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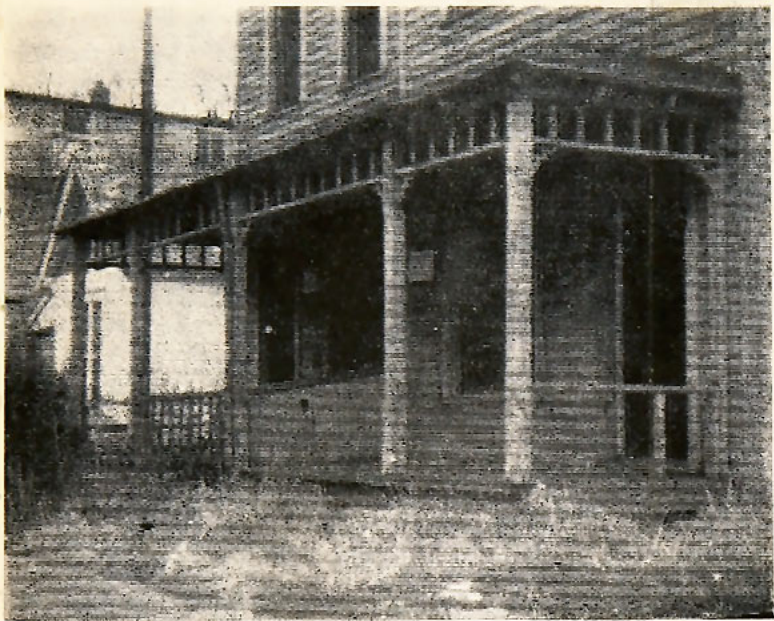
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living Testimony to George
Orwell
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Home is purchased for Earlham students

Muncie, Indiana has recently been named "the typical American city." In order to tap the vast reservoir of sociological information in that metropolis, Earlham's sociology department yesterday purchased this off-campus study group home. Beginning next term, Earlham sociology majors can live here while studying attitudes and mores of "typical Americans."

Dozens are hurt in Senate melee

In the last Senate meeting of Winter Term, March 8, pandemonium broke out on the Senate floor as Senators discussed the current racial crisis in Selma, Alabama.

The first meeting moved smoothly through the opening items on the agenda under the leadership of new Senate President, Dave Feintuch. Eric Curtis then rose and proposed that Senate take an official stand on the racial crisis currently facing the nation.

Curtis said, "I believe that it would be in order for us, as the official voice of the Earlham Community, to speak out against the brutality being exhibited by Alabama State troopers toward Dr. Martin Luther King and his followers." Curtis went on to say that, in his opinion, there was no excuse for such violence, especially since the victims of this brutality were peaceful demonstrators. President Feintuch asked for discussion of the issue. The response was immediate. Jud Haverkamp, a strong Southern Senator, rose and spoke out heatedly against the proposal.

"I see absolutely no use for this ridiculous demonstrating," drawled Haverkamp, "The good people of Alabama have every right to use every means at their disposal to rid

their highways of this trash. A march such as this could easily result in a record number of traffic fatalities and furthermore, I believe that non-violent demonstrations of any sort have no place in the civil rights movement."

Haverkamp continued saying that he strongly disagreed with the Quaker principles of non-violence and pacifism, and he was supported in his stand by several other militant members of the Dixie bloc.

Other Senators voiced strong opinions and the Senate soon split with equal numbers favoring each side. The atmosphere grew tense as the discussion degenerated into a noisy melee with both sides resorting to personal insults and obscenities. After receiving a deep personal wound from the tongue of Charles Matlack, Senator Haverkamp rose and cast a hymnbook at him inflicting a severe head wound. He was immediately "gaveled down" as President Feintuch struck him across the back of the neck with his wooden gavel.

Other Senators then joined in the brawl, throwing chairs and smashing each other in the jaw with their fists. Dixie bloc Senator Susan Edwards struck Eric Curtis a devastating blow across the knee with an andiron from the fireplace, reactivating an injury he had suffered skiing some weeks before. Doctors have said that he may be permanently crippled as a result.

As soon as the fighting broke out, our reporter dived under a bench in fear of losing his life. Some fifteen minutes later all was quiet and he rose to see if the coast was clear. Bruised and bleeding Senators were scattered everywhere among the ruins of the Wymondham room, unable to rise.

Paul Harvey finally staggered to his feet and asked that the Senate be adjourned, whereupon he immediately fell to the floor unconscious, having suffered a skull fracture. A weak murmur of "Approved" was heard and our reporter trotted off to write his story and call the ambulances.

