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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tonight

EFS presents: Enron
Learn the details of the famous Enron scandal in "Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room," a documentary that will be shown in Dennis 110 Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Psalters Gospel Folk
A nomadic tribe of gospel folk musicians comes to Comstock at 10 p.m. Come see their self-described "song of exodus." Sponsored by SAB.

Saturday

SAB Event
The Late Night Players return to Wilkinson for second straight year with their sketch comedy act at 10 p.m.

Monday

Service of Remembrance
Campus Ministries sponsors a service to be held in Stout Meetinghouse to acknowledge and remember 9/11 and other recent events. Service begins at 7 p.m.

Wednesday

Convocation
Ohio State dance professor, BeBe Miller, presents "Thinking Globally, Dancing Locally, Living Artfully." Presented in Goddard at 1:00 p.m.

Bennett revises smoking policy

By TOM OSER
STAFF WRITER

On Aug. 17, Earlham College President Doug Bennett implemented a number of changes to the campus' smoking policy. Citing a new report released by the Surgeon General, Bennett banned smoking on all porches and balconies and forbade smoking in Tazza, previously the only indoor area in which smoking was permitted. According to this report, "there is no risk free level of exposure to secondhand smoke." Additionally, the report went on to state, "ventilating buildings cannot eliminate exposure to secondhand smoke." The report states in no uncertain terms that secondhand smoke is a public health hazard.

Bennett felt the report was "devastating" on the subject of secondhand smoke and that secondhand smoke represented a "clear and unarguable health consequence," prompting him to change Earlham's smoking policy. The Surgeon General's office has long warned that cigarette smoke is harmful. This new report is even more critical than before of secondhand smoke, which contains higher concentrations of many toxins than are found in sidestream smoke (smoke released from the burning end of the cigarette). The report also says that secondhand smoke causes, among many other problems, lung cancer, heart disease, and acute respiratory effects.

According to Bennett, the response to the change has been largely positive. "I have received perhaps two dozen emails thanking me for enacting this new policy and only one or two that have concerns about the policy process."

On Aug. 25, Bennett sent a second memo to the Earlham community. The memo addressed the concerns that several students, including members of Earlham Student Government (ESG), have expressed about the process involved in reaching the new policy. Bennett said that although he did approve the previous smoking policy, he had "serious misgivings" about it. Bennett concluded the memo by saying, "I cannot imagine the circumstances under which I would approve a smoking policy that allowed smoking within or adjacent to buildings."

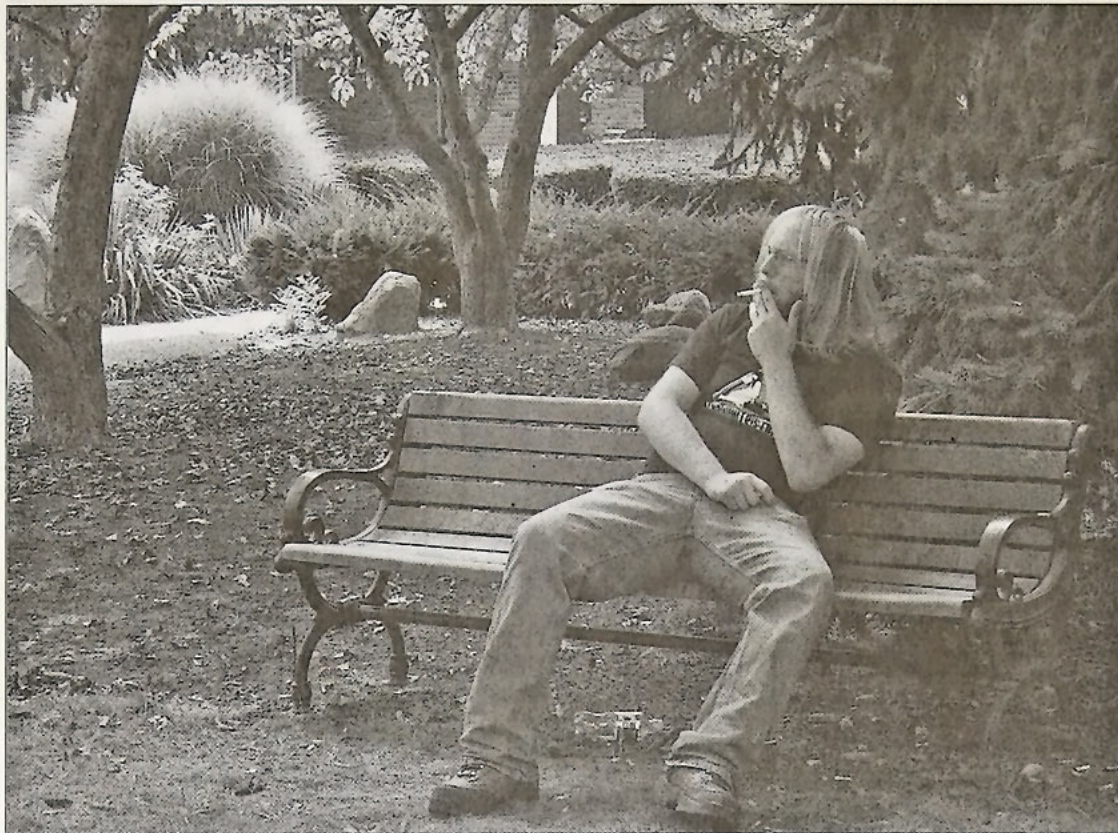


PHOTO BY OAK HAWK

As a result of the newly implemented changes in the smoking policy, campus smokers like sophomore Sam Roller are prohibited from lighting up on porches, balconies, and in Tazza. The new policy has received mixed reviews from the Earlham community.

Bennett recently met with the Committee on Campus Life (CCL) to discuss with them the reasoning behind the new policy. According to Sam Robinson, Student Body President, the meeting went well. "He could have consulted CCL more," Robinson said, "but I understand his sentiments." Robinson also said that it "was only a matter of time" before indoor smoking was banned

entirely on campus. Furthermore, he said, "it's a good policy" and "the right decision." Robinson does admit to being frustrated that two years of work done by previous ESG cabinets and committees were swept away.

Student reaction to the policy has been mixed. "I like not having a big cloud of smoke in my face when I walk in and out of buildings," said junior Brad Remsburg. Remsburg pointed out that he has many friends who are smokers and that this new policy is "aimed at the smoke and not the smokers." Senior Ben Meyer feels this new policy opens up an area of campus that once was uncomfortable for him. It was hard for him to enter Tazza because of the smoky atmosphere. Many smokers, however, are less pleased with

the new policy. "Where am I supposed to smoke when it's raining?" asked junior Barlas Gunay. Senior Mateo Daley thinks it "would be to the benefit of all to reach a compromise." His largest concern is that he feels powerless to work toward one. Daley feels that as long as Bennett can change the policy at will, it does not matter what students do.

According the 2005 CIRP assessment survey, of 286 students 75.9 percent do not smoke. Sophomore Jay Kozel recognized that "health issues come first," but he still worries about what to do in inclement weather. Kozel also pointed out that he has not seen much enforcement of the new policy so far.

Provost, Academic Dean Len Clark retires

By DAVID EISNITZ
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

At the Sept. 6 faculty meeting, Len Clark surprised the gathered faculty members by announcing his intention to retire at the conclusion of the 2006/2007 academic year. Clark, who is Academic Dean, College Provost, and Professor of Philosophy, has been a faculty member at Earlham College for nearly 40 years.

Clark has chosen to relinquish his position as Provost immediately. Clark said that Professor of Psychology and Assistant to the President Nelson Bingham will take on the position for the duration of the capital campaign.

One of Clark's greatest concerns for the future is that Earlham remain accessible to as wide a range of students as possible. "I would like for Earlham to be financially stable and affordable," he said. "I think that's our biggest challenge." That wide range of students, Clark said, gives students a diversity that may be lacking at other institutions of higher education.

Earlham has been largely successful in that, Clark said. "The average parental income here is far lower than at places like Indiana University. So we serve vital educational needs—high quality education—for those who can't afford it. We take that obligation seriously." The result, Clark feels, is valuable in itself and beneficial to the student body as a whole. "That [diversity is] essential to

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Residence Life shifts focus toward building community

By SAM HADDIX
STAFF WRITER

After a period of high staff turnover in the spring of 2006, Earlham College President Doug Bennett asked student affairs consultant Jim Tederman to assess the college's Residence Life and student conduct programs. With the opening of a new academic year, the Office of Residential Life is beginning to act on Tederman's recommendations.

Tederman addressed what he saw as the main problems with the program. "The most significant problem has been extremely high staff turnover at both the Director level and with the Area Directors (ADs)," he said. "The program has had to start from scratch almost every year. It is nearly impossible to create the high quality program Earlham College students deserve under these circumstances."

When Dana North, Director of Residence Life, received the report she decided to do something about it right away. "We read the recommendations and took it to the college community to ask more questions," she said. "We had about 14 discussions, talking with both staff and students."

Some of the topics addressed

at these discussions were staffing, government, life skills, alcohol, and conduct. It was decided that alcohol and conduct were issues that needed to be talked about in task forces, while Residence Life would handle the rest. "Everyone said that 'community' was why they came to Earlham," said North. "Well, we wanted to find out what community meant to us."

Residence Life began to come up with ideas. The first, which has already been employed, is the Roommate Agreement. The Roommate Agreement forms, completed by students upon entering a new living situation in the residence halls, ask students to consider possible problems before they arise.

Two more ideas implemented this year are the Floor Agreement and Hall Agreement. The Floor and Hall Agreement meetings allow students and Resident Assistants (RAs) to come to a general consensus about issues such as noise levels and bathroom standards at both a floor and hall level. Residence Life hopes these will create positive change by opening up discussion on future problems and by allowing students and RAs to have their voices heard.

Residence Life has some ideas planned for later this school year, including an Environmental Committee in each hall to discuss issues such as recycling in dorms.

Earlham Hall sophomore RA Shurouq Qawariq has experienced life both before and after the changes were made. "This year we're focused on building community. There is more responsibility on students as well as RAs," she said. "It is different from last year, but we're still only two weeks into school." RAs are making more efforts to build strong community this year, by talking to students and checking in with them on a regular basis.

Many incoming students have found their adjustment to college life eased by these efforts. Freshman Patrick Chanton has enjoyed life at Earlham so far. He was able to go to the visiting weekend meant for prospective students. "People are really cool here. When I came to prospe [prospective student] weekend, I felt that if I came to Earlham it would feel totally normal," he said.

Freshman Angelika Mueller-Galbraith liked the job Earlham's Admissions Office did with her roommate match in Barrett Hall.

