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Men's forum reveals plans for grant

By Sarah Brown-Anson
Staff reporter

The conveners of Men's Forum think sexual violence is a serious issue at Earlham and that men can take action to counter it. The Men's Forum is a student organization that started last year and is dedicated to discussing positive masculinity and issues of sexual violence.

Men's Forum is a student organization that has thousands of dollars in funding to and educate about and discuss positive masculinity and issues of sexual violence.

The group, convened by sophomore Roger Clayton and juniors Albert Greene and Grant Collier, hopes to bring several events to the Earlham community this semester including multiple workshops and community events to Earlham this semester.

Men's Forum started last year after Assistant Director

of Residence Life Andrea Fernandez received a grant from Indiana Campuses for Sexual Assault Primary Prevention, an organization funded by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Purdue University.

The grant, which is for \$5,000 per year and must be renewed each year, provides funding for several aspects of sexual violence prevention on college campuses. Male involvement is just one of those issues.

During the fall of 2009, Fernandez, along with junior Sydney Sasanow, hosted three focus groups with men on campus about issues of male involvement in sexual violence prevention. From those groups, the idea to host a Men's Forum emerged.

"It started last year with an observation that participation in Action Against Sexual Violence, another campus group, was limited almost entirely to women," said Clayton. "Maybe there are a lot more men who are

actually interested in these issues than actually participate..."

At the focus groups, the participants talked about barriers that men face in becoming involved in sexual violence prevention at Earlham.

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Assistant Director of
Residence Life

"Men are often the group that's stereotyped as being the perpetrator of sexual violence; there's not a lot of information out there with regard to men as being

the survivors," said Fernandez. "I think that oftentimes men view sexual violence as a very female issue and because of that are reluctant to get involved."

Several seniors spearheaded the creation of Men's Forum. Clayton, Greene and Collier were all involved last year as members.

Greene said that Men's Forum is different from groups at other colleges that received the grant because Men's Forum is not connected to a fraternity or sports team.

"We represent something unique in terms of the fact that we're not a pre-established organization that generates this group, but we are a group of students organically generating it," Greene said.

Clayton said he has been talking with Jamie Utt, class of '08, about the possibility of doing a two-day workshop on issues of sexual violence. The workshop would include a time for men to

discuss men's involvement with issues of sexual violence, as well as an open-gender workshop.

The group is also planning a workshop on bystander intervention. Collier defined bystander intervention as "the idea of having a skill set so that when you find yourself as a witness to a situation that could be dangerous for somebody involved that you can positively and effectively approach the situation and hopefully help and stop any negative actions before it happens."

Men's Forum will host a barbeque that will be open to all members of the Earlham community on October 3 at 6:30 p.m. at Edwards House, 410 College Ave.

Men's Forum meets Fridays at noon in the upstairs of the coffee shop and every other week for a potluck that is scheduled according to group members' availability.

Bennett reflects on bittersweet departure

By Kristin Hoppe
Staff reporter

After 14 years serving as Earlham College President, Doug Bennett will be stepping down from his position this May and moving on to new horizons.

"Doing this job is a little bit like going backpacking in very beautiful country," said Bennett. "[You are] going on a very long trip, so your pack is unusually heavy, and every day you wake up and you want to go on, you want to do more of it because there are new things to do, new things to see, new adventures. And at some point you realize, I have to put this pack down. My shoulders are killing me. Fourteen years is a long while."

Bennett will be moving to his home in Maine with his family, where he looks forward to supporting his wife, Ellen. He spoke of how she largely had to put her professional life on hold while they've been in Richmond.

"I'm looking forward to her having a chance to decide what she wants to put at the center of her professional life and my



Photo by Will Gold

Doug Bennett reflects on his past years as Earlham's president.

filling in around that."

His son, Robbie, 7, has asked for reassurances that they will come back to Richmond to visit his friends.

"He's started saying in a very grown-up way about our

decision, which he understands is my decision and not his decision, 'Well we have mixed feelings,'" laughed Bennett.

During his year of break, Bennett plans to read for leisure, finish building a boat that he's

been working on for eight years and possibly look into teaching.

He thoughtfully reflected on his most joyous moments at Earlham, including the day he learned the state of Indiana planned on giving a spotlight to Earlham and the day the women's soccer team tied Kenyon "in a game that nobody thought we would do anything but be demolished."

But he has also given consideration to what he hopes Earlham's future president will be like. He said whether or not the person is Quaker, he'd like "somebody who understands Earlham at its best. Somebody who understands and feels deeply...that we all have special things that we can contribute. And that there are endlessly possibilities of goodness in each and every person."

Bennett did admit, however, that there will be some things he won't miss when leaving his job.

"The to-do list never comes to an end. And some of them are just things to do, some of them are hard judgments about the right use of resources or about a personnel problem. There are choices that need to be made

that whichever way you choose you are going to make someone unhappy, and that part of the job is just relentless," he said, though he then expressed his belief that the other aspects of his job more than made up for those things.

"I've had the best job I could have on the planet and I love this institution unreasonably," he said. "I'll miss lots and lots of people and lots and lots of everyday pleasures of Earlham."

He added something he thought Earlham students may not know about him.

"When I was a college student, I was like [the students]. I had a lot of passions, and I wanted to change the world. And I was deeply skeptical of most people who seemed to have the power to do anything in the world."

As for the future of Earlham, Bennett hopes that the legacy of caring about something greater than oneself continues.

"Earlham is a place, has been for many decades, that helps those students get ready for lives of unusual depth and meaning and fulfillment, and I would want that to continue," he said.

Zombies invade Earlham

By Eli Richman
Staff reporter

The scene is a strangely familiar one: a student wearing a bandana on his arm and holding a nerf gun sprints past while firing a nerf bullet behind him. He is followed closely by another student wearing a bandana on her head while the bullet flies harmlessly wide.

