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Mexican journalist decries political corruption

By Simon Levine

Staff reporter

Adela Navarro Bello, journalist from Tijuana, Mexico, spoke Tuesday on the corruption impeding the Mexican war against drug trafficking.

Bello painted a grim picture of President Felipe Calderon's drug war, which has left over 22,000 dead and has consumed an enormous amount of resources. She decried the massive corruption

within the ranks of Mexico's police and military, poor cooperation between the Mexican and U.S. governments and the glorification of drug kingpin Joaquin "El Chapo" Loera by Forbes and Time magazines.

As the editor of Tijuana's Zeta magazine, Bello has continued to publish exposés of drug dealers and government corruptors, in spite of three of her colleagues having been assassinated.

Junior Alvaro Puente, physics and geosciences double major,

admired Bello's bravery.

"She said some things that very few people are willing to tackle," Puente said.

Yet while all acknowledged the courage of her actions and the great work she is doing in Mexico, some students and faculty members had reservations about the format and message of Bello's speech.

Freshman Lilly Cutler felt that the translation was awkwardly handled.

Cutler said, "They should have

had a translator."

Junior Ashley Girvin, psychology major, felt that the speech was too short.

"I wanted more, badly," she said.

Associate Professor of Spanish Rodolfo Guzmán expressed concerns about the manner in which Bello's speech portrayed the Mexican drug war.

"As soon as we bring it to the school it becomes an academic issue," Guzmán said, "and if it's an academic issue, I want to ask that it is studied from a perspective of critical thinking."

For Guzman, the main issue is that a U.S. audience won't have the same perspective as one in Mexico.

When we take [her] work and we bring it to the United States, the meaning of her work will change," he said.

However, Guzmán added that he thinks Bello is a "hero" and "doing great work in Mexico."

Zeta has a long history of covering drug violence and corruption in Baja California. Its founder and Bello's predecessor, Jesus Blancomelas, founded the newspaper ABC in 1977, but the Mexican government quickly shut down the publication.

In 1980, Blancomelas and co-founder Hector Felix Miranda named their new magazine after the last letter in the alphabet, in defiance of the government that had shut down ABC.

Eight years later, Miranda was

fatally on a rainy morning as he was sitting in the front seat of his car. The killer eventually convicted was an employee of former Tijuana politician and businessman Jorge Hank Rhon, who had been a subject of Zeta's exposés.

However, as a cruel example of the corruption, Bello said, "the guns they used were found in the board room of a business owned by Rhon," but no conviction was made.

"There is no more investigation," said Bello, with audible emotion in her voice, "He is free, he lives in Tijuana, he is my neighbor!"

Contributing editor Francisco Ortiz Franco was also killed in a 2004 drive-by shooting, and Blancomelas was badly injured in a 1997 attack that left his bodyguard dead.

Bello also spoke to journalism students during her afternoon visit. She was scheduled to speak at a dinner on Monday in the Womyn's Center, but her speech was cancelled due to scheduling issues that kept Bello in Mexico for longer than expected.

An organizer of the event, steering committee member Ivonne Florez, senior women's studies major, said that the purpose of the dinner was just to hear Bello's own story about her life's work.

"She has a cool story," said Florez. "Let's hear her out."

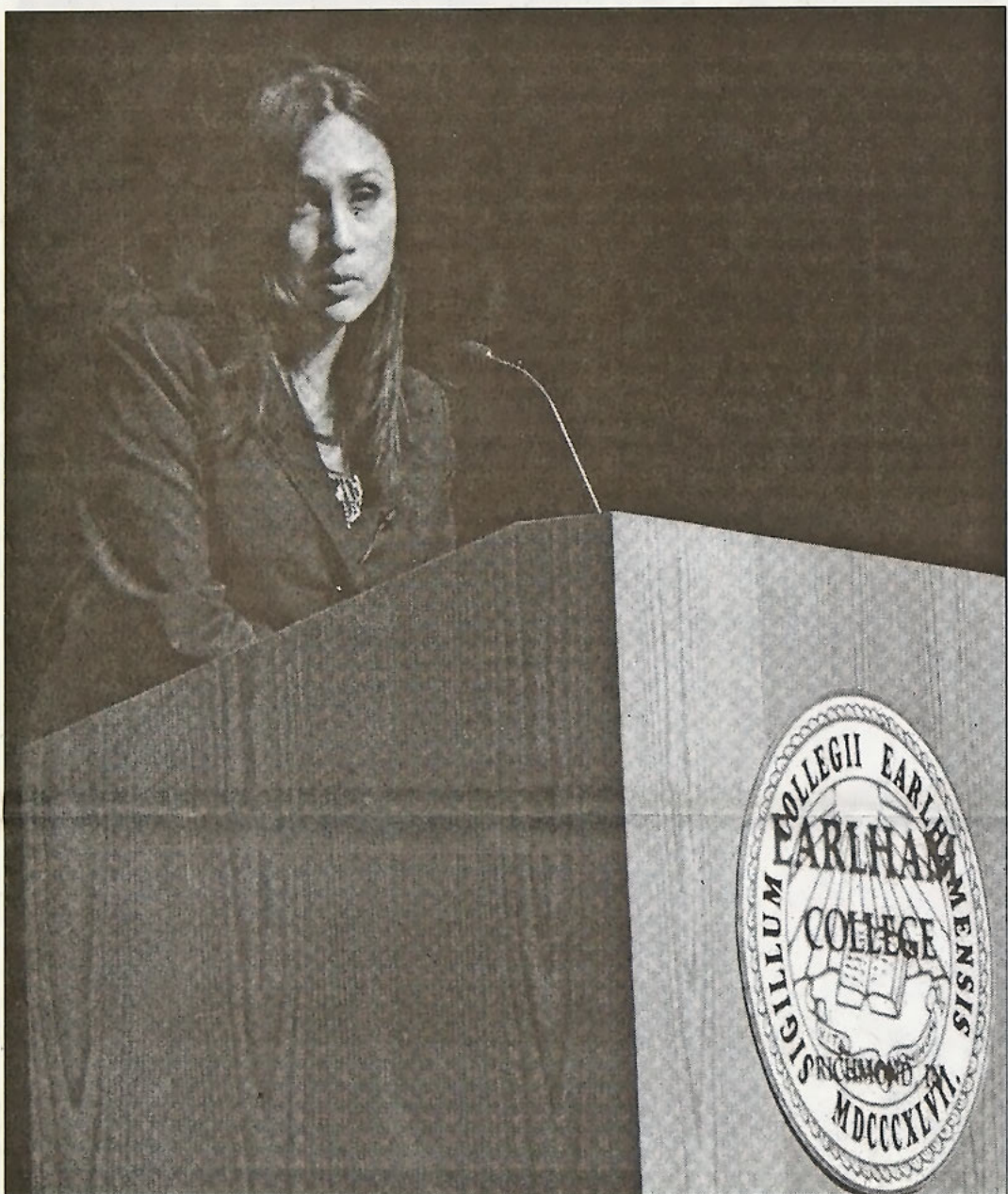


Photo by Emma Roller

Adela Navarro Bello, general director of the magazine Zeta, speaks about covering police and government corruption, organized crime and drug trafficking along the Mexico and United States border Tuesday evening in Goddard. Bello also spoke about the dangers journalists face in covering such topics.

