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SAB presents: Sweet Tea Jubilee Blues Band, 10 p.m. in the Comstock room

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Bennett to retire in June 2011

By Anna McCormally
Contributing editor

It takes a village to raise a child—and, according to the Earlham Board of Trustees' Ray Ontko, to pick a new Earlham president.

Earlham College President Doug Bennett announced to the student body Wednesday, August 4, 2010, via email that the 2010-2011 school year will be his last at Earlham. He intends to retire as Earlham's President at the end of June, 2011.

"This coming year will be my fourteenth at Earlham, an institution to which I have given my head and heart as fully as I am able," Bennett wrote in his email, which went out to the entire student body. "I often say that I have the perfect job for me. No better could be imagined: to be a Quaker and an educator entrusted with leadership of this extraordinary Quaker college and seminary. I am grateful to have had this opportunity, but it

is now time to pass it to someone else, and for me to embrace other challenges."

Now, as the Earlham community prepares to say goodbye to its president, the biggest question on its collective mind is: who will replace Bennett?

Ontko and Board of Trustees Chair Deb Hall are co-conveners of the Earlham Presidential Search Committee, and Trayce Peterson, Joanna "Gypsy" Swanger and Mark Van Buskirk hold the three spots reserved for Earlham faculty. Additionally, there are two others appointed by the board of trustees, one Earlham School of Religion appointee, one Employee Council appointee and one Earlham Student Government appointee.

"The committee is broadly representative of many of the constituencies of Earlham," Ontko wrote on the blog he has created to record the process: presidentialsearch.earlham.edu.

edu. "Earlham College, the Earlham School of Religion, trustees, teaching faculty, administrative faculty, staff, students, alumni, community members, and Friends."

According to Ontko, the goal of the committee is to find someone to fill the position of President by July 2011. At the first faculty meeting of the semester, on Wednesday, September 8, he presented a timetable for the search:

By October, the committee will hopefully have discerned what Earlham needs in a new candidate--the qualities a new president will need. From there, candidates will be identified and, by late January, narrowed down to a group of 10. By February, Ontko hopes, the committee will be prepared to bring two or three candidates to Earlham, and begin working towards a final recommendation that will be approved by the Board of Trustees.



Photo courtesy of the Earlham College Pressroom

The Word will continue to bring updates on the search for a new president over the course of the semester, as it develops.

Slider turtle named for John Iverson

By Sarah Kenny
Staff reporter

John Iverson, professor of biology, recently became the namesake of a subspecies of slider turtle, *Trachemys venusta iversoni*.

This is the fourth animal named for Iverson. The first was another species of turtle from China, the second was a blind snake and the third was a snail.

The subspecies was identified by William P. Accord, a colleague, who named the subspecies for Iverson's research in Mexico.

"In 1981, I went to the Yucatan peninsula specifically because there is another kind of turtle there, just a mud turtle, that was known from approximately 30 specimens total," Iverson said.

As a secondary goal, Iverson also collected specimens of another species, the slider turtle. "We caught a whole bunch of [slider turtles], from babies to big ones, and we brought back some voucher specimens and put them in the Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville. [We knew] they looked different. [I thought], now there's a project that someday I'm going to get back to," Iverson said.

Thirty years passed, and Iverson did not return to this project. Instead, a colleague, William P. Accord, picked it up. "Two years ago, [Accord] contacted me and said he was working on slider turtles in Central America. He asked what I knew about them, and I sent

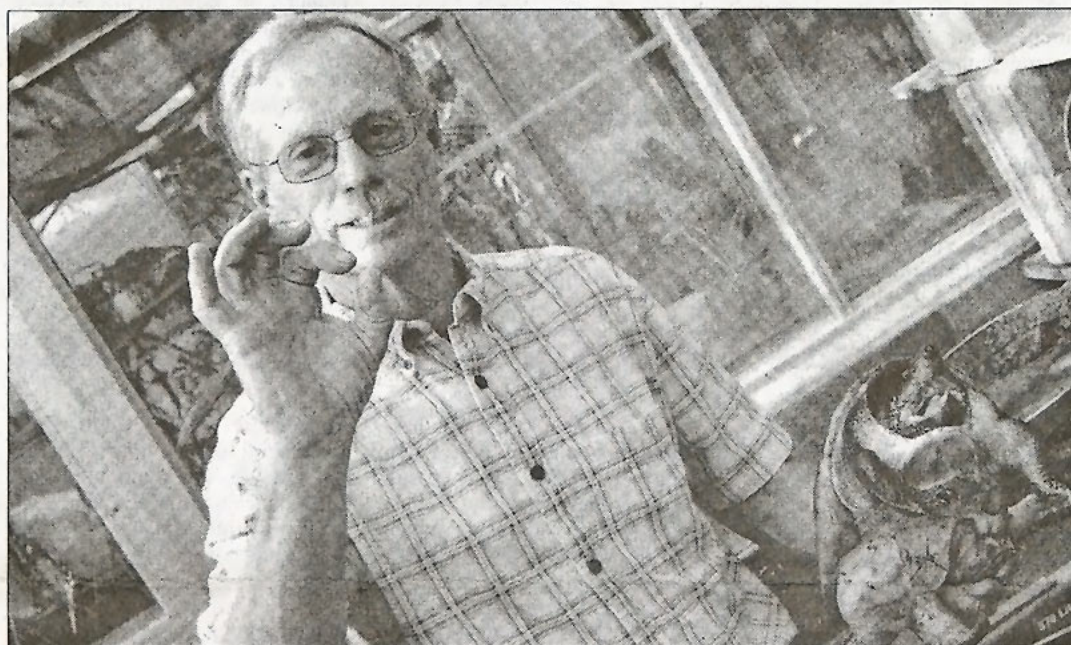


Photo by Yaro Zabavskiy
John Iverson, Professor of Biology, speaks about a subspecies of slider turtle named after him by his colleague, William P. Accord. Iverson says that he didn't expect it, but he appreciates the honor.

him my whole file of all sorts of slides, the old kind of slide film, and this whole package of stuff of basically everything I had. I figured at this point I'm not going to get to it and he is working on it," Iverson said.

Using Iverson's research file, the specimens deposited in the Florida Museum of Natural History, and other data, Accord was able to identify three subspecies of turtle, one of which was *Trachemys venusta iversoni*.

