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Student death shakes EC community



Photo by Yaro Zabavskiy

Freshman Alec Henriksen. Dec. 11 1991-Sept. 30 2010.

By Anna McCormally
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Contributing editors

Eighteen-year-old freshman Alec Henriksen was found dead back campus Thursday, Sept. 30. Wayne county coroner Kevin Fouche identified the cause of death as asphyxia due to hanging.

Henriksen's body was found by two students who were back campus collecting water samples for class. His body was located in the woods on Earlham Cemetery property on the opposite side of the stream from the trail.

According to Director of Campus Safety and Security Cathy Anthofer, two security officers responded to a phone call that first came to Runyan desk at 2:50 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 30.

Director of Student Activities Rich Dornberger reported to

Security the student needed Security to respond to the back campus area, then called back and gave Security the cell phone number of the reporting party to give the officers a more precise location. Security placed a 911 call when the officers were dispatched.

Anthofer said officers arrived on the scene and confirmed the need for a 911 call. The Richmond Police Department, Rural Metro EMS and Richmond Fire Department all responded. Once death was confirmed, the deputy coroner was contacted.

Dean of Student Development Cheryl Presley alerted the student body to this tragedy in an email that went out on Thursday night, writing "no foul play was suspected" in Henriksen's death and that his parents had been notified.

Later that evening, Earlham Student Government sent out

an email calling for all students to join an "all-inclusive silent gathering" on the Heart in honor of Henriksen. Though the vigil was scheduled to begin officially at midnight, students began to gather on the Heart as early as 9 p.m. to sit together in silence by candlelight.

The next day, the community gathered again at noon in Stout Meetinghouse for silent reflection. Many spoke out of the silence, sharing memories of Henriksen.

Henriksen came to Earlham from Salt Lake City, Utah. A viewing and funeral were held in Salt Lake City on October 6 and 7.

For more on Alec Henriksen, see *Community*.

Broken chairs, broken hearts: what next?

By Anastasia Hauff

Staff reporter

As President Doug Bennett recently pointed out in an all student body email, the Adirondack chairs have been vandalized repeatedly this year, to the point of almost uniform destruction.

The Heart at Earlham College is a central part of every student's daily life. Whether you use it to play Frisbee, catch up with friends, enjoy the weather, or just cut across it to get to class, it's a keystone of campus life.

Subsequently, the large wooden Adirondack chairs that grace its presence are just as central.

The once numerous chairs have been battered beyond repair until only a few remain. 31 existed at their peak and four remain at last count. What happened? It's completely unrealistic that after years of service, all of the chairs would remain in perfect condition. They are dragged mercilessly around, stood on, used to hold multiple people in one chair, and are generally just

sat in quite often.

Nonetheless, recent developments have made it apparent that the chairs are not damaged only because of ordinary use. Instead of just being well loved, some suspect the chairs have been the victims of foul play. For a while, there were piles of shattered boards and screws lying on the grass, serving as a constant reminder that our community is not respecting them.

Sophomore Patrick Hall noted that a possible reason could be "the lack of community feeling this year, which leads to the idea that public property can be treated with no thoughts towards others."

"Would you do this to your own property?" asked Hall.

The question that Hall raises is on many students' minds. In Bennett's email, he said that the destruction of the chairs "makes us look like a callous, rough-mannered community."

"Health of the Heart indicates health of the community" said Hall.

This leaves us with the decision of the chairs' fate in the student body's hands. "It's hard to imagine buying more, not with the swift destruction that was the fate of the 31," Bennett said in his email. Bennett proposed matching student donations dollar for dollar to replace the \$165 chairs.

"The people who are donating money to replace the chairs are the least likely ones to be breaking them. An alternative could be a public billing system, akin to how resident halls attach a portion of the bill to every student in the dorm if something in there is destroyed. This would encourage others to stop people from breaking chairs if they see it being done," said Hall.

Senior Isaac May said, "Bennett was perhaps a little lackadaisical by handing off the responsibility about the chairs onto the student body."

As Bennett has handed the students the responsibility of the decision on what to do with the future of the Adirondack chairs, it is important to discuss within our

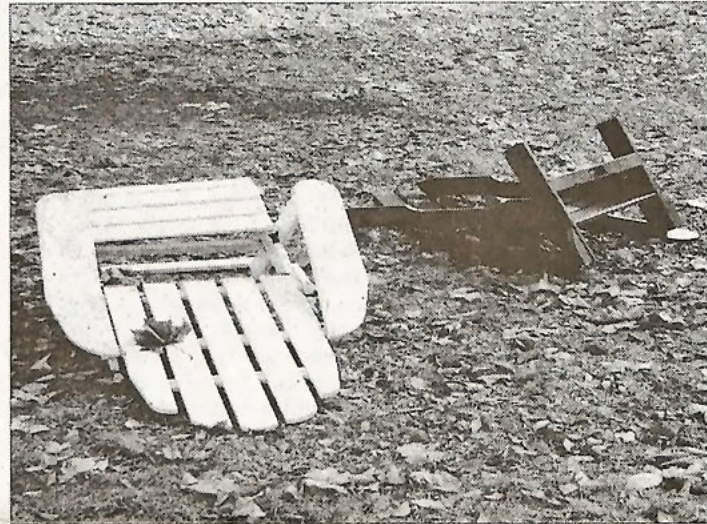


Photo by Doug Bennett

Broken Adirondack chairs on the Heart.

community possible action. As Bennett said "I think the chairs have given us a good deal of pleasure. From March through November, except when the weather was really ugly, I'd see students sitting in them, reading, or gathered in a group talking. The chairs have moved around

the Heart day by day, almost as if they had their own social life. It was no part of the original purpose, but they have become a kind of campus signature."

Upcoming Events

Friday 10.8

Brown Bag Concert,
12 noon Orchard Room

Rose Ensemble Concert,
7:30 p.m. Goddard

Game Night by SAB,
9 p.m. Comstock Room

Saturday 10.9

Songs of
Social Significance,
7 p.m. Stout Meetinghouse

24-Hour Theatre
Project Performance,
9 p.m. Wilkinson Theatre

Breathe Owl Breathe,
10 p.m. Orchard Room

Tuesday 10.12

LGBTQ Faculty Panel,
7 p.m. Stout Meetinghouse

Thursday 10.14

Early-semester break begins! Safe travels to everyone from your friends at the Word.

Million dollar donation funds fine arts

By Eli Richman

Staff reporter

Richmond native and former Earlham student Ron McDaniel recently donated \$1 million to Earlham. McDaniel designated that half the money, \$500,000, be used to help build the new fine arts building and the other half be used to hire a new professor for the Business and Non-Profit Management Program.

The department will hire the new professor based on experience in international finance and economics. Montez Snyder, professor of Business and Non-Profit Management, stressed the importance of this addition.

"American students are challenged to think about other places, and international students are challenged to think how they will bring this education home."

The international aspect exists to a certain extent already. About one third of Business and Non-Profit Management majors are international students, and the international representation in the program covers sixteen different countries, said Snyder. In group work local students learn how things work in other countries from the international students and vice versa. "We go global in the middle of the cornfields," said Snyder.

However, this is not enough to cover the intricacies of international finance and economics. As Snyder pointed out, "NGOs [Non-governmental Organizations] are certainly international. What's CARE? What's UNICEF? So they certainly need that international focus." The international focus will also be applied to similar fields, such as economics, to which the new professor can

bring perspective, said Snyder.

The other half of the money will be donated to the construction of the new fine arts building. McDaniel has a great fondness for theatre, and often goes to London to see various plays. Walt Bistline, artist in residence in photography said, "He has seen more plays in one weekend than I have in four months."

