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## Earlham explodes with class of 2002

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*Contributing Editor*

Earlham is growing. Putting to rest the rumored number of 350 first-years populating the campus, the incoming class of 2002 is a confirmed 305 students. Compare this to last year's incoming class of a mere 280 and the school feels awfully crowded indeed.

"Part of our job is to make sure people know about Earlham

College," Jeff Rickey explains simply. Rickey, the new Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, believes that a combination of offering better programs and forums to prospective students while explaining to them what Earlham is all about has been the twofold process that brings in all the new Earlhamites.

Broken down, this first-year class consists of 26 transfers, 101 Hoosiers, 41 Quakers, 50 alumni-

related, 25 African-Americans, and 18 minority students.

The increase in enrollment is due largely in part to a new merit scholarship that is offered to selected Indiana high school seniors. Hoosiers make up approximately one-third of the first-year class, the largest group. The \$5,000 renewable scholarships are rewarded to those students who graduate having taken specific classes and having been rewarded honors diplomas.

For the first time in many years the men outnumber the women in the class of 2002. According to the Admissions Office, 51 percent of the first-years are men and 49 percent are women. Bemoaning her first year, a senior who wishes to remain anonymous, wonders why these statistics couldn't have applied to her class.

Fears of overcrowded classes, longer lines at the American Grill, and cramped dorms are concerning

some upperclassmen. Liz Soistman, a Resident Counselor in Earlham Hall, understands where these fears come from, but insists that among dorm staff members this has not been an issue.

"I think the size of the incoming class isn't enough to lose the sense of community in the future," Soistman explains, "but I think a lot of it will depend on how much this class and further classes commit themselves to being part of an

intentional community."

Among the faculty and staff who have had experiences with the new group of students, optimism for their role at Earlham is high.

"This is a really great group," Rickey says proudly. "The students I met during New Student Week impressed me a great deal with their focus and their commitment to developing a world view. They see this place as a good place."

## Athletic Wellness Center construction sprints ahead

**Rachel Guza**  
*Staff Writer*

As anyone who lives on the south side of Barrett could affirm, the construction on Earlham's new Athletic Wellness Center has begun. In fact, it began in May, in the week following Graduation Ceremonies.

Currently, the demolition of the rubber gym and Webber Pool has been completed. These areas are scheduled to be completed by January of 1999. The next phase of the project will be to renovate Trueblood Fieldhouse. The project is expected to be finished in June of 1999.

During construction, athletic offices, as well as some showers, have been re-located to a series of seven trailers outside the fieldhouse. Trueblood itself will remain in use for the volleyball and basketball teams until the beginning of next semester.

"It's inconvenient," Pat Thomas, Cross Country coach, said of living in the trailers. "But it's also exciting. We're looking forward to the final product," he said.

Earlier this summer, there were some



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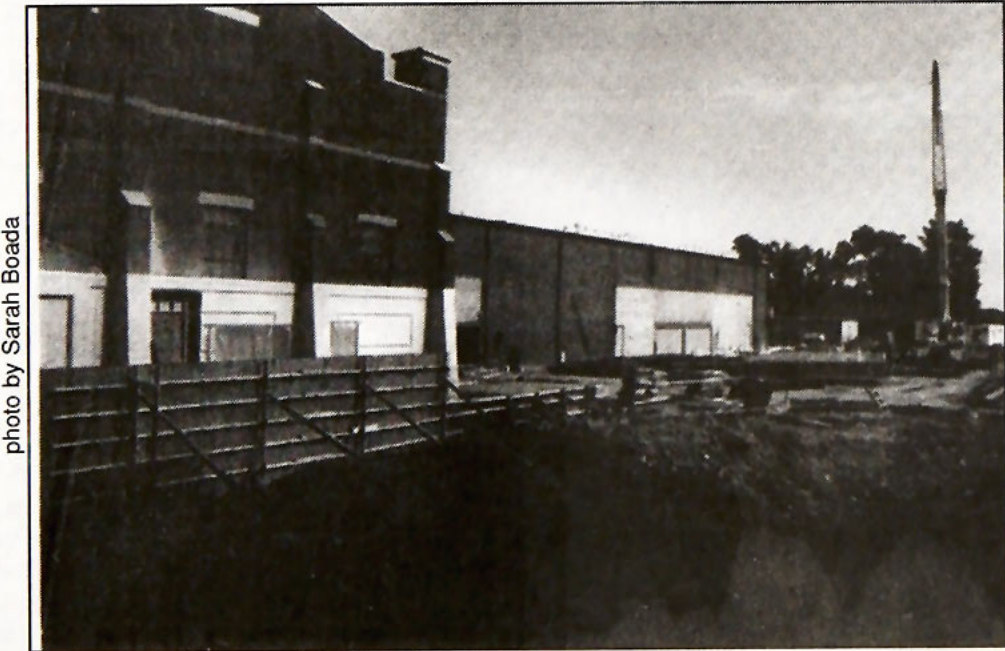


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**Above:** Now that the area in front of the fieldhouse has been cleared work has begun on the structure itself. **Left:** As construction began on the new fieldhouse, the sidewalk was ripped up in the first stages.

minor difficulties in locating the steel to construct the framework for the Wellness Center which delayed the schedule by about a week.

