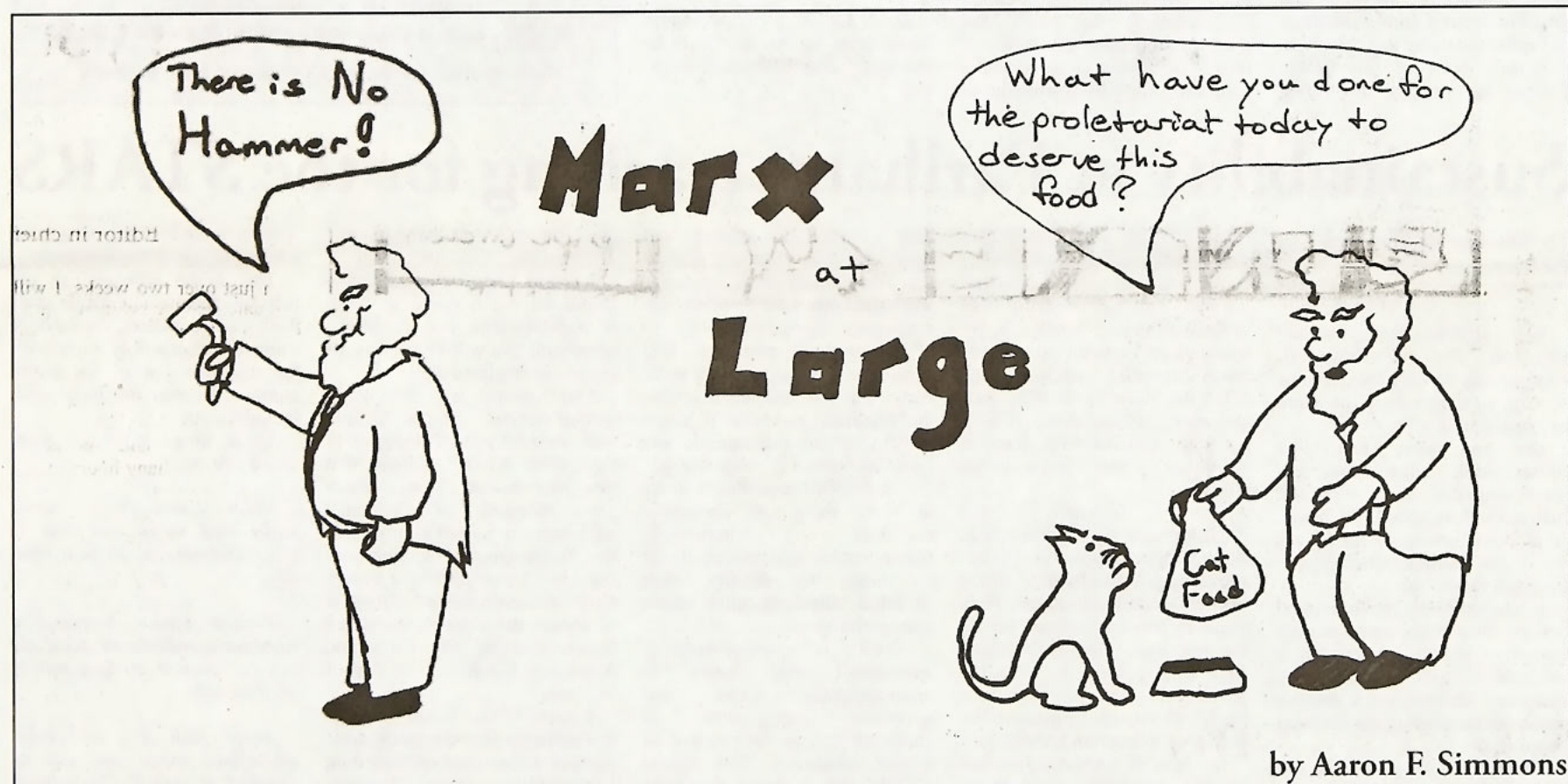
Recently, ERC has made progress towards trayless dining and has purchased both a can crusher and an extractor to enable can recycling and the composting of higher volumes of food scraps.

In the future, this committee plans to update and expand the current environmental Web site as well as dedicate lasting time and space to campus sustainability through the hiring of sustainability student workers during the year and in the summer. They also plan to create a physical sustainability office on campus.

Additionally, ERC would like to develop a green tour and map of campus highlighting hot spots of current sustainability initiatives on campus for prospective students and for use by tour guides.

