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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tonight

EFS: City of God

Oscar-nominated City of God explores the violence and lifestyle of gang members in Brazil. Show times are 8 p.m. tonight and Saturday, and 2 p.m. on Sunday in Dennis 110. Admission is free and this event is co-sponsored by SSDP.

"Swingsation" Benefit Concert

Tonight at 8 p.m. in the Dining Hall, Runyan Center, the Earlham Jazz Ensemble will perform for this benefit concert. Proceeds from this event will go to the local United Way Foundation. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and Senior citizens. For more info, please call (765) 983-1410.

Air Guitar

Tonight in Comstock Room at 10 p.m. there will be rock and roll and dancing fools. The Earlham tradition continues. Make sure to be there.

Saturday

SAB presents: Jason LeVasseur

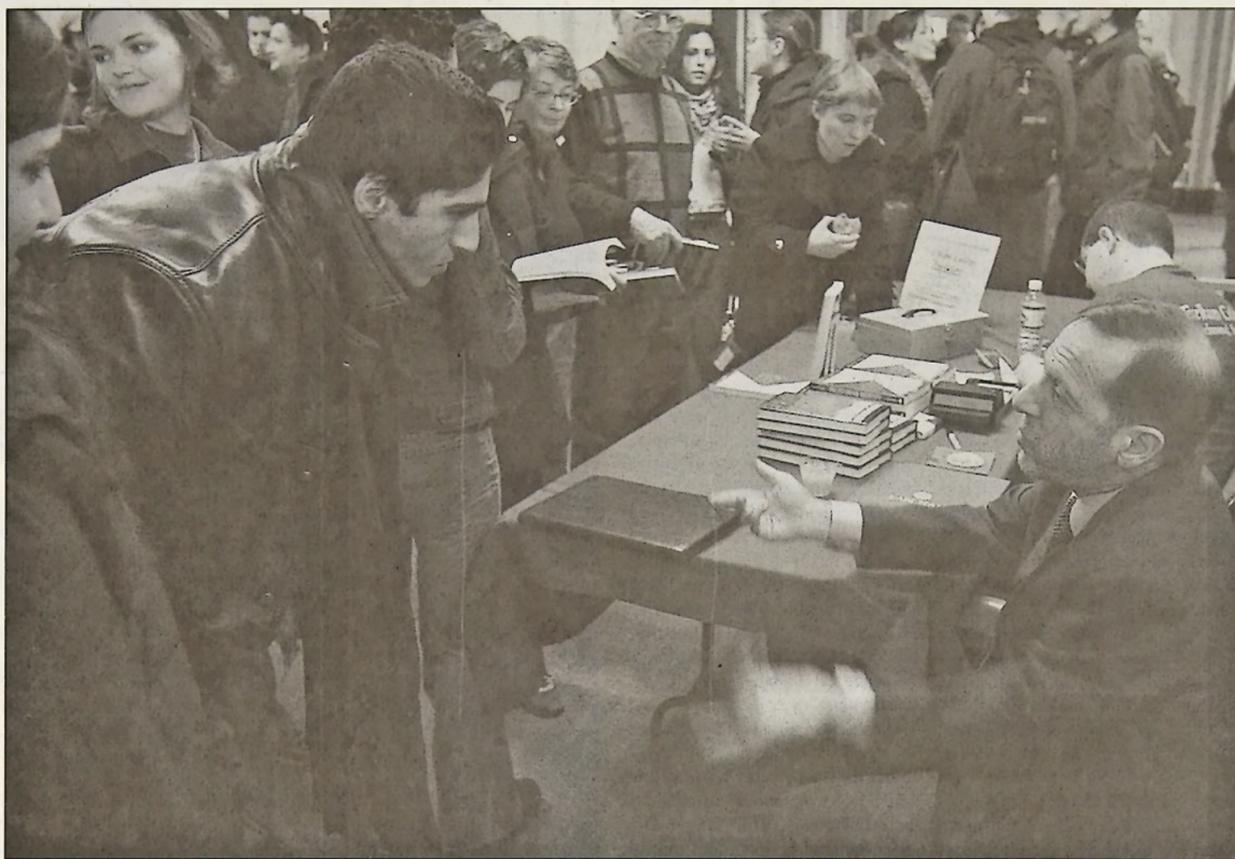
Get ready for a night of musical fun with Jason LeVasseur and his "charismatic, populsive, acoustic pop." Creatively weaving stories with humor and intimacy, LeVasseur and SAB invite you on a musical journey. This event starts at 10 p.m. in Comstock.

Sunday

College Meeting for Worship: Ani Hanelius

At 11 a.m. this Sunday in the Meeting House, Ani Hanelius, senior HDSR major, will lead worship and speak on the topic, "Being with Billy: Celebrating the Breath of Life."

For more info, please contact Trayce Peterson at extension 1501.



Convocation speaker Rashid Khalidi talks with senior Fadi Elsalamdeen after his Convocation address on Wednesday. Khalidi's lecture prompted a standing ovation from the audience.

PHOTO BY COLIN COPELAND

Rashid Khalidi impresses Earlham audience

Convo speaker discusses U.S., Middle East history, future and relations

By EMMA ZAVEZ
STAFF WRITER

Students and faculty crowded into Goddard Auditorium on Wednesday afternoon to hear world-renowned Middle Eastern scholar Rashid Khalidi speak on the topic of his new book, "Resurrecting Empire: Western Footprints and America's Perilous Path in the Middle East." As the Director of the Middle East Institute at Columbia University and author of numerous books on the Middle East, Khalidi brought compelling insights to the audience.

Khalidi stated that although "the U.S. was once viewed [in the Middle East] as a non-colonial and sometimes anti-colonial power," this outlook has been fatally damaged.

While the U.S. was once celebrated for its charity in the fields of both medicine and education, and for the help it provided in removing unwanted foreign military bases, Khalidi lamented America's current image, which he believes "has

changed for the worse."

Unfortunately, Khalidi admitted, "while our Democratic ideals are admired...the U.S. is seen as not practicing what we preach." In fact, he reminded the audience, the U.S. has supported several non-Democratic governments in the interest of oil.

He cited examples, such as the U.S. aiding the British in overthrowing the constitutional government of Iran to show that any Middle Easterner over the age of forty remembers colonial rule in the Middle East.

With the ubiquitous presence of American military bases in the Middle East since 1942, it would be difficult for a Middle Easterner to remain ignorant of American hypocrisy.

Summing up the situation in Iraq, he painted a dreary portrait of the nation with words like "anarchy," "misery," and "impoverished." He went on to relay specifics, stating that the people of Iraq currently lack electricity, fuel, and medical care.

Next month will commence the

third year of America's occupation of Iraq, begun by what Khalidi described as an "illegal war."

Future prospects for Iraq sounded less than promising. Khalidi believes that the recent Iraqi Election will "only exacerbate the bitterness between communities." Additionally, he estimated that for each month that the occupation continues, between 800 and 1,000 U.S. soldiers will be maimed and between 80 and 100 will be killed. He estimated that Iraqi deaths and injuries will be astronomically higher than those of U.S. soldiers.

During the question and answer period, Khalidi revealed his thoughts on the Bush Administration's motives for waging war on Iraq. He told the audience that he didn't believe oil to have been a primary motive.

In response to another student's question regarding whether or not the Bush Administration waged war on Iraq to protect Israel, Khalidi conveyed his belief that even if Israel didn't exist, the U.S. would still have gone to war.

As convocation came to a close,

students gave Khalidi a standing ovation for his insightful lecture. Freshman Dan Coppock commented, "This is the first convocation that I have stayed awake for in a long time. It was incredible." Another student, Freshman Costi Quffa, commented, "As a Palestinian-American, I thought [the lecture] was brilliant, objective, and supported with good facts."

Convocation received praise not only from students, but faculty as well. Professor Gordon Thompson remarked, "What I loved more than anything was that [Khalidi] sold history." Gordon Thompson is a Professor of English and Jewish Studies and taught an Israeli-Palestinian Conflict class during Fall Semester 2004, using Khalidi's "Palestinian Identity."

He explained that the Earlham community occasionally appears to be a-historical, because of the students' and faculties' passion for current politics. He believes that Khalidi showed "the price you pay for not knowing history."

ESG seeks student input

By ESG
Earlham Student Government

One of ESG's many methods of collecting student concerns is the Opinion Board (found outside the coffee shop, near the rides board). From observing the board this spring semester, we hear what you care about, loud and clear: "Zombies and Boobs." At least according to the rodent-like creature which has been recently drawn on the board (taking up more space than the current opinions).

Letter from ESG to EC students and faculty

Now, we in Earlham Student Government are pretty open-minded to student views, but golly. This one has us stumped.

So, are you for or against zombies and boobs? Perhaps a

Breasts and The Living Dead committee could be gathered to promote dialogue on the subject at Earlham. Gee, it might make a great convo.

We honestly value your input; it guides our organization. The turnout at last week's All Student Meeting was stellar (way to go, EC students). A few of our new agenda items derived from the ASM include: emphasizing the need for better handicap accessibility (currently doing our research), more student "chill" space (just got a new room for students), and an indoor bike storage area (should be put in place this semester).

