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The Inside Word

Join a freshman as he journeys to Miller Farm for the first time, in **Community**

Discussion of Earlham's alcohol policy continues in **Opinion**

Meet the other schools in the Heartland Conference in **Sports**

Upcoming Events

Friday 9.17:

Brown Bag Concert at noon in the Orchard Room

Richmond Civic Theatre presents: "The God Committee" by Mark St. Germain at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

Comedian Johnny Cardinale at 10 p.m. in Wilkinson Theatre

Saturday 9.18:

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EC honors religious diversity

Earlham celebrates Ramadan, Rosh Hashana, holds holy texts in light

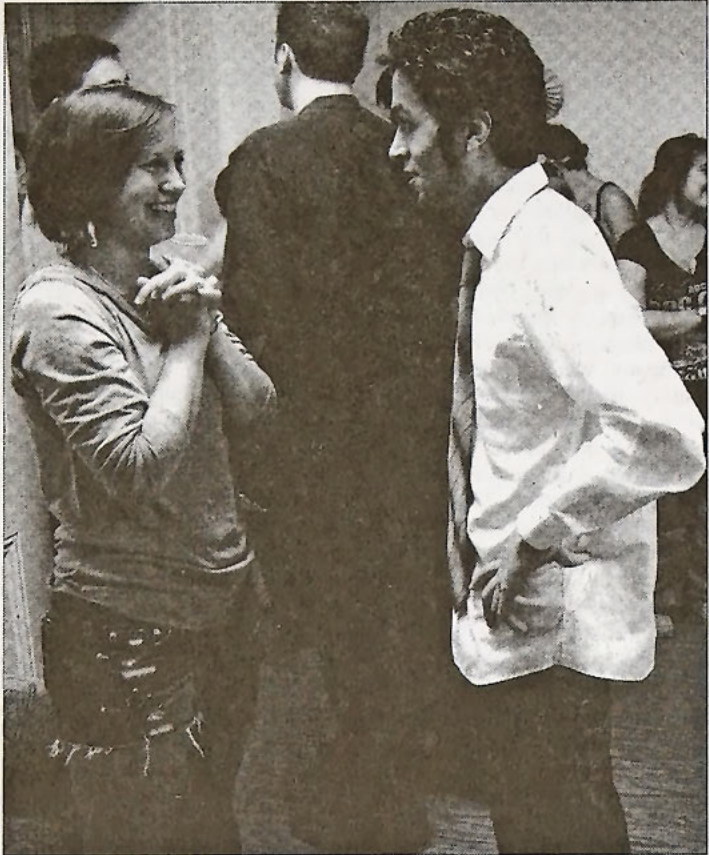


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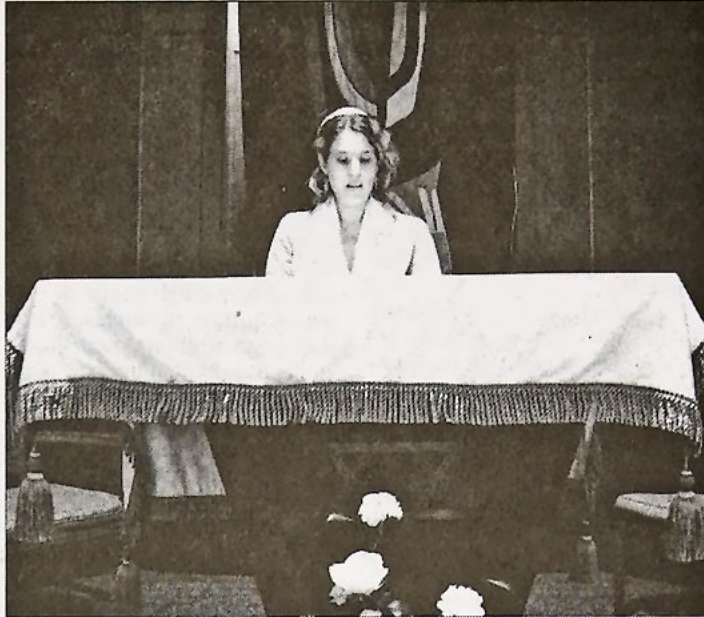


Photo by Abby Kathan

Left: Juniors Alma Raymer and Asa'ad Alkhouli talk at the Eid al-Fitr dinner held at Russel House by the Muslim Student Association and the Asian Student Union.

Above: Student Rabbi Michal Loving poses on the bima at the Beth Boruk synagogue during second day Rosh Hashanah. Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year.

By Basil Faraj

Staff Writer

The call to burn the Quran on September 11 by Terry Jones, a Reverend of a tiny Florida church had started many protests and calls to stop such acts of discrimination directed toward Islam. Earlham College was also part of that world movement to end such violations and to spread the message of peace between all faiths and believes. Last Monday more than 80 members (really? wow) of Earlham College's staff, faculty and students gathered to celebrate the beauty and power of the many and diverse religions and beliefs represented in the college. The event, called for by David Ebenbach, an Assistant Professor of English at Earlham College, was the College's response to the recent attack on Islam and its holy text, the Quran, and toward Muslims in

the United States.

Participants gathered silently and stood in a circle on the heart, many of them holding their holy

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texts in their hands. Out of the silence, participants from various religions and beliefs read parts of their holy texts, sharing their thoughts with one another and

explaining their appreciation for holding such a vigil at the college. The vigil did not have an agenda; it was a time for members of Earlham's religious community to celebrate their differences, share the beauty of one another's different beliefs and send a strong message of peace to the entire world.