That is all from Earlham Student Government for this semester. We hope your semester wraps up well!

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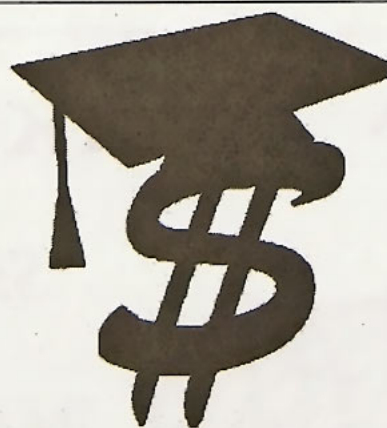
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Firing demonstrates Earlham's hypocrisy

Treatment of employee exposes Earlham's pretense of equality, reveals culture of fear

By Matthew Cunningham-Cook

Guest writer

...and we are right because James Russell Lowell is right, truth forever on the scaffold, wrong forever on the throne. — Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

There is a tendency within the domain of this hallowed institution for its most privileged members to engage in citational, self-laudatory oratory. We tend to discuss the manner in which Earlham students act and should act, how Earlham breeds a certain kind of "globally competent" student that "engages with a changing world."

These tendencies manifest themselves in the way that Earlham is portrayed in such discourses: Earlham is an institution committed to the Quaker consensus process, a learning community that seeks to tackle the world's fundamental problems.

For the most part, these self-laudatory tendencies are not stopped by uncomfortable facts

or critiques. Any questioning of whether or not these slogans are implicit with a certain type of colonial discourse is pushed to the side, any empirical evidence that contradicts, in that annoying sort of way, the notion of Earlham as an institution that values all those who are part of it is willfully ignored.

I hope to counteract some of this willful ignorance with this column, by helping those among us who can share a more complicated side to the story.

On Tuesday, February 16 of this year, James L. Pollitt, a maintenance employee at Earlham, 52 years old, a father and a grandfather, was the victim of a hit-and-run car accident that totaled his car.

James was bruised and needed to call the insurance company and the police and generally deal with the physical and legal implications of what happened. James told me that he hadn't missed a day of work since the beginning of the fiscal year, so he thought that his supervisors would be all right with him taking a couple of days off work

to recover.

In 15 years, James hadn't received a single negative job evaluation or formal reprimand, so he thought that his employment with the college was fairly safe.

Despite the recent hysteria over Earlham's budget, James assumed that Earlham would take care of its own. After all, people who contribute so much to the college should expect some measure of loyalty in return, right?

On Friday, February 19, James was fired on the spot for "intermittent attendance." Even after 15 years, there was neither notice nor severance pay.

James appealed the decision to Dick Smith, Earlham's vice president for financial affairs, and three weeks later his appeal was flatly denied.

Another, younger and cheaper, maintenance employee was hired in James' place. Earlham as an institution is obviously not subject to the same kind of disciplinary processes as the students are — appeals are the domain of the bureaucratic sovereign, not a consensus-operated committee.

I asked our president about

the situation with James, and he declined to comment. I asked if he thought a worker could get a fair deal in Indiana, since it is legal for employers to fire non-contracted, non-union employees on the spot (as a right-to-work state). Furthermore, the combination of deficient legal aid resources and anti-labor judges make it difficult for wrongly fired workers to be heard in court.

Doug answered that a response to that question is "very complicated" and would "take hours." It must be nice to make \$250,000 per year.

While James' story is certainly the most grievous example of Earlham throwing away their employees like pieces of trash, James told me that the general climate of Earlham employees is one of fear. Many of James' former co-workers called him to say they disagreed with the decision to fire him, but were too scared for their own jobs to stand up.

Of course, in a city with 16 percent BLS unemployment, that fear is entirely legitimate.

A faculty member told me

that at a faculty meeting a few years ago, a tenured faculty member argued that untenured faculty operates in a climate of fear regarding what they can and cannot criticize about Earlham's operations. The President responded that if anybody was afraid, they should talk to him.

This scene demonstrates the manner in which Earlham's dominant ideology attempts to wipe away class difference. Despite the fact that our society is one of the most economically unequal on the planet, some continue to argue that we all come to the table with the same amount of ability to speak what we believe.

We engage in this discourse all the time at Earlham, we argue that we can solve problems solely through talking and diplomacy, not through fundamentally addressing the oppression that constructs our world.

