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New students flood campus

Today's arrival of the 335 new students on campus marks the beginning of the 61st annual New Student Week activites. Lavona Godsey, director of New Student Week, said "I'm looking forward to the enthusiasm and diversity that the new students will bring. I also enjoy the new questions and challenges that are brought not only by the new students but also by the new faculty. " Highlights of the week include the PC skit, a Breadbox and a Cafe.

This year's freshman class will be the largest admitted to Earlham College since 1979. The class is composed of 306 freshmen and 29 transfer students. Forty percent are men, 60 percent are women; 9 percent are minorities. According to Robert deVeer, dean of admissions, the class of 1990 is different from preceding classes in many ways.

The most noticeable difference is the 5 percent increase in the size of the

class as compared to last year. But the strength of this group extends beyond its size. For instance, 70 percent of the incoming freshmen were ranked in the upper quarter of their graduating classes, about one-third are interested in participating in varsity sports and their average SAT scores are ten points higher than last year's class - 550 verbal and math. Ten percent of the class is Quaker; 6 percent are from the Western US, 6 percent are from the South, 40 percent are from the East, 45 percent are from the Midwest, and 4 percent are from foreign

Also, deVeer notes a "good artistic presence. " DeVeer felt that the original essays which the entering freshmen wrote for their application were very good and reflected the new students' attraction to Earlham's academic reputation.

DeVeer feels that this class was enticed more by the academic and intellectual aspects of the college than by the social aspects that have brought Earlham national recognition in the past few years. "We were trying to highlight the curriculum since the community had already been covered, " said deVeer.

The admissions office had originally planned on only 290 students, but the percentage of students who accepted offers to attend- the yield- was greater than anticipated. While this is good news for the admissions office, it causes a problem in the student development office. According to housing, almost 40 students were unsure where they were going to be housed at the end of last year. "This was the first time that a class was secured as early as mid-May in almost ten years," said deVeer. "We had to close down early because of the housing problem. "



Freshmen Liz Fray(I) and Sylvia Edgerton struggle with their post office box combinations. Most new students arrive today for New Student Week. - JY

Earlham student commits suicide

Earlham student Sharon (Stachio) Kimery was found dead in the abandoned Starr Piano Factory in theWhitewater gorge on Thursday, July 31, after committing

Her body was found in a sixth-floor stairwell by two teen-age boys exploring the area during the afternoon of July 31. Fearful that they might be implicated in her death, the boys did not report the matter to police until they had returned to Indianapolis that evening.

On the basis of autopsy reports and evidence provided by friends of Kimery, Richmond police concluded that the death was a suicide. "I've ruled it's suicide," said Paul Patterson, Wayne County coroner. "She died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. It does not appear there was any foul play."

Kimery, from Northville, Michigan, was summer. She had completed her freshman

A campus memorial for Kimery is being planned for later this month. Students who wish to participate in the memorial are encouraged to contact Stephanie Crumley-Effinger, campus minister.

suicide the previous day.

working on the campus paint crew this year at Earlham last spring and was registered for classes this fall.

Large class causes housing shortage

The large incoming freshmen class has caused a housing problem for returning students. At the end of last year about 40 students were unhoused, according to Jennifer Rodgers, the new director of housing. While all the students have now been placed in temporary housing, Rodgers said that they will be moved into more conventional housing by Term II.

The spaces that have been converted into temporary housing are: the Barrett Basement 'Fruit-O-Matic' Room, near the TV lounge, the six Hoerner study rooms, the Olvey-Andis sick rooms on second and third floors, the Earlham Hall sick room on second floor, and the Barrett study lounge on first floor. Most of the spaces are singles, except for the OA



Leslie Roby, Sue Reimansnyder, Gillian Paine repack food after returning from Farlham's Water Wildeness this past week

rooms which are doubles, and the Barrett "Fruit-O-Matic" room which is a quad, housing four students.Julie Yarborough, a junior who worked on the housing problem this summer, said that they are hoping to move two of them out before the beginning of Term I.

The reason so many students were unhoused is that incoming freshmen are guaranteed housing when they confirm their admissions offer. The rest of the rooms go into the housing lottery held at the end of each year. Because sophomores get the highest, or worst, lottery numbers, all of the unhoused students were sophomores.

Usually there are only about ten students who are unhoused at the end of the year, according to Marcia Taylor, a secretary in the student development office. Normally the number of students who go on off-campus studies, take leaves of absence, or transfer compensates for the number of unhoused students. But because of the unexpected size of the incoming class it did not work out this year.