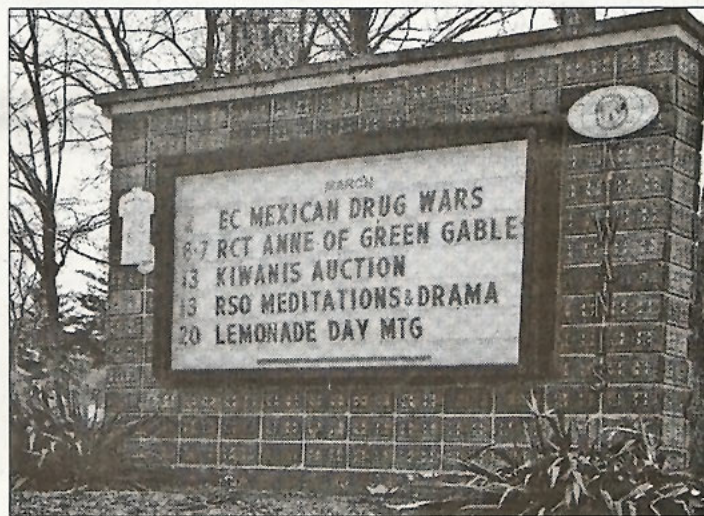


Photo by Oak Hawk

The community events signboard in front of the Richmond courthouse reports, "EC Mexican Drug Wars," a slight but misleading oversimplification of Tuesday's event.

Earlham faculty addresses lack of basic math skills

By John Jacobson and Marisa Keller

Word staff

The Earlham faculty is trying to decide how to fix the problem of students failing courses because of a lack of basic math skills.

Faculty members in the science, math and economics departments are taking the initiative to promote math literacy at Earlham. They are seeking to create a way for students to become more mathematically literate, either through curriculum or a math center that will parallel the writing center as a place where students can go to get help with math homework and even take classes to help improve fluency in different mathematical fields.

In faculty meeting on Wednesday, March 3, the faculty discussed a proposal that the ad hoc math committee has submitted to Earlham College President Doug Bennett. The proposal suggests using the

President's Discretionary Fund to pay for the position of an additional math professor for three years.

In an e-mail to the faculty on Tuesday, March 2, Bennett wrote, "Three years of a new full-time mathematics faculty member would cost around \$200,000. That would be an unusually large grant from the discretionary fund."

Bennett has, however, set aside funds to cover one year of a visiting professor in the math department. He wrote that he would be willing to extend the funds for a second and third year only if the Curricular Policy Committee (CPC) "saw it as an important and valued undertaking."

During Wednesday's meeting, faculty members raised concerns about a long-term solution to the problem after the three years suggested by the proposal are up. Others, however, pointed to the urgency of the problem, which leads to many students failing

or avoiding classes they would otherwise like to take.

Associate Professor of Economics Rajaram Krishnan sees many of his students do poorly because of their lack of math skills.

"For some programs at Earlham, certain math is needed at the introductory level and some of us don't have that and could do with a refresher because we've done math some time ago," Krishnan said. "Another aspect of this is that in the context of a liberal arts education, being mathematically literate ... is part of what is good to understand the world and we're going to see if we can help."

According to Krishnan, this initiative will be collaboration on the part of faculty from the math, geosciences, and chemistry departments.

"We feel that quantitative literacy is a useful thing to be shared by many people on campus," he said.

Another supporter of the idea

of promoting mathematical literacy is Earlham Associate Professor of Geosciences Meg Streepy-Smith. She expanded on the general idea of how this project will help students in both math and non-math courses alike.

"I feel like we need more support for math across the curriculum," Streepy-Smith said. "And if you felt like you wanted to be an econ major, but yet you don't feel like you're prepared for Raja's [Intro to Microeconomics] class, you could take an intro math class that would basically prepare you for his micro econ class."

There are also other people outside of the immediate math-heavy departments who show some support for the promotion of mathematical literacy. One of them is Assistant Professor of Politics Thor Hogan.

"I'm supportive of the overall idea that we need to increase mathematical literacy, certainly for politics students," Hogan

said. "I think that increasing your understanding on things as important as the budget process and being able to access that with the proper math skills is fundamental to really understanding how the government works."

Last semester, Earlham announced that professors from Indiana University East would teach basic math courses at Earlham starting in the fall of 2010, but the arrangement fell through because of a misunderstanding about whether IU East would receive financial compensation.

The math ad hoc committee was organized to work with IU East, but has since moved on to address the broader issue of numeracy at Earlham. The committee is not directly affiliated with the math department, although Assistant Professor of Mathematics Anand Pardhanani is a member of the committee.

Happening This Week

- SAB presents RAVE! Friday, March 5, 10 p.m., Comstock.
- Genesis Benefit Concert Saturday, March 6, 7:30 p.m., Goddard Auditorium.
- Kelly Burke speaks at College Meeting for Worship Sunday, March 7, 1 p.m. Stout Meetinghouse.
- Grandmaster Shakuachi Performance with Michael Gould Chikuzen. Sunday, March 7, 7 p.m. Goddard Auditorium.

Pollan talks food to packed auditorium

By Anna McCormally
Contributing Editor

Students in Earlham's Environmental Colloquium were treated to the presence of award-winning writer Michael Pollan last Saturday, before he gave a sold-out appearance that had Goddard flooded with Earlham students and Richmond community members.

Pollan talked with the Environmental Colloquium, a one-credit class that looks at a different topic every semester. This semester the colloquium is doing an inventory of Earlham's energy usage. On Saturday, Pollan spent 90 minutes with Assistant Professor of Education and Director of Wilderness Programs Jay Roberts and the colloquium's students to answer any questions that they had for him.

"I thought the colloquium experience was pretty neat, to have time to ask him questions," said junior environmental studies major Sarah Waddle, who is a member of the Environmental Colloquium and convener of Earlham's Environmental Responsibility Committee (ERC). "It was cool to have him be right there and respond to what you asked."

In the Environmental Colloquium, Pollan addressed many students' questions about the green movement and sustainable agriculture.

Waddle, who has been working through ERC with Earlham's food producer, Sodexo, to make progress in sustainability, asked Pollan at the Environmental Colloquium what changes he suggested Earlham work towards. Pollan recommended campaigns like "Meatless Mondays" and lobbying Sodexo to buy locally.

Waddle explained that ERC has been working with Sodexo and that progress is being made.

"My perception is that they're very willing and open to other food options," she said.

Waddle noted that Earlham is in the process of creating the position of "student sustainability manager" to work with Sodexo and Earlham to help enact sustainability initiatives in the cafeteria.

Pollan also answered a question about the green movement, which gave him a chance to expand on one of the foundations of his philosophy.

"To simply replace one kind of consumerism with another kind of consumerism is not going to solve the problem," Pollan explained. "We need to learn to think of ourselves more as producers than consumers."

He also called for society to "liberate itself from the sense of dependency on consumer culture."

To Waddle, however, some of the lifestyle changes that

Pollan called for in his speech later that evening seemed to be inaccessible to the less wealthy members of society.

"He himself seemed to be extremely affluent," Waddle said, citing Pollan's opportunity to attend a private liberal arts college and graduate school at Columbia as examples of privileges that the writer was lucky to have had. "It must be hard for him to reach out to people with different lifestyles."

Much of what Pollan advocates involves nutritional choices and the connection between sustainable, healthy agriculture and nutritious food.

"Are people happy with fast-food culture?" Pollan asked rhetorically at the colloquium. He went on to answer his own question by painting a picture of people in the inner city lining up for hours to get government vouchers for fresh produce.

Still, Waddle wasn't entirely satisfied with what Pollan had to say.

"He was quick to put down the food options available to our community," Waddle said. "In his speech I felt that there was a lack of positivity about food options in Richmond."

Waddle admitted that the conclusions Pollan drew about the quality of food available at local Richmond grocery stores was accurate, but felt that he did not elaborate enough on specific alternatives for Richmond consumers.

