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That's right, they are not shot glasses being sold in the bookstore but toothpick holders.

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## Banner project

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# The Earlham Word

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## Board of Trustees

By Jesse Valencia  
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The Board of Trustees convened Norwich Lodge for their fall meeting on Oct. 4 and 5.

Both days of the meetings included breakfasts for the Board members, as well as presentations throughout the day on a variety of topics.

The Board meets on various issues regarding Earlham College, Conner Prairie and the Earlham School of Religion in the months of June, October, and February. Issues discussed range from approval of operating budgets to promotions in rank for teaching faculty. Various committees (composed of Board members and Earlham faculty) report on particular issues prior to the full Board sessions.

Last weekend the education committee discussed topics such as the disabilities policy and teaching faculty searches, evaluations and promotions. The Education Committee also heard reports from the Provost and Academic Dean, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, Dean of the Earlham School of Religion, Conner Prairie Education Director, Presidents of Earlham Student Government (ESG) and the Dean of Earlham Student Development.

Deb McNish, member of the Education Committee and the Dean of Student Development, says that Student Development is more focused and intentional about program planning and development this year. McNish reported on the progress of Student Development's goal to help create a more proficient, informed, and proactive student leader

in hopes of creating an infrastructure that better supports the development of a student body that is a partner within the college governance structure.

This particular goal was also addressed in the Student Government report to the Board. Student Government's report outlined some long-term steps toward achieving this goal. Among those steps was the creation of ESG structural support for student leaders and future ESG representatives.

The Property and Finance Committee discussed several finance and facilities-related topics and brought up several items for Board approval. One such item was the revised 2001-2002 Operating Budget for Earlham College. They discussed budgets for various programs and a spending plan for the school itself. The Board also discussed the proposed \$100,000 formal budget cuts that have become necessary due to a decrease in fall student enrollment.

Another committee, known as the College Committee, considered strategic planning for Earlham, as well as a repositioning plan for several of the committee's set intentions. This committee also discussed the state of the College as published in the *Gazette*, a publication of the College Conference that consists of a set of reports from the administrative units of the College.

These meetings are open to nominated faculty and elected student observers. The student observers are the members of Student Government Executive Council. The Board will reconvene in February for the next full Board meeting.

## Dougherty Orchards petting zoo



Photo by Ariel Hearne

Just past Centerville on U.S. route 40 you'll find an unusual spot to get outside and have fun. Dougherty Orchard in Cambridge City has a free petting zoo, cider, a corn maze that you can walk through, food and, of course, fresh apples. Preschooler Chaylynn visited from New Castle and got to feed the Patagonian Cavies that came right up to her.

## Convo committee discusses diversity in practice

By Kasi Spyker  
Staff Writer

There has been much talk lately about the choice of speakers Earlham brings to Convocations.

The controversy of columnist Ann Coulter's upcoming Convocation, slated for Nov. 14 has left many students with mixed feelings.

The committee which plans the performing artists series and Convocations has a tough task of deciding on who to bring. This year's Convocations were all planned last spring in the space of a few months when the new commit-

tee was formed.

Speakers for Convocations all come from recommendations from students and faculty across campus. Last spring the Convocation committee had little or no organization last spring when the committee started planning.

Ex-officio member Lynn Knight decided to start a database to help the committee with its organizational tasks. The database, now indispensable, holds the names of suggested speakers, who recommended them, where they are from and/or what they do, what they would speak about, and sometimes the associated academic depart-

ment and cost.

The committee has many things to consider in choosing speakers. Since they have a strict budget, cost is always considered. The schedule of campus events, such as Peace with Justice Week, are considered. To avoid repetition, they try to choose a variety of speakers who have expertise on different topics.

With all of Earlham's emphasis on diversity the Convocation committee attempts to apply these principles to the speakers we bring.

This semester Earlham is hearing Convocation guests speak on political obligations, athletics in educa-

tion, freedom of speech, and the Supreme Court.

Knight told *The Word* that more than ever the planning committee has become very mindful of diversity. It is the key criterion for speakers. Committee members are always looking for something different.

When Ann Coulter was asked to speak months ago, it was in the interest of bringing a speaker that held views that would differ from other Convocation speakers. A lawyer, author, and Universal Press Syndicate columnist, Coulter is scheduled to speak at Convocation on the topic of, "The Battle for the

Court: Discrimination, Abortion, Capital Punishment, and Freedom Hanging by a 5:4 Vote." She will discuss issues facing the Supreme Court and different views judges take on the law.

Whether she will still speak on Nov. 14, is still not clear. Her most recent and most controversial articles have left many outraged.

On Sep. 13 Coulter published a nationally distributed column in regards to the Sept. 11 tragedy.

"We should invade their countries, kill their leaders and convert them to Christianity," Coulter wrote.

"We weren't punctilious about locating and punishing only Hitler

and his top officials. We carpet-bombed German cities. We killed civilians. That's war. And this is war," she continued.

While Coulter has kept her post as a UPI syndicate, recently the National Review, a conservative web publication, dropped her column as a result of her statements after the Sept. 11 tragedy.

There has been much debate on campus as to whether it would be wise to continue with current plans or ask Coulter not so speak.

In the coming weeks we will see what the Convocation Committee decides in regards to Coulter's scheduled Convocation.

## Open mic held after U.S. action



Photo by Ariel Hearne

Thomas Graves listens to Monday's open mic performers at noon and folds cranes.

By Emily Kropp  
Staff Writer

If you walked through the Runyan courtyard nearest to Barrett on Monday during lunchtime, you may have noticed something out of the ordinary.

A crowd of students and faculty had gathered to hear songs, poetry, and thoughts during an open-mic and speak-out for peace. Members of our community who were emotionally effected by the events of Sunday took time out of their days to think and bear witness to the violence.

While this event took place in direct reaction to Sunday's military attack on Afghanistan by the U.S. and the U.K. The planning was the result of the hard work of a group of students who have been meeting weekly ever since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks [to think of and implement statements of peace.]

One objective of the open-mic was to provide time and space for students to express

themselves following the violence. First-year PAGS major Tasha Dastur found the event to be helpful.

"I thought that it was a really great way for students to express themselves. There was some silence and that didn't bother me. I liked hearing what people had to say," she said.

Some students felt that time and space should have been made on or following Sept. 11 for an event of this kind, and that idea was a driving force behind the event's organization.

Students who felt the need to were able to address their feelings of confusion, sadness, or anger.

"It helped me to acknowledge and deal with my own feelings. I was running around going to classes, reading the news, and it was good to have time to sit down with my community and see that others were affected by this as I was," Dastur said.

The open mic was part of a day-long event of which the goal was to provide space for students to talk, think, or pray about the military attacks.

## Peace with Justice Week

By Hillary Richardson  
Staff Writer

Peace With Justice week began a day early this year. Monday, October 8th was supposed to be the beginning of a week of activism and awareness of peace and justice issues around the world.

However, because of the American and British attacks on Afghanistan on Sunday morning, many students felt the need for an immediate response, and held a silent vigil on the Heart that evening.

On Monday, plans to silk-screen t-shirts in Runyan hallway were cancelled. Instead, an open mic was set up outdoors on the Barrett side of Runyan center. From noon to 1 p.m., students sang, read poems, and spoke about the recent tragedy and the need for a peaceful response.

On Tuesday, one of the major events of the evening was John Hursey's slide show presentation on his experience with the people and culture of Jamaica.

Hursey spent two weeks in Jamaica last summer with a program called Global Volunteers, a human and economic development organization.

He told his audience about the work he did with a group of other college students, professors, and even a journalist, which ranged from repainting doors and rewiring buildings to teaching math skills and offer-

ing companionship to children in a summer school program.

Hursey talked about the beauty of Jamaican sunrises, and the pain of not being able to give the children he was working with enough to eat. He explained that Global Volunteers has a policy of not handing out food for fear of becoming primarily a food shelf, instead of a humanitarian development organization.

He talked about social justice issues in Jamaica, ranging from fair wages for factory workers to having discussions with the children about homosexuality.

Hursey concluded by talking about everything he had learned from his time in Jamaica; not only from individual people, but from the experience of coming home and realizing how different his own life was from much of the rest of the world.

At the end of the presentation, there were flyers about Global Volunteers available, so that audience members could learn more and continue the cycle of working for peace and justice.

Other major events planned for Peace and Justice week included a presentation by Students for a Sensible Drug Policy at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, the Carter Peace Lecture by Mervyn Love at 8 p.m. on Thursday, and an open mic and slam poetry night at 10 p.m. on Friday in the Coffeshop.



Crime Beat

By Aprell Carr  
Staff Writer

On Monday, Oct. 1 at 9 a.m., a staff member in Lilly Library received a prank phone call. The incident is currently under investigation.

On Tuesday, Oct. 2 at 4:30 p.m., Security checked on the welfare of a student at the request of her friends. Residence life was advised of the situation, who in turn contacted the student's parents. The student was declared safe.

On Wednesday, Oct. 3 at 10:45 p.m., Security received a report of a stove fire in Olvey-Andis Hall. One of the burners caught fire as the student turned on the stove. The stove was unplugged and will remain so until it can be replaced.

On Thursday, Oct. 4 at 2:30 a.m., Security responded to a report of a student in Olvey-Andis Hall feeling dizzy and having difficulty breathing. He decided to be checked by Health Services the following morning.

At 3:35 a.m., while checking the second floor of Wilson Hall, Security noted that a fire extinguisher was missing. Also, a pin and tab were found missing from a third floor extinguisher. All were replaced that evening.

At 10 a.m., a faculty member in Runyan Center reported the theft of his wallet. The wallet was later returned at the post office.

At 8:50 p.m., the fire alarm in Bundy Hall was activated on the third floor due to a malfunctioning smoke detector. The system was reset.

On Friday, Oct. 5 at 1:03 a.m., while checking Bundy Hall, Security found a door lock that was tampered with by placing a piece of wood at the base of the door. The wood was removed to secure the door.

On Saturday, Oct. 6 at 10:55 p.m., at the request of the Richmond Police Department, Security responded to a loud noise complaint for house on SW 3rd Street, which is occupied by Earlham students. It was the police department's second call to the residence, the incident is under investigation.

Ferit Guven discusses terrorism and philosophy

By Sarah White  
Staff Writer

*The Earlham Word:* What is your perspective concerning the events of September 11th?

