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SECTION B

Bloggers talk about their inspiration and content

By Sarah Brown-Anson

Staff reporter

Out in cyberland, Earlhamites are blogging about subjects from haikus to tornado warnings.

It seems some Earlham students have a lot to say, and they are taking their thoughts to the web for an audience of Earlham and beyond.

Earlham Pressroom Blog

Five Earlham students blog on the Life at Earlham Blog on the Earlham Pressroom website about their life as students on campus.

Freshman Sara Lepkoff, sophomore Elsa Haag and juniors Spencer Smith, Piper Lewis and Simon Levine are paid by Earlham Public Affairs to contribute a blog post each week, which are posted together at pressroom.earlham.edu/category/blogs/life-earlham-blog.

Lepkoff, Levine and Smith say this is their first time writing a blog and that they are pleased with the amount of freedom they are given by their editor, Director of Media Relations Mark Blackmon.

"He leaves it open to us to write about anything, as long as you can relate it back to Earlham's campus," said Smith. "He's supportive."

Lepkoff agreed.

"I don't think I really got any direction, just kind of was given free reign of what to write about," she said.

Smith has written about some controversial topics. On Sept. 30, his blog post criticized enforcement of the alcohol policy. It was preceded by a six-paragraph editor's note.

"I appreciated it," Smith said of the note. "I don't think he took away from anything I was saying, and I think he set a tone so that it would be received well."

In general, Smith does not feel restricted. "I don't feel like I'm being censored," he said.

Other bloggers have written about the election, Tyler Hall and crafting sourdough bread, among many other topics that are part of students' experiences at Earlham.

Lepkoff said, "My hope for people who read the blog... is that they are able to find an honest account of someone who goes here."

"I think in some way [the bloggers] all kind of piece together the Earlham experience in an interesting way," said Lepkoff.

Look at This F***ing Earlham

Junior Sarah Clinton-McCausland is the brains behind Look at This F***ing Earlham, a blog that pokes fun at Earlham through photographs and quotes.

The Spanish and Hispanic studies and sociology/

Simon's Weekend: A Series of Restaurant Reviews!

Posted November 9, 2010 by Simon Levine.

Saturday morning, I ate breakfast with my friend Chrissy at Main Street Diner. Before we went, she warned me that pajamas were not allowed and explained how she'd been asked to leave before for wearing exactly that. The diner, located on Main Street (at 16th Street), does not permit pajamas, travel mugs, or rudeness, but if you don't bring any of the above, expect a delicious breakfast. My eggs were fluffy, the English muffin was crunchy, and the potatoes had a soft underside, with a crunchy brown crust on the top.

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[Life at Earlham Blog](#)

anthropology double major started the blog in September to document what she called the "unnamable feeling of Earlhamness that everyone who goes to Earlham knows."

"There are just certain aspects of Earlham culture that are so unique and that I find so hilarious," said Clinton-McCausland.

The blog already has a following: an average of 200 people visit the site daily.

"Several of my friends have told me they've overheard random people they don't even know talking about it in Saga," said Clinton-McCausland.

The blog, accessible at <http://lookatthisfuckingearlham.wordpress.com>, was also added to stumbleupon, a discovery engine that lets people find random websites that might interest them.

Clinton-McCausland said that she tries to post every day or every other day. She gets submissions from Earlhamites about every two days.

"I get a lot of submissions from random freshmen, which is interesting because they haven't been a part of that Earlhamness for as long," said Clinton-McCausland.

She said she was also interested in the aspect of how people choose to represent Earlham. "I'm a sociology/anthropology major, and for me the blog is really interesting in that aspect too," said Clinton-McCausland. "It's like—how are people choosing to represent Earlham visually or through texts? What kinds of selections do people choose to represent this place that we're at? And people have all sorts of ideas of what it means to be at Earlham and to be an Earlhamite."

