

Faculty Not Ready to Make Decision On Calendar Reform

by Matt Koenig
Contributing Editor

Earlham's faculty again found itself unready to make a binding decision on the proposed switch to semesters during the Wednesday Faculty Meeting in Stout Meetinghouse.

The faculty has been asked to make a decision whether to move forward on modeling a semester calendar beginning in 1997, but this decision requires consensus within the meeting.

As was the case two weeks ago, the hour and a half discussion focused almost entirely on the proposed January term, a four week term during the Winter break. Faculty members again raised concerns about the need to clarify whether or not the term would be optional for professors and students.

Others were concerned that students would not be interested in taking classes during the Winter break. Also, because many of the ongoing activities would stop during the January term, some faculty members were concerned that stu-

dents would not have constructive ways with which to fill free time.

The idea was again brought up that a short term would be more profitable in the early or late summer.

Toward the end of the meeting, several faculty members, sensing a general positive sentiment toward semesters, expressed the desire to approve the framework of the proposal and iron out more specific details over the course of the year.

Others did not feel ready to approve the proposal without more specific planning and preparation. Because of the obvious lack of consensus, the meeting was brought to a close with the traditional moment of silence.

The faculty will continue its discussion of the calendar proposal at their next meeting on this coming Wednesday. If they do approve the proposal, a calendar committee will be formed to create a detailed plan for the new semester system.

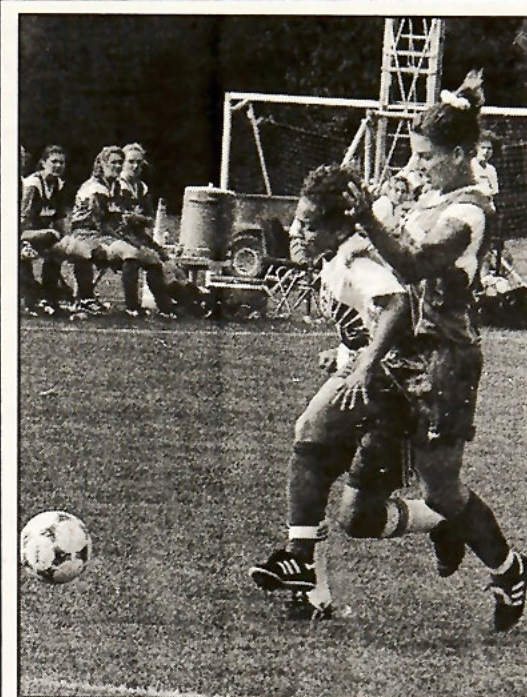


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Junior Brandy Wells holds off a defender as she vies for the ball. The women's soccer team won two games out of three this week. See page eight.

Board of Trustees Discusses Changing Face of Earlham

by Daniel Holt
Contributing Editor

Pressing issues such as campus renovations, declining enrollment, and the Earlham budget were given a forum for discussion during the full day meeting of the Board of Trustees on Friday, Oct. 14. The promotions of various faculty members was also discussed.

The first subject for discussion was the proposed renovation of Bundy Hall. The Board of Trustees supported financing the project by using tax exempt bonds of \$3.6 million. They reviewed the renovation work that would begin next summer including modernizing kitchens and dining areas, centralizing bathrooms, and increasing the number of single rooms.

The renovation project and the plan to rewire campus buildings for networking fiber optics will cost \$4.2 million. It was decided that \$600,000 of this amount would come out of summer capital projects for the upcoming two years. Repayment of the bonds with interest will be facilitated by adding a \$210 fee to all students' tuition. Plans were also made to raise funds for the project by contacting alumni, especially those that lived in Bundy as undergraduates.

The Board approved the promotion of Mary Garman and Kathy Taylor to the positions of Associate Professors, and the promotion of

Kathy Milar, John Newman, and Brent Smith to Full Professorships.

The Trustees discussed the recent problems with student enrollment. Most members said that they had confidence in plans to improve the campaign to attract prospectives. The turnover in Admissions staff was also discussed. One member stressed the importance of having well-paid Admissions employees who can "sell" the college, considering the competitive market Earlham is operating in. President Dick Wood told the Board that measures are being taken to increase compensation for capable Admissions staff to encourage employees to stay long term.

The Board was informed that at its February meeting it will receive a proposal to form a Marketing Committee of the Board. This committee will work to make the case for Earlham to prospectives more persuasively stressing what is unique about an education at Earlham. Some Board members stressed the importance of working with alumni in the recruitment process.

A report on Earlham School of Religion (ESR) was given by Andy Grannell. He said that the relationship with Bethany Seminary was going well and that ESR is revising its mission statement.

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New Library System Intact

by Coppelie Liebenthal
Contributing Editor

When trying to find something at the library, students might have run across some difficulties with the computer catalog. Suddenly, there are so many more options and listings that it is easy to see how one can become confused.

This new system for Earlham was installed during this summer, and is known as the Private Academic Libraries of Indiana Network (PALNI). It is made up of 25 private colleges and seminaries from all over Indiana.

This system was started in 1992 when the directors and staff in the various 25 private colleges and seminaries met and decided to plan the creation of PALNI which is considered much more integrated because there are many possibilities which can be added to it.

The new system will have a listing of all the books offered in the library's collection plus the holdings from the other 24 members of PALNI. Also, the new system offers extra options including additional search modes which will allow for browsing in the catalog and an over-arching keyword index that will index all parts of a record, which will make it possible to search for the author and publisher as well as the contents and descriptive notes in a book. More additions in PALNI are planned for the future.

Earlham has switched to this new system
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Crime Beat

Daniel Holt
Contributing Editor

On Monday, October 17, at 6:00 p.m., Security received a call from someone in the Fieldhouse requesting medical assistance. An officer assisted in making arrangements to transport the student to Reid Hospital.

On Monday, Oct. 17, at 6:30 p.m., Security received a call about a suspicious odor of marijuana on the first floor of Hoerner. An officer responded and was unable to detect any such odor.

On Monday, Oct. 17, a student phoned Security to report that two of their course books had been stolen from the west study lounge in Hoerner between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Oct. 12. The estimated loss is \$40.

On Monday, Oct. 17, at 11:00 a.m., Security received a report that two exit lights were missing from the first floor of Bundy.

On Tuesday, Oct. 18, at 2:45 p.m., Security received a call regarding an automobile accident on the road between Carpenter and Earlham Cemetery. The car, which was driven by a student, had left the pavement and hit a tree. Security responded and arranged to have the student trans-

ported to the hospital.

On Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 12:35 a.m., a Security officer noticed that a screen on the second floor of Hoerner was torn. A work order was placed.

On Wednesday, Oct. 19, Security was informed that someone was living in the Barrett smoking lounge. The case was referred to the Area director and the Dean for Residential Life.

On Thursday, Oct. 20, at 12:40 a.m., Security was doing a routine check of Barrett and noticed that the glass in the west lobby door was shattered. A work order was placed with Maintenance.

On Thursday, Oct. 20, at 2:00 a.m., Security was called about a fire in a trash can in Bundy Hall. The trash can was in the north first floor men's restroom. Arson was suspected. An investigation is underway.

On Thursday, Oct. 20, at 8:30 p.m., Security was called to Bundy regarding an active smoke alarm. When the officer arrived, he detected an odor of burnt black powder. He found exploded and unexploded firecrackers in the basement area.

The case was referred to the area director.

On Friday, Oct. 21, at 11:30 p.m., a Security officer heard fireworks going off on the east side of Bundy. It was discovered that people were shooting off bottle rockets. The officer responded with the area director and found empty bottle rockets on the third floor fire escape.

On Saturday, Oct. 22, at 1:30 a.m., Security responded to a loud noise complaint about Woodman House. When the officer responded, he discovered a lot of beer cans and two kegs of beer. The incident was referred to the Dean of Student Development.