Situations like these have become increasingly common since Junior Spencer Zimmerman brought Humans vs. Zombies, a "zombie tag event," back to Earlham this month as an all-campus event. The event was designed as a fun, engrossing and non-intrusive activity that Zimmerman says, "wouldn't interfere with Earlham policy, and wouldn't interfere with Earlham as an institution."

The rules are fairly simple. Students are split into two groups: humans and zombies. Zombies need to "feed" once every two days or they die. When a human is fed upon, they become a zombie. A human can "stun" a zombie, suspending them from being able to feed for 15 minutes by hitting them with, as Zimmerman explained, "one bullet, one sock or two hits from a melee weapon."

In an effort to make the rules fit the Earlham environment, many of the original rules from other colleges were modified.

Junior John Augustus Schuerger, co-moderator of the activity with Zimmerman explained, "one of the original rules is you're not supposed to leave campus at all, but considering Earlham is pretty small...we decided that rule wasn't practical."

Another change made to make the activity compatible with Earlham as an institution is the inclusion of many safe zones, including classrooms, student rooms, student groups and Saga.

"We didn't want people coming down on us because people were getting attacked in your social studies class," explained Zimmerman.

Zimmerman brought the game to campus after hearing about similar events at various colleges around the country. He claimed that he had been interested in "zombie culture" and wanted to make it a game "that anyone can play."

Zimmerman made clear that the activity was not as time-consuming as people assume. Because the students' rooms are safe zones, Zimmerman claimed it can be very nice to just "hang out in the room and do homework," so that students don't have to worry about the game for a little while.

But that is not to say that the game won't be a part of everyday life.

"One of the funniest things that happened on this run was one of the players that was in the

final group in last year's run got jumped really early because a someone was hiding in between the trash cans," Schuerger claimed, and then warned, "the zombies are definitely getting smarter."

The most recent game ended with a victory for the humans. The three remaining humans tried to have a final showdown inspired by last year's "battle on the heart" in which the zombies overwhelmed the remaining humans. However, no zombies showed up. As senior Rachel Miller, one of the remaining humans, said, "We were waiting for glory, but glory decided it didn't want to play anymore." The two other surviving humans were seniors Casey Webber and Patrick Raines.

Students that are interested still have plenty of chance to get involved. Zimmerman and Schuerger will be organizing another run in October that will come with its fair share of changes. "We're thinking about giving humans missions so they can't just hide out," Schuerger explained.

There is also promise for the activity in future semesters as well. Zimmerman claimed that he wanted this to be something that "continued after he was gone." As such, he has set up another junior, Jeremy Hurst, to act as moderator next semester while Zimmerman is off-campus.

Students celebrate Palestinian culture

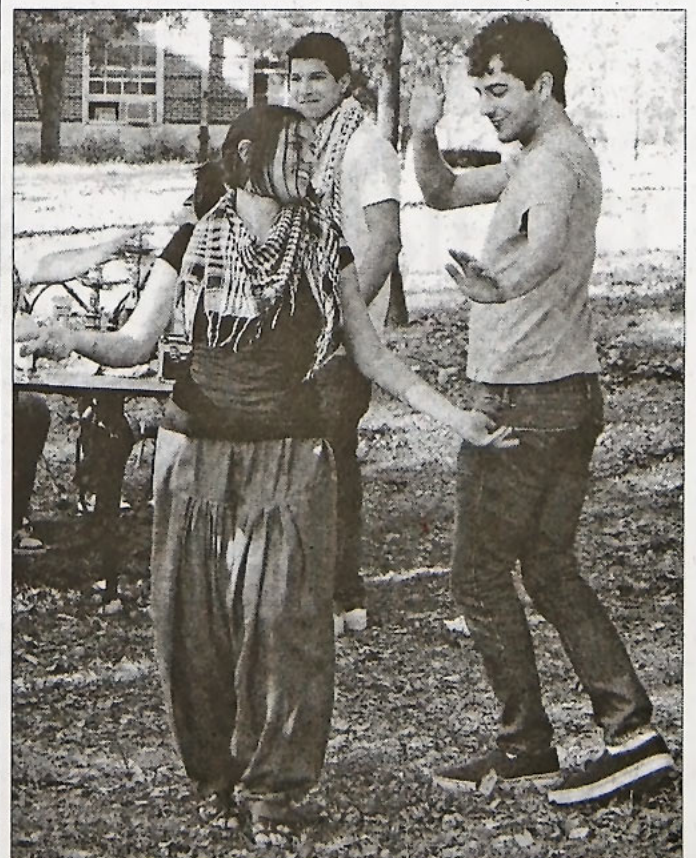


Photo by Alex Pianetta

Freshmen Kibbra Kasikci and Tarek Knorn dance at Hummus and Hookah on the Heart, held by Students for Peace and Justice for Palestine (SPJP). In addition to hookah, SPJP served hummus, full, pita, chai, and vinto.

Friday 10.1

Student talent show, 8 p.m. Wilkinson
Late night social, 10 p.m. Coffeshop

Upcoming Events

Saturday 10.2

Parents weekend concert, 7:30 p.m. Goddard
Student dance, 10 p.m. Comstock

Cyclists come across hostility

By Sarah Kenny

Staff reporter

Earlham students and Richmond community members alike describe hostile conditions for cyclists on Richmond roads. Many Earlham students who ride their bicycles on campus and in Richmond report experiences similar to the one sophomore Martin Ventura describes:

"Two weeks ago I was riding downtown in Richmond on Main St in front of the Clear Creek Co-op, and some guy rolled down the street and rolled down his window and just yells at me 'Oh sh*t, it's a f*g on a bike' and then rolled past," Ventura said.

Some Richmond cyclists attribute hostility such as this to a lack of respect from vehicles to cyclists. Chris Craig of Ike's Bicycles in Richmond commented:

"If what they do in response to bicyclists is any indication...they view you as an impediment to where they need to get to in life. They don't give you space. They view you as a target."

Ventura attributes hostile attitudes to the differences in the cultures of Earlham and Richmond.