Sophomore Norah Doss, a resident of Environmental House, disagreed with Waddle.

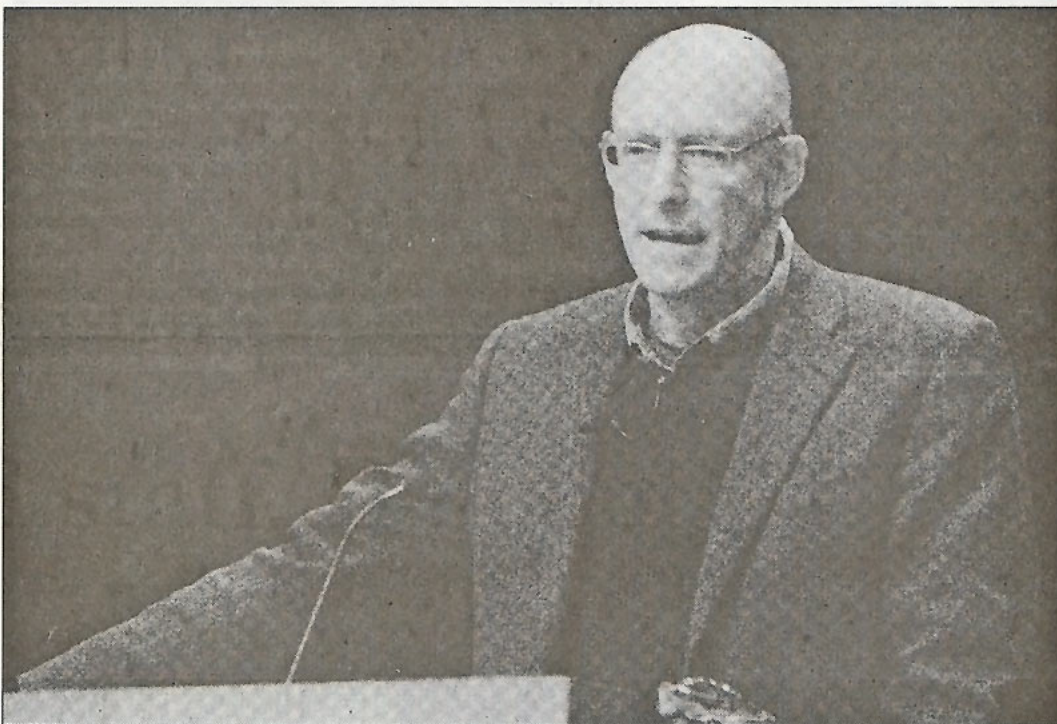
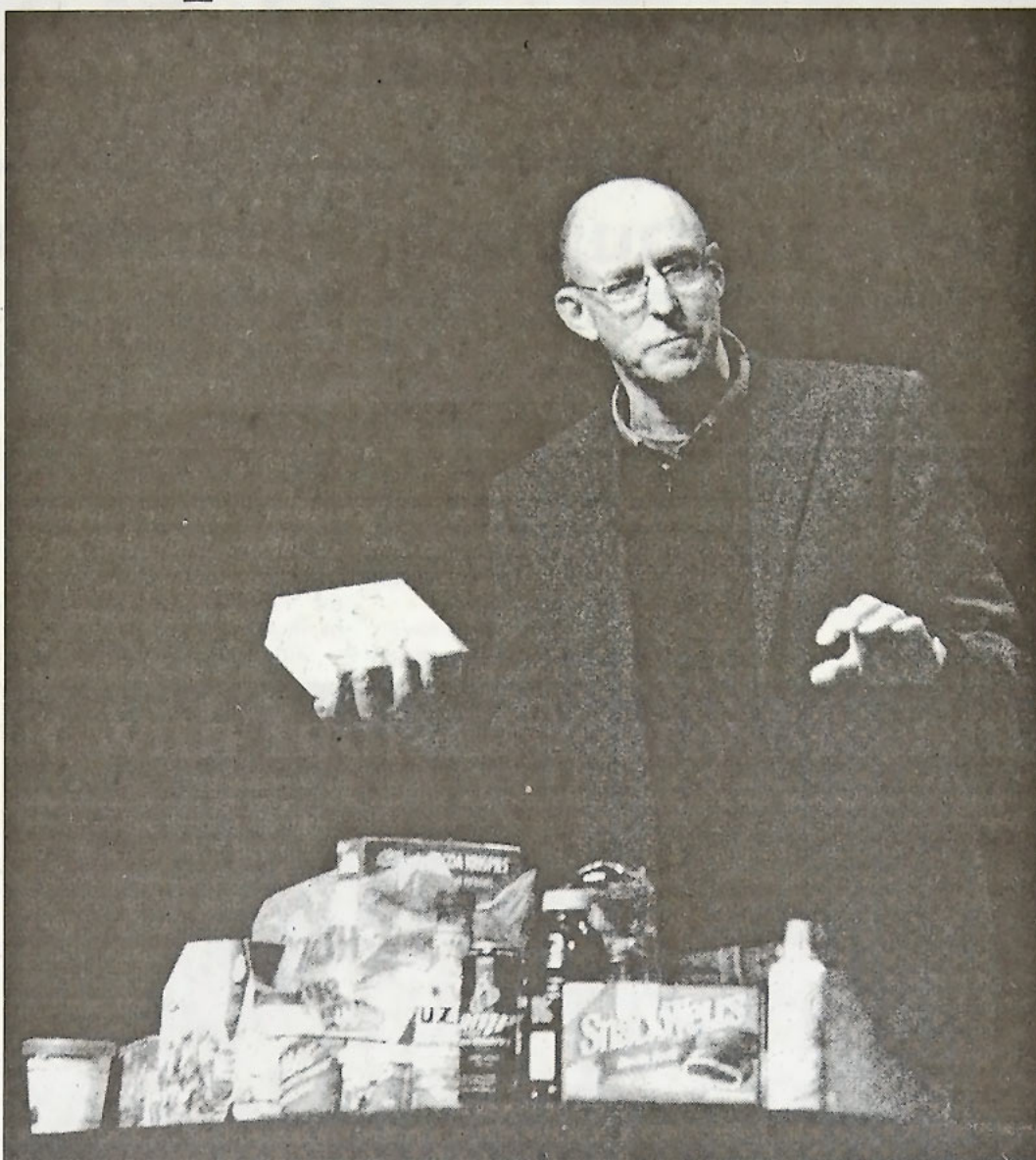
"I think he didn't have the knowledge basis," Doss said, defending Pollan, who has been an influence on her in the context of research about sustainable agriculture. "A lot of his speech wasn't Richmond- or Earlham-specific."

Doss also felt that Pollan addressed the class divide that was noticed by Waddle.

"He specifically addressed that in inner cities, the food he suggests is not available," she said.

Doss compared Pollan favorably to Carol Adams, the feminist vegetarian who spoke at Earlham this past November, and whom Doss and Waddle both felt was more defensive and less willing to listen to criticism than Pollan.

"I think it's really important that we bring speakers like Michael Pollan to Earlham, especially at a time like this, when I feel as though we're on the cusp of big changes towards sustainability as a college," Waddle said. "By choosing people like Michael Pollan, that's one more statement by the college that that's the kind of dialogue we support as an institution."



Photos by Alex Pianetta

Author and journalist Michael Pollan spoke at Earlham Saturday, Feb. 27. Pollan spoke about real foods and the dangers of nutritionism, the focus on specific ingredients such as fat or vitamins without taking into account the product as a whole. Pollan illustrated his points via an array of processed foods he bought from Marsh for his talk.