*Ferit Guven:* One thing that concerns me about this whole situation is ... the discourse surrounding the demand [to] become so unified [in our response to Sept. 11], in the sense that there are certain things that we aren't allowed to say. There are certain things we have to say, in a very quick and propaganda sort of way, rather than trying to extensively think about the situation; try to know what happened in terms of American foreign policy, how this relates to general issues and general history in the region in Afghanistan.

One of the questions that needs to be raised is, how we jump from the determination of the people who are responsible and jumping to the act of punishment? ... It is not a coincidence that we see it in terms of war, other than a crime. Because if it is a crime, then we need to find the people who are responsible we have to bring them to justice. The fact that we perceive it as a war and to define it as a war and talk about it as a war, it brings a different set of assumptions.

*The Word:* What is your perspective after the U.S. and U.K. military attacks?

*Guven:* I was just reading Plato, in Crito there is this line, "one must never do wrong nor must one when wronged, inflict wrong in return as the majority believe, since one must never do wrong," just a quote from page 49.

I found it interesting because now part of me was secretly hoping that this war was not taking place. It's going to change a lot of things in terms of topics as seen in the United States.

One of the things I said at the end of the faculty panel last Monday was: where is this war going to be fought? Who is going to pay the price? How is this war going to be waged?

It's not going to take place in the United States, most likely even though we're all afraid of possible retaliation. And how it's going to effect the other countries and regions, and that's one of the things we think about in American foreign policy.

One of the things that interests me is the way that which this whole oratory is war on retaliation, war on terrorism is somewhat connected and disconnected at the same time, with respective morality. And people immediately make this case more morally acceptable.

On the one hand, this issue is entirely associated upon ethics; it's just a strategic response, just politics. It is connected to the question of ethics as a kind of afterthought. One of the things I keep hearing is

they hate us because we're free, freedom as opposed to oppression. The irony in the situation we don't really understand what that freedom is, and how to exercise it in the United States and to what extent we do. Substantial freedom, rather than formal freedom, so the way in which we formulate this debate is: us free against them oppressed, where the United States greatly contributes to oppression in other people in the world, the government directly.

*The Word:* What are your thoughts of how the United States is handling events between Sept. 11 and now?

*Guven:* What I think is interesting is how much there is a perception of agreement on this. That goes back to my initial concern about the totalizing discourse in the sense that everybody has to think and say along the same lines. In a sense who can make a decision and how we can relate to this, that becomes a question.

People make decisions that are going to affect other people. We are going try to find these people and these people only we are going to concentrate on an act of crime rather than act of war. There's a lot of contradictory attitudes in the United States: how we are dropping bombs simultaneously with food, that is a more problematic and insidious act.

On the one hand, we are not

fighting against Islam, we are fighting against these people, but we are attacking the full country.

*The Word:* Anything else you would like to add?

*Guven:* I want to emphasize the idea of the forming of a totalizing discourse, we are capable of expressing our thoughts, raising questions the way we used to raise. People think of the notion of freedom in a substantial way, abroad. What I mean is: we are free.

We have freedom that is a formal conception of freedom that we have. But, if we cannot exercise it, if we cannot use it at times when it is risky to use it, then we really don't have freedom. If you don't exercise it, you don't have it. It doesn't matter if the constitution says that you have freedom unless you exercise it.

That's one of the problems that we are experiencing today because all of a sudden, a country which prides itself with having diversity, different opinions, different ways of thinking, ways of living, all those seem to be problematic.

That is very dangerous. As the war goes on and people die, it's going to be more and more difficult to exercise this. The first casualty of war is thinking, but people are going to exercise that less and less.

One of the things I wanted to bring up was not just in terms of terrorism, but the relationship forming identity. For a lot of people, it is extremely risky to be for or against the United States, and it's not that easy to decide, because not all the people that represent alternative opinions or alternative lifestyles for the United States are terrorists.

This attack is not an attack on civil society or equality or freedom. This is an attack on the United States as a result of certain political, foreign policy decisions. The other perception forms a very thoughtless unity among people, which is like a totalitarianism- like you have to subscribe to these people unreflectively, because otherwise we're going to be a terrorist.

Unfortunately, a lot of Americans don't know what the United States does in other countries, and sometimes the United States engage in acts that would be considered terrorism by other nations and we need to be able to think the implications of that as well.

Now it is even more important to be able to voice different opinions, and alternative ways of thinking about this, because unfortunately we are going to become a more and more militaristic county and a more and more militaristic world, where all the decisions are going to be made by people who fight rather than people who think.

*Ferit Guven is an Assistant Professor of Philosophy in his second year of teaching at Earlham.*

Administrative handbook discussed at faculty meeting

By Liv Leader  
Contributing Editor

Although the agenda for the Oct. 10 faculty meeting was rather short, the meeting itself lasted an hour and twenty minutes.

The meeting began with the customary moment of silence and was followed by a brief update regarding the Project on Faith, Vocation and Leadership. The purpose of the

project is to develop a coherent, well-integrated program of spiritual formation for our students, centered upon their discernment of vocation. More information on this project can be found on the Institute for Quaker Studies webpage ([www.earlham.edu/~iqs](http://www.earlham.edu/~iqs).)

The minutes from the Sep. 26 faculty meeting were read by the clerk of the faculty and then approved.

A member of the Nominations Committee announced several faculty members who were approved onto new committees. Rajaram Krishnan to the Investor Responsibility Committee, Cheryl Gibbs as Recording Clerk and Janet Wagner and Mark Stocksdale to the Professional Development Fund.

Several members of the faculty attended last weekend's Board of Trustees fall meeting and gave a

brief report to the rest of the faculty regarding the issues discussed. Faculty members reported that the Board seemed concerned about the fiscal health of the college in the wake of the economic downturn perpetuated by the tragedy of Sep. 11. The Board was also concerned about the financial implications of the college falling below its enrollment goals for the 2001-2002 school year.

The rest of the meeting was spent discussing the administrative faculty handbook. Much discussion arose around the perspective of approving this document. Concerns were raised about the method of evaluating administrators, but after much discussion the evaluation forms and sections of the general handbook were approved with the condition that much of the language be changed.

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Dedication of renovated science complex held

By Kasi Spyker  
Staff Writer

Saturday morning, students, faculty, alumni, and visiting parents gathered in Dennis Hall for the long-anticipated dedication of the renovations to the Science Complex.

Before the dedication began, there was a reception in the Dennis Hall lobby and self-guided tours of the complex.

In the lobby were many student displays of summer research projects, from junior Chemistry major Hillary Dishman's "Progress Toward the Synthesis of Novel Phytosiderophore Conjugates" to junior biology/chemistry double major Jie Chen's internship at the

Mayo Clinic, where she proved that fibronectin is a good marker for cervical cancer.

There was also a display of recent scientific publications by students, faculty, and alumni. Throughout the program, emphasis was placed on the availability and depth of student research opportunities, rather than the new equipment or facilities.

Earlham President Doug Bennett gave opening remarks, explaining what he believes makes the sciences at Earlham so good.

Part of this is the high level of student-faculty collaboration. Since Earlham is a small school, it affords many opportunities that large universities could never offer under-

graduates.

Ray Hively, Professor of Astronomy and Physics expressed his agreement.

"At a big research university, you're a number in a crowd. Here you're a real person," Hively said.

Chemistry Professor Paul Ogren also talked about a past faculty member who had great influence on him. Laurence Strong, Professor of Chemistry from 1952 to 1980, also left a big impression on those who worked with and studied under him.

Assistant Professor of Physics Lew Riley, Senior Kalani Seu, and Leslie Pulver, of the class of 2001, spoke on the present state of science at Earlham.

Seu related his adventures in summer laboratory research and how much freedom and responsibility he held in his work. Riley talked about the importance of both science teachers as researchers and of the high level of student-teacher interaction and involvement.

"The quality and level of research our students can accomplish is really astonishing," Reilly said.

The final third of the program was a surmise of the future of the science department by Biology Professor Amy Mulinix.

She said that the sciences at Earlham have been improving to the point where they can truly compete with science-oriented universi-

ties.

However, as the other speakers did, she emphasized the unique opportunities Earlham offers.

Mulinix actually broke down in tears when she related her belief that, soon, science professors at Earlham and elsewhere will have the larger task of teaching students the world-wide consequences of scientific research, such as chemical warfare.

The program closed on a less somber note with thanks to those who helped fund the renovations, from the teachers who wrote the original grants to individuals such as Dave and Carolyn Matthews, who funded the student/faculty research laboratory in Stanley 256.

Peace house and JCC displaying banners

By Emily Kropp  
Staff Writer

Peace house and the Jewish Cultural Center are displaying banners expressing statements of peace and thoughtfulness in light of the terrorist attacks on the U.S. and our country's military responses to the attacks.

The banners are part of an effort that a group of students have made in light of recent violence to promote peace and reconciliation.

Second-year PAGS major Liz Kropp and second-year Tess Passe took the lead in choosing the message of Peace house's banner, which says,

"Our Responsibility Goes Beyond Waving the Flag, Peace House for a Peaceful Solution."

Peace house decided, as a group, to make and display the banner in response to the many American Flags which can be spotted around Richmond.

"We wanted a way to show our support of thoughtful responses to this issue, and we wanted a way to show unity that was an alternative to flying the flag," Kropp said.

Junior PAGS major Arin Hansen elaborated on Kropp's ideas.

"We thought that Peace house would be an appropriate place to hang a banner like this. We're in a good location, [U.S. 40], so people will see it.

The Jewish Cultural Center is displaying a banner that says Peace in English, Hebrew, and Arabic.

Second-year Sara Biber Lives at the JCC and helped formulate the

idea for the banner. "We decided as a house that this would be something we could do to show unity."

Other members of the house elaborated on Biber's ideas by explaining that peace between Jews and Arabs in America as well as the Middle East is the kind of message they think is important to express.

Senior PAGS major and resident of the JCC, Sara Zimmerman is involved in an effort to get other campus houses to create and display banners.

"We want houses to think about responses to Sept. 11, and the military attacks, and to come up with some sort of visual representation," she said.

"We're hoping that these banners will spark debate among people on and off of campus," she continued.



Photo by Cody Reed

Students from dorms and college houses painted banners, expressing their wishes for peace and justice.



in your neighborhood



## Woodman House

By Anita Graeser  
Contributing Editor

Forget the rumors. Regardless of what you've heard, Woodman House is not hosting a party.