On Saturday, Oct. 22, at 4:20 a.m., Security was contacted about a disorderly female in front of Earlham Hall. Security responded and spoke with the student.

On Saturday, Oct. 22, at 4:21 a.m., Security was called about fireworks being set off in the north stairwell of Bundy. An officer responded with the area director and found bottle rockets in the second floor north stairwell.

On Saturday, Oct. 22, at

6:30 a.m., Security received a call from the area director of Bundy that the glass in one of the entrance doors had been broken. A work order was placed with maintenance.

On Saturday, Oct. 22, at 9:18 p.m., Security got a call that there were intoxicated people from Richmond in Tazza cafe. The officer responded and asked five non-students to leave.

On Sunday, Oct. 23, at 12:35 a.m., a Security officer noticed some suspicious people near Carpenter. They were identified as students. Moments later, he was dispatched to Hoerner regarding a loud noise complaint. Everything was quiet when he arrived. On his way to Hoerner, he noticed a suspicious car in the Tyler parking lot. He returned to the lot at 1:10 a.m. to check on the vehicle. No one was in the car, but beer cans and bottles were discarded around the car. The owners returned to the car at 1:15 a.m. and drove off. The officer stopped the car on College Avenue, identified the occupants as intoxicated non-students, and advised them to leave

campus.

On Sunday, Oct. 23, at 1:25 a.m., the officer assisted the area director of Bundy Hall in responding to a fireworks complaint. Fireworks were being set off on the first floor north hall. When the area director and officer responded they were unable to locate anyone setting off fireworks. While they were investigating the area around Bundy, they observed a fire extinguisher being thrown out of a third floor window.

On Sunday, Oct. 23, at 10:04 a.m., Security received a report of graffiti in Barrett. A student had hateful messages written on his door. This vandalism is under investigation.

On Sunday, Oct. 23, at 10:20 p.m., Security received a call from the area director of Bundy that the smoke alarm was going off in the lobby. The officer couldn't locate any cause for the alarm to be going off.

On Monday, Oct. 24, at 12:55 a.m., Security responded to a report that people were running up and down the stairs in Carpenter. When he arrived at Carpenter, the officer was unable to locate anyone.

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Recycle for Life

Jell-O Wrestling Splatters Blue Dolphin

by **Geoffrey Betts**
Staff Writer

On Saturday, October 22, the Blue Dolphin hosted an evening of body slams, atomic elbows, and all out pandemonium with its Jell-O Wrestling extravaganza. The contest of champions began at 9:00 and consisted of many random, brave participants who all volunteered to be equally humiliated.

The wrestling matches were one-fall events and they all took place in the elegant and safe surroundings of a plastic baby pool of approximately two and a half foot radius without any padding underneath.

Needless to say, during the matches Jell-O went flying in several different directions and many members of the audience became drenched in bits of the 282 pounds of lime flavored gelatin provided

by Morrison's Food Service for this momentous occasion.

Students that participated in this night of Jell-O flinging fun included Seniors Ben Palmer and Brandon Connerly, Junior Luke Best, and even SAB President Dan Gorenstein.

The matches concluded around 10 p.m. long after the baby pool had been destroyed, the Jell-O was spread out all over the floor, and the wrestlers themselves began to feel sticky in a most unappealing way.

When asked whether or not a tradition of gelatin battling will begin at Earlham, Blue Dolphin member Beth Nohlgren said, "The activity was very successful but we might need to postpone holding another similar event until we can devise a more efficient way of containing the mess."

Art Department Builds New Metal Arts Studio

by **Alexis Fajardo**
Staff Writer

Next term the art department will be offering a course in metalsmithing. A new studio for the class is going to be built on the upper level of Runyan Center during winter break.

The class is being taught by Holly Goekler, an art professor new to Earlham this year and will concentrate on the traditional arts of silversmithing and jewelry making.

The studio is for non-ferrous metals and will include work with copper, bronze, and silver. Several types of procedures taught will be silver soldering and "cold connections"; connecting pieces with pins, tabs, etc. The class will focus on small projects, making nothing larger than 12" by 12".

The class is listed under "Basic Studies: Craft" in the course listings. It will be offered twice a year and is limited to twelve students.

Board of Trustees -from page one-

Melinda Gross, president of Student Government and a student observer at the Trustees' meeting said that she was impressed by the process she observed. "The Board seemed genuinely concerned with the interests of students," she said. Results of surveys conducted by Student Development about Bundy and ideas discussed in Focus Groups were presented. "The Trustee members asked all possible questions about this information. They wanted to make sure they were aware of how students felt," Gross said.

Library Systems -from page one-

because it is more flexible and a good deal for Earlham since the Lilly Foundation is subsidizing it for the first four years on a decreasing basis: 100% for the first year, 75% for the second, 50% for the third, and 25% for the fourth. Then Earlham will begin paying for the system on its own, which will cost the college about \$64,000 annually.

This system may seem confusing at first, but as people gain experience using PALNI it should become easier to use. However, library workers will continue being available to help confused students navigate the new system.

World News Wrap-up

by **Colleen McCormick**
Staff Writer

This article summarizes world events occurring between October 19 and October 25.

•On Wednesday, Oct. 19, a commuter bus was bombed in Tel Aviv, Israel. The militant Muslim group Hamas has claimed responsibility. Twenty-two people were killed and over 40 wounded.

Later Wednesday, an Israeli attack on two villages in southern Lebanon killed seven Lebanese civilians.

On Sunday, Israel arrested dozens of people suspected to have had ties to Hamas.

Lebanese militants fired five volleys of rockets into the Galilee region of Israel on Oct. 21. There were zero injuries.

Hamas announced on Monday that it will launch a terrorist attack during President Clinton's visit to the Middle East to witness the signing of the peace treaty between Israel and Jordan, which is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 26. Hamas says the attacks are revenge for Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's reported orders to assassinate top Hamas leaders.

•A summit between Great Britain's John Major and Albert Reynolds of Ireland was groundbreaking in that it brought the two sides to the negotiating table. The discussion ended in a deadlock, however.

On Oct. 21, Major opened the border between Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic that has been under tight control for 25 years.

Hundreds of Irish police officers raided 50 homes in southern Ireland to try to halt the formation of a new Irish republican militant group.

•Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide nominated Smarch Michel, a businessman, as his Prime Minister. The move is aimed at mollifying conservative and the business community who are opposed to Aristide's return.

On Saturday, the last of 1,000 Bangladeshi soldiers arrived in Haiti to join the multinational forces there.

U.S. Special Forces teams are tracking two small bands of anti-government gunmen through southwestern Haiti.

•On Oct. 24, a bomb exploded at an

election rally in Sri Lanka, killing the opposition presidential candidate, Gamini Dissanayake, and 50 others. The bombing came the day before peace talks with the Tamil Tiger rebel group were to begin. Dissanayake was a critic of the peace talks and the Tamil Tigers are suspected in his death. The government called off the peace talks and postponed the Nov. 9 elections.

•The United States and North Korea signed a landmark treaty on Oct. 21. It normalized relations between the two countries and froze North Korea's current nuclear policy.

•Over 15,000 Burundians have fled to eastern Zaire in the last two weeks to escape clashes between the army and extremist Hutus.

•Continued bombing of Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan, killed 45 people and wounded 150 on Friday, Oct. 21. Renegade Prime Minister Gulbuddin Hekmatyar is trying to oust President Burhanuddin Rabbani.

•Severe flooding of the San Jacinto River in southeast Texas has damaged many towns and caused oil pipes to burst. The oil on the water then caught on fire, spreading devastating fires. The water is now receding and the fires are being contained.

•A ruptured pipeline in the Russian Arctic spilled two million barrels of hot oil into the fragile permafrost. The environmental implications are as yet unknown.