One the participants, Mary Garman, Religion Professor, remembers clearly participating in a similar vigil at the college and in the same place nine years ago when the attack on the twin towers. She finds it amazing that the college holds such inspiring and moving events.

Of the vigil, Garman said, "I thought it was very powerful, and I am grateful to David, who got it going. I was enjoying the variety of people, who were from all around the world and all over Earlham, and I loved the reciting of the texts and the stories told by

the participants."

Ebenbach explained that the goal of the vigil was to send a strong message against not only the hatred directed recently toward Islam but all acts of hatred that suppress what he believes to be the human right to worship, directed toward any belief of any kind.

"We shouldn't stand by when such hate occurs. It is important for Earlham to make such a statement. We are a diverse community, and it's one of our strengthen points," Ebenbach said.

Kavi Ramburn, freshman, participated in the vigil. "It's important as a community to take a strong stand against what have been shown in other places in this country. We need to show that we have different views, and that we, as teenagers now and adults later would act differently and hopefully achieve change."

Community protests threats to HRC

By Micah Sommer

Contributing Editor

Supporters of Richmond's Human Rights Commission will hold a rally Monday amid fears that the Richmond Common Council will cut the Commission's funding at their budget meeting.

Supporters will meet on the Heart at Earlham at 6 p.m. before heading to the Municipal Building at 6:30. The Common Council will meet to discuss the city's 2011 budget around 7:30.

Former HRC Chair Bob Hunter, whose daughter Rachel Hunter organized the rally, said the rally has two purposes.

"It's a celebration of what the HRC has done this far," Hunter said. "And then it's a rally to support them, because there have

been intimations coming from the city council that they're going to try to defund it."

The HRC investigates and resolves claims of discrimination in jobs and housing. Its \$54,480 budget pays the salary of Director Ron Church. The commissioners serve as volunteers, and two Earlham Bonner scholars also volunteer there.

Last September the Council voted 5-4 to remove HRC funding for 2010, citing budget constraints and duplication of services offered at the state level. HRC supporters including Mayor Sally Hutton and Police Chief Kris Wolski argued that a local commission is more efficient and responsive than a state organization. In January a compromise was reached in

which the Richmond Police Department would partially fund the HRC though drug seizure revenues.

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a Republican, voted last year to keep HRC funding but said the current state of the city finances requires deep cuts to many departments, especially since a state constitutional amendment has capped property taxes, reducing the city's revenue.

"This was the first year that I served on the finance committee," Quinn said. "What I found out pretty quickly was that we are in a much more [serious] financial crunch than we had been led to believe."

Quinn said that Richmond police, fire and street departments are already underfunded.

"It's not about who's running [the HRC] or job performance or anything else," Quinn said. "We are simply out of money."

Church, the HRC director, said

that his budget is 0.2 per cent of the city's budget.

"That's a miniscule amount for the amount of work we do," Church said.

Senior Brianna Chamberlain, an HRC Bonner intern, said that the HRC embodies Earlham's values of peace and justice.

"This isn't peace and global studies; this is peace right here," Chamberlain said.

The city budget will be on second reading on Monday, and there will be time for public comment. If the Council decides unanimously to send the budget to third reading, it will be voted on immediately. Otherwise they will need to hold another meeting for further discussion.

United Way shifts money to new focus areas

By Federico Rojas

Staff reporter

This year the United Way of Whitewater Valley, an organization dedicated to collecting and distributing money to aid the communities of Wayne and Union Counties, is implementing changes on how to decide where to direct money.

"United Way is indeed changing its strategic direction within the community. We have created four focus areas: education, youth and families, health and community vitality. Within each of these areas of focus, there are specific target issues we will be addressing," said president Scott Quintel.

Earlham College is a vital partner of the United Way and in this process. Diana White, professor of psychology and Associate Director of the Project on Faith, Vocation and Leadership at Earlham, contributed to identifying this target issues. Quintel talked about the process.

"The target issues were identified through the Community Voices Assessment process led by Dr. Diana White from Earlham College," said Quintel.

Meg Duff, a Bonner scholar and senior at Earlham, is part of the United Way committee this year. She commented about the work of White in identifying these issues.

"The study was conducted by Diana White, an Earlham psych

professor, with the help of one of her classes, and it helped the United Way identify key issues (such as childhood obesity and teen pregnancy) that need attention. This is just one aspect of Earlham's participation with the United Way; EC is always a large donor, and has a long history of working with the UW," Duff said.

Quintel said that the United Way of Whitewater Valley has yet to discuss the effects these changes might have on other organizations such as the Boys and Girls club or Earlham.

"United Way will be focusing its resources on addressing the issues the community thought were most important. The effect this will have on a particular

funding partner has not yet been determined," he said.

Vision Councils are being created for each focus area and partners of The United Way integrate some of these councils.

"Once the United Way Vision Councils have firmed up their objectives and strategies for each Focus Area, we will be better able to answer how each funded partner will be affected," said Duff. "The funding changes will probably affect different organizations in different ways and it would be interesting to hear different perspectives, but the overall goal is to strengthen the Richmond community."

The United Way has served the White Water Valley since 1928. Their goal is to collect money

and make sure that this money stays within the community and is used to help organizations that also work for the benefit of the area. According to their website, almost 30, 000 people benefit from the programs that United Way funds. Volunteers also help in education programs for Richmond Community Schools.