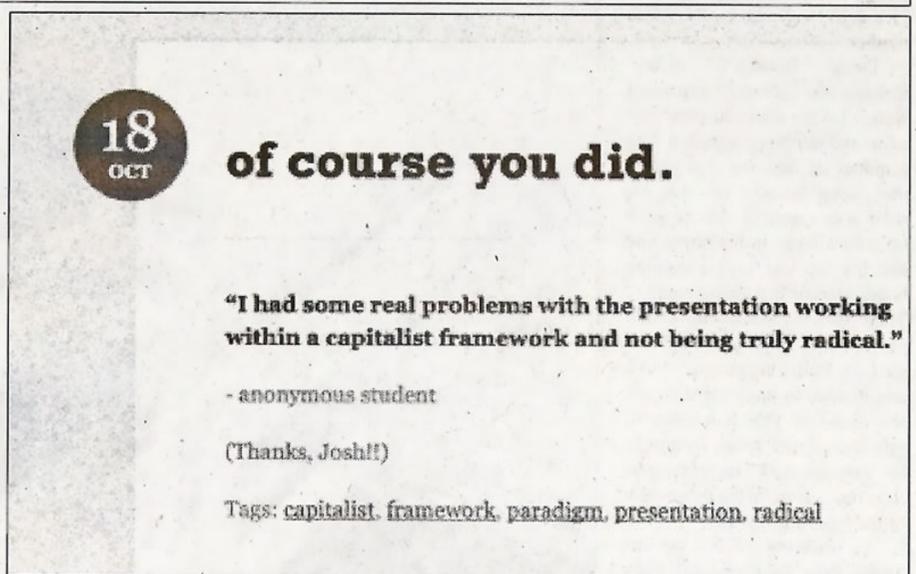
Not So Dasai

Senior Ross Henderson writes what he calls a "simplistic Japanese literature blog," Not So Dasai.

He said his blog started in March or April 2009, after he learned he was accepted to study at Waseda University in Japan.

"It started as just one of those obligatory 'Hey I'm studying abroad' type of blogs and it essentially continued to be that while I was there," said Henderson.

Near the end of his time in



Japan, Henderson said, he started writing more about Japanese literature.

Henderson discovered that Joe Boxman, who graduated from Earlham in 2009, had been reading his blog. Boxman wanted to see what Henderson was going to write his thesis about. Henderson eventually decided to write about haiku poetry interpretation.

Not So Dasai currently includes posts of haikus Henderson translated to submit to "The Crucible," Earlham's literary magazine.

Henderson said his intended audience is his peers at Earlham and a few people in Japan—"people with a general interest in Japanese literature but not looking for anything too academic."

Henderson said he called his blog Not So Dasai because he didn't want it to be the type of blog where a westerner talked about the ways Japan was weird or different.

"[The word 'dasai' means] kind of tacky or kind of lame in the way an adolescent would use it. That's kind of how I feel about those other blogs... I wanted to write a blog that was not that," said Henderson.

Not So Dasai can be found at notsodasai.blogspot.com.

Correlated Contents

Senior Michael Lutz started writing his blog, Correlated Contents, in March 2009.

"I realized that I wasn't writing as much as I wanted to throughout the year because I



Above screenshots are from Simon Levine's pressroom blog, Sarah Clinton-McCausland's playful Earlham blog, and Ross Henderson's Japanese literature blog.

was busy with schoolwork," he said. "So I decided that if I had a place to put something I was working on where it didn't have to be good, then I could force myself to do a story."

He started blogging with friends for fun, but when it became too bothersome to try to coordinate with others, he started writing Correlated Contents.

At first it served a double purpose: it was both a place to put writing and a website to send people who were interested in reading more of his writing.

Lutz said that he has gotten some comments on his blog from strangers, mostly on a series of essays he wrote about Brett Easton Ellis's novel "American

Psycho."

"It's always nice to see someone who I guess just googled something and found me and decided that I was worth reading," said Lutz.

Lutz said that, although he has had less time this semester than in the past to make posts, he tries to update the blog, which can be accessed at correlatedcontents.com, every Friday.

His blog is called Correlated Contents after a quote from H.P. Lovecraft's "The Call of Cthulhu." The quote reads, "The most merciful thing in the world, I think, is the inability of the human mind to correlate all its contents."

Five years ago in The Word: Harry Potter!

By Evan Nelson

Staff reporter in 2005

The Word is starting a new tradition - looking at interesting stories that were written in archived issues of The Word. This week, we have an article capturing the excitement surrounding the fourth Harry Potter movie.

On the night of Nov. 17, the magic jumped off the screen and

landed in the audience.

An entire Harry Potter nation seemed to come out from the woodwork of Richmond. The movie theater transformed into a melting pot of young and old Richmondites and Earlhamites. Even ordinary activities such as buying concessions and filing into the theater seemed to be performed with a sort of hidden excitement.

At 12:02 a.m., silence sank

in among the crowd. For the next two-and-a-half hours, the viewers were locked into this silent harmony, everyone's imaginations reeling.

The impact of this feature quickly became apparent after the film. Smiles broke out across the theater as the dim credits mood-lighting rose. The crowd seemed to glow as they filtered out into the sleepy, early-morning Richmond streets.

Alice Williams, a Richmond resident for more than 30 years, watched the movie with her 11-year-old grandson, John. "I thought the movie had really excellent acting. It was awfully dramatic," said Williams.

It was a rather brisk night and the audience came prepared. "There were Gryffindor scarves everywhere," said Leah Shepard, a sophomore at Earlham.