By the time you read this, you should have received an email that outlines the Smoking Policy proposal. The Committee on Campus Life (CCL) really wants feedback, please take the time to read it and write back with comments.

So, if you have any ideas, suggestions, problems with the way things are happening at Earlham, please let us know. We would be happy to schedule a time to sit down and talk with you about issues you feel strongly about.

The ESG office is conveniently across from the Runyan free-box, all ESG members staff the office for at least an hour a week (check the door for our specific hours). You can call us (x1469), send us an email (ESG@earlham.edu), leave us a note (drawer 285 or our orange comment box at Runyan), talk to us, or utilize the opinion board (with your full name and the date on the message, please...our zombie queries would easily be cleared up if we only knew who to call).

Flip side, Earlham,
Caitlin Rogers
Co-president of ESG 2005

EC water main breaks

By EDWARD HYDE
STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of students were left without running water for more than six hours last week when an underground pipe broke near Runyan Center.

Sometime late in the afternoon on Wednesday of last week, Earlham's main supply of water was inexplicably interrupted, leaving many residence halls and other buildings on campus without water. The performance by The Second City in the auditorium of Carpenter Hall proceeded as scheduled, despite the fact that the drinking fountains and bathrooms in Carpenter were unusable.

Later in the evening, residents from halls without running water flocked to those with water to use the drinking fountains and showers. Some students were annoyed by the situation; others took it in stride.

"A lot of people were making a big deal about it, but it wasn't that big of an inconvenience," said freshman Olvey-Andis resident Alex Code.

Junior Carlos Bustamante, who lives in Hoerner, was more critical, saying of the water main break, "I really think it's indicative of how much Earlham cares about student facilities inside the dorms." He explained, "The water main breaking tells us that the plumbing needs to be redone." He said that if something keeps breaking, Earlham ought to replace it rather than keep repairing it, and added that the same rule applies to other things on campus, like the washing machines and driers.

Director of Maintenance John Walker dismissed the claim that Earlham's plumbing is in need of large-scale replacement, saying, "It is not uncommon for buried water pipes to break on occasion." He said that such breaks could be caused by any of a number of factors, including the cold weather, pressure exerted by nearby pipes, and the age of the pipe. However, Walker said that the pipe which broke was too new for age to have been a factor in this particular case.

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EC Track team breaks records



PHOTO BY JP GARY

The men's and women's track teams broke several school records Saturday in the North Coast Athletic Conference Indoor Relays at Denison University. Sara Bohall broke the old Earlham record of 9.61 seconds with her fastest time of 8.9 seconds in the 55-meter hurdles.

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Earlham College water main breaks

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Walker said that Earlham might see several pipes break within just a few years, or it might go for several years without any pipes breaking. A break like this just happens sometimes, and cannot be predicted.

According to Walker and to Director of Residence Life Dana North, when the water main broke last Wednesday, Earlham's response was quick and effective. North said that around 5:15 p.m., a resident assistant in Barrett Hall called that building's area director to report that Barrett had no running water. Walker said that by 5:30 p.m., he had been contacted and told that some buildings on campus were without water.

Walker said that he and his maintenance workers "valved off" Bundy, Hoerner, Warren, and Wilson residence halls almost immediately, allowing those buildings to continue receiving water from a secondary pipeline. Walker thought that Bundy and Hoerner were probably without water briefly, but that they soon had water again, while Warren and Wilson never lost their access to water.

North said that she was called at home around 7:00 p.m. and notified of the situation, whereupon she went to a store and purchased more than thirty two-gallon containers of

water. She and others then went to the affected residence halls and distributed the water to residents.

Walker said that maintenance finished fixing the water main around 1:00 a.m. He and others then visited several residence halls to verify that running water had been restored, turning off showers and sinks which students had left on when the water was off. Walker said that the students whom he met during this time were "very understanding."

According to Walker, campus normally receives its water from two large pipelines: a main line from the direction of National Road, and a secondary line from the direction of College Avenue. It was this secondary line which supplied water to Bundy, Hoerner, Warren and Wilson after maintenance closed valves and isolated them from the rest of Earlham's network of pipes.

Walker said that the main line, six inches in diameter, broke under Comstock Field just southwest of Runyan Center, near the Orchard Room. By 5:45 p.m., water was seen bubbling up from under Comstock Field. Because the pipe was entirely underground where it broke, maintenance had to dig six feet straight down before any repairs could be made to the pipe.

Walker considers what maintenance did to the pipe when it was

finally uncovered to be a "temporary" fix, although he is confident that it will hold for as long as necessary. Maintenance has ordered the parts needed for more permanent repairs, and Walker said that maintenance might make such repairs over mid-semester break.

Walker reiterated that the lesson to draw from this water main break is not that Earlham's plumbing is faulty or too old. He explained, "Earlham has varying types and ages of pipe because it's an old campus." He said that it is definitely not true that all of Earlham's pipes need to be dug up and replaced. "Even if that were to be true," he added, "the cost of replacing the entire water supply system would be enormous."

However, this incident did convince him that Earlham's plumbing needs to be divided by more valves, allowing more buildings to be cut off from a leak, as Bundy, Hoerner, Warren and Wilson were this time. Walker says that he is already working on a plan to install more such valves.

Walker suggested that any students who have concerns about Earlham's pipes talk to him about them. The maintenance office is south of Hoerner Hall, next door to Security, and is open on weekdays until 4:00 p.m.



PHOTO BY JENNY MERWIN

On Jan. 26 an Earlham water main broke, resulting in the loss of water for hundreds of students and many buildings. The problem was fixed overnight.

CRIME BEAT

Saturday, January 1

Olvey-Andis Hall, 6:48 a.m.: While checking the residence hall, CS & S found a major water leak in the basement boiler room. Maintenance was notified. A work order was submitted.

Woolman Drive, 9:03 p.m.: CS & S received a report of an unwanted subject. The person was gone upon the officer's arrival. Extra attention was given to the area for the evening.

Monday, January 3

Dennis Hall, 12:43 a.m.: While checking the academic building, CS & S found students using audio equipment without authorization. The group left upon request.

Warren Hall, 8:04 a.m.: The fire alarm was activated in Warren Hall, third floor, due to water

leaking into the system from the roof. The water problem was repaired and the system was reset.

Tuesday, January 4

Noyes Hall, 1:05 a.m.: While checking the academic building, CS & S found a large leak coming from the roof in the back hallway. The area was cleaned. Maintenance was notified of the problem.

Barrett Hall, 6:14 a.m.: CS & S responded to a report of a student who was ill. The student decided to go to Health Services when they opened. The officer checked the student later, who was feeling better.

Wednesday, January 5

Campus Buildings, 4:00 p.m.: CS & S, Maintenance and Housekeeping responded to numerous weather-related problems across campus. Problems

included flooded roads, leaking roofs, and water in basements.

Thursday, January 6

Hoerner Hall, 1:06 a.m.: While checking the basement area of the residence hall, CS & S found a water leak. Housekeeping was notified of the problem.

Barrett Hall, 3:18 a.m.: While checking the residence hall, CS & S found a leak in the third floor stairway that was coming from the roof. Housekeeping and Maintenance was notified of the problem.

Saturday, January 8

Norwich Hall, 2:41 a.m.: While checking the residence hall, CS & S found a stove burner left turned on. The officer turned off the burner. Referred to Residence Life for common billing.

College Meeting for Worship

**"Being with Billy:
Celebrating the
Breath of Life"**

Ani Hanelius

Senior HDSR major

Sunday, February 6, 2005
11:00 AM in Stout Meetinghouse



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Dance-a-thon raises over \$1,000 for AIDS causes

By JP SOPER
STAFF WRITER

Positive energy flowed freely around the dance floor as hundreds of enthusiastic and socially conscious members of the Earlham community combined efforts to raise money for the local AIDS task force. During Earlham's second "AIDS aid" dance-a-thon which took place in the Comstock room of Earlham's Runyan center from 8:00 p.m. Friday night to 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning. The event produced over \$1,000 to benefit local HIV/AIDS victims as well as prevention and education efforts at Earlham College.

Hundreds of Earlham students made an appearance at the dance, but a small handful of devoted dancers were committed to stay until the end. "After belly dancing at five in the morning, we had to get inventive," said freshman Claire Brownlee. "We played musical chairs and made dancing obstacle courses to keep ourselves entertained." As dawn approached, freshmen Jake Van Lunen and Dave resorted to freestyle rapping, added Brownlee.

Admission, all of which was donated to the cause, was five dollars per individual or \$50 per group. Prizes in the form of gifts of time or goods, were awarded to groups and individuals on the basis of time spent on the dance floor, amount of money raised, and answering AIDS

quiz questions correctly.

"I think that the dance-a-thon is a smart fundraising idea, because anyone who might normally be inclined to go dancing on a Friday night is a potential contributor," speculated freshman Greg Brown.

In general, the attendants of the dance seemed knowledgeable and genuinely concerned about HIV/AIDS. Five of the seven people at the event passed an informal Word pop-quiz. Only two people didn't know the complete AIDS acronym (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome), saying "advanced" rather than "acquired."