•Fighting resumed between government and opposition in Russia's breakaway Chechnya region, an area of 1.2 million people in the Caucasus mountains.

•On Sunday, Oct. 23, Macedonians reelected President Kiro Gligorov.

•Bosnian government troops attacked UN peacekeepers on Monday, Oct. 24.

•UN helicopters evacuated orphans trapped near the front-line of Liberia's escalating civil war.

•Spain's ruling Socialist Party lost nearly half of its seats in the Basque Parliament. The center-right Popular Party and the United Left coalition gained seats in the Sunday elections.

•Thirty seven people were killed in tribal violence between the Naga and Kali tribes in northeast India on Thursday, Oct. 20.



Kubrik's Talent Shines Through

Review

by Matt Bird
Movie Reviewer

Contrary to the momentum in contemporary criticism, I tend to view the horror genre as being an inherently limited one, with a finite amount of expansion possible. I think the main reason for this is that I cannot imagine a horror film more terrifying than "The Shining."

Stanley Kubrik, director of "2001" and "Dr. Strangelove," had already established himself as one of the world's greatest living directors when he announced his intention to foray into the horror genre with an adaptation of the bestselling Steven King novel. Two

years in the making, the result, released in 1980, is a shocking, deeply effective film that expanded the bounds of its genre and left a permanent mark on the public sub-consciousness.

Jack Nicholson, in a riveting, disturbing performance, portrays Jack Torrance, a stymied novelist who pines for solitude. To find it, he takes a job as winter caretaker of a snowbound resort hotel in Colorado, moving in with his wife Wendy (Shelly Duvall) and their young son Danny (Danny Lloyd). It turns out, however, that Jack's problems are the kind that he cannot run away from and his suppressed violent impulses begin to build up within him.

Meek Wendy adjusts to the new life but Danny, imbued with latent psychic abilities, the titular "shining", is increasingly confronted with visions of spectral figures and gruesome death in the halls of

the Overlook hotel. Jack's impulses soon begin to find resonance with his surroundings as it turns out that the Overlook has its own murderous history.

Demons internal and external eventually turn Jack against his family in a homicidal rage. Trapped in the cavernous hotel isolated by a blizzard, mother and son begin a desperate game of hide and seek. The stage is set for a Freudian confrontation of father vs. son fought to the death.

Debate still stirs about the cinematic value of "The Shining," with some claiming it represents a lapse of social significance for the director, while others laud the film as a complex statement of the themes of madness, fate, and family. More recently, the film has come to be seen by some as a powerful and foresightful metaphor of domestic violence, a concern only on the verge of

expanded recognition at the time of its release.

Regardless, There are few that would deny that Kubrik has fashioned an immensely terrifying film. He meticulously eats away at the viewer's nerves as the suspense builds to a crescendo and explodes into violence. Kubrik uses his mastery at creating single indelible images to maximum horrific effect. The movie is paced so unsettlingly that eventually even the title cards that segment the narrative are nerve shattering. The cumulative is an experience of terror not soon forgotten.

Happy Halloween, folks.

"The Shining" will be shown in Dennis 110 this Friday and Saturday at 7 & 10 and a special Halloween showing on Monday at 10 p.m., with a segment of "Batman and Robin" showing first each time. The price is \$1.50.

The Coming of YAFS

by Matt Bird
Staff Writer

Does this school need yet another film series? Let's hope so, because that's exactly what it's getting. Yet Another Film Series (YAFS) is the brainchild of Junior Johann Kruckemeyer who has pioneered the venture as a spin-off of EFS. YAFS will bring inexpensive films and stress good old fashioned fun over the critical acumen of TOFS or the popular

sensibilities of EFS.

YAFS debuts this week with "The Raven," Roger Corman's low budget but well-regarded 1963 film based loosely on the Edgar Allen Poe poem. The cast includes fallen stars Vincent Price, Boris Karloff, and Peter Lorre as well as a certain rising star named Jack Nicholson. YAFS will show movies on Tuesday nights at 7 & 10 in Dennis 110. The cost is \$1.50. Future YAFS treats will include "Saturday Night Fever" and "Popeye."

SOC Combines Proposals

by Amy Kimball
Contributing Editor

As of last week, four proposals were submitted to Student Organizations Council (SOC) for the \$3700 it was offering for a fun event.

At a meeting on Monday night, SOC decided by consensus to allow two groups to work together and share the money. The Womyn's Center's proposal to bring in female comedians and the Student Activities Board's band

proposal are going to be combined and billed as one event. The show will probably be held during the second term.

A task force of members from each group and a guide from SOC will work together to create the event. Most likely, the show will begin with a woman comedian and end with one band. All decisions on which band and which comedian must be made jointly by the groups on the task force.

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AT THE MOVIES

Earlham Prepares for Music, Dancing, and Festivities

by **Geoffrey Betts**
Staff Writer

This weekend Earlham College is indulging in both the culture of music and wonders of dance by hosting saxophonist Tim Cunningham's jazz concert at 9 p.m. on Friday and Earlham Chamber Musicians' and the Corps du Ballet's production of "Simple Gifts" at 8 p.m. on Saturday.

The jazz concert, which consists of Cunningham and five other backup artists, will take place in Goddard Auditorium with tickets for non-students at eight dollars per adult and five dollars per youth eighteen and under. The tickets are free for students and their parents.

Cunningham is a Michigan State graduate who has appeared all over the nation on the jazz musical circuit and has played with such acclaimed performers as Patti LaBelle, Wynton Marsalis, Freddie Jackson, and many others. In addition, his new CD titled "A Change of Altitude" features Beatrice Berry on vocals.

Friday night's jazz will be well complemented by the following evening's excursion into dance.

The ballet is being performed in Stout Meetinghouse by a group of eleven musicians, directed by William Tortolano, and eight dancers, choreographed by Virginia Dickerson. This is the first time both the

dance and music departments at Earlham have combined since Stravinsky's "The Soldier's Tale" was done a few years ago.

The ballet itself is a modern production of Copland's "Appalachian Spring," which, as Copland describes it, is the story of a, "pioneer celebration of spring in a newly built farmhouse in Pennsylvania in the early 1800's."

Both shows serve as a special attraction for Parent's Weekend. Tickets for Cunningham's jazz concert, which is sponsored by the Student Activities Board, can be reserved at Runyan Center Desk at no cost for students and the ballet is free to all who wish to attend.

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY, OCT. 28

Brown Bag Concert-Alison Acord-Leeds-noon

EFS Film-"Shining"-Dennis 110-7 & 10 pm-\$1.50-see article on page 4 for review

SAB Jazz Concert-Tim Cunningham-Goddard-9 pm-see above article for more information

SATURDAY, OCT. 29

Volleyball vs. Franklin-noon

Field Hockey vs. Wooster-noon

Football vs. Ohio Wesleyan-1:30 pm

EFS Film-"Shining"-Dennis 110-7 & 10 pm-\$1.50-see article on page 4 for review

Appalachian Spring Concert-Meetinghouse-8 pm-see above article for more information

Ska Humbug Concert-Tazza Cafe-9:30 pm

Masquerade Ball-Barrett-10 pm

SUNDAY, OCT. 30

College Meeting for Worship -Nick Block, Earlham Parent and pastor of First Friends Meeting Kokomo-Meetinghouse-11 am

MONDAY, OCT. 31

Happy Halloween!

EFS Film- "The Shining"-Dennis 110-7 & 10 p.m. - \$1.50-See article on page 4 for review

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 2

Resume Writing Workshop-AB Rooms-noon

Artist of the Week: Matthew LaVoie

by **Amy Kimball**
Contributing Editor
Maria D'Angelico
Guest Writer

Out of a sparsely decorated single on the third floor of Earlham Hall, some of the most amazing music can be heard. Sometimes it's eclectic blues guitar, other times it's the rhythmic pounding of a drum from Senegal. It's not coming from a powerful stereo system, but from one of Earlham's most talented student musicians.