"There were a lot of excited

people there and a lot of kids who shouldn't be up that late," she continued. "When the movie began everyone got quiet. All the kids were silent too, including me."

The complete Harry Potter experience is comprised of the books, movies, games and toys, as well as many smaller aspects. The experience and culture that comes with each book and movie is the primary draw.



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Outdoors club experiences resurgence

By Federico Rojas and Sarah Brown-Anson

Staff reporter

Members of the Earlham Outdoors Club are working to bring the club back to the prominence and popularity it had in earlier years. Co-convenor Anneke Johnson '10 is very excited about the strength and popularity that the club has started to gather among students.

"After some research, I found that the Outdoors Club was extremely active in the 80s and 90s," Johnson said. "This year, senior Ryan Stewart and I have worked hard to return the club to its original purpose."

The Outdoors Club promotes outdoor activities among Earlham students including canoeing, caving, climbing and hiking trips. The club funds these trips and is the connection between the Wilderness Office and Earlham students.

Freshman Jacob Willner is part of the steering committee

of the Outdoors Club, which was formed in preparation for the departure of the current co-convenors. He described the club in past years as "certain people who were just in the wilderness program's personal fund to just go on trips."

"What we're trying to do this year is actually make it a club and have trips as a club," said Willner.

This semester the Outdoors Club has sponsored a climbing trip to Red River Gorge in Kentucky over mid-semester break and a weekend trip to Knobstone Trail, 3 miles south of Richmond, according to Wilmer.

"People use it to train for the Appalachian Trail, so it's really good hiking," Willner said. Willner helped plan the food menu and the route, although he couldn't go on the hike.

Next semester the Outdoors Club hopes to sponsor a skiing, snowshoeing and winter camping trip. There has also been discussion of a writing workshop with hiking or backpacking,

according to Outdoors Club members freshmen Clara Stuligross and Helen Mountjoy-Venning.

Stuligross said she joined after participating in the August wilderness program.

"I just basically wanted to take every excuse I could to go outside and it seemed like the wilderness club is a really great opportunity to do that," she said.

Stewart, Johnson and senior Geer Gillespie convene the club this fall. In the spring semester, Stewart and senior Bryant Foreman will convene.

"Basically the outdoors club plans and creates trips with our budget, and tries to get as many people who want to an opportunity to go outside and go out and taste the wilderness because people need wilderness like their water and their bread," said Willner. "It's spiritually rejuvenating and refreshing."

The Outdoors Club welcomes every student who is interested in participating. Meetings are open to all and are held every other



Photo by Elsa Haag

Sophomore Patrick Hall climbs at the Red River Gorge in Kentucky this October, a trip that the Outdoor Club funded.

Tuesday at 9 p.m. in the Outdoor Education Center, located in the basement of Bundy facing the Wellness Center parking lot. People can also rent outdoor equipment at this office. The trips organized by the club are open to everyone even if one does not

regularly attend the meetings.

"I think the club serves as a great opportunity to introduce Earlham students to the great outdoors both locally and regionally," Jay Rogers, director of wilderness programs, said in an e-mail interview.

ESG on...

Updates from some hard-working committees:

Budget Committee:

Right now the budget committee is preparing for senior staff presentations, where senior staff members come to the committee and present their budget requests for the following year.

This committee is continuing to discuss the endowment and potentially increasing the draw (the percentage Earlham takes from it annually), and what model Earlham should use to determine the draw.

The budget committee is also reviewing income projections for the 2011-2012 year so that they can make decisions about the endowment, admissions requests and overall budgetary adjustments when they begin to draft their budget recommendation later this year. This is the committee's largest responsibility; they consider all the aspects of the college that affect the operating budget and form a recommendation that they believe is realistic.

They must also make a decision about compensation. For the past two years, there has been a freeze in compensation increases, and the committee will come to a decision about how important compensation is, including their decision in the final budget recommendation.

Finally, the budget committee is working to figure out a way to increase income, specifically through increasing net tuition income.

Environmental Responsibility Committee:

This committee has been writing the Green Beat articles in the Word, addressing environmental aspects for the future possible science and art buildings, reviewing the STARS environmental report card and drafting recommendations to the presidential search committee.

In the future they plan to create a sustainability campus-wide event, make the staff retreat focus on sustainability and write a 300-400 word article for the Earhamite regarding sustainability.

Love,
ESG

The Doug and Ellen Bennett JOURNALISM INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Placing Earlham students in the Palladium-Item's multimedia environment

Applications due Nov. 30 for spring semester.