The first third of the 12-hour dance marathon revolved around a variety of instructive dancing sessions. An upbeat contra-dance band initiated the evening, followed by lessons in belly, swing, ballroom, samba, tarantella, Irish, Latin, and hip-hop dancing. After midnight, live Earlham bands kept the stage rocking. "Shinya's band was my favorite part of the night," said freshman Brandon Caplan. "When they played a Japanese pop song from *Kill Bill*, the energy level soared and a lot of people were really getting down and into it."

"Boredom started to kick in finally when there were only five or six of us, from about 4:30 on," said Caplan, "but belly dancing came in to save our lives, and we just kept our bodies shaking to keep the energy level up."

Students attend World Social Forum



PHOTO COURTESY OF ANNIE MCGUIGAN

Political signs posted around tents where seminars and workshops were held for the World Social Forum protested the IMF and World Bank. The fifth annual Forum, held in Porto Alegre, Brazil drew NGOs, activists and students from around the world.

Theme House Profiles

Campus houses offer an array of living experiences

By ALEKA LAMPERT
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

For those of you who are interested in living in a theme house at Earlham, but don't know what they're all about, here is a brief overview of some of them on campus. Check out the open houses on Sunday, February 6 from 1-5 pm. Applications are due to Residence Life by February 7. Contact Res. Life at x1317 for more information.

Penn House

Upon entering, Penn House, the Fine Arts house, visitors encounter different types of artwork from its residents. According to resident and junior Joe Augustin, Penn House appeals to students who are involved and interested in "pretty much the literary, musical, or visual arts." Augustin explains that despite the house's reputation for rowdy parties in the past, they are trying to bring the house back to "more of an arts venue [rather] than a crazy party venue; we're working to change things around." The house has been a host for a variety of musicians and shows, as well as being the venue for an art show every two to three months. Penn House's convener is Lexie Kier; kierle@earlham.edu.

Casa Hispana

Senior Aine Casey explains that Spanish House "gives [the residents] a space where at least you know everyone is interested in Spanish and Spanish culture." Most of the residents are from a Spanish-speaking country or want to maintain their language skills. Residents try to speak Spanish most of the time, and even have a TV designated for Spanish-speaking shows. In the past, Casa Hispana has hosted Latin dance classes and Spanish movies open to the community; open tutoring is also available regularly. The house is involved with

Hispanic organizations in the community. Casa Hispana's convener is Laura Sweitzer; sweitla@earlham.edu.

Quaker House

Residents do not have to be Quaker in order to live in this house, sophomore Kate Branson explains. The residents of this Quakerly-themed house have moments of silence and eat dinner regularly with one another in order to create a close community. Branson describes the house as having a "great community in a living sense," and has learned about the valuable Quakerism perspective. The house has an extensive library and hosts many of the speakers who visit Earlham. Residents of the house plan to host a speaker in order to bring awareness about conscientious objection and host several potlucks as well. Quaker House's convener is Lydia Hanson; hansoly@earlham.edu.

Gurney House

Otherwise known as the Environmental House, Gurney house strives to set an example for the Earlham community and beyond as to how to behave environmentally conscious and aware, explains one of the residents. Residents of the house take specific efforts not to be wasteful of their resources. The house hosts the Earlham Environmental Action Coalition's (EEAC) meetings, as well as programs to educate the community such as Earth Living Week. Gurney House's convener is Brianna Greenleaf; greenbr1@earlham.edu.

Maison Francaise

At French House, residents

attempt to speak French with each other at all times. Sophomore Logan Armstead explains that residents are involved or interested in French. In the past, the house has planned French movies open to the community, as well as several other events, such as a recent Fondue gathering and the well-known annual Eurotrash party. Tutors are available regularly during the week. The house also has satellite TV in order for residents to view French-speaking television programs.

Cunningham Cultural Center (CCC)

Senior James Segrest, explains that the purpose of the CCC is to serve as a place to bring "the African American student body together." Segrest describes the residence as sort of "gathering house" that is always open to visitors regardless of their race. The house plans activities in order to get to know fellow students, and African-American groups use the house as a meeting place. The CCC's convener is Summer Burks; burkssu@earlham.edu.

Interfaith House

Interfaith House serves as a community that supports its residents in their faith, explains senior Eva Leventer. The house is an "intentional situation in which we help and support each other in spirituality," she explains. Residents of Interfaith House have religion or spirituality as some part of their every day lives. The house has hosted a movies series as well as a faith discussion group. Leventer describes a special tradition of Interfaith House, "sharing time," in which every week for one to two hours residents participate in different types of worships and talk about their spiritual paths. Interfaith

house's convener is Joy Hodges; hodgejo@earlham.edu.

Beit Kehillah

All people are welcome to apply to live at the Jewish Cultural Center (JCC) who are interested in Jewish religious life and culture. The house hosts weekly Shabbat dinners and other events related to Judaism at the house. With quite an extensive library, residents at the JCC share Jewish religious practices and learn about Judaism. The JCC's convener is Marisa Shuman; shumama@earlham.edu.

Miller Farm

Residents at Miller Farm participate in cooperative living and help maintain a farm. The farm hosts the school's compost pile. Weekly farm days on Saturday are open to the Earlham community to volunteer their time for ongoing projects on the farm. A current project is the construction of a sweat lodge. The convener is Rachel Lord; lordra@earlham.edu.

Deutsches Haus

Like the other language houses, German House residents try to speak German at all times with one another. The house is open to anyone in the Earlham community who is interested in German culture. German House hosts weekly movie sessions open to the community and has plans several parties with German related themes. The convener is Sandy Hartmannsgruber; hartmsa@earlham.edu.

Woodman House

Woodman House, also known as the Service Learning Center, is based on a commitment to volunteer service. Resident senior Alyssa

King describes the house as "a way to tie people together who have the same commitment and values." Residents of the house participate in a service projects each semester and encourage members of the Earlham community to join them.

Japan House

Japan House is open to students who are interested in Japanese culture. Residents of the house attempt to speak Japanese at all times with one another. The house welcomes anybody who is interested in the Japanese language.

Peace House

Peace House's focus is on peace and justice. The house plans several programs throughout the year emphasizing the importance of these values. The convener is Devin Elgert; elgerde@earlham.edu.

Teetor House

Teetor House is a safe zone for students who identify themselves as queer. Although residents don't have to be queer in order to live in the house, it is a place where students know that they can get support if needed. The house hosts meetings of Spectrum, the LGBTQA group on campus. Teetor house's convener is Courtney Mitchel; mitchco@earlham.edu.

Hole House

Hole House is open to all students interested in international affairs and foreign languages. The convener is Tanyel Cemal; cemalta@earlham.edu.

Listen Up invites discussion

By YUKO MATSUYAMA
STAFF WRITER

At the end of the spring semester last year, several Earlham students gathered to form a new progressive group which they named "Listen Up." Senior Greg Elliot and junior Stacie Middlebrook lead the group, which is comprised of people who are interested in encouraging and sharing different opinions among individuals. There were seven members involved in "Listen Up" last semester, but three members, including Middlebrook, are currently off campus.

The purpose of "Listen Up" is to talk about social things, like race issues, cultural issues, and reactions toward political issues. Members choose topics to discuss based on concepts which are real and important, even topics which make people uncomfortable to talk about.

Based on this purpose, their actions are divided into two efforts. First, meetings are held every Saturday. Through these regular meetings, members benefit hearing new and different opinions.

In addition to regular meetings, the group has a radio show on Fridays from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on WECL. Throughout the show, the group plays music and discusses certain topics. Earlham students and people who live in the Richmond area can listen to their broadcasting.

Currently, the group's activities are limited to regular meetings and their radio show. Junior Kary Zuniga, explains, "Before opening to the entire campus, we want to be more confident about our mission statement and what our group wants to do. Now we are still planning." However, she also said that they are planning to hold a conference in the future.

Uptown promenade offers great food

By EMMY LANG-KENNEDY AND SUSAN SCANTLAND
CONTRIBUTING EDITORS

The Promenade tends to be the part of town we drive around rather than through. But this week we went there intentionally, stopping at the New York Deli and the Joy Ann Bakery for lunch. Afterward, with

'50s music in our heads and good food in our stomachs, we were glad we gave the Promenade a try.

When we walked into the New York Deli, we realized we'd been missing out on a great place. The owner greeted us as we came in, and noticing the Earlham sweatshirt one of us was wearing, said enthusiastically, "Hello, Earlham." We

ordered our lunch from the counter and went to sit at a table in the back.

The New York Deli is long and narrow. From the outside, it looks like a tiny place, but there's another dining room in the back. The deli is decorated with pictures, posters and wall paintings of old movie stars, art from the Saturday Evening Post, and World War II memorabilia. On the lunch counter sits an autographed picture of Ronald Reagan getting into a car.

While we waited for our lunch, we sang along to songs we know from "Dirty Dancing." As we sat, the owner came by our table to ask how school is going and what our plans are for after graduation.

