

Quakerism: the Inner Light of Earlham College

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With affiliation to two yearly meetings, Earlham College is one of the few institutions of higher learning with a strong grounding in the Society of Friends.

Earlham was founded in 1847 by the Indiana Yearly Meeting of friends.

Today, the college is governed by a board of thirty trustees. Of these, six are appointed by Indiana Yearly Meeting. Western Yearly Meeting also appoints six trustees.

However, Quakerism at Earlham runs much deeper than the appointment of trustees. The college itself is an intentional community built around testimonies of the Society of Friends. This manifests in many different ways.

First of all, Earlham is a campus run on the idea of consensus. Max Carter, Director of Campus Ministry at Guilford College and former Bundy Head Resident, likens consensus to a jigsaw puzzle. He says that each person is a separate piece, and in order for the whole picture to be seen, everyone must be part of it.

Consensus is different from voting in that a majority does not automatically rule out the concerns of the minority. Instead, the majority

must listen to the views and concerns of the minority and a decision cannot be reached until everyone feels comfortable with the outcome. The idea of consensus comes from a conviction that decisions must be made through a spirit of unity because each individual has a piece of the greater truth.

Because each individual has that access to truth, Quakers believe in certain equality among people. At Earlham, this translates into the student being on a first name basis not only with other students, but also with staff, faculty and administration.

As an academic institution, Earlham operates on an honor code. Friends do not take oaths, and thus students are never asked to sign documents saying that they have not cheated. In the classroom, examinations are not proctored—students are expected to maintain the integrity of the community by adhering to the honor code.

"Earlham strives to be a special kind of learning community, one in which people are honest with each other and themselves, a community in which people are encouraged to be friends, not rivals. We aspire to an academic integrity rooted in trust that goes beyond avoiding cheat-

ing," writes Earlham College President Richard Wood in his pamphlet, *Community Life at Earlham College*.

At the heart of Earlham is the Community Code on Student Life, a document of principles which is based on five Quaker testimonies: Respect for Persons; Building Community; Academic Integrity; Peace and Justice; and Simplicity.

The testimony of Respect for Persons comes from the Quaker belief that each person has access to the truth. This section of the Code asks community members to examine themselves for prejudices. It asks the community to seek a mutual respect that exists between persons of all ages, races, ethnicities, classes, religious preferences, genders, physical abilities, sexual orientations and ages.

The testimony on Community Building extends this mutual respect to a kind of accountability. It asks individuals to make sure that they are seeking the enhancement of the lives of others as well as their own. It says that this "requires some limitation of personal freedom because building a community sometimes requires not doing what one would prefer to do."

The section of the Code on Peace and Justice encourages stu-

dents to work for peace and to remove the causes for violence, especially injustice.

The testimony on Simplicity comes from the Quaker belief that "excesses serve as a distraction from the central purpose of living in faithfulness to one's leadings from God." At Earlham, this means that community members are asked to seek a balance between work and recreation. It asks individuals not to measure success through stress and also to be environmentally aware. Because of the college's grounding in this testimony, Earlham is a dry campus. This means that drugs and alcohol are prohibited on the Earlham campus. The Code says that this is because "alcohol and other mood-altering drugs can interfere with an individual's ability to grasp the truth and to live responsibly within a community."

Earlham community members can learn more about Quakerism and Earlham's relationship to the Society of Friends by visiting ESR, by checking out the Friends' Collection in Lilly Library, or by speaking with Stephanie Crumley-Effinger, Director of Quaker and Campus Ministries. Her office is located in the Student Development Offices in the basement of Carpenter Hall.

NSW Staff Ready for Fun and Games

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Today, 321 new students will arrive on campus to participate in Earlham College's New Student Week.

This year, four student co-convenors worked with Anne Wright, Associate Dean of Student Development, to organize the week of activities, meetings, workshops, and programming. These students are seniors Loren Pierce, Kristen Overbeck, and Jennifer Bennage, and junior Justin Connor.

