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NEWS BRIEFS

Doomtree performs tonight

Hip hop artists Dessa, Cecil Otter, and Paper Tiger will brush through Comstock Room this evening.

The musicians are part of a larger collective of hip hop artists under the Doomtree label. Homegrown in the mid-west, the clan is labeled under hip hop but also brings together a wide range of stellar musical sounds.

Doomtree was nominated for five awards from the Minnesota Music Awards (MMA) and their latest release, *Lights Out Paris*, was nominated best hip hop album by the MMA.

Dessa is one of the three artists performing in Comstock. Beyond being a emcee, the artist has also published the book "Spiral Bound," which includes poetry and essays under the Doomtree label.

Cecil Otter is a co-founder of Doomtree and is also in charge of producing.

Lastly, Papertiger is resident DJ for Doomtree and also longtime friend of Cecil Otter.

Three of the nine members of Doomtree will be in Comstock beginning tonight at 10.

"Empty Bowls," full bellies

The ceramics department will hold its annual empty bowls lunch on Thursday, April 22. The event raises money to benefit the Circle U Help Center.

Buy a clay ticket today, Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday in Runyan for \$8 (students) or \$10 (faculty/staff). The ticket is good for one bowl full of soup with fresh bread on the side.

The bowls are made by students in ceramics classes.

The event, which the ceramics department has held for many years, takes place in the Japanese Garden. Last year, the event sold more than 160 bowls and raised \$1,572.

Circle U Help Center is a local food bank. According to its Web site, the center serves more than 1,600 meals per month.

Gamelan to fill Goddard

The Earlham Javanese Gamelan Ensemble will perform tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in Goddard Auditorium. The concert will feature music traditional to the Indonesian island of Java, performed on bronze gongs and drums.

The ensemble will be joined by guests performers Tri Sutrisno and Joko Sutrisno.

Members of the ensemble will play several different types of instruments, each with a unique sound and style. Performers will also wear batik, a traditional fabric that represents the culture and art of Indonesia.

Associate Professor of Music Marc Banamou directs the ensemble. Banamou has studied gamelan since his undergraduate work at Oberlin College and has been leading the ensemble since its inception in 2004.

Remodeling delays student café

By Emma Grygotis

Staff reporter

Work on the student-run coffee shop continues, although remodeling complications have prevented the store from opening this semester as planned. While some questions remain unanswered, student leaders are now working on details from what type of coffee to serve to their vision for the shop's role in the campus community.

Currently, the shop's student organizers are planning a soft opening for the end of the current term. This will be a chance for the Earlham community to see the space and taste the coffee that will be sold once it opens officially next fall.

Once it opens, the shop will be entirely student-run. One of the current tasks at hand is organizing a staff of baristas who will receive free training and work on a volunteer basis.

Preparing the space for opening has also been a very involved process, involving weekly workdays from 1-5 p.m. every Saturday.

Senior Aaron Goldbeck, one

of the original student organizers, said, "We've been doing a lot of work on the interior, we've thrown on a couple of new coats of paint ... trying to undo a lot of superficial damages that's been done to the structure, so it's been looking really nice."

The students still manage to enjoy the afternoon projects.

"We usually get a couple of pizzas down there and have fun," said Goldbeck.

However, the progress has not been without trouble.

"Our goal was to open this semester, but [encountered] delays in construction — not related to student participation, but related to availability of supplies," Goldbeck said.

Meanwhile, the organizers have been busy planning for the future.

"We've settled on serving Intelligentsia coffee, which is a roaster out of Chicago. They do organic and direct trade, which differs from fair trade, who often go through large wholesale distributors," Goldbeck said. "They have direct transactions with the actual growers, which is pretty cool."

He then spoke further about

the brewing system they plan to install.

"We're going to be using a trendy new system for brewing the coffee called the 'true brew system,' which means that we're going to be making the coffee by the cup," Goldbeck said. "It's going to be a slow drip system using ceramic Melitta's to hold the filters."

Freshman Mary Williams, convenor of the barista committee, explained that in spite of the focus on coffee, the shop will be a community location available for a broad range of uses.

"Coffee's an excuse, but not really what it's about," she said.

Molly McCracken, assistant for institutional research and one of the minds behind the coffee shop, described her hopes for the coffee shop in terms of what it expects to give back the community.

"We want to be a student-run, non-hierarchical consensus-based, volunteer based, student-run coffee shop," she said. "But more importantly, a student and community space and a space that students can use for open mics, for club meetings, organizational meetings and a space to display

artwork because there's no space on campus where students can display their work if they're not in a class ... basically a student run space to shed the pressures and the barriers of the institutional center."

Goldbeck has dedicated much of his Earlham career to getting the coffee shop up and running. As the semester draws to the close, however, he is passing things on to what he describes as "a core of really dedicated kids," many of them freshmen who will be able to see the shop through to an established presence on campus.

Though he will not be around to see his project come to fruition, Goldbeck expressed relief at passing the baton on to others.

"After you dedicate a lot of time over four semesters to a project like this, you'll have no problem with letting it go," he said.

Students who want to get involved are invited to contact Williams at mwilli09@earlham.edu.

Reporting contributed by John Jacobson.

Donors find blood drive positive

Right: Registered Nurse Samantha Long assists freshman Charlie Umbau while he gives blood for the first time at the Earlham College Blood Drive on Wednesday.

Inset: Umbau drinks orange juice after giving blood. Students who gave blood were required to have a snack afterward.



Photos by Abby Kathan

Earlham, Richmond organize day of service to unite students with town

By Sasha Benderly-Kraft

Staff reporter

Earlham students and Richmond community members will collaborate in a clean-up of the Starr, Vaile and Old Richmond neighborhoods tomorrow.

This event, the annual Earlham-Richmond Community Day of Service, marks the beginning of a series of neighborhood clean-ups happening in Richmond over the next month. Junior Hannah Hale Leifheit, one of two Earlham students who took on the task of organizing the event last year, has again taken the lead on the Earlham portion of organizing this year.

To Leifheit, the day represents a "reminder that we're part of a community" — a way to bring Earlhamites and Richmondites together to do something positive for their shared space.

According to Leifheit, the original momentum for the event last year came from local government. She and fellow Earlham student Emily Ostroff '09, had been working with the mayor's office as part of their work as Bonner Scholars. During the planning process of the event, Leifheit says the two students were approached about spearheading the Earlham side of the event.

"They realized that in order

to get students out there, they needed a room to gather, maybe food, and transportation," said Leifheit, "so it made sense to look for an Earlham connection."

This year, with Ostroff graduated, Leifheit has taken on the main responsibility for organizing on campus, which she says fits naturally with her own volunteer background. Leifheit is a Bonner Scholar and formerly served on Earlham Student Government, both of which are key partners in the organizing process, along with the Earlham Volunteer Exchange.

Vice President of Community Relations Avis Stewart notes that students have mostly handled the work of organizing.

"If students want to be involved," said Stewart, "Community Relations is interested in helping, but this event is mostly student-guided."

Leifheit said the trash pick-up was chosen to improve the space the community occupies.

"The appearance and feel of a space really makes a community," she said. "There are a lot of yards and lots with a lot of trash problems in the areas we're working in, and by cleaning that up we improve the community for everyone. Plus it's an easy thing that everyone can do in any amount — every little bit helps."