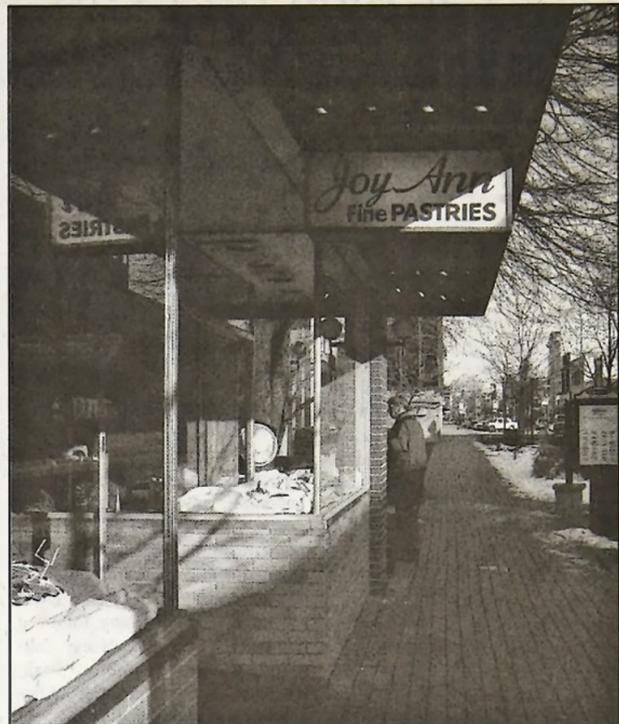
Everything we had to eat was great, and affordable. Sandwiches ranged in price from around \$3.50 to \$6 and were served with potato chips. The Philly cheesesteak was filling and extra cheesy, and could be ordered with a bunch of different toppings, including barbecue sauce and bacon. The ham and cheese sandwich was toasted just the right amount and the pasta salad was

fresh, with tomatoes and peas in a light dressing.

The Joy Ann Bakery is just down the street. The sheet cakes in the windows show off some of the staff's decorating skills and the smell of cookies baking is delightful even when we're full from our lunch.

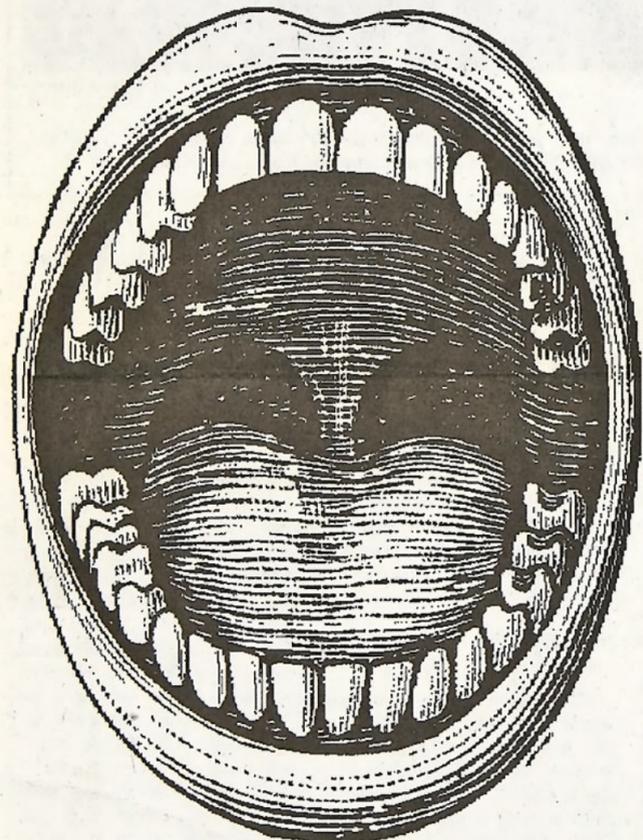
Joy Ann makes fabulous donuts, but they're best first thing in the morning. By afternoon the donut supply is limited. We chose smiley face cookies, freshly-painted in purple, green, blue and yellow. They reminded us of being little kids and getting happy face cookies with our parents, and they're just as satisfying now as they were then. We also tried the cream horn and the apple strudel, both of which were fabulous.

The New York Deli and Joy Ann Bakery made for an excellent lunch that we'll be sure to repeat. For the best selection of Joy Ann's donuts, arrive as close to its 6 a.m. opening as possible. The New York Deli is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



PHOTOS BY EMMY LANG-KENNEDY

Two treats on the promenade: New York Deli, left, and Joy Ann Bakery, above.



D.I.A.L.O.G.U.E.

New student organization plans to bring more than just lip-service to diversity of opinions on campus, in the Word

Call for Submissions

We want to hear from a variety of people about their experiences, good and bad, as holders of specific political beliefs and identities within the context of the Earlham community.

We want to know how you self-identify in political terms. Use labels if you like, but go beyond the labels as well. Does liberal really tell the whole story? What about conservative? What is your particular political identity, what are your values, your hot-button issues?

How does your political identity fit, or not fit, at Earlham? Do you feel comfortable expressing your deeply held beliefs? Do you have conversations that lead you to change your beliefs, or help you to understand them more

clearly? If you hold what might be a majority view on some issues, how does that feel? If you hold what might be a minority view, how does that feel?

Submissions should be 100-300 words in length and should be sent to Tanyel Cemal (cemalta@earlham.edu) or Newell Pledger-Shinn (pledgne@earlham.edu). We strongly encourage signed submissions, but unsigned submissions may be sent to Drawer 191. We hope to gather a collection of these brief statements for publication in this space, or elsewhere, but we cannot guarantee we will publish everything we receive. Please be in touch with questions and concerns.

Greetings everyone,

A small group of EC community members have gathered based on a common interest: promoting civil, balanced political dialogue on campus. We think this is important for three reasons. First, some members of our community feel unsafe expressing their own deeply held beliefs and opinions. We are particularly concerned with the lack of openness to hearing views that are different from the perceived majority on campus. Second, we think that our community is weakened by the (perceived or real) vacuum of political thought on campus. Third, several of us came to Earlham hoping to learn and work within an environment that would allow us to explore a variety of political viewpoints. We see many opportunities to learn about the left end of the political spectrum, but few opportunities to learn about centrist or right-end values or to explore tensions and connections between these and other values. Our goal is to encourage a balance; to bring out all of these views together and discover how they may interrelate.

We know that valuing political diversity is shared, if only as an aspiration, in two important documents: Earlham's Community Principles and Practices and the Diversity Aspirations Vision Statement.

Earlham's Diversity aspirations statement specifically states:

...We envision Earlham as a place where a diverse student body, faculty, and staff:

-Encourage contributions to the community by ensuring full representation and honoring the uniqueness of those groups that have faced oppression.

-Seek intercultural and cross-cultural communication.

-Cultivate in one another the courage, skill, and grace to discuss complex issues, about which we deeply disagree, including the current existence of discrimination in our society.

-Talk with one another in a spirit of openness and thoughtful exploration.

We aren't seeing full expression of this value, and we want to do something about that. We do understand that this concept may be a challenge, but we feel it is possible.

So what do we want?

We want to let students, staff and faculty who hold conservative values and viewpoints know that we are interested in what they have to say.

We want to create safe environments within the campus community that will allow for exploration of conservative political value systems.

We want to create a structure for civil

dialogue about a range of political ideologies.

We want to achieve these goals while respecting Earlham's "liberal" campus personality. We've met a few times to talk about how to start work on achieving these goals. We're just getting started and we'd like to invite any interested students, staff and faculty to join us for dinner on Tuesday, February 15 in the Richmond Room at 6:45 pm to share your thoughts and ideas. Please RSVP to Shenita Piper at pipersh@earlham.edu or ext. 1747 by Friday, February 11.

We've attached a rough draft statement of goals and we welcome your comments and questions on these and related topics. Please feel free to contact our informal group at dialogue@earlham.edu or any of the people individually listed below if you'd like to learn more.

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Dialogue's Statement of Purpose and Goals

DRAFT STATEMENT OF GOALS

We envision a campus culture characterized by regular formal and informal dialogue addressing all kinds of difference. The founding principles for such a culture can be found everywhere in our governing documents: in the Mission, in Principles and Practices, and in our Diversity Aspirations Statement. As with many of our most important aspirations, a culture of dialogue is both something that we are trying to live in the present and something that we envision living into even more fully in the future.

A campus culture of dialogue is necessary for two important reasons. First, the Earlham mission commits us to respecting the consciences of others. We must ensure that every member of our community feels safe and comfortable expressing his or her own views and

beliefs within our shared community. Second, our mission commits us to the pursuit of truth, wherever that pursuit leads. As an academically rigorous institution, we must challenge our students to seek truth by engaging a variety of viewpoints, specifically including those with which they may not agree. Dialogue is the positive process by which we recognize, celebrate, and respond to difference while supporting the individuals in our community.

Our work gathers together a number of threads of conversation that appeared around the time of the 2004 national elections. We see both a pressing need, and a real vacuum in terms of political dialogue at both national and local levels. Thus, we are eager to find ways to make true political dialogue a regular part of our campus and our community. As we learn to speak

truthfully and respectfully with one another about issues of politics, we hope that the skills and habits we develop will be transferable to other spheres and other kinds challenging conversations about difference.

SOME NECESSARY ELEMENTS

A Safe Environment: Safety is arguably easier to define by its absence than by its presence, and we will need to develop a shared definition that fits our community. A requirement for dialogue is an environment in which all feel safe expressing personal beliefs and values while respecting the beliefs and values of others. To build and sustain this environment, we must listen and respond to the perspectives of those who indicate fear and discomfort even when a majority perceives the environment to be safe.