"I will be sitting watching a movie during the weekend and people will come into our house and say, 'Where is the party?'" junior Emilie Smith said.

It's a regular occurrence. People wander into Woodman house after hearing that it is someplace to party. But, even though there is not a rowdy party open for all of Earlham's campus on the weekends, the service learning house can still get a little wild.

Although the residents appear to be a random mix of people, they share a common interest in service, coffee, popcorn, Adam Sandler, and 90210.

Woodman House residents especially love their cable TV, which was part of the biggest crisis so far this year — no MTV.

"I even wrote a magnetic poetry poem about it," junior Betsy Blundell said. "When we finally got MTV, Lucia called me at work to tell me."

Another favorite of some of the women in the house is The Learning Channel's "A Wedding Story" and "A Baby Story."

With six women and one man, sophomore Kenny Blake is outnumbered.

"I can always tell when Kenny has used the bathroom because he leaves the seat up," second year Ernestine Thomas said.

Sometimes Blake is also the one to mess with the thermostat, turning the heat down.

"I like to think I am somewhat of a rebel," Blake said.

"I wanted a red room but Kenny would not let me," Blundell said. "He is like the dad of the house ... the parental unit."

"The regulator," junior Erin O'Brien interjected.

Although he may be the regulator, it seems to be too big a task to tame these women.

"Every morning before Experimental Psychology, Emilie, Erin, and I listen to New Kids on the Block," Blundell said. "It puts us in the mood. And then some days we like to drive to class in Erin's car, with the big boom bass speakers."

Between their service projects, work, cable TV, and other daily routines, the residents of the house find time to come together every Thursday for dinner. It is here at the dinner table that the infamous chore wheel spins to determine who does what chore that week. The wheel has slots for six chores, plus one labeled "lucky bastard"

The seven housemates sit together, laughing over a meal of chicken, rice, and mashed potatoes. During dinner many proudly announce that they all eat meat and that the house even came equipped with a butcher knife.

Lucia Treasure expressed concern at not knowing exactly where it was.

"Is it missing?" junior Emily Lynch said.

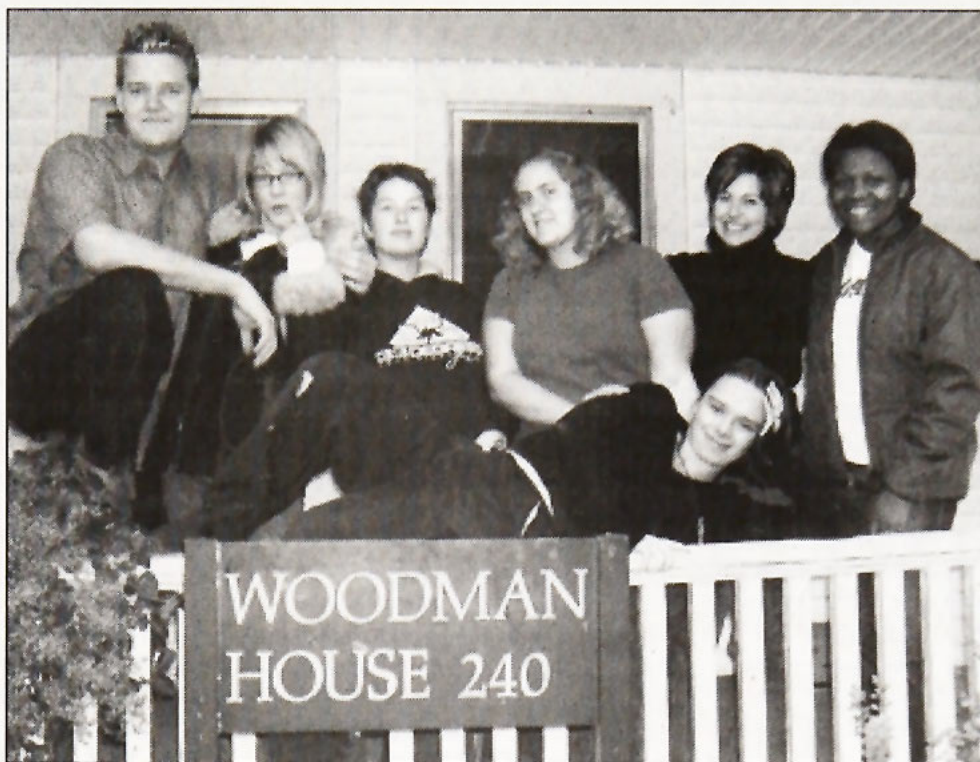


Photo by Diane Massey

No, this is not a party. The crew at Woodman House: Kenny Blake, Betsy Blundell, Erin O'Brien, Emile Smith, Emily Lynch, Ernestine Thomas and Lucia Treasure.

"That would be scary if someone stole it."

"And so the drama begins," Treasure said. She quickly appears from the kitchen with the knife.

Next to the basement, they all agree that the knife is the scariest thing that came with the house.

"When things get a little rowdy and wild here we say, 'college rules,'" Blundell said.

"It is our saying around here."

But the knife isn't the only thing that gets them laughing. Having read that all of the Hicks House residents have the same double major, the table floods with laughter when Blake proposes that they all become Outdoor Education and Museum Studies double majors, minoring in Japanese.

Before they get the chance to change

majors, next semester the mix of people will change due to the fact four out of seven people in the house are leaving for off campus programs.

As for now, Woodman house may not be hosting a party to all of Earlham's campus every weekend, but they sure are enjoying service, bacon, Elton John, and the time spent together.

Where they volunteer:  
**Kenny Blake**, a Bonner Scholar, volunteers at a Richmond High school English class every afternoon.

**Emily Lynch**, also a Bonner Scholar, and **Lucia Treasure** are mentors together for 10- to 13-year-old girls.

**Erin O'Brien** volunteers at Richmond State Hospital.

**Emilie Smith**, a Bonner Scholar, volunteers at C.R. Richardson Elementary.

**Ernestine Thomas** also a Bonner Scholar, volunteers at Earlham's pre-nursery and Girls Inc.

beyond the heart

## Kyle Grady goes to Northern Ireland

By Deborah Sprout  
Guest Writer

For Kyle Grady, the decision to go on Earlham's Northern Ireland program was effortless.

Grady, a senior PAGS major, had many personal as well as academic reasons for going to live, work, and study in Northern Ireland. His family emigrated to the United States from Ireland and some members still live there. While abroad he had the chance to trace his family history and visit several members of his family.

Since the Northern Ireland program is focused around the peace and global studies curriculum, all the credits he received counted towards his major. It was, as Grady points out, a "perfect arrangement."

The purpose of the Northern Ireland program is to have students gain an understanding of the con-

flict that pervades the country, learn the theories behind it, and see its connections to other international conflicts.

For half of the program, Grady, along with the other program participants, spent time in Londonderry (often called Derry by Catholics) studying at the University of Ulster.

While abroad Grady also had an internship that he went to one day a week. Grady worked with a group of youth who had been deemed to be at-risk. His primary responsibilities there included making sure that the three major aspects of the youth's life were in order—family, social, and school. Often times Grady took them out to play putt-putt or took them to an obstacle course.

In-between classes and his internship, Grady had the time to play soccer with his professors during lunch breaks and socialize with the local community.

Because Derry is a small city, getting to know the locals did not prove to be difficult.

"Everybody was welcoming. They'd find out that you were an American exchange student and they'd invite you into their homes, have dinner with you. If you were in a pub, they'd find out you're an American and take you in, buy you a drink, and introduce you to everyone they knew at the bar."

It was also in Londonderry that Grady witnessed the tension that exists between the RUC (police officers) and the young men of Derry. During the Bloody Sunday parade, a parade that commemorates the day when 14 people were killed by the RUC, the two groups exchanged arguments and words.

"It was ironic that that was going on. There was still so much tension between the citizens and the RUC. It was ironic that the tensions were being expressed on such an important day—a day that

you would think would want to make people calm and relaxed and not want to fight with each other."

After leaving Derry, Grady traveled around Northern Ireland on his own. He visited Ireland as well as England where he saw the England vs. Finland World Cup qualifier in soccer at Liverpool. To get places, Grady and Earlham student Steve Chidester hitchhiked through the south of Ireland, which gave them a chance to see the countryside and get to know the people.

The time that Grady spent in Belfast contrasted with his experience in Derry. Belfast is a bigger, more expensive city than Derry, which meant that getting together with other program participants became logistically and economically challenging.

The curriculum of the program also changed from having classes four days a week and internship on one day to having the internship

four days a week and classes on one. The classes were held at the Corymeela center with Duncan Morrow and featured members of the British Parliament that came in to talk about their take on the conflicts.

Grady's internship dealt with nature restoration in both urban and rural settings. Most of his time was spent disinfecting trucks, clothes and shoes from the foot-mouth outbreak that occurred last March. The internship provided Grady with the chance to meet people from different cultural backgrounds since no one but the foremen was Irish. Since everybody he worked with did come from different places, Grady found it easy to commiserate about homesickness and talk about people and places back home.

"It was a unique experience and something I may never have again," Grady said.

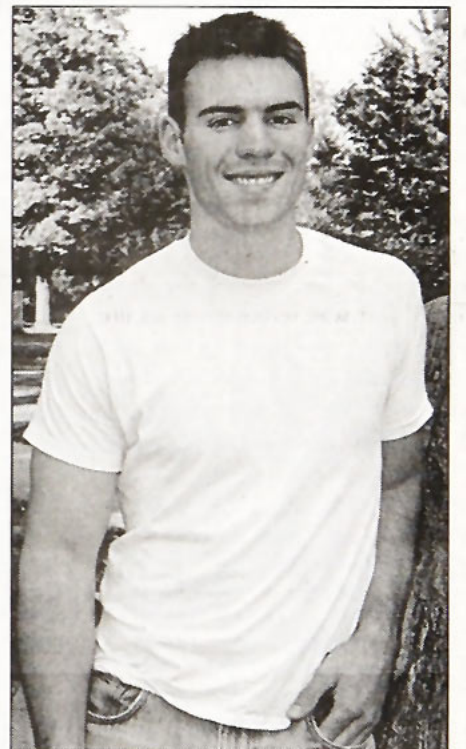


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Kyle Grady is a senior PAGS major, returning this semester from the Northern Ireland Program.

environmental focus

## Change begins in your community

By Katy Nicholson  
Staff Writer

People practicing environmental activism are present in many aspects of life around the world today.