Bruce E. Daggy, Executive Director of The Boys and Girls Club Of Wayne County that the new change in direction in the United Way is for the benefit of the community. "I believe the United Way's change in direction is a good one. The new funding categories are based on finding what the community states are their priorities."

Unpopular printing quota postponed

By Sarah Brown-Anson
Staff Writer

If you are one of the many Earlham students who will print more than 500 pages this semester, relax. The much-discussed printing quota isn't in effect just yet.

Forty-two percent of students printed more than 500 pages last semester, according to Tom Steffes, director of computing services. Steffes said that more data will be collected this semester and more consultation will happen before a limit on pages printed will be imposed on students.

"Nothing is happening imminently, almost certainly not this semester, that will have any financial impact on any student," said Scott Silverman, Lilly Library director and coordinator of information services.

Before implementing any quota, Earlham Computing Services (ECS) will consult widely among college groups, including the Informational Technology Policy Committee (ITPC), the Informational Services advisory group, senior staff, student leadership, the

office of student development and the business office.

"It's Earlham; we will consult widely," Silverman said.

The quota was proposed last year when printing was expanded to residence halls and Runyan Center. The expansion was made possible through an anonymous donation which covered the cost of purchasing printers and the online printing software PaperCut.

According to an article by Sarah Scanlon published in the Thursday, Oct. 23, 2009 edition of the Earlham Word, the proposed quota for students was \$25 a semester, which provides 500 single-sided pages or 625 pages printed in duplex. Under the originally proposed quota, students who went over the quota would have been charged five cents for a single-sided exposure and eight cents for a duplex print job, according to Scanlon's article.

Of the students printing more than 500 pages last semester, 32 percent were seniors, 16 percent were juniors, 27 percent were sophomores and 25 percent were freshmen, according to Steffes's calculations that were based on data compiled from PaperCut.

Steffes said that juniors make up a smaller portion of students who use printing because so many are studying off campus during that year.

Sixty percent of seniors last semester printed more than 500 pages, while 37 percent of juniors, 39 percent of sophomores and 34 percent of freshmen printed more than 500 pages.

"Students printed a total of 548,621 pages, with a page being defined as a single side of paper," according to a Student Print Quota/ Expenditure Report that Steffes compiled this summer.

As part of the expansion of printing services, Earlham started a cost-per-page contract with the company Canon IV. Steffes said that by contracting to the company, which provides toner, annual maintenance and repairs of printers, the college saves the time of computer specialists who otherwise oversee the wireless internet connection. Canon also has a better response time for repair calls, of four hours said Steffes.

The college pays 1.6 cents per page for printing with Canon IV. Last year, it paid \$16,346.63 to Canon IV for cost-per-page payments, according to the

Student Print Quota/ Expenditure Report.

Steffes said that ECS had been moving printers onto the cost-per-page contract with Cannon IV. "It's been an overall savings for the college," Steffes said.

Reference and Theological Librarian Jennie Kiffmeyer said that printing has mostly gone smoothly since the introduction of PaperCut after the beginning of Spring 2010 semester. "One advantage of that is that if there is some kind of strange thing going on with one printer, you can just send your document over to another printer," Kiffmeyer said.

When asked what they knew about the quota, students seemed to think that it was already in place.

"I understand the quota, and I do support the quota but I think it needs to be upped a little bit," said junior Pablo Hernandez-Romero. He said he thinks the limit should be 1000 pages. Hernandez-Romero, a politics major, said in the social sciences especially, "all those article readings, there's just so many of them and it's just so much easier to read it when you have it in front of you where you can highlight, make your markings, etc. and it's just useful

to have in class."

Sophomore Tiny Chirantha Thelikada Palliya, said he thought the idea of a limit on printing was "reasonable."

"It's a reasonable amount because we are not printing books, just we are printing a couple of articles every weekend for the class to read...so I like it," Chirantha said. He said he printed less than 150 pages last semester.

Chirantha also said he likes the expanded printing availability. "It's better than my freshman year, like after they upgraded their printing system; I really like it... I don't have to come all the way to Lilly to print something," Chirantha said.

Freshman David Jones described the printing system as easy to learn after a friend told him how to use it. Jones said he thought he had printed 60 or 70 pages so far this semester.

When asked about a printing quota, Jones said, "I don't know anything about the printing quota. Is it like 500 or 600 pages or something like that, is that the printing quota?"

Walk of fame celebrates Richmond greats



Photo by Noah Marshall

Senior Brianna Chamberlain and sophomores Anicka Meyers and Alexis Kidd volunteer at Walk of Fame. The Walk of Fame celebrates the great jazz and gospel recordings produced by the Starr-Gennett Company in Richmond. They recorded many musical giants, including Louis Armstrong.

ESG on...

The Upcoming All-Student Meeting

Earlham Students,

This Sunday (9/19) at 7pm in Stout Meeting House there will be an All Student Forum regarding Earlham's Alcohol Policy and Earlham's approach to dealing with alcohol at the college. The forum should last about an hour.

All are encouraged to attend and share their thoughts. If you want your opinion heard this is the forum to express it.

ESG has prepared some questions for you to think about and discuss at the forum:

What are the successes and failures of Earlham's approach to alcohol?

How does Earlham's approach to alcohol relate to social life at the college?

How does the use/misuse of alcohol at Earlham compare with other similar colleges?

What should be the major considerations or objectives of any approach Earlham might take to alcohol?

What changes in Earlham's approach to alcohol might be considered and why would those represent improvement?

What is the relationship between the alcohol policy and the way in which Earlham envisions itself as a community?