Brochures with more information are in the Bonner Center for Service and Vocation and the English Department

Funkaholics rock for Pakistan

Crowd shows support, donates approximately \$500

By Kristin Hoppe

Staff reporter

With music blaring and the crowd cheering, students packed into Middle East House last Friday and jammed to the Funkaholics while raising funds for flood relief in Pakistan.

A group from the nonviolent social movements class organized the concert, selling food and drinks for a dollar. Through tabling and the concert they have raised approximately \$500,

according to sophomore Kamil Hamid.

"Our primary goal is not to raise money so much as it is to raise awareness, because sadly Pakistan is usually associated with militants or with terrorism around the world," Hamid said. "You don't hear things like 'disaster' or 'disaster relief' very much."

Hamid's group partnered with a specific region in Pakistan and decided the most pressing need for the village was to construct

a new school, an estimated cost of \$2500. They launched their campaign as "One Dollar for Pakistan" to make it accessible to everyone.

"One Dollar for Pakistan" just made so much sense," said Hamid. "Everybody can afford to give \$1, but collectively it makes a big difference."

The group plans to organize another benefit concert before the end of the semester.

The Earlham Green Beat: Recycling: Not Purely Environmental

By Kumar Jenson

Guest Writer

I'm generally a pretty laid back person. I don't try to tell people what to do and I just let them do their own thing. This is not always the case, though, when it comes to things like leaving the refrigerator door open, leaving the faucet on and recycling.

My housemates can attest to this. If I catch one of them standing looking into the refrigerator for more than two seconds I holler at them to stop wasting energy.

I pick recyclables out of the trash and put them in the correct receptacle.

I got so fed up with people not recycling correctly that I made signs and explanations for how to recycle each thing properly and put them above each container in our house.

I scold them for confusing paperboard with cardboard and putting newsprint in the same container as the office paper.

Needless to say, a few of my housemates have gotten a bit annoyed with my constant badgering.

So why do I care about these things so much? When it comes to recycling, I do it for all the same reasons we have always been told to do it: to reduce the consumption of fresh raw materials, reduce energy usage, reduce air pollution (from incineration) and water pollution (from landfilling) by reducing the need for "conventional" waste disposal and lower greenhouse gas emissions as compared to virgin production.

But though this list suggests that all the reasons to recycle are environmental, we forget

something very valuable by categorizing recycling and water conservation as purely environmental concerns: recycling is also about living intentionally and being conscious that our actions have effects and consequences we might never acknowledge.

Recycling is an obligation. It's not something that only environmental studies majors are concerned with or that only hippies do: It just makes more sense to reuse resources that have already been mined than to cut down entire forests and strip mine bauxite from Africa.

The whole concept of waste makes little sense in of itself. Why would we make something that after using it once is no longer useful? Going to Marsh and getting three plastic bags full of groceries every week that you end up throwing out when you get back to your room is ridiculous. It is easy enough to bring a backpack or a reusable shopping bag. These are the simple actions that, when practiced widely, can change our conceptions of convenience and our understanding of the actions to consequences relationship.

By recycling we are acknowledging our inextricable dependence on natural resources. It can lead to a better understanding of that connection—an understanding that will hopefully spread to other areas of our lives.

The hidden message of recycling is to care about the way you are living and acknowledge that just because this is the way we are living doesn't mean this is way we should be living. Recycling is a gateway to a stronger appreciation of the human and nonhuman

environment we live in.

Am I crazy? Maybe. Linking recycling to an intentional way of life and fostering a sense of responsibility for your actions might be a long shot, but it's true for me. No, I don't think about these things while I am throwing a bottle in a blue Richie Roller, but I know the reasons why it's important, and that's what gives it meaning. Something is lost if we just recycle because someone tells us it's the right thing.

Recycling, water conservation and energy conservation demonstrate that you are conscious, if nothing else, that it is important to be mindful that your actions can have negative consequences—both unintended and intended. Whether or not you care about recycling and energy conservation specifically is less important than if you want to live in an intentional way.

I'm not trying to convince you to reform your entire life by this methodology. I'm just trying to point out how easy it is to take a more intentional and active role in your life. Give it some thought. Decide whether or not you care about how your actions affect others and then do what you think makes the most sense.

This need not be an arduous process. Think about what makes you feel like a healthy person and then do those things. For me it is recycling, exercising, reducing my carbon footprint, trying to support local, eating what makes me feel healthy and chilling on the Heart.

Just take a minute or two and think about it before you turn the page to check out who got sneered this week. Enjoy your break and the coming cold Indiana weather!

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Amigos entertain crowd at Russell House

Band of students gather to amuse, raise money for the Richmond Amigos Program.