The most common form heard about today is activism against political systems as presented by the media. But, the activism that each individual practices in his or her own lives and the immediate community is equally important, even if it doesn't make the newspapers. At a local community you have a greater opportunity for your voice to be heard and to improve situations in a place you are familiar with.

Earlham students have always worked to improve our campus and community life. It is also important to reach into the local community surrounding Earlham and connect with Richmond.

Earlham's Environmental Action Coalition (EEAC) is currently coordinating

two events that make it easy for people to participate directly and work for change in the local and campus communities. On Saturday, October 13th, EEAC will help-sponsor the Richmond Parks Department's annual clean-up of the Whitewater Gorge. The natural area of the gorge is an important resource to the community for many people.

The second event is a clean-up of Earlham's back campus on Sunday, October 28th. Concerned members of the campus will have a chance to clean up our unique natural area so that it may be safer and nicer for people to enjoy.

By engaging in these activities we plant the seeds for improvement and connect with others doing the same. I encourage you to participate in any events (environmental or otherwise) that strengthen your ties to your local communities.

In the moment we realize we are humans and what that means in this beautiful world, then we truly become human, and reach our full potential, as individuals and as part of a greater whole.

beyond the heart

By Eric Bandy  
Guest Writer

The nervousness of us eleven Earlham students was quite apparent, as we all waited in the entrance of the Japanese-style Inn to meet our host families, the people with whom we'd be living for the next three months.

It was our third day in Morioka, Japan. For many of us, this was our first time to Japan, and for others, the first time out of the United States. After spending two nights sleeping on Japanese futons in tatami-matted rooms, and being filmed night and day by a Japanese TV crew, we were having dinner with and meeting our host families.

By the time my host mother came to pick me up, there were just two students left waiting. I was so nervous that I considered faking a heart attack. Thoughts and questions ran through my head faster than I could even try to sort them. Would my family be nice? Would I understand them?

## First days in Japan: Memoirs of a Gaijin

Would they understand me? The answers to those questions came soon. Yes, they were nice, no, I couldn't really understand them, and no, they could not understand me.

The car ride to their house was mostly quiet. Between polite conversation, I refrained from cringing every time we turned a corner and proceeded to drive on the left side of the road, as they do in Japan. Honestly, it's a rather scary feeling! It is something many of us still seem to forget while we trek across the city on our bikes. I won't even begin to talk about the hours we have spent on bicycles already.

After the dinners with our host families, we all returned to the inn for one more night before we moved in with them. As we all piled back into the Inn, we all shared our stories of rather funny and embarrassing moments, of which I seemed to have more than anyone, go figure.

The next big step came for all eleven of us on our first days at the Japanese middle schools. For one student, though, it was the first day at the Japanese high school,

where we would all be assistant-teachers in English classes and study the Japanese Education System for the next three months.

In each school, our days began the same way: We were taken to the school gym, where the student body and teachers gathered, awaiting our introductions, which were to be made on stage with a microphone, in both English and Japanese. After my speech, I was read a letter from the school to me. Unfortunately, all I understood of it was that the beginning started with my name.

At that point, all the first big steps had been taken, and we were actually beginning SICE Program 2001. Since then, we have had more experiences of all sorts. I think I can say that, overall, we have not experienced all that much culture shock being here. In many ways, the country is similar to what we know, but in as many, it is different.

The most shocking thing that we have come across since our arrival in Japan was the news of terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

This news reached us as it was happening, and left us all in a state of shock, confusion, and disbelief. As many may know or have heard, there were many Japanese businesses in the World Trade Center, and Japan has felt the effect of the attacks.

Aside from the tragic events that have affected our country, and waiting to see what lies ahead, the SICE Program has gotten off to a great start, thanks to the Japan Study Office, Yukiko Neko—the Program Associate here in Japan, and our fun and energetic program leader, Wendy Seligmann.

The program has just begun, and the adventures are still to come. To all those days ahead when things get hard like another bicycle accident, fish for breakfast again, confusing the words 'rice' and 'trash', and hours of not understanding one's surroundings, we will all take a deep breath, and say to ourselves, "Gaman Suru!" Roughly translated to English, it means, "Suck it up."

Eric Bandy is junior currently on the Japan Program.

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## bonner profile

By Anita Graeser  
Contributing Editor

It did not take long for the girls at Richmond High School to trust Dipti Baranwal. Even after only three sessions of facilitating Project L.O.V.E., girls were approaching her for advice on some very difficult issues.

"People think of girls this age as kids, but they really dealing with some intense issues," Baranwal said. "One girl just approached me and asked me to help her to help her friend cope with death."

Project L.O.V.E. (leadership, opportunities, values and education) is a program through Girl Scouts that is designed for girls to have a safe place to talk about the issues and concerns that teenage girls are face.

During an introductory session, Baranwal facilitated a creative exercise with Peanut Butter M&M's as a way to get the girls talking. The conversation went in a circle, as each girl told the group one aspect about who she is.

The ten girls, all wearing flared jeans and make-up lightly painted on, listened intently to what Baranwal said.

The group discussed the topics that they want to cover during their Tuesday and Friday sessions together this semester. They brainstormed ideas such as body image, peer pressure, boys, relationships, school life and conflicts with parents, friends and abroad.

"I was amazed that in my eighth period group, one of the first things that the girls talked about was that they wanted to talk about what is going on in the world."

As their facilitator, Baranwal is committed to making a difference by effectively arming the girls to

## Dipti Baranwal

fight in this world.

"I want to strive for these girls to understand social differences but still cultivate their ability to articulate the things that are affecting them. The goal of this program is to point out that this is what the world looks like and this is what we can do to change it."

Baranwal has always seen the need to be a part of service that brings about positive change. During her first year as a Bonner, she worked with the Genesis women's shelter. Her second year, she worked with the Indianapolis branch of Indiana Youth Group, to form a support group in Richmond for gay and lesbian youth.

Last year she stepped into the Project L.O.V.E. by chance. She caught the vision and co-facilitated the program with Leah Robshaw, a recent graduate of Earlham.

"Leah and I made some fundamental changes and worked on maintaining the delicate balance

between really helping girls articulate what they need to be doing and talking about, while still having a really strong political analysis of the oppressive forces that shape all of the problems that students are dealing with."

Now as a senior Women's Studies major, she is still committed to the benefits of the program. Although Baranwal is not sure what she wants do after she graduates, she considers maybe being a teacher.

"One of the reasons I got into this is because I thought about teaching, but I was really intimidated by the idea of being the only adult person in the class room. Even though this is very different from teaching, it has helped me to start to envision myself as a teacher."

The talent and passion of any formal or informal teacher is naturally alive in Baranwal.

After the Friday session was over and the girls heard the bell, they



Photo by Photo by Sandra Hartmannsgruber

Senior Women's Studies major Dipti Baranwal takes care of her ailing Jade plant when she is not volunteering.

raced out to the hall laughing and gossiping, leaving Baranwal alone in an empty room to reflect on their time together. She slumped down in a chair and ran her hand through her short black hair.

"Sometimes they let me push

them on issues, and sometimes they really push me," she said.

Although she may be challenged at times, like any good teacher or facilitator, there is no doubt she will be making a huge difference in the lives of these girls.

## Madigan's melancholia

By Conor Madigan  
Staff Writer

A few months later as the weather became more bearable in Evanston, I started getting out more. Main Street was my strip and I walked it frequently, but I avoided Martha. I knew if she recognized me, I would not know how to react. I was scared of hurting myself, relying on her to be my weekly insight.

I decided to work a Friday evening and walked over to Main Street to get some lunch before going into the shop. After a quick lunch, I walked to the store. Steve, my manager, was there to meet me. We talked a bit. Jokingly, I told him that he was exploiting my labor. He hated it when I got on him with my

## '...his cheeks were shiny red and beamed with an authentic smile...'

Marxist attacks.

That day proceeded into a good night and the equipment rentals were all just about out, except for one. The name on the list read Honeyboy. I got the rental ready. It was a large one, and I tested it to make sure we weren't renting dead speakers. I hauled it out onto the sales floor where the customers pick up their rentals. That's when I saw Honeyboy for the first time.

He stood about 5'5". He was a very ratty looking black man, with a warm face and warm hands. His sweater was a Fisherman's sweater that had food stained and stuck to the front of it, and smelled of urine. His jeans were Levi 501 originals, the kind you have to special order from the company. His boots were very messed-up and worn snake-skin cowboy boots, with a very fitting slant to them that made his

stocky bold legs look even more bold. He smiled at me when I brought his equipment. His cheeks were shiny red and beamed with an authentic smile that made the Coca-Cola Santa look depressed. On his head was an old Irish tweed cap that was worn and oily. In his entirety, Honeyboy looked like a hobo from the twenties.

He looked at me, held out his hand and said, "Sho' nuff, dat be my Speakas. I be a Honeyboy." It took me a second to translate. "Yup, these are your speakers, and my name is Conor Madigan." He looked at me, smiled even more and said, "Well missa Conjour Madjan, we hafta see wheah I's gonna sign my signia for dis hea speakas."

Again, I looked at him with my faded translator face, and then said, "Oh, yeah, the paperwork is over here."

He walked over and signed it and then asked me for some strings.

"Well, Conjour Madjan, I need me some hea strings fo my guita. See I don like none dem strings that break, so you's gonna pick me some dem good ones hea."

I went over to the string drawer and got him the ones he had asked for. On paying for his equipment with a role of tens and fives, his friends came into the store. His three friends stood around in a group talking about the guitars hanging on the walls and laughing about stories while Honeyboy would intervene a word or two making them all bust into a loud laughter.

After he filled out the paperwork for the speakers he went over to his group of friends. Then Terry, my boss, came out and everything got loud. Stories ran like water in a

river in that store.

Honeyboy is a famous blues singer, little to my knowledge then. His history is linked with Muddy Waters and even goes back to Robert Johnson. And his friends all live down in South Chicago, but they don't trust anyone to rent them equipment but Terry. Honeyboy talked to me after his conversation with Terry.

I helped him haul gear out to his rented U-Haul truck.