Does drinking inhibit positive community building at Earlham?

We hope to see you there!

Love,
ESG

Why 2014's size matters

By George Bouchard

Staff Writer

One of the most repeated question during the first few weeks has been, "Why are there so many new people?"

This year, Earlham has seen a significant increase in the amount of enrolled freshmen compared to previous class sizes. In fact, it has been the largest in Earlham's history.

By simply walking into Saga during the lunch rush on any given day, one can see the somewhat surprising amount of new faces. While the amount of new students is undeniably welcoming, there have been problems with housing and class registration due to the sheer size of the class of 2014. Junior Bailey Hall appreciates the large amount of new faces this year. Bailey stated that, "As an R.A., I really enjoy helping freshman find their place at Earlham. I love helping them feel as though Earlham is a second home."

There were a couple of rumors going around campus about why there are so many new people, one of them being that the acceptance rate was raised to 90 percent. The rate of acceptance actually dropped two percent due to the increase in first year applications. According to a statistic sheet provided by Jeff Rickey, the

dean of admissions and financial aid, there were about 270 more applications for Fall 2010 than for 2009 with a total enrollment of 341 freshman students. Out of the 341, 21 percent are multicultural students from the U.S., 18 percent are international students only 6 percent are Quakers. Thirteen percent are related to various alumnae.

One of the reasons why Matthew Foster decided to come to Earlham was because of his stepfather, who is an Earlham alumni. "That, along with the extremely personal admissions process, helped me make my choice," says Matt. "I felt as though I was in good hands when I spoke with the admissions staff, specifically Wendy Seligman."

According to Jeff, there are three reasons as to why Earlham has gotten more attention.

As of Fall 2010, Earlham has removed the application fee formerly needed to apply to the school — a form of financial assistance that might be appealing considering the recession. Earlham also paid for the flights of 100 attractive candidates from across the nation so that they could spend time on campus before making a decision.

Admissions was fairly selective in determining who would be provided a ticket, since this was the first time they had

directly sought out prospective students to visit the campus. Out of the 100 students that came, 37 felt that Earlham was the right choice.

The most effective method of attracting new students, according to Rickey, was the implementation of a new electronic customer relationship management (CRM) system. This database was provided by Hobsons Connect, a company that produces technology designed to help higher-learning institutions manage student enrollment.

As of last summer, prospective students were provided with their own custom web pages through this CRM. Parts of these personalized web pages are static while some information is constantly updated. Based off the student's interests, this program will generate a detailed web page that the student may access to see how they may blend with what Earlham has to offer. While there are automated messages sent to the students, there are many different customized notes, such as a personal application checklist.

Rather than relying on parental communication for student-college interaction, prospective students will be able to use this program to find out about off campus interview locations or college receptions.

COMMUNITY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2010

SECTION B

Hidden treasure unburied in Richmond



Photo by Tyler Cobb

Mary Ann Davis stands next to a favorite exhibit. She is a contributing artist from Indianapolis whose work is frequently exhibited in the Richmond Art Museum.

By Camilla Fulvi

Staff reporter

With its four galleries and three permanent staff, the Richmond Art Museum (RAM) could be called small. But that would definitely do it an injustice. A more accurate description would be to say that the RAM has a very big Napoleon complex. What it lacks in size, it makes up for in quality educational programs and loyalty to local artists.

Shaun Dingwerth, the executive director of the Richmond Art Museum, is quick to tell you the motto the museum uses: "if you

can teach students about war, you can teach them about beauty." And how could the only public high school housing its own independent art museum not care about art education?

"One of our missions is to help supplement the art curriculum in the school...education is that running stream throughout everything we try to do," Dingwerth said.

Clearly, the museum holds true to its word; three sets of doors lead straight from the high school into the museum, through which students learning about art, history and even literature come to see the exhibits with

their teachers and even talk to local artists.

But RAM is so much more than a place to look at art; for students of all ages it can be a place where they can actively participate. Every year, RAM offers programs for students. One such program, called "Art is..." allows thousands of students throughout the community to take part in various art projects, focusing on a different culture each year.

"The concept is," Dingwerth said, "that when they start kindergarten, by third grade they will have experienced four different cultures." Along

with "Art is..." are programs specifically for high school students, such as the Phantoscope High School Film Festival, where students can submit original and independent films to be shown to the community.

RAM has a heightened focus on covering living local artists. "One of the wonderful things about the RAM is that they support the current day artists," said Mary Ann Davis, a local artist whose work has been showcased in RAM.

Promoting local artists is a high priority for RAM.

"We're a museum that really gives local and regional artists an

opportunity to really exhibit their work," Dingwerth says.

In addition to volunteering with its educational programs and through internships, Earlham students can be involved with RAM by entering its annual art competition, which is the oldest juried one in Indiana.

Dingwerth sent the message to Earlham Students: "We're so close [to Earlham's campus] and we're constantly changing; we do seven different expeditions a year, and we're free...so, come and explore us!"

Freshman ventures to Farm Day for first time

By Alec Henriksen

Staff reporter

If you're willing to catch a 10 a.m. shuttle on Saturday for Farm Day, an event to visit Miller Farm, I absolutely suggest going. Farm Day is a weekly improve-the-farm get-together at the residence and community a couple miles south of Earlham. Incentive: incredible food is provided.

Multiple projects were planned on the morning I headed out to Farm Day. One group delicately prepared a meal, another created a Farm flag, some worked on a root cellar for storing veggies and others worked on a new compost bin. We all met, picked a project and got to know the people we were working with.