Frameworks for Understanding Dialogue: We do not

have, in our national or local public discourse, good models for true, serious, effective dialogue across lines of significant difference. It is therefore unreasonable to expect the members of our community to spontaneously exhibit behaviors and habits that are markedly absent even on the national stage. Thus, we must carefully develop a framework for understanding dialogue, and then apply that understanding to our own campus community.

Opportunities to Practice: We envision a community in which we regularly engage one another in dialogues across the campus and throughout our daily lives. To achieve this, we must consciously seek structured and unstructured mechanisms for engaging in dialogue as individuals and as groups, providing opportunities to model, to practice, and to observe dialogue in action.



The NATE & ZEV Show

By SHAWN CONNELL
STAFF WRITER

It is thirty seconds before 10 p.m. Sunday night inside the cramped basement studio of WECI 91.5 FM; sitting at the control board, senior Zev Weinberg fiddles with his headphones while junior Nate Kayhoe takes a final gulp of his coffee. At the stroke of 10, the relaxing jazz music from the previous hour's music show is interrupted by a disclaimer informing listeners that the following show contains adult content. Within minutes of airing the disclaimer, Weinberg and Kayhoe demonstrate just why such a disclaimer is necessary, convincing their first caller to fake an orgasm live on the air. It is time once again for the 'Nate and Zev Show,' Richmond's new and unpredictable relationship radio show.

The idea for the show came about last semester when the pair was spending a lazy afternoon on the Heart. A discussion soon started around the pursuit of the opposite sex and ways of becoming famous. "At the time, we were both single and sad about it," Weinberg said. "I was already certified as a radio DJ, so we thought, 'Let's become radio personalities so we can talk more about it.'" Besides liking to talk about relationships and wanting fame, the pair felt that the Earlham community was in need of some relationship guidance. Weinberg said, "Everyone talks about the Earlham dating scene, and a lot of what they say is knocking it. We like to analyze [the Earlham dating scene] and hopefully give out some advice as well."

"Which is funny," Kayhoe added, "because we are two guys who know nothing about relationships giving advice."

While barely in its third month, the

show has already drawn a loyal following of listeners on campus and in the community. "When we started doing this, we were mostly getting calls and e-mails from our friends, but now, there are people listening that I don't even know," Kayhoe said. The show has become so popular that a friend of the pair recently told them that while walking through the third floor of Barrett Hall, so many people were listening to the show that there was not a single place where he could not hear it being broadcasted.

Their first show hit the airways in November, although not without difficulties. "It was a little bit rough at first," Kayhoe said. "We didn't even know how to use the telephones, so we had to rely on e-mails and just fill up the extra time with our own talk." Technical difficulties aside, the pair received more than 75 e-mails by the end of the first night, leading them to deem the first show a success.

The format of the show is simple: the hosts begin the evening with a review of the week's parties. They rate each party on a variety of criteria including the potential for hooking up with other party goers and the attractiveness of those in attendance. From there, they usually spend the remainder of the show talking with callers and reading listener e-mails, which they receive dozens of over the course of their two hours on the air.

The pair enjoy inviting guests to join them in the studio for frank discussions about sex and relationships. Past guests have included everyone from proud Earlham couples to timid singles. "We like to have fun, but we also like to promote the good stuff; safe sex, respectful relationships. It's actually pretty easy to be both entertaining and informative," Weinberg said.

While still a relatively new show, the pair has already had some memorable moments on the air. During one of their first shows, several women who identified themselves as feminists called to express their irritation regarding several opinions that had been expressed on the show. "One of our big things is to take ridiculous standpoints on issues and hope that people will call in and disagree with us," Weinberg said. "We want to get people talking about sex and dating." During another show, the pair tried to help raise money to buy one of their listeners a sex toy, and during their most recent show, Kayhoe arranged to have his parents call in and discuss their sex life on the air.

Perhaps the success of the show can be attributed in part to the chemistry between the pair. Supported by a long friendship, Kayhoe and Weinberg are able to talk about practically anything with each other. "We can have a really good show and hardly get any calls, as long as we are flowing that night," Kayhoe said. The two are especially comfortable with each other when it comes to talking about topics of a sexual nature. "We love to talk about every aspect of a relationship, so for us, this show comes naturally. We are just hanging out and talking," he said.

With all of this discussion about relationships and all of this advice being dispensed, one might wonder whether doing such a show has helped the romantic lives of its hosts, who started the show in part because they were single and heartbroken. In response to a listener's e-mail, Weinberg explained that while he speaks often about past relationships, he does not discuss current ones on the air. Kayhoe said, "I really like being honest, there is nothing that I am hiding. So, yes, I am still single."



PHOTOS BY JENNY MERWIN

Top: Nate, left, and Zev, right, host their popular show.
Above left: Zev Weinberg.
Above: Nate Kayhoe.

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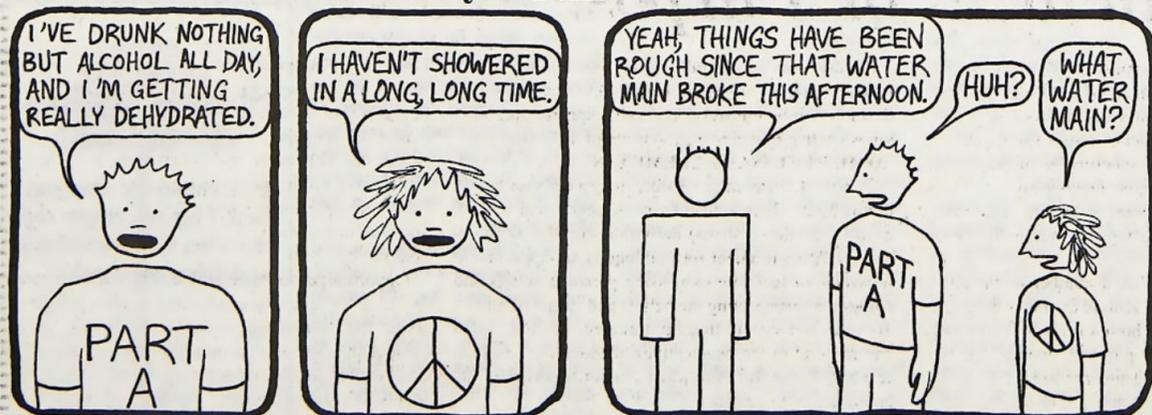
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Remarkable True Stories from the Quiet Dorm

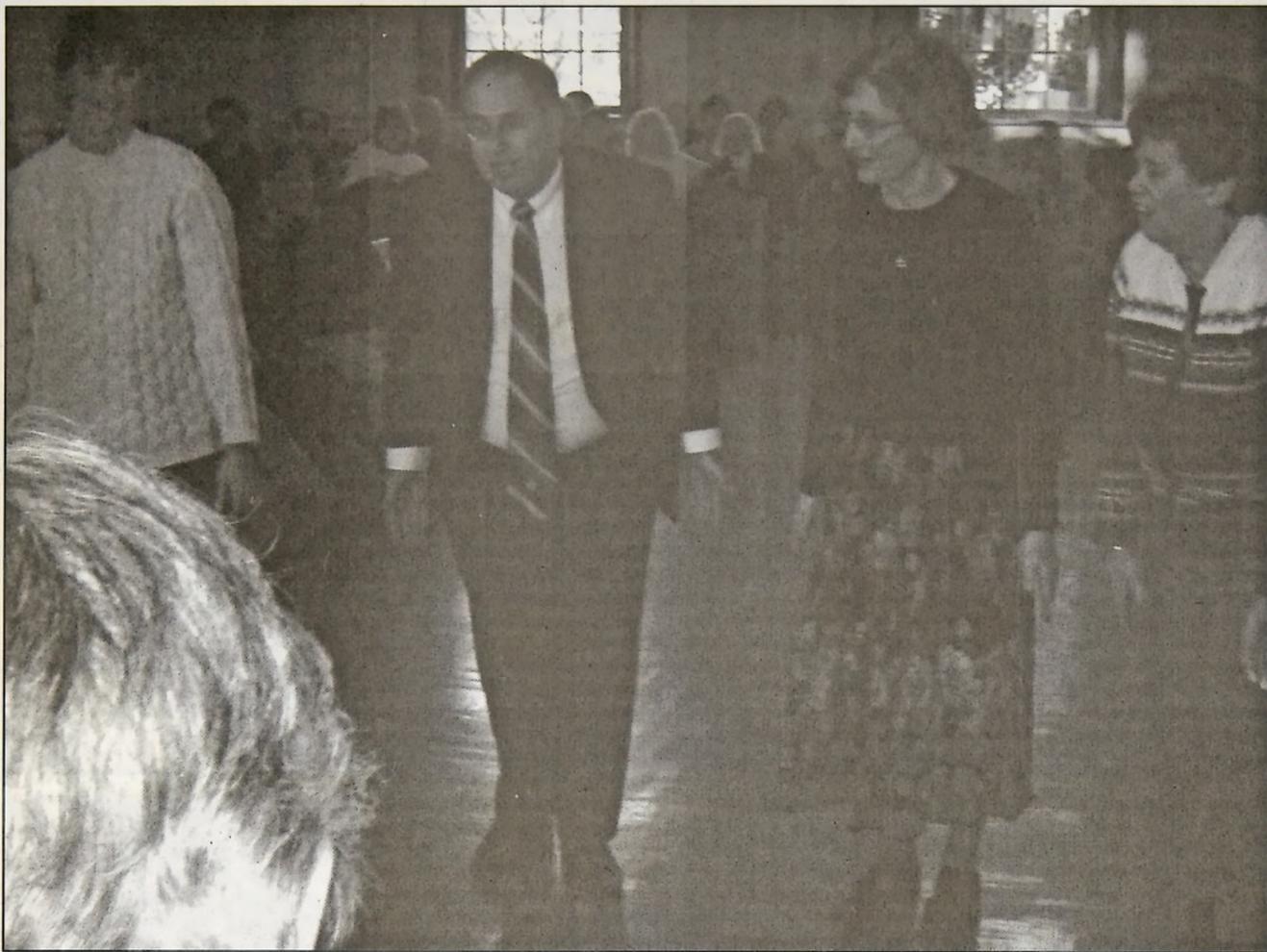
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Tough times in the Claus household



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Left: Klezmer Trio member Steve Stuhlberg (center) directs members of the audience in a traditional Jewish dance.