Speaking to the Methods of Peacemaking class taught by

Gypsy Swanger, director and professor of peace and global studies, Mayor Sally Hutton had high praise for the Community Day, particularly for the fact that it gets Earlham and Richmond people working side-by-side.

Leifheit agreed.

"It's great to have Earlhamites and Richmond folks working toward a common goal," she said. "Having experience together lets us show each other who we really are."

Leifheit's biggest concern this year is getting Richmond community members to come out.

"Last year, we stuck tri-fold pamphlets in gates and mailboxes," said Leifheit, "but this year we mostly put flyers in local establishments to integrate with community ties already in place."

The organizers also put a public service announcement on local radio station G101.3 and an editorial in the *Palladium-Item*.

Stewart sees the day as a good way to get students into the world of service. To him, Earlham's focus on community is a way of integrating the learning experience into everyday life.

"It's vitally important to see people actually get involved with doing things, not just talking," said Stewart. "It's what lets us turn theory into practice."

Stewart hopes that the spirit

of cooperation built at events like this one will not only get students involved and keep them there, but also to foster acceptance of Earlham students in the community at large.

"The Earlham-Richmond relationship has really improved over the last few years," he said, "but like any relationship, we need to nurture it."

Leifheit believes that, as long as the current level of cooperation between students, student organizations, and the city continues as it currently is, that the event will grow in coming years.

"Hopefully, we will find ourselves in a place where Community Day will be an institution in its own right — it will be thought of like any other major student activity that people look forward to," she said. "It should be a snapshot of a successful city."

The Earlham-Richmond Community Day is tomorrow, April 17. It will begin with a breakfast in Runyan Center's Hancock room at 8 a.m., and buses will transport students to the clean-up locations at 9 a.m., where the city will be providing dumpsters. The day will culminate in a barbecue for all participants at the Elizabeth Starr Academy at noon.

COMMUNITY

SECTION B

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Seniors arrange artwork for final display



Photos by Alex Pianetta

Left: A set of porcelain cups created by Casey Muyskens-Toth at the senior art show, on display in Leeds Gallery. The show displays work from senior art majors. Right: Freshman Charlie Umhan, left, and junior Merrel Judy speaking in front of pastel portraits by senior Carmina Brelsford.

I used glass cube installations that I situated in Earlham's back campus ... As the project progressed I felt that I began to think of the glass cubes and the surrounding landscapes as the medium, in that I could use the changes in the environment and light to create the photographic composition.

— Rebecca Nord

Working through my grief, I used art to bring new perspectives to my personal and universal experience of life after the death of a loved one.

— Casey Muyskens-Toth

Seniors communicate magic, meaning via exhibition of art

By Mamus Ngeseyan

Staff reporter

The Senior Art Exhibition in the galleries of Runyan Center and Lilly Library displays artwork diverse both in meaning and medium, after senior art majors developed unique projects for others to scrutinize and admire.

Each art major's display serves as a comprehensive gauge of experiences both at Earlham and beyond it. For senior Sydney Sogol, who exhibited contemporary saddle blankets, the line between fashion and function is one that deserves a five-page paper response, yet managed an effortless retort.

"I am a weaver. The majority of my work is functional," Sogol said. For her, sources of inspiration have been plenty and in range, from Nazca lines to Harry Potter, and she plans to have the blankets used for what they were made for in the first place, as saddle blankets.

On the walls of Lilly's Ronald Gallery is senior Mia Herring's work. Her pieces took on the

form of a complex critical literary theory paper, with paint and a piece of canvas as her primary communicators. Herring describes her series of three pieces as referencing modernist works through a feminist lens.

Not only is the concept behind her work a handful — some of the challenges Herring came across was the sheer size of her work and figuring out its composition, with each canvas measuring 8 feet by 6 feet.

Upon being asked what she would do with her pieces if they were not sold during the exhibition, Herring said, "I don't really think about that. I know that I need to make stuff and making it is what is important to me."

Back in Runyan Center's Leeds Gallery, senior Laura Meilman's various pieces are all strung together by one common idea: magical realist literature, which has always appealed to Meilman.

"I loved the imagery that they put in books," Meilman said.

Her pieces intermingle realistic

landscapes with some elements of an otherworldly nature. In one of her pieces, done on a wood panel, the Heart is covered in snow, with a vibrant sunset in the distance contrasting the cool foreground. On the sidewalk, penguins waddle through puddles.

"I liked the idea of likening penguins to students, because we are similar in some ways," she said.

If all of her pieces are not sold during the exhibition, Meilman will be taking them home in Ithaca, N.Y., and have them displayed in local coffee shops.

As for a career in the arts, Meilman has taken a job as an art and crafts coordinator at a summer camp.

The Exhibition will be on until graduation. Information on the price and artists are available in both Leeds and Ronald Gallery. If any artwork is purchased, nothing can be removed from the gallery until May 8.

If you are interested, or have any questions regarding the artists or their work you can contact the Fine Arts office.

Wood firing is ... a way of uniting the clay with the fire. Like oil on a naked body, this direct method of firing brings out the form of a vessel, highlighting both the flaws and the beauty. It is a very honest process.

— Julia Mickley

Through these strong, bold colors, I hope to bring out the feminine strength and power in the women I portray in my work.

— Carmina Bradford

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Photo by Marisa Keller



Photo by Alex Pianetta

Left: Pots created by senior Julia Mickley on display in the Ronald Gallery in Lilly Library.

Right: Senior Carter Lee looks at photographs taken by senior Rebecca Nord, on display in Leeds Gallery in Runyan Center.

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SECTION B2

Former Jordan politician speaks on peace

By Alishba Zarmeen

Staff reporter

A guest from a region of political controversy and social turmoil spoke at Earlham this week. Kamal Abu Jabar, former Foreign Minister of Jordan spoke to a group of students and faculty on Wednesday, April 13.

While he made the participants laugh with his political jokes, Abu Jabar mainly talked about peace-building efforts, the reasons some efforts don't work and steps which individuals and governments should take to accelerate the solutions to solve the Israel-Palestine conflict.

About 50 participants attended Abu Jabar's discussion, including Earlham faculty and staff. Abu Jabar later attended a dinner engagement with Director of International Admissions Musa Khalidi.

Abu Jabar touched on various historical concepts, including pre-Islamic Arabia. He explained that the enemy today is racially not any different than the other, and traced the biological heritage of the Muslims of Palestine and the Jews of Israel. This included how they are the descendents of one patriarchal ancestry.

Speaking about his dream for the Palestinians and Israelis, as

well as Arabs and Jews in general, Abu Jabar said, "I'm dreaming that the traditional partnership between Arabs and Jews, between Muslims and Jews, will one day become reality."

Abu Jabar also emphasized the fact that the misconception that Jews suddenly appeared in the Middle East needs to be corrected. According to Jabar's presentation, Jews, in addition to other communities, have always maintained their presence in the region, which makes it more diverse.

Discussion about diversity characterized Abu Jabar's talk.

"I don't want to be tolerated.

I want to be accepted for who I am," he said.

According to Abu Jabar, acceptance requires a change of behavior and characteristics primarily on Israel's part, so the world can see the actual side of a normal Jew and peace-building efforts from both the territories and their leaders.

