

Delegation to Study May Day in Cuba

by **Gerry Adams**
Staff Writer

Several groups from the Earlham community went to Cuba last week to examine the Cuban government's May Day plans. The delegation of faculty, staff, administration, and students went in search of what May Day is "truly about."

"I was surprised that the Cubans celebrate May Day too," said senior Ron Beck. "I suppose it's O.K. then, right?"

"It just goes to show you that May Day is a multicultural, broad based event with pictures of Marx and Lenin for the whole family," said staff person Marla Black.

"Cuba celebrates May Day, and they're a country that hasn't colonized or oppressed another ethnic group," said Row Hitchards. "I mean, what could be more convenient, you know? P.C. and fun all in one package!"

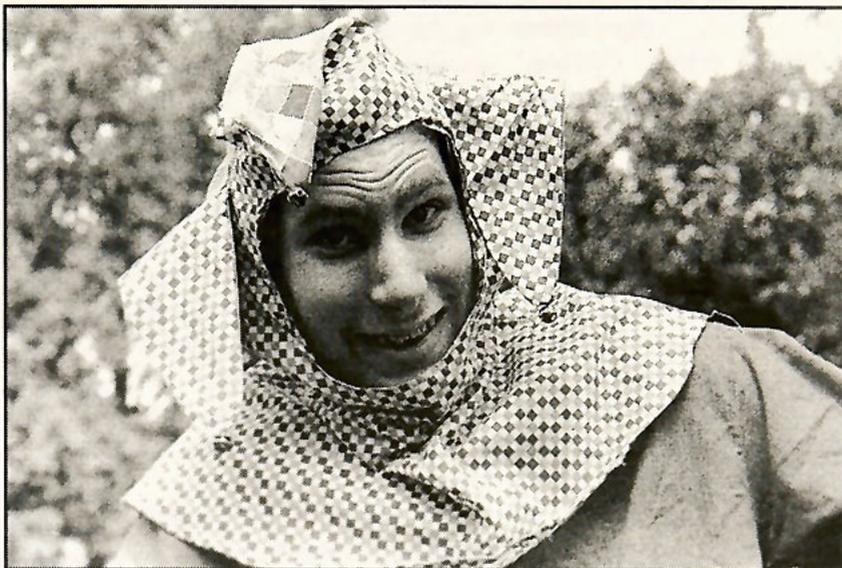
President Dick Log, while eating a pint of Chinese food, said, "there, see, even the godless Communists celebrate May Day. Does that make you happy? Does it?"

"Where are the costumes," Laffona Lordsey

said. "I'm surprised that they don't dress up or anything." During the trip, Lordsey was detained by the Cuban authorities because of her Elizabethan dress. "I just wanted to fit in," Lordsey said. "I guess I just don't understand May Day in this foreign country. But it's still May-tastic!"

Faculty member Don Jiskin said, "Who is this Castro guy anyway? Doesn't he know that beards went out a long time ago? I was beginning to think that this was some hippie fest or something."

"My husband looks like a fool in that picture," said senior Sarah Green Acres. "But then he just wants to make people laugh."



Geto Pelsler is the Earlham Word's jester. Peter, you win a free copy of the Word, and all of our never-ending (but deeply disturbed) affection. Keep your feet on the ground and reach for the stars.

The committee has made some plans for May Day 1997. "Lambada, the forbidden dance, ALL DAY," shouted Glob Bobstone. "It's the dance of love! And free Cubans to everyone who helps out. Cigars that is."

SLICK WILLIE MEETS TRICKY DICK

Whitewater becomes Backwater as Earlham connection unearthed.

by **Margaret Thatcher**
Staff Writer

It seems that the President Clinton didn't buy land in the Whitewater estate in Arkansas. *The Earlham Word* has found evidence showing that Earlham President Dick Log has been secretly buying up parts of Back Campus adjacent to the Whitewater River. Log was then selling the land to the Clintons at a profit. The Clintons were planning to build a 100 acre resort on the land.

"Lies, all lies," Log said, with the sound of a paper shredder going furiously in the background. "I didn't do anything wrong. There are just areas of back campus that I wanted for myself. For a new house, yeah, a new house. Is that so wrong?"

President Clinton said that he knew nothing of where the land came from, just that Log was trying to get rid of the land as fast as he could. "He said that it was totally legal," President Clinton said. "I just wanted someplace to retire. You know, somewhere with plenty to do and a low crime rate."