Below: Clarinetist Michèle Gingras stands to talk to the audience while Mandolin player Irina Bernadsky watches on.



TRASH

By Shawn Smith
Contributing Editor

In keeping with the tradition of blaming all one's woes on others, here is a shout out to our friendly little groundhog. Thanks to the little basta...err...rodent, we have 6 more weeks of winter. Cheers; you little, furry, shadow-loving curse on humanity.

Remember all those cartoons that featured a big red button that, despite being labeled 'Don't Push', was always depressed by some ignorant fool, producing humorous results? WFTV.com reported a similar incident, as the entire state of Connecticut was ordered to evacuate because someone in the emergency broadcast system office pushed the wrong button. Whoops. Perhaps more disturbing is the fact that police stations reported zero incidents of people calling in about the evacuation report.

Thus, two things were proven in the span of 24 hours. One: The red button of doom really does exist. Two: Residents of Connecticut are prone to apathy and, should terrorists strike them tomorrow, they would brush the nuclear waste out of their hair and continue to the nearest bagel store as per usual.

Some of you remember that recently a man from Nebraska made nearly \$40,000 by renting out his forehead as advertising space for a month. God Bless America.

On the other side of the Atlantic, a UK woman also tried to capitalize on the 'body ad' trend by selling her cleavage on Ebay. In the Ebay auction description, the woman describes herself as a 27-year-old auburn-haired lass with an ample size 42GG bosom and a fondness for low cut tops. In the auction, she offers to place a temporary tattoo of the company that wins the bidding on the legal part of her cleavage. The winner of the auction was under the name 'golden palace casino,' and won with a 422 pound bid. It's assumed that the auction could have gone a bit higher, but there's a pretty revealing picture of the cleavage on the auction page and, quite frankly, it's pretty distracting. In other news, UK men are positively excited to have an excuse to look at a woman's cleavage.

And, of course, Trash wouldn't be the same without the weekly report of thieves who just didn't plan everything out quite right. This week's thief report comes from Upper Austria, where two teenagers tried to use snowfall to steal 43 car radios. IOL reports that the teenagers struck many cars that had been abandoned in the snowstorm. However, they were caught because they apparently forgot that stepping in snow leaves prints. Footprints, if you will. Hey police, I'm over here. Come arrest me. Ah well, at least it was in a different country this week.

On Sunday, the Cincinnati Klezmer Project performed at the Stout Meetinghouse. It featured three performers: Michèle Gingras, a professor at Miami University, on the clarinet; Irina Bernadsky, a native of Ukraine, on the mandolin; and Steve Stuhlberg, the group's musical director, who played the acoustic guitar and sang. The three entertained a small crowd of people at the meetinghouse with their Eastern European musical stylings.

The term klezmer comes from the Hebrew words "kli-zemer," or "vessel of song." Klezmer music originated with Jewish musicians who spoke Yiddish; often these musicians came from Eastern Europe. The clarinet, mandolin and guitar combine to form a sound that is distinctive and versatile. The trio played a diverse selection that included upbeat songs, ballads and even drinking songs.

After a few songs, Stuhlberg taught members of the audience how to dance. The audience members formed a circle. Then they turned to their right and put their hands on the shoulder of the person in front of them. They took five steps, and then clapped. About thirty people participated in this dance. After they danced to a song the trio played, Stuhlberg posed a question: "Who do you think is having more fun, the people dancing or the people who aren't?" The dancers did appear to be having a lot of fun.



Vessels of Song

Klezmer Trio
plays at Stout
Meetinghouse

By Zak Neiman

The trio played several different types of music. They played a Yiddish waltz, followed by a song called "The Hot Dance," which featured what Stuhlberg called "the virtuoso clarinet skills" of Gingras. A sad, slow song followed, and nobody danced. Stuhlberg joked, "There's no language better than Yiddish for evoking misery." Then the group changed their tune and played a much livelier song that was written in Canada.

The group also performed a couple of songs from "Fiddler on the Roof," the classic musical about Jewish community life in Russia in the late 19th century, including the play's most famous song, "If I Were a Rich Man," which Stuhlberg sang. They also played "To Life, L'Chaim."

The audience included few Earlham students. The meetinghouse was mostly filled with middle-aged men and women from Richmond, and many of them enjoyed the show. Klezmer CDs were available after the show, and many people bought them. The Cincinnati Klezmer Project's official website, members.aol.com/klezme2, includes some downloads of their music, as well as reviews, articles and upcoming events.

Wide Awake is Bright Eyes' First Triumphant Success

By Gabe Kalmuss-Katz
Staff Writer

Here is a theory: For some people, the only success is failure. Conor Oberst is surely one of these people. Nearly all of the best songs by Bright Eyes, the Oberst-fronted collaborative project, deal with failure, specifically the failure of relationships, failure of our government, and, most notably, the failure of his own art.

The band's "Lifted, or The Story is in the Soil, Keep Your Ear to the Ground," was their swansong, with perhaps more angst and stripped down emotion than any of their previous releases. The album dealt with pain of all kinds such as the pain of creating art (Oberst's realization that "everything I have made is trite and cheap" in "Waste of Paint"), the pain of love ("love's an excuse to get hurt" in "Lover I Don't Have to Love"), not to men-

tion the pain of religion and politics. The only departure from the spiral of misery on "Lifted..." was in the positively upbeat "Bowl of Oranges."

This track was so intriguing because it was so oddly upbeat and instrumentally simple. Oberst sang of helping the sick, and the paralyzing beauty of the world, and left many a listener wondering what provoked this foreign sentiment. Was it sarcasm? Or a harbinger of things to come?

While the track provoked discussion, it also became an extremely successful college radio single, and got the band invited to perform on Conan O'Brien. This was not the failure and obscurity Conor was used to, and, after basing nearly his entire career around failure, fans wondered what direction Bright Eyes would continue in.

At the beginning of this month, the world received an answer in

two separate discs, released simultaneously; the techno-rock "Digital Ash in a Digital Urn" and the disc reviewed here, "I'm Wide Awake It's Morning." From the title of the disc alone, one could tell that things were slightly sunnier in the Bright Eyes camp, and, needless to say, this is not the album anyone expected Conor Oberst to produce. The defining characteristics of any two given Bright Eyes songs prior to "I'm Wide Awake..." was that they were bound to be self-indulgent, but also most likely sound nothing like each other.

The songs on "Lifted," for example, moved from gothic orchestral rock to acoustic soul-bearing to country with ease. "I'm Wide Awake," on the other hand, is almost entirely a country album. "At The Bottom of Everything" starts the album on a more traditional Bright Eyes note, with Oberst spending nearly two min-

utes telling the story of two people on a doomed plane crashing into the ocean, each trying to understand the proximity of their own demise. The song itself then begins, and listeners get an acoustic, fiddle-enhanced, bitter, vitriolic lament that ends with Oberst finding happiness because "I found out I am really no one."

This realization by Oberst is a telling summary of the entire album. Conor Oberst is one of a select few songwriters whose work is enhanced by the self-indulgent nature of his songs, and he boldly declares in this first track that he is nothing special, just an average guy. For the majority of the album, the listener is treated to poetic, sparse, downbeat country tracks, many of which feature beautiful backing vocals from Emmylou Harris, an amazing country artist in her own right. These songs are beautiful, poignant, and lyrically

astute. Oberst even manages to tackle the political without sounding preachy in the slow waltz, "Landlocked Blues." However, something just doesn't feel right.

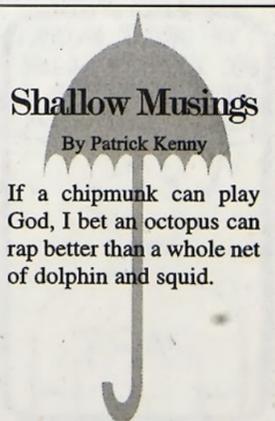
This brings up the paradox of the review: Shall we recommend this album as an excellent and adventurous country album, or call this a creative retreat for Oberst and the least exciting release in the Bright Eyes catalog? Perhaps it is too much to expect for Oberst to release an album with the emotional pull of his earlier discs, but the distance by which he separates himself from the listener on this album is huge.