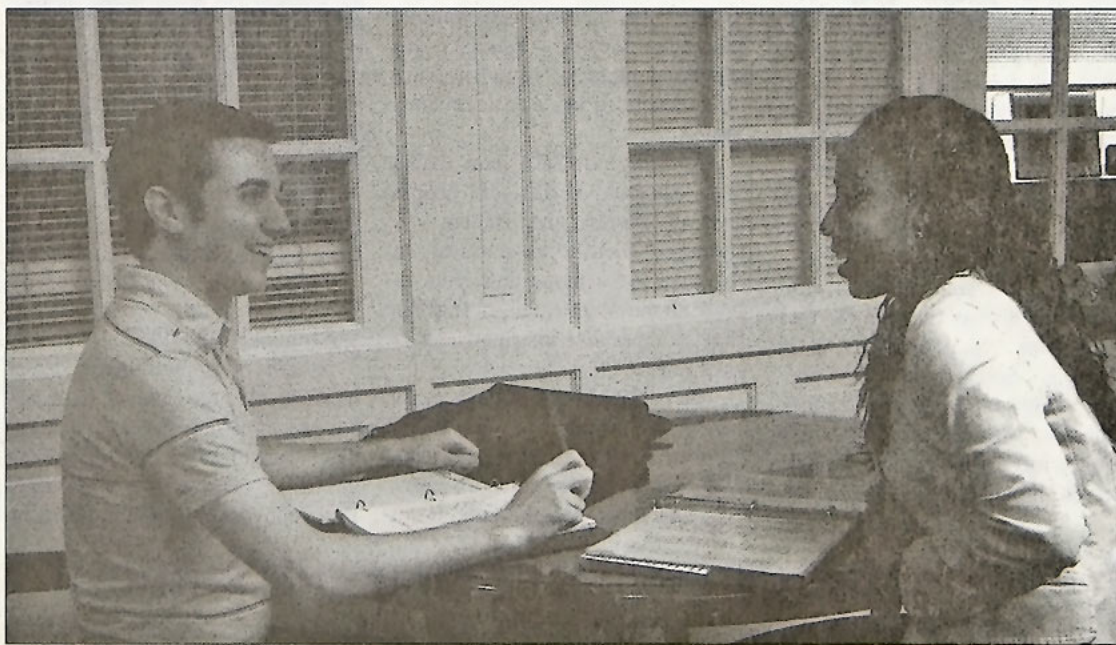


PHOTO BY GAYA HETTIARACHCHI

Marjorie Trueblood-Gamble (right), better known as "Butter," has taken on the Area Director (AD) position for Hoerner and Earlham Halls. Butter is an Earlham Alumna who was also a Resident Assistant (RA) during her years at Earlham. Michael Grasso (left) has taken on the AD position for Warren, Wilson and Mills Halls. He was an RA at Baldwin-Wallace College for two years, and received his master's from Kent State University where he was an Assistant Hall Director as well as a Residence Hall Director.

"We get along really well," she said. "They did an insanely good job."

However, not everyone has had perfect experiences at Earlham.

Students complained of expensive books and slow Internet connections. Another issue students have voiced is the sense of community in residence halls, despite the new ac-

tions implemented by the Office of Residence Life. Freshman Jonathan Jenner said he felt a little cheated

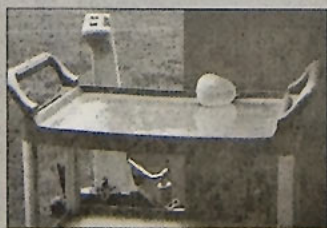
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Menocal gives Charles lecture Recycling program receives grant

By DAN HUROWITZ
STAFF WRITER

On Wednesday, Aug. 30, Earlham and Richmond community members packed Goddard Auditorium for this year's annual Charles Lecture on ethics, the first convocation of the academic year.

The convocation featured a lecture by Maria Rosa Menocal entitled "What Does a Culture of Tolerance Look Like? Images of Medieval Spain." Menocal, who currently teaches at Yale University, is the author of "The Ornament of the World," which was featured as this year's reading selection for incoming first-year students. The book discusses medieval Spain and the culture of tolerance which existed there among Muslims, Jews, and Christians.

Menocal began her address by remarking that she had the unusual privilege of addressing an audience in which a large number of people had read her book. She spent much of the lecture showing images of various architectural styles discussed in the book. She noted that while the study of architecture and other art forms is not always seen as historical study, "Literature and other aesthetic forms tell us a story that is true."

Menocal introduced early Muslim architecture by showing the Dome of the Rock, an important Muslim shrine in Jerusalem, and the Great Mosque of Damascus. She described how surrounding cultures influenced Muslim architecture, noting that the Dome of the Rock was built on the ruins of a Jewish temple, and that the Great Mosque of Damascus was built on the ruins of a Christian church using materials from a Roman temple.

According to "The Ornament of the World," the use of these ruins reflected an understanding "that the Muslims are also...among the

children of Abraham," and share a common history with Jews and Christians. Additionally, she noted in the lecture, the use of ruins and styles of other cultures denoted a trend of "always looking both forwards and backwards—not destroying the past but integrating it."

Menocal showed images of a type of arch known as "a horseshoe arch," and noted that while this style is used to "denote 'Islamic'" at theme bars in Spain, the style was actually pioneered by the Visigoths and was adopted by the Umayyad Muslims who moved westward into Spain.

Also featured in the lecture was a series of images of the Great Mosque of Cordoba. Menocal showed segments of the building that were part of expansions sponsored by different rulers. In the original mosque, the columns were "recycled" from Roman buildings and were each unique, while in a later expansion ordered by the Caliph al-Mansur, the columns are identical. This, according to Menocal, reflected a move toward a more "harsh religious aspect" by al-Mansur.

In addition to images of Muslim buildings, Menocal also showed numerous Christian and Jewish buildings from 11th- and 12th-century Spain that were influenced by Umayyad Muslim architecture. At times, she said, Christians who conquered Muslim cities reconstructed mosques there as Christian churches. However, she noted several examples of Christian churches built in Muslim styles even when other styles were available. Jewish temples, Menocal said, also employed Muslim architectural styles.

Menocal concluded the lecture by reflecting on the cooperative nature of the medieval epoch she had described, one that would

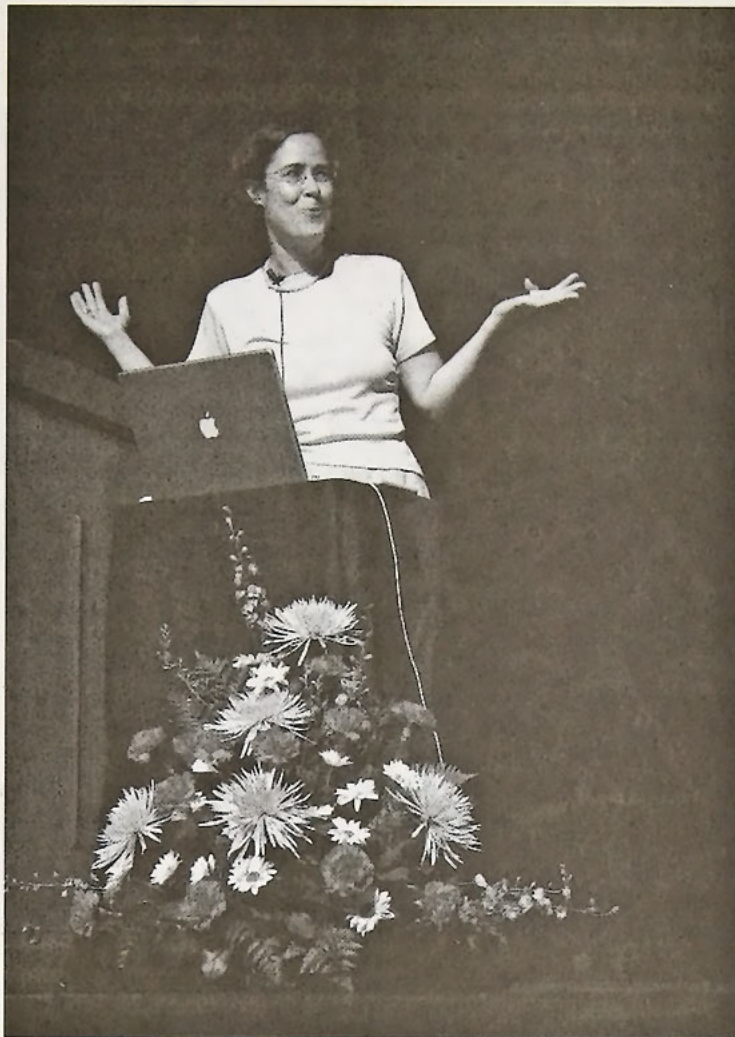


PHOTO BY JAKE ADLER

Maria Rosa Menocal spoke last Wednesday about religion and culture in medieval Spain. The convocation expanded on Menocal's book "The Ornament of the World," this year's required reading for freshmen.

soon end. "Soon, religion and style would have to be tied to each other," she said, but there was a period in history when the two were "open and intermarriageable."

The lecture, which drew a crowd that filled most of Goddard Auditorium, received mixed reviews from attendees. "I thought she was a very engaging speaker," said Instruction Technologist Mark

Pearson. "The slides she showed brought out the text of the book, brought it to life."

Freshman Megan Potter, however, said that while she was "interested in the subject matter," she was not impressed by the convocation and felt Menocal did not make a strong enough case for the culture of tolerance. "She didn't really say how [the religions] interacted."

who come to Earlham to use the Athletics and Wellness Center.

Freshman Samuel Wein also felt the change was unfair to Earlham students. "We're paying room and board here," he said. "Shouldn't we get priority?"

There is another parking lot beyond the Maintenance and Campus Safety and Security offices. Other parking areas include a lot adjacent to the Warren and Wilson residence halls, and one near Carpenter Hall and the Landrum Bolling Center. Although he felt alternate parking options are probably inconvenient, Day put forward one possible benefit for Earlham students.

"It makes you more inclined to walk places," he said, "especially because you don't want to lose your space."

is the most convenient for many residents on campus. "Even though it's really small, it's the closest



PHOTO BY OAK HAWK

parking lot," she said.

In addition to returning students' puzzlement at the change, first years have also been confused. "I thought that the sign was only for the college guests," explained freshman Daniel Day, referring to Richmond citizens

By STEPHANIE SCHEURICH
STAFF WRITER

Earlham's recycling program has received increasing attention in recent months as members of the community work to reduce campus waste. Desmond Davis, a member of the housekeeping staff, feels the recycling facilities currently employed on campus are inefficient. He credits this inefficiency to a lack of education on how to use the program and a lack of care.

"A lot of people don't know what can be recycled," he said. "I think it's a lack of concern." The Environmental Responsibility Committee (ERC) are among those who are working to remedy this situation.

Sophomore Katie Delbecq is a member of ERC, which has been approved to receive a \$25,000 grant from the Department of Resources of Indiana. The grant is a matching grant in which the state pledges to match funds provided by the college. In order to receive the needed money from the college, ERC had to work with the Board of Trustees and gain the approval of the administration.

"Doug Bennett is really excited about this," Delbecq said. "He's been really supportive."

Delbecq believes that the recycling program has a long way to go, but there are facilities in place that can be used. Senior Joanna Swift commented on the current state of facilities and the confusion surrounding the recycling program. "When I lived in Barrett last year I definitely didn't feel like there was an effort to educate people about what could be recycled and where it should go," she said. "I often heard rumors that recycling was combined with trash by housekeeping or Earlham staff, and there weren't always bins next to trash cans."

Delbecq also acknowledged a lack of understanding about where certain bins are and what can be placed in them. "Students are unaware of what can be recycled: batteries, cardboard, catalogs, magazines," she said. "You have to know where to go to find the proper bins." ERC

hopes to use grant money to provide every floor with a paper bin and a co-mingle bin. Paper bins must not contain newspapers, or they will be rejected by the recycling facility. Glass, aluminum and tin cans, and plastics type one and two (such as soda bottles and milk jugs) may be placed in the co-mingle recycling bins. Until the money is available to place them in residence halls, the co-mingle bins are located in the academic buildings. Newspaper recycling bins are located next to most "Indianapolis Star" newspaper stands.

In addition to improving facilities used for recycling, there will also be a push to educate students and the workers in charge of recycling. This is an important component of ERC's grant proposal, whose goal is to "educate and encourage all members of the Earlham community to participate in the recycling/composting program, through scheduled training sessions and through information presented on the Earlham recycling/composting web page."