Senior Matthew LaVoie has been playing guitar since the seventh grade when he listened to, became interested in and started playing Howling Wolf's blues. His drum has been a more recent addition to his musical knowledge. "It's not serious. It's just something I amuse myself with," said LaVoie.

As a French major, LaVoie spent last year studying in Dakar, Senegal with the GLCA program. Besides learning the language and culture of Senegal, he spent a lot of time playing with musicians. He played with a jazz orchestra and a reggae band, as well as learning the more traditional Senegalese music. "Every time you play with other musicians it broadens your horizons," he said of his experience.

LaVoie is very passionate about his music. "I could talk all night about the music I listen to." His influences

include Miles Davis, Howling Wolf, Ry Cooder, and Buddy Guy. He is also very impressed with Bill Frisell. "'This Land' is the best album in a dozen years," he said.

Besides jazz and blues, world music is also very important to LaVoie. He enjoys a group from Sudan called Abde Gadir Salim All-Stars and the music of a friend from Senegal who made the sadar drum that LaVoie plays.

Today's popular music is not part of LaVoie's collection. "Smashing Pumpkins and Green Day does nothing for me. Pearl Jam should be shot." Overall, his music has very little to do with rock and pop. "I don't think in terms of a three minute song. I think more improvisationally." However, he does see talent in such groups as the Police and the Rolling Stones.

Because he has been away for a year, LaVoie doesn't know of any musicians on campus to play with yet. When he was here, he played with friends in a group called Sweet Mother Nuggets. "Some friends and I used to make fools of ourselves at Breadbox," he said.

Despite his talent, LaVoie feels there is always more to learn, always improvements to be made. "If you think you're done learning, you might as well quit." He is also looking to go on to study ethnomusicology.

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Class of '94 Alum Running for Office

by Sarah Hayes
Staff Writer

On Election Day, Nov. 8, Luke Clippinger, a 1994 graduate of Earlham and current station manager of WECI, will find out if he will be the next Wayne County Township Assessor. If elected to the four year office, Clippinger will be in charge of the general reassessment of property in Wayne Township, which includes most of Richmond. Clippinger's opponent, Republican Michael Statzer, currently holds the office.

Election Day will end four months of door-to-door campaigning for Clippinger, although, if he is elected, he plans to be out among the people of Richmond as often as he is in his office in the County Courthouse. It is important to Clippinger that people understand what an assessor does and how the assessment of property affects them, mainly in the amount of property taxes they have to pay.

Clippinger said, "The office has to move out of the Courthouse and move to the people. The assessor has to give people an idea of what to expect."

Although Clippinger does not have experience as an assessor, he mentioned that the General Reassessment is based on a formula that the state mandates and he said, "It is very difficult to change the laws of mathematics." What Clippinger sees as assets in the office would be the ability to run an office efficiently and the ability to work with people, skills that Clippinger feels he has obtained as the station manager of WECI and in working with the Wayne County Democrats.

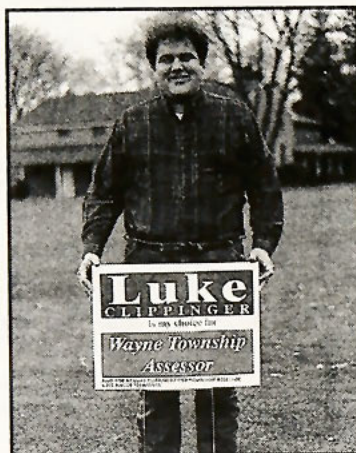


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Luke Clippinger

Clippinger and fellow Democratic candidates have the challenge of running against a party which has perennially held the offices in the county, but Clippinger is optimistic that, if enough people go to the polls, he and his fellow candidates could see some positive results. "260 people are registered to vote at Earlham. If we got 90 percent to vote, we could swing some of their offices," he said.

Until Election Day comes in a week and a half, Clippinger will continue walking throughout Richmond, knowing that, win or lose, running for office has been a learning experience. Clippinger said, "The whole campaign has been eye opening. I've been pleased by the receptiveness to somebody who is not from Richmond." Clippinger added that, even if he loses, he will have 5,500 new references to put on his resume.

Clippinger hopes that his willingness to run as a Democrat in Richmond will encourage others to do the same, because he said, "democracy is helped by peaceful conflicts of ideas and people."

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Senatorial Candidate Jim Jontz Visits Campus

by Martin Kifer
Guest Writer

Tuesday was a busy day for former U.S. Senatorial Candidate Jim Jontz. The former three-time U.S. Representative brought his message to Wayne County and Earlham in his red Chevy truck, which, he is proud to say, has traveled more in Indiana in the last six months than Dick Lugar has in six years.

Wayne County Township Assessor Candidate Luke Clippinger had gone to great lengths to ensure that Jontz's message was heard by arranging visits to classes, an interview, and even a brief contact with President Dick Wood.

Some Earlhamites may remember Jontz as a representative of the Citizen's Trade Campaign for which he visited Earlham to talk about the projected environmental and human rights impact of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Jontz is a devout environmentalist whose voting record has always won him support from environmental groups.

Fresh from a debate with his opponent, incumbent Senator Dick Lugar, the night before, Jontz started his day with a visit to Bob Johnstone's Political Parties and Elections Class. There he spoke briefly about his own candidacy as well as fielding questions from the class. Among other issues, he discussed the need for meaningful campaign finance reform and attacked Dick Lugar's record in Indiana.

From there it was off to the Earlham Word Office. Some excerpts from the interview follow:

On his prospects in the last two weeks of the race (Jontz has been running well behind Lugar in the polls): "We expect to narrow the gap and depending on the kind of resources we have in the next 14 days, its definitely within our grasp to achieve an upset. People are not making up

their mind and I think that is a consequence of their reticence about Dick Lugar. He has been in three terms; Indiana has never elected anyone to a fourth term in the U.S. Senate. He has certainly gotten his message out, but people are not convinced and I think that is a good sign for us."

On the Clinton Administration: "The fact is on a lot of issues I agree with the president and on others I do not. I am going to run the campaign on where Jim Jontz stands and we will make it clear to people that I want to work with the Administration to take on issues that face the country. But I am going to exercise independent judgment as a senator from our state."

On education and President Clinton's Americorps project: "I am convinced the program is off to a good start. There are a whole host of community service projects that these young people are doing. The other important component of this program is that these young people are earning money for college tuition to get education through their participation. I do not know why Dick Lugar voted against Americorps. How could someone vote against this modest investment in our communities? Especially because it is going to make it possible for young people to get an education that they could not otherwise. I just think he is not tuned in to what is happening to young people. He does not understand the problems that face young people who need education to get a better job, to meet the needs of full participation in today's society."

On Student Aid in general: "We need to be making a much bigger investment in Student Aid. Finances are a major barrier to young people getting post secondary education and older people getting post secondary education. It is about the best investment we can make as taxpayers. The investment will be

repaid many times. This is a major problem for families. We are short sighted not to make sure that every young person in our state who can benefit from postsecondary education gets one."

On Provisions of the 1994 Crime Bill, including the Violence against Women Act:

"I think that there is a potential for some real help to communities as a consequence of the Crime Bill. Just one example, \$1.6 billion in that Crime Bill for dealing with the issue of domestic violence. This is the biggest piece of legislation that Congress has ever passed to address the problem of domestic violence. It helps the shelters, helps the prosecutors, helps the law enforcement officers. This Bill recognizes the magnitude of the domestic violence problem in this country."

"Getting police officers out in neighborhoods, developing relationships between police officers and the community is widely recognized as an effective way of preventing crime. This legislation could mean as many as 2,200 new police officers in Indiana for community policing. This legislation is not going to solve the crime problem, but I think it is going to help communities and we will learn where the resources can be most effectively used."