However, another ripple in the Backwater

affair is that First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton may have legally advised Log regarding his purchase of the land. When asked about her connection to the affair, President Clinton interrupted the interview and said, "My wife has the highest personal and moral integrity. I am sure that if there were anything shady about the deal she would have known about it." The First Lady refused any comment on the affair.

Members of the Earlham community were amused by the Earlham connection. Wildabeast Smith said that she thought a resort might be good for improving student activities. "I liked the idea of the 18-hole PGA golf course," she said.

Others were less enthusiastic. "What would we do with a 10 acre wave pool anyway?" said junior Sonnet Liver. "He stole the land," said Dean of Back Campus Development Ann Rong. "I wanted to put mini-malls on that land, and he sold it to those, Democrats."

The investigation will begin with an All Campus Meeting and Inquisition this Wednesday at 12 noon on the Heart. Bring your thoughts, ideas, and bricks.

This week in the Word....

Blue Dolphin strangled in six pack holder from Tazza Cafe. Competition gone bad or an innocent mistake? Page 6.

Earlham goes wild as G. Gordon Liddy debuts his talk-show on WECI. Exciting details on page 5.

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Ann Rong busted! Full CJC coverage on page 7.

And now, a moment of silence brought to you by Jesse Helms.....

You Can't Beat Crime Beat

by Roy Hattersley
Staff Writer

Crime, crime, CRIME! Don't you people have anything better to do than break the law? Well, I hope not because this week's edition of Crime Beat marks the beginning of the Crime Beat Achievement Awards! We're looking for the wackiest and most destructive crimes you've got for our GRAND PRIZE, a weekend vacation to another college with better student activities! So get out that crow bar and get to work! (Sorry, Tonya, you're ineligible.)

On February 1, the Committee on Campus Life was found to be wasting copious amounts of time on "policies." A CJC is being scheduled.

On February 24, two basketball referees cited ten students on charges of harassment. An investigation is pending.

On March 12, a 19-year-old PAGS student was put into custody after spraying the Warren kitchen with 1,365 bullets. The

suspect said that they were aiming for the person who "was sticking their fingers into my hummus." Campus Security reminds students not to use handguns or carry them on their person unless absolutely necessary.

On March 15, students returning from the Northern Ireland program were found with heavy explosives and a case of Guinness. The Guinness was taken from the students. Students are reminded that this is a dry campus. Honest.

On March 16, the Security Office mysteriously blew up. No group has yet claimed responsibility.

On March 24, two servings of Hungarian Noodle Bake escaped from Morrison's and were seen heading west on National Road. Witnesses heard the mixture moan, "I'm free! I'm going to Indy to boogie with the big noodles!" The accessories to the escape were commended with the Earlham Golden Yokefellow Award for Culinary Decency.

Housing Brings Changes to Dorms

By James Molnyeaux
Staff Writer

Cross Chollins recently announced some startling changes in Dorm life that would be implemented immediately. These changes are designed to improve the living conditions on campus.

Changes include the installation of Craftmatic adjustable beds in student's rooms. Chollins explained, "Students will now be able to read their humanities books in bed comfortably. Also, we are hoping to curb the problem of student's back problems."

In addition, maintenance is installing the clapper to the lock mechanisms of every dorm. Head of Security Linda Smiler

explained that students could only enter a dorm only if they clapped the correct code. Here are the codes for each dorm.

E.H.- Clap pause Clap
O.A.- Clap Clappity Clap
Clap Clap-Pause-Clap
Barrett- Clap-Pause-Pause-Clap- Pause Clap
Bundy- Clap
Hoerner- (Very soft clap, Very soft clap)
Warren- Clap Clap Clap Clap Clappity Clap Clap
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To make a suggestion clap, clap clap clappity clappity.

Smooth and Clarke Lower Deficit in Style

By Paddy Ashdown
Staff Writer

In an effort to decrease the college's \$400,000 debt, Vice President for financial affairs, Dick Smooth and Provost, Dick Clarke have collaborated in an entrepreneurial endeavor.