When the money is received, it will be managed by a Director of Facilities and Maintenance whose job will include this hiring and training of workers as well as oversight and implementation of the education programs. The efficiency of the program will be monitored by regularly weighing recyclable materials collected from Earlham on scales to be paid for by the grant.

Swift was pleased to see Earlham's recycling program progressing. "I'm definitely excited about the grant and would love to see separation for glass, aluminum, cardboard, and paper in at least some areas," she said.

"It may be another month or two before we see the money," Delbecq said. She believes community members can still stay informed to make the most of the recycling program currently in place, until the new changes are implemented. Delbecq encourages all members of the community with questions about recycling on campus to contact ERC at erc-1@earlham.edu.

Barrett and Bundy lot now time-limited

New policy forces students to find alternative overnight parking spots

By XANDER ROWLAND
STAFF WRITER

Students returned to campus to find that the parking lot adjacent to Barrett and Bundy residence halls has undergone a change. Where once they could park their vehicles for an indefinite amount of time, there are now signs declaring these spaces "90 minute parking only." Campus Safety and Security have already issued several tickets for parking violations.

Many returning students have expressed dismay over the changes.

"I think it's poor planning on Campus Safety and Security's part," said sophomore Jen Bundick. Bundick has found the new arrangement troublesome. "Having one 90 minute parking lot is not a

bad idea necessarily, but having it there was."

Bundick and many other students have been distressed by the lack of overnight parking spaces. "Most people don't need 90 minute parking; they're looking for overnight parking," Bundick said. "It's much more a convenience issue."

Freshman Lara San Pietro agreed with Bundick, saying, "If people live in Barrett and Bundy, it's insane for them to have to park in the back of campus and have to walk all the way to their room when there's a parking lot right next to their dorm."

The parking lot is close to many residential buildings including Barrett, Bundy, Hoerner, Earlham Hall, and numerous college houses. San Pietro believes the parking lot

Clark announces surprise retirement

Academic Dean, College Provost will be leaving soon

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their education of one another." As he prepares for his final year at Earlham, Clark believes the college is going in the right direction.

Clark applied at Earlham for a position as a Professor of Philosophy in 1967 after being told by the chair of Purdue University's Philosophy Department, "You have liberal arts written all over you."

A graduate of Wabash College, Clark found Earlham's size and attitude toward education familiar. "I felt like I was coming home," he said. Nonetheless, he did not expect to establish a career when he first arrived. "I never had any thought of that," he chuckled.

Clark reflected proudly on the broadening internationalization the college has enjoyed over the course of his career here. Clark

said he also found restoration of the education programs particularly gratifying. "Earlham had to get out of the business of teacher licensure shortly after I arrived," he said. "The number of education courses required at the undergraduate level made it impossible, we thought, for a student to get a good liberal arts education." Since that time, Clark has been pleased to see Earlham introduce the Master of Arts in Teaching and, after last year's successful pilot program, the Master of Education programs.

As his fortieth year at Earlham approached, Clark said, explaining his decision, he decided it was time to make room for other priorities. "I love what I do, but this position pushes a lot of other things out of the way," he said. "Eventually, you want to make time in your life for other things." His plans for

the future include writing, more extensive community service, and time with his family.

College President Doug Bennett spoke highly of Clark, praising his wide-reaching involvement and dedication. "Len has been and continues to be Earlham's Mr. Everything," Bennett said in an e-mail comment. "He understands this college better than anyone and has been centrally involved in virtually every development and improvement in the college over the past 25 years. He will be a very hard act to follow."

Clark will teach classes in the spring, and will continue to serve as Academic Dean until June 30, 2007. He said that there are no candidates for a long-term replacement as of yet.

Res Life makes changes

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by his experience in Mills Hall, the newest residence hall on campus. "Earlham cracked up Mills to be a great community. It's a nice place, but no one talks to each other because it's just so big," he said. "I've seen other halls, where doors are open and people are talking. I guess that is what community is about, not big televisions or couches."

Earlham Hall resident and freshman Will Katz has found problems of his own living at Earlham. "I probably have the worst room ever," he said. Katz described the noise problems involved in living directly above the dining hall loading dock, and the cigarette smoke that wafts upward whenever people smoke beneath his window. "But besides that," Katz said, "Earlham rocks."



FEATURES

A first look at Earlham's new professors

BY ZAK NEIMAN
STAFF WRITER

Every year, the Earlham community changes as some people leave and others arrive. Some students have graduated and gone on to bigger and better things, while others find the college experience completely new to them. These students are not the only newcomers. As students come and go, so do the professors. This year, Earlham welcomes a number of new professors to many of its departments. The Earlham Word would like to introduce some of these new additions. After all, they may end up deciding your G.P.A.

Marcelo Hoffman

Marcelo Hoffman is not totally new to Earlham College. He was a student here, a member of the class of 1995. This year he joins the staff of the Earlham politics department, teaching Introduction to American Politics, Western Political Philosophy I and Emergency Powers.

"It's about the suspension of legal order, and its implications for democracy," Hoffman said of Emergency Powers. Hoffman



admires modern European philosophers like Antonio Gramsci, Louis Althusser and Michel Foucault, the latter of which he discovered as a student at Earlham. "I encountered the name Foucault for the first time here," he said. "I participated in the France program here, and I wouldn't have been able to write my dissertation without it!"

After graduating from Earlham, he went to Colorado to earn his doctorate. He then taught in Colorado for a few years at various schools. "Going to Earlham can lead to a lot of unexpected places and experiences," he said.

Hoffman is now hoping to be as good a teacher as the teachers he admired. "When I was here as a student, I worked with people like Bob Johnstone, Welling Hall, and Jonathan Diskin, and now I'm teaching with them! It's an honor to be here, working with the people who taught me," Hoffman said.

Sun Chung

Sun Chung is a visiting Computer Science professor from Minnesota. He will be teaching Programming and Problem Solving and Discrete Mathematics. He has a Ph.D. in Computer Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and has studied more than ten languages of computer programming, including C++, Java, Lisp and Fortran. His areas of expertise include algorithm analysis, which, he explained, is "an analysis of the time taken and resources used to predict the performance of a computer program."

Chung is also interested in parallel computing, which involves a network of many computers working together. "This way, you can normally expect to solve a problem

faster than when using only one computer," he said. He admires the way students here at Earlham work together, much like the computers work together, to reach out to the world.

"What I found attractive about this place was the emphasis on service to the society," he said. "I was brought up in the Confucius culture in Korea and I believe that the ultimate goal of education is to serve the society. After working in a business oriented workplace for a number of years, I feel at home at Earlham."

David Ebenbach

David Ebenbach has joined the English Department and is teaching Creative Writing and a Writing Workshop. Ebenbach has plenty of experience as a writer. He has written poetry, fiction and non-fiction, and he recently published his first book, "Between Camelots," which received the Drue Heinz award from the University of Pittsburgh. "[The Drue Heinz award is] a national thing for books of short stories," he explained. "It's funded by the incredibly wealthy Heinz family. They're the ketchup guys. They really care a lot about books."

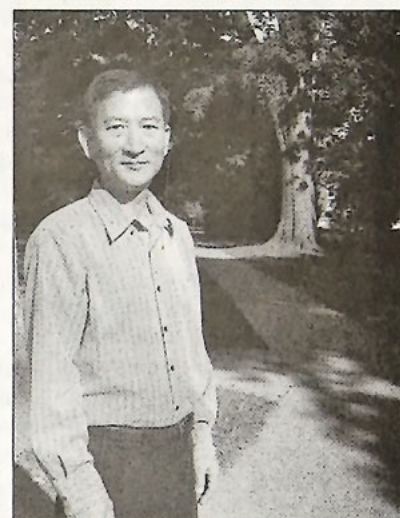
Ebenbach received a Ph.D. in Psychology. "But I spent the whole time writing, and I found out that it was what I wanted to do," he said. He got his master's degree from Vermont College in 2000 and did some adjunct teaching at Bryn Mawr College, La Salle University and Montclair State University. "I was a consultant, in a way," he recalled. "I was trying to earn the bare minimum to do what I love. I kept writing, and got published in a number of small lit-



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erary magazines." Ebenbach also won the New Writer Award of 2006 from the Great Lakes College Association, an organization of twelve schools including Earlham. Not only will he be teaching at Earlham, he will also be giving a reading at some point during the year, though the date is uncertain. Ebenbach's writing career is far from over. "Hopefully, you're always getting better," he said. "You have to be forgiving, because at some point you're going to be a better writer than you used to be."

Above: Professor of English David Ebenbach. Right: Professor of Computer Science Sun Chung. Left: Professor of Politics Marcelo Hoffman.



Live from the Heart

New webcam snaps pictures of student life every 20 seconds

BY SARAH SCANLON
STAFF WRITER

"The Heart beats again in 3 seconds... 2 seconds... 1 second..." No, this is not part of a scene from General Hospital, but from the 'Live on the Heart' section of the Earlham web page. Visitors to the site are able to see photos of the Heart, updated every twenty seconds. According to the website, "The Heart represents not only the physical center of Earlham, but also its spiritual core." With the installation of the webcam on top of Earlham Hall, observers will get a glimpse into life at Earlham.

It was planned that the webcam would be installed on top of Barrett Hall, but the location was changed to the top of Earlham Hall, according to Bryan Coalt, director of Web Management and Services. The webcam was installed right before the school year began, though it was planned late second semester of last school year.

The student government gave its permission, and after about two and a half months of working to get it up and running, the webcam was ready to go. Some students who learned about it upon arriving on campus were a bit suspicious of its "Big Brother"-esque feel, though.

"It [seems] kind of an invasion of privacy, but it doesn't really bother me," said freshman Haven Barros.

Junior Ben Self learned about the webcam when he got to Earlham this year. "I assumed it was a security thing at first."

The webcam was not set up to invade students' privacy, however. Besides giving a glimpse of the "spiritual core" of Earlham, it provides alumni with a view of their old campus and parents with a view of their student's new home.

"[We've] already had a response from a parent whose kid waved to them," said Coalt, adding, "I was hesitant about the

webcam at first. But there is no zoom function; it's a fixed location and focus. It's not able to make out faces or people."

People have already been requesting cameras in other places. There is a possibility of putting another one up on the football field to watch construction of the new stadium, but this is just speculation, said Coalt.

Some students also feel that the webcam may be a good way to show life at Earlham.

"If it just acts to show the community of campus, then that's good," said freshman Ava Truman. "But every twenty seconds seems a bit excessive."

As it turns out, the choice of twenty seconds was a bit random. "The camera is snapping an image about every three seconds, but it takes time for it to get on the website," Coalt said.

There is no human involvement in getting the images on the website. Once the webcam was installed and online, it automatically started taking photos, uploading them to the server, and putting them on the website.

In addition, the webcam does not operate at night. The nighttime view is always black with a few white spots: very limited visuals.

"I opted not to fix the iris of the camera at night," said Coalt.

Freshman Carolyn Cowen Nissen, who didn't know about the webcam when she first arrived at Earlham, was suspicious at first. Her opinion has changed slightly. "It's just showing student life," she said.

Freshman Quinlan Collier doesn't believe the camera is too "Big Brother," either. "It's kind of cool," he said.

Though the webcam's original location was supposed to be on top of Barrett, Coalt admitted that the view from Earlham Hall has grown on him.

"I hope students like it. [I've] been pleased with how it's turned out," he said.