The new building will change the orientation of campus a bit. The parking lot and traffic circle outside of Runyan will become another quad much like the Heart. Another building will then be built near Runyan, which will hold office space and studio space for photography, metal smithing, and ceramics, and drawing and weaving will be moved to the available space in Runyan.

This is a vast improvement over the current situation. The studio space in Runyan was not designed to be used the way it is, said Bistline. "You would never put your photography studio next to the metal smithing department and above ceramics," said Bistline. "You literally couldn't have a worse arrangement."

Secondly, this will group all of the arts, music, and theatre spaces into those two buildings, rather than having them spread all over campus. "We are the third largest major on campus, and we're not really located anywhere," explained Bistline.

There is still much more money that needs to be raised before they can start construction, but Bistline hopes that current first years will be able to take classes in the new building their senior year.

This is McDaniel's second big donation. The first donation was a \$1.5 million dollar fund given during the last capital enterprise campaign. The

Kellogg Foundation, which had funded the Business and Non-Profit Management Program up to that point was going to run out, so McDaniel set up a fund to continue the program.

McDaniel explained his interest in the Business and Non-Profit Management Program in a phone interview.

"I was interested in that students coming to Earlham had the opportunity to get some exposure to some business classes beyond just an economics degree or what's normally available in a liberal arts school where you come out and you haven't had enough of accounting or finance," he said.

McDaniel has shown that interest in both the program and the students here in even more ways than these donations. Snyder recounted events in which McDaniel presented several lectures to Business and Non-Profit Management classes.

Furthermore, Snyder said that McDaniel personally helped several international students finish their educations at Earlham.

"He paid the bill" for those students, said Snyder.

Avis Stewart, vice president of community relations said, "He is obviously an outstanding philanthropist."

The specific reasons for McDaniel's generosity are many. First of all, he is an alumnus of Earlham College. He did not graduate because the program at Earlham did not allow him to completely finish his undergraduate degree. However, McDaniel said in a phone interview, "I owe to Earlham and my fondness for Earlham goes back to the fact that had the school not been there, and had they not had the program that I worked



Photo courtesy of Earlham College Public Affairs

One million dollar donor Ron McDaniel.

out with Indiana University, then getting a degree would have been much, much more difficult."

Snyder also points to Earlham's relation to Richmond and Earlham's Quaker connections as reasons for McDaniel's generosity. McDaniel originates from Richmond. "He never forgets it," said Snyder. As a result, he takes many opportunities to give back to the community, from helping build projects such as the fine arts building or by hiring workers here.

Secondly, McDaniel, while not a Quaker, remembers the "sense of values he experienced when he was here," and has shown great interest in Quakerism, said Snyder. She explained that in the past McDaniel has said that "if he were not his current age, he would probably become a Quaker."

When asked about his reasons for giving, McDaniel simply said, "I do it because I'm in a position that I can do it."

COMMUNITY

SECTION B

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Photo courtesy of Charlotte Bellm

Students hold a candlelight vigil on the Heart. The vigil took place at midnight on Thursday, Sept. 30, the night that the Earlham community learned of Alec's death.



Photo courtesy of Todd and Alison Henriksen

Alec's parents contributed this photo to the Word. They would like to express their thanks to the Earlham community for the support.

Earlham remembers Alec Henriksen

By Al Krastev and Katie Winters

Staff reporter and
Contributing editor

A remembrance piece will inevitably fail to do justice to the life it is commemorating. Alec Henriksen cannot be described in 800 words. But this remembrance should serve to remind those who knew him of his energetic curiosity and his passion for volunteering, computer programming and Woody Allen movies.

It should help those who did not have the chance to get to know him understand what made Alec the person he was.

Roger Clayton, a sophomore philosophy major, was a close friend of Alec's for more than three years and recollected many of the traits that formed Alec's unique personality.

"He was the single most curious person that I knew," Clayton said. "A part of his curiosity is being enthusiastic about everything. Anything that was of any interest to him, he would get totally engaged and consumed by it and not let it drop whatsoever, almost overwhelmingly sometimes."

Alec was a freshman from

Salt Lake City, Utah. Although he was part of the Earlham community for just over a month, Alec was already involved in a wide range of activities. He was a reporter for The Earlham Word, writing two stories over the past three issues, as well as a part of America Reads, a student organization that promotes an appreciation of reading in elementary school children. His engagement with the program extended so far that he volunteered to prepare a community activity for the kids the Tuesday before his death.

Alec also taught himself programming languages like "HTML, CSS, PHP, SQL, and Python, in that order," as he described on his website, alecwh.com. In his biography page he noted that he traveled to four continents and volunteered in South American rural communities. He still has an active account at stackoverflow.com, an online web-developer support network, where he was an official moderator in eight different categories. He helped numerous web-developers throughout the web through his "largest, maintained projects," PHPNS and Pyfig, that are still accessible through his website.

Freshman Gunnar Kauth met

Alec at Earlham this semester.

"What intrigued me was the fact that he just came up and started talking to me and was immediately interested in what I had to say," Kauth said.

As time passed, Kauth got to know Alec. "He was really into movies—especially Woody Allen. He was obsessed with Woody Allen," he said. He also learned of Alec's academic interests. "He was really passionate about writing and science—that was his thing."

Clayton noted that before becoming the all-involved Alec we knew, he underwent years of transition period. "When I first met him, I ended up getting in a massive argument with him where he was trying to convince me that global warming didn't actually exist. And then, over the next couple of years, that changed and he changed from crazy conservative global-warming-denier to a super-liberal—just total opposite."

"He grew up in a really Mormon family," Clayton said, "and he decided in his junior year of high school that that wasn't him."

Clayton also went on to reflect on another pivotal moment of his opening to more liberal ideas.

"Mormons are not allowed to drink coffee. So, he came up to me one day at school with a cup of coffee, waited for me to take a sip there and just waited for a reaction from me. And I was just looking at him totally confused, like 'What's up?' And he was like 'It's coffee and I like it!'"

When asked about how he is coping with his friend's death, Clayton, who was also the person to convince Alec to attend Earlham, said he is shocked.

"I still have trouble wrapping my head around it and it's really frustrating because I am trying to figure out why it happened and I realized that I am never going to be able to," he said.

Kauth is also still trying to process his feelings. "I've been going through this phase where everything reminds me of him—especially hip-hop music," Kauth said. "I'm going through a period of reflection."

But Kauth is sure about how he will remember Alec. "I'd rather remember him for his incredible insight and passion. He put his values—including everyone, loving everyone, not judging anyone—at the forefront of everything he did."

Clayton expressed that Alec's passing was not anything that

could have been predicted. Regardless, he had ideas about the struggles Alec might have been going through. "He's always had severe anxiety problems and I know that he struggled a lot over the last couple of years, especially with leaving the Mormon church, because that is really a hard thing to do," Clayton said.