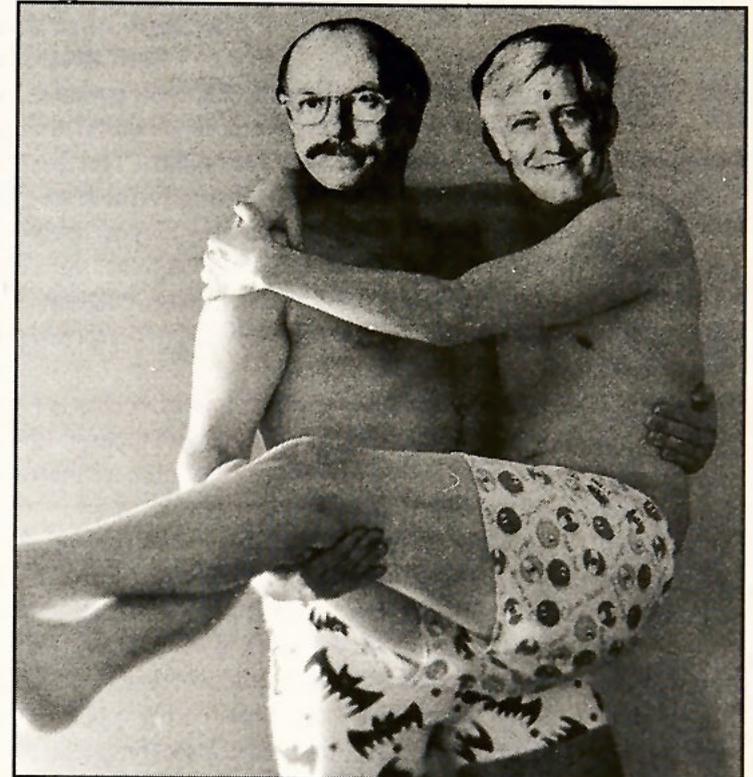
The two will be manufacturing boxer shorts by hand. Smooth orchestrates the business side of the venture while Clarke is the creator. Since September, both Clarke and Smooth have been tossing ideas back and forth about decreasing Earlham's debt. This idea grew out of Clarke's inspiration.

Evidently, while cleaning his home's attic, Clarke found piles of burlap and cotton broadcloth. "I just turned on Mary Jo's (his wife) old Singer and went at it. I was inspired."

Clarke is doing all of the boxer making and designing himself. He has been working on the shorts since the middle of second term.

All of the boxer designs are originals. The Meetinghouse, the famous Mary Dyer statue outside the Meetinghouse, and even Clarke's own office are subjects of the boxer short patterns. He has also toyed with using the Purina plant symbol.

"I really like that red and white checked pattern. And of course, it's good to expand the



Smooth and Clarke hard at work lowering Earlham's deficit and raising the height of fashion.

idea to include Richmond representations. It could help relations between the college and the city."

At Smooth's suggestion, Clarke lowered the price of the shorts from \$25 to \$10 a pair. Smith said, "After all he's sewing himself." Smooth has established that assuming boxer sales are average, closing the deficit will take between 15 and 20 years.

Clarke says, "I think they'll go like gangbusters! I'm sew-

ing like crazy." The shorts will go on sale in Runyan Center during midterm of term two.

Clarke and Smooth are also looking into an option to sell wholesale at the Promenade's Veach's general store in Richmond. The partners have also looked into mail order distribution through some of College Relation's alumni publications on campus.

Smooth said, "We'll see how it goes. I'm glad he (Clarke) has taken some initiative."

IPO proudly presents a new off-campus program....

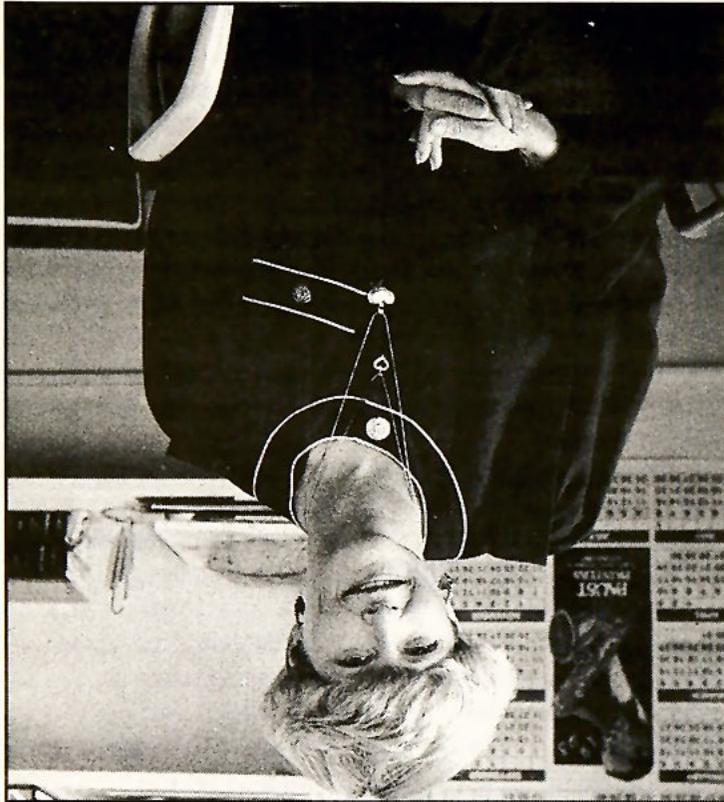
Experience....