Senate abolishes student apathy

In a meeting Monday night, the rehabilitating Earlham Senate, after heated discussion, officially abolished apathy among students.

The key provision of the measure states that no Earlham student may display apathy toward "any issue of national significance, or which is relevant to the Earlham community." Issues relevant to Earlham are defined as those arising in class lectures and discussions, in any college-sponsored event, including convocations and athletic contests, and on the opinion board.

Apathy is permitted, however, on the front and back campuses and off campus, although never during any official college function.

The move was seen by some observers as an attempt to satisfy the pleas of old Post editorials, and the caustic comments so often posted on the opinion board regarding Earlham's enigma — students who don't care.

Paul Halter introduced the proposal on the grounds that apathy at Earlham has "hurt the college's image to the extent that remedial action is necessary." He added that such reputable and "really cool" schools as John Hopkins University have taken similar action with a fair amount of success.

Boaz Finque immediately countered Halter's remarks with the suggestion that "you can't legislate

morality." Halter retorted that he was "sick and tired of Finque's attitude" and walked out of the meeting.

Eric Curtis reminded Senate that a similar proposal was defeated in Senate in 1949 and declared that this precedent, in his eyes, was ample grounds for rejecting the proposal. "You can't completely neglect tradition, you know," he said.

David Feintuch favored the proposal but said he would not support it unless it were amended to grant the Senate President exclusive right to enforce its provisions and to determine, at his discretion, when an infraction had occurred.

Near unanimous opposition to this almost immediately materialized, and Feintuch ultimately rescinded the suggestion and requested that it be "stricken from the records." When someone questioned the propriety of such a request, Feintuch answered that such a picayune detail would never be included in any minutes that he should ever draw up.

Senator Haverkamp then interjected that the whole apathy question and the Senate proposal be referred to a committee. At this point College President Landrum Bolling stood up and asserted that he knew personally of "several instances" in which student apathy had turned away from Earlham would-be gener-

ous donors, and likewise, of many cases in which prospective students decided against Earlham because of the apathy prevalent here.

He also said that Senate might as well pass the measure, since, if it did not, he would issue a similar edict, "and fast," from his office. This particular argument clinched the debate and a sense of the meeting in favor of the proposal was immediately achieved.

Cows visit dorms for 'Authenticity'

The Earlham May Day Committee today announced plans for May Day 1965. Post sources report that the Committee is aiming for a completely authentic reproduction of an old English May Day this year.

In line with this goal, cows will be moved into the dormitories two weeks before the event. The showers will be turned off three weeks before May Day. The committee is reported to have said that these measures will give the May Day celebration a truly authentic atmosphere.

Further preparation, as yet not officially approved, may include the cafeteria's serving lentil soup and black bread, and students' turning in their guitars for lutes.

Naturally, men will prepare for the traditional May Day courting well in advance.

Athletic director King introduces new sport

Martin Luther King, Jr. told an Atlanta news conference today that he has accepted the position of athletic director at Earlham College.

He stated that his first official act will be to withdraw EC from future competition in football and wrestling, because these sports violate what he called "my tenets of nonviolence." The soft-spoken, easy-going King reminded newsmen that this act was also in keeping with Quaker pacifist tradition.

New sport added

Added to the athletic scene at Earlham will be a new sport called "marching." Similar in nature to cross-country, it differs in several ways. First, there are more players to a team — anywhere from 300 to 1500. Secondly, "marching" is not limited to men. King plans to recruit both boys and girls from area high schools, and hopes that Earlham will be able to provide athletic scholarships for marchers.

Marching events take place not over all types of terrain, as in cross-country, but over selected United States highways. Fifty miles is the average course length, and a good marcher can traverse the course in five days or less.

King stated that there were two possible sites for the Quakers to hold their home meets: Route 40, National Road, east to Dayton; and Route 35 north to Muncie. He also said that Earlham will compete in the NAACPM (the National Athletic Association of College Programs for Marching). Other teams in the conference are Tuskegee Institute, Tougaloo, Oberlin and Manchester. League officials recently were in-

formed that the University of Alabama will not compete this year.

Requires more skill

"Marching," also known in some degraded circles as street-walking, requires much more of an athlete than the conventional sports of basketball, baseball, tennis, track, and cross-country. Even the allegedly "violent" football and wrestling stars cannot compare in stamina and strength to this new game, introduced by William T. Sherman and recently taken up by Dr. King.

In addition to overall physical strength and endurance, athletes performing in the marching sport also must be strong of voice. A marcher must be skillful in singing such songs as "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," "Nobody Knows De Trouble I Seen," and "Hang Down Your Head, George Wallace."

There are four positions to a marching squad: bass, tenor, alto and soprano.