Earlham considers split with Indiana Yearly Meeting

By Jonas Shellhammer
Staff reporter

The influence and presence of Indiana Yearly Meeting (IYM), one of the largest organizations of Quaker Meetings and founder of Earlham College, may be changing at Earlham in the future.

This coming June, the Earlham Board will be considering the approval of a series of changes in Earlham's relationship with the Meeting.

One of the proposed changes would be that IYM would no longer appoint six of the 24 members of the Earlham Board, and would instead be entering what is termed a "Covenant relationship" with Earlham. This would entail making several mutual promises, one of which would be that Earlham continues to pledge that the Earlham Board remain half Quaker.

In a March 2008 letter to a task force set up by IYM to analyze

the relationship it has with Earlham College, President Doug Bennett clarified some of the reasoning behind the pursuit of change.

"As we gather our students and our faculty from across the U.S. and around the world, why not our Board of Trustees as well? A national and global search for Friends would bring added diversity and richness to our work as trustees," Bennett said in the letter.

Bennett also emphasized that Earlham is "committed to Earlham's being, now and in the future, an institution of higher education firmly grounded in the understandings of the Religious Society of Friends."

In addition, Bennett signaled the need for a broad and globally representative Board of Trustees, commenting that "we have grown beyond being an institution confined to Indiana 'Quakerdom' to be something that has

global reach."

However, the process through which these tentative decisions has been arrived at was not started recently, and is described by Bennett as a "complex and historically layered story, and one still very much in play."

A letter from Bennett to the Earlham Board of Trustees, published in May 2009, outlined the developments of each organization. Bennett stated that these developments led to differences between IYM and Earlham.

Bennett said in the letter, "We need a Board whose organizational arrangements are justified by Earlham's current needs rather than merely by inheritance from the past."

A report published by the IYM task force provides insight into the differences between IYM and Earlham. The report lists several realities which it feels IYM must come to grips with, which include "policies, activities/events

in the life of the college for which IYM cannot give support; e.g., residence halls that are co-ed; birth control supplies dispensed through the school nurse; Dungeons and Dragons books sold by the college bookstore, pro-homosexuality messages given at graduation; seminars given that seem new age; student groups on campus that promote non-Christian religions, and presentations such as Vagina Monologues."

Bennett added that these concerns are held by a selection of members of Indiana Yearly Meeting, rather than by the organization as a whole.

Bennett reflected on these differences by saying that "not all colleges see themselves as being in the business of helping students grow to goodness as they become adults" and that Earlham and IYM approach this goal in different ways. According to Bennett, IYM has a tendency to actively tell students how to be

good, whereas Earlham seeks to create an atmosphere in which students can independently discover what it means to be good.

A good example of how the new relationship will affect this issue is that IYM, which has given little financial support to Earlham in the past, will now be able to provide funds of its own to certain aspects of campus life. Bennett stated that one area of focus will be a stronger presence of Christian ministry at Earlham.

Practicing Quaker Jay Zevin, senior sociology and anthropology major, hopes that the new system will bring positive change.

"Over my time at and awareness with Earlham, our relationship with Indiana Yearly Meeting hasn't been overwhelmingly positive," said Zevin. "I feel that I want our relationship with Indiana Yearly Meeting to be built out of a deep mutual respect, and I hope that this change will provide that deep respect."

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SECTION B

Co-op Hall fills with jokes, songs, poems

By Gabriel Middaugh

Staff reporter

Last Friday, musicians sang original songs and cover songs for all to hear, a comedian made people laugh loudly over goldfish and panda jokes, and poets put honest experiences out in the open, all in a small corner of Co-op Hall in a largely acoustic setting.

In the lower level of the Barrett Residence Hall, Co-op Hall tried to bring a multitude of listeners and performers to the showcase of an on-campus open mic. Some places exist around campus and the Richmond area where this kind of live entertainment can be found, but outlets are not always available where Earlham students can enjoy the experience together.

Two Earlham students, freshmen Emily Wilson and Charlie Umhau, organized the open mic. Wilson and Umhau, as well as everyone else who kept things moving along smoothly and watching the time, were able to put together an event that began at 8 p.m. and continued for more than three hours.

Every few acts, someone compared Co-op Hall to a sauna because of the heat, as the number of students increased and the sharing of talents continued. Some students were standing up trying to get a better look, others were sitting on the floor surrounding the performers, small groups were finding any possible place on a couch and throughout the night there was laughing, dancing, crying, singing and cheering from the crowd.

Several connections were made every hour by people who knew each other from class but never knew they shared interests or created the same style of art.

"I think it's important that people have a place to express themselves like this," Sophomore Krystnell Storr said.

Similar to other open mic settings, there was the high number of acoustic guitars scattered around the hall — in the kitchen, under a pile of coats or on top of someone's lap. However, the diversity of material performed and the ways in which they were presented at this show would surprise most concert-goers.

Junior Max Shannon, psychobiology major, played a song by The Tallest Man on Earth, an underground folk artist from Sweden. The song, "The Gardener," was a melodic song written for a unique voice that matched the open-mic performer closely. Screams and yells of joy and appreciation filled the room, as more people showed up after each act.

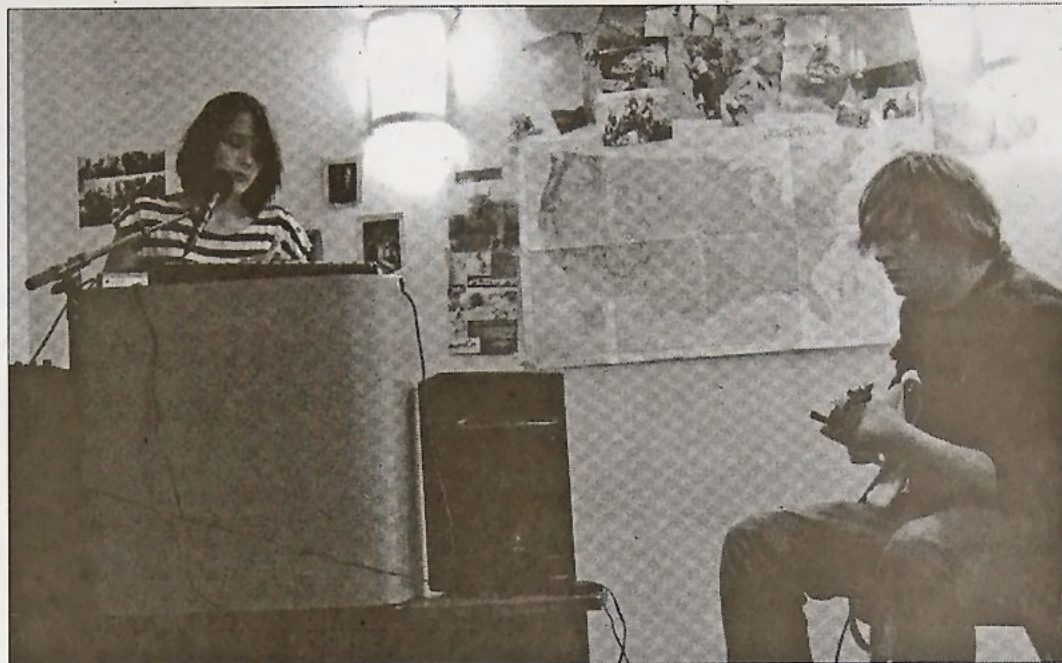
Senior Josh Friedberg, English major, performed two songs on guitar and sang an a capella version of James Taylor's "Carolina On My Mind."