The major responsibilities lie with the political leaders and the leaders of the Islamic world in particular, he said.

In response to a student's question, Abu Jabar said that the only way young people can bring about a change is through education and awareness and by

making educated decisions.

Senior Toivo Ashekee said, "The talk was interesting but the information was not particularly new. I was more looking forward to some talk about the revolutionary movements happening in the Middle East."

But Elena Locker-Torres, a freshman, enjoyed the event.

"It was very informative and I ended up recommending a Broadway musical to Abu Jabar only to find out how much he loves NYC and Broadway," she said. "[He is] a fun personality."

ESG supplies food, increases risk of Heart Attack



Photos by Elsa Haag

Top left: Sophomore Eliza Hudson grills pineapple, peppers and burgers during the Heart Attack last Saturday, April 10.

Left: Sophomore Emily Bobrowich and senior Mandi Rice pick out popsicles.

Above: Dozens of Earlham students turned out to the Heart on Saturday for ice cream, burgers and games, sponsored by Earlham Student Government.

All aspects of theater combine to bring 'Othello' to life

Staff review gives this production a thumbs up for convincing performance

By Simon Levine

Staff reporter

The Earlham theatre department's production of "Othello: The Moor of Venice" fires on all cylinders, giving a vibrant and affecting performance of William Shakespeare's tragedy about jealousy and prejudice.

Guest Theatre Director Lynn Perkins-Socey, who also designed the sound, uses a score of resonating bells, which complement the stark but adaptable sets.

Throughout the production, light and sound amplify the drama of the material. Early, as Roderigo (sophomore Kellen Paine) howls up at Brabantio (Professor of Theatre Arts Michael White) to warn him that his daughter is missing, Iago (senior Nick Husted) lies hidden in the shadows, his hat

removed. Later, as Othello (Kyle Haden, guest actor) languishes in the throes of jealousy and confusion, the droning of bells in the background seems to be the incoherent buzzing in his own head.

In contrast to the starkness of the set, Costume Designer Karen Adams' outfits are quite colorful. The soldiers all wear ornate Napoleonic uniforms with brass chest plates and large red sashes, while Desdemona (junior Sarah Waddle) wears a flowing gold trimmed robe. Brabantio's gray, striped, tuxedo, meanwhile, evokes the antebellum south.

Accolades also go to Fight Choreographer Rob Johansen, a teacher at the Indiana Repertory Theatre. The audience cheered as Cassio (sophomore Uldis Elksnitis) staggered drunkenly across the stage, brawling in succession with Roderigo and Montano (freshman Ethan

Sallee).

Haden is excellent as Othello. His booming voice is well suited for the lead, a character both charmingly energetic and ferociously angry. Haden convincingly portrays this whole range of emotions and is legitimately frightening as his jealousy crescendoes to the climactic murder scene.

Opposite Haden is Husted, playing the most celebrated villain in Shakespeare, with more lines than the protagonist. Husted is good as the brooding sardonic Iago who soliloquizes to the audience, but really shines when he is playing the charmer, making it believable that his character could endear himself so strongly to his comrades. The bawdiness of Iago's archaic, bar humor is never lost and the audience laughs along as he chides Desdemona.

Desdemona has great chemistry

with Othello's two lieutenants and her interactions with Cassio are very persuasive as inspirations of guilt. By comparison, Haden's and Waddle's relationship sometimes feels stiff and never quite reaches the passion suggested in the text.

Also notable was Michael White's blubbery and mercurial portrayal of Brabantio. White succeeds at capturing the boorishness and unlikability of the domineering father, a figure who seems confused throughout the play.

The play had some technical difficulties. Lights went out shortly after the intermission and didn't return for several minutes.

Eat a large meal and go to the bathroom beforehand, because Othello is a long play, going from 7:30 p.m. to nearly 11 p.m. with one intermission.

That said, it is time spent that you will probably enjoy. The material comes to life in a way



that a modern audience can relate to. Shakespeare's jokes are funny and the moments of evil still spine-tingling.

This is a faithful and laborious reworking of the material that makes some interesting choices but is still conservative enough to be familiar. Fans of the material are sure to enjoy and the play is also highly recommended to those who have never read Shakespeare.

Showings are tonight and tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.

Voices on the Heart

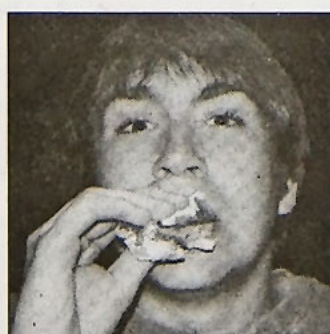
Compiled by John Jacobson and Sasha Benderly-Kraft

This "Voices on the Heart" asks students, "What's a good springtime activity?"



"Drawing out on the Heart, or chalking out on the sidewalks."

MEG EDWARDS,
SENIOR



"Relaxing with friends, burning large fires, and having a good time."

DEVAN MONETTE,
SOPHOMORE



"Bocce ball in D Street field."

YASMINE LEE,
SENIOR



"Running around in the nude."

ZAK CUNNINGHAM,
SENIOR



"Grillin' and Blizzards."

RACHEL KLEPNER,
SENIOR

Local produce at Earlham: joke or future?

Down with hypocrisy!

By Noah Gettle

Guest writer

This is a big ole' exuberant cheer to our president, Douglas Bennett, for finally pulling aside the paper-thin veil of deception that has plagued our dear college for the last few years.

Finally, we can relax and breathe a sigh of relief. No more lies, no more hypocrisy. What we've all known since our freshman year is finally out there, made clear by none other than the head of dear college:

Earlham's dedication to environmentalism is simply a joke.

Doug Bennett's hilarious 2010 April Fool's joke, in which he stopped us all dead in our tracks by informing us that Earlham was actually following through on its environmental "policy" and making it appear that we might have to sacrifice our ability to eat pineapple and watermelon in February, has ushered in a new era for our dear college.

By making it clear that this so-called environmental aspect of Earlham's goals was nothing more than something to humor us, we can finally free ourselves of the bondage that has made maintaining this façade so awful.

Finally, we can do away with those bulky recycling bins that mar our common spaces. No more having to pretend like we feel guilty when we don't put our leftover food in the compost bins, or that we don't enjoy our rooms at a balmy 62 degrees on days when it's 80.

Unveil your third dorm room mini-fridge, throw away your cloth grocery bags! Hashers, just toss your beer cans in the water or on the beach, and Saga, bring back our goddamn trays! Let's

get some of our tuition dollars back by selling the "Earlham Hybrid" (has it ever been used?) and by dumping our trash, once again where it belongs, at the Farm.

We can use the extra cash for important things like printing out a copy of every journal article that might contain one sentence worth of useful info for an upcoming research paper and installing new AC units in all of the houses.

And speaking of the Farm, is there really any more need for this backwards hippy-holdout? Let's clear-cut it and plant as much corn and soy as possible, soaking it with herbicides and pesticides just as a f---you-Michael-Pollan-for-telling-me-not-to-eat-Twinkies kind of thing.

And, of course, now seniors no longer need feel obligated to waste money on things like windmills, and can go back to spending money on something that is everlasting and eternally useful: a concrete bench.