"It's like any job with an ambitious schedule like this one has: it's easy to fall behind," Bill Mullin, Director of Physical Plant, said. He adds that the steel problem "has been addressed, and they feel like they can make up the time lost."

Hagerman Contracting was hired to complete the Athletic Wellness Center for about \$11.4 million. Funding for the project came from a combination of sources, including around \$2 million in pledges from corporations and alumnae.

Mullin believes that the construction process has gone fairly smoothly thus far. "I've been around a lot of construction," he said, "but never one that moved this fast or was intended to move this fast."

Once complete, the new Athletic Wellness Center will be more spacious than the old fieldhouse. There will also be an indoor track and a climbing wall.

## Bennett discusses transformation at Convo

**Adam Sanchez**  
*Contributing Editor*

This Wednesday, September 2, in Goddard Auditorium, Earlham President Doug Bennett presented his opening convocation, entitled "Some Elements of Transformation." In his presentation, Bennett offered his thoughts as to what transforms Earlham campus.

Bennett began by listing what he believes to be five aspirations for Earlham. To Bennett, Earlham aspires for more diversity, to become a "model crossroads in cyberspace," to become a "better neighbor" to communities, and to "draw leadings from Quakerism."

The focus of this week's convocation was Bennett's fifth aspiration, to have "transformative programs" for both Earlham and its students.

Bennett addressed the college's role in "transforming and educating" by looking at both the school's programs and philosophy.

By placing responsibility on its students, insisting "unreserved respect" for others, holding to Quaker testimonies, and fostering "spiritual and intellectual education," said Bennett, Earlham "seeks to awaken the teacher within."

Bennett cited Earlham's foreign studies program, interdisciplinary studies program, the new wellness program, as well as the new athletics facility as important aspects of Earlham's role in transforming its students.

## Rickey Begins at Earlham

**David Fuller**  
*Contributing Editor*

Jeff Rickey, the new dean of admissions, has gotten into the swing of things, here at Earlham. Rickey was hired last year to take the place of Nancy Sinex.

Rickey comes to Earlham from George Fox University. Rickey showed a long commitment to George Fox University, he spent a total of twelve years there. In 1990 he left George Fox University to work as an independent consultant. His consulting work included advising colleges enrollment, admissions, and financial aid. Rickey's ability is evident from his work at George Fox University, his speeches, and his seminars.

At George Fox University, he was able to significantly strengthen both the number and caliber of incoming students. In ten years he was able to increase enrollment from 549 in 1986 to 1365. This caused new student enrollment to

jump by 816 students.

This increase in number, also came with an increase in quality. In the same period that he increased enrollment the average GPA of an incoming freshman rose from 3.17 to 3.54; SAT scores went from 895 to 1104. These students represented an increase in Quaker students, George Fox University is a Quaker university. The increased student body reflected a greater measure of diversity with more foreign students, minority students, and students from underprivileged backgrounds. While increasing the enrollment he did not ignore the existing students, as reflected by the increased retention rate.

Rickey did a number of seminars, speeches and presentations on the subject of college admissions. Among his seminars is "Keeping Dollars from Killing Dreams" a seminar about not allowing the increasing cost of higher education exclude a deserving but not wealthy group of people that could

benefit from education and enrich a college community.

Some of Rickey's talents can be seen in the fact that he has been a lifelong Quaker, and an active member in the Newberg Friends Church. He graduated from George Fox University, then George Fox College. His work is combined with a family life, he has a wife Deborah and three children ages nine, 13, and 19, and an active recreational life.

Rickey is excited about the opportunity to work for Earlham. He said, "It seems like my whole life has prepared me for my career here at Earlham." He brings a new level of enthusiasm and experience to the Admissions office. This can only be helpful for Earlham, as the Admissions office is the first face of the college that everyone sees. The Earlham community is always searching for new members to make it stronger, and Rickey can only help in that search.

-Jill Bowdon contributed this story.

## Eisenberg Cases Concludes

**Decision ends questions about college**

**David Fuller**  
*Contributing Editor*

On Wednesday, September 2, it was announced that the Erika Eisenberg case, had been settled out of court. Provost Len Clark issued a statement to the faculty via email.

The statement reads in part, "The parties have reached an agreement to resolve and end their litigation." The actual wording of the decision was not revealed as part of the settlement, although Clark did include in the email, "The parties agree, however, that Earlham College, and each of the educational institutions involved are committed to the safety of their students who participate in foreign study programs."

This is the conclusion of the case originally filed by Eisenberg on March 23, 1997. Erika Eisenberg, class of 1997, had filed suit against Earlham College, the Great Lakes College Association (GLCA), and the Associated Colleges of the Midwest (ACM), for a then total of \$3 million in damages, on the grounds of sexual harassment, stemming from her alleged rape by her Japanese host father, Shoji Shino.