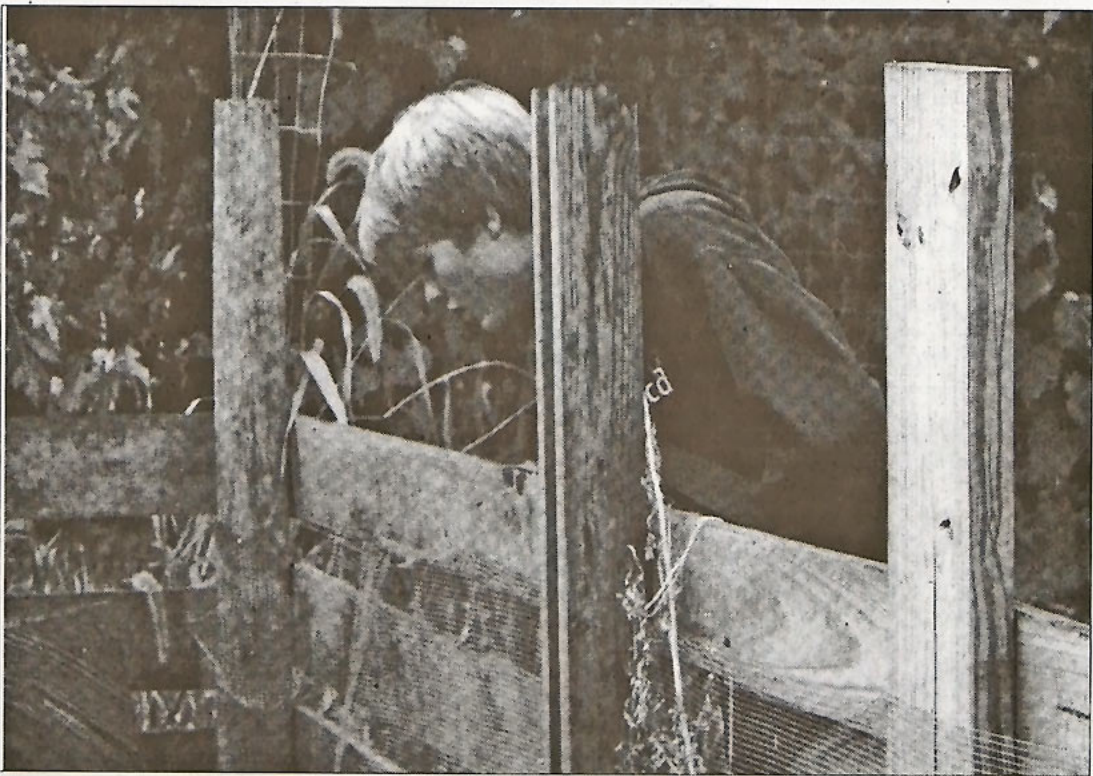
Clayton said that he was impressed by the silent vigil the night of Thursday, Sept. 30. However, he felt that the publicity of this major loss for the community has been very limited. "I understand how it is important to make sure that life keeps moving on as far as college concerned," he said. "There could have been a little bit more mention of it," he said.

In an email, Alec's mother, Alison Henriksen, shared some of her thoughts about Alec. Both of his parents expressed their gratitude for the outpouring of love they have felt from the Earlham community.

"Alec loved books, backpacking and rock-climbing," she wrote. "Alec left his unique mark on this earth and touched many with his remarkable intellect, easy wit and huge heart. He was a seeker of knowledge and truth."



Alec attends Farm Day at Miller Farm on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010.



Photos by Yaro Zabavskiy

Bicentennial brings celebration, remembrance

By Federico Rojas

Staff reporter

As Wayne County celebrates its bicentennial, amongst the celebrations that are taking place in Richmond, people can't help but to think back on the disaster in downtown Richmond that took place in April 1968.

On Saturday, April 6, 1968 at the intersection of 6th and Main, 41 people died and more than 150 were injured when a natural gas leak from transmission lines that ran under Martin Arms, a sporting goods store, caused an explosion. A second explosion followed, caused by gunpowder that was stored in the building.

Twenty buildings adjacent to the site were condemned, and many lives were affected that day. Jim Harlan, a Richmond native and current director of

the Wayne County Historical Museum, remembers the day of the explosion.

"I was home on Easter break from Indiana University," Harlan said. "That Saturday I was having a phone conversation with my girlfriend at the time; all of a sudden there was a huge explosion sound."

Harlan lived five miles away from downtown at the time, and his father, who was home that day, had a law office on the fourth floor of the First National Bank building at the corner of 7th and Main.

Harlan hurried with his father to check his office downtown, and the scene he encountered is one that he remembers very clearly.

"There was no police line, and many people were arriving to help where they could," Harlan

said. "What a mess—stores were blown to bits, and there were fires everywhere."

Harlan took his father home as a safety measure but then returned to the site.

"I arrived and started to move things to help," Harlan said. "I remember running into our former mayor and proceeded to help him move display cases at Phillips Drug Store."

The scene throughout the following hours became a procession of fire trucks, police and ambulances from all over the state. People from the town were the first ones on the scene.

"Originally, there was talk of a race riot," Harlan said. "Martin Luther King had been assassinated the week before. But that notion was soon dispensed."

Tom Hamm, Earlham archivist and curator of the Friends

Collection, remembers the mood around Earlham at the time of the events. "Needless to say, it was traumatic for everyone... The stories I've heard from people on campus are of anxiety. The first fear was to see if any of our students were among the dead. They weren't, but a number of our students went down to help with rescue efforts."

Randall Shrock, professor of history, was a senior at Earlham that year. "I remember exactly where I was in Lilly Library as a senior, where I was studying for my comprehensive exam in history," he said. "I remember hearing and feeling the explosion, evidence of the explosion's remarkable power."

Today a plaque is located in downtown Richmond that memorializes the lives lost in this tragedy.

"There were lots of lawsuits and a long court case, so everything was legally settled," Harper wrote. "But what lingers now is a scar in Richmond. There are still people who vividly remember what happened."

The explosion was the subject of the documentary "1:47," released in April 2008. Jean Harper, professor of English at Indiana University East and author of "Rose City," a memoir in Richmond's greenhouses, directed the film.

This event represents a turning point in this town, and it should therefore be in the minds of students who come to Earlham if there is hope for strengthening relationships with the community.

The Italian Market lives up to its name

By Camilla Fulvi

Staff reporter

I'll be the first one to admit it: I'm Italian and I'm a snob about it. Well, not fully. The only thing I can't ever seem to get off my high horse about is Italian food.

I grew up with what always seemed to me like the best chefs of the century - my dad, grandpa and great-uncle Sam - cooking me the most delicious Italian food known to human existence. I'm not shy about proclaiming that my grandpa, on his deathbed, could cook a better chicken cacciatore than the clown in the kitchen.

So, finding a place that serves Italian food that I can truly appreciate and enjoy is nearly impossible. Surely no place in Richmond will meet my standards...right?

As soon as you open the heavy door at Maria Mitrione's Italian Market, the aroma of basil, bread and olive oil pulls you inside. This is what any place called an Italian Market should smell like. Already, I approve.

The building is cool by itself: an old brick building in the depot with old bricks and wood inside. With booths inside and picnic tables outside, it certainly has a great atmosphere to eat and chat

in. So, it looks Italian, smells Italian, but does it taste Italian?

The Italian Market's specialty is their sandwiches. They also have a salad bar, different varieties of soup that always smell delicious and take and bake pizzas: all of those look and sound good, but their sandwiches are what push them to the top.

And talk about variety. They have 18 different kinds of meat and eight different kinds of cheese. From bologna to mortadella with pistachios, American cheese to Fontina, they have just about any kind of meat or cheese you could want on your sandwich. When you order, they take it out of the deli case and slice it right in front of you. And not just a few pieces either - a mound.

So, on my Italian high horse I ordered a prosciutto and provolone sandwich - a very Italian sandwich. They made it right in front of me, wrapped it and put it in a bag with chips and a pickle. I went to a picnic table outside and took my first bite.

In the words of Cinderella: "so this is love!" Both the prosciutto and provolone were very high, drool-inducing quality. The bread was just how sandwich bread should be: soft, delicious, with a crispy crust so the massive sandwich stays together.