The RICHMOND/ CENTERVILLE program

Eat rare and interesting foods, such as biscuits and gravy. Explore the lights and all-night excitement of Richmond's world renowned Promenade. Learn about our past at Centerville's Webb's Antique Mall. The program also includes field trips to regional historical sights, such as the Brookville Reservoir and the Amish Cheese Outlet.

Applications are due April 10.

Easter Egg Melee



by Frieda Convict
Staff Writer

14 Earlham students who decided to celebrate Easter early were attacked by the Easter Bunny Wednesday. Four were injured and six have long ears and fluffy tails as a result of the attack. The alleged assailant, a seven-foot-tall hopping cute thing, rushed to the sight of the premature hunt with "The Club" safety device in hand, screaming "nobody gets eggs until I put them out, see?" He then began spanking the egg hunters with said safety device while shedding profusely on them, according to one of the survivors.

"If they can start selling marshmallow peeps during the last week in February," lamented one of the students involved in the hunt, "why can't we cel-

brate Easter a little early? I have a Humanities paper to write Easter Sunday and I can't make the official hunt."

"This is unfair," another stressed searcher said. "That bunny harshed on my mellow."

When asked what would be done to the oversized rodent, head of security Linda 'you're-in-trouble-now' Smiler said, "Not a damn thing. It served them right. The organizers of the event were the same people who stole the eggs from the fridge in Warren last Tuesday."

For those concerned with bringing the Easter Bunny to justice, there will be letter writing tables in Runyan all next week, and a candlelight vigil in support of the injured revellers Monday at 9 p.m..

O.K. kids, chill. We hope you're enjoying this third annual April Fools Edition. Nothing in here is true, we think. Thanks to Ann, Steve, Mollie, Josh, Vicky, Uri and Luke for spending countless hours writing these journalistic masterpieces.

May the force be with you.

Always.

Vigil on the Heart for Oppressed Bodies

by Ted Heath
Staff Writer

There will be a vigil on the Heart tomorrow at 10 p.m., sponsored by the Physics and Astronomy departments in support of our celestial bodies, the stars.

The vigil grew out of an anonymous phone call which said that the stars were ignored altogether too much in our world and certainly on our campus.

The anonymous voice also said that the heavens would soon revolt if action was not taken "to rectify this situation and placate the feelings of the stars." The phone call wasn't taken seriously at first, but then feelings

changed.

"We discussed the call at length at a department meeting and determined that just as a precaution we should take any action to keep the stars satisfied. We just went from there pooling our ideas which sprouted from fear of the heavens and our sense of adventure," said Hay Rively, professor of astronomy.

"We are trying to raise awareness of them. Stars are our friends. I feel that the vigil will add a new facet to our lives," said Thurmond Howell III, professor of physics.

Hively said, "The stars really do not get enough attention. They are generally oppressed

and not appreciated."

The vigil will consist of a candle lighting. Each participant, standing in a circle, will hold a candle and spread light from one candle to the next. Each candle has the name of a star. "Provided the weather is clear, the Heart should be one circular glow of candles," said Howell.

"We hope to select a star of our own and register it. That's just one possibility. Too many vigils are about tragedy these days; the stars need a moment of silence too. We can only thank our anonymous caller for calling this desperate problem to our attention," said Hively.

Toilet Paper Policy Cleans Up

by John Hume
Staff Writer

At the end of winter term the Committee on Campus Life finally finished revising the toilet paper policy. "I think that everyone will hate the work that has been done here, but it seems to be the best thing for the community," says Peff Jerkins.

The policy addresses the concerns that students had at the outrageous amount of funding Earlham spent on toilet paper each year. One million dollars a year was spent on toilet paper alone last year. Student activist Juan Peck says, "I don't know

where the school buys their TP (toilet paper) but mine doesn't cost that much. That money could be used for better things like providing our campus with more diverse activities."

The Earlham Environmental Action Coalition also had concerns about the amount of toilet paper we use as a community. "I would hope that at a school like Earlham we could be more conscious of the impact of heavy toilet paper use has on our earth. Where do they think it comes from? Toilet paper doesn't grow on trees, you know," says the leader of EEAC

Star Wac Williams.