Eisenberg was a student on Earlham's Japan Studies program, which is run in partnership with the ACM and GLCA. The program required the students to live with a host family, and to study at Waseda University. Eisenberg was placed in the home of Shoji Shine. She contends that Shino repeatedly harassed her throughout the year, and that on April 8, 1996 he raped her. Her lawsuit held that Earlham and the GLCA did not try and help her lessen the harassment and that they did not react properly to the

rape.

In response to Eisenberg's suit Earlham's lawyers filed suit, in a declaratory action, to determine if the waiver signed by Eisenberg protected the College from the lawsuit.

Eisenberg's suit rested on two claims: the first was that Earlham College was negligent in its handling of her reported harassment and rape and the second that the college had violated title IX. The second and most serious part of the case was thrown out by a federal court on April 21, 1998. Title IX is a federal statute that deals with sexual harassment. The federal court threw that portion of the case out on the grounds that federal law cannot be applied outside of the United States.

The loss of the title IX claim came as a blow to Eisenberg's case, as it was the largest part of it, and may have contributed to the settlement announced on the second.



International

Mary Carter  
Staff Writer

Russian government  
in limbo

Russia—President Boris Yeltsin is negotiating with the Russian parliament (the Duma) to dissolve the current government and form a new system. These negotiations broke down when the Duma rejected Yeltsin's new appointment for Prime Minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin.

Yeltsin has promised to fight until Chernomyrdin is approved. If his appointment is rejected three times, the Duma mainly-Communist, will be disbanded and an early parliamentary election will be held. It is expected that a new parliament would be even more hostile to Yeltsin.

This political strain comes at a time when the Russian economy is at its worst. The Russian stock market has collapsed, causing global economic problems, including a U.S. stock market crisis on Monday and the drop of the dollar against the Japanese Yen.

Floods spread  
throughout Asia

East Asia—There has been severe flooding throughout East Asia. Northern and Eastern India have the highest death toll at 1,118. Many of those deaths are attributed to snakebite and mudslides.

Bangladesh has also had floods which have killed over 600 people. Two thirds of Bangladesh is currently under water. Most residents can no longer afford food or find drinking water. The Bangladeshi government has announced that it needs \$895 billion in aid, but only \$65 billion is available. Over 3,000 have been killed in China by flooding, and the government has estimated damages at \$20 billion.

A famine which has killed 300,000-800,000 people every year for the last three years is being worsened by flooding which has destroyed crops.

New students take part in Service Projects around Richmond

Joe Sonenshein  
Staff Writer

Only three days after arriving on campus, new students were already connecting with the Richmond Community while working on their New Student Week (NSW) service projects. The Service Learning Program sponsored the various projects held August 25. Together, students bonded and became familiar with many service opportunities in the larger community outside of Earlham.

The unusually large size of the class of the 2002 created some obstacles for NSW Service Project Coordinator, Tiffany Ensley. She began the arduous process of planning in May, and worked on it all summer. Because of the large class

and the housing crunch she was concerned about rooming assignments and whether she would have enough places to send all the new students, without sending too many students to one place. Students were assigned to their service project by their residence hall wings.

According to Ensley, the projects were planned with several goals in mind. One goal was to establish contact and relationships between new students residing in the same residence halls. Another goal was to create contact with the community. Ensley believes the projects are a way, "to build a bridge between Earlham and Richmond."

Richmond State Hospital, the Mental Health Association, Birthright, Girls Inc., Easter Seals,

Scott Boys Club, the Parks and Recreation Department, Genesis, and the Richmond Symphony Orchestra were among the various places where students helped out. At the Oak Ridge Rehab and Special Care Center, Carl Grosjean cleaned rooms and talked to patients. He said it was valuable, "talking to members of a whole different generation," but he also found it difficult to see distressed patients or patients unable to communicate.

Not all groups went off-campus for their service projects. Some like Bridget Alexander, braved the wilds of back campus, clearing the way for a ropes course. Alexander's group bonded during the experience, singing show-tunes together. "It (the service project)

was very sweaty but it was fun," Alexander commented.

Justin Fong believes his experience cleaning up Whitewater Gorge was important in motivating him to become more involved in Richmond. "I have an interest in working outside in the community and volunteering," Fong stated.

Ensley sent student evaluations out on Monday and Tuesday, so she has not yet determined how successful the projects were overall. She received several thank you notes from organizations in the community, and the few student evaluations Ensley has received are positive. For students interested in working on such a project in the future, they may contact the Student Development Office for information.

International

Rwandan officials  
sentenced

Tanzania—The tribunal established to investigate charges of genocide in Rwanda is expected to issue its first sentence this week. It will be passing sentence on former Rwandan Prime Minister Jean Kambanda, who pleaded guilty to genocide charges early on.

The tribunal is also currently hearing evidence against the former mayor of the central city of Taba, Jean-Paul Akayesu. Akayesu has pleaded not guilty to the charges against him.

Problems arise  
between Iran and  
Afghanistan

Iran—Iran has amassed troops on the Iran-Afghanistan border. The troops, which include the highest levels of the Iranian army, are to be performing military exercises.

However, Afghanistan has warned that if Iran goes ahead with these exercises, it will escalate the tensions already existing between the two countries. The tensions come from a dispute over missing Iranian diplomats. Iran says it will go on with the exercises.