"[Bicycling] is a clear identifier that you are somehow an outsider, because there is such a strong automobile culture here...I think that riding your bicycle is a clear indication that you're from not here, you're not one of us, you are something different to be feared and loathed," Ventura said.

Junior Anna Hetzel agrees that Richmond roads are hostile places to cycle but would not categorize all drivers as hostile people.

"I'm afraid to make generalizations," Hetzel said. "There was one time I was riding on the road and as a car drove by they're like 'Get on the sidewalk!' And I was like, 'I'm a moving vehicle. I'm allowed to be on the road.' There's tension...But there was one time I was going to the B&D, [the broken and damaged goods store], and it's really difficult to cross this street, so I was waiting at a red light and this woman leans out of her car and says, 'Just follow me, and we'll lead the way, 'cause we're turning. Just come behind us!' It was really nice," Hetzel said.

Some would say that wherever you might travel, you will always find people who just aren't nice.

"Any time you're on a city street you always have some people who feel like that they were just made for cars or trucks and not bicycles, not that I would agree with that or that the majority of people would," said Avis Stewart, Earlham vice president of community relations. "I think that the majority of people would be very courteous. I just think that you'll always have some

people who won't be."

A lack of safe places to ride has some concerned for beginning or less-experienced cyclists.

"If you're from Richmond you're not going to get an opportunity to learn how to ride your bicycle safely, and you're not going to get an opportunity to learn how to ride with cars who in turn do not know how to ride with cyclists," Ventura said.

Stewart advocates an expansion of the Gorge Trail that would connect it to Earlham College, saying this would give students better access to a safer cycling environment.

"One thing that Richmond does have that is very nice is the Gorge Trail, but the difficulty right now is that we're not connected to the trail as far as the campus is concerned...[The trail] is where a lot of the Richmond residents go, but obviously what they do is load their bikes on a bike rack and drive. Well, many students don't have cars or ways to get to the trail without getting on the city streets," Stuart said.

This solution would provide safety for many amateur cyclists who avoid roads because of perceived hostile traffic.

"We've seen an explosion of interest [in the trail]...If there were more places to cycle, we would see more cyclists. There are a lot of people who just hate riding in the roads. And I cannot blame them. It is frightening," Craig said.

Cycling commuters like Hetzel say they would benefit immensely from simple measures to make travel easier.

"A rehabilitation of sidewalks or a bike lane, at least from Earlham into the main town would be really helpful," Hetzel said.

What is the city doing now? Mark Stosberg, cycling advocate and founder of Bike Richmond, is happy to report the addition of bicycle racks in downtown Richmond.

"There will be parking for 24 bikes downtown that has been approved and is in the funding stage. Hopefully it will be completed by this fall. It includes parking for eight bikes right in front of the co-op," Stosberg said.

But, few are optimistic that any solution concerning bike lanes, trail extensions or other major renovations will be realized within the near future.

"We're talking about things that move at the speed of government," Stosberg said.

For faster solutions, Stosberg proposes more volunteers contribute to improving cycling conditions in Richmond.

"A number of projects are just ready for volunteers to work on...but [the city] doesn't have the resources to take these on itself," Stosberg said.

The Earlham Green Beat: Solar array on the move

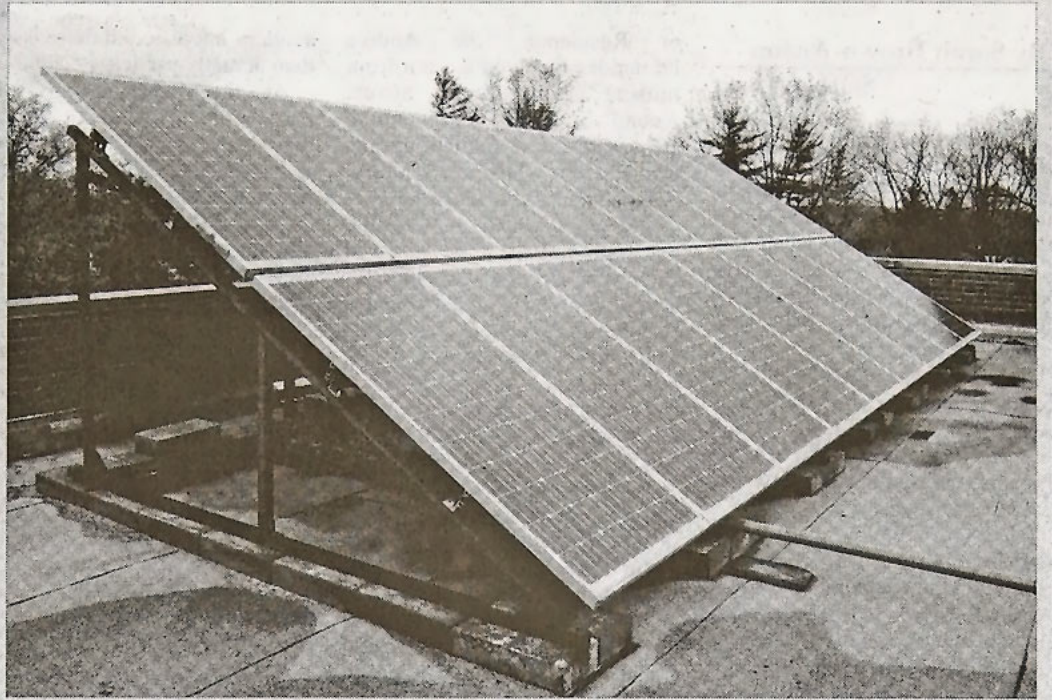


Photo by Elsa Haag

The solar array, located on the roof of Dennis Hall, has been recorded to produce 2.1 kilowatt hours at solar noon.

By Kumar Jensen

Guest Writer

As an Earlham community member I expect you have spent at least some time near Dennis Hall. Maybe the only time you ever stepped foot in the building was for one of those 8:00 a.m. eco-bio classes or Ray Hively's ever-popular astronomy class.