To help to relieve some of the burden on Valerie Allen, who left her position as housing co-ordinator in July, student development offered more

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The Word Is Out!

Welcome to Earlham College and welcome to the first issue of the Earlham Word. Like those of you returning to campus or arriving here for the first time, we have high hopes for the coming year. A new year at Earlham offers countless opportunities for new undertakings and adventures. And one of the brightest new arrivals on campus is the Earlham Word.

The Earlham Word aims to fill the news gap that has plagued Earlham for the last several years. Without a newspaper, the rumor mill has promulgated countless absurd stories while real news has been buried. Although we will never be spared rumors, an effective newspaper will spare us its worst ravages. We aim to achieve this by clear, concise coverage of current stories plus in-depth reporting on issues affecting the goals and direction of the college.

In addition, the Word would not be complete without features, sports, advertising, and opinions -- space for editorials, letters, and columns to adequately represent the plethora of opinions flooding the campus. This issue only begins to demonstrate what we can do with a

campus newspaper

None of these fine goals will be met, however, without the continuing support the community is offering. Thanks to the dedicated work and enthusiasm from a number of people over the last several months we have this paper off to a strong start. This start will falter without the added support of writers, artists, photographers, cooks, masseurs, or anyone else who wishes to add his or her talents to seeing a respectable newspaper become an Earlham institution. In return, the Word can offer valuable dividends on this personal investment: writing experience, a photo or graphic portfolio, new friends, and hands-on experience in journalism; augmented by seminars and workshops with professional journalists.

Many hands make for light work, so lend yours to giving Earlham a newspaper that works. Watch for ads and posters on how to get involved or stop by the offices in Runyan Center basement. The Earlham Word -- Bringing Earlham the newspaper it deserves. -pdb

Edited for Television

Adam Ford

Now that all of you bright eager students are back from your respective unique summer vacations, some of you returning, some of you out here in the comfields for the first time, it's time to fill you in on just what's going on around here. Unfortunately, I'm in the dark about things here just as much as you are since I spent my summer in a big city somewhere and not right here at fun camp Earlham. So with that in mind, I'm going to turn to informing all of you pitiful new students about how this dear old not-quite-ivycovered college functions. Pay close attention.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT: Student government is an interesting theory. I think that the long term objective of the student government planning subcommittees is to involve no less than 70 percent of the student body in student government by 1990. We've already got a good start on this with a vast redundancy of 'co' positions, including our illustrious co-presidents. (This is, I assume, to ensure that if one were to be killed in a bizarre Ultimate Frisbee accident, the other could carry on without the threat of the vice president becoming president and subsequently turning every hall on campus into an Ag hall.) Taking this'co' thing to its inevitable end,I would expect to see tritreasurers, tetra-trustee reps, and duodecapresidents (one for each minority group).

Now you know the sure-fire way to get elected come spring elections: choose a running mate (or two).

CLASSES: Now classes are an important part of any college. They give the faculty something to do and they provide something for the students to talk about, which brings me to the next item.

STUDY HABITS: Most students study in the library, or in their rooms, or in a study lounge, or in a vacant classroom, or outside when it's nice, or, well, anywhere really. The point is not where you study, but when. Most Earlhamites stay up all night studying intensely for a test. Not so strange, right? I had the misfortune of attending a large state school for a year prior to ending up here and the students studied (when there was a need to, which was rare) all night too, but it was the night before a test. At Earlham, you will find diligent, earnest (read dull) students studying on a Thursday night for a test on Monday. What's worse is that they repeat this on Friday night, Saturday afternoon, Sunday all day, and into the night. Whew! What a waste of good leisure time! Speaking of leisure time....

SOCIAL HABITS: When students are not in the rut described above, they do some appallingly tame things like have "cheese parties" and go on doughnut runs.

HOW EARLHAM STUDENTS THINK:

- 1. Oh god! I've gotta go study!
- 2. No more Apartheid! (Nicaragua, Reagan, Queers, Eggplant surprise, etc.)
 - 3. Did you finish your reading yet?
 - 4. It's the administration's fault!
 - 5. Oh god! I've gotta go study!
 - 6. This food is awful.

(This space left blank for the cause of the week, which you should know by now.)

That's all I can think of for now, but here are some final tips.