"I didn't know that he was going to name it in honor of me; I thought he was going to name

it Yucatanis or something like that, but he surprised me with naming it after me. It was a nice honor and I appreciated that," Iverson said.

Junior biochemistry major Anna-Mariya Kukuyan, reflected, "In May I had an internship in Philadelphia. When I mentioned I was from Earlham, one professor smiled and said 'Ah yes, John Iverson, the man who works with turtles!' It made me very proud to be from Earlham."

Iverson hopes to continue his research to help protect other turtles. "Basically, you can't

enact laws to protect a turtle species if it does not have a scientific name, and you cannot know how to protect it if you do not know where and how it lives. Over 40 percent of the 330 species of turtles are listed on the IUCN [International Union for the Conservation of Nature] Red List as threatened, endangered or critically endangered. Only by understanding the nomenclature and biology of turtles will we be able to adequately protect them from being driven to extinction," Iverson said.

Growing student body fatigues college resources

By Sarah Brown-Anson
Staff reporter

It's not just your imagination — there are a lot of people on campus this semester.

The influx of new and returning Earlham students forced Residence Life to make adjustments this summer to house the extra students, six of whom are in temporary housing.

The large number of students living in campus housing stands in marked contrast to this time last year, when there were 67 vacancies across campus, according to Assistant Director of Residence Life Jerrod Hodge. Last fall there were 975 students living in college housing. This semester there are 1055 students living in campus dorms, houses and apartments.

The crowded campus is due in part to a larger than expected incoming freshman class. According to Director of Admissions Nancy Sinex's New Student Orientation address on Aug. 20, there are 367 new students — significantly more than expected.

"We set aside 325 spaces for first year students initially during the spring housing selection process for returning students, said Hodge. Admissions aimed to have between 340 and 350 new students, Hodge said. Some

of those students — transfer and Thematic Study Abroad (TSA) students — are normally housed with returning students, so their spaces were not reserved during the housing lottery.

When Residence Life realized this summer that there would be so many students to house, they made additional college houses and apartments in Brick City available to returning students.

During the summer, returning students received several emails from Residence Life about openings in residential houses and Brick City apartments, considered "an extension of [Earlham's] residence halls and not subject to theme or friendship house community engagement components," according to the email sent by Residence Life on July 26, 2010. The two houses that were added are Fry House and Furnas Annex, which means that 13 more students live in college-owned houses. The two houses that are considered extensions of residence halls are Furnas Annex and Cutter House.

The apartments in Brick City house 12. Two returning students, sophomores who did not participate in the housing lottery, are in temporary housing in Brick City.

Residence Life has also housed four students in two apartments normally used for guests visiting

Earlham, on a temporary basis. Those apartments are in Barrett and Earlham Halls. Hodge said that, because the students in the apartments seemed content with the arrangement, they wouldn't need to move for a month or two.

These steps are part of a plan that Residence Life made two years ago, in fall 2008, after about 45 students were placed in temporary housing at the start of the school year due to the large freshman class and the loss of over 100 bed spaces in Earlham Hall, which was under renovation.

Junior philosophy major Albert Greene's housing plan changed this summer when the person who was going to be his roommate in Olvey-Andis Hall got into South Asia House. When Greene got the July 26 email from Residence Life asking if he wanted to live in a Residence Life house, he applied. Now he lives in Edwards House, a friendship house that Greene calls "an arbitrary house."

"We represent...a weird collage" of Earlham students, Greene said. "It might as well be a dorm, it's just built like a house."

Junior physics major Aaron Fienberg was expecting to live in a dorm this fall until his roommate applied over the summer to live

in a house. Fienberg then applied with two others to live in Brick City, but he said he never heard back from Residence Life. When he came to Earlham he discovered that he was assigned to live with a freshman.

"I told Jerrod [Hodge] I didn't want to live there because I didn't want to live with someone I didn't know as a junior," said Fienberg. "He then told me that they had some people in temporary housing in Brick City who they had to move out... so I just moved in a couple days later." Fienberg arrived on campus on August 21, the day that housing opened for returning students. He said he moved in to a three bedroom apartment on August 26.

Fienberg shares the apartment with two other upperclassmen. "I like it a lot better than any of my other living situations, to be honest," he said. His only concern was that there was not yet internet in his apartment.

Student body crowds Saga Long lines in Saga and a crowded dining hall are signs of a more populated campus and also of more people staying on the meal plan, according to Hodge and Director of Dining Services Kathie Guyler.

There are about 65 more students on the meal plan this semester than anticipated, said Guyler. This increased meal

attendance, compounded by the fact that the freshman class's food preferences "are a big unknown... really pushes what we're doing and makes it interesting," Guyler said.

Guyler said the dining hall averages 700 people at weekday lunches, the most attended meal served in Saga.

Guyler says she expects the lines during lunch to diminish as students figure out the best time for them to come to Saga. "Students are realizing, hey—I'll go check my mail and then come back for lunch, rather than stand in the long line," said Guyler, "which I understood at one point wrapped around our loading dock area... that is a long line."

In spite of the long lines, more students who live in college-owned houses are staying on the meal plan. "When I started here about two years ago only about a quarter of students in houses had a meal plan and this summer when we ran the data it was around 60 percent," said Hodge.

Fienberg lives in an apartment in Brick City, but he is on the 14 meal plan. "When I moved in I thought it would be convenient to have breakfast and lunch on campus, dinner a few times, because I didn't want to have to walk home between classes to eat, but I think it's probably too many," he said.

Professors discuss climate mitigation

Interdepartmental panel debates the consequences of carbon dioxide emissions

By Alec Henriksen

Staff reporter

"We have time for one more question" is an awful notice at the conclusion of a global warming panel, and judging by the number of frustrated hands in the air, people did have some pressing questions.

Last Wednesday five professors from Earlham gave a convocation on climate change. The speakers were Assistant Professor of Education Jay Roberts, Associate Professor of English Scott Hess, Professor of Mathematics Mic Jackson, Assistant Professor of Politics Thor Hogan and Assistant Professor of Geosciences Cynthia Fadem.

Roberts focused on rethinking education in America, titling his speech "An Inconvenient Education."

Hess discussed the disconnect between the public and scientists, saying that half of Americans don't trust global warming science, and talked about "cognitive frames" which could explain it: Some people can't conceptualize how humans can affect a system as large and powerful as Earth, and others are very skeptical of the models, ideas, predictions and overall consensus that scientists have come up with.