Earlham experiences first tornado warning

BY MARIA SALVADOR
STAFF WRITER

On Aug. 28, Earlham heard its first tornado alarm of the academic year. For most of the students who have been here in past years and for those from the area, this alarm was nothing new. However, for a certain percentage of the Earlham population this was the first time they had witnessed this type of alarm. The response of students was varied. Many students stayed inside and avoided going out into the open if possible. Others, like freshman Erika Phelps, were not aware of the warning. "I knew about the tornado only a day after when one

of my classmates talked about it," she said. A third group of students sought shelter in the basements of their different halls.

Kelly Hodis, a freshman from New York, said she sought shelter when the tornado warning was released but that she wasn't really concerned. "I knew the basement was safe," she said.

According to Earlham's Tornado Safety Tips brochure, tornadoes normally occur between the months of March and September, when the climate is hot and humid. If there is a risk of a tornado the safety and security office calls for a tornado watch on campus. The security personnel will then proceed to call the Area Directors as well as Earlham-

owned theme houses.

If a tornado is sighted, the next step is a tornado warning. A siren installed on campus will then be activated, indicating that extreme precautions should be taken. The security personnel will call every building again informing them of the danger and the length of the warning. At this point, all students should be seeking shelter in basements, interior rooms and hallways. Strong winds and flying objects make windows and open spaces dangerous.

Summer Lingg, administrative assistant at the Safety and Security office on campus, said that in past years "people have complained they don't hear the siren inside the build-

ings. However, we still call," she said.

Lingg also said that the off-campus buildings, such as theme houses, receive voice messages if no one picks up the phone. Tornado watch e-mails are sent out to staff and faculty with details and information about the situation. This way, if anything happens during class time they can be informed and also inform the students.

Lingg said that next spring, when the tornado season begins again, brochures will be sent to the students with specific safety tips and procedures to follow. The brochure will also include how to recognize the signs of a tornado, such as stormy skies and menacing clouds.

Jazzman's coffee shop gets a makeover

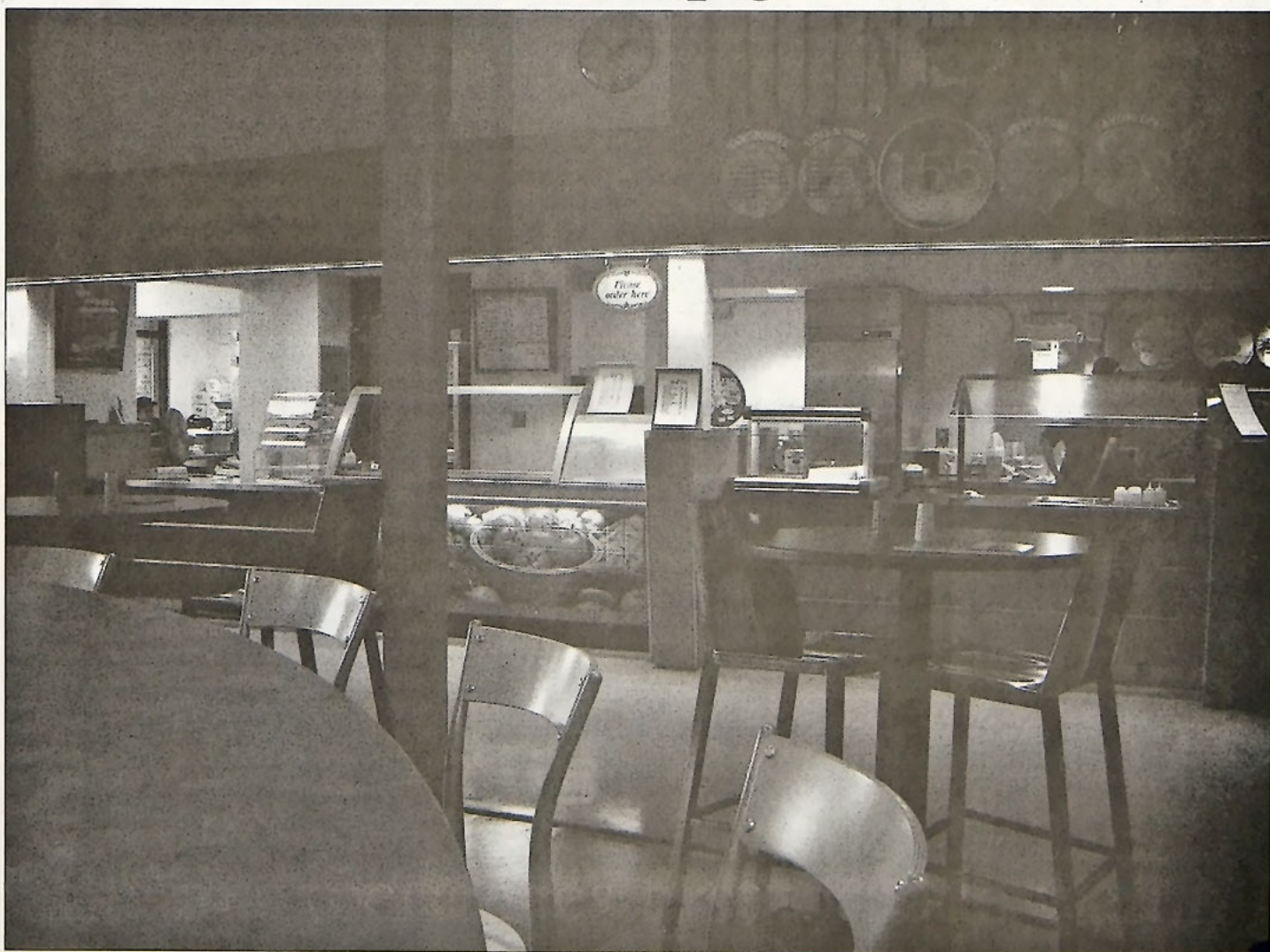


PHOTO BY GAYA HETTIARACHCHI

The new academic year opens with a brand new coffee shop, which was remodeled during the past summer. Changes include new booths, tables, bar stools, counters, couches and a new T.V. lounge upstairs. Annette Wethington, coffee shop employee of four years, says the new design is a better use of the space. "Now we can breathe back here. Before this whole area was so closed off," she said.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

SECTION C

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2006

Saturday rain puts a damper on Sunsplash fun

By JEFF HOLLIDAY
STAFF WRITER

While many of last Saturday's Sunsplash Festival activities had to be canceled due to rain, students were still able to enjoy a live indoor performance by the Clayton Miller Blues Band and a "picnic dinner" catered by Sodexho.

The Sunsplash Festival is an annual event put on each September by the Student Activities Board (SAB). Sunsplash is meant to be a fun way to mark the beginning of the school year and, according to the SAB Best Practices Guide, should be held "outside with 1-3 bands and other activities like Jello wrestling."

In addition to live music this year's event was scheduled to have a variety of carnival games, including sack races and tug-of-war, as well as offering field games and a dunking booth. The evening was to be capped off with a large outdoor barbeque dinner, free to all that were on the meal plan and five dollars for everyone else.

Due to the rainy conditions outside, however, the event schedule had to be changed. "The whole thing had to move inside," said SAB Con- venger sophomore Nat Miller via e-mail. "The games portion had to be canceled." A stage and tables were set up in the Comstock Room and the Sodexho staff assembled the buffet line in the adjoining Orchard Room. By 5 p.m., two hours behind schedule, Sunsplash was ready to start.

After a long sound check and minor technical difficulties, the

Clayton Miller Blues Band took the stage. The familial quartet played an engaging set of rock-oriented blues fueled by the blistering harmonica melodies belted out by 12-year old LD Miller. LD and his older brother Cole were recently featured on the NBC television show "America's Got Talent," placing second in the competition.

The band worked the crowd, posing for pictures while playing and exchanging light-hearted banter between songs. At one point LD yelled out to the crowd, "How's your lunch?" to which someone at a table replied, "Just as good as your music!" The band chuckled bashfully and set into another song. For many, one of the highlights of the show came toward the end of the set when one of the newest members of the band took the stage. The child of four or five years, part of the Clayton Miller touring team and wearing an oversized CMBB t-shirt, lead the band in a rendition of "Sweet Home Alabama" that could only be described by freshman Catie Kelly as "Adorable, adorable, adorable!"

As the band played, students trickled in from around campus to cash in on the provided "picnic dinner" in lieu of their regular SAGA meal. Sodexho employees served typical hot dog and hamburger fare while also providing vegetarian and vegan options. Comstock soon filled up with people coming to eat, and before long students spilled out into Runyan and covered areas outside.

Since SAGA was closed, many students came solely for the meal. In many cases, students had no pre-



PHOTO BY EMILY OSTROFF

Lafayette, Indiana's Clayton Miller Blues Band took the stage in Comstock Room on Saturday afternoon as their young cousin Josh looked on. The dinner and performance were the only parts of SAB's annual Sunsplash festival to endure the wet weather.

vious knowledge that the event was happening. Many students did not even know what the event was.

Students' general lack of awareness of the Sunsplash tradition illustrates the recent decline in the

event's popularity. "It used to be a huge, all-day event, with big-name reggae artists," said Miller. "But the last six years in a row all seem to have fallen off." With Reggae in its roots, Sunsplash has in the past

brought some well-known artists to campus, including the artist Burning Spear in 1996.

Miller is hopeful that Sunsplash will regain some of its former reputation in the future. "We are at-

tempting to build the event back up to what it once was," he said.

Upcoming EFS movie: *Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room*By ALEXA WISS
STAFF WRITER

The Earlham Film Series (EFS) will be presenting a documentary examining the Enron accounting scandal that facilitated the company's rise and fall from power. EFS will be showing *Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room* in Dennis 110 at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8 and Saturday, Sept. 9, and 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 10.

In 2001 the bankruptcy of Enron left many employees and investors with nothing, while making the ad-

ministrators of the company millionaires, although they later faced legal proceedings and jail sentences.

The film shows how a network of traders, bankers, and accountants turned their heads away from the company's clearly suspicious numbers, and how their greed and corporate corruption lead to the demise of the company.

Included in the film are candid interviews with key players in the scandal, along with unbelievable footage of Enron employees revealing senseless risk-taking, excessive greed, and ruthless cheating.

Finally, a few bold people took charge and stepped forward about the corruption, including Bethany McLean, author of the novel upon which the film is based. "Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room" is a captivating documentary about power, greed, arrogance and ethical corruption.

This concise, entertaining documentary is downright maddening while giving viewers an insight into the truth of what went on behind the Enron scandal.

Late Night Players return to Earlham

Sketch comedy group to perform in Wilkinson Theater at 10 p.m.

By HALLIE CRANOS
STAFF WRITER

On Saturday, Sept. 9, The Late Night Players will visit Earlham for the second year in a row. The Late Night Players is a Boston-based sketch comedy group consisting of four friends who perform skits, songs, and pride themselves on customizing every show to fit their audience. They will perform in Wilkinson Theater at 10 p.m.

Student Activities Board (SAB) coordinator Nat Miller, an Earlham sophomore, called last year's performance "fabulous."

"We were more than happy to bring them back because the show last year went so well," Miller said.

The Late Night Players consists of Andrew Slack, Seth Reibstein, Aaron Kagan, and Zach

Sherwin, four friends who met as undergraduates at Brandeis University. Since graduation, they have performed at more than two hundred college campuses as well as numerous clubs, theaters and comedy festivals.

They have been featured on Myspace.com and AOL.com's 'Comedy' section, and have performed at a number of benefits, including some for such causes as hurricane and tsunami relief, aid to Darfur and AIDS awareness. They have also campaigned for progressive political candidates and organizations.