On the Wayne Township Assessor's Race: "I think I'd still have to go with Luke." Now that's a ringing endorsement.

From the Word office, it was out to Hagerstown for a lunch with Democratic candidates for state and county offices including an appearance by the candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives in this district, Joe Hogsett. Jontz returned to Earlham campus for an Introduction to American Politics class and quick conversation with Dick Wood which included more talk about the state of federal financial assistance for students.

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Football Team Beats Wooster 24-12 for First Road Win

by Derick Bright
Contributing Editor

Beating North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) opponent Wooster, 24-12, on the road was a big win for EC, considering that it was the first time the Quakers have won off of their home turf this season. Also, for Earlham it meant that it was off to its best start in 24 years. Not since 1970 has an EC football squad won five of its first seven games.

Most of all, it means that if the gridders beat just one more opponent they will have their first winning season since the 1983 squad went 6-3. In all likelihood, this will happen considering that Earlham plays the two lowest ranked teams in the NCAC (Denison and Oberlin) in the final three weeks of the season.

"I am very pleased with the way we went about our business at Wooster," said Head Coach Frank Carr. "We had a very workmanlike offensive effort."

The Quakers turned in another record setting performance with their victory last Saturday, breaking the team mark for touchdowns in a season. The three touchdowns EC scored vs. Wooster brought this year's total to 31, eclipsing the mark of 29, set in the 1992 season.

Senior Rick Szakal also grabbed a place in the EC record books after catching two touchdown passes. Szakal led the team in receptions with five catches for 106 yards, including a pair of touchdowns.

The first score was an 18-

yard catch in the second quarter. Then in the third quarter, Szakal made a spectacular grab and ran 53-yards to hit paydirt for the second time. He tied Todd Hawkins career mark, with 11 touchdown receptions, and established a new single-season record with six catches, breaking the record of four, which was set on many different occasions.

Don Siler used the victory to gain yet another entry into the EC annals, kicking his sixth field goal of the season. He surpassed the season mark of five which was formerly held by himself and Sam Hogenauer.

Flint Cooper was EC's leading rusher gaining 86 yards on 21 carries, including a touchdown. Junior Chet Knous picked up 30 yards on eight carries. Junior slot back Tuan Le followed Szakal in the receiving department, picking up 72 yards on seven receptions.

The defense showed signs of improvement, giving up 12 points, all of which came in the latter part of the fourth quarter.

"I am very happy with how far our defense has progressed," said Carr, "especially against the run."

The Quaker defense held the Scots to a total of 43 net yards rushing, which would have broken the school record for fewest rushing yards allowed, but the record was set earlier this year when the defense allowed just 32 yards rushing against Principia.

"The defense played their best game all year," said assis-

tant coach Jeff Parker. "They did what they had to do [to win]."

Earlham made a big defensive stop early in the game when Wooster marched down the field and was in position to score. The Scots had the ball on the seven yard line with goal to go. After three straight incompletions, Wooster missed a field goal. The Quakers turned around and marched back down the field. In only six plays that covered 80 yards, the Quakers took a commanding 14-0 lead.

Sophomore Chad Gartin led the Quaker defense with a total of 16 tackles, including 10 solo stops, bringing his season total to 88, including 63 first hits.

Three Quakers came up with interceptions in the game. Seniors Chas McBrien and Jeff Myers, and junior Phil Boyd grabbed one each. For Myers, it brings up his Quaker career-record total to 14.

Junior Chelsey Bannister started to get back into the swing of things, tallying up seven tackles, including six solo stops. He sacked the quarterback twice for a total loss of 21 yards, and forced a fumble in his first start of the 1994 season.

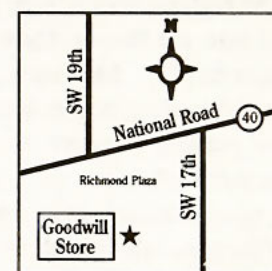
Adrian Crenshaw stopped the Wooster offense with seven tackles, including four solo stops.

Earlham gets set to square off vs the Battling Bishops of Ohio Wesleyan on Saturday at M.O. Ross field. The Bishops are in third place and a win for the Quakers would allow EC to take a tie for third in the NCAC. Game time is 1:30 p.m.

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Field Hockey Remains Optimistic Despite Losses

by Jill Willison
Staff Writer

The Quaker field hockey team has persevered through a rough rebuilding year this season. After losing all but five players from last fall's team, the EC women entered the 1994 season an almost entirely new line-up who had no experience playing with each other.

"Compared to teams we've had in the past, we're very young," says Head Coach Missy Ackerman.

Returning players include Abby Fenton, Staci Weisberg, Melissa Muller, Katie McCarthy, and Morgan Collins. However, the high number of new players shuffled into the line-up forces the team to adjust its play. McCarthy, who was the second leading scorer last season, is now playing sweeper, the last defender on the field.

Adjustments also have to be made in the goals of the team to correlate with the

varying skill levels of individual players who have all come from different experiences in field hockey. Ackerman says she has tried to fill holes left by last year's graduates with players who have come from strong high school programs. But some holes are not quite filled in.

Losing All-American goalkeeper Wendi Weimer set the Quakers back significantly. Weimer was voted North Coast Athletic Conference Player of the Year after the 1993 season and produced statistics for the Quakers that will be tough to top. A new keeper has stepped in to fill Weimer's position and is working to uphold the tradition of excellence set by Weimer last season.

One of Ackerman's goals for this season is building critical skills as a foundation for the young team, helping the team achieve a proficiency at playing together as a unit.

"The transformation from the team

I started with back in August to the team I see now has been just radical," says Ackerman.

This transformation has made itself apparent to the players as well. "We've come a long way. It hasn't been a wasted season at all," says Abby Fenton.

Senior Staci Weisberg feels the foundations taught this season will make for a more solid and competent team next year, but the building process has not been all fun and games.

"It's been frustrating and it's been irritating, but it's been fun, too," says Weisberg. "It's always fun to play hockey."

Though the record books mark zero wins and 17 losses for the Quakers this season, individual players have displayed remarkable successes. Muller, McCarthy, Weisberg, and First-year Juliet Desmond have all been voted to

the Indiana All-State team. Muller led the team in scoring last season and has contributed this year with one of only three goals for the team. The other goals were claimed by Katherine Hull and Desmond.

Team performance, however, has been somewhat sporadic. "We usually play to the level of our opponents," says Ackerman.

While losing games to fairly average teams, the EC women have still managed to impress challenging teams such as nationally ranked Lynchburg, which the Quakers held to only four goals.

"I think this season was about constant adjustments," says Senior Morgan Collins. Constant adjustments in individual intensity and in struggling together as one team with common goals has brought Earlham's field hockey team to the closing of a learning season with high hopes for next year.

Idiot's Guide to Sports

by Derick Bright
Contributing Editor

This week I am going to try to reveal the mystery of football. Football is a sport that has many different terms and expressions about which many people know little.

Let me begin by breaking down the different positions. Take, for instance, a quarterback. Is this an affectionate term given to the back two-bits? No. It is, however, the position of greatest importance on the offensive side of the game. The quarterback, or QB, is the person who is in charge of the offense.

Next is the halfback. What is this? Is that a guy who is running around with only half of his backside? Sorry, wrong answer. The halfback is usually a smaller, quicker runningback that can easily squirm, wiggle, and dance his way through holes which the fullback could not. So, am I saying that a full back is a person who is twice as big as the half back? Nope, he is usually a back that can power his way over people and gain short yards in a must situation.

Now as far as scoring is concerned, a popular term that is used is when an offensive player makes it into the end zone is called "hitting paydirt." This does not mean that someone has to give compensation for the use of soil. It is in fact just another name for a touchdown.

On to the split-ends, are they a bunch of girls who have bad hair? Try again.