Bennage, a second-time co-convenor, says the four first met with Wright in January to choose an advisory board of nine students. Once the advisory board was chosen, the planning began with development of the theme for the week: Unity through Diversity.

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At the beginning of Spring Term, says Overbeck, applications went out for New Student Week Staff, and the first general meeting of all staff took place in April.

Overbeck, a History/Art History major, says she enjoyed working as a co-convenor because it was an opportunity to get to know new people. She said it was also exciting to be so involved in pulling the week together.

"It's the ultimate flip side of being a new student," says Overbeck. She explains that a first year student has to go to all of the activities because it is required for orientation. A co-convenor has to go because she is responsible for making sure all the activities go smoothly.

Pierce, a PAGS/Education major, and Bennage, a Religion major, say that the best part of being New Student Week co-convenors is the

opportunity to work with the Advisory Board.

"They're amazing," says Bennage. "Beyond Anne, they're probably the biggest part of New Student Week. They make sure things are done and they're brilliant at it."

"I've tremendously enjoyed working on New Student Week and found it to be a valuable lesson in organization, working with groups and time management," says Connor, a PAGS/History major. "Especially working with groups. If I had to underline one, it would be that one."

Bennage says that she hopes new students come out of the week "really feeling like they have a clear understanding of the kind of place Earlham really is and feel that they could be at home here—in all of their diversity."

Sports This Week

Saturday, September 5th

Football at Manchester, 1:30 p.m.

Men's Soccer at Taylor, 2:00 p.m.

Women's Volleyball at St. Francis, 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, September 8th

Men's Soccer at Goshen, 7:00 p.m.

Women's Volleyball at Wilmington, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 9th

Women's Soccer at Ohio Northern, 3:00 p.m.

Field Hockey vs. DePauw, 4:30 p.m., Comstock Field

Friday, September 11th

Men's Soccer vs. University of the South, 4:00 p.m., Comstock Field

Women's Soccer vs. University of the South, 2:00 p.m., Comstock Field

Good Luck Earlham College Class of 1996!

An Earlhamite's Guide to Richmond, Indiana 47374

Although Richmond is a small town, there are lots of things to do when you aren't hitting the books. This map should get you started on an adventure into Richmond.

A. Earlham College- Your home for the next 4 years, Student Government, the Student Activities Board, and your professors all have ideas on what will keep you busy and productive.

B. County Market- 2300 West National Road. This grocery store is an alternative to the nearby Cox's and is open 24 hours.

C. Richmond Plaza- 1800 West National Road. This strip mall contains the ever-popular Goodwill Thrift Store and an occasional Bingo Hall that has been shut down twice by police.

D. The Sunshine Cafe- 1400 West National Road. Formerly called Waffle House, the Sunshine Cafe is a popular hangout for Earlham students planning an all night study session or an all night procrastination session because it is open 24 hours and offers bottomless cups of coffee.

E. Civic Hall/Richmond High School- 380 Hub Etchison Parkway. The Richmond Red Devils are this year's Men's Basketball State Champions. The high school football season is now underway; check it out. Civic Hall is currently under extensive renovation and is home to the Richmond Symphony Orchestra.

F. Helen's Restaurant- 723 South 5th Street. Helen has cooked good, cheap food here for years. She's friendly too. Recommended by the Word's own Opinion Editor Dave Hinman.

G. William's Auto Shop- 1718 S 9th. They're honest and they don't over-charge. Good car doctors.

H. The Promenade- Located in the center of town, the Promenade has an assortment of goods and services to offer, ranging from Honan's Camera Shop to Planned Parenthood to Ike's Bikes to the Sidewalk Cinema.

I. The Olde Richmond Inn/Tangles- 130 South 5th Street. The Olde Richmond Inn is one of the nicer restaurants in town. Parent's Weekend is a busy time; be sure to make reservations. Tangles, located right across the street, is a popular place for that new hairstyle you've been waiting for.

J. Morrison-Reeves Library- 80 North 6th Street. Tired of Lilly Library? Morrison-Reeves is another place to 'check out.' In addition to books, there are a number of compact discs and video tapes just waiting to be checked out.