In a phone interview on Monday, Late Night Players member Zach Sherwin said that he likes performing sketch comedy because of the connection he feels

with the audience. "It's a real thrill when people recognize the things that tickle," Sherwin said.

College campuses are especially fun places to perform, he said, because of the "awesome energy," and because he feels most students share the same mentality as The Late Night Players, all of whom graduated in 2002.

According to a press release from The Late Night Players, their routine "takes on life in the twenty-four hour information age with a revue of comedy sketches, mixing brainy, sharply-observed social commentary with a healthy dose of escapist absurdity."

Their shows include SNL-style skits, slide shows, short films, musical numbers and raps, and a dance-off that "defies description," said the press release.

One of the more unusual aspects for which The Late Night Players are known is the way they individualize each show. Miller recalled how they built a whole skit around snippets of information they found on the Earlham's website. "It was very funny," he said.

They also have an anagrams routine in which they mix up the letters of the venue where they are performing and then build sketches around the words they make.

Sophomore Douglas Given was a spectator at last year's show, and he especially remembered the closing sequence, which was a skit about a grocery store that involved costumes of a banana and a tampon. Of the entire show he said, "It was enjoyable."

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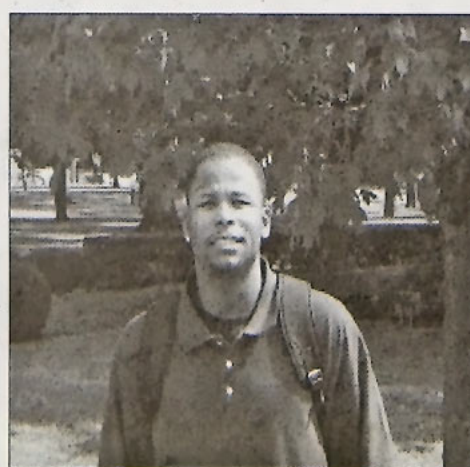
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Bring a mug and a friend ☺
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College Meeting for Worship

"Diary of Mr. Bogard"

Tyshaun Bogard

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Sunday, September 10, 2006
11:00 AM in Stout Meetinghouse

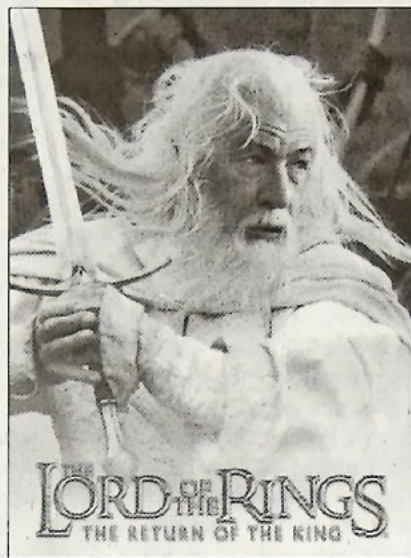
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Introducing WAM! The Weekly Awesome Match-Up

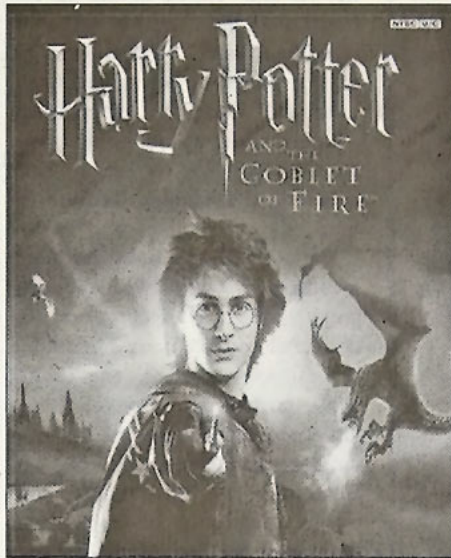
GANDALF STORMCROW VS HARRY POTTER

- Can use a sword to efficiently kill
- Has a great and powerful beard
- Can talk to moths, eagles and elves
- Can see into your soul
- Is feared by the world
- Commanded Gondor's army to victory in a bloody battle against the Dark Lord Sauron
- Is tight with an elf warrior (Legolas) who single-handedly killed 41 orcs in the Battle of Helm's Deep
- Fell through the center of the Earth fighting a giant fire demon
- After dying came back to life even stronger and cooler than before
- Is actually a wizard

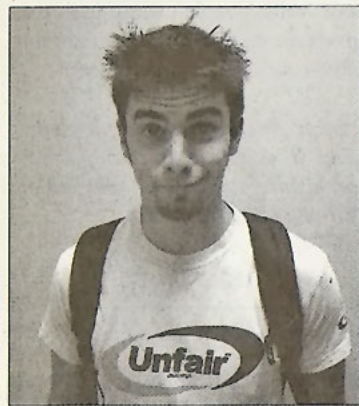
*Gandalf Stormcrow: The great wizard of J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings* series.*



Harry Potter: The boy wizard of J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter" series.



- Found a sword in a hat and swung it blindly
- Obviously still in puberty
- Can talk with snakes and with his mouth full
- Needs glasses
- Known by the world for not dying
- Taught Dumbledore's Army how to zap pillows
- Has a love/hate relationship with a house-elf (Dobby) who washes dishes in the Hogwarts kitchen
- Fell down the stairs while sneaking around after curfew
- After not dying received a tiny lightning bolt scar that makes people point and stare



BY CHRISTIAN GOSSETT
STAFF WRITER

Obviously, it appears that Gandalf might have the upper hand in this fight. Whatever Harry has, Gandalf has already had it for over a hundred years and can do it a lot better. Now, that's not to say that Harry isn't skilled. After all, he did get an A in his Defense Against the Dark Arts class. And he does seem

to save his school from annual disaster.

But let's face it, Gandalf is better, stronger, and should statistically win this fight.

However...

There seems to be a problem. Harry never dies. No matter what happens, Harry has survived time and time again. Even when he was a baby and completely helpless. Voldemort, the most evil wizard in England, killed his family and then tried to kill him.

Harry not only survived but almost completely destroyed Voldemort in the process. Then first year he survives his random adventures. Second year he manages to not get killed by a giant snake. Third year he, well, ok, nothing really happens that year. Fourth year he manages to escape from a resurrected Voldemort. Fifth year and sixth year he still doesn't die, regardless of what is thrown his way.

Statistically speaking, Harry should be dead by now. He's not even that good of a wizard. His primary strengths are relying on luck and on the skills of his smarter and more clever friend Hermione Granger. And I wouldn't call that strength. I'd call that laziness.

Strength is fighting the Balrog (aforementioned fire demon) through the center of the Earth for seven days straight to eventually slay the thousand year old beast. I don't think Harry has killed a fire demon, or anything else for that matter, except maybe Ron's pride.

Statistically, Gandalf should win; statistically, Harry won't

die. And that's why they are this week's Weekly Awesome Matchup. WAM!

Each week I consult a Committee of Ten on their thoughts. Their thoughts and predictions are below.

The Committee of Ten

Meghan Cassidy, senior: "It's not even comparable. It's a 14-year-old versus a 300 billion year old, though I'll go with Harry because he's the underdog."

Russell Honderd, junior: "Gandalf could kill Harry Potter any day of the week. I mean, Gandalf killed a Balrog. What has Harry killed?"

Yvette Issar, senior: "Oh, it's Gandalf. Gandalf came back from the dead!"

Nora De La Cour, junior: "Gandalf would win. [He] is more badass."

Ryan Howe, junior: "Gandalf would kick Harry's ass." Brenton Hard, sophomore: "...Totally agree with that ass [Ryan]."

Maia Rodriguez, freshman: "Harry Potter because I love him." Noah Hungerford, junior: "Gandalf times ten. I'd bet a stack on it 1000 to one odds."

Evelyn Hollenshead, junior: "Whew...Gandalf has a lot more experience. It's a 16-year-old against a crazy experienced wizard." Litos Paredes, sophomore: "Harry Potter. He has to win. He is always passing his obstacles; he should pass this one too. Plus it would be very sad if he died."

I feel the last comment made by Litos is debatable. But that is beside the point. The COT has placed their votes:

Gandalf: 70%
Harry Potter: 30%

Looks like your luck dried up, Harry. Maybe Professor Snape can cook you up a potion to prevent you from crying yourself to sleep tonight. Though we all know that's wishful thinking. That guy hates you. But hey, at least you still got that cool lightning bolt scar, right? The one you got because your mom thought your life was worth sacrificing hers for? I bet she's proud of you Harry. Proud that 'the boy who lived' just became 'the boy who got slaughtered.'

See you next week.

Take 5. Taking five influential albums each week that rock everyone's worlds



BY BEN FRIBBLE
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

In order to get a sampling of Earlham's eclectic musical taste the Arts and Entertainment section will be introducing a feature cleverly titled "Take 5." Take 5 will be a chance for anyone to submit their five favorite or most influential albums and briefly explain why they are your favorites. To submit your "Take 5" please e-mail it in a Word document to fribble by 4 p.m. Sunday. We will be able to print one a week.

The Beatles - "Revolver"

(1966) Far too often Revolver is overlooked by both fans and casual Beatles listeners. "Revolver" seems to be overlooked because it is neither the pure, brilliant pop that the early Beatles represented, but it is not yet the mature "White Album" Beatles. The experimentation and innovation that the Beatles became known for had begun, but in "Revolver" the Beatles kept some of their best pop elements in songs like "Got To Get You Into My Life."

It produced the single best Beatles song, "She Said, She Said," and ushered psychedelia into the mainstream with "Tomorrow Never Knows."

The Stone Roses - "The Stone Roses" (1989) Hailed by some critics as the second coming of The Beatles (they weren't), at the least this album is the second coming of Revolver. The Stone Roses exhib-

ited their superb pop sensibilities combined with a quiet musical virtuosity and well-crafted studio experimentation.

There isn't a bad track on this album, but the first four tracks and "This is the One" are superb. The Stone Roses were not The Beatles, sadly enough, releasing a second letdown album, touring some and then breaking up.

Portishead - "Roseland NYC Live" (1998) "Roseland" may be the single greatest live album of all time. Shimmering, vibrant, swanky and haunting, "Roseland" was a concert that could have easily drowned in its own grandeur. Portishead was accompanied by a 35-piece orchestra that provides the lush background for Beth Gibbons' intense vocal performance.

Trip-hop as a genre has been subject to harsh criticism, but Portishead was rooted in many musical styles and transcended its genre to produce a masterful live album.

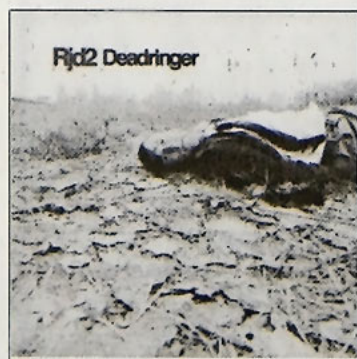
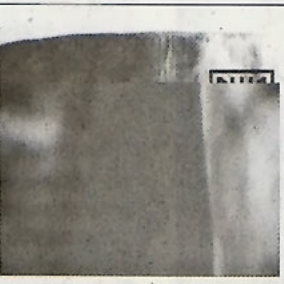
Nine Inch Nails - "The Fragile" (1999) "The Fragile," despite being a clear product in many ways of "The Downward Spiral," is a very different album than any Nine Inch Nails work that preceded it, and very different from their latest album, "With Teeth." Described by many critics as a letdown, "The Fragile" loses a lot of the pop hooks that allowed Nine Inch Nails to be a commercial success and replaces

them with a dissonant ambience. Maybe it's the Brian Eno fan in me, but I find "The Fragile" a well-crafted, densely layered, almost orchestral ambient album that takes its cues from a bleak chaos.