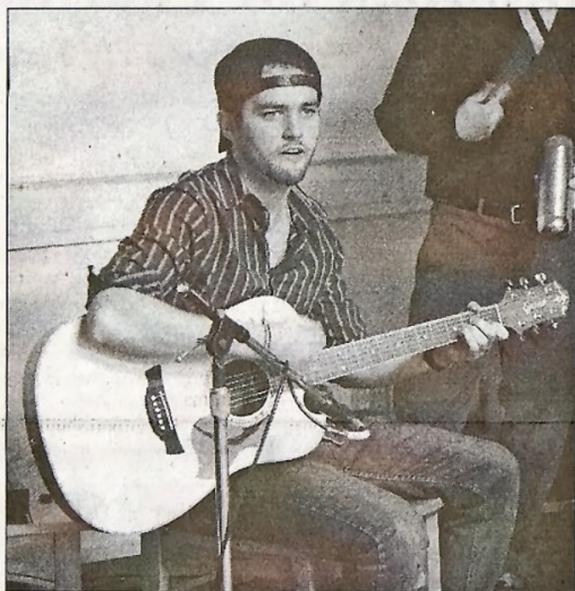


Left: From left to right, senior Alvaro Puente, sophomore Felipe Buitrago and freshman Yim Rodriguez play for the Amigos Benefit Concert at Russell House.

Bottom left: Senior Alvaro Puente plays guitar for the benefit.

Bottom right: From left to right, senior Alvaro Puente, sophomore Felipe Buitrago, freshman Yim Rodriguez, and Sebastián Cuervo play for the Amigos Benefit Concert.

Photos by Alex Pianetta



Bennett joins alliance to help improve learning

By Sarah Brown-Anson

Staff reporter

It's not just students—even colleges need to have final exams sometimes.

On Friday Nov. 5, Earlham College President Doug Bennett announced that he has joined a national alliance of college and university presidents working toward improved assessment of student learning.

The New Leadership Alliance for Student Learning and Accountability is an organization that advocates for and seeks to improve undergraduate education, and supports efforts to measure what undergraduates learn. This month they officially announced the Presidents' Alliance, a group of 71 college and university leaders, which aims to measure student achievement in a more standardized way and

use that information to improve learning.

Earlham Student Government (ESG) Co-Presidents and seniors Cory Mathieu and Ian Kratzke attended a summit on assessment last semester with members of the assessment committee, administration and faculty.

Mathieu said the assessment committee talked about some national programs Earlham would be involved with. "The idea is getting in contact with these national organizations so that when we assess ourselves, it's on a standard that's legitimate," said Mathieu.

The colleges signed onto this alliance include private liberal arts colleges like Earlham, Haverford College and The College of Wooster, but also community colleges, large private universities and public universities like Indiana State

University.

The NSSE asks students to answer questions about their college experience both inside and outside of the classroom. Questions are about what kinds of learning are emphasized and what a student's life and habits are like.

Earlham has pledged to evaluate its general education program, which was revised in 2003, by 2012 using data from the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), which it has participated in every year since 2006.

In addition to the curricular review, the college intends to "include assessment as a highly visible component" of its reconstructed website, according to the description of initiatives available on the Alliance Web site, www.newleadershipalliance.org.

The reconstructed Web site will have a section dedicated to assessment, and will contain links to assessment data for general education as well as departmental and program learning outcomes, according to the description of Earlham's initiatives.

"It's hard to assess our learning in a quantitative way. And that's what accreditation asks for, is data and numbers," said Kratzke. "It's easy to talk about in a big group about all the things we do; that's great. But you can't give that to an accreditation service, you have to give numbers."

Doug Bennett wrote in an email to Earlham's faculty that Earlham has everything to gain from finding out what students are learning and sharing that information with the public.

"[W]e are an exemplary educational institution, and every honest look at whether students

are learning will demonstrate how exemplary we are. This is one approach to strengthening how we are perceived in the higher education marketplace," Bennett wrote. "Another reason is that we can and will learn through such assessment efforts how we can improve the education we offer."

Mathieu said that she think that Earlham students and professors hold each other to high standards.

"I think students take a very initiative to be sure that they're getting the strong education that they want, but I don't see that much higher eyes looking down on us as to making sure that happens," she said. "I think a lot of that happens because we take care of it ourselves. And I'm not sure if that's the most effective way, but that's how I see it working right now."

Voices on the Heart

Compiled by Elena Sergienko

This "Voices on the Heart" asks students, "What are your plans for Thanksgiving break?"



"I am planning to work on my thesis."

YUKIKO OHNO
SENIOR



"I am throwing a birthday party for my friend."

GREGORY HAGENBUCH
FRESHMAN



"I am planning to eat lots of home-cooked food."

ADAM MOSKOWITZ
FRESHMAN



"We are planning to attend a protest in Atlanta against schools in America."