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Evolution of Senior during Spring Semester as compared to Squirrels

January

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by Jonas Shellhammer

So long, Word, I leave you with love

By Marisa Keller

Editor in chief

In just over two weeks, I will graduate, leaving behind not only Earlham, but The Earlham Word. Since my first semester, nearly four years ago, as a humble and shy copy editor, I have written stories, taken [mediocre] photos, drawn comics, laid out pages and sacrificed many hours of my Wednesday nights.

This has been my most challenging semester on staff, but also my favorite one.

To be in this position of leadership has given me a new appreciation for the complexity of newspaper organization, the value of good working relationships and the power of miscommunication to destroy every well-laid plan.

The changes this semester in both the tangible structure and the inner structure of the Word have increased our flexibility and efficiency.

While we have stayed small, producing mainly six-page issues, we have dedicated ourselves to the quality and relevance of the content. I am proud of the result.

I am also grateful to the staff, above all to the production staff. They have quietly and ably pulled together each issue, working late into the night on Wednesdays, deep in the basement of Runyan.

The Word office this semester has been, for me, a place where even the toughest frustrations and mishaps are eased by laughter and positive thinking. This, combined with an admirable adaptability to last-minute adjustments and a dedication to getting things done well, has carried the newspaper through this spring semester.

I reach the end of the semester with a profound respect for all of you who have worked with me on production. Thank you.

Last of all, I want to extend my good wishes to Anna McCormally and Katie Winters, who will be taking the Word onto their shoulders next fall as editor in chief and managing editor, respectively. They have worked long hours beside me, in many different capacities. I know they will stand straight and do me proud.

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Obama continues Bush's policies abroad

By Aaron F. Simmons

Guest writer

To genuinely take someone seriously is critique them when they fail. If we are to treat President Obama with respect we must critique his actions when they become ethically unacceptable.

Having said this, it is my belief that Obama has furthered the Bush foreign policy by not making a commitment to ever fully withdrawing the United States from Iraq, by committing himself to a policy of residual troops, by not making any promises on whether or not permanent bases will be built, by increasing troops in Afghanistan and approving a number of clandestine attacks on sovereign nations, (such as Somalia) which have broken international law in the name of the war on terror.

First, despite the fact that troops have been drawn down from most of Iraq's major cities, it is a simple fact that we have not left Iraq. Our

operations in Iraq have taken on the nature of a silent watchmen. We no longer operate during the day, but at night we move freight, patrol neighborhoods and carry out clandestine attacks. We still remain a sovereign power within the nation of Iraq and have no plans on leaving soon.

Second the fact that Obama is continuing the completely illegal program of bombing Pakistani territory through the secret CIA program is complete continuation of of Bush policy. This policy was started under Bush and has been carried through in the Obama administration.

The program is not even run by CIA personnel but by a "black contract" with the mercenary company Xe, formerly known as Blackwater.

This is not the only instance of breaking international law perpetrated under the Obama administration.

In 2009 a mission was lead Somalia in which we killed four suspected terrorists took

their bodies and disappeared into the mist. It was reported by the BBC but nothing was done. This military action onto another nation's soil, is very reminiscent of the Bush policies.

Third, the fact that the United States had remained in an intractable war in Afghanistan is morally indefensible and can be directly attributed to policy-makers in Washington.

What really is our motive in Afghanistan? We have allowed for the "democratic" election of a corrupt war lord, and we lay siege to large parts of the country. We do not seem to have any interest in providing for new infrastructure or really anything but killing terrorists.

Fourth, if you haven't been following, recently Israel killed an elected Hamas official in Dubai. Everyone besides the United States got angry about this because Israel used fake passports from many of its allies, including Britain, and Australia. There is footage of the entire thing, we know who did it, what

time, what they were wearing, who they were, and why, except we continue to support such actions.

So what has Obama done differently. Well he (has attempted to) closed Guantanamo (kind of: it is still in operation, so symbolically it was nice). But even though this symbolic act was great, on the other hand he has embraced a doctrine of preventive detention, which in a way would Guantanamoize the entire country.

Obama has also strengthened the presence of the U.S. military in Colombia, sent more troops than aid workers to Haiti, and tacitly supported a military coup in Honduras. He put a new face on America, but does a face justify supporting a man who's administration has blatantly violated international law, and continues to do so?