While my group was working on building a manure compost bin out of old wooden crates, everyone laughed and listened to some talented banjo music provided by freshmen Hendrix Berry and Sam Fordyce. Even though I had forgotten more than a few names since we all introduced ourselves in the morning, jokes and smiles spread fast and easy in such an Earlham-esque setting. Everybody seemed happy regardless of the cloudy skies.

The community at Miller Farm

is like a strange, open hybrid family of residents and regular visitors. Upon approaching and entering the residence, you sense a total polarization from the on-campus residences. The walls of the place are draped with old photos of alumni and friends, some doing rather ridiculous things without much clothing. It's obvious that this place hasn't ever been boring. The Farm's cats, called "permanent residents" are very playful and add a homely aspect to the property.

Abey Mountjoy-Venning, a freshman, has visited basically every Farm event to date. She tells me "I really like the whole idea of it, and the whole culture sort of... Miller Farm it's... so much more of a personal feeling, I feel like it's good for me mentally."

Earlham purchased the farm in 1964 and since then its evolution has been so vast and obscure that some people have tried documenting it. I was given a 16-page essay by Sharon Scott, written sometime ago, covering all the aspects of the farm, and things have drastically changed since the essay was written. A lot of students have moved through the Farm and everybody seems to have left a piece of him or herself. The atmosphere the residents have developed

is, in a very simple sense, open and inviting, and this was subtly expressed throughout my Farm Day experience on Saturday. It's incredible that this place has managed to retain a culture like this, still sincere for generations.

Carmen Black, who was working on the flag inside until I interrupted, happily led me around the farm areas unloading a lot of information on me. She's been living there for two years and evidently loves it.

There are some really interesting things to see. Many structures, including a tree house, a greenhouse, and an adobe were built by students. These projects have style and are made to be environmentally friendly. The greenhouse is made of old tires and the adobe is covered with art.

The students that live on the Farm care about the Farm, it's theirs.

Black overwhelmed me with planned additions and recently finished ones, including a newly fenced chicken coop, a new root cellar and a new solar-powered water heater.

After all the work, which lasted maybe two hours, the group of about 20 met on the front lawn to eat one of the best meals I've had in Richmond, which was delicately prepared



Photo by Yaro Zabavskiy

Seniors Sofia Wolman and Heidi Richter with Rachel Warriner cook food for the Farm Day lunch.

by student cooks who I can assume have experience in the culinary arts. The quality of the meal might have come from its organic nature, or because of the physical labor I had taken part in before eating, but let's just say eating at Saga afterwards was unsatisfying.

Farm day happens every week and they encourage anyone and everyone to come. It's a great time to meet new friends and chat with familiar faces. The farm residents will start hosting

workshops on sustainable living, healthy eating, and good habits in general on campus. You'll see them advertise their events near Runyan soon, so keep an eye out. They also have agricultural meetings Wednesdays at 10 p.m. in the Leeds gallery that you're invited to. "Our mission is much broader than farming," Black told me. We're trying to promote sustainable agricultural and local food both at Earlham and in Richmond."

Voices on the Heart

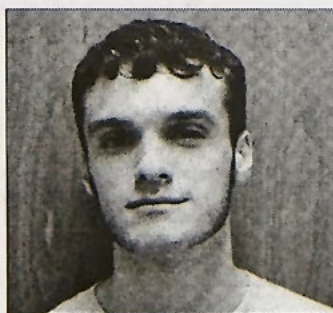
Compiled by Will Gold and Eli Richman

This "Voices on the Heart" asks students, "Do you have any moral objections to either the mosque being built near Ground Zero or people's protests of that event?"



"I think people's reactions to it are the sort of fanatic hatred very similar to what we saw in the 1930's in Germany."

MICHAEL GOTTLIEB
SOPHOMORE



"I think it would be really helpful in the healing process to allow a mosque to be built there, to allow for some sort of harmonious get together."

ERIC SCHNITTER
JUNIOR



"I feel that it's a lot of just overassociation between the terrorists and Islam in general and I feel that if they want to build it there, they have the absolute right to."

TORI BANEY
FRESHMAN



"I think it's fine for the mosque to be there and people should be more welcoming and accepting of Muslim people in the United States even after 9/11."

SIMON CONRAD
FRESHMAN



"Well, I don't have any moral objections to the mosque being built there. I do think the reactions of some people had negative connotations and were very inappropriate."

MARK CHRISTIANSEN
SOPHOMORE

CORRECTION: In last week's "Voices on the Heart," the Word mistakenly ran the same quote twice, for different people. The quote attributed to Diana Ainembabazi should have been: "It has modified the way people reason towards different issues such as nationality and discrimination." The Word regrets the error.

Dialogue on alcohol policy continues



A student participates in the Earlham tradition of the Hash. The Hash, which was founded at Earlham in 1989, has long been a subject of conflict between Campus Safety and Security and Earlham students. The college, technically a dry campus has openly spoken against the Hash and committed Hashers continue to carry on the tradition almost every weekend.

Photo from the Word archives

By Aaron Field Simmons

Staff Writer

Recently, as many of you may have noticed, the debate on alcohol at Earlham has been heating up. As it is the beginning of the year there have been the usual back to school parties which at times have gotten out of hand. The first thing that is different about this year is the number of complaints that have been received by Res Life over the past couple weekends. Unfortunately these have mainly come from community members around the Earlham campus.