Another West Bank  
peace accord fails

Jerusalem—Israel has failed to meet an agreement made with Palestine regarding withdrawal of troops from the West Bank. According to the agreement, Israel was to have removed the majority of its troops out of the West Bank by August 31.

Israel has not removed the troops, and has said that they will not do so because Palestine has not fulfilled its end of the agreement. The Israeli government also cited the Palestinian government's recent execution of two Palestinian prisoners as one reason that Israel does not see Palestine fit to have an autonomous government.

Students line up at Organizational Fair



photo by Sarah Boada

Convenors of campus groups recruit members at the Organizational Fair on Saturday, August 29, on the Heart. The fair, coordinated by Student Government, gave students an opportunity to investigate on-campus activities.

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Student government returns to work

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Student Government welcomes Earlham to an exciting 1998-99 school year! Student Government and other student organizations have a number of things planned for this fall semester. The Student Activities Board will kick off the semester with Sunsplash this Sunday. Musical guests, Earlham bands, and comedians are among

the other SAB-sponsored events to look forward to.

Student Government will be sponsoring a Forum for student organizations, as well as two All-Student meetings. Elections are also coming up at the end of the semester. Anyone interested in running for a position should contact Sarah Mowry (ext. 2007) or Brian Ransdell (939-9463), Co-Convenors of Student Government.

New Faculty come to Earlham

Adam Sanchez  
Contributing Editor

Returning students will find a lot of unfamiliar people at Earlham not included in the New Faces book. This year, Earlham has hired 43 new faculty and staff members, of which there are fourteen visiting Professors and Instructors, six ath-

letic interns, 1 new professor, and 1 new assistant professor.

President Doug Bennett said of the new faculty, "There's a lot of shuffling [in the faculty] that goes on with so many new interns, and visiting professors." Some of the positions filled were for professors on sabbatical leave, but the new faces are always welcome here at Earlham.

Sunsplash hits Earlham



Publicity Photo

Winston Watson, Ansel Cridland, and Danny Clarke of The Meditations will perform at this year's Sunsplash festival along with the Congos. Not only does Sunsplash feature reggae music, but it also includes vendors and games, such as a moon room, a velcro wall, and an obstacle course. 1997 graduate Ezra Houser will also be returning as a member of the stilt-walking group Swizzlestick Theatre from Toronto, Canada. "[Last year's Sunsplash] was harmonious," commented an Earlham student, "the music helped me forget the pressures of school." Sunsplash runs 1-7 p.m. on Sunday. —Brian Gueyser

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Pick up a tutor request form in Runyan basement.

National/Regional

Starr readies  
impeachment report  
on Clinton

Washington D.C.—Independent counsel Kenneth Starr is preparing an impeachment report on President Clinton in which he will cite obstruction of justice and abuse of power as reasons for Clinton's impeachment.

California tries to  
increase presidential  
influence

Sacramento—The state of California is attempting to pass legislation that would move up the date of the state presidential primary. If the bill is passed, it would greatly increase California's impact in choosing the presidential nominee.

Burton warns of plot

Indiana representative Dan Burton has warned his supporters of an upcoming scandal story about his private life. He has claimed that the magazine Vanity Fair is going to be printing this story, which is a plot devised by supporters of President Clinton. Vanity Fair has denied the accusation, and the Indianapolis Star as well as other news organizations have been investigating Rep. Burton's private life also.

Storm to hit US

Louisiana—Tropical storm Earl is expected to become a hurricane within the next three days and come ashore on Friday somewhere along the Louisiana coast. This will be the third hurricane of the season.

Crime Beat

To all the faithful Crime Beat readers, Crime Beat will start next week. —Sarah Boada

Sick of writing  
humanities papers?  
Are you ready for  
something else?

The Word is looking for anyone interested in being a staff writer. If that describes you, run to the nearest phone and dial x1569. If you're interested in writing sports, call Rob at 939-7139. Thanks!



# Men's soccer opens season with quality result



The men's soccer team takes a quick break during practice.

**Rob Crockett**  
*Contributing Editor*

The Earlham College men's soccer team won its first contest of this year's much-anticipated season Tuesday afternoon, as the Quakers defeated Marian College by a final score of 2-0. Sophomore forward Chris Wilson ran circles around the Marian defense and netted both goals in the second half.

The first tally came in the 63rd minute as junior Jamie Dick worked his way across the top of the penalty box and found an open Wilson near the back post for the tap in. The duo hooked up again to seal the contest with just three minutes left and sent the Earlham faithful into an uproar.

Earlham dominated throughout, with a 13-3 advantage in shots.

Goalkeeper Orion Creamer collected two saves, but they saved the game. With less than 10 minutes to play and a 1-0 lead, a Marian free kick was deflected wide off the goal post by the senior co-captain, who had to jump up and save the ensuing rebound. It was the 14th career shutout.

The game was played as expected by Earlham head coach Roy Messer. "We had the better share of the game. Marian was a better team than expected, but we looked good, given that it was our first 11 aside of the year."

Earlham held the ball well and defensively came up in times of need. "Defensively, we were sound. Paul Rauhen and Damon Buster played particularly well, and Chris battled up front getting the two goals."