A little advice - you can order

a full sandwich or half of one. It's kind of like a Chipotle burrito. You can get a full one and eat it all, but a food coma will probably follow. A delicious food coma.

Vegetarian? You can get a Mile High Grilled Cheese, which is made with Colby, provolone, mozzarella, tomato and oregano. Please don't drool on the newspaper.

Along with sandwiches, you can get cold salads like artichoke salad, seafood salad and my personal favorite, cucumber tomato salad, among many more.

Sweet tooth? The cannoli aren't much to write home about, but the tiramisu is very good.

Maria Mitrione's Italian Market recently merged with Richmond Hardware, which is in the same building. They used to share a wall, but they knocked it down in order to put in a soda fountain and create a general store. So if you want a real treat, you can get all kinds of old-school sundaes and shakes and eat them in the booths.

Or you could peruse the rest of the market and buy some gelato. They carry Ciao Bella brand sorbet and gelato in flavors like chocolate hazelnut, strawberry, Key lime pie, mango and coconut.

The Italian Market, besides



Photo by Elsa Haag

Maria Mitrione's Italian Market is located in the depot district.

the deliciousness in the deli case, has a lot of other things to offer. They have a great selection of many different types of Italian food or cooking items. Biscotti, wine, pasta, olive oil, some fresh vegetables, tomato sauce and bread are just a few items that you can buy there. It's all high quality at a reasonable price.

So, yes, Maria Mitrione's Italian Market is fully approved

and appreciated by this snobby Italian eater. It is a great place to spend some time eating, browsing and chatting with friends. And you know what? I think their cucumber tomato salad is better than my family recipe. Now, go! Eat!

Moore than Saga

Fishing, treasure hunts and more

By Kristin Hoppe

Staff reporter

If you've ever seen Charles Moore working in Saga before, you've probably noticed his easy smile and laugh from across the cafeteria. What you may not know about him, though, is that he fills his free time with a wide range of hobbies.

Moore was born in Georgia, and from his warm voice, you can tell almost instantly. He says he stayed to himself in high school, but that he then traveled and worked all over the United States, including New York, South Carolina and Florida, where he spent 10 years working in food services at Disney World.

"When I was traveling I met nice peoples, I did, I really did," he reminisced. "And I can't remember that I met bad peoples or cruel peoples. But everybody mostly treat me nice and I treat them nice."

He moved to Richmond about sixteen years ago with his son, Charles Jr., and met his girlfriend shortly thereafter.

"We got divorced, and we still stayed together," he said. "We stay together now."

A few years ago, Moore became an avid bass fisher thanks to a friend. Though he used to drive a moped to work, he turned it in for a truck that could tow his '87 Cheetah bass fishing boat.

"Most of the time I use my boat [to fish]. I went to Anderson one day and I seen it at the side of the road, and I bought it...I liked it and I bought it that evening. It's a pretty nice old boat," he explained. "Them bass buffs, they never lose their value. I just call it a Cheetah, that's all. That's what I named it."

Moore belongs to the Richmond Bass Club and participates in competitions with his friends all around Indianapolis.

"It's just like, you beat me, I'm trying to beat you. I mean we be friends until we get out on

the water, but we get out on the water, it's a whole different ball game, you know what I mean?" He laughed. "We be after each other, that's what make it so fun."

Even during the winter Moore digs a hole and spends all day outside with his ice fishing pole.

"I take coffee and I put hand-warmers in my gloves. It be pretty cold out there, 20 or 30 degrees below in the winter. Gotta make sure the ice don't break and cave you in," he said.

When Moore isn't playing catch and release, he goes metal detecting with a friend.

"Sometimes we go outside the drain and we find quarters, pennies, dimes, you know somebody get in the car and dropped it out," he said. "I know a few tricks about it. I got good at telling what I can dig up. You just got to hear by the sound, it's the sound that you can hear, and I can tell you what's a penny, quarter, or dime, or 50 cents."

Usually the most remarkable coins he finds are ladyhead dimes, which were made in the 1940's, but his side hobby has drawn in profit in the past. One time he found a gold dime and sold it for \$150 in Winchester, Ind.

When he's not fishing or metal detecting, Moore likes to relax and play games like "Call of Duty" on his X-Box 360, even though he jokes about how his girlfriend doesn't like it.

"She wishes I didn't have it," he said. "She wants to go watch TV, and I go plug it up. She don't say anything too much though."

Every once and a while, Moore has nostalgia for his home back in Georgia.

"I like the collard greens, corn bread, I like that soul food," he said. But he's decided he's glad to be in Indiana.

"I liked to move around until I came here - when I got a job at Saga, Earlham, really...I like everybody around here a lot. They keep me going," he smiled.



Photo courtesy Charles Moore

The Earlham Green Beat: Where wind is taking us



Photo by Elsa Haag

Juniors Ben Smith and Ivan Babic work to put up the wind turbine on top of Dennis Hall in Spring 2010.

By Kumar Jensen

Guest Writer

If you read last week's column you got a pretty good idea of how Earlham has been integrating solar power to help out around Dennis, but what about that other hyped up renewable energy: wind? Last year some of you probably remember the talk about the feasibility of a 70 meter wind turbine being set up in the corn fields behind the horse barns. As it stands, doing so is not presently feasible due to a number of complicating factors, including zoning regulations, safety hazards, set-up costs, maintenance costs, funding and being able to sell the electricity back into the grid. A number of Earlham staff, students and faculty researched the possibilities last year and concluded, for the time being, that big wind production isn't feasible on campus.

Most tend to ask what we are supposed to do if we cannot generate our own electricity from a renewable energy source. The prevailing logic, on campus and in many other places facing similar obstacles, has been that significant gains can be made through education and awareness about conservation practices. Most of us would agree that we use more electricity and energy than we need to in a day. Maybe we forget to turn off our lights on the way to class or drive to places clearly within walking or biking distance (CVS and La Mexicana are both within 1.5 miles of campus!) or for those of us with control over our room temperatures, cranking up the air conditioning in the summer or the heat in the winter.

For these reasons the computer science department has encouraged small-scale projects

that focus on teaching students and the wider community about the benefits of alternative energy sources.

So, what is the other hot alternative energy right now? Wind of course! That was where Hardware Interfacing Project (HIP) and Green Science focused their sights last year. The result: a 1 kilowatt wind turbine mounted on a 16 foot mast, with 7 foot long blades, on top of Dennis. The turbine is visible if you are walking toward Dennis and the Wildman Science Library from the Landrum Bolling Center.

Why Dennis? Choosing where to place the turbine was based on data collected by an anemometer, a device placed on buildings or towers to measure wind speed, consistency and turbulence. The readings from the anemometer indicated that the wind speeds on Dennis were strong, consistent and without noticeable turbulence. Unfortunately, after installing the turbine HIP found that wind speeds were not as consistent as they had expected and there was considerable turbulence. Inconsistent winds and turbulence make it so the turbine will not generate any electricity.

The group sat down again and started to figure out what happened, and why this seemingly strong location was not living up to the hype. It turned out that readings from just one anemometer do not provide enough information about the consistency or the turbulence of the wind. This is crucial since turbines need to be placed in areas with low turbulence and consistent wind speeds, to ensure they function correctly.

It was then concluded that if Dennis's roof does not receive consistent and strong enough winds then the turbine could be

moved to a more visible location such as Earlham Hall or Wilson. Again, the key reason for the project is to increase students' exposure to different types of alternative energy.

There are two key features that go along with the wind turbine itself that serve as both educational and practical. The first is the installation of what is called a 'real-time monitoring system.'