Jackson has been heavily involved in working with other faculty members to develop Earlham's environmental curriculum since returning from two years at Oak Ridge National Laboratories in 1997.

He has also helped improve and increase Earlham's sustainability activities. About the uncertainty of models and predictions about climate change, he said that "Modeling climate involves huge amounts of science from many disciplines... people work and struggle and try to understand this complicated information. [They've] come to the IPCC consensus after really hard work, and even after that, they can't say for sure 'this will happen' or 'that will happen' but there is a broad consensus that we're in trouble and human activity is behind it."

Jackson said that there are many types of models, but some have predicted with amazing accuracy the movement of hurricanes and, in particular, the movement of Hurricane Katrina, which were ignored by many state officials.

"They aren't perfect, but they are awfully good these days," Jackson said.

About skepticism of the Executive International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report, Jackson said, "... the report is pretty common sense... If you read this report, it's a pretty dry report, I mean there are dire warnings in there, but they're just talking about data and this and that and stating their findings." He also emphasized that the IPCC report is scientific, and not a political statement.

Hogan brought up some disconcerting questions: Why is it that no significant green policies exist to reduce greenhouse gases? Why are so many policy makers

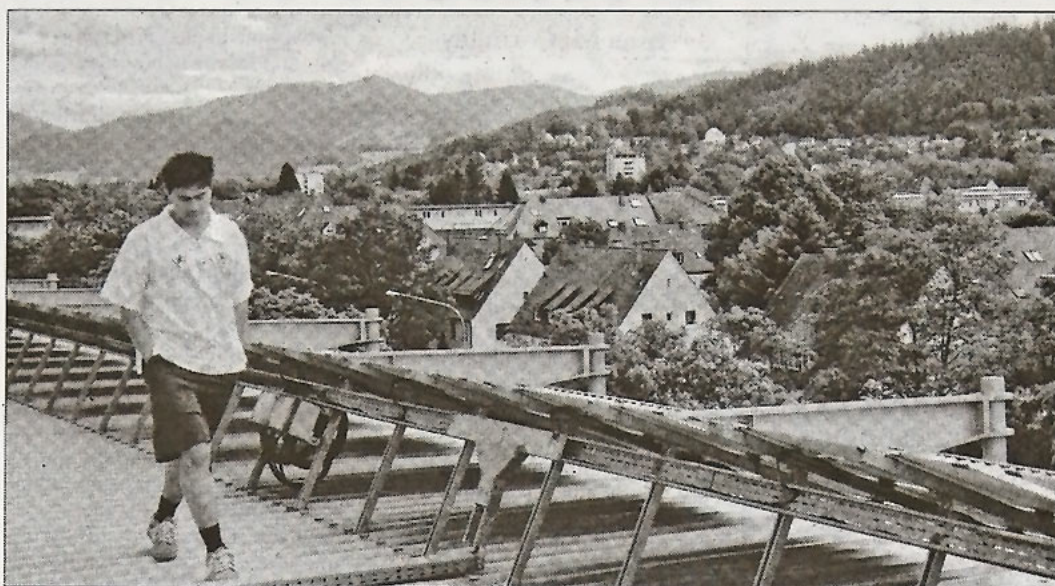


Photo by Anna McCormally

Senior Josue Rivera walks on the solar roof of the solar powered soccer stadium in Freiburg, Germany. Rivera was part of a Europe May Term that was designed to help battle climate change. The May Term was led by Thor Hogan, assistant professor of politics.

illiterate in global warming science? How do we solve this? Perhaps communicating science effectively would mean bundling specific benefits and specific problems relevant to policy makers, to government sectors and industries heavy in CO2 emission. Hogan believes that if we present real and tangible consequences of emissions, climate change will become universally important.

Fadem took an interesting perspective on climate change. She explains that the climate varies on its own, and that it is

true more carbon dioxide has been released in Earth's past, and climate shifts are part of general patterns, even before humans. The difference in this case is that we are rapidly influencing our climate beyond nature's ability.

This panel isn't the only example of Earlham caring about the environment. There are plenty of programs that have happened or are underway, although many could be expanded and improved. There are efforts underway to install solar heating systems for all buildings on campus and talk of many other eco-friendly

improvements to our campus.

On a recent May Term trip, Hogan led eleven students across Europe, meeting EU diplomats and studying European climate change policies in general.

"It was very eye-opening to the whole way of the European approach towards their carbon emissions and how we as America are 'doing nothing, not even close to what they're doing,'" said senior politics major Josue Rivera, a participant in the May Term.

Musical project draws upon community talent

By Eli Richman

Staff Reporter

Under the veil of secrecy an extensive project has been developing on campus. Junior Wilmer Chavarria, known for directing a documentary filmed in Nicaragua, Palestine and Guatemala, has developed the concept for a musical to promote his created cinematography major.

Chavarria explained the idea behind the project with a query, "What would happen if we put the best of the best together and put it on film?"

The project will span over three semesters, with pre-production, production and post-production taking place in the fall 2010, spring 2011 and fall 2011 semesters, respectively.

As such, most of the choreography, casting, scripting and rehearsal will take place this semester. Next semester, the actual filming will take place. Finally, next year, at which point some of the actors will actually have graduated, the movie will be edited and filmed.

This musical will also have a unique medium. Rather than being performed, it will be shot like a movie, with many of the scenes being filmed at varying locations, from a farmhouse in Wayne County to a church in Richmond.

While such a plan will no doubt be expensive, the project has the funding to support this medium. Wilmer is getting support from Whitewater Community Television (WCTV), Civic Hall Performing Arts Center, Indiana University East, Earlham College and the Student Filmmaker's Guild, in the form of equipment and filming space.

Wes Miller, the project's faculty moderator and Chavarria's advisor, claimed that Chavarria is, "the front of all of this," however Chavarria is desperate not to take full credit. "I don't want this to be something I did. I want this to be something we all did," Chavarria said.

As such, he has put a team together to help create the project even before it formally begins. The main team consists of three leaders. Senior Amrit Moore is leading the female dancers and acting as one of the protagonists.

Sophomore Sarah South Derr is leading the singers. Finally, junior Cyrus Dudgeon is casting male dancers with Chavarria and assisting with acting.