K. Wayne County Historical Museum/Indiana Football Hall of Fame/YMCA- 1000 North A Street. Who says that Richmond doesn't have any culture? Roam the Wayne County Historical Museum and check out the Football Hall of Fame just down the Street. A few doors down is the Richmond YMCA, which has a variety of sports and activities to keep you busy. North A Street is also home to a myriad of churches.

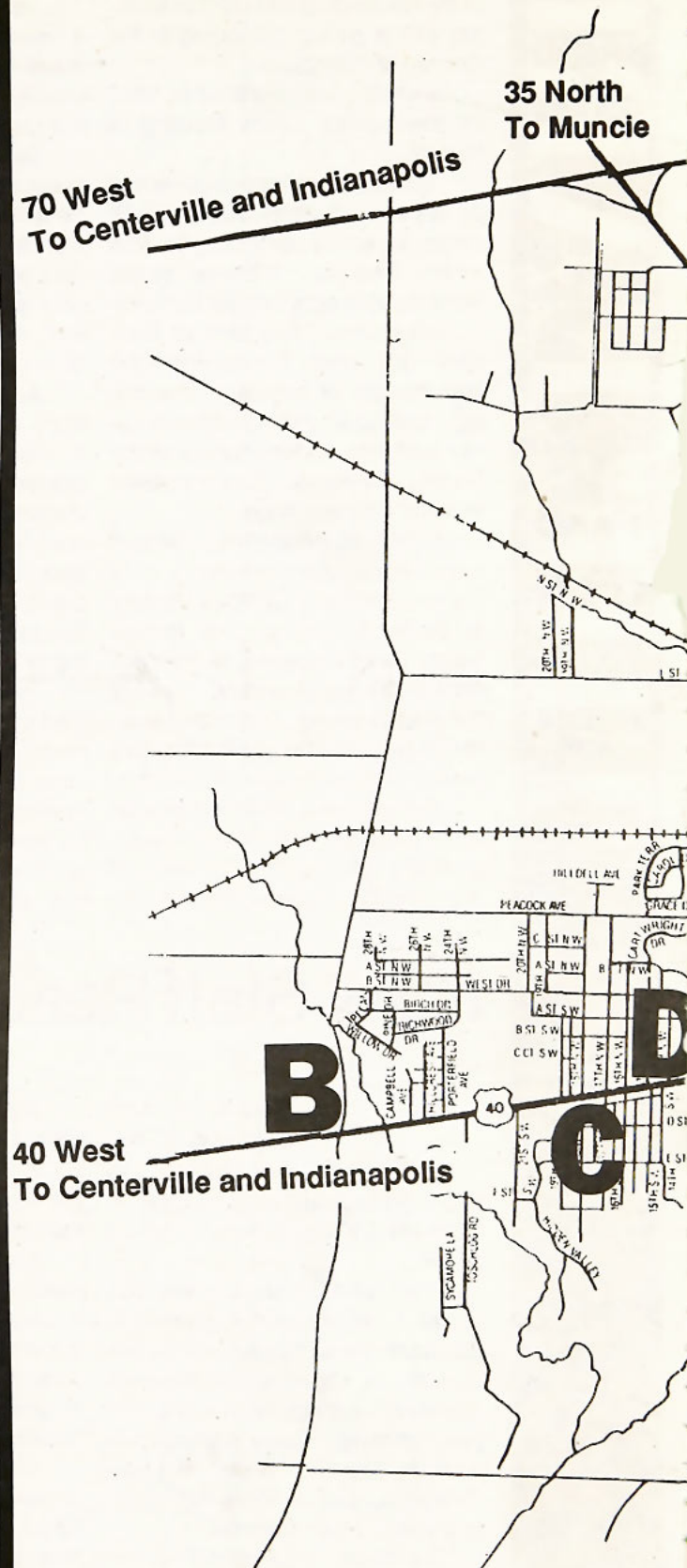
L. The Townsend Center- 855 North 12th Street. This community center offers a lot of possibilities for Earlham students, including volunteer opportunities. Check it out and see what the Townsend Center can offer you.