Next up for the Quakers is a pair of tough matches. First, the men will travel to Goshen tomorrow with the women's team to play an evening doubleheader.

"Goshen beat us last year. We are going there hopeful of a good result. It is going to be a matter of our continuing to improve and build some momentum," said Messer.

Wednesday afternoon, the best team of this year's home schedule will come to campus, the Quakers from Wilmington College. Messer sees the importance of the game, saying "They are a good team. They spent most of last year in the national rankings, and will be the best team to come here and play at Earlham this year."

The match is set to start at 4 p.m. on Comstock field.

photo by Sarah Boada

# Women's volleyball falls to

**Sadler Kramer**  
*Staff Writer*

The Earlham women's volleyball team, looking to improve on last year's disappointing season, fell to 0-1 on the season with a 15-6, 16-14, 15-7 loss to DePauw University. There were bright spots in the Quaker defeat, as a trio of sophomores put forth solid efforts.

On offense it was outside hitters

Tara Nahrup and Christine Parker who led Earlham's attack. Nahrup posted a team-high nine kills while Parker, a co-captain, compiled a .385 hitting percentage with seven kills.

Meanwhile team catalyst Jenny Maure, a setter, collected 31 assists and 8 digs.

"The fact that this team is mostly anchored by sophomores and first-years just means that we will improve as the year goes on. We're

obviously a very young team and have a few things to learn," said Nahrup.

The Quakers hope to take the lessons they learned against DePauw and put them to good use Saturday as they travel to Oakland City, Indiana, to take on Oakland City and Kentucky Wesleyan universities. The first match starts at 10 a.m.

# Field hockey season opens with a long day

**Rob Crockett**  
*Contributing Editor*

The Earlham field hockey team opened season play this past week as the Tigers from DePauw University came to campus on Tuesday. The game was a hard-fought contest, and Earlham fell in defeat with a final score of 5-0.



The women's field hockey team practices facing-off.

photo by Sarah Boada

Scores do not always tell the full story, though. At half-time, Earlham trailed the tightly contested match by just a single goal as junior goalkeeper Naomi Freeman kept the Quaker hopes alive. She compiled 23 saves for the day.

Freeman saw the positive aspects in the game, saying, "We played well and we are learning to play together. At this point in the season, that's what's important."

Earlham's lack of depth proved

to be fatal, as DePauw would score four more tallies in the second half.

With only one substitute, and other players playing with injuries, the Quakers were simply overwhelmed.

DePauw senior Lindsay Perry collected three goals and one assist in the winning effort. On the match, the Tigers outshot Earlham 32-10.

Earlham looks to rebound with a home contest tomorrow against The College of Wooster. The game is set to start at 1 p.m. on Comstock Field.

Following a road game Wednesday at Ohio Wesleyan, the team will host games for the next two Saturdays against Denison and Oberlin.

## Informing Earlham

# IM soccer kicks some balls

**Sam Mehl**  
**Jeremy Nickel**  
*Guest Writers*

Single white males in search of male or female companions for hours of afternoon fun. Must be able to kick our balls around, and let us score sometimes.

Yes, the rumors are all true, intramural soccer is back and better than ever with an all-new management team. The plan however has not changed, two games of pure, fruity fun every week—guaranteed. Honestly, IM soccer is made up of around one hundred semi-motivated Quakers of varying talent levels who just want to play

some soccer.

The season is usually around 10 weeks long, and culminates with a winner-takes-all death match in Bolivia during Christmas break. The death match was won last year by the Regulators, a motley crew of students who will be returning under a new moniker this year for an added intimidation factor.

Returning teams and new teams alike will have their sights set on this team throughout the season, no doubt, but the Schmegulators will pose an awesome challenge with their eclectic blend of returning and newly-recruited Quakers.

Some other teams to watch out for are the always dangerous Green

Nuggets, last year's runner-up, the International team, and newly named Mr. Cookie Face. Anyone interested can join these already existing teams, or sign up in Runyan center to be assigned to a team.

Games will run Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, with each team competing twice weekly. Along with the Runyan desk sign-up sheets there will be tabling in Runyan Saturday, September 5 starting at 1:00 p.m., with finalized team rosters due into box 1303 no later than Tuesday, September 8. And remember, let's have some fun out there!

# Artist of the week **Drew DeVoogd**

## Forging ahead in poetry

**Sara Jenkins**  
*Contributing Editor*

Artists come in all forms, and are often limited by the constraints of the modern world. It can be difficult to succeed, and many artists find themselves pursuing alternative routes.

Drew DeVoogd is a senior Latin American Studies major who is one of those that has found himself exploring other options to becoming an artist. A writer of poetry and prose, DeVoogd has two passions, one that may help the other come to fruition. DeVoogd's long-term goal is to write poetry professionally. However, because of the lack of opportunities for poets, he has found a more roundabout way to accomplish his goals.

DeVoogd spent a semester in Mexico and found that this has strongly influenced his writing style. Particularly inspired by Latin American poets Octavio Paz, Gabriel Garcia-Marquez, and Fredrico Garcia-Lorca, he finds that he can draw inspiration from these artists and others like them. The Hispanic voice has influenced DeVoogd strongly, and he feels that his education here at Earlham has helped him understand what it can be like to

live in another, completely different society.