The second thing that is different is the response by Res Life. This week Res Life has been stepping up their game. All houses on campus received a letter (somewhat kindly written) that stated "Further, it is important to remember that parties and other events must be registered in accordance with the College House Manual... Please note, an event is any gathering or activity where more than 10 individuals not officially residing in the specific house are present in the house and/or on the grounds designated to the house."

If a house of 10 people each has a friend over, they are in violation of house policy and can have as punishment "fines, community service, and other sanctions including disbandment of the house if deemed appropriate."

What I find at fault with this policy is that if I want to have a dinner party with 10 of my friends, in my house, I am in violation of this rule and can face fines. That is not fair and this rule, in my mind, should be more specifically targeted. I don't want to have to register an event every time my friends

stop by on my porch to hang out for a little while. I recommend a revision of this rule that is less vague. We have houses of 13 people on campus and this rule seems out of date in relationship to the living spaces provided by Res Life.

The most infuriating thing I have heard recently about Res Life, as precluding to alcohol policy, is their invasion of the privacy of the residents of Reece House. Without warning this week during class time, while no residents of the house were around, Res Life went into each room of the house and recorded everything they found that violated school policy. Res Life does have the ability to do this under the legal housing agreement that we sign at the beginning of each year, but the fact that the residents of this house were not warned in advance is just simply rude. If you wish us to act like adults then treat us as such, do not go snooping around like spies.

My final problem that has recently been annoying to me is how our alcohol policy affects those who are legally allowed to drink. I am twenty-one, I am legally allowed to drink alcohol and purchase it. I do not drink to get drunk. If I want to have a glass of wine or a beer with dinner I cannot. I have to get someone to drive me to a bar and drink there. There seems to me to be a disconnect with our concept of community by forcing those who can drink legally off campus to bars, and thus potentially endangering them on their return trip home. Obviously we should have designated drivers, but as many of the faculty and staff know, this doesn't always work out. It seems to me more dangerous to force us out of the community to

drink, rather than to allow us to do it responsibly in a space that is safe.

I understand that as a part of the Earlham community I am supposed to follow the spirit of our community. But community is not about exclusion, and pushing me out of my home because I want to enjoy a little alcohol while I eat my dinner does not fit in my conception of community. I am pretty sure that most of the faculty enjoy beer and wine in their homes, why can't I enjoy one in mine?

In conclusion, I believe that we must seriously reevaluate our conception of what it means to be a community, in regards to alcohol and the ways in which we treat each other. I am not condoning the actions of those who have caused the complaints of the community around us. It is not appropriate to interfere into the lives of others at two in, the morning by being loud outside and inside our houses. I would ask all students to show a little more respect towards our community; if you want the policies at Earlham to change, then we need to show the administration that we can behave like adults. In response to the administrations actions I would ask that you show us as students a little more respect before you invade our living spaces.

Student Government is holding an all student forum this coming Sunday to discuss the alcohol policy. I hope that all concerned members of our community join us in the discussion. I did not mean to offend anyone and I hope we can engage this debate with a good understanding of everyone's concerns.

The Last Word

On Friday, Sept. 10, Andrea Fernandez and Jerrod Hodge, Assistant Directors for Residence Life, distributed this letter to the residents of all college owned houses:

"We are taking this opportunity to share some thoughts and concerns regarding the past few weeks. At Earlham, we place great importance on community, and being responsible members of both the campus and larger Richmond communities.

Over the last two weekends, we have had numerous complaints from faculty, neighbors and the community pertaining to noise, late night events (parties) and a general lack of respect and consideration for the community. These behaviors should deeply concern all of us, as they undermine the principles that lead us and to which we aspire. As stated in Principles and Practices, "Earlham is an educational community, informed by the distinctive perspectives and values of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), and aimed at providing the highest quality undergraduate education in the liberal arts and sciences. We strive to be a community of mutual support, responsibility and accountability."

At Earlham College we expect our students to be positive members of our local community. We value the strong and positive relationship we have with our neighbors and the larger Richmond community, one which helps contribute to the experience of all students. Accordingly, when we become aware of issues of concern we seek to address them promptly and appropriately.

While the behaviors documented in the numerous complaints do not reflect the actions of all house residents, we would be amiss to not address everyone. For those students who have not participated in these actions and are contributing positively to the local community, it is important to realize that the actions of your peers have negatively impacted community views of you as well. This is unfortunate, but something that we hope will encourage dialog among peers regarding responsible behaviors.

We are reminding you of the local Richmond noise ordinance, which can be found online at http://richmondindiana.gov/component/option,com_deeppockets/task,catShow/id,1048/Itemid,131/.

The ordinance states under specific prohibitions:

"(6) No person shall participate in any party or gathering between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. giving rise to noise that is plainly audible beyond the sound source's property boundaries or through walls common to two or more dwelling units within a building."

Further, it is important to remember that parties and other events must be registered in accordance with the College House Manual. Additionally, house residents should review the College's "Student Social Event Policy" found online at <http://www.earlham.edu/policies/social-event.html> and complete the form for a Social Event. Please note, an event is any gathering or activity where more than 10 individuals not officially residing in the specific house are present in the house and/or on the grounds designated to the house.

Please remember that should we become aware of community concerns regarding unregistered events or parties (or registered events that exceed the scope of their registration); the house will be sanctioned appropriately. This can include fines, community service and other sanctions including the disbandment of the house if deemed so appropriate.

If you have questions or concerns, please have your house convener schedule a time to visit with us."