Honeyboy is about 60 so you would imagine that he would have a hard time with the gear, but he didn't, and the whole time he talked to me about riding the trains when he was my age. He said it was the easiest way to get where you were going and where you were going was wherever the train took you. When he told me that, I could not help but feel I was a part of some-

thing. His words were important. Everything he said was like a new page being turned.

His friends added little remarks onto his story. Even now as I am in college, I remember things he told me about life. He said, before he left, "I had a bunch of kids to a bunch of women. If God treats me right then you better know he teach you right Conjour Madjan. Jus keep on movin to the music in yo head and livin'."

I guess my experience with Martha and Honeyboy can be paralleled. I learned a lot from both of them. They will always be in Evanston and Chicago, and I will always know just where to find them. Even more important is that readers getting to hear about Martha is helping her along. And Honeyboy's name will be another part of a young man's history.

## ask Ricky and Sayward

By Ricky Huntley and Sayward  
Carolyn  
Staff Writers

Hey Ricky and Sayward,

My girlfriend just broke up with me and I'm having a hard time getting over it. I talk to my friends about it a lot but worry that I am bumming them out. Who else can I talk to?

XX  
Lovesick

S: Chances are you are bumming them out. Friends are great but sometimes it is hard to hear bad news and listen to the same depressing stuff all of the time. Definitely give them a break before you lose them.

R: All right, I totally disagree with everything you just said, Sayward. Lovesick, the last thing on your mind should be worrying about losing friends or bumming them out. That's what friends are for and I am sure that they are more than happy to be there for you in your time of need. Honestly, if you are bumming them out they will probably tell you, because that is how friendships work.

S: Yeah, but at the same time it is hard being someone's counselor all the time. Friends need a break too. Remember that your friends have issues also and remember to listen to them because they are listening to you. If you are feeling really down, remember that Earlham College has a counseling center. Sometimes clergy can be good people to talk to if you feel that your resources are running out.

Dear Ricky and Sayward:  
How should we solve the conflicts of

war and peace in America today?  
Yours truly,  
A patriot for peace

R: First off down with Howdy Dowdy a.k.a. George W. Bush Jr.

S: I think we, as a world community, need to work toward tolerance. Intolerance breeds violence, hatred, and anger. But how we do that, we may never know.

R: This may be a pessimistic view, but I honestly feel that we will never accomplish a world of peace without war. Historically, the United States has built this world power from violence and war. How can we expect something that is so significant in the founding of this country to change without understanding that we set the standards, or at least from the eyes of other nations, for how a successful country should be run. In order to end war and gain peace we obviously need to set the example; if not, the cycle will continue.

S: I agree, but I also feel that we need to start taking a stand. If we feel that what is happening is wrong we need to do something about it. Our generation is one of MTV, video games, and air strikes. We have never known war in America. It is our turn to get up off the couches of our parents' houses and do something! Put up a peace sign and get motivated!

Dear Ricky,

Did your parents not love you enough when you were younger?

From  
Curious

R: Curious, actually I will call you ignorant. How can you ask someone a

question like that and not even take the time to get to know them. Of course my parents loved me. And don't forget, don't hate me 'cause you ain't me! Give me a call, maybe we can hang out.

Dear Ricky and Sayward,  
What's up with all the sketchy men on campus? It seems that the asses far outweigh the kings. There are no real pimps or real men. Is it in the water?

Lovelorn

R: First off, I cannot believe that you are really looking for a pimp, but that's cool.

S: It is the idea that there are enough women on this campus for each guy to have at least two, so some think, "Hey, why not?" Also, I think some men try to be too cool for their pants and they end up looking like morons! Let go of the bloated ego.

R: I really think you should confront admissions about this problem. I mean I am sure that there are these "kings" you refer to on campus, but they are limited.

S: When you least expect it, a king will show up on your doorstep. Be patient and cautious.

R: Don't be afraid to be picky. Take time to get to know them before you...you know...because that almost always leads to early sabotage in the relationship.

That's all folks. Correction from last week. Sayward has been a designated driver, not a drunk driver. Just wanted to make that clear. Until next week, have fun, write questions and take a stand for what you believe in.

## Conflict arises over shot glasses

By Conor Madigan  
Staff Writer

The bookstore on campus has sold shot glasses marketing as toothpick holders for years, although only recently has this become a topic of concern.

Operations Assistant to the bookstore, Carol McFarland stands in the back of the bookstore with her associates taking inventory.

"There has been communication between counseling and the bookstore about the glasses," McFarland said, as she reached for a pen.

Efforts are currently being made in the administration of this campus to understand the dynamics of Earlham's student drinking problem.

Not only has the bookstore been told by Counseling Services that the shot glasses should be removed from the shelves, but some say that because of the drinking problem on campus the shot glasses are only one more

distraction for our students.

Jessica Sanford sits in her office, new to the campus as a counselor. She feels that drinking is becoming a problem. She emphasizes the point that this behavior should not be prompted by the college.

"It is problematic to be promoting drinking on a dry campus," Sanford said.

Yet the sale of the glasses will persist until the stock is sold says the bookstore.

"The glasses are going on sale for 20 percent off, in order to get rid of them," Jolene Birum the clerk and a cashier of the bookstore said.

Mourning Fox, Coordinator of Student Counseling Services, expressed a different approach of dealing with the items.

"It would be good public relations for the bookstore to eat the cost of the glasses as a statement to support a dry campus," he said.

"The money lost could be written off as a marketing expense," he continued.

Many students responded to the shot glass situation as being an ironic situation on our dry campus.

"I find it a little too ironic," second-year Jay Ohara said. "Rules at Earlham are not strictly enforced, and if you are willing to deal with a little hypocrisy, then having a few drinks works out fine," he continued.

Others think that the selling of shot glasses target people outside of Earlham.

"I think the shot glasses are mainly targeted at alumni," second-year Jesse Miller said. "Possibly for toothpick holders," he smiled, while sitting on the third floor balcony of OA.

The Counseling Service employees tend to agree that the sale of the shot glasses is ironic. Fox responded in an earlier interview on the subject.

"This is an incredibly bad and mixed message to send to students. Selling 'toothpick holders' on a dry campus is ludicrous even if the intention is to sell to alumni. They should be advertised on the web if advertised at all."



Photo by Pablo Virgo

The bookstore recently put its toothpick holders on sale in reaction to Counseling Services' concerns about the items being viewed as shot glasses. They have been seen as condoning alcohol consumption at EC.



# A little taste of homecoming

Whether hugging parents or jumping off buildings, students celebrated Homecoming Family Fall Weekend in a variety of ways. They threw frisbees and footballs, kicked soccer balls and climbed ropes on the crisp fall day, then danced the night away at Knollenbergs Banquet Hall



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Waller's 'Ain't Misbehavin' hits Earlham

By Ranjit Jose  
Contributing Editor

Upon entering Wilkinson Theatre and being showed to my seat by dandily clothed ushers last week, I began to feel the fervor and excitement surrounding the production of "Ain't Misbehavin'."

What began as a suggestion last spring to director Charles Holmond has culminated in a professional, classy rendering of Fats Waller's musical review. The multi-faceted cast did a fabulous job reproducing the atmosphere of a Harlem nightclub in the 1930's.

Some of the roles that the actors played seemed to be in congruence with their actual personalities and for

those who know the performers in different capacities, this musical can be very entertaining!

The ensemble performs witty and often daring songs that cover a plethora of subjects, the names of which go from "Squeeze me" and "Honeysuckle rose" to "Your Feet's too big and "fat and greasy."

Jantre Haskin used this production for her senior project and does a brilliant job in the many roles that she plays in the performance. Her musical talents come alive as she sings the opening lines to the musical. Her pleasing personality and vibrancy are highlighted on stage as she sings a gamut of animated tunes.

Shenita Piper has graced the Earlham stage in past productions and has always had a professional aura

around her. In this production she surpasses herself as one of the performers of the nightclub. Her natural grace and style translate to her character, and her performance is outstanding.

Corliss Harris is a newcomer to the Earlham theatre scene, but this is far from evident in her stunning performance as an amorous, often flirtatious socialite.

The men in the performance are not to be ignored for they exert an exuberant charm to the musical. Both Chris Harlan-Marks and John Bronston add panache as the witty, often charming counterparts to the women at the nightclub.

While Bronston demonstrates his choreographing expertise, Harlan-Marks once again reveals his musical abilities previously demonstrated in

last spring's production of "Suburbia."

The orchestra, which included Keith Cozart on the drums, served as excellent accompanists to the ensemble.

Throughout the performance one clearly sees the effort and energy put in by the theatre department, especially in providing costumes that matched the fashion of the time period as well as accurate attention to detail.

Charles Holmond, Mickey White and Dan Graves should be given much credit for their efforts in bringing one of Broadway's best productions to Wilkinson Theatre for Earlham to enjoy.

Tickets are available at the box office in Runyan center. The cost is \$9 for students and seniors and \$12 for adults.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

**Friday, October 12**

- Earlham Film Series: "Being There" at 8 p.m. & 11p.m. in Dennis 110.
- Brown Bag Concert: Elaine Presley, flautist at noon in Leeds Gallery.
- Panel Discussion: Islam 4 p.m. in Orchard.
- Ain't Misbehavin' at 8 p.m. in Wilkinson.
- Open Mic/Poetry Night 10 p.m. in Coffeeshop.

**Saturday, October 13**

- Earlham Film Series: Being There at 8 p.m. & 11p.m. in Dennis 110.
- Field Hockey vs. Kenyon at 1p.m. in Comstock Field.
- Women's Soccer vs. Kenyon at noon in Matlack Field.
- Farm Day 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Miller Farm.
- Men's Soccer vs. Kenyon at 2 p.m. on Matlack Field.
- Workshop: repairing bikes 4 p.m. on Heart.
- FREE Movies at 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. in Richmond Dollar Theatre.
- Ain't Misbehavin' at 8 p.m. in Wilkinson.
- Indigenous People's Day Concert at 10 p.m. in Coffeeshop.

**Sunday, October 14**

- College Meeting for Worship at 11 a.m. in Stout Meetinghouse
- Ain't Misbehavin' at 1 p.m. in Wilkinson
- Student Organization Co-op Meeting at 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Carpenter 220
- Resume Workshop at 9 p.m. in Mills

**Monday, October 15**

- Speaker: Dr. Mervyn Love at 7 p.m. in Virginia Cottage.
- Writing for Work Workshop at 9 p.m. in Wellness Rm. 2240.