JOHN KNIGHT AND MARIA RAMOS, FRESHMEN



"I am planning to go home and play scrabble with my mom."

SAMANTHA HELME
SOPHOMORE

EC sports teams should learn from soccer

By Jesus Jimenez

Staff writer

I would like to congratulate the women's soccer team for being consistently competitive every year since I've been here and competing for the conference Championship the last two years. They have demonstrated a will to win, enjoy the sport and are selfless. I would like other sports at Earlham to follow.

Earlham teams not only continue to lose pathetically, but the college doesn't seem to mind. Football finished this season without a single win and was embarrassed by a score of 60-0 two weeks ago. Football players wanted a change in conference two years ago because they beat the University of Manchester and Anderson University.

They were not the reason for the change in conference, but there was a big division on campus between soccer players, who did not want to move to an easier conference, and many football players who did.

This season, the Quakers played a very winnable football game against Bluffton University. They battled for a first down,

but a personal foul cost them 15 yards. Three downs later, EC overcame the foul, but another personal foul by the same player took them back 15 yards. The quarterback was sacked both times, and the team lost 26-7.

This player should have been benched after the first foul to cool off, but the team was trying to win and he is one of the top players. However, if players consistently break team rules and are not disciplined for it over a four-year span, they might never learn accountability. It was obvious the player was fired-up and let the anger get the best of him. It was selfish of the player, but also demonstrated a lack of disciplinary action from the coaching staff.

I don't want to single out the football team, because they get a lot of unfair reactions from EC students, but stats are facts. Volleyball ended the season with a record of 6-21; in 14 of these losses they lost 3-0.

Field hockey was 2-15. They started 2-0 but quickly returned to form, losing the next 15. They were shut out the last seven games and 11 total times on the season, the same number of total

goals they scored. To be fair, field hockey lost six of their non-senior returners from a year ago.

A year ago, both basketball teams were 3-22, another record far from respectable. In fact, the football team won five games that year, only one fewer than both basketball teams did in 50 combined chances! The men's soccer team this year had a respectable record of 7-10, after a 7-8-3 record a year ago, still under .500.

This year, women's soccer almost had as many wins (14) as field hockey (2), football (0), volleyball (6), women's tennis (3) and men's soccer (7) combined (18).

Nobody is happy after a loss. I have seen that the baseball team cares firsthand. It is true that I was associated with the baseball team for three years at Earlham, therefore my writing might be biased.

They have restructured the program since I was a freshman walk-on. The weak, in which I include myself, have been filtered off the baseball team so much that there are only three upperclassmen on the team. I know that coaches John Cate,

Steve Sakosits, even Joe Rodden in 2008 would bench even Jake Carr if he didn't lay a bunt down.

Under Rodden, the team I was a part of lost the last 13 games because players no longer wanted to play under him. This was selfish on our part. Whether you like him or not, Rodden helped jump-start the change in work ethic of the baseball team since Cate and Sakosits took over.

Rodden talked about being congratulated for 13 wins in 2008, but even doubling the amount of wins still came with 27 losses. Fourteen wins followed in 2009, and only nine in 2010. Until a respectable winning record comes, the baseball team is just another unrespectable Earlham team.

The tennis team has also demonstrated a will to change. A new coach was hired in 2008 and recruitment is up. Unfortunately, their record is not showing the effort, but many teams fall under this category. If it means anything, after having only four returners this year, the volleyball team won their last game of the season, perhaps adding some momentum for next year with no

seniors graduating?

Losing happens, but enough is enough. Changes need to be made to Earlham's culture. Bringing 15 freshmen every year is good, but something happens once they're here that makes the best players fall through.

The best managers win with unknown players as long as the players buy into what is trying to be done and are willing to make the sacrifice and work that is necessary. It seems as though Earlham does not want to win. Why even embarrass the image of the school by having "varsity athletics" if there is no fight?

Many things need to happen: players shouldn't complain about the coaches, but coaches also should be confident in their disciplinary actions, know what they're doing and demand their players' respect.

Earlham teaches people to fight injustice. However, making you run for being late to practice is not injustice: it is a way of holding you accountable.

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Cheers & Sneers

CHEERS to:

- HARRY POTTER!
- Thanksgiving dinner in Saga
- The girl with the dragon tattoo
- Guys who were singing "Build Me Up Buttercup" on the night of Nov. 4. It was fantastic.

SNEERS to:

- Residence life, for purposefully ignoring me and putting me off until the housing freeze
- Not respecting your sexual partner's boundaries - it is never okay.
- My room being extremely hot and making me sick
- Not being able to see Harry Potter at midnight!

CHEER: noun, a shout of encouragement, approval, or congratulation.

SNEER: noun, a contemptuous or scornful remark.