After his performance, Friedberg said, "It was a really good crowd despite the hot room. I had a lot of fun. It was also powerful listening to a couple of the poets."

The attention that Friedberg gave to the poets before him was a shared respect from many of the performers. Compliments and praise were given in announcement form, as well as from one student to another.

The student community of Earlham College was supportive enough for the event to bring over a hundred people throughout the night.

Watson said, "We are planning to have another open mic in April, and I'm really excited for it!"



Photos by Rosa Ostrom

Top: Sophomores Brittany Goh and Cody Flood, members of the band Sea Flood, perform an original song at the Co-Op Hall-hosted Open Mic Night last Friday. Sea Flood was the first act of over 15 in an event that lasted upwards of three hours.

At right: Sophomore Sophie Rhem performs a slam poem to a packed crowd. The volume of her performance stood in stark contrast to numerous musical acts.



Cross country runs into trouble at quiz bowl

By Adam Tobin

Contributing editor

Appointed members of Earlham's cross country team had the opportunity to compete in the 12th annual Quiz Bowl last Thursday, a local event sponsored by the Richmond Rotary Club.

Unfortunately, the Earlham coalition was eliminated in the first round.

The team was composed of seniors John White and Evan Fackler, sophomore Sean McGuire and freshman Hannah Santino and was led by Head Cross Country Coach Pat Thomas. This marks the first time in the event's history that Earlham has sent a team to participate.

The event took place at Indiana University East's Vivian Auditorium. Entry into the

competition was a \$100 fee that included a dinner, and first prize was \$200.

All proceeds from the event are used for local and international projects of the Rotary Club, according to the Palladium-Item.

Thomas was informed of the event through Frank Carr, Earlham's Athletic Director, when Carr and Earlham President Doug Bennett were eager to form a school team in order to compete at the event. Kyla Pitts, the president's assistant and a recent Earlham graduate, was responsible for coordinating the event.

"Frank put out the word to coaches that there was a competition and Pat pretty much responded first and nominated members of his team to participate," Pitts noted.

17 teams participated in this extravaganza, but the competition was split up into three heats, and the winner of each heat would advance to the proceeding round.

There were a total of 18 questions posed in each round, and each question was worth two points. A total of six rounds were contested before the eventual winner was declared.

Although four members of the cross country team attended, only three members were allowed to participate in the competition at one time while one alternate was only allowed to rotate with another member after each round. Fackler sacrificed himself for the

team and sat next to Thomas in the audience for the duration of the event.

Santino was appointed team captain, meaning she was in charge of deciding who was to answer the questions.

"Overall it was a fun event and we had a good time, although we were the youngest team there by far"

— Hannah Santino, freshman

Thetrivia questions covered a broad scope of topics from sports trivia to history. White and Santino noted that the sports trivia questions dated back nearly 50 years ago, emphasizing the difficulty for a team of college students to have knowledge of that era.

Thomas said, "I was impressed

with the fairness of the event and the scope of the questions in general, but it certainly helped for contestants to be more elderly as many questions referenced the period from the 1960's to 80's."

White described their performance as "a valiant comeback" when they successfully answered four questions after suffering from a slow start to earn a total of eight points. Although the team scored eight points, it was not enough to beat eventual heat winner Pet Supply Store.

Santino said afterwards, "Overall it was a fun event and we had a good time. Although we were the youngest team there by far."

Your guide to live music within a 75-mile radius

By Sasha Benderly-Kraft

Staff reporter

This is a new monthly feature showcasing musical events happening in and near Richmond. Our aim is to let students know about what's going on that's worth going to. Inform yourself, get tickets in advance, set up a ride and have fun.

At Earlham

Saturday, March 6: Genesis Benefit Concert. Earlham will once again host the yearly benefit show to support the Genesis Women's Shelter of the Young Women's Christian Association, a shelter for victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence. Hosted by the Earlham Women's Chorus, the show will show off a wide variety of talents. No tickets required, \$5 suggested donation. 7:30 p.m., Goddard Auditorium

Sunday, March 7: Michael Chikuzen Gould. Gould is one of the only non-Japanese Grand Masters of the shakuhachi, a traditional Japanese flute. Admission is free. 7 p.m., Stout Meetinghouse

Saturday, April 3: Orchestra Concert. The Earlham College Orchestra will put on its first

concert under guest conductor Aik Khai Phung. Don't miss it. Admission is free. 7:30 p.m., Goddard Auditorium

In Richmond

Every Friday and Saturday: Live music at E Street Pub. Fridays are smaller-scale rock/folk nights, while Saturdays are typically metal/hard rock shows. Local Ozzy Osbourne tribute band Speak of the Devil plays on March 20. Free most Fridays, \$3 most Saturdays. 21+. 9 p.m. Fridays, 10 p.m. Saturdays. 815 N E St.

Friday, March 19: Shredfest at The Outlet, a young local music venue, hosts several local metal and hardcore bands for a night of heavy music. Performers include Indianapolis bands Ghost of Maine and Gamma Pulse, Muncie post-hardcore outfit In Pairs They Galloped, and New Castle's Phoenix Down. All Ages, \$7 admission. The Outlet, 315 National Rd W. 7 p.m.

Under 75 miles away

Thursday, March 11: Megadeth's Rust In Peace 20th Anniversary Tour. The renowned thrash metal band is celebrating 20 years of its seminal album by touring with Testament and

Exodus. \$35-45, all ages. Murat Theater, Indianapolis, Ind. 502 North New Jersey Street. 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 14: We Were Promised Jetpacks at Radio Radio. This introspective energetic Scottish post-punk act released their debut album, "These Four Walls," last year. \$8, 21+. Radio Radio, Indianapolis, Ind. 1119 E Prospect St. 8 p.m.

Monday, March 15: David Bazan at Southgate House. Bazan is an acoustic singer-songwriter who formerly led Pedro the Lion. After releasing four albums with that band, he issued his first solo full-length album, "Curse Your Branches," last year. \$12, all ages. Southgate House, Newport Ky. 21 E 3rd St. 9 p.m.

Wednesday, March 17: Cage The Elephant at Bogart's. This up-and-coming rock band, from Bowling Green by way of London, has been accumulating acclaim since their 2008 self-titled album — their second will come out this year. \$13.50, all ages. Bogart's, Cincinnati, Ohio. 2621 Vine St. 8 p.m.

Monday, March 22: A Place To Bury Strangers/The Big Pink at Southgate House. New York neo-shoegaze band A Place to

Bury Strangers, who last year released their second full-length album, "Exploding Head," are touring with London-based electro rock band The Big Pink, who just released their first album. \$10, all ages. Southgate House, Newport Ky. 21 E 3rd St. 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 23: Lincoln Center Orchestra Featuring Wynton Marsalis at Miami University. The prestigious jazz ensemble of Lincoln Center is touring with well-known trumpeter Wynton Marsalis. They will perform together at nearby Miami University in Oxford, Ohio — less than 25 miles away. 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 27: Girl Talk at Murat Egyptian Room. The sometimes-controversial mashup artist promises to continue questioning copyright laws and crafting catchy beats during his live show. \$15, all ages. Murat Egyptian Room, Indianapolis, Ind. 502 North New Jersey Street. 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 30: Jedi Mind Tricks at Southgate House. Jedi Mind Tricks is a long-running Philadelphia indie hip-hop act, and released their most recent album, "A History of Violence,"

in 2008. \$14, all ages. Southgate House, Newport Ky. 21 E 3rd St. 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 30-Thursday, April 1: MusicNOW Festival, Cincinnati. This year's MusicNOW festival features harpist Joanna Newsom (Tuesday), St. Vincent (Wednesday), and Justin Vernon of Bon Iver (Thursday). \$20, all ages. Memorial Hall, Cincinnati, Ohio. 1225 Elm Street. 8:00 p.m. all days.