Another innovation planned by Athletic Director Martin Luther King is the dismissal of the current Earthquaker squad of E.C. cheerleaders. Instead, King says he will bring along some members of his former SCLC staff. Whenever an Earlham team falls behind in a contest, these new cheerleaders will lead the crowd in a chant of "We Shall Overcome."

Other sports news

Last week WECI revealed that Richard Nixon will do the play-by-play announcing of Quaker baseball games this spring. Sponsors for the broadcasts again this season will be William Penn cigars and Hoover sweepers.

Staebler Talks On Bawdy House

In a revealing lecture before an engrossed audience, Professor Warren Staebler last Saturday night discussed The Economics and Varieties of Other Growth Problems in the Medieval Italian Bawdy House, 1133-1569 — with especial emphasis on the areas of Milan and Florence. The lecture was distinguished by Prof. Staebler's comprehensive and penetrating survey precisely articulated in a manner that would have done credit to even the most worthy Oxford Don.

Prof. Staebler, an alumnus of the U. of Cincinnati, has traveled extensively in Europe and spent much time in the areas of Italy previously designated.

SAB eyes visits by Beatles, Welk

Post sources report that the new SAB is currently negotiating with the Beatles about a possible appearance on campus. As yet the arrangements are tentative.

Other groups which have been mentioned as possibilities include the Animals, Lawrence Welk's Champagne Music Makers, the cast of Cleopatra, and World War II with the original cast.

A spokesman for SAB said that SAB policy this year will be bigger and better entertainment. He said that campus movies will also include more interesting fare such as Tales of Fanny Hill.

Golf course to be built on heart

Unimpeachable sources have reported to Post that plans are under way to convert the heart into a miniature golf course. According to the report, the area in front of the Lilly Library would become a parking lot for the golf course.

Earlham business manager Hal Cope was reported to have said that the new plan was designed to increase revenue for the college. He is said to have added that the miniature golf course would be considerably more attractive than the present heart.

Editorial

No Joke

News Roundup

A single obscene, four-letter word was featured on the sign which a group of Berkeley students, in the name of freedom of speech, recently paraded through the administration building of their campus.

"What would formerly have been regarded as childish impudence is now the last straw of contempt," snapped the university president. And of course, he was right.

Two of the top leaders of a secret organization of "hooded bigots," one bearing the ludicrous title "Grand Dragon," the other, "Imperial Wizard," last week reiterated the wearisome segregationist theme that civil rights demonstrations are "red plots." Exculpatory proof that a mother of five was not murdered by a klansman!

Their entire bankrupt case was weakened, not promoted, when they further intimated that President Johnson is a communist sympathizer. Their call to "millions of Americans" to side with their absurd stand only bolstered popular contempt for the Ku Klux Klan and heightened national embarrassment at its existence.

More than a dozen occupants of a New York City apartment building months ago idly watched as below in the streets a mentally retarded young hoodlum brutally stabbed a girl to death. In reply to her sobbing pleas for help, one resolute hero from his window instructed the killer to leave the girl alone.

His lone voice was indeed weak testimony to that unique spirit or rugged individualism Americans supposedly possess.

The meat-cleaver rhythms of four baby-faced and tone-deaf musical hacks from the shores of old England aroused American adolescent females to the point of orgasmic release of unbounded energy last summer, sending them shivering and screaming, in a sort of lunatic, mass hypnosis to theater aisles. "The Beatles" occupied American youth's otherwise largely blank minds last year, and at the same time confirmed a few suspicions of the older generation about modern society.

There was one — the publisher of

a pseudo-sophisticated girlie magazine — who entertains no such suspicions. He recently cautioned a mother not to worry about a daughter missing church each week in order to attend her own "Beatle Church" where she performed a ritual of worship to the Beatles. This "phase" would pass away, he reassured the mother. Pass away to what?

What Does One Do?

The obscene speech movement, the Ku Klux Klan, the peculiar aversion so many Americans hold toward "becoming involved," the Beatles — none of these, unfortunately, are April Fool's Day fictions, to be laughed off or disregarded, however much one might wish to do so. Like some of the other news items in this issue, they are certainly strange accounts of human behavior.

But unlike the light humor contained elsewhere in this paper, these are all actualities, and with the possible exception of the Beatles, they are not the least bit funny.

Nowhere in this issue's "news stories" was anyone intentionally maligned. No doubt repercussions will be felt should one or two individuals feel he was unfairly treated. But for the most part, the stories are frivolous, perhaps enlivening; good escape literature — Post's answer to Mad Magazine.