**Tuesday, October 16**

- Tuesday night Film Series: "Cleo for 5 to 7" at 7:30p.m. in Dennis 110.
- Field Hockey vs. Denison at 4 p.m. in Comstock Field.
- Volleyball vs. Rose-Hulman at 6 p.m. in Schuckman Court.

**Wednesday, October 17**

- Tap Dogs at 7:30p.m. in Civic hall Performing Arts Center.

'Being There', Peter Sellers' commentary on America

By Mathew Christian  
Guest Writer

"Being There" is a subtle, clever satire that pokes fun at two of the most integral and controversial aspects of American society: television and politics.

The late great Peter Sellers stars as

Chance, an isolated, simple-minded man whose life consists solely of gardening and watching television. When he is eventually forced into the seamy reality of Washington D.C., Chance runs across an aging Capitol kingpin and his coquettish wife. Chance is soon introduced into Washington's deepest political circles. As the political insiders become increasingly cap-

tivated and confused by his impossibly quaint naivete.

Brimming with rare humor, "Being There" provides numerous witty insights into American society as it exists in the television age. But "Being There" truly belongs to Peter Sellers. Sellers' careful, nuanced performance is the perfect capstone to his remarkably diverse acting career. Moreover,

Sellers helps to make "Being There" more than just a great comedy; he transforms it into a poignant and memorable film.

"Being There" is being presented on campus this weekend as part of the Earlham Film Series. Showings are Friday and Saturday night at 8 and 11 p.m in Dennis 110.

As the name suggests, Modest Mouse is meek onstage

By Jim Strayer  
Staff Writer

On Oct. 5 and 6, Modest Mouse played at the Southgate House in Newport Kentucky. I had tickets for both shows, but after the performance on the 5th, I was actually more interested in going to Homecoming than seeing this band again.

Opening the show was Focus North and the Fruitbats. Unfortunately, I missed most of Focus North's set since I was standing out in the cold and the rain for over a half an hour. The Fruitbats played folk rock on guitars, mandolins and even used a bit of keyboards. Having never heard them before, I really liked their perform-

ance.

I waded through a sea of thick, black "I Have Glasses" glasses and tight denim jackets to stand at the base of the stage.

At about 11:45, Modest Mouse took the stage, opening with "Never Ending Math Equation", then broke into "Teeth Like God's Shoeshine". They continued to play a set based heavily on the material from "The Moon and Antarctica", their latest full length release. The problem is, Modest Mouse forgot how to rock.

Isaac, the lead vocalist and guitarist was giving his all, playing guitar loudly and screaming into the mic causing his face to turn a bright red. The other three guys seemed too hip to be at their own show. They just stood there, calmly playing, seeming to worry that

if they got into the music, that their reputation would be ruined. Their blank face stares, perpetual downcast look, and inanimate guitar playing gave little energy at all to the music they were playing.

The sound quality varied with each song. At times, the guitars were cranked up so loud that it was nearly impossible to determine the parts they were playing. When the music could be heard clearly, it sounded just like it did on the CD. Modest Mouse has so many songs that could translate very well to a live setting.

There is a lot of room for improvisation and jamming. But not only did they not extend their songs, they cut several of them short. Often, just before the song was about to swell to a strong finish on the CD version, in a

live setting the decided to cut it short. I can see no reason at all for doing this.

But, there were a couple highlights. "Artic Sound" was great as was a truly rocking rendition of "Cowboy Dan". The latter, they extended by at least four minutes and added new lyrics. Why could they not do this to a few others? The 1:45 track, "Wild Pack of Family Dogs" sounded good, but was oddly placed in the line-up.

Maybe it was an off night. Maybe they perform better in different cities. Maybe they need to take pointers from such great live acts as The Legendary Pink Dots and Ween who manage to infuse each live song with so much additional instrumentation and energy. Whatever it is, I hope they manage to pull off better shows on the rest of their tour.

Ryan Adam loses direction in his newest album 'Gold'

By Josh Penn  
Staff Writer

Ryan Adams' "Gold" is a decent out-put from a man who far surpasses decency. So it is not so much that I don't like "Gold" as much as I find it to be a step down from his past two releases. Adams, formally the lead singer alt-country group Whiskeytown, takes "Gold" in different direction than anything else he has done. What he has come up with is a much rockier, catchier, and less country album.

Adam's solo debut "Heartbreaker w"as a beautiful acoustic, inspired and soulful record, however he seems to have traded in these traits for a much louder and fuller sound. This new direction does not seem to translate as well as his acoustic sound did. The songs seem to be written much more for the masses rather than for himself. He seems to be embracing the country's situation as the cover art pictures him in front of an American flag, and the first song is titled "New York, New York." Adams' takes on aspects of many great artists such as Bob Dylan,

and Van Morrison. He is able to play all types of music well; in fact he has a punk album coming out with his band the Pink Hearts, due out early 2002. Along with that he already has another solo record ready to come out which should also be released in early 2002. Despite the fact that he writes so many songs (2 a day), he is still able to make them quality, and interesting.

He sings with a bit of Dylan in his voice except more straightforward, country, and sad. He is a beautiful lyricist as well, in "Gonna make you love me" he sings "Moonlight on the

beach, sweet amphetamines/It's only gonna make you love me more...They say love is hell/but I've been laughing ever since I fell."

His lyrics are usually sad but sweet this can be seen in his dreamy ballad "when the stars go blue" when he sings, "Where do you go when your lonely, I'll follow you/when the stars go blue/Laughing with your pretty mouth/Laughing with your broken eyes/Laughing with your lover's tongue/In a lullaby." Ryan Adams has potential, he is truly great, but it is clear that Gold is not his best work.

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# Earlham Football defeated by Ohio-Wesleyan

## Press Release

Earlham junior quarterback Quincy Adams completed 12 passes for 142 yards and one touchdown as the Quakers were defeated 45-10 by Ohio Wesleyan University in North Coast Athletic Conference action Saturday, October 6.

Earlham trailed 24-0 at halftime as the Bishops scored early and often putting up 17 points in the first quarter. EC got off to a bad start as the Quakers lost a fumble and threw two interceptions in the first half. EC, looking to mount a comeback, struck midway through the third period as junior kicker split end Mike Elorreaga converted on a 45-yard field goal.

Earlham first-year running back

Ronnie Hibbler scored his first collegiate touchdown with 32 seconds remaining in the contest.

Hibbler scored on a 21-yard pass from Adams to cap a 12-play 80-yard drive. Earlham totaled 245 yards of offense to 433 for Ohio Wesleyan.

The Gunn brothers, Robert and Rodney, combined 26 tackles including 20 unassisted stops. Robert led the Quakers with 13 solo stops and 15 total tackles, while Rodney recorded seven solo and four assisted tackles.

Earlham evens its conference record to 1-1 and will continue NCAC play Saturday, October 13th.

EC travels to Wabash College for a 1 p.m. kickoff.



Photo by JP Gary

Earlham tries to score in the Homecoming Game against Ohio Wesleyan. Earlham lost 45-10.

## Men's Soccer lose 4-1

## Press Release

Second-year forward Jason Seaman scored his third goal of the '01 season and his second of the week as Earlham was defeated 4-1 by Ohio Wesleyan University, Saturday, October 6.

Ohio Wesleyan, the NCAC pre-season favorite, struck first by scoring a goal just into the sixth minute of the contest. Earlham trailed 2-0 before Seaman's short kick found the back of the goal. Earlham recorded six shots on goal while allowing the Bishops 10 attempts. Junior forward Marc Sampson attempted two shots on goal to lead the Quakers.

Earlham senior goalkeeper Bryan Wallace recorded five saves in the contest. Earlham, 1-2-1 in NCAC play, will continued conference play

at Wittenberg on Wednesday, October 10.

EC led Wittenberg University 2-1 at halftime before falling to the Tigers 4-2, Wednesday, October 10th.

The Quakers attacked early as junior middle Ryan Guess found the back of the net just 10 minutes into the NCAC match-up. Guess' goal came off an assist from Sampson and Seaman. Quaker second-year midfielder Kyle Braun scored Earlham's second goal off a Sampson assist.

Wittenberg scored four unanswered goals including three in the second half to claim the win. Earlham attempted 14 shots on goal while the Tigers only managed 10 shots.

Earlham 5-6-2 overall and 1-3-1 in the NCAC will host Kenyon College at 2 p.m. Saturday, October 13th, at Matlack Field.

## Going, going, gone.

By Travis Brett  
Staff Writer

One of the biggest stories in sports so far this year has been 'Barry Bonds' chase for the home run record in a single season.

Bonds, a baseball luminary for the past decade, was chasing Mark McGwire's record of 70 home runs done in 1998 when McGwire broke Roger Maris' mark of 61 set back in 1961. There have been several critics and supporters for Bonds this season but he excelled in spite of all of the attention.

Bonds finished the regular season with 73 homeruns. This was a special feat by itself. Something that people have to realize is that most teams would not pitch to Bonds late in the season because they were in the playoff race. When McGwire hit 70, his team was nowhere close to making the playoffs so everybody pitched to him. One can back this up with the 177 walks that Bonds took (which was a single season record as well) because pitchers were afraid of his power. But in the end, Bonds got the record.

However his team did not make the playoffs which is something he wanted more.

Some critics believe that the today's baseballs are being juiced (wound tighter) so that the hitters can hit more homeruns because that is what the fans want to see.

They also say that the ballparks are being built smaller by the year to help the hitters as well. But on the positive side of this, the supporters believe that the athletes are becoming a lot stronger because of special strength training and the hiring of personal trainers.

That is one thing that Bonds did different this year. Bonds hired a personal trainer during the off-season and it benefited him to the fullest. The one thing that is amazing about this whole story is how Bonds did this at the age of 37. He seems to be hitting more "homers" the older he gets. He moved into the number 7 spot on the all time homerun list with 567 homeruns. He also broke Babe Ruth's slugging percentage record for a single season with .863 shattering Ruth's old mark of .847.

The fans were very divided on this issue. Some of them wanted Barry to break the record while others would have loved to have seen McGwire continue as the record holder. One thing also to mention is that a lot of people argue that Bonds is the best major league player to play the game in the '90s.

"I am glad to see Bonds break the record because I feel that he is the best player of my generation as well as one of the most un-celebrated but also because my good friend Ashley and I watched all of Bonds' games religiously." Junior basketball player Brady Keaton said.