The system is designed to monitor the amount of electricity that a building is consuming/producing at any given moment. Thus, the real-time monitoring system would be used to collect baseline data on how much energy that building uses.

The second part is integrating touch-screen energy consumption and production display systems. These touch-screen displays would be hooked up to the real-time monitoring systems and would allow users see the energy consumption and production, at any given time, of whatever building they are in.

Installing wind turbines and their touch-screen monitoring systems will help give us a much more accurate idea of how much energy we are presently using (our baseline metric) and thus enable us to set goals for energy reductions in the future. This is one of the most crucial steps in decreasing our greenhouse gas emissions and switching to more sustainable alternative energy. Tune in next week to hear more about the Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System, and how it can help us with our baseline metric!

If you are curious about this project and want more information please don't hesitate to email me or HIP/Green Science at hip@cs.earlham.edu.

“Community is our strongest resource”

By Rachel Hawkins

Guest writer

A dark cloud has settled upon Earlham with the death of Alec Henriksen. Earlham students have experienced this before and supported each other through these difficult days. When Austin Harris (2006) and Kai Woods (2008) took their lives, the EC community reached out and took action to expand Counseling Services.

Over time, the unity brought about by these traumas faded and we lost sight of an important truth. Namely, that the Earlham community is our strongest resource in the battle with our workload, stressful life situations and sometimes even ourselves.

While Counseling Services is an important resource, students must find better ways to support their peers through both structured means and personal efforts. We need to make it known that every student is accepted in times of struggle and happiness.

During my time at Earlham, I sometimes dealt with problems in isolation instead of seeking help. Through many discussions, I realized this was also true of many Earlhamites. Based on these conversations across diverse groups, I observed that students with seemingly perfect lives are sometimes just better at hiding their underlying issues.

Because of this perceived distinction between personal and community issues, there has been a stigma placed upon seeking help, approaching faculty or talking with peers who have faced similar struggles. In the long run, where does this get us as a community?

In my opinion, these factors lead us to today and our current period of mourning. We must improve our methods of assisting fellow students and should examine our collective issues through a broader lens. As individuals, we must become better at articulating problems, responding to those in need and

accessing student and faculty support.

Our professors and administrators fully support us but we underutilize this network. As students, we may be supportive of our peers, but if we do not embrace vulnerability by placing ourselves and our struggles in the open, we will continue to have difficulty assisting those who need it the most.

This is not just a mental health issue. Earlham students grapple with a variety of personal problems centered in their home or campus. Every year, students are sexually assaulted or face physical and emotional abuse at the hands of their male and female peers. These issues are under-discussed and underreported because our community has constructed them as incongruent with its stated principles.

These occurrences demonstrate that the Earlham bubble does not exist and urge us to address these situations with thoughtful discussion and substantial

measures. If we do not first address the issues present in our own community, how can we continue to engage the world?

Each year, many Earlham students deal with complex issues in private. Whenever a student struggles in silence, it stifles our ability to respond as a community.

We must make ourselves emotionally available to other students and reveal through our actions that their support does not end after a counseling session, stop at the classroom door or falter amongst their peers. We are supported by an entire community and must continue to build upon our current network of mutual assistance during the years to come.

We cannot sustain the growth of these support structures without first acknowledging the importance of our shared history. Earlham was here long before we arrived and will continue to be here after we graduate. Because of this turnover, the difficult

lessons are sometimes forgotten.

When Austin Harris passed away in 2006, Doug Bennett released a statement that noted his passing marked the first suicide on Earlham's campus in over 25 years. The past four years have indicated the establishment and continuation of a distinct and disturbing pattern. With this knowledge, we must examine the factors impacting this trend and what can we do to change it.

By reaching out to our peers in mutual vulnerability and strength, we can show our fellow students that no one is truly alone on this campus, no matter how it may feel sometimes.

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Music of hope

By Josh Friedberg

Guest writer

Alec Henriksen was my friend and one way I connected to him was through music.

With his death last Thursday, I will miss him beyond measure and I truly wish people close to killing themselves would learn that time can heal more wounds than one realizes now.

I know that music has always been a healing medium for me in getting through the kinds of rough times that have made people like my friend kill themselves.

With this in mind, I decided to write about songs that have helped inspire me to keep going more times than I can count and one that I find particularly inspirational.

“A Change is Gonna Come,” by Sam Cooke. Inspired by Bob Dylan's protest song “Blowin' in the Wind,” Sam Cooke—once called “the best singer who ever lived, no contest” by R&B producer Jerry Wexler—gave one of the most impassioned performances of his career on this track, recorded during the last year of his life. With the song's lyrics—like “There've been times that I thought I couldn't last for long, but now I think I'm able to carry on”—you can hear how much lived experience, anger, and hope is in Cooke's voice, like he resolutely believes in every word he sings.

And whether or not one relates to the specific historical context in which Cooke sings, the African-American civil rights movement in the 1960s, anyone can take inspiration from the song's promise of a better

day in the midst of tremendous turmoil and fear.

(Note: if you have trouble getting past the heavy strings and orchestral arrangement, try Otis Redding's version of the song.)

And for nine more inspirational songs:

“You'll Never Walk Alone,” by Mahalia Jackson

“Let it Be,” by The Beatles

“You Are Not Alone,” by Michael Jackson

“Lean on Me,” by Bill Withers

“Bridge Over Troubled Water,” by Simon & Garfunkel

“Turn Me Around,” by Mavis Staples

“Everybody Hurts,” by R.E.M.

“Up to the Mountain (MLK Song),” by Patty Griffin.

“We Shall Overcome,” by The SNCC Freedom Singers.

I should acknowledge that music might not be your medium. So feel free to use visual art, film, creative writing, or whatever other media that can help uplift you during these tough times.

In finishing this article, I want to quote an article I wrote that I know Alec appreciated: “If you feel alone without direction, please reach out to resources around you, because you are not alone. Know that you are strong; you are worthy; and no matter what, you are loved.”

And to add to that, always remember that there needs to be more people like you in this world, not less.

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Grief unites community in wake of dire tragedy

By Chris Chamberlain

Contributing editor

I am so proud of this community—so grateful to have been present with all of you at Earlham in its hour of need.

In the aftermath following Alec's choice to end his life last week, I have watched and participated in the mourning process that has burdened the members of our community. From the chill of the midnight vigil to every smile I've seen, out of every conversation among strangers and with all of our passion, we have responded, and the outpouring of your caring concern has been humbling.

This is not the first time I have seen our community respond to suicide. I have been a student here since the fall of 2006, and the veil of suicide has fallen three times.

I have seen students respond to suicide every three semesters: Austin Harris, in the fall of 2006; Kai Woods, in the spring of 2008; and now Alec—all three, Earlham students each in his or her own battle against forces that it would not be right to reduce and label, made the same decision. But if someone were to say that the events were the same... well son them's fightin' words, if you'll

pardon my utterance of such Southern vernacular, and I'm sure some in this fine company of devout pacifists might agree with me.

Maybe we responded so well because our community, having gone through such sadness twice in recent years (as well as having two of our History professors die during the school year and incoming freshmen killed in car accidents), was trained to be responsive. Maybe it was because Alec chose to die so soon, before we felt pressure from the full stress of mid-terms and the bleak skies that gather through a Midwestern November and the chill of winter that harden hearts; maybe not. Whatever the reason, I found it warming during the midnight vigil, despite the air.