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While auditions haven't formally started yet (people have

until Sept. 15 to e-mail Chavarria) the ambition of the project seems to be supported. As Chavarria said, "there are some people who don't even need to audition... we see a video of them dancing or singing, and they're in." However, Chavarria seems to be the only one aware of this, as Moore did not know about it. She believed that it was possible though, because, "Wilmer is very secretive."

The other defining aspect of the project is the amount of secrecy involved in its development. The most Chavarria would disclose about the plot was that it was about artists. Miller said he knew nothing about the plot, at least, "not until I see a project proposal."

Even Moore, one of the directors in pre-production, barely knew anything about the plot. The most she knew about her own character was that she, "is a student in high school, or maybe college?" Miller said, "only Wilmer knows what Wilmer is thinking at any given moment."

Furthermore, not many students know what the details of the project are. The posters

advertising the musical are left purposefully vague, and basic knowledge about the musical seems strangely scarce. This is partially because the script is not completely finished. As Chavarria said, "We don't want to say it's finished until the casting is finished. We want to make sure the parts fit the actors."

However, it also seems that Chavarria wants the extent of the project left somewhat of a mystery up until the point it comes out. The pre-production crew seems content with this because, as Moore said, "he's the brains."

The premiere will take place part way through the fall 2011 semester, after post-production is done. It is possible that the premiere will be shown on a larger scale, possibly involving the Richmond community. The details of this have not yet been fully worked out, and, as Chavarria explained, "doors could open that we still don't expect."

ESG weighs in on...

Getting Involved with ESG

Hello Earlham! Welcome back to a brand new semester full of lots of fun and good consensing from Earlham Student Government (ESG).

We are really excited to get this semester off to a great start by filling all of our open committee spots and we need you! All committees are open to interested and committed students of any class who want to get engaged and be a crucial part of making big decisions on campus. Committee applications can be found on the door of the Coffee Shop or the ESG website of the Heart. Completed applications should be turned into Conor Hall (cdhall09) or the ESG box at the post office.

In other news, if you have any questions or comments for ESG, we can be found every Wednesday in Saga sitting under a neon green sign. Feel free to come eat with us or just pass by and let us know what is on your mind. We also have a bright orange suggestion box located near Runyan desk if you have any serious suggestions. Our offices are located in the basement of Runyan Center behind the mailroom. We can always be reached at esg@earlham.edu. On a final note, keep an eye out for an upcoming All Student Forum in the next few weeks regarding a topic that will be of great interest to you!

Love,

Your ESG Cabinet: Cory Mathieu, Ian Kratzke, Conor Hall, Molly Fallon, Ryder Comstock, Maria Adamson, Mamus Ngeseyan, Chrysan Mohammed, Rossa Darni, Gillian Bateyunga and Anne Marie Roderick.

Cross to teach in segregated Kosovo school in September

By Silviano Valdez

Staff reporter

Earlham alumnus Ian Cross '10, a history major with a focus on Europe, will be heading to Kosovo on his Fulbright Scholarship Sept. 20 to teach English in ethnically segregated schools.

"The region as a whole fascinates me," said Cross. "These groups of people have lived with, near and fought each other their entire lives. This experience is a lot different than my experience living in the U.S. Here racial and ethnic problems are handled differently."

Cross will spend 10 months abroad and the Fulbright gave him \$15,770 for his expenses.

There is currently a grassroots movement supported by the U.S. to create a multiethnic Kosovo as a national identity. Cross supports this movement.

"I recognize that I come from a western philosophical

background, but I still believe that this movement is a step in the right direction toward social justice," he said.

In 2008 Kosovo declared its independence from Serbia after a long history of conflict between Serbs and Albanians. About 92 percent of Kosovo's population is made up of Albanians and about 7 percent of the population is Serbian.

Cross attended a 4-day orientation in July with his fellow Fulbright scholars in Washington, D.C. hosted by the Institute of International Education (IEE) and the State Department. He learned more about Eastern European issues and the logistics of his trip.

Cross's departure for this trip is less than two weeks away.

"In some ways it hasn't hit. Up until my friends were back in class it didn't hit me that I had graduated," he said. This is the first summer where he has not had to get ready for school in the fall.

Although this will be a new experience, Cross feels prepared.

"I think the training and education at Earlham has equipped me with the tools that will help me understand the different perspectives in the area I will be in. Earlham really helped me reach a perspective where I am not focused on applying my values on everyone."

Cross almost missed out on the opportunity to receive a Fulbright. Last year he started a week before the application was due, something that he doesn't recommend people do.

"I recommend anyone who is interested for applying for a Fulbright should do it. There is tremendous support from the faculty," he said.

The Fulbright program, which is funded by the U.S. State Department, is an exchange program that will send approximately 1,500 Americans abroad during the 2010-11 academic year.

Woodman house hosts open mic night



Photo by Abby Kathan

Junior Anna Hetzel and senior Michael Skib perform "Five Years' Time" by Noah and the Whale at the Woodman House open mic on the night of Wednesday, Sept. 8. Woodman House will host another open mic on Monday Sept. 20.

Earlham community reflects on Ramadan

Muslims and non-Muslims from various countries share opinions on ninth Islamic month

By Al Krastev

Staff Reporter

For most Earlhamites, the past four weeks have been a time to bring focus back to academics and campus life, but for many it has also been the month of the physical and spiritual challenge of Ramadan.

Since Aug. 11 millions of individuals around the world have abstained from food, drinks, smoking and sexual interactions from sunrise to sunset in observance of the tradition to reconnect with God, be forgiven for past sins and connect with their community.

In Muslim culture the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar is one of reflection.

At Earlham, Islam is a relatively well-represented religion, especially in comparison to its representation in the rest of the U.S., and yet few Muslims at

Earlham practice Ramadan.

Sophomore Lobna Mohamed, from Egypt, described it as a good opportunity for families to celebrate together and build closer relationships.

Pauline Sadek, Arabic Instructor in the Languages and Literature Department, said that Ramadan is practiced by an increasing majority in Lebanon.

Sadek also shared how her family, although Christian, observes Ramadan with Muslim neighbors by offering their congratulations. She described how in her community neighbors would always have sweets to offer to their friends. In addition, families would also get together in the evening, to have dinner together.

The last day of Ramadan, Eid-ul-Fitr, which occurs today, is marked with extensive prayers and recitations of the Takbir by day and major celebrations and feast by night. Most countries in

the world have a long-standing tradition to mark the event with a major dinner involving entire extended families. However, practices differ from place to place.