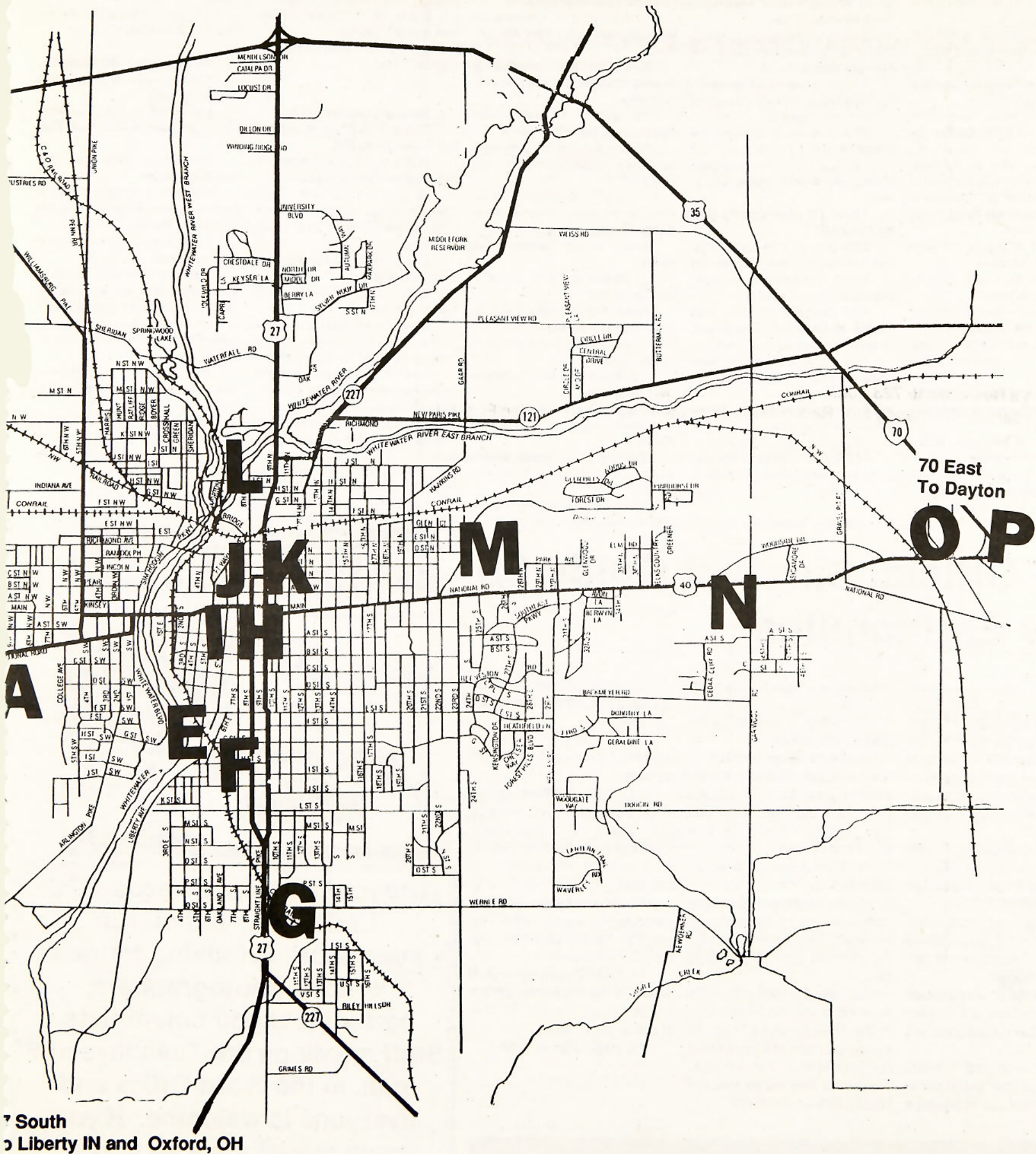
M. Glen Miller Park- 2500 East National Road. Named after the Big Band leader, this 100 acre park also includes a golf course.