Whatever the case may be, you've certainly noticed some recent changes. Do you remember last spring when there was all the talk about a wind turbine going up on campus? Then miraculously one appeared on the top of Dennis?

It is even possible that someone mentioned the solar array on campus. Can you guess where it might be? Try on top of Dennis. Big deal, right? We have a solar array and a wind turbine...well yeah that is pretty awesome – and did you know students helped lead both projects?

Don't be satisfied yet; there is so much more happening on campus. Have you heard about the Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS), or the root cellar at Miller Farm, the summer sustainability interns, renovations in Saga's dishwashing system, the greenhouse gas emissions inventory, the solar hot water system at Miller Farm or any of the various other sustainability related projects on campus? If not, this is the column to keep reading.

Each week, this column, the Green Beat, will feature a different project on campus

related to sustainability. Our main focus will remain on projects being undertaken by the Hardware Interfacing Project (HIP) and Green Science groups, but will include updates from other campus groups.

Faculty advisor Charlie Peck said, "The Hardware Interfacing Project (HIP) and Green Science [are] two of the Computer Science Department's applied groups. These student-faculty collaborations work on a variety of projects related to monitoring and visualizing energy consumption, and small scale sustainable energy production systems."

In the spring and summer of 2006, a solar array was installed on the top of Dennis Hall's roof through Third Sun Solar, a solar energy company in Athens, Ohio. Third Sun Solar worked with the students involved in HIP and Green Science to complete the project, which cost approximately \$34,000.

The array is made of 18 Shell SQ-150-PC panels and has been recorded to produce 2.1 kilowatt hours (KWH) of power at solar noon, the time of day when the sun reaches its highest point in the sky over a given place (Richmond) on a sunny day. Most of this power is sent back into the grid through a grid-tie system. The rest of the electricity generated is sent to three batteries in the Green Zone, first floor Dennis, which has a meter that reads how much electricity is being generated and stored by the array. Both the grid-tie system and the batteries are located in a display case in the Green Zone for your viewing pleasure.

Since the installation of the project the array has produced over 8800 KWH of electricity! That is enough power to run almost 150 60-watt lights for a thousand hours – all from the sun.

The array is located in the northeast corner of Dennis rooftop. Unfortunately, the northeast corner of Dennis isn't visible from the ground. Peck recognizes the lack of visibility as the key flaw in the initial project. If the array isn't visible to the general community, then its importance is understated. Raising awareness and educating about the benefits and importance of solar power and other forms of alternative energy will be key in moving toward becoming a more sustainable community.

As it stands one of the principle projects HIP and Green Science will be undertaking this semester is relocating the solar array. It will be disassembled and reassembled in the Southeast corner of Dennis rooftop which will place it in the corner closest to the main entrance increasing its visibility to the general public, meaning you won't need a key to the rooftop lounge to see the array in all its shining glory.

If you have questions about HIP/Green Science or other activities on campus please contact: hip@cs.earlham.edu or send me an email at the address below.

The new sustainability column "The Earlham Green Beat" will run weekly.

Toddler time educates kids on local foods

By Kristin Hoppe

Staff reporter

The scent of wood and crisp apples waded in the air upon entering Clear Creek Co-op's first Toddler Time class on Tuesday. Children laughed and snacked on organic local fruit while Natalie Richert-Summer, a member of the Clear Creek Board of Directors, taught the children all about apples.

"I think it's really important for kids to be able to learn about the natural world, and if they are part of natural things in the growing process, and they learn about local foods, they're going to create habits that are going to last them a lifetime," said Richert-Summer, whose two-year-old, Geneva, was in the class.

The children snacked on a variety of apples and apple products, sang songs about planting seeds and painted with apples cut into halves. Katie Evans came with her two-year-old son Crosley to give him a taste of local produce and friends.

"I brought him because he doesn't quite get enough social time with other kids, and I thought this would be a great way to learn

about local produce and let him socialize as well," said Evans.

Richert-Summer came up with the idea as an expansion on adult cooking classes which the co-op offers. She realized while taking care of her daughter the positive impact growing plants had on her enthusiasm for healthy food.

"We planted a garden together just in pots outside on the back patio – we don't have a lot of space – and she loved watching the things grow. She eats anything that she can pick, and so she's this vegetable and fruit fanatic!" she said.

Future classes will include lessons and activities on fall vegetables, leaves and pumpkins and will be led by members of the co-op and the community.

"I'm just really excited because I didn't know how many people would sign up and show interest, and we actually had a waiting list because the co-op isn't a giant place," Richert-Summer said. "It makes me so excited to know there's all these wonderful parents out there and caregivers that want to expose their children to local foods and natural growth."

Toddler Time is just one of

many of the co-op's efforts to reach out to the community and encourage a stronger local food market in Richmond. According to manager Kiersten Aubrey-Howard, this past June and July Clear Creek worked to revitalize the farmer's market before the vegetables were plentiful.

"We had a whole festival with a roller derby team and pony rides, and we just tried to plan activities to make the farmer's market more of an event while the produce was a little sparse," said Aubrey-Howard. Activities also included music and a kid's time with the Cope Environmental Center.

Now the co-op is focusing on offering cooking classes to the community, including water bath canning, drying and rehydrating fall produce, nutrition and healthy snacks and healthy time-saving cooking ideas.

"We're just trying to get activities that get people into the co-op and involved in the co-op but also give back," said Aubrey-Howard, who noted it's also important to educate people about using and preserving the bounty they find at the farmer's market when they go to get the local food.



Photo by Alex Pianetta

Emily Christian and her daughter Evelyn, 18 months, play with Crosley Evans, 2, and Asber Troxell, 1, at Clear Creek Co-op's Toddler Time.

As a Richmond native and Earlham graduate, Aubrey-Howard feels the co-op really helps the community.

"I guess that I feel like I am in my hometown really giving

them the co-op they've had for so long, and so every day feels like an opportunity to give the community all the wonderful things that I think the co-op can bring," she said.