- 1. Don't trust the food at SAGA farther than you can drop it.
- 2. Expect every teacher to be oblivious to the fact that you do like to do other things besides schoolwork.
- 3. The best thing to do when asked to sign a petition is to pretend that you already did. Really, it keeps overactive petitioners from dropping a huge guilt trip on you. After six or seven petitions and letter-writings in one week, you tend to get sick of them. (Not to say that they're not useful or good; I just tire of being looked at with disapproving eyes for walking by a petitioners' table.)
- 4. The Oreo cookie shakes at the coffeeshop are quite tasty.
- 5. If you want something done, form a committee. If there's already a committee, form a sub-committee, if there's one of those, form a task-force. Essentially, just break it up so far until someone is so sick of it that he, she, or it goes and gets whatever it was that needed being done by him-, her-, or itself. This also makes consensus easy when there's only one
- 6. Watch out for disc-flinging maniacal golfers.
 - Visit Richmond once in a while.
- 8. Watch out for disc-flinging maniac unicycle riders.
- 9. And the big important one: DON'T WORK SO HARD!!!

So have a fun stay here, I'm Adam Ford. Oh god! I've gotta go study!

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Admissions beats the enrollment slump

Earlham's jump in admissions this past year is a bit of a surprise after the uncertain future projected several years ago. However, thanks to an aggressive recruiting campaign by Earlham's admissions office and some unexpected developments in national enrollment trends these forecasts have gone unrealized.

The forecasts were in response to nationwide demographic trends and studies by other universities which indicated a slump in number of college-age youth graduating from high schools and entering college. After the baby boom tapered off in the 1960's the lower birth rate meant fewer children entering schools and now fewer eighteen-year-olds entering college. Over a ten-year period the number of college-age youth has dropped precipitously, especially in the northeast from where Earlham attracts most of its students. As a result of this demographic reality many schools, Earlham included, feared a corresponding drop in enrollment.

For the time being however, Earlham has been spared an enrollment

300

250

200

150

50

Number of Freshmer

Sizes of Freshmen Classes Since 1981

1983

1984

Year of admittance

1985

plunge. For one thing, the nationwide enrollment drop has never materialized.

According to report in the Chronicle of Higher Education last week, enrollment in the nation's 3,300 colleges and universties will drop less than 1 percent in 1986-87. Despite a decline in the number of high-school graduates, an increase in the number of older and part-time students is holding up enrollments.

According to Dean of Admissions Robert de Veer, Earlham has also benefited from successful admissions recruiting strategies and national publicity. US News and world Report ranked Earlham as one of the fourteen top liberal arts colleges in the country. Many college guides such as Barron's and the New York Times, have given Earlham four star ratings in quality of life and competetiveness. However, the admissions office has publicized these high ratings more than in the past. Said de Veer, " One of the reasons we did so well is because we did a little soft-shoe on the heads of the other GLCA schools. " This "soft-shoe" lead to the 5% increase in enw students.

De Veer feels that an even more

important statistic is the high yield, or percent of students who accepted offers to attend. Ivy league schools have an average yield of 40 to 42 percent, small, liberal arts schools, like Earlham, have as average yields of 20 to 21 percent, but Earlham had a 50 percent yield on this year's freshman class.

The prospects for next year's class are promising. Already, more SAT score reports and transcripts are being sent to admissions than at this time last year. De Veer hopes that Earlham will become a "preferred college" – not many applicants, but all of them are very serious about attending. Said de Veer, "My dream is to have 350 candidates, give 330 offers and have 310 accepts."

Organizations Fair

On Saturday, September 13th, from 11 am to 2 pm, the Comstock Room, in Runyan Center will be the host of the annual Organizations Fair. The fair is held during term I of every year to highlight the various organizations on the Earlham campus and to give both new and returning students more information about the activities and purpose of the organization.

Avis Stewart, director of Runyan Center encourages all groups on campus to sign up for the fair at Runyan Center Desk as soon as possible. Stewart feels that everyone should take this chance to look at what the campus organization have to offer. "Student organizations is whee the real learning in college comes from," said Avis.

Housing grants more exemptions

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exemptions to upperclass students at the end of last year. Yarborough and Taylor took over Allen's job and worked to house the remaining students by finding more places to put students until permanent housing could be found. "We couldn't have done it without Julie and Marcia," said Rodgers. "They kept up with the changes throughout the summer."

When asked whether changes would be made in the housing process to avoid this problem again, Rodgers said that some changes are being discussed, including the possibility of building another residence hall.

Earlham not alone in the housing crunch

Earlham is not the only college trying to cope with housing shortages. Last week's Chronicle of Higher Education described some strategies employed by schools in this situation.

Last year the University of Maryland housed more than 150 students in luxury hotels close to campus. Emory University, in Georgia, is giving away \$1000 checks to students who live off campus.