N. Richmond Square Mall/Gateway Shopping Center/Wal-Mart- 3800 East National Road. With Sears and JC Penney as anchors, the Richmond Square Mall has a variety of stores. The Gateway Shopping Center is home to a movie theater, as well as Target. Wal-Mart and the newly opened Goody's provide even more shopping choices.

O. Pedro's- 540 West Eaton Pike (right off of National Road East.) Good food and Margarita Mondays are highlights of this Mexican restaurant.

P. The Iron Skillet/Petro Plus- National Road East, just past the state line. This truck stop has become a hangout for numerous Earlham students. Besides having a large restaurant, The Iron Skillet has a game room, a movie theater and a store for all your truck driving necessities.





New Student Week 1992 Has Lots to Offer

Saturday, September 5
 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Arrival and moving in
 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Hospitality provided by the parent's committee
 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. New student ID's in the Comstock Room
 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Star Bank is open
 10 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 11:30 a.m. Campus tours leaving from Admissions
 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch in the Dining Hall
 12 noon to 1 p.m. Lunch at the Cunningham Cultural Center (by invitation only)
 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. An overview of the Humanities program in Wilkinson Theatre or Information on Off Campus Study Programs in the Orchard Room
 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Student meetings with advisers
 2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Parent meetings with advisers
 3 p.m. Welcome and introductions in Goddard Auditorium
 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Reception with Dick and Judy Wood in the Orchard Room
 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Meeting for transfer students and parents in the ABC Rooms
 5:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Buffet dinner in the Dining Hall
 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. All Student Meeting I in Wilkinson Theatre
 9:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Residence Hall Meetings

10:30 p.m. Ice Cream and the band Pure Plastic Tree on the Dining Hall Patio

Sunday, September 6
 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Clear Creek Unprogrammed Meeting in Stout Meetinghouse
 9:30 a.m. Meeting for students interested in choral music in the Hancock Room
 11 a.m. to noon College Meeting for Worship with Mary Garman in Stout Meetinghouse
 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch in the dining hall
 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Language testing (check your packet for details)
 1 p.m. Diversions on the Dining Hall Patio
 2:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. ACE and library testing in the Dining Hall
 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Initiative Games on Front Campus
 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Hall Picnics on Comstock Field (check for specific times for your dorm)
 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. All New Student Meeting II in Wilkinson Theatre
 9:00 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. Residence Hall Meetings
 10:30 p.m. Open Gym
 10:30 p.m. *Amazon Women on the Moon* behind the Coffeeshop

Monday, September 7

7:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Breakfast in the Dining Hall
 8:45 a.m. to 10 a.m. "Making Sense of Earlham as a Quaker Place" in Wilkinson Theatre
 10 a.m. Discussion about learning disabilities in the Wymondham Room of Stout Meetinghouse
 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Choral auditions (sign up at the Fine Arts Office)
 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Introduction to word processing in the Computing Center
 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Perkins Loan Interviews in the ABC Rooms
 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Meeting for transfer students in the Orchard Room
 11:30 a.m. Van to the mall for transfer students leaving from Barrett/Bundy parking lot
 11 a.m. to noon Twister on the Heart
 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch in the Dining Hall
 Noon Picnic on the Heart for international students
 Noon Brown Bag Concert in Leeds Gallery
 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Math testing in the Dining Hall
 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Workshop on expressing anger in the Orchard Room
 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Introduction to word processing in the Computing Center
 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Vans to the Mall leaving from Barrett/Bundy

parking lot
 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Workaward meeting for ALL work award students in Wilkinson Theatre
 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Dinner in the Dining Hall
 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. All Student Meeting III in Wilkinson Theatre
 9 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. Residence Hall Meetings
 10:30 p.m. Dance on the Dining Hall Patio