Alcohol problem: solved

By Michael Lutz

Guest writer

The recent contention over Earlham's alcohol policy has given us all reason to stop and think about our relationship to and responsibility for our community.

Tempers have flared, certainly, and opposition runs deep on both sides of the issue.

However, the solution to Earlham's problems may be simpler than we think. I'd like to take a moment to consider a code of conduct, exemplified by a friend of mine who (to save him the embarrassment of being singled out) I will call Byler Bertsch.

You may very well know Byler, or at least recognize him around campus. He's very noticeable, after all his 6' 9" and 370 pound frame stands out in any crowd; an imposing figure from a distance, his close physical presence akin to that of an approaching behemoth, come to wreak biblical havoc on us all.

However, Byler is certainly a gentle giant. He is one of the

most outstanding people I have ever met, committed to the ideals of respect and community participation.

Byler, it should be known, does not drink.

This is his choice, made because Byler has a very clear picture of his own life and who he wants to be: specifically, someone who does not destroy everything (for instance, Adirondack chairs on the Heart) in a drunken fury.

And not only does he not drink excessively and break everything, Byler still manages to have fun here at Earlham. He may spend the evening with his karate group or spend the weekend playing a relaxing video game, reading for pleasure or getting ahead on his classwork.

This, I believe, is the simple, almost self-evident key to solving the current issue of alcohol on the Earlham campus. Byler proves to us that our institution's alcohol policy can work, and he provides us an example of conduct we should all emulate. After all, if every one of us was nearly seven feet tall and built like a freight train, Campus Safety and

Security would probably think twice before messing with us, and we could intimidate them into letting us drink all we want.

This is the only way the Earlham community can survive: by becoming a bunch of seven-foot-tall drunks that lesser, more sober people are scared of. Every student must immediately commence gaining height and breadth.

When we next meet for the Hash, we shall run through the woods like the mythical Wild Hunt of Europe, an army of terrible and awe-inspiring giants who make the very earth tremble with our footsteps, a ceaseless pagan bacchanalia that causes mortals to tremble in fear. The All-Father Woden shall lead the way across the rainbow bridge to the fortress of Valhalla, where we shall drink cheap beer and deface public property for eternity.

Immortality awaits, Earlham. Do you accept its invitation?

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Cheers & Sneers

CHEERS to:

- Toki Wright's beatboxer!
- The cooler weather! I can wear blazers now!
- Naps!
- Discovering that listening to classical music can actually make you feel smarter.
- Thirsty Thursdays.

SNEERS to:

- Saga "Meals to go." You managed to make nine mistakes in four lunches.
- 3 a.m. It's just not a good time.
- Melon thieves.
- All the little and discarded alcohol bottles.
- Only 1200 people on this campus.

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

SNEER: noun, a contemptuous or scornful remark.

SEND YOUR CHEERS AND SNEERS TO GAMIDDA10.

Broken chairs call for collective action

By Trayce Peterson

Guest writer

I am writing to express my sadness, disappointment and outrage regarding the destruction of the Adirondack chairs. Doug Bennett sent a memo to faculty, students and staff providing us with information (the history of the chairs). In it he states,

"A few years ago, a good friend of the College gave Earlham a gift. She told me that the money should go to make something better on campus — something that would affect the daily lives of students. She told me it was up to me, but to use the money as best I saw fit to make campus life a little brighter. I used some of the money to purchase 24 Adirondack chairs for the Heart: 12 in 2005 and 12 in 2006. The 24 cost \$4000, about \$165 per chair. There was actually a thirteenth chair bought in 2006, this one a gift from another friend of the college to honor Academic Dean and Provost Len Clark as he retired."

The Adirondack chairs have come to represent an invitation to community at Earlham. Walking across campus it is always such a joy to see students studying, sunbathing, resting or conversing with the friends in those chairs. Why would some in our community destroy chairs, which bring such pleasure? These are solid chairs so it requires great effort

to destroy them, so I ask why would others turn a blind eye while the destruction occurs?

It is ironic because we just completed a review of Principles & Practices. "Respect for Persons" extends to the entire community. The destruction of the chairs has enormous negative impact for our community. Yes, ironic isn't it that the community is involved in lively discussion of alcohol—asking for respect. Often heavy drinking leads to this type of senseless destruction. So, where's the respect?

And if respect and community don't grab our attention consider the dollars and cents:

Thirty-one chairs have been purchased since 2006 and now there are only four or five usable chairs. According to Doug, "Over the four years we've spent about \$2700 to fix broken arms or replace damaged slats." Maintenance staff must take time out of busy schedules to make repairs or throw away chairs. Consider the donors who gave funds in good faith to support and nurture community.

In closing, I am grateful to the donors and Doug for purchasing the chairs. I am saddened that this aspect of community is broken. How can we repair it and brighten the Heart again?

Trayce Peterson is the Director of Multi-Cultural Affairs. She can be reached at petertr@earlham.edu.

Alcohol part of larger problem

By Olivia Myers

Guest writer

For the last two Fridays, I have closely read all the articles in The Earlham Word about alcohol. I also attended the Earlham Student Government (ESG) alcohol forum last week. It seems that the general opinion of students is one of indignation and resentment. Students are upset about the inconsistency and unpredictability of Security's actions and about their seeming lack of concern for student safety. Although some of these feelings are justified, I believe that this is the wrong focus for the campus-wide discussion on Earlham's alcohol policy and approach.

I believe that the discussion

can be best aided by shifting the focus from Earlham's actions to students' attitudes. We should not be asking, "How can our authorities (or even other students) best enforce the alcohol policy," we should be asking, "Why, in students' minds, is there such a strong link between drinking alcohol and having fun?" Why do we think a party is boring unless there is alcohol? Why do we view the Hash as one of the most important ways to build a sense of community? Is there really nothing to do on nights and weekends besides drink? Do we really feel the need to be inebriated in order to form connections with others?