I don't think many people felt this way after either Austin chose to end his life; certainly, this was not where our community stood a week after Kai Woods's suicide. I have talked with my friends among our alumni, and they feel the same. Whereas Austin's death was met with denial, brushed over like a shameful wound—several of my friends, when asked, were astounded to realize that they couldn't even remember how the community reacted. And Kai's death brought forth a surge of

anger from many of us: not only did the student body feel that information was being withheld, I remember several RAs being angry that they couldn't share the information they were given.

Not so this time. Our response has been neither a denial nor a rage but with health and unity. Wherever I look, I see grief handled maturely—and though many among us have not mastered it yet, everywhere I hear stories of caring extended to strangers, of the reconciliation of old grudges and of people who, despite passing each other every Monday and Thursday, have never until this week stopped to say, “Hi.”

Hold your grief high. It is not a mark of shame—it's what separates you from sociopathy. It's similar to how I feel in the first two weeks of a semester, when we open ourselves to making new connections, that feeling which, halfway through September, has settled or possibly vanished.

We are grieving, full of emotion, but we grieve together.

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Support resources don't bite

By Liz Burman

Guest writer

As I am sure that there will be a multitude of opinions on Earlham's mental health resources and community outreach in response to the actions of Alec Henriksen on Thursday, I hope to be brief in my message.

Below is a list of resources on campus for those who are in need of mental health support. It is my hope that in sharing these resources with you that we can utilize them more frequently, finding ourselves in fewer situations like the one we find ourselves in currently.

Counseling Services: more people utilize counseling services than are necessarily out in the open about it. I have been utilizing their services since my first year here and this is one of the best resources on campus for

mental health.

Active Minds: a student group that advocates for positive mental health and reducing the stigma attached to mental health awareness. They meet at lunch on Thursdays in the lobby of Earlham Hall.

Campus Safety and Security: security has someone by the phone 24 hours a day. If you find yourself at a point of desperation and are looking for someone to stop you, a phone call to security will have someone at your door in a heartbeat.

Kai Circle: a peer support group created in response to the suicide of Kai Woods in the Spring of 2008.

ESR: we have all seen the sheets in the bathroom stalls listing the ESR faculty and staff that are trained to respond to sexual assault survivors. These people can also listen to you when you find yourself in a time

of need for reasons other than sexual assault.

Residence Life: your RA is here for you, the resident. If you live in a campus house, seek out your CA.

These people are trained to respond to whatever you may need and if they personally cannot help you, they know who can and will help you find them.

Peer Mentors: first years, at the beginning of the year you were given a peer mentor to help you adjust to college.

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Palestinean peace process problematic

By Toivo Asheeke, David Gabriel, and David Turjman

Guest writers

Just recently the US declared the start of the new Middle East peace talks. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and President Mahmoud Abbas have been meeting over the past few weeks in hopes of 'jumpstarting' the Peace Process.

We believe that these peace talks will not work in the sense of giving the Palestinian people the right to self-determination on their own land. There are many issues that are going to prevent these talks from succeeding. We recognize the cruciality of issues pertinent to all sides: the right of return for Palestinian refugees, allocation of resources, Israel's security demands, control over borders, the territorial integrity of Gaza, the Apartheid Wall, etc., but we will address in this article two issues which impede both peace between the sovereign state of Israel and unsovereign state of Palestine, and between the people of both states.

It must be stated first and foremost that we recognize the relationship between Israel and the Palestinians to be a dynamic of oppressor v. oppressed.

This relationship has been unchanged for 62 years between the Palestinians and Israel. This relationship has been perpetuated by American foreign aid. Until this power relationship is made equal, peace between both peoples will be out of reach.

The issue of Israeli settlements built in the West Bank and Jerusalem impedes Palestinian sovereignty over the West Bank and its desired capital, East Jerusalem. They are the main roadblock to the peace process because the settlements are built on land legally set aside for a Palestinian state according to United Nations Resolution. The Israeli government has refused to remove the over 500,000 settlers who have, since 1967, been settling on Palestinian land in contravention of international law. This is a critical issue for the Palestinians because of the closeness of the territory. Palestinians control only 58 percent of the West Bank's 5,860-square-kilometer territory; the other 42 percent of the land is what appears to be permanent settlements, a term which includes: Israeli military facilities, cities and industrial/agricultural zones. The amount of land therefore available for Palestinians increasingly shrinks as more settlers are allowed to settle in the West Bank. The

Israelis have not extended, nor entirely abided by, the current freeze of settlements negotiated by the Obama Administration. Additionally in the Platform of the Likud Party, the leading party of the current government's coalition, it states clearly that "settlement of the land is a clear expression of the unassailable right of the Jewish people...and constitutes an important asset in [Israel's] defense... The Likud will continue to strengthen and develop these communities and will prevent their uprooting."

The issue of settlements extends beyond the occupied West Bank, where the situation can best be described by looking at a map of Apartheid South Africa. In East Jerusalem, a distinguishably separate part of Jerusalem yet municipally integral part of what Israel defines as Jerusalem, Palestinians live in centuries-old communities surrounded by Israeli settlements, some only a couple years old. The Palestinians claim East Jerusalem to be their capital; Israel too makes claim to Jerusalem as the eternal and indivisible "capital of the Jewish people" and therefore has implanted these Jewish settlements so as to prevent division of the city and create new facts on the ground. The municipality of Jerusalem obtained the territory of East

Jerusalem in the 1967 War. Israel's occupation of the West Bank and East Jerusalem is a blatant violation of international law. The reversal of such a situation requires far more pressure on Israel than the current peace process, which is being dictated by Israeli interests alone.

How can peace be established with a state that ignores international law but expects the peoples it occupies and subjugates to follow its laws?

The second major point of contention in this peace process is Israel's demand that the Palestinian Authority (PA) recognize Israel as a Jewish state. The PA already acknowledges Israel's right to exist but Israel insists that the world recognize it as a Jewish state as well. Why is this important? It is important domestically for Israel, because the population of Palestinians in Israel is growing rapidly and the Arab-Israeli population will likely outnumber the Jewish-Israeli population in 20-40 years. This poses problems to a state that wishes to be Jewish in character and citizenry but will inevitably cease to be so. Palestinians, to them, pose an existential threat to Israel's security and future as a Jewish state. What concern us most are fears that Palestinian citizens of Israel will be forced to leave Israel as they were during

the Nakba (700,000 were forcibly transferred). The discussion of population transfer is not taboo in mainstream Israeli society and for this reason we have much to be concerned about. We fear that Israel wishes to be defined as a Jewish state for the purpose of excluding Palestinians from the state of Israel and forcibly transferring Palestinians to the to the established Palestinian state. Of course such as a proposition is senseless given Israel is part of historical Palestine and we reject Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state.

As we have demonstrated, there is much about this new round of Peace Talks that is not being addressed adequately. This makes us wonder why peace talks are even commencing when this critical component for peace in the region is not going to be addressed. As long as the issue on settlements and implantation of international law stays unresolved by Israel, peace will not come.

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Keep butts off the Heart

By Anastasia Hauff

Guest writer

Dear Earlham Campus, I have a dirty little secret... I'm a smoker.

Why do I feel so guilty about this? It's not the student body. I don't think there is too much concern about what I do to my own body as long as it's not harming others.

That leads me to the idea that it's the administration. There is an appalling lack of ashtrays on campus, and this is a concern that shouldn't just affect smokers. The only reasons I can think of for not having ashtrays are either the administration's concern about the college's image or a lack of funding for them. I have a feeling it might be the former, but if it is the latter, I am publicly declaring that I will go down to Walmart, purchase a few buckets and a bag of sand, and solve this problem myself.

Therefore, I suppose the administration feels that having ashtrays out on campus would give a bad image to our college. A nicer image that Earlham must want to promote instead is the hundreds and hundreds of cigarette butts lying around various benches and popular spots on the Heart.