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SPORTS

SECTION D

FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2010

Baseball team 8 for 24, looking ahead

By Bryant Foreman
Staff reporter

Last year the baseball team was competitive against Robert Morris-Springfield, yet this year the Quakers lost all but one game to the Illinois team as they split the first doubleheader with a 6-5 win and a 9-6 loss, respectively. The second day didn't turn out well for the struggling team, which fell in Sunday's doubleheader 13-6 and 6-4, respectively, as the team was especially desperate for more pitching help.

Junior pitcher/first baseman Conner Gable relieved junior pitcher Adam Painter to get the only win of the weekend in the first game. Gable only gave up one hit in the final four frames to get his first win of the season.

Freshman infielder Chris Baumann highlighted the victory with a sacrifice fly in the ninth inning to get the winning RBI.

"Conner[Gable] did a great job stepping into the game in relief," said Painter, who has been worked heavily at the mound in the past five games. "He gave us a chance to win late in the game, and that's all you can ask from your bullpen in a game like that."

The second game, however, did not come as easy for the Quakers. Junior pitcher/infielder Corey Murray suffered the loss for the team after pitching five innings in the Saturday's second game. Baumann highlighted with a triple in the first frame for the baseball team, and freshman catcher Nathan Chandler had a two-run double in the bottom of the third.

Sunday was even harder for Earlham. The Quakers suffered a hard high-scoring loss as they gave up 13 runs on Robert Morris-Springfield's 15 runs in

the first game. Baumann and freshman pitcher Justin Broach both worked the mound in the contest.

The Quakers struggled at the plate, as they were only able to supply five hits. Gable started the second game and would go the distance for the second game on Sunday, giving up six runs on nine hits to the Eagles.

Gable also went 2-4 at the plate, and freshman outfielder Chris Tillery went 2-3 in the Quaker's narrow loss. The Earlham College baseball team, however, is trying to keep their spirits up going into the last bit of the season.

Sophomore outfielder Tyler Schroeder said, "I think in the past few weeks we have been too worried about succeeding instead of just relaxing and playing our game. We just need to play to the best of our ability and take one game at a time."

Assistant Baseball Coach Steve Sakosits is also positive about the remainder of the season and the offseason.

"We haven't put the basis of our game together. Our young players play very well in phases as well as our older guys, but we haven't had them put it all together at once."

With only one more home series left, coach Sakosits was asked about next season's prospects. He responded, "We have 13 committed players for next year already. We have to upgrade everywhere to get some depth. Pitching is one of the things that we really need to have and have really focused on acquiring for next year."