SEND YOUR CHEERS AND SNEERS TO GAMIDDA10.

More things Rosa dislikes

By Rosa Ostrom

Contributing editor

Things I don't like:

1. People I've never met friending me on Facebook. We may go to the same school, but the point is to reconnect with people you know. This is taking the creeping a little far.

2. Leaving the kitchen to find that your entire body reeks of kitchen. Especially nasty in the morning, or right after taking a shower.

3. Not having enough time left in the semester to do everything I want to get done.

4. Having too much time left in the semester. Be done already!

5. U.S. Bank somehow thinking I'm a small business owner, and sending me a million credit card offers. I do not

need credit, and I do not own a business.

6. The Washington State Department of Licensing. Keeping someone on hold for more than 10 minutes is a no-no, and keeping someone on hold for more than 40 is unforgivable.

7. Kids who bring up authors who haven't been assigned in class, distracting the teacher from covering what we're actually going to learn. That's what grad school is for.

8. Underwear in the Free Box. Really?

9. Saga cliques. I wish I didn't feel so alienated every time I sat down at a table that wasn't my usual one.

10. "Around The Heart Daily." I have unsubscribed myself from it three times this year, and it just doesn't listen.

11. Getting papers back with no commentary. It's hard to improve when you don't know what's wrong.

12. Homework over Thanksgiving break.

13. Science library weirdness. Just because it's a science library doesn't mean that only science students can go in!

14. The woman who sells jewelry in Runyan only being there on payday. Good business, but terrible for my wallet.

15. Lack of paper recycling in dorms.

16. The airport shuttle being so dang expensive. It really can't cost that much to drive to Dayton and back.

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Speakers commended for courage, honesty

By Clairellyn Smith

Guest writer

Last Wednesday evening, I attended (the thankfully well attended) "Peace through Forgiveness in the Context of Conflict and Oppression," in the Comstock Room. The focus of the lecture was two Earlham students, Vania Frederico and Iqbal Banwel, who spoke personally on their experiences. Bob Hunter, previous director of the Human Rights Commission concluded the talk and opened the floor for discussion. I believe that Vania and Iqbal deserve a

public and heartfelt word, from those who attended and those who sorrowfully missed it, of thanks and appreciation. They should be recognized for their courage and honesty, for speaking about difficult topics that have been troubling for centuries and are especially relevant in today's context.

Both Vania and Iqbal, unlike most Earlham students, have lived through war. War is in both of their home countries, Angola and Afghanistan; war is in their cities, and wars that have entered their homes.

Iqbal has lived with war his

entire life. He spoke movingly of both the four months he lived in the basement of his house, in fear of the continual bombing of his building, and the years he lived as a refugee in the unwelcoming Pakistan.

Vania opened her talk with a vivid description of gunfire entering her home when she was four. After fleeing that home, Vania did not see her mother for seventeen years, a sorrow punctuated by even more troubling interactions with soldiers.

Their stories are moving. I was overwhelmed by the

disconnect that prevents me from understanding how both Vania and Iqbal can live such beautiful lives. As an American I have only the barest idea of the experiences that have brought them to Earlham. And during their talk, I cried.

And I was moved by how many Earlham students came to hear about faith and forgiveness, something that I find is not addressed often enough in our classrooms. Earlham has helped me become a strong supporter of non-violence and a hopeful activist for justice, but it has lacked in its advice for how and

why. I believe that Iqbal and Vania addressed that.

They have every right to be hateful, angry individuals. And they are—obviously—not. From what I gathered this was due to their intentional decision to seek forgiveness. Whether or not it is reciprocated. And that is something radical, and I want to raise my glass to those Earlham students who doing radical things, not just talking about them.

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'10 alum: enjoy EC while you can

By John Jacobson

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I think one of the things I miss/don't miss at all about Earlham College was its limited structure in both its curricular and extra-curricular activities. Everything is set out on a schedule that you can read out online—schoolwise, anyway—and I basically knew what I would be doing every Tuesday/Thursday/Friday/Saturday/Sunday/Monday and Wednesday nights as far as my extra-curriculars went.

That was calming to me in a way that I don't think I recognized back then but have kind of come to look back on now fondly—even though it was only a short while ago. The familiarities of the friends, houses, parties, and "schoolwork" that were my everyday trappings over at Earlham I sometimes wish I had again, if only for a week.

I'm currently living in New York City, running six practice

spaces in a building called "Monster Island Basement." One of the requirements for running the practice spaces is that you need to live in the building itself. I live next to six twenty-four hour practice spaces in a room that is about a third the size of my own apartment. There's no kitchen, no internet (I am writing this thing via text message) and no shower. I need to go four blocks to the gym, if I want to use one. I would KILL a man to live in Hoerner again, and my schedule is super sporadic.