Friday, April 2: Electric Six at the Vogue. The satirical Detroit hard-rock band has been pumping out albums lately, with last year's "KILL" about to be followed by an as-yet untitled album. They are touring on both. \$12, 21+. The Vogue, Indianapolis, Ind. 6259 N College Ave. 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 7: Mission of Burma at Southgate House. This legendary Boston post-punk band just released their third album since coming out of retirement, titled "The Sound The Speed The Light." Mission of Burma is one of the key bands in American underground music's history, and shouldn't be missed. \$15, all ages. Southgate House, Newport, Ky. 21 E 3rd St. 9:00 p.m.

CORRECTION: Last week, in the article "Student films documentary on generations and conflict," we incorrectly stated that Eduardo Granizo was unable to come to Nicaragua due to transportation issues. This was not the reason for Granizo's absence. The Word regrets the error.

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SECTION B2

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Younger siblings come to play with food



What's your favorite activity to do with your sibling?

Cody Jaram, 14
Galen Wilder, senior
(Cousins)
"Probably go rock climbing."

Derek Robinson, 16
Nadia Robinson, senior
"Eat food or something ... I guess playing outside."

Ian Holbert, 12
Josh Storms, freshman
"Fake wrestle... we have a trampoline at home and we just get on there and act like we're wrestling."

Kylee Kees, 6
Alicia Kees, junior
(Niece)
"Ball tag ... we go around and hit people."

Aubra Whetstone, 8
Broguen Whetstone, sophomore
"Sleep."

By Aleta Cox

Staff reporter

If you were here on campus this past weekend, you might have noticed an influx of small children present.

Don't freak out — those children were here for Lil' Sibs Weekend 2010, a weekend which has become an annual tradition at Earlham for the past 10 years.

The Student Activities Board (SAB) asks current students to invite their little siblings to campus for a weekend of visiting and fun activities.

This year's event theme was food. Having had previous experience on SAB her freshman and sophomore years, senior Samantha Bossman, art major, planned this year's theme and events.

Each year the theme is different, and is most often tailored around a selected movie that is shown — this year the event featured the film "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" — or around events that are already scheduled to be on campus. Adding to the food-centered theme, Michael Pollan presented his speech "Connecting the Dots: Nutritionism, Health and Agricultural Policy" on Saturday night.

This year around 16 Earlham students registered to have their siblings join them for the planned activities. Friday's main event was titled "Fun with Food," where participants could join in a potato sack race, a game of cornhole or an egg toss. You could also create items out of food, such as making a pasta necklace, a bean mosaic or even a handmade rose from Reese's Peanut Butter Cups candy.

Saturday's events included cartoons and breakfast where students and "lil' sibs" could eat a delicious breakfast while watching their favorite cartoons.

Crafts Time was later that afternoon, where participants

could choose to create a t-shirt with their visitor.

Other activities included a horse trail ride and obstacle course provided by the Horse Barn and its staff, as well as swimming and rock climbing in the Wellness Center.

"Unfortunately this year we only had one student and 'lil' sib' come out to the horse barn. We had set up a really neat obstacle course that a barn member would lead the child sitting on the horse through. I think the cold weather really worked against us, though, in that people just didn't want to bring the young kids out," said sophomore Cara Lippert, who works at the barn.

Not all the activities were limited to only students who had visitors, however. Two showings of "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs," which focuses on a town where food falls from the sky like rain, were shown in the Landrum Bolling Center, which was open to anyone at Earlham who wished to watch. The movie is inspired from a popular

children's book published originally in 1978, then reprinted in 1982 and more recently in 2009.

While not scheduled into the Lil' Sibs Weekend program, many students also chose to take their visitors to the Joseph Moore Museum, which included seeing a real Egyptian mummy, a 15,000-year-old mastodon and even interacting with live animals such as snakes.

"The Fun with Food activities were great; my niece really enjoyed making crafts out of food. We also went to the museum and she loved looking at all the different collections, although she was a little nervous about the snakes," said senior Tia Joiner, interdepartmental major, who had her 4-year-old niece visiting her.

Junior Alicia Kees had her niece, Kylee, visit her for the weekend. The two got creative and started a game that combines dodge ball and tag.

"Ball tag is so much fun, we play it every time I come here.

This time we got a lot of other people to play with us too. It was so fun," said Kylee Kees.

Looking ahead to next year, Bossman mentioned that because many students on campus have cousins, nieces and other relatives, the event will not solely be limited to siblings. An idea for next year would be to incorporate other extended family members to participate in the weekend's activities.

"I also think it would be great to see faculty members get involved and bring their kids along," Bossman said.

Bossman also commended the event and reflected on the importance of inviting younger siblings to campus.

"The greatest thing about this event is not that it is huge and widely publicized, but that it is an intimate and small gathering where students can take a weekend to just enjoy spending time with their family," she said. "That to me makes it all worth it, even if we only have a small amount of participation."



Top left: Tyaira Joiner shows off her painted face Saturday during Lil' Sibs Weekend. Tyaira was visiting aunt Tia Joiner, senior.

Top right: Luc Baker, son of librarian Neal Baker, gets his face painted by junior Amrit Moore as friend Nathan Steele looks on.

Left: Sophomore Kellen Paine greets visitors to the Joseph Moore Museum open house wearing a snake.

Bottom: Brianna Thompson ties Deshae Johnson's pasta necklace on her neck at Friday's "Fun With Food" event in Comstock. Brianna and Deshae were visiting sister Andrea Thompson, sophomore.



Photo at left by Elsa Haag.
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OPINION

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SECTION C



OVERHEARD

Drawn to a conversation your neighbor is having even though you were not exactly invited? Skipping down the hall and overhear a ridiculous statement? Those moments should not pass without being appreciated. Such is the purpose of OVERHEARD.

At the coffee shop:

"I'm going to get danger waxed into my pubes."

In the bathroom:

"Is there such a thing as the wine-poops? 'Cause I have it."

In the coffee shop:

"If my car had babies, you could have one of them."

At Marmon house:

"It's okay, I'm drunk."

"It won't hurt until the morning."

On co-op hall:

"Philosophy makes me wanna put my penis in a blender."

In Saga:

"I feel like it sags in all the weirdest spots."

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Cheers & Sneers

CHEERS to:

- The smell of tape.
- The football team, for proving to us that they are in fact intelligent and eager students. I look forward to hearing you participate in class.
- Members of the cross country team who participated in the Richmond Rotary Quiz Bowl. Go Quake!
- All the great performers at the co-op open mic.
- The 24-hour Theatre Project.
- Drugs
- DC legalizing same-sex marriage.
- Private bathrooms.

SNEERS to:

- Chocolate, for being so tempting
- Getting sick two days after getting better.
- Showers in the U being really tan
- The tsunami warning that kept us from going dolphin- and whale-watching.
- Obstructionists in Congress
- Those who stole the pink flip video camera and \$40 from the desk drawers of the girls in Barrett 301. That's low.
- The weather being cold, but not cold enough to freeze the mud.

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Sneer: noun, a contemptuous or scornful remark.