In many ways "The Fragile" was fully realized as an ambient album in the live performances that constitute the album "...And All That Could Have Been." "With Teeth" proved an unwelcome return to earlier Nine Inch Nails, as I felt they had finally found a mature sound in "The Fragile."

RJD2 - "Dead Ringer" (2002) I realized in thinking about my five favorite albums that I was going to gloss over electronica and hip-hop, which in my mind is inexcusable. It is in poor taste to have one album stand for two entire genres, but if one album is capable of doing so it might be "Dead Ringer."

With nods to Brian Eno, DJ Shadow and many others, replete with electronica hooks and hip-hop beats, "Deadringer" is an album that to me defies description and is one that simply needs to be listened to very carefully. As a DJ and producer RJD2 has few peers, carefully wedding beats with a wide variety of samples and his unique instrumentation.



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An errand into the wilderness

By SCOTT HEERMAN
STAFF WRITER

Democrats are two years older, but are we two years wiser? Since the Christian right "got their souls to the polls" in November of 2004, many of us have been reeling, wondering what had happened. Just as Karl Rove learned the lessons of Lee Atwater, so too should the left (most of all the Christian left) learn from the missteps of John Kerry et al. For better or worse, the same issue will dominate our political dialogue in the upcoming mid-term election: the "War on Terror." Like it or not, this includes the War in Iraq.

We are told time and time again that there is a war between cultures: good versus evil. This conception of global conflict is oversimplified at best. Nevertheless, one cannot deny the immense damage terrorists (both state sponsored and sub-national) have caused. In 2004 Mr. Bush gave us a stark choice: control over chaos, or the crushing influence of the "winds of change." Dr. Ira Chernus understands this

as an election where the flip-flopping woolly Democrats were elided with the chaos Mr. Bush promised to control. One can hardly deny that there is chaos in American foreign policy, and control over it is truly a grail worth seeking. As John Wilson rightly understands, the great appeal of Republican rhetoric stems from its promise to placate our mounting fear that America is losing the control it has come to enjoy. Democrats, so the story goes, will only add structure to the decline of America in the world. Change in party will compound the chaos of the world, not bring the stability of four more years.

American identity has long been consumed with the myth of turning darkness into light. One force has driven Americans regardless if they were Puritan or Yankee, post-war liberal or neo-con: bringing civilization to the "savages" on the frontier. As Dr. Chernus highlights, Mr. Rove has successfully painted Republicans as frontiersmen. They have the will to stay the course. While they want to be home, living peacefully with their neighbors,

they will stick it out no matter how long it takes. Democrats are all too willing to wave the white flag of retreat and defeat. Congresswoman Jean Schmidt aptly illustrated Dr. Chernus' theory when she reminded John Murtha (a retired Marine Colonel first elected to the House in 1974) "cowards cut and run, Marines never do." Republicans have effectively (if not despicably) painted Democrats as the party of cowards—and just as much of a threat as the "savages" to whom we bring civilization.

Incidentally, I feel this frontier rhetoric evokes frightening images of racism. Mr. Bush does not forward an anti-Muslim foreign policy—but that is an increasingly difficult argument to make. So long as his rhetoric evokes the "grand narrative" of American history and its inexorable march of progress, one can only wonder what Mr. Bush actually thinks about non-Western countries to whom we bring the light of democracy.

So what is a Democrat to do? We need to become true frontiersmen (and frontierswomen, of course!).

Dr. Chernus adroitly asserts that Democrats need to put full faith into the power of individuals. Frontiersmen are the type of people who take their fate into their own hands. Democrats need to appeal to Americans' desire for control, and promise to bring order to a frighteningly chaotic foreign policy. The downward spiral in Iraq seems to be accelerating, and Democrats need to trust the Iraqi people to find hard solutions to hard problems. If Republicans want to tell stories of the brave individuals in the frontier, Democrats must counter with stories of the strongest individuals: Americans themselves. Let us not forget that we decide who wins the political duel on November 7. The Democrats' message must be the essential message of the frontier (as eloquently stated by Eleanor Roosevelt): people cannot trust the government to solve their problems—we are the government.

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By Caitlin Rogers

NCAC places value on civility

Athletic conference sets goals for sportsmanship

By FRANK CARR
GUEST WRITER

Many of us have seen in person or watched on TV behavior of some fans at sporting events that has become more and more extreme. In recent years, severe injuries and deaths have occurred at soccer matches around the world. College students have been killed as fans rush the field and tear down the goalposts after a big win in football. Almost everyone who has attended a game has witnessed, even at Earlham, fans screaming at officials and opponents, using language that might get you in a fight, arrested or sent to a CJC hearing if said in a different setting.

From the NCAC website: "Conferences and colleges around the country have all experienced the same problem of poor fan behavior. The North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) [of which Earlham is a member], along with virtually all of the conferences in NCAA Division III, is taking a stand to do something about it.

"Following an unprecedented year-long study, the NCAC, and

other conferences, are ready to roll out a Sportsmanship/Fan Behavior Initiative this 2006-07 academic year.

"The NCAC mission statement reads: 'In a unified effort to promote respect for student-athletes, coaches and officials in intercollegiate athletics, the North Coast Athletic Conference and its 10 member institutions pledge their commitment to build positive spirit in the stands and on the field of our athletic events.'

"Our message is simple:

"Be Loud * Be Proud * Be Positive

"NCAC leaders want fans to support our teams in a positive way and have a good time doing so. We welcome and encourage our fans to be positive in their support, and know that most fans want to be positive.

"This year you will see banners exhorting our sportsmanship slogan (Be Loud, Be Proud, Be Positive), increased and active game management, and where needed, enforcement of the rules for fans on our various campus venues." NCAC site: <http://www.northcoast.org/>

sportsmanship/sportsmanshipmain.html

Please help Earlham and the NCAC retain its leadership in all things positive, and aim to have good sportsmanship from all of our fans.

Frank Carr is the Director of Athletics at Earlham College and can be reached at carrfr@earlham.edu.

NCAC goals for fans

- Cheer for your team, not against the opponents
- Don't get personal in your comments about players, coaches or officials
- No profanity, vulgarity, racist or sexist comments
- Give players, coaches and officials their space by keeping away from the playing area and team benches

From the NCAC website.

What's new and different at EC?

By DOUG BENNETT
GUEST WRITER

The most immediately visible change at Earlham this year is the new Mills Hall, the first wholly new residence hall we've opened in more than a decade. And it's hard to miss the fact that Olvey-Andis has been gutted: that residence hall is getting a needed make-over and will open again next fall.

These are the most visible changes across campus, and there are a great many more. One place to learn about what's new and different is the Earlham Gazette. The Gazette is a compilation of short reports written by people in administrative leadership roles across the college. The first drafts of Gazette pages we write for one another in mid-August to bring each other up to date, but with revisions we make the collected Gazette pages available to the whole community via the Web. You can find the Gazette on Community Documents. (From the home page of the Earlham website, choose Information services, then WebDB. Log-in, and choose the Campus Information tab. Community Documents is your first option there. You'll find the Gazette under Office of the President.)

For each part of the college you

can read about new programs and about new members of the faculty and staff. You can also read about what we see as the main items for the college agenda this year: what we'll be working on.

The Gazette page I wrote outlines 10 key issues that I think will be the most important issues we'll be working on college-wide this year.

The single most important agenda item for the future welfare of the college is a comprehensive campaign to raise money for the college. This past June, after several years of preliminary work, the Board of Trustees set in motion a campaign through which we hope and expect to raise at least \$60 million dollars for the college over the next five years.

What would we use that money for? We've identified five goals, all of which emerge out of a strategic planning process that involved students, faculty, staff, and members of the Board of Trustees.

Our first and most important goal will be to raise endowment for financial aid. Earlham makes available to its students a great deal of financial aid, and providing all that financial aid crowds other priorities out of the college's operating budget. More endowment for financial aid will relieve some of

this pressure.

A second goal is to raise endowment for faculty compensation. Our faculty are the most critical aspect of Earlham's educational excellence, and they deserve to be better compensated. We'll be raising money to build the first phase of a new arts complex, and also raising money to build the first phase of a new science complex. We won't start construction on either project until we've raised most of the money we need, but we all hope that day comes soon.

And finally, we'll be raising money to do some work in and around Earlham's libraries to make them an 'information commons' – and thus more adequate as information sources and study spaces in a digital world.

The whole staff of Institutional Advancement will be working on this campaign, but many others at the college and many volunteers will be working to achieve these goals, too. The campaign will likely take me away from campus frequently to visit prospective donors. Wish us all luck. Earlham's future depends on this campaign.

Doug Bennett is the president of Earlham College.

Oh my gawd, did you notice David Karasick went from "Single" to "It's complicated"??

Facebook gets creepier every day.

Seriously.

(faux-hawk)

If you can play it cool enough...
no one will know you're an addict

Committee plans for new semester

By JAKE ADLER AND BILAL RIDA EL MAWLA
GUEST WRITERS

Since the year 2000, the conflict in the Middle East has been growing at an enormous rate. Within the areas of conflict there have been large numbers of civilian casualties.

The Committee for Justice in the Middle East (CJME), an Earlham organization, understands that these conflicts directly impact our community, whether we have family or friends in the region, a strong attachment to peace in the area, or have simply taken a class with Saoud El Mawla, the Earlham Plowshares professor whose family is currently stuck in

Beirut, caught in the middle of the Israel/Lebanon conflict. CJME is a student organization devoted to issues of social justice in the Middle East. We come from a variety of backgrounds, our connecting thread being our interest in humanitarian justice in the region.

We would like to encourage all members of the Earlham community with a yearning to be involved in dialogue and action to attend our meetings, held Wednesday nights at 8 p.m. in LBC 211. Our six sub-committees are devoted to cultural awareness, political awareness, media and publicity, event planning, financial management and fundraising, and dialogue. CJME is currently planning to bring speakers to talk about

peacemaking initiatives, organizing videoconferences with universities in the Middle East, and presenting a multimedia educational exhibit showing the effects of the conflict on civilians from all parts of the region. You can also be kept up to date on CJME events and projects, as well as email discussion, by joining the CJME listerv. To join, send an email to CJME-L@earlham.edu. We appreciate your support, and encourage everyone to check us out.

We hope to hear from you soon.

Senior Jake Adler and sophomore Bilal Rida El Mawla on behalf of CJME's Dialogue Sub-committee.



Got an opinion?

The Earlham Word provides an open forum and welcomes letters to the editor and opinion pieces from members of the community. Submissions should be clear, concise, and respectful. Please limit the article length to 800 words. Pieces are due by Sunday at 5 p.m. to rocheli@earlham.edu.

Cheers & Sneers

Cheers to Doug Bennett for advocating that college education be cheaper and more accessible to everyone. Ironically, Earlham was regarded as a "hidden gem" and compared to the likes of Harvard and Yale recently in the New York Times, which will probably increase the College's exclusivity as well as its tuition. **Sneers** to the publicly displayed love poem in SAGA. I especially enjoyed the part about suckling nectar until my beloved begins to shudder. **Cheers** to the overwhelming amount of athletic supporters cheering and jeering at this weekend's varsity games!