Comparatively, in my opinion,

having ashtrays added to the campus would say, "yes, we accept the fact we have smokers, but we also care about environmental responsibility, cleanliness and general aesthetic."

That's not a bad image to have at all. A few people on campus have started an initiative to fix this on their own. They have organized a clean-up on the Heart to pick up cigarette litter, and will be placing ashtrays themselves around campus at a later date. I spoke to one of the members, Xander Hazel, asking him and the rest of the group about what motivated them to organize this. He said that "the cigarette butts everywhere are a noticeable flaw on the campus, you can't avoid seeing them. Both people who smoke and people who don't are bothered by them. And it's an easy enough thing to fix." Xander has a completely valid point here.

Nobody likes to be chatting with a friend and be stepping all over the ruined remains of someone's last nicotine fix. Is there a social stigma about smoking that the college wishes to avoid addressing? Even if there is, that shouldn't be grounds for not providing ashtrays.

Nearly everyone on campus is 18 or older. Smoking is legally

allowed by the government and by Earlham's school policy, as long as we are 20 feet away from a building and not smoking on the Heart.

Do we really, as a community, hold so much against smokers that we would rather have a filthy campus, where people have to brush molding Camel Crushes off a bench in order to sit down? No, I don't think so.

Cem Erez, a junior at the college, spoke to me on the same topic. He said, "at Earlham, we follow Principles and Practices. Those include respect of persons and community."

"These are not being followed when we intentionally exclude a large minority of the campus who smoke at every opportunity."

The subsequent step would be to band together and show the administration that this is a request made in solidarity. We desire, as a community, to be inclusive of everyone and to live in a beautiful and clean living space. Earlham might not want to encourage smoking, but the absence of ashtrays is not doing anything to stop us.

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Cheers & Sneers

CHEERS to:

- Reformed penpals
- Jacob Naegli, for smelling my milk
- Doug Bennett, for complimenting my boots
- Nathan Jones, for being completely awesome
- Women's Ultimate team for being badass women with spirit. Saucy Oats, way to rock our first tournament!
- Maintenance, because I called and asked them to turn on the heat in the Hoerner bathrooms and they did it within 12 hours! Thanks guys!

SNEERS to:

- Feeling energized after the weekend, then worn down again by Monday
- Overly pretentious philosophy majors
- Having nothing to cheer this week
- PAGS majors in upper-level Econ classes. This isn't about peace.
- The idea that Earlham doesn't need to address misogyny because we are under the impression that women are no longer oppressed.

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

SNEER: noun, a contemptuous or scornful remark.

SEND YOUR CHEERS AND SNEERS TO GAMIDDA10.

Chair challenges

By Jerry Crawford

Guest writer

Over my past 23 years I have seen many chairs on the Heart.

A few years ago new wooden and cast iron benches were placed strategically around the Heart circle. I remember patrolling one night with my trusted partner, Officer Benner. All of a sudden a quick stop of the patrol car heightened my curiosity.

"Charlie! What is it? What do you see?" As Charlie focused the car's spotlight on a new bench my eyes adjusted from the dull grays of midnight to a Pepto-Bismol pink dripping wet bench.

All the benches slowly appeared to us as being this non-soothing stomach color. Students had painted the benches and innocent watchful fire hydrant as well. Paint that would not be washed off by the responding Maintenance crew was later sand-blasted off and finished to its original wood gleam. Graduation came with lesser artistic pink episodes leaving along with new alumni. Now the New England beach coast-looking chairs are victim to continued abuse. The comfort not even a thought until their passing is considered. My old friend, the 1910 cement bench, has long stood the test of time,

much as the patience of Quaker teachings. Many a night, providing me a perch to watch and listen for the occasional laugh and scream from within the domes. Slowly it sinks into the ground from its weight, just as the 1877 rock.

Other than an infrequent and rare abandoned couch or recliner having spontaneous combustion problems, these chairs have provided a unique environment unlike any other place in the community. Even a security officer can find some fond memories of the chairs on the Heart while he fixed the problems of the world.

I cast my vote to see what becomes of the circle of grass through winter as it is. Then as spring arrives with renewing of growth, let new chairs flourish while we have learned a great appreciation for our friend the chair.

Should the chairs vote conclude to let them remain, I pledge and adopt for care, one chair for spring, painted by my fellow Security Officers in reflection and renewing of our part in this great educational community.

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Rosa puts in her two cents

By Rosa Ostrom

Contributing editor

Here's what I don't like.

1 That kid. You know the one. He arrives late, does none of the reading and talks constantly all the way through class. And gets an A.

2 Our current lack of need-blind admissions. I recognize that the economy is a problem, but we should be choosing our students based on their abilities, not their wallets.

3 End-of-tuition day. Since when does having a good endowment mean that we can afford a free breakfast for the entire school?

4 No mail on Saturday. The rest of the country gets this. People do send us mail.

5 School on days like Labor Day or Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Our staff deserves days off for their work. Equality means including everyone.

6 Bundy. It smells like a nursing home.

7 The new printing system. How many times have I tried to print something when the entire system has been down? Too many times.

8 No longer being able to get into dorms after midnight. This feels like I'm being babied, and that I'm not trusted to access buildings in my college that I pay a lot of money for. What's up with that?

9 Not knowing where the toilet paper in my house comes from. This makes it pretty hard to get more.

10 Dishes in the sink. Some may find it a pleasure, but I don't want to spend my night scrubbing eggy scum off the communal frying pan.

"Do students realize that it's their money that is going to replace things that they destroy and vandalize? Let's spend it on something more worthwhile, like the fine arts department."

- Rosa Ostrom, junior

11 Skunk roadkill.

12 Seniors graduating. I still miss everyone.

13 The weird stapler in the LBC computer lab.

I feel like I should have figured out how to use it by now.

14 Squeaky markers.

15 The distinct lack of rain.

16 Saga brunch. I have yet to find a time where the veggie room quiche has ever looked appealing.

17 Peanut butter ice cream in Saga. That stuff should be in a separate container — way too many people are allergic to allow it to contaminate everything else.

18 Bikers who come up behind you silently, giving you just the chance to hear them at the last minute and walk the wrong way.

19 Flies in the shower.

20 Too many raw onions in anything. Strong onion breath is almost impossible to remove.

21 What seems to be a lack of good jobs for non-work-study students. It's hard to teach yourself to be self-sufficient if you can't support yourself!

22 The price of textbooks.

23 Destruction of school property. Do students realize that it's their money that is going to replace things that they destroy and vandalize? Let's spend it on something more worthwhile, like the fine arts department.