## Press Release

Earlham College first-year goalkeeper Kristin Sutcliffe recorded eight saves as the Quakers were defeated 5-0 by Ohio Wesleyan

University, Saturday, October 6. Ohio Wesleyan, 11-1 overall and a perfect 4-0 in NCAC (North Coast Athletic Conference) play, scored three first half and two second half goals while attempting 33 shots on goal. Earlham totaled three shots on goal.

Senior middles Marina

Michahelles, Traci Hutson and first-year forward Angelique Owanga all attempted a shot on goal for the Quakers.

Earlham continued the '01 campaign as they traveled to Mt. St. Joseph on Wednesday, October 10.

EC was defeated 1-0 in an overtime upset against Mt. St. Joseph

College. The game remained deadlocked until a St. Joseph score dropped Earlham's record to 3-7-1 overall.

EC returns to action when they face Kenyon College on Matlack field. The game will be held Saturday, October 13th, and is set for a 12 p.m. start.

## EC field hockey splits games, Losing 4-1 to Oberlin

## Press Release

Second-year forward Logan Fitzpatrick scored Earlham's only goal with 10:01 remaining to cut into an Oberlin College 3-0 lead, but the Quakers were unable to mount a comeback as they were defeated 4-1 Saturday, October 6th.

Fitzpatrick made her one shot of the afternoon count, in scoring her fifth goal of '01 season and is leading all Earlham scorers'. EC

attempted four shots on goal, while Oberlin attempted 23. Senior middle Sarah Mattox led the Quakers attempting two shots.

"I thought we came out sluggish and spent the first half playing too defensively," Quaker Head Coach Jill Butcher said. "We had two defensive breakdowns that led to their (Oberlin's) second and fourth goals." Senior goalkeeper Shannon Shehan recorded 19 saves.

Second-year middle Rebecca

Aldred scored the game winning goal off a pass from first-year forward Kailynn Kitaji as Earlham defeated Ohio Wesleyan University 2-1 in overtime Tuesday October, 9. Aldred's overtime goal came with 8:52 remaining in the period. She also scored the Quakers first goal just nine minutes into the contest.

Earlham attempted eight shots on goal while the Bishops tallied 22 shots. Shehan recorded 19 saves. Junior back Nicole Donnelly

recorded three defensive saves and was a defender that Ohio Wesleyan couldn't get past.

"Shannon and Nicole played an awesome game today," Earlham head coach Jill Butcher said, "We played without any substitutes and the girls showed that they were not leaving without a win."

Earlham, 4-7 overall and 2-5 in the NCAC, will continue conference play as they host Kenyon at 1 p.m. Saturday, October 13.

## A winning combination



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Senior Matt Craigie tries to block a frisbee during Saturday's ultimate frisbee alumni game. The students won.

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## There's no denying nature's wake up call



DAVE BARRY

A man — we'll call him "Harvey" — went to see a doctor, complaining of tiredness, bruises all over his body, shooting pains, and quotation marks around his name. The doctor immediately recognized these symptoms: "Harvey" had a snoring problem. At night, he was being jabbed repeatedly by his wife, trying to make him shut up. Also, somebody had apparently been shooting him.

Yes, snoring is a serious health problem, one that affects more Americans than shark attacks and Rep. Gary Condit combined. Yet many people — and here I am in no way referring to my wife — refuse to admit that they snore. Even if they routinely emit nocturnal noises that cause shingles to fly off the roof, they will be outraged that you would leap to the conclusion that they are the source of the snoring, without considering other explanations, such as that a third party, unknown to either of you, is sleeping in your bed.

Women — and once again I am NOT referring to my wife — tend to be the worst snoring-deniers, because women are taught from an early age that it is not feminine to emit any noise or aroma that would indicate that they are biological organisms. Men, on the other hand, consider bodily functions to be a highly masculine form of manliness. That's why men are not afraid to haul off and let go of a hearty burp, often as a way to emphasize a rhetorical point (Four score and seven BWOOOOOOOOOOORP years ago ...).

Men also take pride in another, even more basic, bodily emission, which, because this is a family newspaper, I will refer to by its technical name, "making a tooter." This is a popular thing to do whenever males gather together. As a youth, I was a Boy Scout, and while I know that scouting is a fine activity that has taught countless young men important leadership and character-building skills, the major activity in my particular troop was slicing the Muenster. We'd go on a camping trip, and for dinner we'd consume huge quantities of Campbell's brand Pork n' Mainly Beans, and by nightfall the hills were alive with the sound of tooting. Eventually the entire area would be blanketed by a giant mushroom cloud of Boy Scout gas that caused flocks of migrating geese to reverse course. ("Turn back! We're spending the winter in Canada!")

Medical science tells us that, one way or another, the average man releases 6,000 metric quarts of gas per day, and significantly more if he is in an elevator. Meanwhile, the average woman, striving to be feminine, is keeping all that gas bottled up INSIDE HER BODY. This results in an enormous pressure buildup that can, later in life, cause an explosive and embarrassing medical condition known as "The Mt. Vesuvius Syndrome." This is precisely why one well-known woman — who, out of respect for her privacy, I will refer to here only as "The Queen of England" — is accompanied at all times by men with bagpipes.

At this point, it might be a good idea for all of us to go back to the beginning of this column to see what our topic is. OK, there it is, snoring. As I was saying, most of us snore, even though — and I am STILL not in any way referring to my wife — we refuse to admit it.

But what is snoring? Medically, it is when air has trouble getting past the uvula, which is a part of your body that sounds like a dirty word but is actually not. You are free to say it in polite company, in sentences such as: "I hear Todd has a huge uvula."

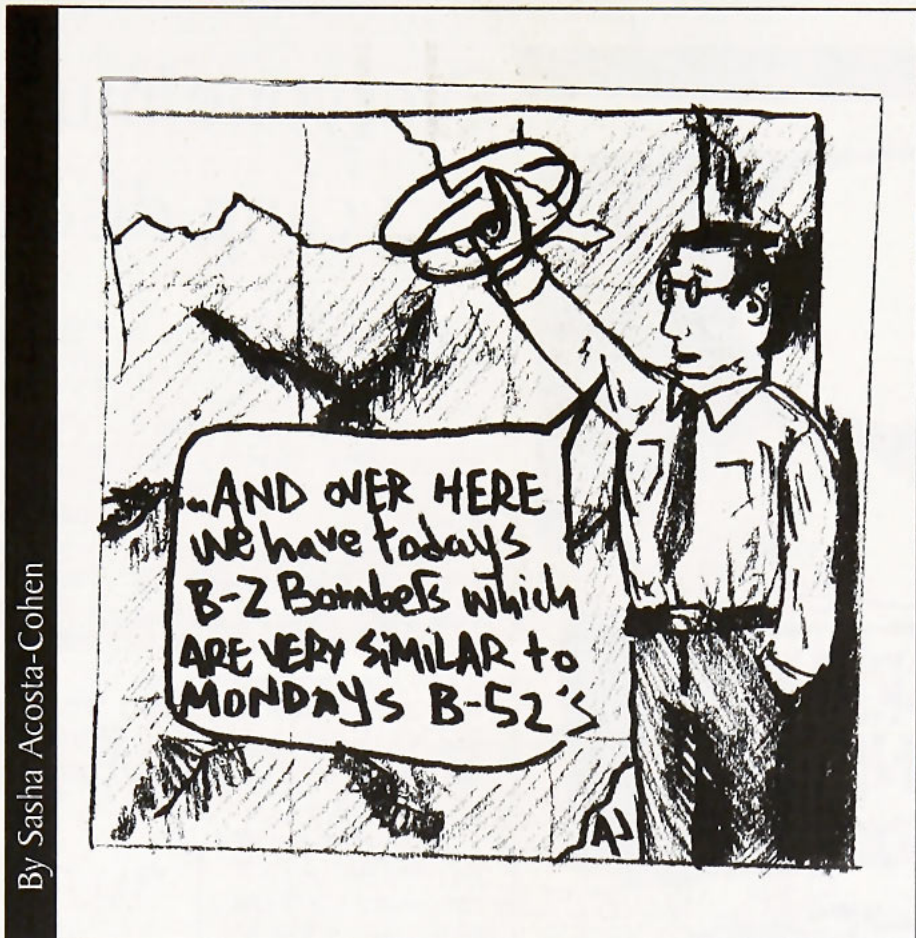
How serious is snoring? To answer that question, I consulted my colleague Gene Weingarten, who happens to be one of the nation's most respected hypochondriacs. Gene is the author of an excellent book, "The Hypochondriac's Guide to Life and Death," which has a chapter entitled, "Hiccups Can Mean Cancer."

Needless to say, Gene's opinion is that snoring can, and probably does, indicate a seriously fatal problem. The good news, he told me, is that snoring can be cured by a surgical procedure "that basically shears off the entire back of your throat." Gene adds: "It doesn't always solve the problem."

But what do you care? YOU don't snore.

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By Sasha Acosta-Cohen

## Malicious hecklers border bigotry, embarrass Earlham

OPEN WINDOW  
By Patrick Nugent

Soccer is my favorite sport to watch and to play. But in five years at Earlham, I had attended only three men's soccer games, none of them all the way through.

Today I decided to try again. I showed up for the game against Wabash and stayed only half an hour. I left for the same reason as before: the gang of hecklers lined up against the fence deriding the visiting team, performing to impress one another with their witty malice.

At Earlham's soccer games, the most vocal fans spend most of their time and energy inventing ways to deride and degrade the opposing team, and very little time cheering on their own teammates. These small-minded hecklers overshadow—and chase away—the fans who want to root for Earlham's fine soccer players. I have been a student or employee, and soccer fan, at six different colleges and universities, and never have I seen anything to compare to our heckling squad.

Malicious heckling embarrasses Earlham and make the hecklers look boorish, but that's par for the course. I've grown used to going to conferences where colleagues recognize Earlham as the school with boorish, malicious soccer hecklers. I'm accustomed to being embarrassed about it.

Today, though, my embarrassment

reached new depths. The heckling turned vicious. Because Wabash is an all-male school, the hecklers drew the conclusion that students at an all-male school must be homosexual and figured this would be an effective insult. Further, they questioned the Wabash players' masculinity, accusing them—horrors—of resembling women or girls. They harped on their homophobia, and used it to embellish their nasty jibes. I was mortified.