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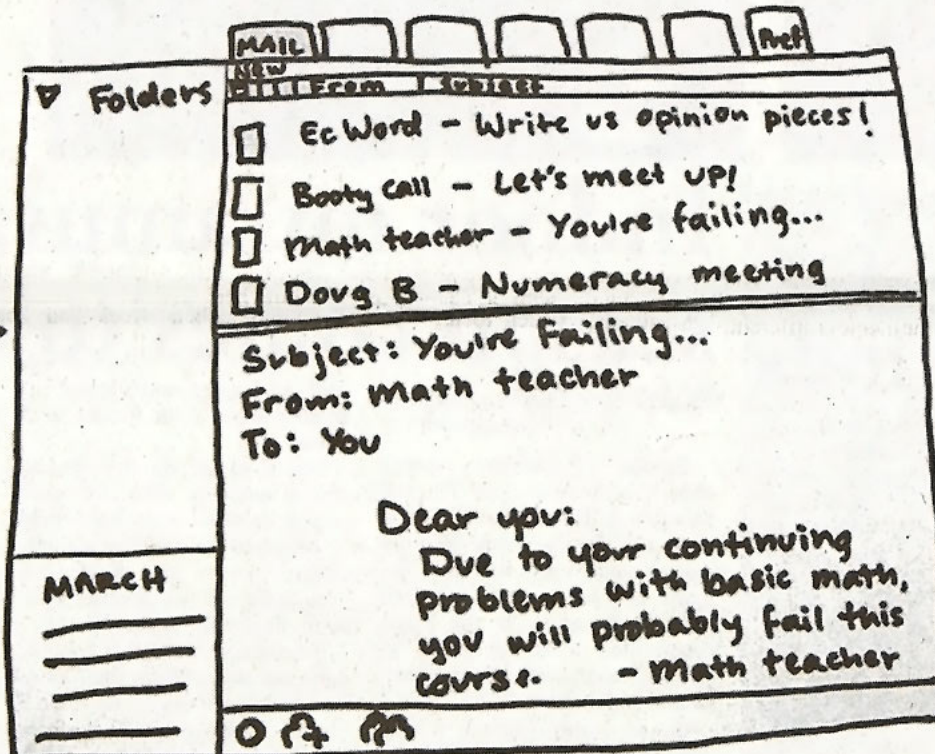
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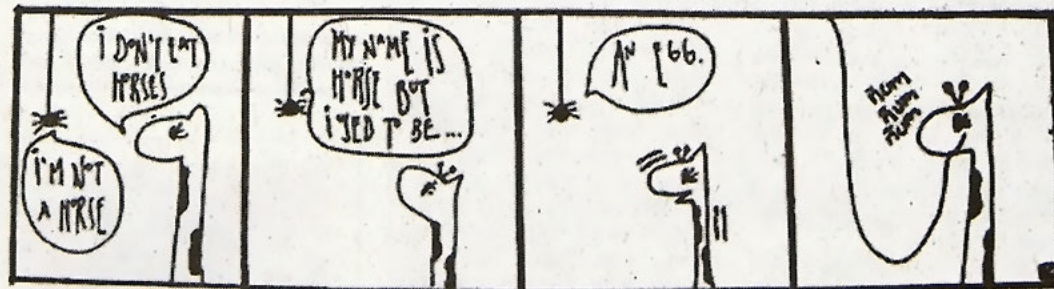
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Planning next semester with ...

Student Activities Board

People of Earlham!!! Student Activities Board (SAB) would like to inform you that over the month of March we will be planning for next semester. We would love to have your suggestions and thoughts no matter how crazy.

Our schedule will be finalized by April 1 so please be in touch soon. To contact us put suggestions in our tin foil-covered suggestion boxes around campus or email Aaron at afsimmo07, Maryam at mataheri08 or the SAB list serve at SAB.

So far we feel we have had

many great events and we would like to inform you of the upcoming weekends.

We have a Rave this weekend and roller skating will be the weekend after Spring Break. There will be two weekends of music in April, a reggae show featuring the Uniphonics and a hip hop show featuring Doomtree. For Springfest we will have bouncy stuff, and there will be a wandering Magician who will perform a show that night.

When we return from Spring Break our film series will be showing "Food, Inc." as a fol-

low-up to Michael Pollan's talk. The week after, we will be showing the inspiring documentary "Examined Life," featuring such thinkers as Cornel West, Slavoj Zizek, and Judith Butler.

SAB is always looking for new members who are interested in bringing interesting events to Earlham. We would like to invite all faculty to our events and encourage them and the students to get involved. We enjoy what we do and hope you will as well.

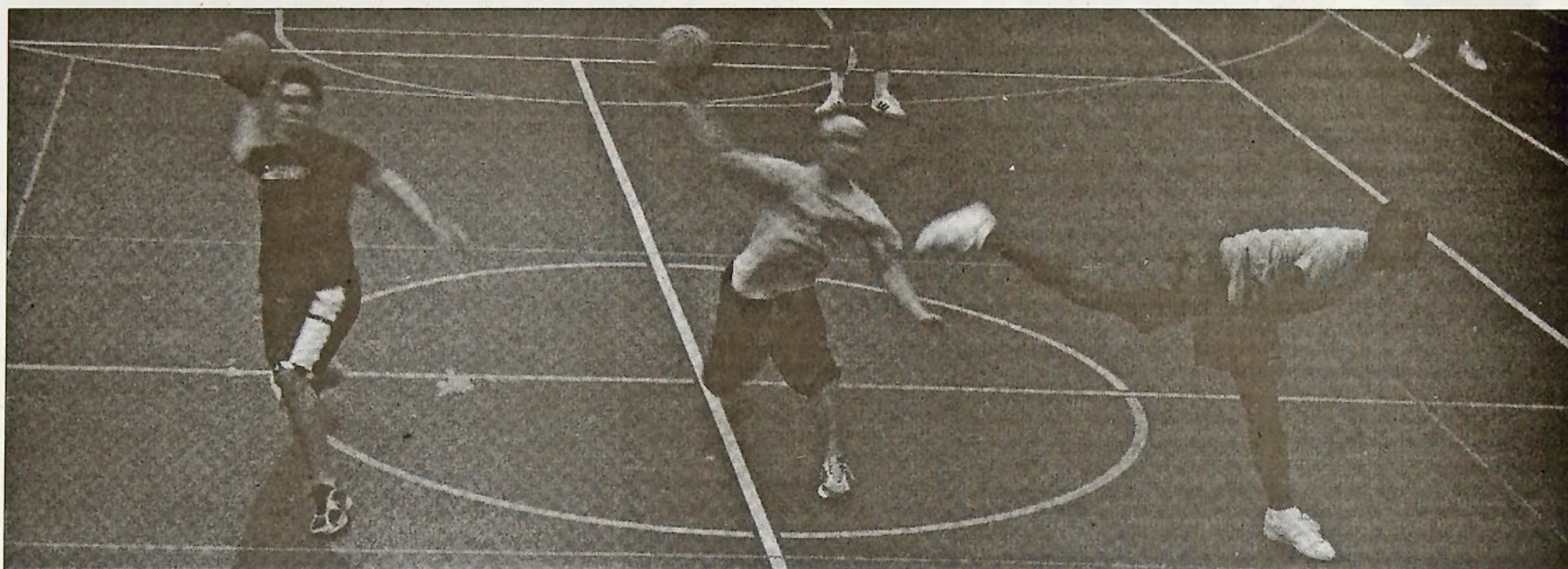
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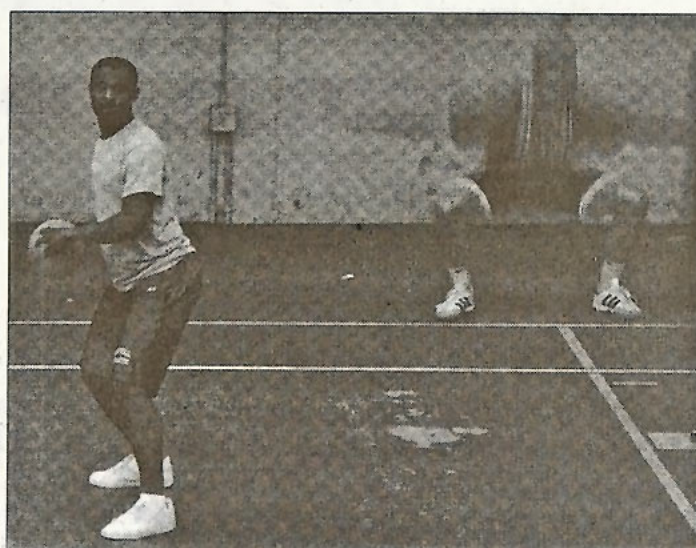
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'Dodge, duck, dip, dive and dodge!'