The correct answer is that they are actually the receivers who are responsible for making the QB look good. You know, they do his hair, make sure he is clean, dress him nicely. But seriously, they are supposed to catch balls when they are thrown in their general direction. They are also known as wide receivers, but are called split-ends because of the type of offense that is run.

There is also another type or receiver that can also play a lineman. He is called a tight-end, and no he is not the guy that has a really cute butt; he is, however, a lineman that is an eligible receiver.

On to the offensive linemen. Are these a bunch of guys that stand around and make rude comments about people and smell really bad? Wrong answer, thanks for playing our game. Chuck, tell our guests what they have won. The offensive linemen are five guys that are in charge of making sure the QB does not get seriously injured.

On the line there is the center, appropriately named, who hikes, or gives, the ball to the QB. There are guards whose names sort of make sense because they do guard the QB.

And then there are the tackles, who have the funniest name, because they never really tackle people; they just push them around. That is the offense.

Join me again next week when I cover the defensive side of football.

Sports Shorts

by Derick Bright
and Jill Willison
Contributing Editors

Women's Soccer

The Quakers won two of their last three games by defeating non-conference opponent Bluffton at home and Indiana Wesleyan on the road by scores of 4-0 and 2-1 respectively. Earlham did, however, drop a North Coast Athletic Conference match against Wittenberg Saturday Oct. 22.

In the victory over Bluffton, Sophomore Kate McKenney, First-years Emily Horn, and Stacy Wollerman, and Junior Chelle Kifer each found the net for EC. Goalkeepers Natalie Neer and Rebecca Wheaton contributed to the shutout with their consistent defensive play.

In their game on Tuesday against Indiana Wesleyan, Horn scored with a penalty kick with 2:21 left in the game to give the Quakers the 2-1 victory. Junior Laurel Stewart assisted to First-year Mary Johnstone's goal and goalkeeper Missy Beckrest produced six saves for the Quakers.

With one more win, the seventh this season, Coach Shane Meridith seeks a school record. The record for the women's soccer team currently

stands at 6-12-1.

Men's Soccer

Senior goalkeeper Jeremy Wright posted his first shutout of the season in the Quaker defeat of Anderson University on Oct. 19. Wright averages 9.3 saves per match and has accumulated a 1.46 goals-against average.

Still leading the team in scoring, Sophomore Tyson Manzin accounted for the single goal against Anderson. With seven minutes left in the first half, Manzin successfully placed a penalty kick in the top right area of the net, giving the Quakers the 1-0 non-Conference victory. Manzin now marks eight goals on the board with four assists.

Saturday Oct. 22, the men narrowly lost a Conference match to Wittenberg University 1-0. The score was negotiable after First-year Ryan Geyer placed a throw-in near the endline off the shoulder of a Wittenberg defender and the ball deflected into the net. Despite persistent arguing by players, coaches, and fans, the referee decided that the goal was direct from the throw-in and therefore not valid.

This week the men take on North Coast Athletic Conference rival Oberlin College on Saturday, Oct. 29, at 2 p.m.

Racist Ballot Initiative Slated In California

Open Window Earlham Socialist Alliance

In Nov., the voters in California will decide on Proposition 187. It forces all public service workers, including teachers, social workers, and health care providers to refuse public services to anyone who does not have documentation proving their citizenship. If a public service worker suspects that someone is an illegal immigrant, they are required to ask for their documentation.

If this person, or anyone in their family, does not have the correct documentation, they cannot receive public services such as education and health care. Prop. 187 asks public service workers to single out people who do not look or sound like "Americans".

California is going through terrible financial trouble. The state is unable to provide necessary public services for its people. Gov. Pete Wilson is trying to gain re-election by blaming immigrants for the state's problems, even for the lack of computers in schools.

He champions 187 as a way to "Save our State", but the problem cannot be solved by denying some of the people in the state these necessities. Instead of blaming illegal immigrants, perhaps Wilson should consider the fact that

corporations in California pay 30% fewer taxes than they did 20 years ago.

The political and economic situation which many of the immigrants are fleeing is so grave that lack of social services would not deter them from coming to California. Many see the journey as the only way to escape death squads, "disappearings", and starvation which are a part of the oppressive and undemocratic governments of their countries.

The U.S. has consistently given major financial and military aid to support these regimes, such as in Guatemala, Colombia, and El Salvador, to the extent of training their death squads. (Interestingly, Pete Wilson was one of the strongest supporters of these repressive policies as a senator under President Reagan.) Since the U.S. is largely responsible for the conditions which force many people to leave their home countries, shouldn't

we at least ensure them a home here?

Besides the injustice of Prop. 187, it will only make the financial situation in California worse. To the contrary of what proponents of 187 say, it will not get rid of illegal immigration by discouraging people from coming here, and tax dollars will still be used on illegal immigrants.

If California does not allow illegal immigrants an education it will spend even more supporting them later on. 187 makes them criminal by their very birthright, greatly increasing their chances of ending up in prison. (By the way, keeping someone in prison for a year now costs over \$20,000.)

The fundamental problem with proposition 187 is that it asks people to decide who is worthy of public services and who is not based on something as artificial as citizenship.

Whenever our government feels sufficiently threatened by a group of people it tries to separate them from everyone else.

By forcing public service workers to be on the lookout for people they suspect are illegal immigrants, Prop. 187 is forcing people to constantly make

subjective distinctions between who they think is an American, like them, and who is not. We are encouraged to hear that some teachers in California have drafted petitions to declare their schools open to illegal immigrants, but polls indicate that 187 will pass.

Ironically, even if successful, the proposition probably will not go into effect for years, because even the proponents of 187 admit that the law is blatantly unconstitutional. Wilson has stated that he knows the law will be overturned in federal court, but plans for the issue to go all the way to the Supreme Court, which he hopes will constrict the nation's definition of citizenship.

Such attitudes are a threat to our entire country. These are issues which affect all of our futures. With this in mind, the Socialist Alliance hopes to present a series of articles which will help the campus to educate themselves on such topics.

We should not allow ourselves to be pitted against one another along cultural lines. To do so will only decrease the rights of all of us and increase the power of those who seek to profit from economic exploitation.

Llamas for Sale

Earlham disclaimer: it's a satire. Lighen up.

On my way to Notre Dame last weekend for a philosophy conference, I passed a field of llamas by the road, with a sign that said, "Llamas for sale." My first reaction was to buy one and try to sneak it back to my dorm room as a pet.

Since then, however, I have had time to reflect on the situation and smoke too many cloves, and I have realized that this would only be perpetuating the long tradition of llaman oppression in our "civilized" society. What the world needs is a new paradigm which treats llamas as free and equal members of our community.

What exactly would this mean to Earlham? For starters, llamas would need to be allowed to live in campus

Open Window Mark Pilgrim

housing; the five-gallon tank rule would have to go. Llamas can be litter-trained, but private litter areas would need to be set up, and maintenance workers would need to be trained on proper llaman hygiene. Since llamas have no opposable thumbs, doorknobs are a severe limitation to llaman mobility; doors all over campus would need to be renovated to be make the campus llama-accessible.

Llamas would naturally be a minority group at Earlham, and various

support groups would need to be organized to help them cope with their oppressed status. A section of grass outside Carpenter Hall could be roped off as the designated "Llama Center," in which llamas could congregate freely.

The L.C. could also sponsor an open grazing session once a week; all llamas welcome. An offshoot group, the LLBGPU, could serve as a support mechanism for llamas sexually attracted to humans, and vice-versa.

The administration would have to address to need for a Llan Studies major, which would include such courses as Intro To Llan Studies, Grazing, Advanced Grazing, an interdisciplinary course in the History of Llan Oppression, an off-campus study program in the Andes, and a WPE

in Spitting. For their senior projects, majors would need to address a current issue in Llan Studies and demonstrate that they were outstanding in the field.