Friends, this is truly a momentous and joyous time for our dear college in which we've finally thrown off the burden of such cumbersome restrictions. At last, we are one step closer to the elimination of Earlham's silly hypocrisy. So bust out the 30-racks, feel good about throwing all thirty empties in the trash, and until next year's April Fool's in which Dougy B. tries informing us that Earlham is going to enforce its dry campus policy, let's drink and celebrate!

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To have our vegetables and eat them, too

By Doug Bennett

Guest writer

"Join me in a project I've long been planning, a Road-Kill Cuisine Club," wrote Tom Hamm (historian/archivist extraordinaire) in response to my April 1 message about a move to eating locally in Saga (beets, lima beans and Brussels sprouts).

He added, "If interest is sufficient, I'm thinking of opening a restaurant along these lines, to be housed in the former Mr. Happy Burger building in Elwood, Ind. It's between a monument company and rendering plant, a prime location."

His was among the best of many responses to my message that went considerably further out the same limb. John Iverson suggested we eat "tortoise rigor mortis," and several that we consider possum stew.

Amy Mulnix urged we reduce chemical contamination by having students hand pick pests off the plants, and then recycle the pests as laboratory subjects in cell physiology.

Derric Watson thought we should crush the pests, add sap from local trees and market a new yummy protein paste called, not Vegemite but "Earlhamite."

Andrew Sloin urged us to grow potatoes and onions as well as beets so we can "finally introduce our new minor in Borscht Studies."

But Jay Roberts voiced well what a number of others echoed: "The 'sad' part of all of this is that most of these are actually really good ideas ... April Fools?" And one student declared the prank unfunny because we should be

moving in the direction of local produce, shouldn't we? This is not an appropriate moment for humor, she said, but rather for hard work.

In this case, I believe we can have our vegetables and eat them, too: we can laugh about our ideals and also work to live up to them. But it will take hard work over many years.

Like most colleges and universities, we don't run our own food service. Why? Because it takes a particular kind of expertise that we aren't good at. Our talents are in teaching and learning.

Every few years we accept bids from a number of companies who want to provide our food service. We currently outsource our food service to Sodexo, a global corporation in food and facilities management.

Sodexo has been responsive to Earlham's sustainability initiatives. They cooperate with us on composting and recycling, they have worked with us in going trayless and they have even increased purchases of local produce.

To go further with local produce, Sodexo reasonably tells us, will require many more farms growing produce locally, farms that meet their appropriately high standards. Given what's grown locally today, they are about at the limit of what they can obtain for Earlham nearby.

Going further with local produce is likely to require no less than a revolution in patterns of agriculture around us. We cannot begin to grow enough food on Earlham's own land, so we will have to change the practices

of local farmers, wholesalers, agricultural supply firms, supermarkets, other institutional purchasers of food (the hospital? K-12 schools? etc.) and much more. Land near Richmond that has for decades been planted in corn and soybeans will have to be redirected to growing fruits and vegetables.

Could that redirection of land use happen? Yes. Could Earlham be part of that? Yes, and we should. But we will need allies and partners working with us: others in Richmond and Wayne County who will also want to bring about a transformation in agriculture in this region.

Earlham will bring to this work our impatience to make the change quickly, and we will bring some expertise and buying power. But we will need to respect what others can bring as well: their expertise and their needs.

Those who own land locally will want to know that they can succeed financially if they convert to growing fruits and vegetables. They will want to know who they can rely on for advice and assistance as they make the change. Most of the technical assistance for farmers available today in East Central Indiana supports corn and soybean agriculture, not produce.

Like most social change, this will be hard work, but rewarding and life affirming. Shall we get started?

Doug Bennett is president of the college and can be reached at doughb@earlham.edu.

Public Affairs worth a visit

By Sarah Burks

Guest writer

Have you ever wondered what goes on in Joseph Moore House on College Avenue? Or have you ever wondered who creates all of the posters for events that are posted all over campus? Or what about who puts together the daily Around The Heart?

Have you joined Earlham College's fan page on Facebook or followed Earlham on Twitter? Have you checked out Earlham's Flickr page? What about the student blogs on Earlham's Web site or the amazing podcasts

posted almost every week?

Well, if you haven't, it's about time! Public Affairs at Earlham does a lot of amazing work and it seems like few students know about it.

I have been doing my field study for my major, Human Development and Social Relations (HDSR) at Public Affairs this semester and have learned a world of new things. The faculty at Public Affairs come from all walks of life.

Are you an artist? A theater major? A "Twilight" fan? A cat lover? What about a lover of random interesting facts? I guar-

antee if you stop by 430 College Avenue you will be welcomed into an interesting conversation.

Take two minutes out of your day and check out Earlham's Press Room at <http://pressroom.earlham.edu> and browse through. It will open doors to all sorts of interesting things going on at Earlham and around the world. Or better yet, stop by at lunchtime for a good laugh or two and a game of dominoes.

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ESG weighs in . . .

SOC lauds leadership

Hello Earlhamites,

Here is a quick update on what the Student Organization Council (SOC) has been up to lately.

SOC celebrated student leadership April 7 in the Orchard Room. The main purpose of the function was to acknowledge the work being done by convenors of clubs on campus and their advisors. The other purpose was to thank them for promoting student involvement on campus.

We found it necessary to have the function because we believe that appreciating what our leaders are doing will make people see the value of their work and encourage people to keep being involved. By showing

our appreciation, we gave out certificates to all convenors and their advisors.

During the event we also had the opportunity to hear updates from each convenor on what their club has been doing this semester. The attendance overall was fair and the dessert was pleasing, according to our guests.

We hope to do the event sometime again next year. We encourage convenors to keep up with the good work they have been doing so far.

Our next coming event, Allocations Day, will be April 25 at 2 p.m. in LBC. We hope to see all the convenors and the business managers there.



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Horoscopes of the week

By Rosa Ostrom

Contributing editor

Aries: March 21 – April 19

The sunshine should be encouraging your creative juices to flow. Grab some chalk, take to the Heart, and spread the love.

Taurus: April 20 – May 20

While the quizzes in your Monday class are usually a piece of cake, next week's will surprise you. Hit the books BEFORE checking out Marmon house — you won't regret it.

Gemini: May 21 – June 20

Walking barefoot may be a passion of many, but this week be sure to check that your tetanus shot is up to date before scampering back campus. Your soles will thank you.

Cancer: June 21 – July 22

Have you been feeling lonely? Before you consider getting a pet, remember that they aren't allowed in the dorms and summer is just around the corner. Befriend the campus groundhog instead.

Leo: July 23 – Aug. 22

Graduation is nearing, and you're getting lucky. Although you may never see them again, let your hookup down lightly — karma's a real b----.

Virgo: Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

You must have been quite the good Samaritan last week, because great vibes are coming your way. Use this as your push to talk to that sweetie you've been eyeing in CGI.

Libra: Sept. 23 – Oct. 22

Before you put three weeks of white laundry into the washer, stop and take a look around. Is that a black pen wedged into a pocket? Better deal with that in less you're in mood for inky tie dye...



Scorpio: Oct. 23 – Nov. 21

Aww, your girlfriend made you dinner. How cute! Just remember this next time she asks for a back rub — reciprocity is the best.