On Saturday, I worked two last minute shows, one in Queens and the other in Brooklyn, from 6 p.m. to 8 in the morning and from Friday through Sunday this week I'll be working at two shows a day starting at 5 p.m. and ending around 3 or 4 in the morning. I'll be lucky if I get paid at all for my work (this is a normal schedule for me, by the way; I haven't had a Friday off in about a month in a half).

Life is tough, but it's worth it. I have fun every moment of every day, doing what I'm doing, and I wouldn't trade it in for anything else in the world. But sometimes I wish there wasn't so much of it! Sometimes I wish I could go running by Miller Farm, listening to music and looking at dead corn stalks as I run past. I wish I could go and scream my lungs out every Tuesday, telling people to get out on the Heart and do something stupid for stupid's sake. I wish I could go down to the Gorge and get lost with old friends. I love what I'm doing now and just wish I wasn't doing so much of it.

Enjoy sometimes having nothing to do, little Quakers! Take it in while you still can, because it's fleeting fast, and you only really warm up to the inevitable boredom of middle-of-nowhere Midwest college life once it's totally gone.

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SPORTS

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SECTION D

Quakers jump start basketball season



Above photo by Elena Segienko, photo at right by Alex Softness

Above: Junior Princess Darnell goes up for a shot during a practice for the women's basketball team.

Left: Junior guard Nikeki Darrett scores for the Quakers after stealing the ball away from her opponent during the team's season home opener against Gosben College. The Quakers lost 64-46.

Mind of an athlete: runner Jacob Naegeli

Compiled by Anna McCormally
Contributing Editor

Jacob Naegeli is a junior Art major with a focus in metals from Trout Creek, Montana. Naegeli recently placed fourth in the Heartland Conference championship. He also placed 28th in the Regional championships, which included all Division 3 runners from Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Transylvania University.

The Earlham Word: So I heard you just won some kind of award for running really fast?

Jacob Naegeli: Well, yeah. At Regionals I took 28th and the top 35 were awarded All-Regional. I also took fourth at Conferences two weeks ago.

EW: How long have you been running?

JN: Since seventh grade.

EW: What's your secret? Do you eat a special food?

JN: I eat anything in sight, really. Anything besides coconut.

EW: What about a lucky charm?

JN: I don't really have a lucky charm. I have things I don't do before a race, like...never run across the finish line before the

race! It's two days before the race that's more important, for sleep.

EW: Have you any done any other sports?

JN: Have you seen me do any other sports? It's terrible! No, I don't play any other sports.

EW: Do you have any crazy running stories?

JN: Oh, well...there's the Mexican Mile. You run to the El Rodeo across town, near Walmart, eat a full El Rodeo meal and then try to beat everyone else, and the time, on the way back.

EW: If you could only eat three foods for the rest of your life, what would you pick?

JN: Mashed potatoes and gravy, grilled cheese and pumpkin pie. Specifically my grandmother's pumpkin pie, but it doesn't matter.

EW: What three people would you pick for your team in the zombie apocalypse?

JN: My older brother Derek, my little brother Logan, and my little sister Mariah, because they're Montanan. Enough said.



Photo by Elsa Haag

Junior Jacob Naegeli during the first race of the season hosted by Franklin College.

EW: Favorite sports movie?
JN: It's called St. Ralph. It's about a kid in a boarding school that decides to run a marathon for his mother and he's only like twelve or something.

EW: What's your favorite track event?
JN: The steeplechase. It's a 3K race, but there's five barriers per lap...one has a water pit. But my favorite race is the half-marathon.

EW: What's your best half marathon time?
JN: One hour, twelve minutes.
EW: You ran 13 miles in an hour?
JN: 13.1. Yeah.

Scores

November 13:

Men's cross country at NCAA Div. III Great Lakes Regional, 28th of 30

Women's cross country at NCAA Div. III Great Lakes Regional, 30th of 36

Football at Rose Hulman, L 15-40

November 16:

Women's basketball vs. Goshen, L 46-64

Correction

Last week in The Beat we incorrectly printed graphic artist Michelle Walker's name as Michelle Williams. The Earlham Word regrets the error.

Upcoming games

November 19: November 23:

Men's basketball at Wabash, 8 p.m. Women's basketball at St. Mary-of-the-Woods, 7 p.m.
Women's basketball at Carnegie Mellon, 8 p.m.

November 20: November 27:

Men's basketball vs. DePauw, 1 p.m. Women's basketball vs. Oberlin, 1 p.m.
Women's basketball vs. Case Western, 2 p.m. Men's basketball vs. Oberlin, 3 p.m.