I am not trying to attack people who drink; I am not even

sure that Earlham's policy as a "dry campus" does not need to be reviewed. But when out-of-control drinking leads to repeated noise complaints and various inexcusable behaviors, there is a problem. And this problem cannot be fixed merely with better enforcement, or even with better alcohol education. The problem ultimately arises from the perceived relationship between drinking and being social. We must start asking each other why this perception exists. More importantly, we must start asking ourselves.

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Accountability can sober us

By Jesus Jimenez

Contributing Editor

After reading last week's issue of the Word, I could not stop myself from responding to so many articles about alcohol. There is a lot of ignorance surrounding the relationship with Security.

First off, there is not a "new" alcohol stance as was mislabeled in last week's issue. It is simply being enforced more often, because there have been more problems. I also think that the September 10 article saying that Earlham was inconsistent in enforcing the dry campus policy has something to do with it.

My house held a party two weekends ago, which was broken up despite being registered with Security. My housemates and I tried to do everything right, but we were still broken up due to noise complaints and an unsafe attendance. Although I WAS upset with the lack of communication, I know that Security, the Richmond Police Department (RPD) and our neighbors had every right to end our party.

After three straight weeks of houses throwing unregistered parties, security was not notified that our party was registered and they simply were responding to a noise complaint. It was not their fault they were unaware the party was registered, but I also do not blame them for assuming it wasn't since none of the parties this semester had been.

Our neighbors also have been bothered by the noise from Reece House. I don't know what they told RPD, but I'm pretty sure it was something like, "they're at it again."

The main problem surrounding last week's Word, however, was not all about the partying. It was alcohol.

If you have not gotten in trouble in the past for drinking on campus it does NOT mean that you will not get in trouble when you DO get caught. If you

get pulled over for speeding, you don't tell the officer, "I haven't run over anybody," "I am doing it responsibly" or "It's not fair, I always speed and never got a ticket." The law is the law. You don't get tickets just for causing accidents when speeding; you also get tickets when you are speeding in order to avoid future speeding and accidents.

Many people don't know why the college chooses to be a dry campus. Earlham wants to allow all people to participate in every school event. If alcohol were present at an event, students under 21 would be unwelcome. This makes sense to me, and I don't think Earlham is in any position to overturn the legal drinking age, the same way we as students are in no place to overturn the rule.

I often hear people saying, "I'm just a social drinker" or "It's college, what do they expect?" The problem is these habits are not easy to break. You cannot just get hammered every weekend for four years and then simply hold a job and be responsible and give up drinking overnight. Being a "social drinker" means that you cannot socialize without alcohol and that is something no college wants to teach its students.

I think part of the problem is that Earlham teaches us to accept everybody and that everyone can make a valid argument that every opinion they ever have is right in one way or another at some point depending on the circumstances. FALSE! Arguing how unfair the alcohol policy is and how mistreated the Earlham students are is not going to change the law.

I have often heard people complain about how unfair the teachers are, how bad the food is at Saga, how unfair security is. Not once have I heard someone call someone out for being wrong about something they were bitching about. Not once have I heard a student say, "Yeah I really pissed off that teacher, I wonder

how he/she felt." In my mind, teaching people to argue that they are right is creating a culture of whiners and complainers. I don't know Doug Bennett personally, but I often hear people complain about him. How many of you actually know him or Security personally enough to judge them? I don't think many of you DO. As Bennett wrote in his article last week, it is everybody's job to uphold the policies, and Security's job to hold us accountable if we don't.

Honestly, I have sped plenty of times. I also drank on campus including when I was under 21. However, every time I did, I was aware that if I got caught I would get in trouble, be held accountable for my actions. I remember my sister driving me to Earlham my freshman year. She got a ticket for going 85 mph where the speed limit is 70. She was pissed about how unfair it was that she was not let off with a warning even though this was her first violation. I pissed her off even more, but I said, "You WERE going 15 miles over the limit." Eventually, she realized that it was her mistake.

In a way, I am echoing Bennett. Every one of us is responsible for our actions, and we need to realize when we make a mistake. I am not judging you for drinking; I drink. However, I AM sick of people bitching about how drinking is a constitutional right and how they are being treated unfairly by being expected to follow the law. If Earlham were to change the drinking policy, I would like it, but until then, be ready to deal with the consequences and be respectful. I don't say give up drinking altogether, but be respectful and learn a little something called accountability.

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SECTION D

Diverse teammates all speak soccer



Photos by Elena Sergienko

Above: Sophomore Michael Carroll goes for the ball in Tuesday's game against Cincinnati Christian University. Below: The men's team huddles up.

By Camilla Fulvi

Staff Reporter

The Earlham Men's Soccer team just might be the most diverse family around.

Added all together, the team speaks 25 languages. Their places of origin range from A to Z, or to be more specific from Accra, Ghana to Zaxo, Iraq. With players originating from 12 different countries, Earlham's Men's Soccer team is truly unique.

"There is more diversity on our team," Head Coach Roy Messer said, "than in the entire conference put together."

But, by watching them at practice, you would not know that these guys grew up in entirely different parts of the world. They interact with each other with ease; they joke and laugh but also give advice and critiques. They give out high fives and congratulations like kids who

grew up together. They help each other up when they fall. They all work together like a well-oiled machine with parts from all over the world.

"The diversity of the team is not only a contribution of the international students on the team; it is equally shaped by the Americans," freshman Johann Osbakk, from Norway, said. "Each individual contributes to what constitutes our team. I believe that the diversity makes us stronger as a team. Moreover, I believe that it is an essential part of the identity of the team."

Messer agrees that diversity is an important part of the team because it is an important part of Earlham as a whole. "Earlham's slogan is 'engagement with a changing world.' That world might as well be on campus."

"You read about things that are happening out there [in the rest of the world]," Messer said, "but most people don't realize that

there is a very direct connection to those things right on campus."

Messer believes that the atmosphere of the team helps international students adjust and be happier, especially if this is their first time in the United States.