T.S. Eliot speaks of "turning blood into ink," and that is how DeVoogd has described his journey to becoming a writer. He has always been passionate about writing, but until his experience at Earlham, has found it difficult to share his work with others. Through various English classes, such as Creative Writing and Writing Workshop, he has found the difference between his writing styles. He has also gained more confidence in is writing, adopting the attitude that, being personal, it is not up to audience to decide between good and bad, particularly in the field of poetry, and that it is more whether the audience identifies with what the writer has to say.

He describes the difference between private, personal and public writing. Private writing is usually journal writing, something that is shared with no one, or only people that are very close. But after time and self-reflection, private writing can turn into personal writing. DeVoogd describes this style as still a very important part of one's self, but also something that can be shared with a wider audience. This is the kind of approach that DeVoogd

pursues currently, although it has taken time to gain such confidence. But now he is more comfortable with what he terms as "transference of emotion to paper."

Thus, although DeVoogd's dream of a career writing poetry is being put off for the moment, he sees it as something that he will hold as a long-term goal. It is a big jump to decide to be an artist and support himself through that medium, although he still feels strongly that it is an avenue worth striving for. He sees art as essential to life, quoting that "Art doesn't imitate life, art is life." In this view, he thinks that artists in all fields should be supported more by the public, which can start by becoming more involved on the Earlham campus.

Although no major is offered in creative writing, anyone can be more involved in art either in a personal way, or by being a supporter. "Every artist must forge their own path towards fulfillment of personal goals within their field as well as the world" he says. De Voogd plans on working for a while and then heading south to travel through Central America following graduation. He hopes to work on a masters degree in Sociology or Education.

# Earlham women's soccer victorious in season debut

## Senior co-captain nets lone goal at Manchester

**Rob Crockett**  
*Contributing Editor*

The Earlham College women's soccer team traveled to Manchester this past Wednesday and returned to campus with their first win of the year in their arms. The front-running duo of first-year Lacey Berns and senior co-captain Hilde Thomason connected for the lone tally in the 30th minute of play in the non-conference victory.

Thomason connected on a ricocheted deflection by the

Manchester goalkeeper and found net to push the Quakers on top 1-0. Berns, credited with an assist on the play, started the action with a header of her own at goal.

Thomason nudged her Earlham career scoring record up to 28 goals. On the day, Berns led the Earlham attack with a team high six shots.

Earlham goalkeeper Shelly Holt, also a sophomore, made four saves on the way to a shutout in her first collegiate game.

The Quakers dominated play all

day long, compiling a 19-4 advantage in shots and a 13-1 edge in corner kicks.

The women played host yesterday to Otterbein College in this year's home opener, but scores were unavailable at press time.

Tomorrow, the Quaker women travel with the men's team to play an evening doubleheader against Goshen College. Kick-off is set for 5 p.m.

The women return home on Tuesday, September 15, at 4 p.m. against Defiance College.

# Sterile Ice: A review of 'The Ice Storm'

**Daniel McCoy**  
*Film Critic*

Two of the finest films of last year dealt with the long-reaching effects of some of the shifts in morality brought about in the 1970's. One of them was Paul Thomas Anderson's chronicle of the porn industry, "Boogie Nights," and another was Ang Lee's austere vision of 70's suburbia. Although "Boogie Nights" narrowly edges out "The Ice Storm" as my favorite film of that year (and no, it's not because it's about porn) Ang Lee's film runs a close second, and is perhaps more affecting. It's easy to render moral decay and dissolution while examining the sex industry. Conventional wisdom would find comfort in the nuclear family. Instead we find sad, sterile lives.

The action centers on a mid-sized town in an affluent New England suburb. As young teens return home for Thanksgiving from boarding school, the adults sip cocktails and engage in key parties, wherein all of the attendees place their keys in a bowl, and whoever's key you draw out, well, there's your mate for the night, friend. The family around whom the story revolves is the Hoods, and it con-

sists of Ben (Kevin Kline) who's carrying on an affair with his neighbor's wife (Sigourney Weaver—robbed of an Oscar nomination,) and his wife Elena (Joan Allen) whose distance barely covers her desperation. There is also their son who returns home from boarding school only to leave again, hoping desperately for some healing for his family, and finally, there is fourteen year old Wendy whose precociousness about her body may indicate her need for some true affection.

bor kids. They drink and do drugs. They grow distant.

As one of the characters says in the film, "be careful what you breathe in." In this suburb there is so much emotional pollution in the air that the ice storm of the title is a relief. Beautiful and dangerous it sweeps in, cleansing the world, but at a dramatic price.

The cast is uniformly good. All of them are brilliant performers. The director, Ang Lee made two wonderful foreign films, "The Wedding Banquet," and "Eat, Drink, Man, Woman," before coming to Hollywood and helming the Oscar-nominated "Sense and Sensibility." Also, lest I have made this film out to be relentlessly depressing, let me mention that, besides the gorgeous cinematography, this film boasts a wonderful script that is funny and satiric as well as sad. The author, James Schamus, should be congratulated for his terrific adaptation of Rick Moody's acclaimed novel. I've read the original book, and was startled to learn that the entire first half of the film is nearly completely an original invention. There is no seam where the old and new material meets. This is an example of filmmaking at its highest.