Sagittarius: Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

Your priorities are all out of wack! You need to step back and reassess. Try a new perspective and you just might learn something.

Capricorn: Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

This semester is speeding by for you, and you can't wait to get home. Just be sure to enjoy the time you do have left, so that when the seniors leave, you've gotten to say goodbye.

Aquarius: Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

Now is a good time to let go of your caffeine addiction. Consider your annoying roommate the perfect motivation to get that homework done early.

Pisces: Feb. 19 – March 20

You've been doing an admirable job of hiding your addiction to '90s television. Just remember to clear the history before you let your boyfriend borrow your computer!

Horoscopes are for entertainment purposes only and are not based on the movements of celestial bodies.

Balancing our lives beyond the classroom

An appeal for discussion, acknowledgement of our often conflicting commitments

By Mandi Rice

Guest writer

In her opinion piece last week, "College is hard..." Anna McCormally summarized a reason that college is hard for many Earlham students: there are so many voluntary things to do with your time, and it's tempting to do them all at once.

In this piece, I'd like to address students whose obligations outside the classroom are not so easily given up, and suggest that the College as a whole might benefit from discussing the issue of balance.

For some of us, the work study job McCormally suggests we quit is also a job paying for our tuition. Or we send some of the money home, to help our families that are struggling, or we spend

it on medicines or rent. In my experience, it's hard to drop these kinds of obligations.

It's hard to know how many students are in situations like these, since there can be pressure not to talk about them; however, I can't imagine such instances have declined during this recession.

The college, as far as I know, doesn't have financial resources to help students in such situations. The least some of us could ask for is a little compassion from professors—which, as I read it, was exactly what Leifheit and Busch were doing in their first article.

In fact, I thought their suggestion was brave. It can be scary to admit when you're in over your head in any respect, and it shows integrity to speak that truth anyway.

Talking to professors about personal issues is about more than getting extensions or pity. They've been through tough times too, and can be one source of support and wisdom. What's more, sometimes they're facing the same issues, like caring for a sick parent.

McCormally's piece, in contrast, showcases just the kind of reaction I'd feared from my professors, the kind of reaction that keeps people from speaking out — "if you have so many priorities above schoolwork ... why are you here?"

Here's the key: The question of balancing commitments inside and outside the classroom is not limited to students from poor families, or students with an "overwhelming lifestyle."

It's not limited to students.

Everyone here is sacrificing some alternate version of their life — more time with siblings or spouses, the opportunity to work some other great job, education in a first language, etc. Those can be painful value judgments to make.

A more useful response to Busch's and Leifheit's piece might acknowledge the ways that we all balance values and activities we hold dear, and the impact that has on us. The newest version of Principles and Practices addresses this under Simplicity, with queries like "How do I work to keep my commitments in a healthy balance?"

That document suggests that these questions are foundational to the College, and to the people in it. So why is there not more discussion about how we make

such choices?

The College strives to be a community that "seeks the intellectual, physical, spiritual, and emotional wellbeing of its members." I think that means that, as we are able, we strive to support each other beyond the limits of a syllabus.

Professors have lives outside of the classroom, full of financial obligations, health concerns, family commitments and other complications. So do students. Maybe faculty-student relationships can acknowledge that territory, too.

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Marriage a civil, not human, right

By McKayla Heller

Guest writer

Last week, Donnie Smith bravely and eloquently opened the floor for a discussion that has not been taking place on as large of a scale as it should.

His piece entitled "Opposing Gay Marriage Denies Human Equality" was passionate, personal and thought-provoking. Although I am personally for gay marriage, I thought that it was necessary to lay out some groundwork for this discussion to continue in a civilized, orderly and progressive fashion.

I would like to propose that we must do several things to stop allowing this issue to be at an impasse — a state in which it very much remains today.

First, we must stop attacking other people's religions. Certainly, we can examine and reexamine the texts, taking into account the time period they were set in, the purposes to which they served at that time and what we should make of them now. We can do that, but to get caught up in that is to stall a productive discussion on gay marriage.

Second, we must identify that marriage, although a term present in the church, is separate from a religious context because marriage is a status that the government gives its citizens.

Marriage within the church is

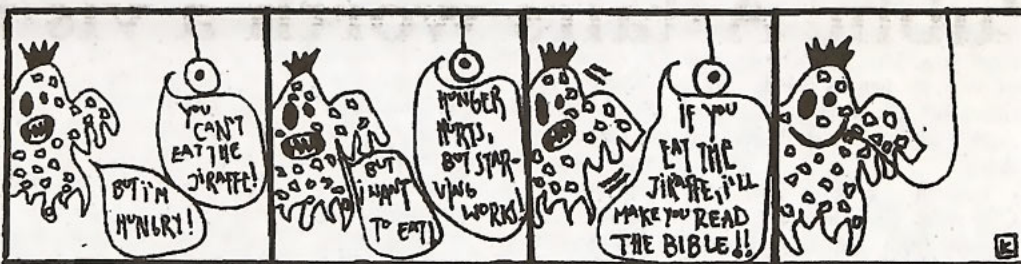
different from marriage outside of the church. The two often accompany each other. When the government picks and chooses which two individuals have the ability to get married based on the individuals' identity, that is a form of social control. The over 1,400 financial and legal benefits that marriage through the government gives couples concerns the wellbeing of many.

In addition, churches, as independent institutions, perform religious marriages. They have just as much of a right to refuse to perform marriages for gay couples as they do to refuse to perform marriages for straight couples.

Third, we must stop saying that the right to marry is a human right, because human rights are tricky to define. For example, do human rights revolve around the right to fight to survive or do they encompass something larger? Instead, let us call this an issue of fair and equal treatment under the law.

The gay rights debate is a civil rights debate. Laying out the groundwork is only the beginning. I hope that we will have many more enlightening thoughts and productive discussions to come.

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Not fair to pick on smokers indirectly

By Cem Erez

Guest writer

Hey guys! I have an idea. Let's start a Quaker college based on the ideals we will refer to as the "Principles and Practices."

Let's let things like "respect for persons" and "integrity" be a part of these Principles and Practices that we're going to live by.

Following me so far? Sounds pretty sweet, right? You know what we should do next? We should send stuff to the school newspaper that bashes a certain group of people.

Now, I know what you're thinking. You're thinking, how on earth is that going to fly with the ideals you just put in? I'll tell you how.

First we need to pick a group of people who don't have souls, in order to avoid "respect for persons." I mean, if they don't have souls, how can one qualify them as people, right? Can anyone think of such people on Earlham? Oh, I know! Smokers!

Those ENCTs (evil Nazi commi-terrorists) had it coming when they decided to start hurting their own lungs and make all of us healthy stressful people even more stressed and pissed off (for reasons we're not quite sure of).

But come on, what were they thinking? Standing under a semi-cover during storms? Of course

I value my clean air more than your pathetic life that you're gonna lose getting hypothermia.

You know what the best part is though? I'm not going to tell you directly to move 20 feet away from the building. That just loses the fun of it.

Instead I'm going to whine at all my friends and give you death glares. And then I'm going to post some more stuff to both cheers and sneers so I'll be able to tell my problem to the whole wide world instead of taking initiative and talking to ENCTs myself.