"News Roundup," however, is a vicious personal attack on everyone. For no one can claim total exemption from responsibility for the social evils which plague society. If he does not recognize any evils, he is a fool; if he does nothing about them, he is a coward. We are all, to some extent, fools and cowards.

Earlham, Post hopes, is not a place where students strive merely for top-rate academic performance and cherish only the stereotyped ideals of future security and of "a nice home, happy family, and good salary." Earlham should be a place where men and women attempt not only to become well-read, but also wise enough and brave enough to work for a better society — one in which men are not cheap, or narrow-minded, or apathetic, or petty.

ENLIGHTENMENT

Professor Lewis Hoskins has accepted an offer to write an indefinite number of books for the famous Landmark series.

Sun Valley Nudist Colony has selected Earlham College as a possible location for its four week summer alumni meeting.

Dean Eric Curtis announced Monday that he might postpone his scheduled trip to "the Old Country." Recent developments, he stated may "necessitate" his remaining at the college for the summer.

The Five Year Friends Meeting after studying the problem of alcoholic beverages on the campus has recommended the removal of the coke machines from the dormitories. The spokesman for the meeting stated that the action was taken as a result of recent scientific studies at the Poseyville Theological Seminary which have revealed by irrefutable revelations that "soft drinks are the first step on the road to alcoholism."

Believe it or not: Calvin Redekop as a result of his recent studies on the communal habits of the migrating walrus has been selected by Mr. Ripley as the subject of his next book.

The Reading Program Committee has selected "Muck Muck the Eskimo Boy" for the fall term.

The Earlham Oahspe Bible Study group is reorganizing for the rest of this year. A spokesman for the group said that the first meeting for term three will take place in the Meetinghouse at 9:30 p.m. Sunday evening. Visitors are welcome, he said.

The group, he noted, uses as its text selections from Oahspe: A New Bible. A copy of this book is now on reserve at the Lilly Library.

The Wheel Turns

By Fred Horning

With our glorious return to the intellectual haven comes the triannual cry of the wild—"Hiii, how was your vacation?" Freshmen fight stock phrase with stock phrase. "Great, what are you for May Day?" Sophomores chime in—"Ah so so," and add, "how was I supposed to remember that damn convo card?" Juniors respond with the lackadaisical "who cares, I think I'll grow a beard." Bleakfaced Seniors reveal morbid fears: "Miserable, and I'm going to flunk them — so help me."

All is melodious, spring is sprung, Friends are friends, Washington, Stanford and Merrill Palmer are here with news from the outside world, and we are all quasi-confident that we will just barely make this one — unless they throw a "pop" reading program.

Our ten days of suffocation were spent in repine, (often as not in recline) observing that little machine stumble on, and knowing that tomorrow it will be ours. The machine unveiled a new comedy team, Grissom and Young. It offered a grammar lesson for the

leader of one of our spawning fraternal orders. In some areas it offered a playground for the war games and in other areas it offered a marching ground for the freedom games. Also, mother machine has offered food for thought and a sincere hope that it is something of a laxative.

Where to direct our zeal in the coming weeks? A lot of attention and energies will be focused on the twenty-four hour basketball marathon to be played by two men's sections. It is scheduled for sometime. Another area classed as record potential is the opinion board. Reputable sources tell us that unless some aspiring prophet runs amuck, Earlham is in strong contention for the famed "Ohwell" trophy. The trophy is given annually to a small, midwestern, liberal arts, church-affiliated college which can demonstrate a record of having maintained, for the longest time, a specified area wherein members of the group can submit words.

Although S.A.B. has not given final approval, officials are in the process of scheduling a series of underground nuclear tests in the system

of steam tunnels on campus. The Earlham Young Friends are organizing the all-day work project through a special grant from the federal Peace Corp budget. For every two tests held here, the Ford Foundation will sponsor one.

Never to be forgotten are the infinite opportunities in the field of student government. Campus leaders announced early today that contrary to a vicious rumor started during vacation, all is well and we have maintained the crisis.

The business office has announced that a solution to the laundry problem is at hand. Clear Creek will be dredged and a system of "pounding rocks" will be installed. However, due to an oversight in the budget, no funds were made available to cover the salary of an Indian instructor. This will necessitate a slight raise in activities fees. The rocks will be coin-operated and installed by a local merchant who states he is eager to serve Earlham students.

Finally, new illness hours have been listed at the infirmary. You can now be treated for influenza, heart murmur, and constipation on the third Wednesday after the second Monday of any month whose Chinese name refers to a medicinal compound. Any other time, we have been asked to take two aspirin and come back at 8:00 for a sit-in.