Sophomore Molly McIntosh-Case from Newton, Mass., sees herself as the average American in her largely Christian and Jewish community. In her highly diverse environment, she has multiple friends practicing Ramadan and sees no signs of misunderstanding or intolerance towards them. A member of the United Church of Christ and a prospective religion major, McIntosh-Case described this month of prayers and fasting as a development of one's devotion and reflection skills.

Sophomore Alex Gebhardt, from Grand Rapids, Michigan, portrayed a different picture. Gebhardt's community, like many others in Michigan, includes a large Muslim population. In order

to increase what he described as the already widespread mutual understanding, the local Islamic Center hosts a large celebratory dinner open to anyone.

Not all views on the effects of Ramadan are positive.

Freshman Tarek Knorn from Ramallah, Palestine, self-described atheist said, "I think it's done for the poor ... in solidarity with the people who do not have money for a meal."

Knorn said that the majority of the people in his community observe Ramadan. But he also noted that Ramadan in Ramallah is exclusive and unfair. He said that you cannot consume anything in public throughout the day and no alcohol is sold until the month is over, regardless of the buyer's religion.

"It plays on people's materialism," he said. "[It is seen as] a business opportunity. People only care about the trivial stuff that doesn't really matter: when

is my next meal, what should I cook, what restaurant should I eat at tonight, what time should I pray, etc."

Knorn also commented that in practice the focus is not on learning to be patient and endure as it is supposed to be. Instead, people become more disrespectful to their jobs because they are not being committed to their bodies through fasting. He described how extremist individuals are increasingly judgmental to people who are not practicing Ramadan.

"This minority rules everyone; it's just unfair," he said.

As organized by the Muslim Student Association (MSA), Earlham will hold its Eid-ul-Fitr dinner at Russell House at 7 p.m. The convener of MSA, Sophomore Lailul Ikram from Indonesia, extended his invitation to all Muslims and international students on campus.

Anthofer weighs in on Hash

By Chrissy Sollenberger

Contributing Editor

Security has new orders for how to deal with Earlham's Saturday Hash. Last Saturday was the first time in a long time that Security disbanded the group back campus. Head of Campus Safety and Security Cathy Anthofer saw the change less as a policy change and more as a better application of an already existing policy.

"The policy is to have an alcohol-free campus," said Anthofer.

The tip that alcohol was present at the Hash came not from a security report, but instead from a student.

"I had a student come into

my office expressing concern," said Anthofer. She described the student as "distracted" that alcohol had been present at his or her first time at the Hash. The student did not understand why security had not dispersed the group, which had hidden alcohol from view, and alerted Anthofer that alcohol would probably be present at the next Hash.

Anthofer sees it as her job to find a balance between meeting the needs of the students concerned about alcohol on campus and those who choose to drink.

"Earlham is about equity — if we would allow of-age students to drink alcohol, underage students would be excluded and we want a community where everyone has the opportunity to be a part of the

social community," she said.

Thus Anthofer seeks for Earlham to uphold the federal law and to follow Earlham's policy to have an alcohol-free campus.

Anthofer sees two solutions for the Hashers: "If the Hash were to take place off campus, in places where alcohol may be legally consumed and all persons were of age, that would be fine," she stated. On the other hand, according to Anthofer, if the Hash were to take place next Saturday without any alcohol present, that would be acceptable, too.

What do you think?
Email your opinion to
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Sudoku!

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Voices on the Heart

Compiled by Kristen Hoppe and Noah Marshall

This "Voices on the Heart" asks students, "In light of the ninth anniversary of the 9/11, how do you think the attacks have affected the current political and social climate?"



"I think it increased partisanship lately but overall I think our country's identity is stronger because of it."

EMILY EADY,
FRESHMAN



"Something that has interested me in the past nine years is it's encouraged more censorship in the arts and general culture as well as simultaneous xenophobia."

JOSH FRIEDBERG,
SENIOR



"It created an 'us and them,' which resulted in a lot of tragedies."

LAMA MAWLA,
JUNIOR



"It created an 'us and them,' which resulted in a lot of tragedies."

DIANA AINEMBABAZI,
FRESHMAN



"I think about the safety when you go to the airport, traveling internationally is really annoying...they've cut off a lot of things you can bring to the states."

ANH HOANG,
SOPHOMORE

Negotiations bring hope, frustration

By Basil Farraj

Guest writer

Visiting Jerusalem for at least one time is the dream of many Palestinians of all ages. Iyad Manassra an Earlham College sophomore from the West Bank city of Hebron remembers vaguely his last visit to the holy city 13 years ago. He hopes that visiting that city and praying at its holy sites becomes a possibility if the Palestinian-Israeli negotiations that started on Thursday September 3rd in Washington finish with a success. In Palestine, both frustration and hope exist among the citizens; frustration at the current political situation in the occupied territories and the violations made by the Israeli government against their rights, and hope that the negotiations would allow for the establishment of a Palestinian state in which movement is not obstructed, dignities are protected and no Israeli violations are made. However, not all Palestinians show hope in these negotiations; in fact many Palestinians don't see hope in the held negotiations; they see the same events repeating themselves but at different times. Yazan Deek, an Earlham College freshman from Ramallah, a city in the West Bank says "these negotiations are no different than the other ones held in the past, Israel never sacrifices and manages to always get what it wants, while we the Palestinians keep losing our rights after similar negotiations instead of actually achieving something."

Since the former Palestinian president Yasser Arafat signed

and sent two letters renouncing violence and officially recognizing Israel to the Israeli Prime Minister at that time, Yitzhak Rabin on September 9, 1993 a series of direct negotiations have taken place at different times in order to reach a final status agreed upon by both sides. In Palestine, these direct negotiations never gained approval from all citizens as they were looked upon as surrender and as an acceptance to the existence of the Israeli occupation. In fact, since the first direct negotiations in 1993 in Oslo, the majority of the Palestinians renounced such negotiations as it had accepted Israel's right to exist as a state on their occupied land. However, this year's negotiations are held at a sensitive time; there is political instability within Palestine as two different Palestinian governments exist, one of which is recognized internationally, and considered the legal representative for the Palestinian people, and the other one in Gaza Strip which is considered as an illegal government that doesn't have the right to represent the people and should be removed. Moreover, these negotiations come at a time where Israel has almost completed the building of the 703 kilometers apartheid wall that separates the West Bank from Jerusalem and other cities controlled by Israel. As well as a time when Israeli settlement construction in the West Bank has increased to reach 121 officially recognized settlements and 102 unauthorized ones.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry asserts that these settlements are legitimate. The Palestinians reject

the existence of these settlements as they question the Palestinian state sovereignty.