Sneers to living with a housemate and having a girlfriend whom both exhibit strep throat-like symptoms. Wait a second, am I missing something here?! **Cheers** to freshmen ladies who find enjoyment in making out with four or five different soccer players in one night after a weekend of winning. Now those are whom I call fans! **Sneers** to the tragic though somewhat appropriate passing of the iconic wildlife educator Steve "the Crocodile Hunter" Irwin. "Crikey!" Something finally got him!

Send your Cheers and Sneers to rocheli@earlham.edu

SPORTS

Women's soccer seals season's first victory

BY JEREMY HOSIER
STAFF WRITER

The Earlham College women's soccer team hosted the Raven-Quaker Classic to open their season on Sept. 1 and 2. The Quakers lost one and won one in this tournament weekend.

On Friday the women were dealt a tough loss by Principia College. Principia scored two first half goals and held on to win 3-1. Junior forward Hailee Carter accounted for Earlham's only goal off the assist from freshman forward Franny Newport. Senior goalie Casie Byrd had 12 saves in the contest.

In their second contest of the Classic on Saturday, the Quakers were victorious over Thomas More, with a score of 2-1. Freshman midfielder Emily Roth scored on a free kick in overtime to seal the victory. Earlier in the contest, sophomore midfielder Maddie Daskovsky scored off an assist from Carter in the 34th minute. In the 51st minute, Thomas More tied the game with a goal. Even though they were out shot 15-11 the Quakers managed to win behind 10 saves from Byrd.

Head coach Jim Watts, in his sixth year at Earlham, welcomes back a strong senior class and a number of returning team members in the quest for success this season. One of the returning players poised to lead the Quakers' offensive attack is sophomore forward Hillary Carter. She led the Quakers in goals and total points last year with 19 and 44 respectively.

On the defensive side, Byrd looks to lead after a season absence in 2005, tending goal for her final season with the Quakers. In 2004, Byrd played in nine games, tallying 38 saves, recording three shut-outs and a save percentage of .760. The Quakers (1-1) look to improve on their record when they travel to Rose-Hulman for a non-conference contest on Saturday, Sept. 9.



PHOTO BY JASCHA PICK

Sophomore Maddie Daskovsky battles for the ball at the Raven-Quaker Classic in the 2-1 win against Thomas More on Saturday at Matlack Field.

Men's soccer undefeated

Strong defense contributes to two weekend wins

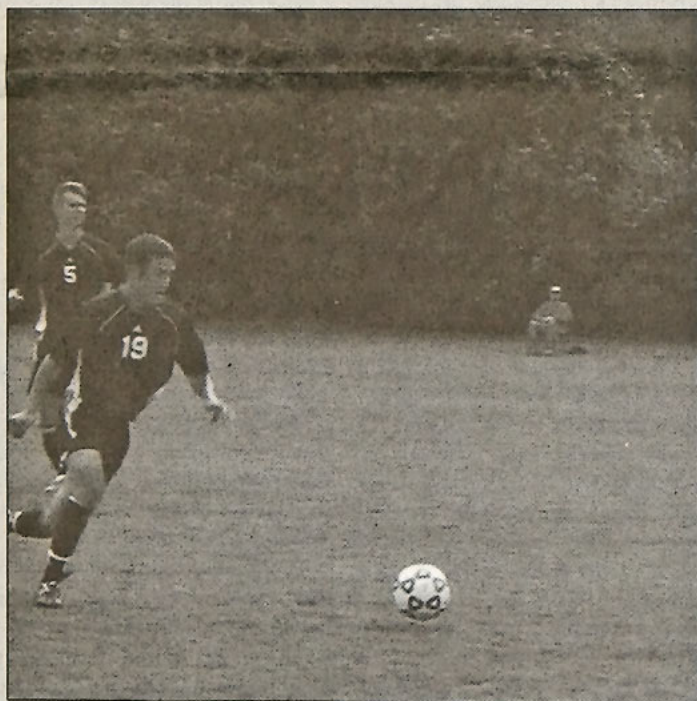


PHOTO BY COLE YUNGER

Freshman defender Adam Jackson receives a pass from junior defender Zac Schmitz and carries the ball up field in their first home game of the season against Principia.

BY JEREMY HOSIER
STAFF WRITER

With strong defensive efforts and timely scoring, Earlham's men's soccer team won both of their home games last weekend in the Raven-Quaker Classic.

With his fifth career shutout and three saves, senior goalkeeper Jon O'Neil led the Quakers over Principia College 1-0 in the season opener. Despite being outshot 6-3 by Principia, Earlham sophomore midfielder

Ben Solganik was credited with a 75th minute goal. Junior forward Nhlanhla Maduna assisted on the goal.

On Saturday, the Hustlin' Quakers outshot Thomas More 12-9 but still needed an overtime

goal to remain undefeated. After Thomas More found the back of the net in the 57th minute of the contest junior Chris Sloan evened the match with his unassisted goal in the 81st minute. O'Neil's seven saves at goaltender paced the defensive performance of the Quakers. In overtime, senior midfielder Behar Xharra assisted Maduna's goal, giving the Quakers another win.

After speaking with Head Coach Roy Messer, the strong start last weekend by the men's soccer team did not surprise. "We are better, we know we're better, particularly defensively, where we just weren't good enough last year," Messer said.

While the defense has made improvements, the offense looks to replace last year's leading scorer, Victor Anciano, who did not return to school this fall. With scoring as the main question going into the season, the Quakers found ways to score enough to come away victorious in their first two games. Messer and the team look towards a successful upcoming season.

Earlham (2-0) travels to Rose-Hulman for a non-conference contest tomorrow.

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-Head Coach Roy Messer

Athletes honored



PHOTO BY EMILY OSTROFF

Junior soccer player Nhlanhla Maduna (pictured) and senior cross country runner Walker Yane were both named North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) Athlete of the Week for their respective sports. Maduna assisted in the winning goal against Principia last Friday and scored in overtime against Thomas More on Saturday. Yane took second out of 101 runners at the Franklin Invitational, running the 8K course in 26:55.

UPCOMING GAMES

Tomorrow

Men's and Women's Cross Country - Great Lakes Colleges Association Championships @ 10 a.m.

Field Hockey
vs. Wooster @ 1 p.m.

Scores:

Women's Cross Country
@ Franklin Invitational
- seventh place

Men's Cross Country
@ Franklin Invitational
- sixth place

Field Hockey
vs. Transylvania 2-0 L
vs. Ohio Wesleyan 2-0 L

Women's Soccer
vs. Principia 3-1 L
vs. Thomas More 2-1 W

Men's Soccer
vs. Transylvania 1-0 W
vs. Thomas More 2-1 W

Volleyball
vs. Greenville 3-1 W
vs. Olivet 3-0 W
vs. Frostburg 3-0 W
vs. Taylor-Ft. Wayne 3-0 W

Football
vs. Rose-Hulman 24-17 L

Cross Country opens

Men finish 6th and women 7th

BY MARK BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Earlham, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Franklin, Vincennes, Wilmington, Manchester, Hanover, and Mount St. Joseph took part in the Franklin Invitational this past Saturday.

The Earlham men's cross country team finished sixth out of eight teams. Leading the way for the men was senior Walker Yane, who finished second with a time of 26:55.10 and earning the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) Runner of the Week honors. Other runners for the Quakers were freshman Adam Tobin (18th, 28:15.40), junior Mark Boylan (23rd, 28:24.60), sophomore James Haley (43rd, 29:42.70), junior Dan Mahle (45th, 29:54.10), sophomore Eric Richardson (49th, 29:59.00), and senior Chris Hughes (58th, 30:19.90).

The Earlham women's cross country team finished seventh out of eight teams. Sophomore

Michelle Crane finished in seventh place leading the team with a time of 20:31.40. Other runners for the Quakers were sophomore Emma Bohmann (38th, 22:38.20), sophomore Anna Chatfield (42nd, 26:06.40), freshman Julia Mickley (46th, 23:48.80), sophomore Sara Bohall (47th, 23:51.10), sophomore Mary Rowley (48th, 23:52.60), and freshman Lydia Forman (51st, 24:06.70).

"It was a good opening meet for us. We ran well in places in the line-up, but I'm confident that we will make progress throughout the season," said Head Coach Pat Thomas.

When asked about the upcoming Great Lakes Colleges Association (GLCA) Championships Thomas replied, "In the meet there will be six conference schools, which will be a good preview of the conference championships that Earlham will host on Oct. 28th."

Earlham will host the GLCA Championships tomorrow at 10 a.m.

National Football League recruiters scout senior quarterback

Quakers defeated by Rose-Hulman 24-17 at their season opener; will face off next against Manchester

BY ADAM BUSH
STAFF WRITER

It has been an exciting pre-season for Earlham's senior quarterback Justin Rummell. Throughout the past couple of weeks, there have been many different National Football League (NFL) recruiters here

to observe the Earlham quarterback who holds almost all of Earlham's passing records.

Rummell, who is returning for his fifth year after a season-ending injury in the 2005 season, was named to the pre-season All-American team. He is excited about the upcoming season for the Quaker football team and has set high ex-

pectations for himself.

Rummell was unable to name the teams who were coming to visit campus due to the strict policies held by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), but said that, "It is very exciting and nerve wracking at the same time. I'm constantly trying to block out the fact that they are here and just play

my game. They usually don't even come to watch me throw balls in practice, because they can see what I can do physically from watching game/practice film. They usually just come to see how I interact with my teammates and coaches."

"It isn't too often that a division three quarterback, or any player for that matter, gets a shot to play at the

next level, and his teammates and coaches are proud of his accomplishments," said junior receiver Joe White.

Senior running back Brandon Warner said, "It is great for the program; it gets our name out there, not just throughout the region, but nationally."

Rummell and the Quakers

opened their season Saturday, Sept. 2 against Rose-Hulman. They were defeated by the Engineers 24-17. Rummell completed 28 passes for 352 yards through the air. White was the leading receiver with 8 catches for 168 yards and a touchdown. The Quakers travel to Manchester College tomorrow for a non-conference game against the Spartans.

SPORTS

New stadium construction to commence

By VINNIE MILHOLLAND
STAFF WRITER

"When any athletic recruit drives up G Street their first impression of our athletic programs is their view on M.O. Ross Field. So what does that say about our athletic program?" These are the words of head football coach Gerry Keesling in regard to Earlham's current football field. M.O. Ross Field was built in 1973, but it was seen as a temporary facility.

When the Athletics and Wellness Center was constructed between 1992 and 1999 there was talk about building a new football stadium as part of the project; however, this was halted by the need to build the Landrum Bolling Center, which opened in 2002. In the spring of 2006, groundbreaking of the new stadium was supposed to commence, but due to a lack of funding, and the slow progress of the construction of Mills Hall, the stadium project was pushed back once again.

With new facilities, Earlham could host high school sectional games, more track meets, and with the addition of lights, field hockey could play on the field. With better facilities Earlham could also host concerts and other social events.

After a long wait, the groundbreaking of the new stadium, to be named Darrell Beane Field, is

set to commence on October 14 as part of Earlham's homecoming festivities.

Darrell Beane was an Earlham graduate in the class of 1955, and later the Dean of Admissions of Earlham College. In 1993 he was honored with Earlham's Outstanding and Distinguished Service Award for alumni. In 1996, Beane was inducted to the Earlham College Athletics Hall of Fame. Beane was a former football player himself. After suffering from a long-term illness, Beane passed away in 2004.

When asked what the advantages of a new stadium would be, Keesling responded, "First and foremost, it is a stage for our players. Earlham wants the best for the students."