That's how we show our integrity. Instead of being honest and true with one another like the Principles and Practices tell us to, we post stuff behind their backs. Don't we all love drama? Well here's plenty of it.

All right, this is all the time we had for the week, guys. Next week on Smokers Suck, we're going to investigate 99 reasons for why we should yell at smokers for tossing their cigarette butts on the ground. And how having only six ashtrays in the whole campus is not a good excuse for anything.

Butt out, y'all.

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Cheers & Sneers

CHEERS to:

- Waking up in the chimney and exiting out of the fireplace in Saga during brunch on Saturday. True Story.
- To everyone who has voted for Lukas and Madi to get the ultimate job in Ireland (and probably the world).
- The guy who woke up in the Saga chimney and emerged during brunch. That was amazing.
- Anna McCormally, for highlighting problems with a seemingly inconsequential article and engaging people with a convincing argument.
- Presenters at the Annual Research Conference on a job well done!
- Co-op Hall and its inhabitants.
- People sending opinions to the Word.
- That nice girl with glasses who has had to endure a pile of misinformation. You are still getting honors and Phi Beta Kappa. Don't let them deceive you.
- Ex-love interests who are cordial and help you when you're in need.

SNEERS to:

- The senior gift involving a bench. Seriously, how fast will that get vandalized?
- Whoever stole my umbrella from Lilly in the middle of a thunderstorm. Hope you stayed dry, 'cause I sure didn't.
- Principles and Practices ... While they sound great, who on campus actually follows through with these things, including those that care about them?
- People re-inscribing oppression while acting like they decry it.
- Contagious stress.
- The people who litter on campus with beer cans and bottles on prospie days.
- People who don't clean up after themselves in the ceramics studio.
- People who speak just to hear their own voice, especially in HDSR classes.

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

SNEER: noun, a contemptuous or scornful remark.

SEND YOUR CHEERS AND SNEERS TO ROOSTROM08.

James dominates today; tomorrow belongs to Bryant

By Toivo Asheeker

Guest writer

With the NBA playoffs upon us, I feel the time is right for me to attempt to write a basketball article!

Over the past two years, there has been much debate surrounding who the best player in the NBA is right now. This exhilarating and often times heated debate orbits primarily around two players of unbelievable natural ability and drive.

LeBron James from the Cleveland Cavaliers and Kobe Bryant from the Los Angeles Lakers are to most minds the two best players in the league. There are strong arguments that support both sides, and in this article I will attempt to briefly summarize them and finally offer my opinion on the question at hand.

Standing at 6'8" and weighing 250 pounds of solid muscle blended with cat-like agility and freakish athleticism, James is a physical specimen such as the NBA has never seen before. Since

he entered the league, James has possessed point guard passing and handling abilities in addition to having the physical tools to get to the rim whenever he wants.

Since he entered the league in 2003 as the first overall draft pick (out of high school) of the Cavaliers, James has averaged 27.8 points, 6.9 assists and 7.0 rebounds, and reminds many experts who watch him of Oscar Robertson and Magic Johnson.

Lofty praise indeed, but well deserved, as James has consistently increased his offensive and especially his defensive arsenal since he entered the league. This improvement fueled his win of the 2008-09 Most Valuable Player and has assured that he will win this year's 2009-10 MVP as well.

However, James has yet to win an NBA Championship, and in order to earn his spot as one of the greatest of all time, this is a category in which he needs to win something.

In addition to this, James' shooting skills are still average

by NBA standards and when one looks at his overall offensive skill set in separation from his athletic abilities, one finds a player no different from others who play in the league. Hopefully as time goes on he will improve, as all great players do, on this aspect of his game!

If LeBron James can be described as a hammer cracking his opponents' heads open, Kobe Bryant can be looked at as a cold-blooded assassin snuffing the life out of his enemies.

In terms of his offensive arsenal, in other words the ways in which Kobe Bryant can score the ball, there maybe has never been a player like him. He can score in variety of ways from all over the basketball court, which makes him a nightmare to guard. His superior technique, natural talent, insane work ethic and cold-blooded killer instincts at the end of a game make Bryant deadly.

Although at age 32, with 14 years of long NBA seasons wearing on his body and his

athleticism not what it once was, Bryant still finds a way to dominate. His ability to lock down his man as well as quarterback the Lakers team to titles makes him in many people's eyes the heir to Michael Jordan. Bryant is also an under-rated passer and, like James, has the ability to make his teammates better.

Some of the critiques of Bryant's game are that he is too selfish and dominates the ball too much as he tries to impose his will on a game. Instead of trusting his teammates to make plays and help him win, he pushes himself harder to win, forgetting his team.

Another issue with Bryant is his inability to make things work on the court with Shaquille O'Neil (one of the greatest centers of all time). Furthermore, the three titles Bryant did win prior to his fourth; Shaq was the NBA Finals MVP and the best player on the team, not Bryant. Thusly, Bryant's success in this league has come in tandem with other talented players, unlike

with James, who for his entire career had to carry the Cavaliers himself.

All in all, either pick one makes is a defensible and sound one. In my opinion however, Bryant is the best player right now. He isn't playing as well as James is, but he has had a lot of injuries this year that have slowed him down.

But we must not forget that this is the man who scored 81 points in an NBA game against the Raptors in 2006 and 62 over just three quarters against the powerful Mavericks that same year. His game winners are uncountable and his ability to win games deep into the playoffs is breathtaking.

James, I believe, will eventually be the best and that time is indeed at hand, but at the moment, the NBA Championship resides in Los Angeles as well as the league's best player.

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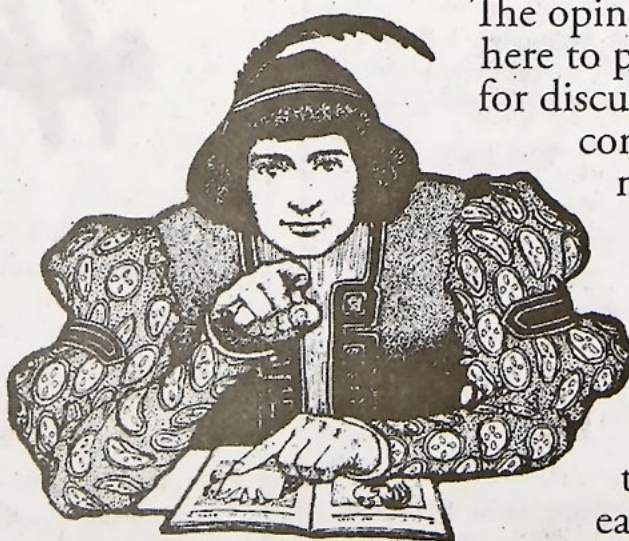
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SECTION D

Baseball takes one of four against Wabash

By Bryant Foreman
Staff reporter

The first doubleheader in the series against the Wabash Little Giants was bittersweet for senior baseball captain Jake Carr. Carr broke yet another record on Saturday as he pushed his way to the top of the list for career RBI's with 93, but the Quakers lost both games in the doubleheader.

Carr, an all-conference catcher/infielder, said, "It's a really good feeling to know that all of the hard work over the years has paid off, and now I really have something to show for it."