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One of the major themes of the film is how the behavior of the parents is bestowed upon the children. These adults have the emotional capabilities of children, and in their selfish need to tend to their own petty needs they neglect to afford any love to those who truly need it, their children. In the face of this lack of affection, their lives mimic their parents'. They engage in sexual experimentation with the neigh-



In Your Corner

There's nothing to do here on weekends.

Not true. Sunplash is this weekend.

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Yup.

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CONSENSUS.

SO, NEW YEAR, HUH? HAVE YOU SEEN FELDSPAR AT ALL SINCE YOU'VE BEEN BACK ON CAMPUS?

OH... DO YOU WANT TO HEAR HOW THINGS ARE GOING BETWEEN TRINI AND I?

ACTUALLY, ROB, WE BROKE UP WAY BACK AT THE BEGINNING OF SUMMER.

NOT REALLY, NO.

PERFECTLY.

GAAHH!

Open Window

What do Earlham and Microsoft have in common?

Well, it's been all summer since I used my email account here at Earlham, and now I'm finally catching up with all those old messages. Ah, the user-friendly beauty of our new system, Webmail. And yet, as I reply to a message from a near and dear friend, what do I see on my screen but the ominous words, "Internal Server Error."

I got a bad feeling in my stomach when that original message arrived at the tail end of last year, explaining the change to come. The supposedly cumbersome VMS system (not that I know anyone who took more than ten minutes to learn the few simple commands) was to be replaced by web-based email. All fine and good, so far. But what is this about students living off-campus? Couched in the most courteous of language, the message instructed students not living in dorms to sign up for—and pay for—their own Internet accounts.

While I am living on campus at the moment, my heart goes out to the poor and the oppressed, living in houses and apartments. At this point in the late 1990's, a college is expected to furnish its students with net accounts of some sort or another, whether they are blazing fast Ethernet connections or spartan but effective text-only systems like the old VMS. Now that Earlham has gotten rid of its modem bank, off-campus students who want to check their email have to fork out fifteen or twenty dollars a month of their own hard-earned cash for an account. Shouldn't the college be responsible for them in some way, by either keeping the modems, wiring the houses for Ethernet, or, if that is too expensive, simply arranging and paying for said students' accounts?

The timing of the switch is also odd. When switching to any sort of new system, it is best to do it when its users and its administrators are in close proximity, so that problems can be resolved. Instead, the switch was made right before summer vacation. Thus, for the system's first three months, the only way to get help if one had a problem with sending or receiving email, was—and as Dave Barry would say, I am not making this up—by email.

The bugs and bare-bones features of Webmail lead me to compare its release to Microsoft's well-publicized method of releasing software. First they sell an untested program, which of course leads to a flood of problem calls and letters. Then they release a new version, fixing some, but not all, of the previous one's problems. Only over the course of several upgrades is the product fixed entirely.

This behavior is not all that surprising when it comes from a corporation, whose main purpose is to make money. Shouldn't we expect better from computer professionals who have been hired to do a good job, rather than a fast one? If they wanted to switch to a new email system, they should have spent the summer, and longer if necessary, testing it, fixing the bugs, and building in the various features that VMS users took for granted. Microsoft's example is not a good one for a community to follow that values conscientious work.

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The Best Medicine

My life and times in Hoerner Hall

I wanted to write an article about my summer when I got back to Earlham. I wanted to write about how I was arrested, about my two week trip to Europe, and about my band becoming one of the most popular bands in Ithaca, NY. Unfortunately, none of those events happened this summer, so I am now stuck with nothing to write about, and instead of writing about something useful to humanity, I think I will write about the movies.

There are all sorts of ways that you can see a movie. You can go to the dollar cinema, which is actually the dollar-fifty cinema, and see a movie that was out three months ago. You can go to Cinema 11 and pay \$4.50 to see some junk that you could have waited to see when it came out on video. You can go to Dan's and get a movie. Wait, you go to Dave's to get a movie. If you go to Dan's, though, the movie from Dave's may be slightly more interesting. If none of these options suit you, you can see a movie the way I prefer.

Let me begin by saying that I live in Hoerner this year, not by choice. I have a fairly large single, which is a good thing, plus I now get to do all the activities that come with living in Hoerner. Midnight massage circles, quiet hours that last from 1 p.m. to 11 a.m., and of course, my favorite, group outings to all of the TOFS films.

What is it about the TOFS films that I like so much? Well, for one thing, I don't speak Portuguese, Hindi, or whatever that language is that they speak in Mongolia, so I can make up my own dialogue, kind of like my own Mystery Science Theater 3000. The movies sometimes have subtitles, but they are often in either ancient Greek or Ebonics, both of which I am not entirely familiar with. Let me explain the real benefits of TOFS films, though.