"These negotiations will strengthen the Palestinian authority, but that is a bad thing, it will act as a puppet state for Israel. Palestinians movements will be restricted and settlers will move to the West Bank," commented David Gabriel, an Earlham College sophomore student from the United States. Meg Hennessey another American student from Earlham College believes that these negotiations would fail just like previous ones. After Hamas had won the majority of the Palestinian Legislative elections in 2006 a brief civil war broke between it and Fatah leading to a Hamas government in Gaza and a Fatah government in the West Bank. Israel immediately imposed an economical blockade on the 1.5 million Palestinians living in Gaza, and since that time Gaza citizens have been living their daily lives not knowing if they will live for one more day as Israel had been carrying out a continued armed attack on Gaza civilians. Such as the recent Gaza war in 2008 that according to the ministry of health in Gaza has resulted in the death of 1314 Palestinians. Feras Dahlan an Earlham College freshman from the Gaza strip thinks that the negotiations are the way to remove the cease-fire imposed on Gaza, and to solve the Palestinian issue, but Dahlan believes that these current negotiations are going to fail just like previous ones.

For more than 61 years Palestinians had been given

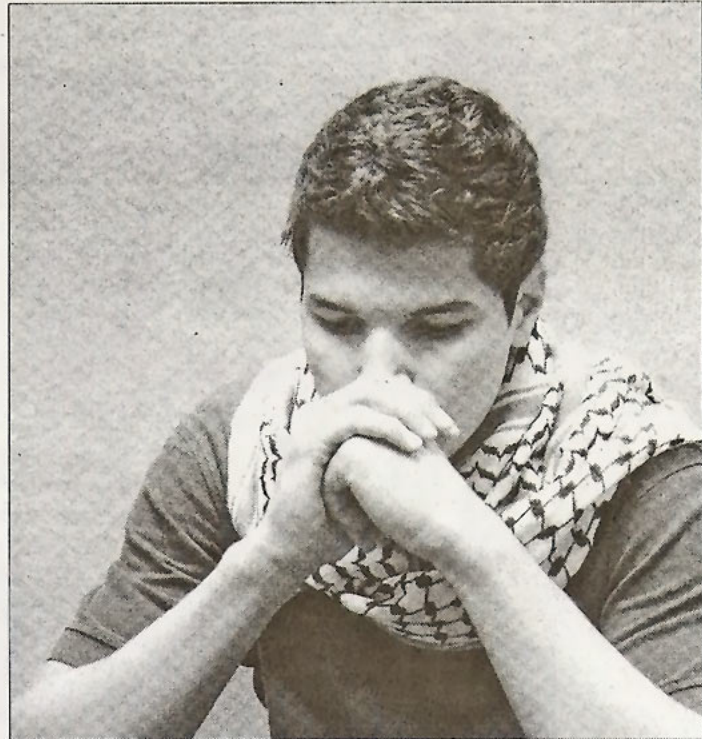


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Feras Dahlan, a freshman from Gaza, is pessimistic about the current negotiations between Israel and Palestine.

promises of liberty, governance and determining their own destiny, but none of these promises had been kept. "I believe that negotiations are always better than fighting, but the problem in Palestine is that negotiations have never been conducted in good faith. I believe that both sides are guilty, yes sometimes the weight tends to be on one side more than the other, but both are guilty," commented Chuck Yates, professor of history and

faculty advisor for the Students for Peace and Justice in Palestine organization at Earlham on the current negotiations.

This time that is sensitive not just for both sides of the conflict but for the entire world rises an unanswered question: will the promises be kept this time? Or will they ever be?

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Students unite to protest against Caterpillar

By Arielle Hawney on behalf of SPJP

Guest writer

What's the connection between a Caterpillar bulldozer and the efforts of Students for Peace & Justice in Palestine (SPJP)?

Though the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian Territories relies on the products of many companies, Caterpillar armored bulldozers play a critical role in human rights violations because they are used directly in the demolition of Palestinians' homes, businesses, entire towns. Thousands of Palestinians are displaced and left standing in front of the rubble that was formerly their homes; some are killed in the process, crushed by falling rubble, because they couldn't get out fast enough. And why? Usually to make way for Israeli development, everything from roads and walls, to settlement expansion, or because the Palestinian structures were deemed illegal by the Israeli government who so often denies Palestinian building permits.

One of the few instances of

house demolitions in Palestine that has made it into news in the United States came from a U.S. citizen being killed by a Caterpillar bulldozer. Rachel Corrie was a young woman from the U.S., volunteering as an international witness to the destruction being wrought in the Occupied Territories, the Gaza Strip in particular. It was in an attempt to prevent a Palestinian doctor's home from being demolished that she was knowingly run over by a Caterpillar bulldozer being driven by an Israeli Defense Force soldier. She was killed on March 16, 2003 in Rafah, Gaza Strip.

Having the presence of Caterpillar machinery on the Heart, tearing up the grass, wreaking destruction to construct something new, paralleled a reality some of us know too well. On Monday we held a silent vigil around the Caterpillar on the Heart, to acknowledge and draw attention to house demolitions in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

If you are interested in learning



Photo by Lama El Mawla

SPJP members protest silently in front of Caterpillar machinery on the Heart on Sept. 6, an effort to bring attention to the house demolitions that occur in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

more about the situation of house demolitions in Palestine, keep your eyes out for a flyer in the near future. We will be having a

teach-in on the subject, date to be announced.

SPJP meets Wednesday nights at 8:00pm in the upstairs of the Coffee Shop.

Drinking policy divides community further

By Chrissy Sollenberger and Anne Marie Roderick

Contributing editor and guest writer

What seems to be a vendetta to end the long-standing tradition of the Saturday hash instead reflects a bigger problem—the inconsistency of college enforcement of the alcohol policy and the lack of honest discussions about the campus drinking culture.

Upon returning from the spring 2010 semester abroad, we have made two important observations: First, there is a strong disconnect between the college policy on drinking and the enforcement of acting out of that policy. And second, there is widespread fear among students to bring these issues to light for risk of losing privileges, or losing respect from college faculty and administrators.