However, the Little Giants defeated the Quakers in both contests of the day 8-5 and 20-8, respectively. On Sunday, the Quakers lost one game 17-11 but managed to finish the weekend on a positive note, winning the last game of the series 6-5.

Junior infielder Andrew Morrical and sophomore outfielder Tyler Schroeder highlighted the first game early on for Earlham when they both hit singles in the first frame. Junior pitcher Corey Murray had two RBI's to advance the two runners home. However, a late-game run by the Little Giants left the Quakers in the dust as they fell 8-5.

Junior pitcher Adam Painter opened up on the mound for six innings. Freshman pitcher Shawn Kinnett then relieved Painter for the remainder of the game.

The second game was by far the hardest for Earlham to swallow, as they lost 20-8. Notable plays from this game were freshman catcher Nate Chandler's home run and freshman infielder Ross Yoho's triple.

The next day, Yoho continued his success at the plate with two home runs during the first double header on Sunday.

"I was really comfortable at the plate today. I changed my stance up on the left side today so I felt really good in the cage before the game," he said. "In the fifth and sixth inning I felt like we had a great chance to hold on and keep our lead with the pitchers we had coming in, but we were just unable to hold onto it."

Although Earlham fell 11-17 in the first contest on Sunday, junior first baseman Conner Gable and freshman infielder Chris Baumann had two hits a piece for the Quakers.

Graduate Assistant Coach Kevin Greve said after the first game on Sunday, "We need to continue to hit the ball, which we did well. And just keep playing better defense, and just get the

freshman comfortable in their spots on the field."

Earlham faced a disadvantage in the number of players for the doubleheaders, as Wabash's roster features 33 players, compared to Earlham's 14.

However, Greve thinks this fact doesn't reflect a disadvantage in the level of play.

"While Wabash brings a lot of players to the table, we bring a lot of talent — young talent — that will be around for the next few years," he said. "We also have a number of players who are fully capable of playing more than one position which is great to have."

In the only win of the weekend, Baumann came out of the final game against Wabash as the team hero. Not only did Baumann finish the game at the mound in relief for the Quakers, but he knocked in the winning run, a walk-off single in the seventh inning that led his team to victory, 6-5. Schroeder led Earlham with three hits, while Carr and Gable added two hits as well.

They will also play a weekend two-game doubleheader series against Robert Morris-Springfield at home today and tomorrow, both at 1 p.m.

The Quakers played Defiance College on Wednesday, falling 14-5 at home at McBride Stadium.

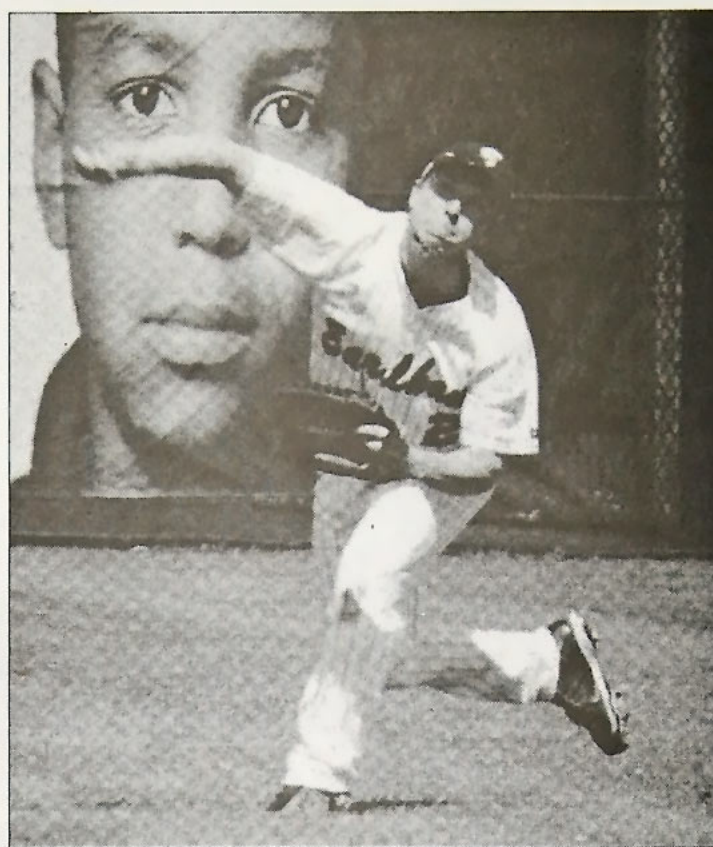


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Freshman Chris Tillery throws the ball from the outfield during Saturday's double-header against Wabash College. Earlham lost the first game 5-8 and the second game 8-20. On Sunday, Earlham faced off against Wabash again, losing the first game 17-11 and winning the second game 6-5.

Rugby teams run forward through spring games

By Aleta Cox
Staff reporter

As the weather gets warm, several club sports, including rugby, have taken to the open spaces of grass fields for practices and matches, as they look to continue building a strong rugby program here at Earlham.

Senior Will Vincent affirms the three basic rules of rugby, as he learned them from alumnus Mac Lehmann.

"Number one: You can only ever pass backwards. Number two: You always run forward. Number three: Always run in support of your teammates, which means don't be in front of them, since they can only pass backwards," said Vincent.

Men's rugby has been putting those rules, and other more intricate ones, into action lately, as they have been practicing twice a week near the entrance of campus, as well as playing in a few matches against other schools.

On April 3, the team traveled to Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) and played against Oberlin College last weekend.

In order to prepare for their matches, the team tries to incorporate more than just physical practice. For instance, they also have video sessions, where they study and look at how they are performing, and ways to improve their game.

"One thing that EC rugby has going that I think a lot of programs miss out on is that almost all of our boys are dedicated to rugby from the time they join to graduation, and beyond most times," said Vincent. "It's a great community of guys and that is a lot of what rugby is about. Rugby is a sport that cannot be won by individuals."

Another member of the rugby team, senior Andres Guzman, knows all about this passion to the program that Vincent quotes his teammates as having. Guzman

found and fell in love with rugby while studying abroad in France, and has since increased his participation here at Earlham and back home in Mexico.

"For the season here at Earlham, of course I want to beat Oberlin and Hanover and I want to leave a good and well rounded team for when I leave, to make sure rugby keeps going at Earlham," said Guzman. "But I plan on returning to Mexico and getting in prime rugby shape, ideally make the national team there."

Clearly, the passion is there for the men's players, as they look forward to improving on their organization and teamwork skills this season.

"Rugby has a social aspect too, it's not just hard-hitting. We party, hang out, talk and rely on one another for support," said junior Will Alderfer.

Women's Rugby: Come One, Come All!

Women's rugby knows all about the dedication and passion it takes to build a successful rugby program, as Earlham women have recently formed their own team.

Last weekend marked their first matches of the season, in which they played several high school teams in order to gain experience. The first game of the day proved to be relatively unsuccessful, due to a stalwart Catholic school they faced, but also due to inexperience on Earlham's part.

"I think the game helped us work together as a team and have some valuable playing time," said freshman Kara Russell. "Our second match was against a team more our level so we had a chance to really push ourselves. Playing is so fast-paced, fun, and exhausting."

Head coach junior Sara Mitchell-Olds and some veteran women rugby players were able to step up and provide support for



Photo by Elsa Haag

the younger players, allowing for the women's team to play a much more solid second game.