When you get to the theater, in this case Goddard Auditorium, there are about three other people there, all of whom are making out with each other. You sit down on some gum by accident, and 15 minutes after the movie was supposed to start, a fuzzy, upside down, mirroring image appears on the screen. As if that wasn't exciting enough, you then get to hear the awesome sound system. It is my theory that they play the sound through someone's clock radio, and place that sucker up there on the stage. I can't yet prove my theory, but sometimes I have seen what appears to be a blinking "12:00" on the stage right below the movie screen. Anyway, about halfway into the movie they fix the picture and the sound, but by that time you are half asleep and you realize that it is probably a better use of your time to go home and drink a gallon of windshield wiper fluid or go to Sunshine and flirt with the waitresses.

I know everybody out there who is reading this (yes, all three of you) are saying to yourselves, "Jonah is making fun of TOFS." Well, you're right, I am. I still love to go to the films, though. If you think this is wrong of me to hate something but still do it, then contact me and we'll talk about this. However, the next time you feel like seeing the latest Leo flick, or the movie with the greatest special effects to date, I recommend you watch instead the short film entitled "A Day in the Life of an African Snow Lizard and 23 Drachmas" directed by the legendary Indian director Pierre Jean De Grouple (his parents were French, I believe). I think it's showing next weekend. I guarantee that you will have a great time. Either that or you will end up on a hot date with one of the waitresses at Sunshine.

—Jonah Fuller is a senior Geology major.

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Open Window

On the lack of outdoor water for students

Ah, another fine afternoon on Earlham campus. Thermometers stretch and tickle 80 degrees, the humidity gathers into droplets on windows and brows. One more summer day before the onset of chill and snow. We here do not pass up an opportunity to store memories and feelings from this day: the Heart is mottled in small groups of students, one here and seven there, talking, reading, grappling at chemical equations, all the while steeping in the radiation of the sun.

Above these mindful students soar a multitude of objects. From disks to balls, a plethora of toys are tossed and flung from person to person among another set of students who are giving class books a rest after being so freshly torn from the bookstore. One can almost see the multitude of waiting work, resting passively in book bags, dorm rooms, or in the backs of minds. So the scene is set, a group of coeds chuck disks on the Heart while eight others try to keep a small bean-filled sphere suspended with their feet. Soccer draws a gaggle more outside to trample grass, the occasional rollerblader or skateboarder wheels past, seeming to be going somewhere, only to repeat the spectacle a dozen more times. A veritable cacophony of music is played by a combined 200 inches of speakers from rooms in every dorm.

Ah, another thirsty day at Earlham. For there is no easily accessible water outside. This fact may be the only thing staving off games and drawing people back to darker rooms and waiting books. From campus end to end there is not a drinking fountain or watering hose to be found, which can quench thirst and combat fatigue. An attempt seems to have been made at the Southeast corner of Orchard Room, but as one tries to operate the fountain they find that it is only a ploy. A dry mouth meets an equally dry watering hole. Gossip says that it is turned on for a select group of people, namely organized sports, but we as the unorganized are left unquenched.

It may be ignorance on the part of the students and the facilities are there, hiding behind bushes or around corners, but as one leaves her or his room to join others at an afternoon of sport they know that they must bring their own water supply and be ready to share it as well. There is never enough of that substance which lets us live: water.

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Richmond Dollar Cinema

935-3446

600 Commerce Rd

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Madeline: 1:40, 4:10, 7:10, 9:20

6 Days, 7 Nights: 1:30, 4:40, 7:00, 10:00

Godzilla: 2:10, 5:15, 8:15

Dr. Dolittle (2 screens): 1:10, 2:20, 3:10, 4:20, 5:40, 6:40, 7:40, 9:10, 9:40


A Perfect Murder: 2:30, 5:20, 7:50, 10:15

Truman Show: 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10

Horse Whisperer: 1:20, 5:00, 8:20

Summersault

Enjoy your mind



Chris Hardie

Welcome (back) to Earlham College. I am writing to you as the result of a fear and a question. The fear is that you may not have an opinion about "things," and the question is, "why are you here?" But we'll get to those items in good time.

In an article entitled "Altruism as Appeasement," author Ayn Rand describes in detail what she believed is the all-too-common path of the intellectual student throughout the college years. Rand's fear was of "acceptance of the common good" as a criterion of morality and the typical phenomenon in which human beings "spend their lives apologizing for their own intelligence." She observed that the college years were usually the ones that delivered the final, crushing, breaking blow to any "intellectual" who had survived high school and retained their desire to learn, to improve, to produce, and to use their intellect. This blow, to Rand, is the one that forcefully removes the individual's desire to excel, to be better than the average, to be creative in unheard-of ways, to search for answers and meaning and for people with whom to share those pursuits, to be proud of one's intellect.

It is a terrible image, certainly for the incoming freshman that fancies him- or herself a being of great intellectual potential (and we're not talking about SAT scores here, folks) and social integrity. The image may be even more frightening when you define intelligence as I would (and I do not claim that Rand would agree with me), as an intense and thorough awareness of one's self, one's world, and one's capability to produce, affect, change, lead, and enjoy that which this world has to offer and that which we have to offer to it.

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Movie Clock

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