Of course, not all community members would take well to this new paradigm, and political action groups would no doubt spring up on both sides. Pro-llama groups could distribute bumper stickers ("I llove llamas," "Llamas are people too"), print up T-shirts ("Put a llama in the White House, put Bill Clinton in a petting zoo"), and devise slogans ("When the world gives you llamas, make llamanade") to counter the inevitable wave of anti-llama propoganda.

Llamas, after learning to type, would demand Internet access, and a smarmy newspaper columnist could write a weekly feature, "Llamas in cyberspace."

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Was There Life Before Ramblings?

I bet you are all wondering how Irrelevant Ramblings came about. Well, it wasn't easy. In fact, before I started writing this column, I brainstormed about many other different types of columns. In fact, I even started a few rough drafts. So, it is an honor and a privilege to present to you pieces of what could have been my weekly column.

Men and Health Have you ever wondered how your poonky works? How does it do all the wonderful things that it does? What happens when you eat asparagus? How do you aim it when you go to the bathroom? Weeing is rarely talked about and has been historically neglected by society.

Have you ever read a book in which the main character pauses to use the urinal? Have you ever seen a cartoon

Irrelevant Ramblings Uri J. Lessing

depicting potty training? Neither have I and this lack of urinology frankly disturbs me.

In the "Journal of Weeing, Peeing and Wizzing," Dr. Richard Hungourion states, "To promote maximum safety and pleasure when a man uses the urinal, try peeing while applying a tomato, a carrot, and two radishes to your navel..."

I advocate this non-medical method of peeing and also suggest using a vinaigrette dressing as well.

Dramatic Crime Beat It was a dark and stormy Thursday, May 12. The officer walked along the quiet empty basement of Bundy. "The 3:30 a.m. shift sure is quiet," he thought to himself.

Thoughts poured through his mind on this lonely night. Is there a God? What is the meaning of it all? What is my place in the world? There was a passion and a loneliness to the morning shift.

Suddenly, he realized that he was not alone. His pulse raced. He whipped around to face his foe. And there it was. The Bundy rat with eyes of flame, came ripping through the tulgy hall, and gurgled as he came.

His mind raced, "My God, what can I do? Don't panic. FOR THE LOVE OF THE GOD, GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF,

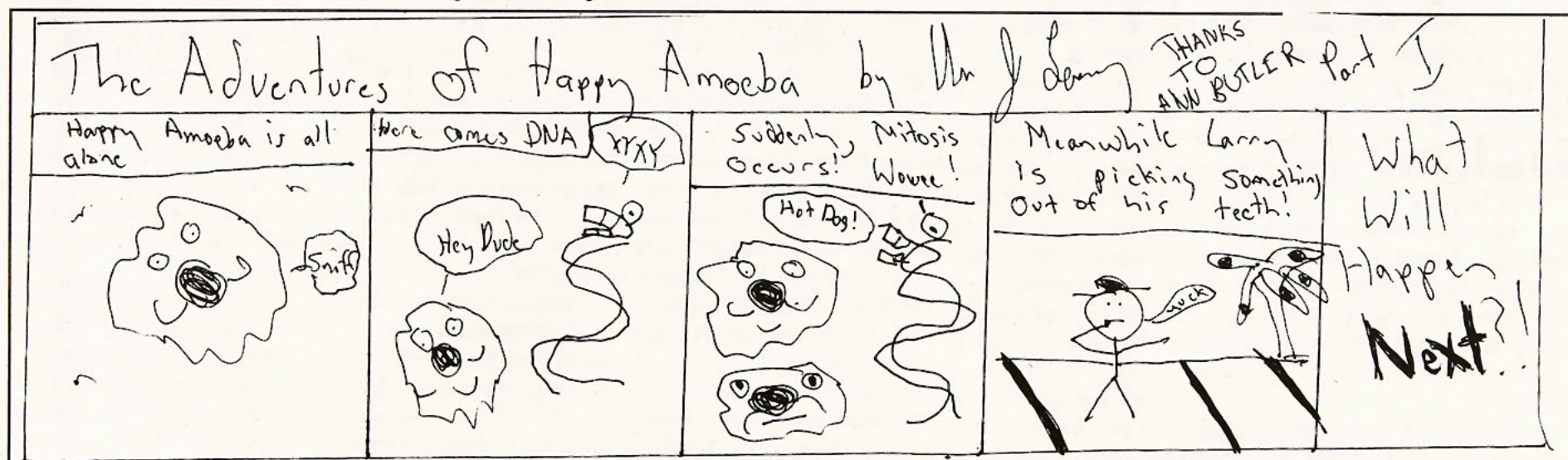
MAN!!!!"

His hand lashed out and grabbed the first thing in reach. His fingers gripped around the cold wood, and he held the broom up to defend himself.

One! Two! One! Two! The vorpal broom went snicker-snack; he left the rat dead, and with its corpse, he headed for the dumpster. Another battle had been fought, but future battles loomed over the horizon.

Happy Amoeba Below is my attempt at a comic strip. It all came from an idea I had late one evening after overdosing on coffee, but I think it speaks for itself.

Well, in conclusion, I think it was a good thing that Irrelevant Ramblings became the medium for my voice. The others just seem too damn silly!



Masturbation

From when we are children, we are taught first by our family, and then by society what to think about our sexuality. From embarrassing parent-child discussions, to health class, we pick up on the discomfort and embarrassment of this topic. Nowhere is this discomfort and embarrassment more obvious than when talking about masturbation.

From our observations we have noticed several times when little kids are masturbating and their parents grab their hands out of their pants, all the while chastising them. Many little kids are told that masturbation is a gross and dirty thing to do, that "nice girls and boys don't do that." We get the message that we can only find sexual pleasure from a partner. And if we do masturbate, we

Women and Health Ame Langmack and Rebecca Kliman

can't talk about it because there is such a shameful stigma attached to it.

Although both men and women experience stigmas about masturbation, we think that there are separate messages given to men and women. Although we can't claim to know the experience of being a man in this society, we have,

through our own interactions with friends and partners, noticed that masturbation is more acceptable for men.

We're not saying that it is completely acceptable in the public eye, but men talk about it more, men do it more than women, and, if you notice, there are about ten slang words for male masturbation for every one for women. In fact, as we sit here in the computing center, asking several people around us, we can't come up with any slang words to describe female masturbation.

Now, what can we infer from this? Well, the fact that there's no slang words could indicate that it is rarely talked about among groups of women. Personally, when we have brought the subject

up, there is a tremendous amount of resistance. When men discuss masturbation it is often in a humorous and abstract manner indicating a certain level of discomfort with the topic, but it is still being talked about, which is more we can say for women.

Our purpose in writing this article is not to tell you that everyone should masturbate or how to do it, but to begin breaking down the societal constructs that have caused a great amount of undue shame. We think masturbation is healthy. It has great potential for exploring your own body to find out what you like and don't like, what you're comfortable with and what you're not. We highly suggest it. (Thanks to Tedd Cain for his input)

Got an Idea for an Opinion? Express it to Us!

A Major Attraction for Life

I am a philosophy major. I declared myself to be a philosophy major sophomore year, and since then philosophy has been a large part of my life. It occurred to me one day just how much influence my major has on my life.

It's as though I have a constant companion. Philosophy sits beside me at meals, it lies beside me at night, it walks with me to class and back from class, and it eavesdrops on my conversations. I invited it into my house and it never left, nor do I ever want it to.

Everyone in college is cultivating such a relationship with some area of knowledge. Choosing a major is like choosing a friendship to cultivate. It

The Long and Winding Road **Heather Kendrick**

won't be the only defining characteristic in our lives, and in fact, for many of us, may have little bearing at all on our vocation, but it should nevertheless be something that has meaning for us. It is our own little corner of wisdom, a piece of knowledge that we put our personal stamp on, and it on us.