Residents of Hoerner, Bundy and Barrett take home the prize of a pizza party by winning three out of three games in the dodgeball tournament hosted by Res-Life on Wednesday night in the Wellness Center gym.



Photos by Rawan Alostath



Counterclockwise from the top: Chris Marshall, Robert Lugg and Collin Draine discharge their balls at opponents. Nick Pondelis winds up a pitiful throw at an opponent. Collin Draine scans for his next target while teammates behind him distract the opposing team.

Olympics feature stories of all kinds

By Abby Kathan and
Mamus Ngeseyan
Staff reporters

Tragedy struck the Olympics hours before they began with the death of 21-year old luger Nodar Kumaritashvili from the Republic of Georgia when he was thrown from the luge track during training.

This tragic accident brought to light questions about the event in regards to the tracks safety and technical difficulty, as well as a lack of sufficient practice time for athletes not from Canada.

Olympic and International Luge Federation officials state that the accident was because he simply came out of the turn late, but family members believe that the track was unsafe.

After Kumaritashvili's death, Olympic officials modified the track to make it safer.

Besides the sadness surrounding Kumaritashvili's death the 2010 Olympic Games also had an element of the bizarre. The highly decorated Russian figure skater, Evgeni Plushenko, hoped to receive another gold medal at the Vancouver games, but instead he lost to the American skater Evan Lysacek.

On his official Web site Plushenko has been accused of displaying his three Olympic medals and labeling them: silver from Salt Lake, gold from Torino, and his silver from Vancouver as platinum. Those accusing Plushenko of this display feel it is in protest of unfair judging at the Olympics that Plushenko complained about shortly after the event. Plushenko's Web site denies the accusations.

Five-time Olympic champion Joannie Rochette received upsetting news just two days before the ladies skating event began. Her 55-year old mother died from a heart attack shortly after arriving in Vancouver to watch her daughter skate.

The skater delivered two emotionally-charged programs,

finishing with a kiss to the sky and an Olympic bronze.

After an exceptional 2008-2009 season, Rochette became the first Canadian woman to win a world championship medal, beating 2008 world champion Mao Asada at a Grand Prix event and the 2009 Worlds.

Sunday's gold medal hockey game drew the most viewers of an U.S. hockey game in 30 years. Canada's 3-2 overtime victory in itself made the Olympics a success for the Canadian followers. Seven minutes and 40 seconds into the game, Canada's Sidney Crosby flicked a wrist shot past U.S. goalie Ryan Miller after the United States had tied the score merely 24 seconds into regulation.

Even though the United States won a preliminary game against Canada, both sides picked up the intensity to provide one of the greatest games in Olympic history.

The United States led the 2010 Winter Olympic medal count with 37 total medals, although Canada led the gold medal count with 14 medals. Germany came in second with a total of 30 medals. Canada followed with 26 total medals.

The remaining medal nations were: Norway with 23, Austria with 16, the Russian Federation with 15, Korea with 14 and China, Sweden and France with 11 medals.

Switzerland received nine medals. The Netherlands received eight medals. Both the Czech Republic and Poland received six. Italy, Japan and Finland received five and Australia, Belarus, Slovakia, Slovenia and Croatia received three. Latvia got two silvers, Great Britain one gold, and both Kazakhstan and Estonia received one.

Information taken from www.nbcolympics.com, <http://eugeni-plushenko.com/eng> and www.huffingtonpost.com/2010/02/22/eugeni-plushenko-platinum_472590.html.

Indoor intramural sports season comes to a finish

By Breena Siegel
Contributing editor

Indoor recreational soccer came to a thrilling close this past Monday as the Footballers took away the championship. Playing against rival team Mandite, the game was tense up to the final goal. Both teams in the finals represented a strong force of athletes comprised of students, teachers and alumni.

Senior and captain Callie Thompson scored the initial goal for the Footballers within the first five minutes of the match. Ten minutes later senior Galen Wilder of Mandite struck back and evened the score.

From then on, the game maintained a high energy level from each team that culminated in a five-minute overtime and finally entered a "golden goal" state. Footballers player and junior Bannet Asingura kicked the final goal, leaving the score at 6-5.

Co-ed winter recreational soccer and basketball provide a shorter season for both athletes and non-athletes. It is available to the entire student body, as

well as faculty and alumni, as an alternative to the formal sport season.

Teams of all varieties and in strong numbers rally for each season, though certain rules apply — only two male and two female varsity players are allowed on each team and two females must be in play at all times.

Twelve soccer teams, 10 people per roster, and 14 basketball teams represent each sport. Because a large percentage of the Earlham population participates, there is a wide variety of age and interest.

Jocelyn Keller, assistant recreational sports director and coach of the women's soccer team, said of the turnout, "If you come and watch Earlham recreational soccer and basketball, you get a true sense of what [the] Earlham student body is like."

Despite their low-key nature, indoor recreational soccer and basketball do not leave fierce athleticism and competition behind.

Senior Oliver Jacobs Dougherty said of the finals match, "this game is 10 times more important than it is in order to incite an air of Quaker madness."

The Quakers represented on the floor and off, as a number of students came to cheer on as friends and fans.

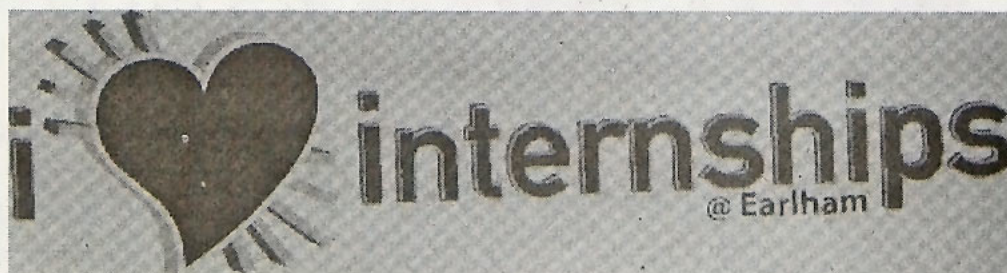
Junior Radu Popa came to "watch friends play for the most epic event of the semester."

Both indoor recreational basketball and soccer began in mid-January, with basketball ending slightly earlier, in late February. In basketball, teams Monsters Inc. and Papa Joes both made it to the finals. Monsters Inc. was the league champion.

Sophomores Joe Molina and Jaysn Murphy captained Monsters Inc., while senior Stephen Lewis and sophomore Collin Draine captained Papa Joes. In soccer, teams Messi and Daily Show also made it to the semi-finals.

Even though indoor recreational sports have ended, recreational volleyball is beginning in the spring. The men's volleyball club is also another opportunity to become involved in team sports. For those itching to participate in outdoor recreational soccer, the season kicks off in the fall of 2010. Rosters are available in the Wellness Center.

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