"Some students are still adjusting to U.S. life and athletics," Messer said, "Being on a team can be a comfort. You come here and you already got your crew...the team is a place to hang your hat."

Arsene Kabeya, a freshman from the Congo, said that the team is "100 percent accepting" of all the different cultures.

Osbakk agreed. "I have never observed anything but a positive attitude towards the diversity of the individual players on the team," Osbakk said. "I believe that [diversity] shapes us both on and off the field. The momentum of our team is influenced by it. By the vast number of different



individuals, and by the many experiences held by our team, everyone benefits from the interaction that occurs."

Kabeya said, "It's fun getting to know people from different parts of the world."

It's clear that the team is trying

to create an atmosphere where they are more than a team. You can even see it in the huddle chant. "First, we say EC Pride," Osbakk said, "After that we say family. It is an important mantra, and it expresses an essential attitude of our team."

Women's sports teams put some muscle into it



Photo at left by Alex Softness. Above photo by Elena Sergienko

Right: Senior Cory Mathieu hits a backhand return during the team's last match. On October 9, the EC girls will be heading to Indianapolis to participate in a 2-day individual tournament. Above: Sophomore Kate Birdsall goes for the ball in a field hockey game.

Look online to find photos of Football and Women's soccer.

Scores

Men's Soccer
vs. Cincinnati Christian University 3-2 W
at Oberlin College 1-0 W

Women's Soccer
at Oberlin College 6-0 W

Football
vs. Anderson University IN 20-56 L

Field Hockey
vs. Kenyon College 0-5 L

Women's Tennis
vs. Manchester College 4-5 L

Upcoming Games

Today
Women's Volleyball vs. Denison University, 7 p.m.

Saturday
Men's Cross Country vs. Earlham Invitational, 11 a.m.
Women's Cross Country vs. Earlham Invitational, 11 a.m.
Football vs. Bluffton University, 1:30 p.m.
Women's Soccer vs. Anderson University IN, 2 p.m.
Field Hockey at Oberlin College, 2 p.m.
Men's Soccer vs. Anderson University IN, 4 p.m.
Women's Volleyball vs. College of Mount St. Joseph, 4 p.m.



The Beat

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Perspectives



Welcome to the first issue of the Earlham Word's new Arts and Entertainment section, The Beat. The Beat, which will come out twice a month, aims to use art and music as a bridge between the Earlham and Richmond communities, to showcase artists, writers and musicians who are from or visiting the Richmond area, and to connect you to events you might not have heard about otherwise.

As always, we aim to please-so tell us what you want to see and we will do our best. The Beat welcomes submissions from writers as well as notices about concerts and art showings of any kind. We welcome your feedback as we work to get this new project off the ground, in the hopes of creating a lasting tool for our community.

-Anna McCormally, Editor

Photos of Africafest, Oktoberfest, and Sweet Tea Jubilee. Photos by Noah Marshall, Elena Sergienko, and Alex Pionetta

Local Music

Bluegrass band sings for the Lord Micah Sommer

It's no secret: if you're a Christian, practicing your faith might feel a little difficult at the hotbed of secularism that is Earlham College.

But if you venture off campus you can find a bustling scene of proud and unrelenting gospel music, especially if you're into bluegrass.

Epitomizing the genre is Bluegrass Gospel Heritage, an acoustic quartet that hosts monthly concerts with featured bands from throughout the area. For over two decades they've been spreading God's word through song.

Mae Wagers plays guitar and sings in the band, and also hosts a radio show of the genre, the "Morning Ramble," on WECI. When I sat down in the WECI studio on Sunday morning, the 74-year-old Kentucky native offered me an apple and proceeded to explain the band's sound, first in terms of what it's not.

"Southern gospel is real slow with piano and organ and stuff like that," Wagers said. "Bluegrass is all acoustical, like flattop guitar, mandolin, fiddle and banjo."

For their part, Bluegrass Gospel Heritage features two guitars, a banjo and an electric bass.

"I was raised with this kind of music," Wagers said, telling me that her father was a Baptist minister and her family listened to the Grand Ole Opry every week.

While no one could pin down a starting date for the band, guitarist Jim Andis said they've been playing together over 20 years.

"We're not in it for the money," Andis said. "We're in it to promote the Lord's word and try to win souls over."

While the band makes no bones about their Christian focus, Andis says that Bluegrass Gospel Heritage's music can appeal to non-Christians too.

"Even before I was a Christian, I loved Christian music, and I just believe the songs touches their heart and makes them want to come back for more of it," Andis said.

"I don't know everyone that comes [to our concerts] could be Christian; that's not for me to say," Andis said. "A Christian person, that's between them and the Lord."

What about young people?

"Of course, a lot of teenagers don't care for bluegrass music," Andis said. "A lot of older folks don't either, as far as that goes."

But Wagers said their fan base includes a wide age range, and the band's music can appeal to college students.

"I tell them to just listen to me two times and they'll be hooked," Wagers said.

There are plenty of opportunities to get hooked. The band is playing tomorrow at the Gathering of the Saints in Glen Miller Park, and

this Tuesday is their monthly concert at the old Knights of Columbus hall. They perform the first Tuesday of every month from 6 to 8 p.m. at 204 N 10th Street. Their guests this Tuesday are the Shannons.

The Tuesday concerts are free and many audience members bring food to share.

"By the time we get there in the evening we have a wonderful snacky meal," Wagers said.

Wagers said she plans to continue with the band and her radio show, which airs Sundays from 7 to 10 a.m. and Mondays and Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon, as long as she can. In recent years, a broken leg and two back surgeries haven't stopped her from singing the Gospel.

"I guess I'm just a tough old knot," Wagers said with a laugh. "I'm not going to give up as long as the Lord will let me."