When I meet people who remember little of their college studies — and I have met such unfortunate people — I feel sorry for them. It is as though I have seen someone lose a loved one. How could they just forget a thing like that?

Two possible answers come to mind. One is that they never had the affection for their area of study that I have for mine. They must have pursued a field that did not really interest them.

Perhaps they just chose something that people told them is "useful." This is akin to becoming friends with someone for mere social utility. It may get you somewhere, but is unrewarding and is not a good foundation for the kind of

lasting relationship that one should have with a friend.

It means missing out on the happiness that a true interest can bring.

The other possible answer is that these people have let their love grow cold through complete neglect. This is even more tragic. Even when our areas of interest are not currently very relevant to our lives, we should take care of them, nurture them, so that like a good friend, they will still be there for us.

I believe we should all take pride in our share of knowledge, and treat our studies like a friend who, if properly cultivated, will accompany us through our lives.

Gay (Singing) Birds and Backwards Knees

Q: What happened to last week's column? — Shannon's Editor

A: Shannon was a butthead and forgot to write it... 'nuf said.

Q: Why do birds sing so gay? — anonymously slipped under my door

A: This debate has been waging for a long time, but the fight has been in the foreground for about the last 100 years. There are two major sides to this debate.

The first states that birds choose to sing so gay. This could be called to nurture argument. Birds live in the wild and learn to sing so gay from other birds.

The second and best argument, at least to me, is that birds are born singing so gay. This could be called the nature reason.

The debate will continue, but ac-

Simple Rhyme and Reason **Shannon Salser**

cording to Henry, my canary, he believes he has always sung so gay and I tend to believe him.

Q: What would chairs look like if our knees bent the other way? — Greg Peace

A: At first this question seemed it would be easy to answer... however as I delved into finding an answer I became more confused.

At first I went to Lilly, checked out

a book on the history of the American chair from 1750 to the present. But there was no chair designer listed who had his or her knees go the other way.

Being a visual thinker, I then turned to K-Mart for help. After purchasing two "Earth Ranger" action figures and turning their legs around, I still had the problem of their feet now going the wrong way... Greg's question had only mentioned the knees suddenly reversing, not the hips or feet.

After several days of vacillating from having a good answer to figuring it was a stupid question, I stumbled upon a logical and simple answer. After several more weeks of work...for sake of not taking up too much space, roughly outlined here: imagine a high narrow

chair with a back that slopes around 45 degrees back. There is your answer.

You saunter up to it...spread your legs and ease the seat between them...and lean forward...

It may sound confusing, but just ask for my graphical representation and I'll be happy to try and show you.

Next week: more questions that have been slipped under my door...

Have you a question that you have often pondered, yet were unable to find an answer for. This is where "Shannon's Simple Rhyme and Reason" will help. Write down your answer (on paper please) and place it in drawer 23. I will then attempt to answer questions each week with the help of my extensive reference staff. Simple, huh?

Semester Angst

I have heard a lot said around campus about the possibility of a switch to semesters. There have been a good number of arguments for it and a good number of arguments against it. It seems that both sides have some valid points.

But perhaps the most dramatic statement was by Dick Wood. Dick said that a college that fails to change, dies.

To some, Dick's statement may seem like rhetoric to an extreme degree, but I choose to agree with him. In conversations I have with people it seems that a recurring theme is insecurity about the future of the college. I don't know if it has to do with declining enrollment, the budget deficit, Bundy vandals, or simply a general cynical element at the

college, but uncertainty is definitely felt.

I know that when I look at other schools, I usually compare and contrast them with Earlham. For instance, over mid-term break I went to Minnesota and spent some time on the campus of Macalester. I kept wondering if it was a better school and if it would benefit me more to be there. One of the things I

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considered was the calendar that Macalester has.

I didn't sit down and think about all the plusses and minuses of semesters, but I did think about why, if just about every other school in the country has semesters, we don't. I couldn't come up with a terribly good answer for why ours is a better system and I wondered if maybe I should think about transferring somewhere.

As well, whenever I think about going off-campus I realize that Earlham has a schedule that makes it difficult to go on some programs. For instance, last Monday I went to a meeting about the Philadelphia Institute. At that meeting they said that Earlham students simply

don't go to Philadelphia in the spring. This is another point that makes me wonder if I should be here.

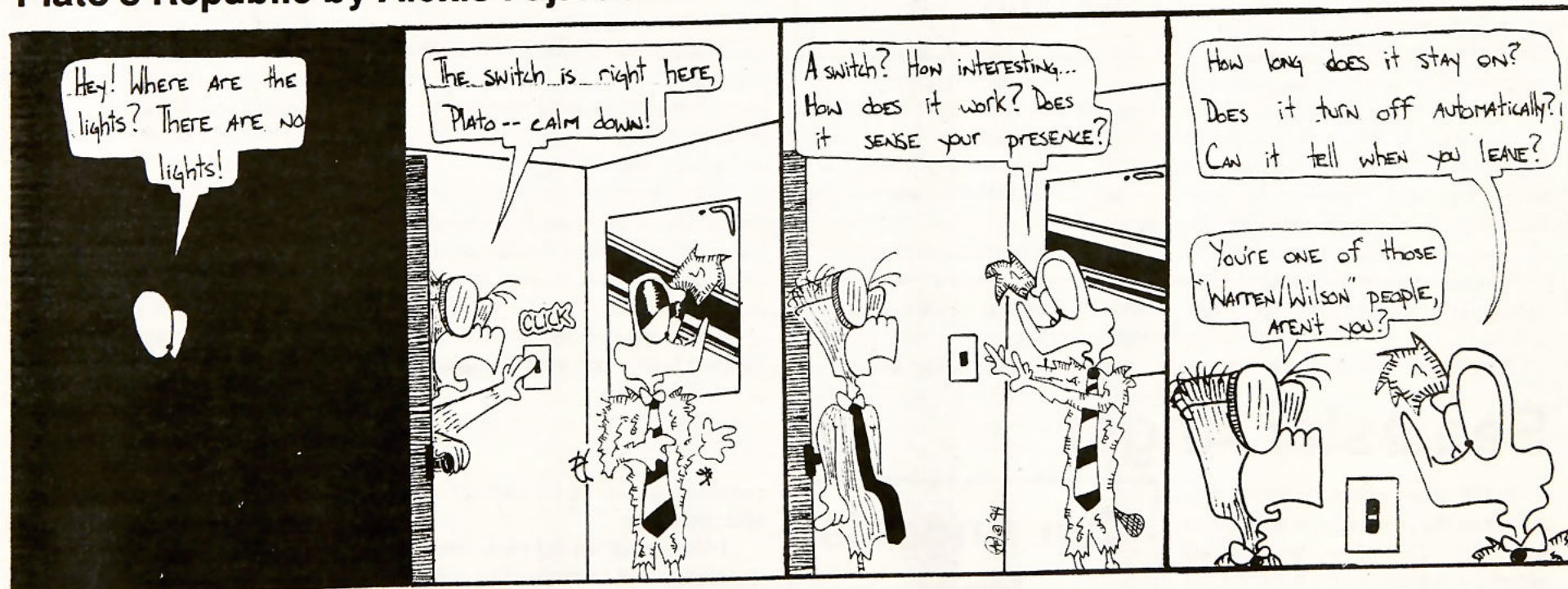
As I said before, there are feelings of insecurity about the college, mine are only a sample. In front of us is a decision whether or not to make a major change in the way our college operates.

If the college makes the decision to switch to semesters, it could be the first step towards making us all feel peachy. If this happens, I believe we, the students, should support it strongly and all take an active role in making sure that the transition happens smoothly.

If we support it, we are the ones who benefit, if we don't, we are the ones who suffer.



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