"I took over the main coaching gig this school year from Leah Pope, who served as my ever loyal and helpful co-captain," Mitchell-Olds said. "I have only played rugby at Earlham, so along with that knowledge and a well-read copy of 'Rugby For Dummies,' I did my best to put together drills that would serve to teach as much about basic rugby skills as I could manage within the time frame."

She added, "Rugby is a sport for any tough woman; there is a position for any and every shape and size and skill level! It's great fun!"

"I'd never played rugby and I'd never really seen it being played before, so I was completely oblivious to everything I experienced as a new player," said freshman Anna Marie Taylor. "But the elders on the team were really good at teaching us the rules and the technique of the game and helping us improve in practice so that we could perform well in the games."

The women's rugby team will play their last game tomorrow at Kenyon College. This match will



Photo courtesy of Yusra Saleh

Top: Members of the men's rugby team battle over the ball during the game against Oberlin last Saturday.

Above: Women's rugby played their first games this weekend under the coaching of junior Sara Mitchell-Olds.

be the last for the three graduating seniors: Anna Deering, Nadia Robinson and Leah Pope.

Next year, freshman Karina

Rodriguez and sophomore Yusra Saleh will be taking over as coach and convenor.

Wertman breaks Earlham record at Intercollegiate

By Aleta Cox
Staff reporter

The men's track team found a little success this weekend at the Indiana Intercollegiate Track (Little State) competition at Indiana Wesleyan University, as senior Chris Shaw and junior Chad Wertman placed in their respective events, Wertman with a record-breaking throw.

Wertman's toss of 53-6 1/2 was good enough for second place and also surpassed Earlham's record of 52 1/2, thrown by Bill Newcomb '68, a member of the

Earlham Athletics Hall of Fame. Shaw threw third in the discus with a throw of 163-6.

"It felt great to break the record," said Wertman. "That record has been on the record board since 1967 and to break a record that old is amazing and the feeling was amazing."

Shaw and Wertman were the only two Quaker men to place at IWU. While both athletes provisionally qualified for the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III National Championship in May with their current marks, both feel as though

there is room for improvement in the following weeks of their season.

"I was disappointed in my mark because I wasn't able to better my mark from the previous week," said Shaw. "I'm looking forward to the competition this weekend at Manchester, and feel confident that I will be able to improve my provisional mark of 164-4. My overall goal is to move that mark to 170 for Nationals."

Wertman and junior Ramona Hemmings were selected as North Coast Athletic Conference Athletes of the Week for their

respective performances at the meet.

Just as they have had success throughout the season, Hemmings and sophomore Elizabeth Ross led the women's squad, while junior Meredith Naughton also provided additional points.

Hemmings took second place in triple jump with a distance of 35-10 1/2. Ross tied for sixth place in the high jump, with a height of 4-11 3/4. Naughton placed sixth as well, with a height of 9 1/4 in the pole vault.

"The Indiana Intercollegiate meet is always fun because there

are so many schools there," said Hemmings. "It's a chance to really see how you compare to other athletes in your field. I love going to the meet every year and I am happy with how I preformed at this year's meet."

Track will continue their season at Manchester College Invite tomorrow, followed by the Outdoor Track Championships next weekend at Ohio Wesleyan University.

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Frisbee teams conquer in tournament



Photos by Elsa Haag

Left: Sophomore Ross Price jumps for the frisbee in Saturday's game against Huntington College. Earlham beat Huntington 12-10 and finished the tournament 2-2, with a win against University of Cincinnati (13-11), and losses to Taylor University (8-13) and Wright State University (WSU) (9-13). Above: Senior Oriana Filiaci reaches to catch the frisbee during Saturday's game against University of Michigan. Below: Senior Amy Boxell throws the frisbee during Saturday's game against University of Michigan. Earlham won all three of their games, 13-2 against (WSU), 13-4 against Ohio Wesleyan, and 3-2 against University of Michigan.



Inside the mind of Earlham athlete Will Katz

By Adam Tobin

Contributing editor

After a brief hiatus, Mind of an Athlete (MoA) returns to the Word for its first installment in several months. This column is an in depth profile of an Earlham student-athlete and gives readers a more personal account of who the athlete is beyond the varsity sport they participate in at Earlham.

This week MoA profiles Will Katz, a senior English major from Seattle and a four-year member of the men's soccer team.

Earlham Word: What are your hobbies and interests outside of going to classes every day and writing papers?

Will Katz: I enjoy playing soccer, playing the guitar and sailing.

EW: Let's get these fun facts out of the way quickly. If you can, name your favorite movie, sports team, and favorite music you listen to.

WK: That's tough, but for movie I would have to go with "Finding Nemo." I don't really follow professional sports at all, so I'll just say the Seattle Supersonics (NBA). In terms of music, I listen to a lot of blues music. My favorites include Albert King and Stevie Ray Vaughan. Also, Tupac.

EW: If you could do Earlham over again, what would you do differently?

WK: Honestly, I would say not playing on a varsity sports team, if I were to have done something differently. That's definitely the

biggest component that I've thought about.

EW: Everyone likes to hear an embarrassing story, so do you have any tales to share?

WK: Actually, I immediately think of this incident my first year involving Jim Watts, the former women's soccer coach. One of his players was celebrating her birthday and he surprised her by making her a cake with my face printed on the cake. He literally printed a headshot of me in a soccer uniform, put it on the cake, and then showed it to both soccer teams.

EW: While we're talking about soccer, let's talk about your career on the team. Name a best and worst moment during your four-year stint?

WK: Well definitely my worst moment on the soccer team happened my sophomore year when I broke my arm in a really, really stupid way. It caused me to miss the duration of the season, which was nearly all of our games, since we had only played one or two by that point. That might have been the worst moment of my life.

I'd have to say the best moment of my career on the team was when I was awarded Defensive MVP this past fall. Also, members of the team participated in a tournament at Anderson three weeks ago and we won it. That was the last time I got to play with my teammates.

EW: Any words of advice you'd give to your teammates after you're gone?

WK: I'd only mention Big

Run. It's a phrase that Roy [men's head soccer coach] uses a lot.

EW: Any accomplishments, accolades you're proud of?

WK: Definitely the MVP award. There's also the Wendall Stanley Scholar Athlete Award and the Ruby Davis Humanities Award, which I received at the awards convocation a couple weeks ago.

EW: Any plans after you graduate? What's your outlook on jobs?

WK: This summer I'll be teaching teenagers, struggling inner city kids in Seattle, who are making the transition into high school and prep them for the next level. It's like a summer school and day camp where there are both classes and camp activities. This will actually be my fourth year working at this program. I am definitely postponing going to graduate school. For now I want to work in Seattle and live with friends.

EW: Do you have a dream job?

WK: Ideally I would love to teach English in either the Middle East or Paris. It would be a combination of having that teaching job, but also in a supportive community or city.

EW: Pretty cliché, but what will you miss about Earlham after you leave?

WK: I won't know until I graduate, I guess. However, I suppose it will definitely be the people here and how cool they are. Not just people I am friends with, but also people who I don't interact with all the time.



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Senior Will Katz has played on the men's soccer team all four years at Earlham. He also enjoys teaching and dreams of a job teaching English abroad.

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