Bibles Donated

The Gideon Foundation announced Monday that twelve gold leaf Bibles will be placed in Dennis Hall. The grant, according to the Foundation, was made at the request of J. Robert Sacred, past President, who is now acting as an official advisor for the W.C.T.U.

Since Mr. Sacred graduated from Earlham in 1928, he has annually expressed concern over the apparent moral and spiritual decline among certain segments of the community.

In an interview with a member of the Post staff, Mr. Sacred pointed specifically to what he terms the "worshipping of false idols." When asked if he would elaborate, Mr. Sacred stated that he has long had suspicions that certain subversive influences have introduced idolatry to the Earlham Campus. According to Sacred, the resurrection of Earlham Hall in the 1950's was the first outward manifestation of this trend. Although the new building is an exact physical replica of its Medieval counterpart, it is not "a revelation or expression of Divine guidance" but rather "a house built upon the sand of that atheistic medium called architectural science."

A more recent trend in this direction has been the placing of the

Post's first issue this term was originally scheduled to appear next Thursday. At a special meeting Monday night, however, Post decided to print this special issue.

rock in front of "the Tower of Babel" (Mr. Sacred is referring to Dennis Hall). The rock, Sacred stated, is not only an expression of contempt for the sciences of the human spirit but it is "symbolic of the ultimate conclusions of Darwinistic thought." A more serious consequence, stated Sacred, has been the use of the rock as an altar for shamanistic practices. Pinkerton men hired by Sacred to investigate the situation reported that their is considerable evidence to suggest that a rapidly proliferating Dianistic cult led by one Miss Stephenie Stillwell may be largely responsible for the heathen liturgical practices. Although Mr. Sacred hesitated to divulge further evidence, he did state that the Joseph Moore Museum was definitely a front for the organization and that he personally would investigate the rites of the cult.

As I See It

By Bob Seeley

It is perhaps time that someone said a word in defense of motherhood. This much-maligned institution is seldom defended — indeed, it is seldom mentioned — today. Yet there is no question that it is valuable and in need of defense.

In our isolation from the real world, we at Earlham often forget that the future of humanity rests with its mothers. Indeed, were it not for mothers, there would be no future of humanity to speak of. The great institutions of home, country, the flag, tradition, and brotherly love would cease to exist altogether.

Clearly, then, the loss of motherhood would be a disaster unparalleled in the history of mankind — and, it seems to me, a disaster also for Earlham College. For it seems to me that, even with our isolation from the world, such a catastrophic occurrence could not but affect us here on campus.

Granted that motherhood has its disadvantages — not the least of which is its central position in the life of man — we must nonetheless recall its advantages. These, it seems to me, far outweigh the shortcomings of the institution.

Motherhood, then, is a necessity for the future functioning of the human race. It is too bad that it has so many detractors today.

Sex Is Screened

Due to the recent uproar over sex in the East Lounge, a Senate spokesman has announced the installation of screens between couches. This will provide a number of three-sided "rooms" along the walls of the lounge. The purpose, confided the committee's chairman to one of our reliable sources, is to ensure more privacy for Earlham students, and a greater continuity with the Board of Trustees' conception of what a Quaker college should be.

There have been several drawbacks in these plans, introduced some ten years ago, which have caused the long delay. These include the consideration of sound-proofing, lighting facilities, and most important, the traditional Quaker Wednesday Night Dance, commonly known as the "fights."

After much debate, the former two problems have been rejected as irrelevant. Furthermore, the administration has expressed the belief that both Earlham's students and budget would do better without either. The solution to the dance problem will be provided by folding screens, which will be collapsed during the dance.

This slight inconvenience to lounge users has not been challenged yet, and Senate feels that this will not become a major issue.

Mrs. Baldwin, however, has been reported to have said that anyone suffering injuries from use of the screens is not covered by college insurance.

A spokesman for the Board of Trustees today was reported to have said that rumors of a projected pleasure dome behind Earlham Hall were false. Plans for the new Student Union, he said, do not include such a pleasure dome.

He went on to state that "surveys conducted by the faculty and administration of the college indicate that students do not want a pleasure dome alone. Since there is not money enough to build both the pleasure dome and the fine arts center, construction of the pleasure dome will be deferred until sufficient funds can be gathered."

The spokesman affirmed that the pleasure dome, if and when it is built, will include soft lights, cocktail music, and a "white-tie-and-tails restaurant." He said that money for the project will probably come from the new Earlham miniature golf course. (See story, p. 1).

True News: Aaron Henry, Bill Higgs, and Michael Lesser, who are respectively Miss. Freedom Party president, a Civil Rights Bill coordinator, and Corps field secretary, will be on campus Friday and Saturday for special lectures and discussions.

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