24 Getting fired.

25 The way my window rattles all night long for no apparent reason. Why. Why. Why.

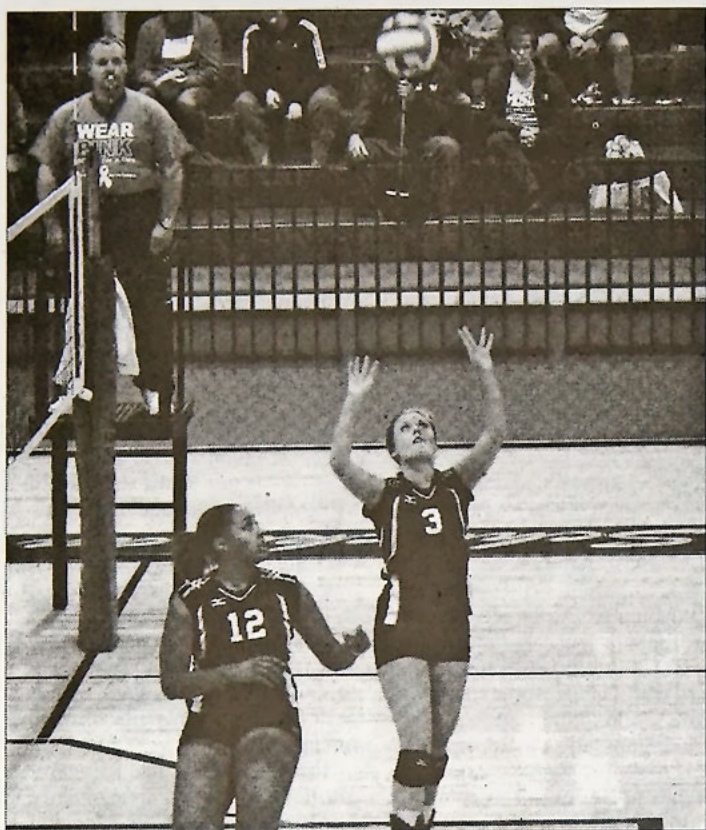
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SPORTS

SECTION D

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2010

Fall sports seasons remain in full swing



Above photo by Alex Pianetta

Right:
Freshman Christine Page approaches the finish line during Saturday's cross country race at the Earlham College Invitational. Page came in 17th with a time of 24:23 in the 5K race. Overall Earlham finished in second place.

Below:
The Earlham and Bluffton teams get ready to play. Earlham was defeated by Bluffton on Saturday with a score of 7-26.

Left:
Freshman Ashlee Heberger (3) sets the ball while junior Andrea Thompson (12) prepares to hit it again in Earlham's game against the College of Mount St. Joseph. The Quakers were defeated 3-0.

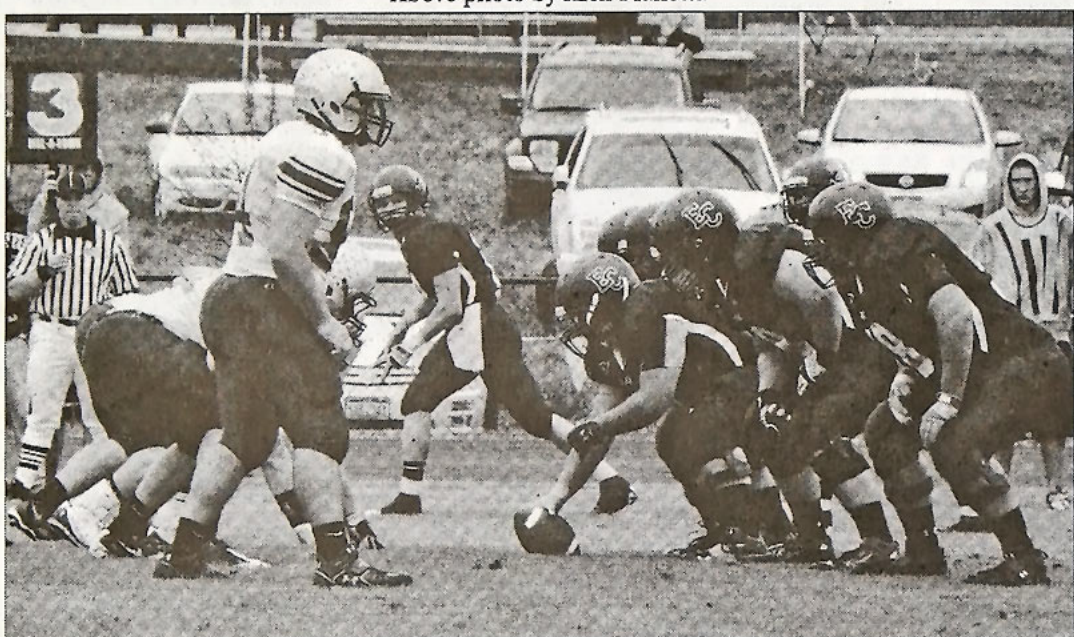


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Mind of an athlete: Cate Simmermaker



Photo by Yaro Zabavskiy

Sophomore Cate Simmermaker, left, soars on the soccer field.

By Anna McCormally

Contributing editor

This week, Earlham sophomore Cate Simmermaker was awarded the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference's Player of the Week award for women's soccer.

The Earlham Word: When did you start playing soccer?

Cate Simmermaker: I was four or five years old. My dad decided it was something that would keep me busy.

EW: What's your favorite part of playing at Earlham?

CS: Being part of the team. It's by far the coolest group of girls I've ever been a part of.

EW: Do you have a favorite team story?

CS: Last year, at the end of the season, during the starting line up announcements, all the starters did the "cupid shuffle." You go to the right, and then go to the left... it was pretty funny.

EW: What do you like to do apart from soccer?

CS: I'm going to be a science major, so I spend a lot of time in lab and in class studying, but other than that I really enjoy going to the movies, just hanging out with friends.

EW: Top three favorite movies

of all time?

CS: The Italian Job, Vision Quest, and How to Lose a Guy in Ten Days.

EW: What do you get for meal exchange?

CS: Meatball sub!

EW: Do you want to study abroad?

CS: Yeah, I haven't decided where, but I'm thinking somewhere where they speak English. I took a lot of Spanish in high school but I haven't really done anything with it here.

EW: Who's your favorite Harry Potter character?

CS: Hermione. She's definitely the alpha woman.

EW: Do you have any heroes or role models?

CS: As far as soccer goes, my dad is who I look up to in that sense. He was my coach when I was younger. He's always supported me in soccer.

EW: What's your least favorite Facebook application?

CS: Probably that cafe world thing people always send. The worst thing is, I kind of got into it last year for like a week, and then I had to stop. It took so much time up.

EW: Did you watch the World Cup?

CS: I did! I was very happy with the outcome. I was rooting for Spain most of the time. When the US was in it, though, I had to root for the US because you have to root for your home team. I think my favorite moment was when Landon Donovan had this goal where he was coming up on the right side of the goal and just powered it into the top of the net. The goalie was right there! It was a great job.

EW: What's your favorite place you've ever traveled?

CS: Jackson Hole Wyoming, where my family always had ski trips. I have the best memories from Jackson Hole.

EW: If you could have any job in the world when you grew up, what would you want it to be?

CS: I don't think I can answer that! I'd want to mix a bunch of jobs up. I'd be part doctor, part lawyer, part...I don't know. I'd do as many things as I could.

EW: What's your proudest moment from your soccer history?

CS: It would have to be getting to the Wittenberg game last year. It was something nobody else had ever done and we got there. As a team, it was a great achievement.

Scores

Field Hockey
at Oberlin College 3-6 L
at Denison University 0-7 L

Women's Volleyball
vs. College of Mount St. Joseph 0-3, 25-6, 25-13, 25-9 L
at Franklin College 1-3, 15-25, 25-15, 25-10, 25-17 L

Women's Soccer
at Bluffton University 3-1 W

Men's Soccer
vs. Anderson University (IN) 1-2 L
at Bluffton University 3-1 W

Upcoming Games

Today
Women's Volleyball vs. Wilmington College, 7 p.m.

Saturday
Women's Volleyball vs. Bluffton University 12 p.m.
Field Hockey vs. College of Wooster 1 p.m.
Women's Soccer vs. College of Mount St. Joseph, 1 p.m.
Football at Hanover College 1:30 p.m.
Men's Soccer vs. College of Mount St. Joseph 3 p.m.
Women's Tennis vs. HCAC Individual Invitational TBA

Sunday
Women's Tennis vs. HCAC Tournament TBA