Perhaps the best thing to be said about this release is that it really is quite good, and that it's simply unfair to have any expectations for Oberst to follow a linear path, as long as his releases are of as high a quality as "I'm Wide Awake It's Morning" is.

Shallow Musings

By Patrick Kenny

If a chipmunk can play God, I bet an octopus can rap better than a whole net of dolphin and squid.



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We're not watching you in Lilly Library

By TOM KIRK
GUEST WRITER

Dear Students,

In the last Word I wrote about our efforts to make the Lilly Library a more comfortable and effective facility for study--both group and individual--that incorporates computer technology. Today I am writing about a concern. Two incidents from the fall semester concern me because they reflect badly on students and their attitudes towards College facilities and the people that maintain them.

The first incident occurred early in the semester. Over the summer the libraries purchased three "beanbag chairs" in order to create another style of seating for study. We sensed that students wanted a more relaxed approach to seating. We have found that the beanbag chairs are very popular. So popular, in fact, that some of them have found their way into the hall outside the Friends Collection and the computer lab. Unfortunately, one of the chairs found its way out of the building--it was stolen. Furthermore, we have found the chairs in inappropriate locations, such as up against the entrance to Friends Collection, so that when the library opened one morning, a sleeping student blocked the entrance. We are anticipating the

purchase of additional beanbag chairs, but we are unsure, given that they are quite portable and might disappear.

The second set of incidents occurred in both Lilly and the Wildman computer labs at the end of the semester. On Monday morning, Dec. 13, both labs were filthy. Pizza boxes, soda cans and other trash were all over the labs and the trashcan was overflowing with trash. These spaces are supposed to be "no food and drink," and while we know these expectations are not always met, we would expect students to clean up after themselves. I

"We would expect students to clean up after themselves"

find it interesting that there was great concern about the welfare of our custodial staff when the question of outsourcing the service was an issue. This concern for staff does not seem to extend to the common courtesy of taking responsibility for cleaning up personal messes.

Maybe we should be watching closer, but we would rather count on students to behave in ways that allow us to continue to trust them to do what is in their best interests--keeping the facilities comfortable and clean spaces in which to study and socialize. We'd appreciate your help.

Tom Kirk is the Library Director and Coordinator of Information Services.

Morality and voting against self-interest

Did we really lose the election on morals, abortion and gay marriage?

By Micheal Wood
Guest Writer

In the days following the election, I couldn't turn on the radio without hearing about how moral values were the deciding factor in this election. We were told that this was the election of the "values voter" from the right. From the left I've heard a rise of the evangelic voter or an indignant, "how can we let a poorly worded exit poll dictate how Democrats should react to this election?" While this discussion has cooled, it is still important to consider whether voters were actually voting based on conservative moral values, and what this means for upcoming elections.

The discussion started because the exit poll conducted by the National Exit Pool Consortium showed that in Ohio some 23% of those surveyed said that the most important issue to them was "moral values." 85% of this group voted for Bush. The conclusion that has been drawn from this is that most of the folks who cited moral values as their most important issue were probably the much touted "values voters" that also went for Bush. According to the same poll, 76% of those who identified themselves as white evangelical/born-again voters in Ohio voted for Bush (we used to call them the Religious Right, but for some reason this word is no longer a part of our lexicon).

But were there enough "moral values" voters to swing the country for the President? A friend of mine pointed out that each person perceives moral values from a different perspective, and, given the scope of what "moral values" encompasses, these voters could have very well voted for John Kerry as well, but again, 85% of this group voted for the President. There is merit to the argument that this was a poorly worded question, but sadly, the language of "moral values" have been dominated by the right and their supporters, and in the state that mattered most, "values voters" decided this election. I can't say there is much empirical evidence to support this statement (we'll get to why in a minute). But I do have my experience as an Ohioan active in politics. I was born and raised in Athens County in Southeastern Ohio, which is part of the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. We

"If we are really the hardest hit, why don't we vote for Kerry, who would give us some kind of change...?"

live just across the Ohio River from West Virginia. We are a rural area and we've been hit especially hard by a downturn in the economy and job losses. We're already one of the poorest regions in the country, and the loss of tens of thousands of jobs is crippling.

Many people have asked me why people here voted "against their own self-interest," i.e. for a Republican economic agenda that does little if anything to help the poor. If we are really the hardest hit, why don't we vote for Kerry, who would give us some kind of change and hopefully some chance at improvement? Why vote for more of the same? Quite simply put, the residents of Southeastern Ohio have seen no gain from any politician that has come here.

Republicans have done nothing for us, and Democrats have offered laundry lists of programs but have still done little to improve Southeastern Ohio's economic situation. Given this, and our social conservatism, it is no wonder that Ohio's real "swing" region (given space limitations I won't discuss this here but if you care to research the topic, it was written about in "The Economist," "the Columbus Dispatch," CNN and just about every other news outlet that discussed the election in Ohio) went for Bush.

This fact was ignored by the liberal 527 groups who focused on Central and Northeastern Ohio, but was picked up on by the Religious Right who believed that "values issues" are tangible litmus tests for politicians. They began running full pages ads in The Morgan County Herald and other Southeastern Ohio papers with the heading "these candidates support abortion and gay marriage. Do you?" Under that heading was a list of all candidates, Republican and Democrat that "supported abortion and gay marriage." Ads like this were put out across the region and sent to our homes in mailers. Churches were given similar pamphlets to put in their bulletins. "Terry Anderson supports gay marriage", blared one that was sent to my (registered Democrat) family (Disclosure: during the fall term I worked on the Anderson campaign's communication's team). "Joy Padgett (Anderson's opponent) believes in traditional family values. Terry Anderson: liberal views. Too liber-

al for Ohio." Said another.

At one point, internal polls (conducted by Zogby International) showed Anderson holding an 8% lead. Shortly after, the ads about gay marriage began. Anderson's numbers plunged. Anderson lost by almost 10%, or 12,000 votes. Terry wasn't the only one who lost; Howard "Butch" Zwelling, an incumbent judge in Zanesville, Ohio, was defeated because he was not a "strict constructionalist" judge and would allow gay marriage and abortion.

Nancy Hollister, incumbent Republican State Representative was the former Lt. Governor under extremely popular Ohio Governor George Voinovich (who is now our two-term Senator). She had held some form of elected office for the past 20 years. Hollister lost to Jennifer Garrison, a Democrat, who had never held any elected or administrative office. Why did she win? For the whole campaign Garrison hammered Hollister on the issues of gay marriage and abortion. Both of which Hollister supported. The day after the election Garrison said, "I think that the single biggest reason I won was gay marriage. She's for it, I'm against it" (From the Marietta Times, Nov. 3, 2004). Given these examples, is it any wonder John Kerry lost here too?

It's hard to tell where exactly the 130,000 votes that gave the President his Ohio victory came from. I do know that in the 27 Appalachian Counties in Ohio, more than 59,000 voters went for Bush. That's just under 46% of his margin of victory. I would note two things about this number.

One, I recently spoke to a friend of mine who worked for the Ohio Democratic Party during the election. "We hit every target in the state." He told me. "We hit every number that we wanted. And, we did better than Gore did in Ohio. (Bush) just got more of his base out to vote."

Two, the National Exit Pool Consortium didn't bother to do exit polling here. That's right, in this swing region there were no exit polls. If you look at NEP exit polls published on CNN there is no section that says "Southeast". For those of you who wondered how Kerry lost even though the exit polls showed him winning, this might be your answer. The region

that gave Bush 46% of his margin of victory in Ohio WASN'T EVEN COUNTED IN THE POLLS.

It's unfortunate that the NEP didn't bother to count our area, especially when you consider what Commonwealth magazine wrote in its piece, "Beyond Red and Blue, the new map of American Politics."

Appalachia, which has the poorest and most rural population in the US, became the most Republican region for the first time since at least 1976 (as far back as our county-level data go) and probably for the first time in American history, given that this was a bedrock region for Democratic nominees from Andrew Jackson to Harry Truman. In almost all of the states in this region, Bush carried rural counties that haven't voted Republican since the Nixon landslide of 1972, even sticking with Walter Mondale over Ronald Reagan in 1984... The sliver of Appalachia that extends into southeastern Ohio didn't help the Democrats' cause either.

And so, Appalachian Ohio swung to the Republicans and took the rest of the state with it. I won't claim to be one of those endless pundits with perfect hindsight analysis, and for the record I did not see this coming. I had no idea how central the so-called "moral values" issue was going to be in this election. But I did see the same problem for the Democrats; a party that has alienated itself from the poor and rural voters that used to make up its base. At the same time the Republican party has started to speak with a familiar voice and

"Appalachian Ohio swung to the Republicans and took the rest of the state with it."

reach out to rural voters. The president speaks in a familiar accent, and frames complicated issues in a easy to digest black and white manner.

Democrats would do well to take heed. If the Democrats want to be a majority party again they need to pay attention to rural voters and their values more often than every four years in close elections. They have been ignoring the opinion shifts in poor and rural voters that make up regions like Appalachia for a while. Maybe now that it's cost them the election they will start to pay attention again.