-Anna

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Corn causes chaos by Bundy

By Katie Styer

Guest Writer

Sunday morning. The wind rustled the leaves and carried the enticing scent of recent rain as the sun sparkled over a pile of...corn? Yes, amidst this natural splendor lay about a cup of yellow corn strewn on the sidewalk in front of Bundy. And don't even get me started on the smashed eggs, the bicycle thrown in the bushes, the bottle of Dove body wash peeking coyly around a rock, or the disemboweled watermelon by Barrett. I wondered if I had stumbled onto the set of

a Surrealist film. Things were out of control, even by Earlham standards.

Not much bothers me. As long as the sun continues to rise in the East and Saga serves potato triangles at least once a week, I will remain docile. And so it has been for the past three years. But something about the corn really riled me up. I resented its silent presence. I did not want to observe how it desiccated over the course of the day. And I certainly did not want to let this incident slip away in the face of more pressing debates, such as whether or not Justin Bieber has reached puberty yet.

As I look out the window at the corn, now glittering serenely in the light of a lamppost, questions continue to haunt me. Why corn? Why were Bundy and Barrett the chosen sites of these dubious offerings? Can these incidents be linked to the recent measures Security has taken to curb partying, thus resulting in roaming bands of drunken food enthusiasts? I will leave others to ponder and postulate about this. But if corn is a harbinger of things to come, then I shudder to think what will grace our sidewalks by the end of the semester.



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Councilman speaks out on HRC debate

By Phil Quinn

Guest Writer

Reading the September 14th article of the Palladium Item titled "Human Rights Debate Returns," I was saddened. This headline will sell newspapers, but I hope that casual observers and headline only "reactionists" understand that the Human Rights Commission (HRC) isn't being unfairly singled out for cuts. The city is simply out of money and the HRC is among a list of cost cutting measures I would like to propose at our next meeting Monday, Sept. 20, at 7:30 p.m.

Discrimination does still happen in our community but with a sagging economy, caps on property taxes and a shrinking tax base in Richmond, we've spread ourselves too thin to be truly effective in services that affect all citizens, demographics and lifestyles.

This summer I served on the Finance Committee, which prepares the upcoming budget, and we began with requests from city departments. We looked at past history, what revenue we could anticipate and then built the budget on those assumptions. In order to balance the 2011 budget, we needed to slash over \$716,000. These cuts were in several city departments and some cuts were immediate, happening this year instead of waiting until Jan. 1.

In fact, there are now 36 fewer employees than at this same time in 2004. That's over \$1 million in savings and it's still not enough. We need to rebuild our reserve cash so any unexpected expense doesn't throw us into the red.

The Finance Committee also looked at the employee health benefits package. This line item tips the scales at a hefty \$6 million annually. That is close to one-third of the city's operating budget. Any savings might keep us in the black for good, but discussions are ongoing with the Insurance Committee representing the unions and employees of several departments.

Therefore, the proposal I plan to bring Monday night is necessary, but is a last resort. And these cuts are strictly financial. I will not vote to expunge the ordinances that established the Human Rights Commission.

In Virginia, there is a State funded Human Rights Office. Probably with a huge case load and it could be challenging for someone in Richmond to submit a complaint electronically, travel to Indianapolis to testify and then be at the mercy of an overcrowded system. But either we find another way of funding this office locally or we should lobby the State to create regional offices so access to this office is fair and close for all Hoosiers. And we shouldn't temporarily fund the local office while we

create this effort. We need to cut now.

When the Richmond Human Rights Commission was established, Common Council only gave it the authority to prosecute race discrimination and housing issues. Age and sexual orientation discrimination are not in the local ordinances, so what do these people have to do to be heard? And HRC has jurisdiction only in the city limits.

I hope providing these facts will provoke a longer conversation. We need neighborhood gatherings, town hall meetings and joint public sessions with county & city officials.

"Can we offer better government services without increasing sales, income or property taxes?" Let's engage non-profit organizations like Earlham, Reid Hospital and Friends Fellowship and ask for their financial help. "Can they lead the way others have in the state?" Similar groups have given millions to their home cities as a payment in lieu of taxes or user fee for city services.

Your attendance Monday night is encouraged.

Keep the conversation going:
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Cheers & Sneers

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

SNEER: noun, a contemptuous or scornful remark.

CHEERS to:

- Hot freshmen!
- All the good TV shows coming on next week
- Dave Goldenberg, for being the best best friend in the whole wide world
- Growin' the balls to make a move
- SLAUGHTERHOUSE 2!!! Love you guys
- Julie May's mid-class calisthenics sessions
- Rosa, for not leaving the Word office even after she was fired twice
- Housemates who walk to Marsh at 10 on a Monday night to get supplies for root beer floats

SNEERS to:

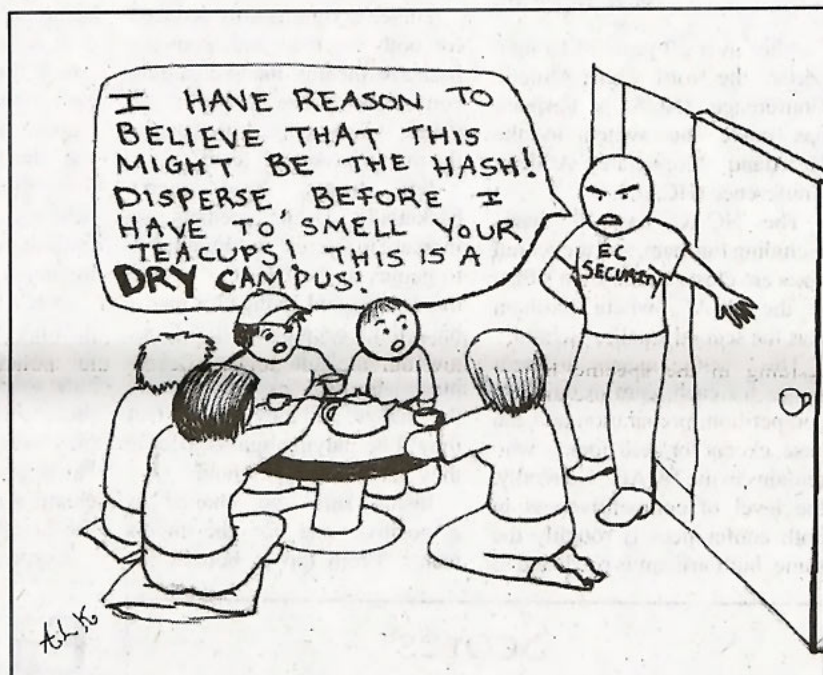
- Housemates who don't do their dishes
- Having absolutely no privacy at all
- *Needing* no privacy at all
- Boyfriends who spend all their time in Bundy
- Classmates in lit classes saying, "I don't like it." Unless you can give a thoughtful critique of why you don't like it, no one cares.
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SECTION D

Earlham hosts six in frisbee tournament



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Senior Adrienne Deshaies passes around a Denison defender during the frisbee game on Saturday. Earlham lost 10-12. The game was part of a tournament held at Earlham. In addition to three Earlham teams, teams from six other schools participated.

New conference brings fresh challenges to EC

By Cheyenne Stewart
Staff reporter

After over 20 years of being a part of the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC), Earlham has made the switch to the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC).

The HCAC has 10 teams including Earlham, and the school sizes are closer to Earlham's than in the NCAC, where Earlham was the second smallest school.

This change means different things for each team in terms of competition, preparation and fan base, except for field hockey who remains in the NCAC. Generally, the level of competitiveness in both conferences is roughly the same, but Earlham is predicted to

be slightly more competitive in the HCAC.

Travel is significantly reduced for both the men and women's basketball teams due to changing conferences. The majority of games will be played in-state for the men's basketball team.

Jeff Justus, head men's basketball coach, predicts an increase in interest and attendance to games in the HCAC. "I think that it is a good change for men's basketball because most of our players are from Indiana... Our players are very excited to make the change, and they like the fact they'll be playing against people they played in high school."

Justus said the change is a positive one for the men's team. "From top to bottom the

competition is more balanced in the Heartland Conference," Justus said.

Steve Sakosits, head baseball coach, is also excited about more enthusiastic fans due to closer games. In the NCAC, Wabash was the only Indiana team the baseball team played. Sakosits believes that playing more Indiana teams will help recruit Indiana players to Earlham.

The HCAC brings other positive changes for the team: "In the old conference we weren't able to play everybody, and in this conference we will be able to play every team," said Sakosits. He believes that this factor will create a more rewarding season for the players.

Conference play for women's

soccer begins on October 2, and they are playing hard in their out-of-conference games to prepare.

"This out-of-conference schedule is the hardest it's ever been," said Jocelyn Keller, head women's soccer coach, adding, "We're really focusing on one game at a time, and we're excited to make an impact in conference."

As far as competition goes, Keller said, "I think the top teams in the Heartland Conference are as good as any teams in the nation."

Liana Coutts, head women's basketball coach and wellness associate, noted that this is a time of adjustment for everyone, but it does not mean a large change in competition for the women's

basketball team. She stressed that the success of their season would be determined by the team rather than the conference, and time will reveal whether the change in conference will be particularly advantageous for the team.

There are nine other teams in the conference, and all are relatively close compared to the distance traveled in the NCAC. The schools include Anderson University, Bluffton University, Defiance College, Franklin College, Hanover College, Manchester College, College of Mount St. Joseph, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and Transylvania University.

Scores



Men's soccer
at Wabash 2-3, L
at Denison 2-0, W
Women's soccer
at Carnegie Mellon 0-1, L
vs. Johns Hopkins 0-6, L



Volleyball
at Baldwin-Wallace 0-3, L (25-15,
25-20, 25-18)
vs. Oberlin 2-3, L (22-25, 12-25,
25-22, 25-20, 15-10)



Football at Denison 20-34, L



Field hockey
vs. Oberlin 1-5, L



Women's Tennis
vs. Defiance 9-0, W
at Rose-Hulman 3-6, L

Earlham stomps Defiance 9-0



Photo by Alex Softness

Senior Rebecca Ogle prepares to hit the ball as part of the women's tennis team. Last weekend the women's tennis team played two matches: one against Defiance, and one at Rose-Hulman.

Upcoming games

TODAY

Men's cross country at Indiana Intercollegiates,
3:30 p.m.
Women's cross country at Indiana Intercollegiates,
3:30 p.m.
Field Hockey vs. Denison University, 4:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Women's tennis vs. Franklin College, noon
Women's volleyball at Central State University, 1 p.m.
Football at Manchester College, 1:30 p.m.
Women's soccer vs. Albion College, 2 p.m.
Women's tennis at Anderson University, 2 p.m.
Men's soccer vs. Mount Union College, 5 p.m.

SUNDAY

Men's soccer at Wittenberg University, 4:30 p.m.

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