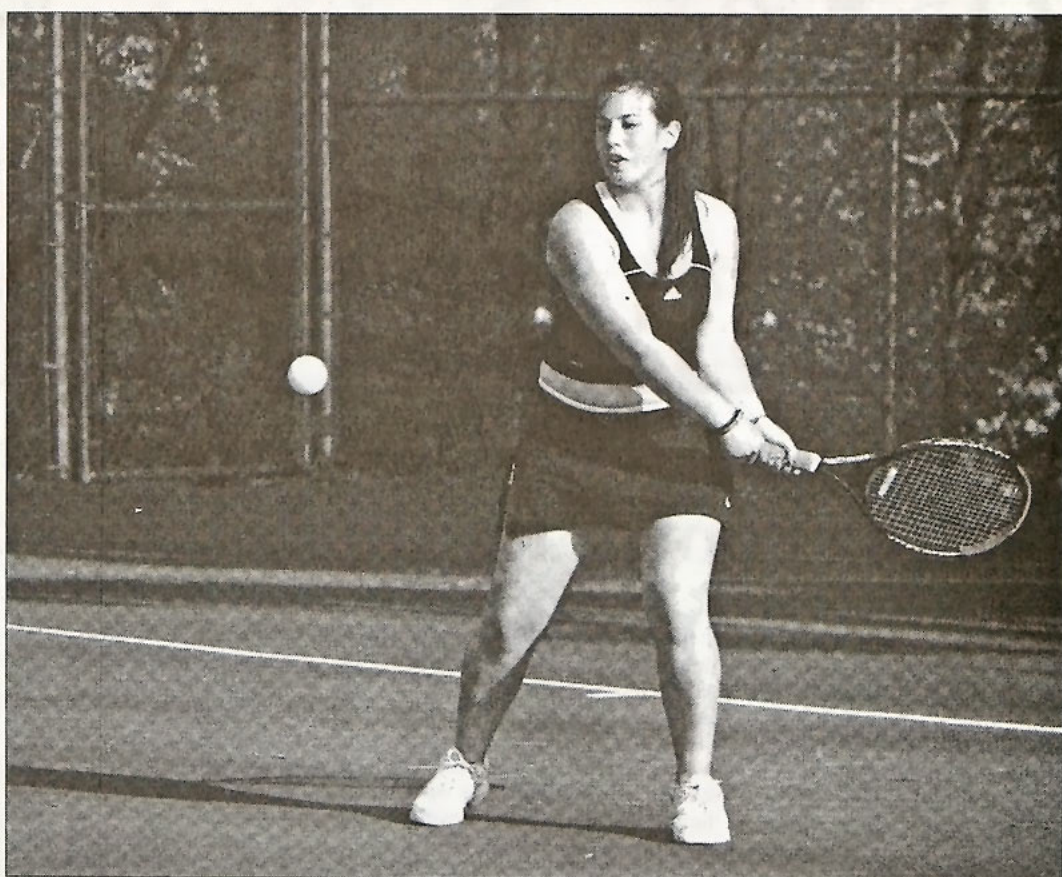
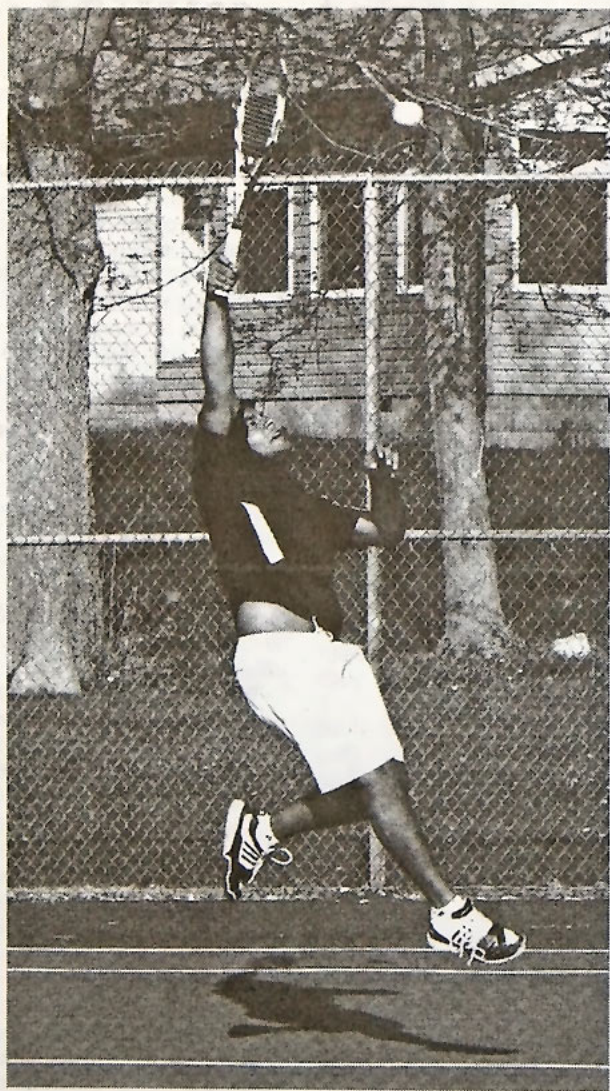
The baseball team played Denison University on Wednesday, but the game ended too late for print.



Photo by Alex Pianetta

Freshman pitcher Justin Broach throws a pitch during Sunday's doubleheader against Robert Morris-Springfield. Earlham lost both games, 13-6 and 6-4.

Tennis scores bounce around with wins, losses



Photos by Alex Softness

Left: Sophomore Nabil Parkar hits an overhead during the April 15 match against Capital University. The men's team lost 4-5. They came back on Wednesday, however, with a 6-3 win against the College of Mount St. Joseph.

Above: Sophomore Julia Berner-Tobin hits a backhand return during last Thursday's match against Capital University. The women take on Central State University today, and Ohio-Wesleyan University tomorrow. Check ecword.org for photos after the matches.



Junior Chris Harms winds up to kick the ball Tuesday evening in the Wellness center during practice for the intramural kickball league. Kickball games have been going on for over a week, and the tournament starts next week.

Photo by Emma Roller

Correction

The men's rugby photo last week was incorrectly attributed. The photographer was Emma Roller. The Word regrets the error.

Intramural kickball kicks up its heels