Tuesday, September 8
 7:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Breakfast in the Dining Hall
 8:30 a.m. to noon Individual appointments with advisers
 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Q&A: Everything you wanted to know about academic life in Stout Meetinghouse
 10 a.m. to noon Learning Center Open House
 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch in the Dining Hall
 Noon Lunch for transfer students and their advisers in the Friends Room of the Dining Hall
 1:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. Meeting on Academic Integrity and Consensus in Wilkinson Theatre
 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Introduction to word processing in the Computing Center
 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. Academic Workshops in Carpenter Hall
 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Picnic with advisers at Dick and Judy Wood's

Home
 6 p.m. *The Earlham Word's* first staff meeting for all interested students
 7:30 p.m. Understanding Sexual Miscommunication and Sexual Violence in Stout Meetinghouse
 9:30 p.m. *Pete's Dragon* behind the Coffee Shop

Wednesday, September 9
 7:15 a.m. to 8 a.m. Breakfast in the Dining Hall
 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Registration Information in Wilkinson Theatre
 8:30 a.m. to noon New Student Registration
 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Introduction to word processing in the Computing Center
 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch in the Dining Hall
 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Dialogue on health issues and safer sex in Tyler 100 (check for exact times)
 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. "Making the Transition to College," in the Meetinghouse
 2:45 p.m. Mall trip for those that have been to the health program
 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Dinner in the Dining Hall
 7 p.m. Video of New Student Week in Wilkinson Theatre
 8 p.m. Breadbox in the Coffeeshop

The Official Survival Guide for New Earlhamites

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During New Student Week, the members of the class of 1996 will be flooded with a variety of information on making the most of your Earlham experience. Here are some helpful hints to keep in mind:

1. The Computing Center will always be full on Sunday night. Start those Humanities papers early!
2. Whenever work study checks come out, expect long bank lines. If possible, use another bank in town.
3. Faculty, as well as staff and administrators, are very accessible. Don't be afraid to ask questions.
4. Don't wait until the last minute to call your professor to tell him/her that you're having a

crisis and won't get that paper in on time.

5. Talk to upperclass folks about their majors.
6. Don't force yourself to have a major declared the instant you get here. Chances are, the major you think you want right now is NOT the one you'll end up with.
7. Vaxing can become an addiction.
8. Be respectful of people with cars, and try not to abuse friendships by constantly saying, "Would you mind taking me....?"
9. Take a sweater if you're planning to spend extensive time in the library. Don't forget to take your shoes off if you want to put your feet on the furniture. Your mom may not let you, but Head Librarian Evan will!

10. Many Richmond businesses offer Earlham discounts. Just ask!

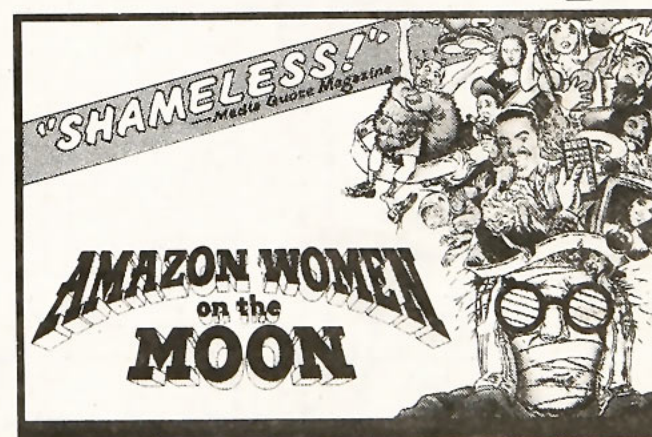
11. Don't be afraid to change advisors. You won't hurt their feelings.

12. Most Earlham grads have jobs that do not relate to their majors. So, your major course of study does not necessarily translate into a career in that field.

13. Student organizations welcome first year students. You won't sit the bench simply because of your class.

14. DON'T even open your books in the bookstore before you buy them. It's not worth the shock to your heart.

15. Have a great year!



The Earlham Word needs YOU!
 Earlham's student run newspaper is looking for new writers, photographers, cartoonists and columnists. Staff meetings are Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in the Word Office and everyone is welcome. If you have questions, call Lori at X1569. Join us today!

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