Heckling reveals the character of the hecklers. If the hecklers accuse their victims of homosexuality, it is because they consider being gay a matter of reproach. If they accuse their victims of femininity, it is because they consider it reproachful to act like, look like, or be a woman. Even if they were "only kidding," they showed us today that they believe people ought to be embarrassed if they are gay, or "womanly," or women. Their sentiments come perilously close to bigotry. Just kidding?

Maybe, but casual bigotry is no better for being casual. Earlham and our sister schools deserve better.

Together and individually, the hecklers are an embarrassment to Earlham. As a community, Earlham values respect for persons, but respect is fragile and can be lost.

Our habitual hecklers have lost mine.

Patrick Nugent is the Director and Assistant Professor of the Institute for Quaker Studies.

## Peace-loving students must actualize dissent

OPEN WINDOW  
By Jill Bowdon

I am going into my last year at Earlham. Looking back on my time, I am very cognizant of Earlham's enormous role in shaping me into a person that believes that I have the power to change what I think is unjust. It was here, within the walls of this institution that I first learned about the way of non-violence, and the transformed non-conformist.

It was here in my classes that I examined institutions and inequalities, the history of the Civil Rights Movement, and the privilege of some over others. And being a lover of peace and humanity, I have clung to these ideas with ferocity, engaging in them in classroom discussions, spouting them off at family gatherings, attempting to apply them at my volunteer sites.

I have accepted that these ideas, with patient application, would change the world, and that the world being full of rational beings would eventually yield to an overwhelming crescendo of soul force.

On Sept. 11, all of my beliefs were practically challenged. Even though I was surrounded by a culture of non-violence, even though I was armed with the beautiful philosophies of Gandhi and King, even though I believed myself to be a being capable of rational thought, I still found myself at a loss on how to deal with the reality of the situation.

For a period of weeks I walked around, as if in a daze, not knowing how to react. I felt cheated, and ill equipped, as if my academic tools were useless. I had no answers, and try as I might, I could not make sense of what had happened. Worse yet, I felt hopeless, and voiceless within a government that insisted on racist military action.

Perhaps, though, this has been a much-needed wake-up call for me. After all, this is not the first time that our government has committed racist military actions abroad or at home, just as this is not the first time the people of the world have disagreed with the American government. Though I knew all of this is theory, there is something about the intensity of the events of Sept. 11 that brought the realities behind these theories home to me.

The challenge now, is to incorporate these new realities with my beloved theories, and do something about the horror of this situation. The dissenting voice, no matter how small, still matters, even in a para-

digm shift as extreme as this. We as college students have a unique privilege and opportunity to take our carefully crafted ideas and put them to use to change the force of history. In the sixties our parents generation ended the Vietnam War by making their dis-sentiment visible. We must do the same.

One crucial and immediate act of dissent that we should commit as a peace loving college is refusing to give into the FBI's criminalization of international students.

I am offended that our government is persecuting my friends and classmates, and treating them with a total lack of respect for civil liberties. Wiretapping, and other dubious means of gathering information about students' pasts and backgrounds, seems to me to be unquestionably racist and unacceptable actions. If the FBI brings us a subpoena, I believe that we should commit an act of civil disobedience, and refuse to give them the information they request.

As people living in this country, and as Earlhamites, we have a responsibility to make both of these institutions what we want them to be. We have a moral responsibility not to participate in, and thus perpetuate, unjust actions on the part of the government. We have a duty to create and protect freedom as we choose to define it. This is our big chance to be proactive instead of reactive.

At its very best, Earlham commands us to be, in the words of Martin Luther King, Jr., "people of conviction, not conformity, of moral nobility, not social respectability."

The teachings and Quaker philosophies that prevail at this school make us into conscious beings, aware of a higher law than that of humankind. If we can not be loyal to this higher truth, if we can not choose to act with conviction, and to be transformed nonconformists, we must ask ourselves, what the point of these teachings is. Ideas, after all, are only as good as the people that act on them.

If you agree with this statement, or even if you do not, write to Len Clark, Earlham's provost, to voice your opinion. Write to Doug, or even me. Write a piece in *The Word*. Get a sign and hang it out of your window. Whatever you do, make your voice heard, because it matters now, more than ever. And remember all that evil needs to prevail, is for the good hearted people of the world to sit back and say nothing.

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By Benjamin Scherzer



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By Mike Peters



True Tales of a College Co-Ed by Sian Chivers



## Earlham student government needs dedicated candidates

OPEN WINDOW  
By Kumar Sathy

When Michael Eck, Steven Fletcher, Shuruq Harb and I ran for Earlham Student Government (ESG) in November, 2000, we placed one recurring statement on each of our election flyers: "Yeah, we hear that."

Printed on transparencies and posted all over campus, our message stated a need for transparency and clarification of the governance process at Earlham College. I believe that we made significant progress on those issues. Over the course of a few months of close working relationships with administrative faculty, we learned how to most effectively ask for it.

We kindled a fire of our own by learning how to respectfully ask for specific changes at Earlham. We are now seeing many of those requests as they progress through the governance structure. Now, we are sincerely concerned about who will carry the torch.

There is reason to be concerned. Many students don't know what Student Government is, and many more students don't even know that we have one. Student Government is not about increasing the quality of food in SAGA or decreasing bookstore prices. It is not about temporary promises that overlook the work of the previous Student Government or even administrative faculty. Earlham Student Government is about advising, consulting, and seeking consensus with the Earlham community.

When I heard conversations about ESG elections last year, I cringed at the sound of the voices articulating the notion of

Student Government as a reputation-oriented extracurricular activity: "So, are you going to run for President?" I never heard, "So, are you going to run for SOC convener?" Being the President of Student Government cannot be a reputation-oriented activity. If it were, I would have a social life. Advising, consulting, and seeking consensus with the community depends on all members of the ESG Cabinet and it involves all members of the Earlham community.

All ESG Cabinet positions are necessary if the Presidents of Student Government are to report to its advisors, the College President and Board of Trustees about the projects and progress of its Student Government administration in its effort to bring the Earlham community closer to its ultimate aspirations.

Student Government elections will take place in the first week of November. The current ESG administration has focused on long-term projects rather than temporary promises. In order for those long-term projects to come into fruition, we need to elect a Student Executive Council, Treasurer and SOC Convener who understand the integral importance of every ESG project, every ESG member and every Earlham community member.

As you read the election flyers that will be emerging in the coming weeks, I urge you to read them with a critical eye. A Student Government that is unwilling to acknowledge, cooperate with and show respect for the Earlham College administration will not make it very far. A Student Government that is more apt to react than create will not make it very far.

Earlham Student Government

is a structure that has the potential to increase student input on College decisions and enhance the quality of life for all members of the Earlham community. We need to elect student representatives who can see that potential.

But first, we need such student representatives to step forward and fill out an election application. I urge you to help us find such passionate, concerned and thoughtful students and persuade them to apply for a position of student leadership with Earlham Student Government. And if you think that you have what it takes to devote a year to carrying out the goals stated in this editorial, I urge you to fill out an application today. It is a little intimidating, I know, but at the end of your term you will wonder why you ever hesitated to run for Student Government, just as I am wondering right now.

Earlham Student Government is not your normal student organization.

Earlham Student Government is not even a student organization; it is permanent component of the Earlham College administration.

Joining Student Government is an opportunity to bring Earlham closer to its ultimate aspirations as a community. If, in the coming weeks, you voice uncertainty about your qualifications or experience being sufficient to run for a position in Student Government, we will simply say, "Yeah, we hear that."

Then we will ask you to fill out an application for election.

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## Everyone must play a part in recycling discussion and strategy

ASK DOUG  
By Doug Bennett

About a month ago I wrote a column about recycling, and today I want to return to that topic.

I've been having conversations with Gary Hornsby and Leah Green from the Earlham Environmental Action Coalition (EEAC), and these conversations have also included Dick Smith (our VP for Financial Affairs) and Kirsten Bohl (Assistant to the President).

We're committed to a recycling strategy for the campus that is both practical and affordable. Practical? We need a strategy that everyone at Earlham can understand, a strategy in which everyone at Earlham can participate easily as part of her or his regular work routines. Affordable? We need a strategy that does not add significant costs to the college's operating budget.

Gary, Leah, Dick, Kirsten and I believe we have worked out such a practical, affordable strategy. We have consulted with a number of other people in developing the basic plan. The plan has two main elements: we will recycle office paper in Earlham's academic buildings, and we will do comingled recycling in the residence halls. Office paper is white paper without staples or plastic attached. Comingled

recycling can include aluminum, plastic (numbers 1&2), glass (clear and colored), and tin cans.

Why not newspapers? Why not cardboard? These are other recyclables, and we will try to make it possible for Earlham to recycle these, too, in the near future. But they aren't yet part of this basic plan. Why not other kinds of plastics (other than number 1 & 2)? Why not other things that are recycled in other parts of the country? Because right now, in Richmond, Indiana,

work routines for Housekeepers, who will be emptying the recycling containers into the dumpsters. And we need to educate one another about how to do recycling.

With regard to the 'educating one another' parts of the strategy, we can use some help. We'd like to recruit coaches in each building (academic or residence hall) to help us all become well informed about how to do recycling.

If you are a student and would like to volunteer to be a coach, I urge you to contact Gary Hornsby or Leah Green or others involved with EEAC. If you are a member of the faculty or staff and would like to be a coach, please e-mail Kirsten Bohl or me (bohlki@earlham.edu or dought@earlham.edu).

In the first column I wrote about recycling, I asked whether we are prepared to take recycling seriously. I heard from a few people all of whom said YES, they were prepared. But are we ALL prepared? Once we have all the physical arrangements made, we'll be making some efforts to get everyone ready to be part of recycling on the Earlham campus. We hope you will be prepared to play your part. Stay tuned. You'll be hearing more about recycling soon.

Doug Bennett is the President of Earlham College.

"We're committed to a recycling strategy that is both practical and affordable."

-Doug Bennett

there is nowhere we can take such goods. Perhaps in the future.

We have some preparations we need to make in order to get ready to do this recycling. We need to get easily identifiable recycling bins for both office paper and comingled recycling. We need to distribute these recycling containers around campus. We need to make some changes in the location and use of dumpsters. We need to develop new



Grassroots by Jon Wagner

Jon Wagner, GrassRoots