CCL convenor, Anne Rong, says "the policy only offers guidelines for how members of the community can be respectful of the concerns that others have about the waste of toilet paper. It also offers education on where toilet paper comes from and the environmental impact it has on our world."

President Dick Log is expected to sign this policy into code later this week. "I think it is a good idea to save money, because we need more money to buy pesticides to kill those dandelions," says Log.

The Clear Creek Co-op is pleased as punch to join other patriotic Co-op's around the country in opening it's very own....

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and be a ditto-head!

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Convocation to Host Noted Social Reformer

by Ian Lang
Staff Writer

This Wednesday morning at 10:00 am, noted social reformer John Ritter will present a lecture on education reform entitled, "Where there's a will there's an A." Ritter's most notable work includes the role as Jack Tripper on "Three's Company" and the 1992 movie hit, "Stay Tuned."

In congruence with the lecture, the school is purchasing

the self-help cassette series for every student. President Dick Wool explained, "Grades here at Earlham have gotten poorer and poorer over the years. I did not know how to respond to the situation until I was watching a rerun of Three's Company on television. During the commercial Mr. Ritter presented 'Where there's a will, there's an A, and I was hooked!'"

Responses have been generally pretty positive. Philosophy professor Bob Honk stated,

"Plato, Socrates, Nietzsche, Kant, Ritter. These are the names that have shaped the philosophical environment of this campus."

Student Chrissy Snow exclaimed, "I loved that episode where Jack goes to the hospital to get a wart removed and almost gets a vasectomy. I cannot wait to meet the man behind the legend."

Future convocation speakers include Don Knotts, Billy Mumy, and Erin Moran.

Luge Team to Begin Next Winter

by Edwina Currie
Staff Writer

Mortel Pillar, Earlham Head of Athletics has announced that thanks to a generous grant, Earlham will have the first luge team in the North Coast Athletic Conference.

An anonymous donor has given the Earlham athletic department a sum of one million dollars to fund a luge team. The conditions of the donation implement luge teams throughout the conference.

Pillar said, "You could have knocked me over with a horse hair. Out of the blue came this grant and I was named the executor. Naturally, we whipped into action right away and started studying the sport and how to make it work at Earlham. This is history in the making."

Luge has never been a college affiliated sport in any part of the world.

Interest has already been expressed on campus and Pillar has been in touch with athletic heads throughout the NCAC. Pillar will attend a summit meeting with other athletic department heads in the NCAC to discuss organizing luge team tournaments and scheduling information.

Several students on Earlham's campus who have lost interest in basketball have turned their attentions to icier territory.

"I think the fridity of this past winter and the Lillehammer Olympics have also contributed to the atmosphere of excitement over the luge team. It's very exciting; people have become more interested in ice," said Pillar.

The maintenance department are excited to see a team like this implemented in the Earlham community.

A spokesperson for the maintenance department said, "We had so much ice this past winter that it was out of hand. Now we'll have something to do with all of it."

Indeed, ice all over Earlham's campus will be transported, then refrozen, and finally fused to additional ice on the track on M.O. Ross Field. Pillar is looking into purchasing special freezing jets that will mold the ice on the track into an appropriate luge shoot.

"Luge tracks have very specific measurements and in order to have a usable track and be a plausible participant in luge in the NCAC, we have to meet the requirements," said Pillar.

A BIG SECURITY NOTICE

New security measures have been taken because of the growth of crime on campus. Please be sure to read this notice carefully, as some of the points may affect your further education, nay, existence at this fine liberal arts institution.

- 1) Please be sure to carry your keys with you at all times.
- 2) When leaving your dorm, keep in mind that the entrances to the dorms will be mined from 12 midnight to 7 a.m. Early-rising joggers are particularly at risk, and should jog in place until the mines are removed.
- 3) Avoid wearing anything that makes you look out of the ordinary. Suits and ties are not advised.
- 4) When we say get down, get down and stay down.
- 5) Please make sure that all visitors from Richmond are kept on a tight leash. Leather and rope can be worn down, so use metal instead.
- 6) Please be sure to avoid the little red lines hovering above the ground. These are laser beams that will trigger the heat seeking missiles. If you break a beam, put your head between your knees and...well...you know the rest.

Questions? For security reasons, keep them to yourself.

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In the April 12³rd issue of *the Oitham Word* *The Earlham Word* see the word 'spanked' was placed incorreccted. It should has red, "The group was sparked by an interest in multiculturalism." *The Word* *Word* apologizes for the mistook.