Any real discussion of drinking at Earlham must acknowledge that college parties happen and that most college parties involve drinking (both legal and underage). It is also essential to acknowledge that many, if not most, Earlham students participate in the party/drinking culture—athletes, ESG reps and students who hold positions on

committees, RAs, straight-A students, and students of all class years and academic fields.

As students, we want to know that we are safe and that we can depend on understanding the rules. Since our first year, the weekend protocol of campus security has been to keep parties under control, look out for heavily intoxicated students, and pour out any alcohol that they find students possessing.

Security officers acknowledge that they usually take action on a party only once it becomes a problem, such as by eliciting a noise complaint. We, as students, have been socialized to this set of norms—we have learned that in order to keep a party going, the party must remain under control and students must stay safe.

Obviously, something has changed. The first weekend of school the "busting" of a house party on 40 resulted in \$400 fines for the house, alcohol abuse classes, community service, and stains on the reputations of members of this community. Housemember and senior Jonah Kreniske believes that the college is asking something of us that is unrealistic.

"It's hypocritical for the campus to tell us that the Earlham community aspires to

be a dry one. Students are a part of the Earlham community, and if students are drinking, then 'staying dry' is clearly not a common goal," said Kreniske. Clearly students feel as if their voices are not being heard.

Security and Res Life employees arrived at Kreniske's house because of a noise complaint, but the list of infractions clearly reflected punishments for drinking. Several of the infractions reflected rules that the house residents were not knowingly break, such as having doors unlocked, exceeding the fire safety regulated amount of people in the house, and possessing a table that could be temporarily used for beer pong.

"The reason they gave us the infraction for the door being unlocked is because we were drinking. They found every way to get us in trouble. And it's fairly successful...I never want to be treated like that ever again. To have Res Life talk behind my back, to be treated like a criminal, or an abuser, it's awful," said an unnamed housemate.

Prohibition was structured similarly in the 1920s, and while it reduced the amount of liquor consumed, it simultaneously destroyed the social fabric of society by encouraging rampant

underground and widespread "criminal" activity.

Strict prohibition of safe drinking on campus encourages subversion, lying, unrealistic expectations, insufficient education, and binge drinking. Is this really the way that Earlham functions?

Not according to the alcohol policy. Earlham's Approach to Alcohol, which was revised by CCL a few years ago, states: "Our primary response to students who use alcohol on our campus is educational." What is educational about making students feel humiliated and marginalized? The policy goes on to say that "those who persistently bring alcohol onto our campus in the face of our expectation will...be subject to disciplinary sanctions."

Well, most students persistently bring alcohol onto our campus and are not subject to disciplinary sanctions. So where is the justice in making examples out of certain students? We aren't suggesting that the school come down harder on students for alcohol use across the board, but the inconsistencies leave students feeling hurt and disrespected.

When students are made to feel unworthy or illegitimate for drinking, there is no opportunity

for constructive dialogue to take place. How much are staff, faculty, and administrators really aware of the kind of drinking that happens on campus? How often do students get to express to faculty why they drink in a safe, non-judgmental space? Students are talking about these issues with each other all the time, but there is no clear way to broaden the discussion.

In our three years at Earlham, weekend parties have encouraged community by facilitating students from all classes, parts of campus and social groups. Not all colleges can boast such inclusion or such community. In the last three years, the mutual respect and comfortable relationships between security and students have led to safe situations, because students have understood what is expected of them, and felt that their interests are understood, as well. The flexibility of the past has granted students the ability to form these relationships and to make responsible choices.

By granting students more respect in their drinking realities, we could remove the taboos that drinking somehow reflects a minimal moral integrity and open up the door for meaningful, campus-wide discussions on this issue.

Blazing revolutionaries go all the way in battle

By Toivo Asheeke

Guest writer

One of the best feelings ever, to me, is being told in no uncertain terms, from an individual I have respect for, that I am wrong. What truly completes this feeling is when on top of being told this, I am shown why.

This summer I had a conversation with my grand-aunt about revolutionary figures in history and how I wish many of them were alive today to help fight the many injustices this world faces. My grand-aunt responded by telling me two kinds of fighters exist: revolutionaries and blazing revolutionaries.

The problem is that there are not enough blazing revolutionaries in the world and too many people who don't care, or are part-time revolutionaries. So I proclaimed in my ever present brashness and notions of self-importance that I was a blazing revolutionary! My aunt slowly turned her regal head in my direction and looked at me, her thick glasses barely hiding the incredulous look in her eyes, and said flatly, "No you not." Naturally I was devastated!

She then proceeded to lay out for me the difference between a revolutionary and a blazing revolutionary. A blazing revolutionary is a woman or man who will never stop fighting for something. They don't care what the costs are, they don't care the consequences to them or their family; they fight for what they believe in with no reservations. Indeed this is maybe what Malcolm X meant for black people in the US and oppressed people everywhere when he said, "By any means necessary!" This sounds like such a great concept doesn't it? Yes, we shall fight with everything we have no matter what the individual or social costs are.

This encompasses long hours

protesting, days or weeks, or maybe even years or months in prison, limited time spent with family, loved ones in danger because of one's actions and probably no time to build a family because your desire for what you believe in supersedes everything. Regardless of the physical, mental and emotional discomfort that one goes through, whether it be sleeping on the floor or marching in a blistering snowstorm, you fight.

As for revolutionaries, these are people who believe strongly in a cause. They write pamphlets, help organize protests, hold discussions and participate in

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intellectual forums and other things of this nature. But for them, there are limits to what one can do. Unlike blazing revolutionaries, who see no limits and don't take no for an answer, revolutionaries feel restrictions. There are many valid reasons for this. Perhaps it is because they are the sole provider for a family of six and understand that if they get arrested their family will suffer. Maybe they believe that they themselves are so removed from the conflict that all they are capable of doing is speaking about the issue instead of suffering or dying for it.

So in a sense, the costs of putting their lives or their livelihood on the line past a certain point is much higher than the perceived

benefits of its accomplishment. For example, an individual might believe that it is enough to speak about and write pamphlets about the oppression of the Palestinian people by the Israelis, but not feel it is necessary to take a strong stance for a Boycott and Divestment Strategy (BDS).