Words On The Mind

Asking for Forgiveness Basil Farraj

My land,
My soil,
My trees,

Forgive me,

I didn't know it would last that long,
I thought you would get your freedom back,
I thought they wouldn't stand quiet,
I thought they wouldn't let you suffer,
I thought they promised you,
I thought you were a priority to them,
I thought they never cared about power,

I must have been mistaken,

They want it to last,
They don't want you to be free,
They are always quiet,
They are letting you suffer,
They haven't promised you anything,
They don't consider you a priority,
They do care about power,

Forgive me,

For what they are doing to you,
For the loud cries you have heard,
For the tears that ran across you,
For the blood that you drank,

I promise,

It will never last,
You will get your freedom back,
Your true people won't stay quiet,
They wouldn't let you suffer any longer,
You will always remain a priority,

I promise,
I promise,
I promise,

Freedom would come,

One last time,

I ask for forgiveness from the land of generosity,
From the land that never stops giving.

Basil Farraj is an Earlham College Freshman

Arts in the Area

The Material's Emotion Aaron Field Simmons

The new art show in Leeds Gallery featuring Brenna Carrol's sculpture is wonderful. Carrol combines multiple mediums to present the viewer with a stunning representation of subjectivity within the modern world. The pieces in the show captivate the viewer because they speak with such emotion. As Carrol states:

"Although the pieces from each of these [the exhibition] diverge in their concepts they are generated from my attempts to capture what is intangible into a physical object, to merge things such as emotions, experiences, ideas, or viewpoints into a clay vessel or sculpture."

The pieces present the viewer with a disturbing representation of the subjectivity of the modern subject and the ways in which we see our bodies as objects.

"The pieces that I create reflect the personal investigation and discovery that I have made concerning a methodology for producing art, initially with the use of clay media and later bronze and re-purposed materials. This process has directed my view that an artwork is in fact human life and functions as a body in itself, with its respective essential and divisible parts."

Carrol's three pieces, entitled "Twenty First and A Half Century Girls," give us different looks into the dull conception of womanhood that is generally portrayed in modern media. Each sculpture portrays, as I see it, a different woman. The pieces are mounted on big slabs of blackened, tarish concrete.

In essence the figures are presented upon the void that they

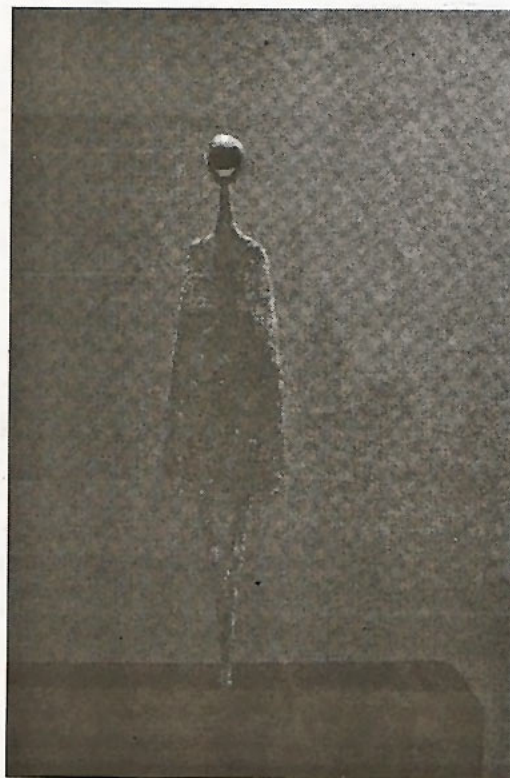


Photo by Aaron Field Simmons

A Figure from "Twenty First and A Half Century Girls"

represent. Each head of the figures is distinguished by the holes cut into it. These different shapes all gesture towards the empty space of the figures head, where the mind should rest. Carrol has portrayed the objectified subject very well by making them empty heads, the unthinking object of desire. The pieces gesture at the empty space that we attribute to the feminine mind in our mass culture, that the space of the mind is simply supposed to mimic the objectivity of the body. And what is so brilliant about Carrol's work is the place where she presents the body, upon the darkened tar. The pedestal itself is menacing, as it should be whenever we objectify personhood and place it on a stage. Carrol strips the normative feelings about the object of the body and displays for us true objectivity that which is the actuality of our desires rather than the fantasy.

I encourage all who are interested to visit the show, and explore the rest of the pieces. It is a wonderful exhibition, which can teach us a lot.

Events In The Area: October

Painting Indiana Art Exhibit

@ the Richmond Art Museum

October 1st - 10th

Tuesday through Friday 10am to 4pm

Sunday 1 to 4 pm

Dead Wood Haunted Trail

@ Wesler's Orchard

New Paris, OH

October 1st - 30th

8pm to Midnight

\$8 charge

Acoustic Open Mic

E. Street Pub

October 7, 14, 21, 28

(Every Thursday)

10pm / 21+

SAB Talent Show

Wilkinson Theater

October 1st

8pm

Goo Goo Dolls

October 2nd

Oxford, OH

Millet Hall

8pm

Wayne County in Harmony

(Richmond Community Orchestra and Wayne County Bicentennial Choir)

October 3rd

Centerville High-School

3:30 pm

Students Take Over the Museum

October 6th

Wayne County Historical Museum

11am to 2pm

Rose Ensemble

October 8th

Goddard

Breathe Owl Breathe

with Chris Bathgate & Hunting

Orion

October 9th

Comstock

10pm

David Sedaris

October 10th

Aronoff Center: Cincinnati, OH

\$29 to \$46

7pm

The Eagles

October 12th

Conseco Fieldhouse: Indianapolis, IN

\$45

8pm

The Mikado

(comedic opera)

October 15th

Butler University: Clowes Hall, Indianapolis, IN

\$25 - \$115

8pm

Robbing Zombie

October 16th

E. Street Pub

10pm

21+

Homecoming Reunion Weekend Fine Arts Concert

October 22nd

Goddard

8pm

Flatter Yourself

Oct. 23rd

(Piano performance by Anton Nel)

Civic Hall Performing Arts Center

7:30pm

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