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Earlham meal plan system leaves few options

Earlham and SAGA take away personal, financial responsibility

By CARLOS BUSTAMANTE
GUEST WRITER

Students at Earlham are constantly battling the bureaucracy of the institution. Our education teaches us that Earlham, in many ways, is nothing more than a business. As a private college, this fact becomes more pressing for administrators and staff. The problem is, as students of a "total institution," we voluntarily subject ourselves to various measures of systematic control. One of those measures of control is the meal plan.

As a first year you are required to be on the meal plan. Also, if you reside in dormitories you are required to be on the meal plan. These guidelines are strictly enforced and have only a few loopholes. Exemptions are one way to get off of the meal plan, and beyond that only a medical condition identified through a doctor's note can get you off the meal plan if you live on campus. There are other excep-

tions for sure, but they are few and far between.

A friend of mine has been unable to receive an exemption from the meal plan because she lives in a dorm. There is no other reason. There should not have to be. It is no secret that the reason it is so difficult to get a meal exemption lie in the reality that Earlham has a bottom line to consider when they pay the company that supplies the food.

For students who simply have no desire to remain on the meal plan this is problematic. My friend, who is a junior, has not been eating regularly at SAGA for almost a year and a half. She despises the food in SAGA because it makes her sick. However, for the last three semesters she has abided by the rules and

dished out \$1200 a semester for food she rarely eats.

This is not economically intelligent. In fact, for many students who are responsible for their own financial situations, this can be devastating. My friend was told she needed to have either a housing exemption or a note from a doctor. She is unable to provide either. With limited finances, after books and tuition,

giving \$1200 to Earlham for food she will never eat is not just silly, it is outrageous. Eventually, such payments can catch up to any economically struggling student, even those who do eat there regularly.

Earlham requires this because they have to meet the financial needs of the company supplying the

food. This is not our problem.

What is so frustrating is that every semester dozens, even hundreds of students constantly find creative and exhaustive ways to be able to pay Earlham so that they may return for their education, yet Earlham is not willing to make this same sacrifice in order that a few students can eat as they please, when they please, and for how much they please. This is quite a double standard.

My friend is 22 years old and is more than capable of feeding herself. She and other students should not have to pay money they do not have so that Earlham "the business" can meet its requirements. Earlham should not presume that it can control student eating habits.

Carlos Bustamante is a junior SOAN major.

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Athletes to support community through auction

By KENTARO NODA
GUEST WRITER

Saturday, Feb. 19 isn't just a day of women's and men's basketball. Earlham College will hold its first silent auction in the Athletics and Wellness Center. This is a very important time for Earlham to give back to the Richmond community. 75 percent of the revenue from the silent auction will be donated to Hope House, a men's shelter in Richmond, while the rest will go to supporting Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) and related activities.

Senior International Studies major Melissa Maheux proposed the idea of the silent auction and is also in charge of the event. Maheux, from Underhill, Vt., is a member of EC's women's soccer team.

"I think it is important to Earlham College to be a part of Richmond, and support the community, and this is one of the way to do that," she said. All the sports teams are working to gather donations. She also personally gathered 30 donations.

Maheux said she was inspired to do the silent auction by her mother. Her mother was in charge of a silent auction when Maheux was in middle school. Her hometown of Underhill is a small town with a population of approximately 3000. However, they were able to collect many donations to contribute to the local economy. Richmond is much bigger than her hometown, so Maheux hopes to make a bigger impact here.

There are many things that people can bid on; for example, a free oil charge for a year, furniture valued at \$500, gift certificates to local restaurants, free magazine subscriptions and much more.

Anyone interested in making a donation should call Maheux at 2698 or e-mail her at maheume@earlham.edu. All are welcome at the auction.

Track team continues to soar



PHOTO BY JP GARY

Senior Zak Gralinsky pole vaults in the track meet Jan. 29 at Denison. The men placed sixth of 10 schools while the women placed fourth of nine, but two Earlham records were broken in the meet.

Varsity baseball to play games on campus

By ANNA BENFIELD
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This spring, Earlham's varsity baseball team will be playing on campus instead of at McBride Stadium, where they have played the majority of their games for the last 10 years, due to unforeseen complications with field renovations, according to Athletic Director Frank Carr.

While this comes as a great disappointment, Carr and Head Coach Tom Parkevich both said they hope to make the best of the unfortunate situation as they plan for the upcoming season.

Plans for improving the Earlham baseball practice field are still in the works, Carr said. "Through the process, we'll have a baseball field here to play on," he said, adding that the Richmond High School team will also be using the field.

For the past 10 years Earlham has been allowed to play at McBride Stadium, the city-owned facility where the Richmond Roosters play from June to early September and Richmond High School play their spring season.

In the spring of 2004, city officials committed approximately \$100,000 to renovate the field surface at McBride stadium, which had deteriorated from heavy use each March through September, said Carr.

Construction was due to begin at the end of the Roosters' season in early September, but because of insurance complications with the contractor and wet weather in November, construction was delayed. Carr approximated that the six-week renovation project would begin around March, putting the completion date mid-April. Earlham's last game, however, is Apr. 27.

Parkevich, described McBride as a quality facility, as good as many Div. 1 and 2 schools, that helps team morale and lends a much-needed edge for recruiting high school student athletes to play for Earlham. "McBride Stadium allows me to give them the best experience as an athlete, and I think our guys deserve that," Parkevich said.

He and Carr said they are most disappointed for the sake of the seniors, who will not be able to play their last season at the stadium they have come to know as their home. Throughout the time they have played at McBride, players have committed time and energy to field and grounds up-keep.

Parkevich emphasized the historically supportive relationship between city and three teams and the cooperative nature in which the recent set-backs have been handled.

Earlham's and Richmond High School's game schedules are currently being revised to reconcile conflicts that have resulted from the inability to play night games.

Carr and Parkevich cite increased fan support at games as one potential benefit of the team playing on campus.

"Would I have liked to have McBride brand-spanking new whif for their first game on April 1st? Yeah, I would," Carr admitted.

But the self-proclaimed optimist continued:

"In the long-run I hope that everyone looks back on it and says, 'that was a pretty darn good season,'" Carr said.

The men's team is currently practicing five days a week at the Athletic and Wellness Center. They are in the third week of their six-week youth baseball clinic, that they hold every Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for area youth.

Parkevich concluded, "We're going to play baseball this year."

Women lose one, win one

Quakers pummel the Pomeroyes

By ASHLEIGH RODRIGUEZ
STAFF WRITER

On Tuesday, the women's basketball team emerged victorious against St. Mary-of-the-Woods, with a final score of 71-56 with much support of the fans during the whole game.

The first half of the game was full of action and defense. The Quakers showed great teamwork, keeping well ahead of St. Mary-of-the-Woods. Sophomore Guin Summerton shot a 3-pointer with

4:30 remaining on the clock, bringing the score to 37-15. At the end of the first half the Quakers were in the lead with a score of 41-22.

Freshman Chelsea Caywood commented on the team's game play saying, "We came out, did what we were supposed to do and executed the plays. We did what our coach told us to do." Caywood scored 10 points for the team.

During the second half of the game, St. Mary-of-the-Woods tried to make a comeback. Unfortunately for the Pomeroyes, the Quakers continued playing hard, keeping them trailing.

Also during the second half, sophomore Lisa Vanderkolk suffered two minor injuries. Despite the injuries, she continued to play, scoring 15 points in the game. Freshman Whitney McBurrows scored 14 more points.

Senior Ani Hanelius, scored a season high of 20 points. She also grabbed 10 rebounds for the Quakers.

Caywood was very enthusiastic about the win. She said, "The win was important this week, since we have two more games this week. It boosted our confidence."

McBurrows said, "We came out confident and put in extra effort to get the win."

Women fall to Denison

By MEAGAN ALLEN
STAFF WRITER

The women's basketball team lost to Denison University on Wednesday, Jan. 26, 60-43. Chelsea Caywood and Whitney McBurrows, both freshmen, scored in the double digits, but it wasn't enough for the Quakers.

Caywood, who grabbed seven rebounds, was also top scorer with 13 points. Following closely

behind was McBurrows with 12 points.

The Quakers, who kept the score fairly close, went into half-time trailing the Big Red, 31-24. The Denison team took over the game during the second half, securing their victory.

Both McBurrows and Caywood said that they enjoy playing for Coach Liana Coutts this season. "Liana has taught me so much about the game and I feel like I learn something new everyday," Caywood said.

They also enjoy the time spent with their teammates. Caywood

said, "Playing with such awesome girls is great. It really makes the season easier when you have such caring people who are going through it with you."

McBurrows said that she feels that the team has, "made improvements on our defensive intensity and our communication on the court."

McBurrows expects the team to keep up on their confidence and for the season to end on a positive note.

The women are back in action on Saturday at home against Allegheny. Tip off is at 2 p.m.

Men's basketball falls to Denison



Senior Mike Bradley prepares to shoot a free throw, while (l-r) Tyler Stewart, LaRon Henry, and Evan Ogburn look on. The Quakers fell to Denison 91-55 Wednesday night at Schuckman Court.

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