They could be making this decision because they believe taking this kind of stance will make them enemies in very high places and hurt their chances of say getting scholarships for graduate school. Maybe they believe that indeed what is happening to the Palestinians is bad, but not so bad that a BDS movement needs to be initiated. Whatever they believe for whatever injustice happening domestically or internationally, revolutionaries believe there are limits to what they can do.

This lecture from my aunt got me thinking about myself and Earlham College. I think that we Earhamites are taught and encouraged to be revolutionaries. However, often times, like my aunt pointed out to me, believe ourselves to be what we are not. I guess a lot of that occurs from the fact that many of the blazing revolutionaries in our history, Gandhi, Mandela, Che, Sojourner, X, Zepata, or Tubman are romanticized. The fact is, we have no idea how hard it was for these figures to accomplish what they did, the mind-frame they needed to get it done, the mistakes they made and the immense sacrifices incurred. Perhaps in some form of an answer to my wise and beloved aunt, at the end of the day I believe we all must do what we believe is right and as long as we trust that we stood by what we valued in life, no one can tell us the quality or content of our existence.

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The Last Word

It is midnight on Wednesday, Sept. 8, and we, Anna McCormally and Katie Winters, are writing to welcome you to this semester's first issue of your student-run newspaper, the Earlham Word.

This semester it is our goal, as ever, to publish stories that are of use to the Earlham as well as wider Richmond community — that is, stories that keep you well-informed with regard to governance and student life, keep an eye on the integrity of Earlham as an institution and reflect the diversity that makes Earlham the place that it is.

But we are also keeping in mind something that is important that no one forgets: this is your paper, your tool, not just ours, and our first and foremost goal is to keep your readership.

The Word is an organization that is run by a student staff but is fueled by the Earlham community as a whole. We want every student at Earlham to be able to pick up a copy of the Word and find something they are interested in, learn something new, or read something that sparks a new interest. It's shameless, but it's true: we want to write about what you want to read about.

This semester we will bring you updates as the Presidential Search Committee works to find a replacement for Doug; we will keep you up to date on what SAB has planned; we will make sure ESG stays honest. In addition, we have decided to work to extend the Word into the Richmond community through a monthly publication that will detail live music and other festivals taking place in Richmond.

Not enough? Let us know what we can do! Send in your story suggestions, your opinions, and your cheers and sneers. Prefer word search to sudoku? We can make that happen for you, Earlham. If what you want is a word search, then by God you will get a word search.

Every week we will reserve this column, titled "The Last Word" as a nod to the Word's former pun-crazy editor-in-chief Marisa Keller, as a space for a member of the Word's Editorial Council to write on an Earlham or Richmond issue close to his or her heart. As ever, if you have a suggestion for a topic, let us know.

We look forward to hearing from you. Until next week,

—Anna and Katie

Looking for
CHEERS AND SNEERS?
Send some in!

We'll take your statements of joy and anger to publish in each week's opinion section. Email them to gamid10@earlham.edu

Legislative branch should stop funding war

By Clarence Leatherbury

Guest writer

In 2003, the United States went to war based on the policy of pre-emption—the idea that the U.S. will attack any nation that is a potential threat. A war based on the foreign policy of nation-building, a war based on a nation's arcane but cognitive desire of Middle Eastern oil and spreading democracy.

Our 43rd president deceived Americans as he led us into this battle. At his 2003 State of the Union, he stated confidently that Saddam Hussein would create a day of horror unlike any other. He said Saddam had 30,000 chemical weapons, that Iraq had sought uranium to develop a nuclear arsenal and that the gravest danger facing America was outlaw regimes.

What our 43rd president failed

to mention was the U.S. became militarily involved in the Iran-Iraq war of the 1980s by shipping viruses, bacteria, fungi and anthrax to the Iraqi government. This information was brought to light in U.S. Senator Robert Byrd's book "Losing America". Let us not forget that our nation was founded on foreign policy principles of non-interventionism, self-determination, peace and exhausting all diplomatic efforts.

Our founders understood the consequences a nation can suffer under a king determined on spreading his empire. That's why they put the power of the purse in the legislative branch, the people's branch. They knew the people are less apt to go to war because it's the people who face the consequences. Fifty thousand combat soldiers remain. A hundred thousand contractors remain. As long as

our legislative branch continues to fund this fight, the burdens placed upon our nation from interventionist foreign policy will remain. It's time we come on home. America needs us here.

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Quaker teams kick off strong!



Photo by Elsa Haag

Sophomore Ryan Brand dribbles the ball to evade a Thomas More College player in the team's first game of the season. The Quakers lost 0-1.



Photo by Alex Pianetta

Freshman Anne-Margreet Sas attempts to hit the ball in a split-second before one of Trine University's players gets to it. Earlham won the game, with a score of 3-0.



Photo by Elsa Haag

Junior Jacob Naegeli crosses the finish line during Saturday's cross country race at the Franklin College Invitational. Naegeli placed fourth in the men's race overall and first among Earlham men.



Photo by Elsa Haag

Senior Jorge Villagran goes for the ball in the first men's soccer game of the year last Wednesday. The Quakers lost 0-1.

Mind of an athlete: Jorge Villagran

By Molly Mahoney
Staff reporter

This week, the Word has chosen to feature varsity soccer player Jorge Villagran. This piece aims to give you a look at the inner workings of the mind of this athlete.

Earlham Word: If you could only eat three foods for the rest of your life, what would they be?

Jorge Villagran: Lamb, mango and ice cream.

EW: What kind of ice cream?
JV: Dulce de Leche.

EW: What is your favorite part of being an athlete?

JV: The friends you make. It

was easier adjusting to Earlham by being on a varsity team.

EW: What is your dream job?
JV: My dream job is to work with Renewable Energy Engineering in Australia or New Zealand.

EW: How old were you when you started playing soccer?

JV: Four years old. You could say I was born with a soccer ball. My grandfather was a professional player. My father was a professional player. So, it was only natural.

EW: What is your favorite thing about Earlham, outside of soccer?

JV: I love the incredible awareness -- of the environment or of creating a better and peaceful world. People want to

save the world.

EW: Do you have any good luck rituals?

JV: Ah, no.

EW: So you rely on your own luck?

JV: I rely on my teammates and friends.

EW: What is your major and where are you from?

JV: Chemistry. Guatemala City, Guatemala.

EW: Do you have any embarrassing stories?

JV: Embarrassing stories? Well, there is freshman year, when I walked to jail thinking it was EH. That's one.