Keesling went on to say that a new stadium will also help recruiting for all sports, and that when a high school athlete thinks about moving to the next level, they expect better facilities than they had in high school. Lafayette-Jefferson, a high school in Indiana, just put in a 2.8 million dollar stadium; many of the bigger schools are putting in field turf.

Chris Owens, a sophomore who competes in several sports, stated that he was not even shown the locker-room on his recruiting visit, and that the first time he saw Earlham's field he thought, "My high school is better than this."



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Groundbreaking for the new football stadium, shown in an artist's rendition above, is scheduled for Homecoming Weekend.

Women's field hockey remains optimistic

By MARK BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The Earlham women's field hockey team traveled to Ohio Wesleyan on Wednesday, Sept. 6. The Bishops put in two breakaway goals to come away with the win. This puts the Quaker's record at 0-2.

They opened their season last Saturday at Transylvania University and came away with a 2-0 loss. Leading the way for the Quakers on the defensive end was sophomore goalie Katherine McDonough with four saves. The Quakers were outshot 5-12 in the contest.

The women's field hockey team is coming into the 2006 season with a strong sense of enthusiasm. "We are a much more offensive team than in the past," said field hockey coach and Assistant

Director of Athletics Jill Butcher.

Junior center mid-fielder Liz Buehler feels the same way. "I'm really optimistic about the season this year," she said. "The freshmen coming in are extremely motivated to win, and our numbers are up from previous years."

"I've been pleased with our leadership on this team," Buehler continued. "Although we have a young team, we will have a lot more experience coming into the season."

"We are a much more offensive team..."

**- Head Coach
Jill Butcher**

One of the things that we have changed coming into the season was our strength and conditioning program. I have seen the development in the spring and summer of the sophomore class; we have kids making plays that they have never made before."

V-ball ties tourney with four wins

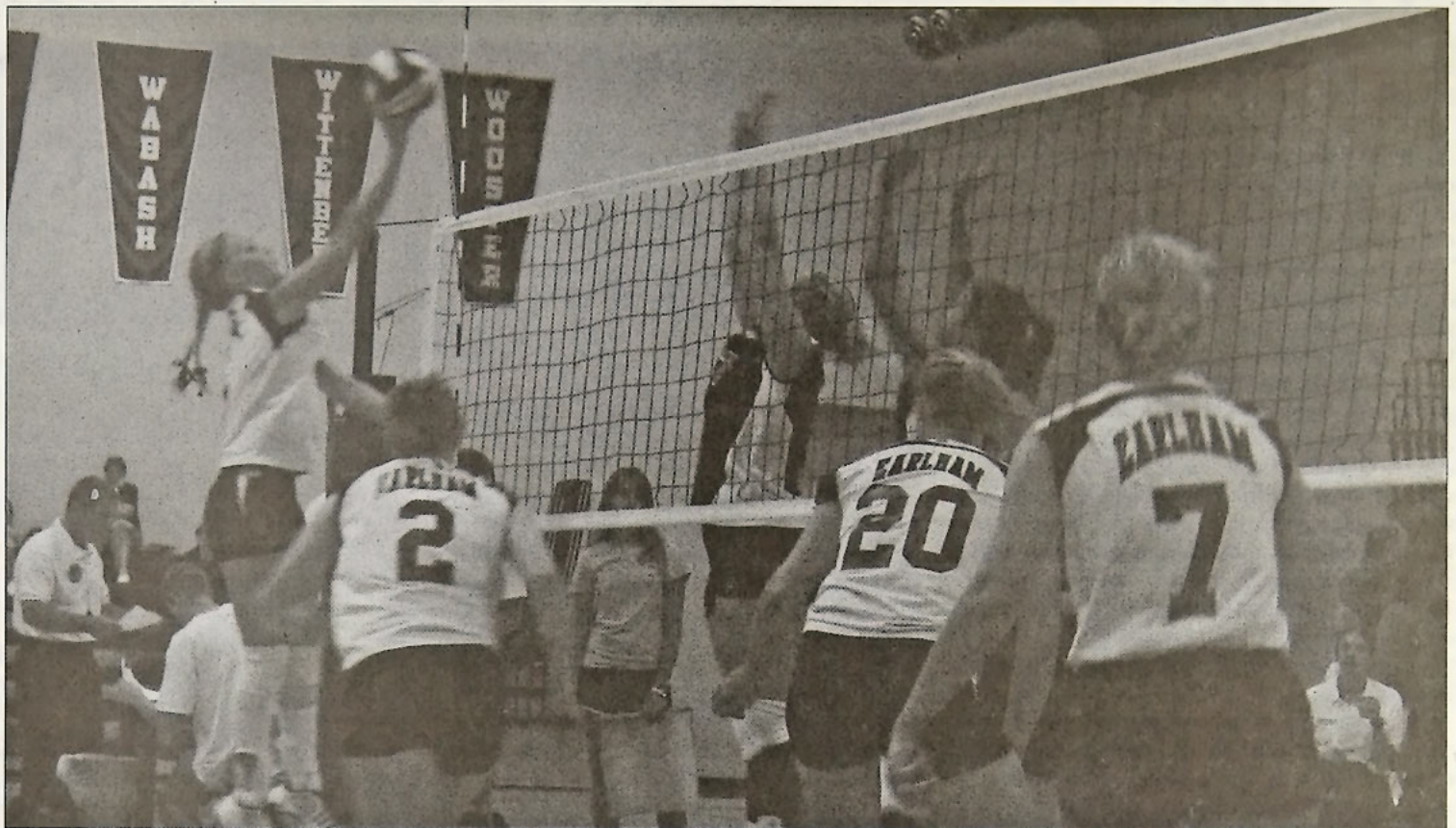


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Junior Jessica Whitaker goes up for a hit against the double block from two Frostburg State front row players. Junior Lisa Vanderkolk, senior Ashley Gorvo, junior Amanda Prewitt, and freshman Keeley McAnnis-Entenman all move in to cover the hit.

By ADAM BUSH
STAFF WRITER

The Earlham women's volleyball team started their season off strong this weekend. With a 4-0 start, they were co-champions of the Coca-Cola Quaker Classic with Urbana University. The Quakers won their season opener Friday, Sept. 1 against Greenville College in four games 29-31, 30-25, 30-27, and 34-32. Earlham then went on to defeat Olivet College in three straight games with scores of 30-19, 30-21, and 30-17.

On Saturday, Sept. 2 the Quakers started off with a win over Frostburg State in three straight games with 30-28, 35-33, and 30-24. Earlham then defeated Taylor-Ft. Wayne 30-25, 31-29, and 30-23 to end the day. The Quakers are now on a 12 game winning streak since losing the first game of the tournament.

"This is the best team effort I have seen out of these ladies," said Head Coach Natalie Alred. "They are quality wins. The girls deserved to win these games today. They've worked hard during camp and stuck together. They've learned you have to believe in yourself to get wins."

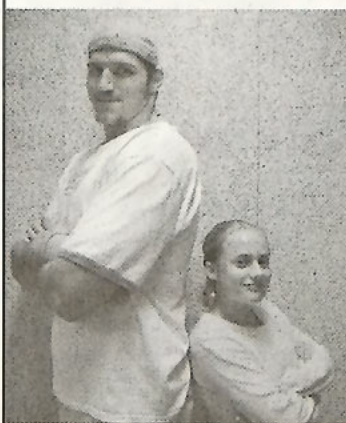
Junior outside hitter Jessica Whitaker started her season off strong and led the Quakers against Greenville with 22 kills and 18 digs. Junior setter Amanda Prewitt led the team in assists with 38, and sophomore middle hitter Sara Prince added six blocks.

Against Olivet, the tandem of Whitaker and junior outside hitter Lisa Vanderkolk led the Quakers with 14 kills each. Prewitt added to her assists mark with an additional 25. Vanderkolk also led the team in digs with 20 and freshman middle hitter Keeley McAnnis-Entenman added three aces in the victory.

In the Saturday opener, Vanderkolk led the way with 15 kills, 12 digs, and four solo blocks, and Prewitt added 19 assists. Against Taylor-Ft. Wayne, Vanderkolk continued her dominant play with 11 kills, while McAnnis-Entenman had six aces and freshman libero Katie Evans had 25 digs.

McAnnis-Entenman was the lone Quaker to be named to the all-tournament team. Throughout the entire tournament she had 36 kills, 15 aces, 10 digs and 10 blocks. On Sept. 8 and 9 the Quakers travel to Rose-Hulman for a two-day tournament in Terre Haute.

SMALL AND TALL



Small and Tall is a weekly column that will be alternately written by Emma Bohmann and Vinnie Milholland.

By EMMA BOHMANN
STAFF WRITER

It is an age-old debate on high school and college campuses around the country: is dance a sport? Many of us have seen the dance teams of our high schools parade onto the football field at half time and sometimes dazzle us with their moves, sometimes bore us. With the exception of Dance Alloy twice a year, this dancing phenomenon

It's physical, but is it a sport?

has been relatively unknown on the Earlham campus - until now. Fueled by the curiosity which was aroused in me at the sight of a poster for the new Earlham dance team, the Earthquakers, as well as the memory of countless arguments in high school, I set out to make a decision once and for all: is dance a sport?

The members of Earlham's dance team maintain that it is. "All forms of dance require extreme athleticism, talent and coordination," said sophomore Kyla Pitts, co-founder of the Earthquakers.

Sophomore L. Ashton Kunkle, the second half of the leadership, agreed. "We started running in practices," she said. "It gives you stamina for the dances." The girls on the team clearly demonstrated the need for stamina to me when they ran through one of their dances. The kicking, turning and stepping may not look like much from the audience, but I could see the perspiration on their faces and hear their heavy breathing when they had finished.

"Of course it depends on how you define sports, but it's definitely athletic," said junior Becky McCabe, who has been dancing since the age of four. "[People] think, 'oh, it's pretty, you don't have to work

hard.' They don't see how hard the dancers work."

Despite the hard work of the dancers, there are still those who don't consider it a sport. "Dance doesn't qualify for a sport because the outcome is up to a panel of judges, whose ruling is subjective and doesn't necessarily reflect the better team," said freshman football defender Jay Zevin. I've heard Zevin's view reflected many times in the past.

Most sports, such as soccer, baseball and cross-country, are scored objectively. In soccer, a point is scored when the ball is kicked into the opposing team's goal; in baseball, when a player crosses home plate; and in cross-country, points are awarded according to the place in which runners finish.

Dance competitions are scored differently. The dances are first divided into different categories based on the music type, and then scored by judges. "We're judged on technique, showmanship, synchronization... All the different points are added and the top dance in that category wins," Pitts said.

"There are... sports that you do for performance," pointed out Earlham alumna and runner Adair Lindsay. "In dancing, there are specific moves you have to execute,

and they judge you on how well you execute them. It's very objective because you have to hit the right moves." Is it true, as is widely believed, that the dancers are judged on their looks and style?

Pitts and Kunkle firmly deny this. "Showmanship... is everything that comes out in your face," Pitts explained. Facial expression is important, but beauty is not.

While dance competition scoring may appear to be subjective, other sports are not as clear-cut as they seem either. Referees in soccer make decisions during the game that sometimes appear to favor one team over another. In baseball, the umpire has a similar role. Though these positions are supposed to be unbiased, I have heard many complaints after games that the referee liked the other team.

Dance is not the only form of competition scored by judges. "Is everything in the Olympics a sport?" McCabe asked. "If you consider figure skating, gymnastics and diving [all Olympic sports] sports, then dance is as well." There are different kinds of sports, some more objective than others. But, as Lindsay pointed out, "Dancing is a physical activity. Isn't that required for a sport?"

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