Temporarily housed Earlhamites may take comfort that Iowa students have to settle for "lounges converted into bedrooms."

Leeds Gallery Term I -- 1986

Sept. 3 -- Sept. 26 Professional Photographers of America Annual Juried Exhibition

Sept. 29 -- Oct. 24 GLCA Ceramic Exhibition

Oct. 27 -- Nov. 14 Joyce Parr, Visiting
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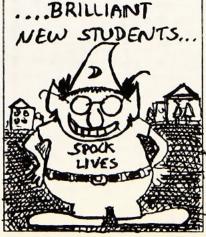
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Mixed Nuts



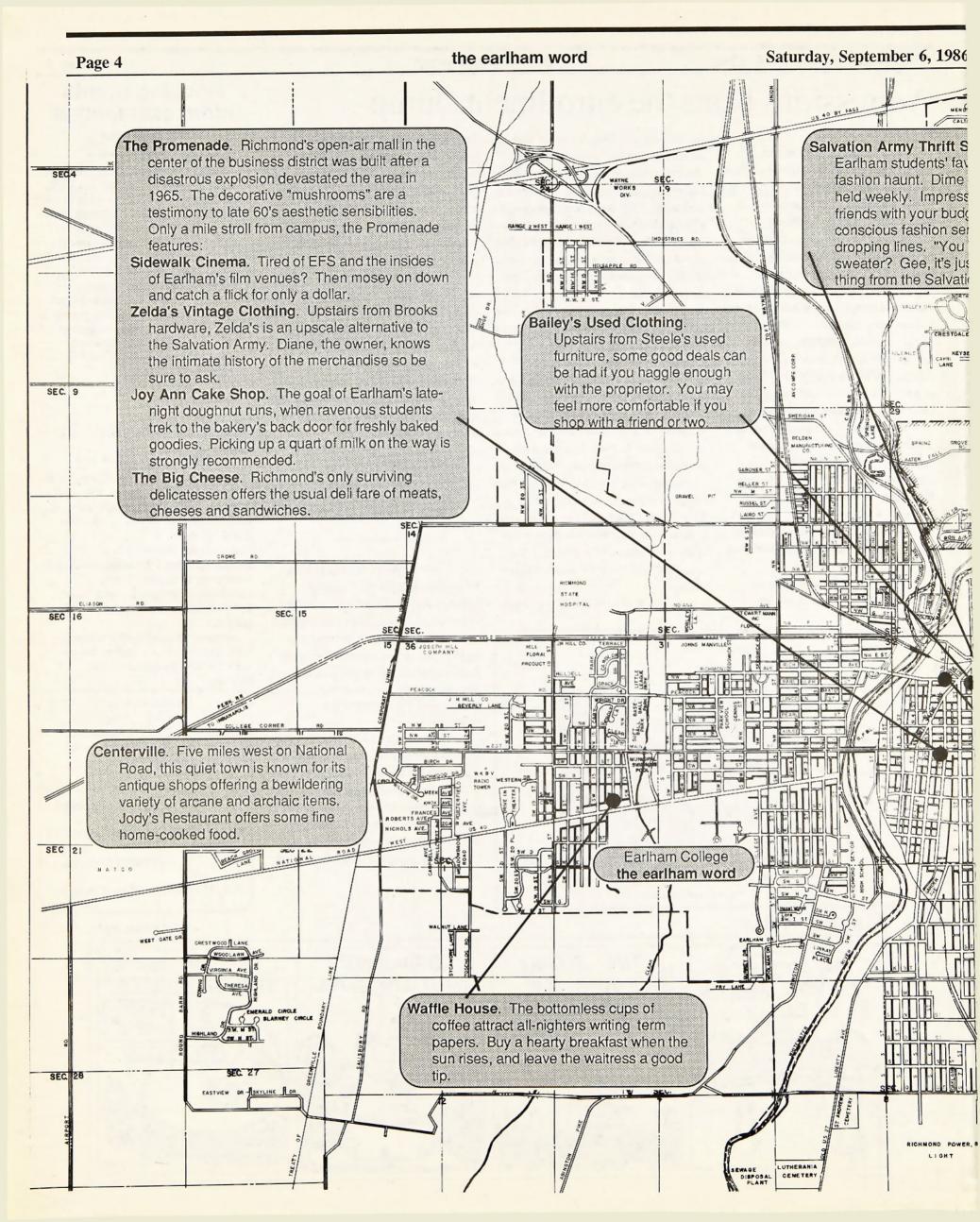


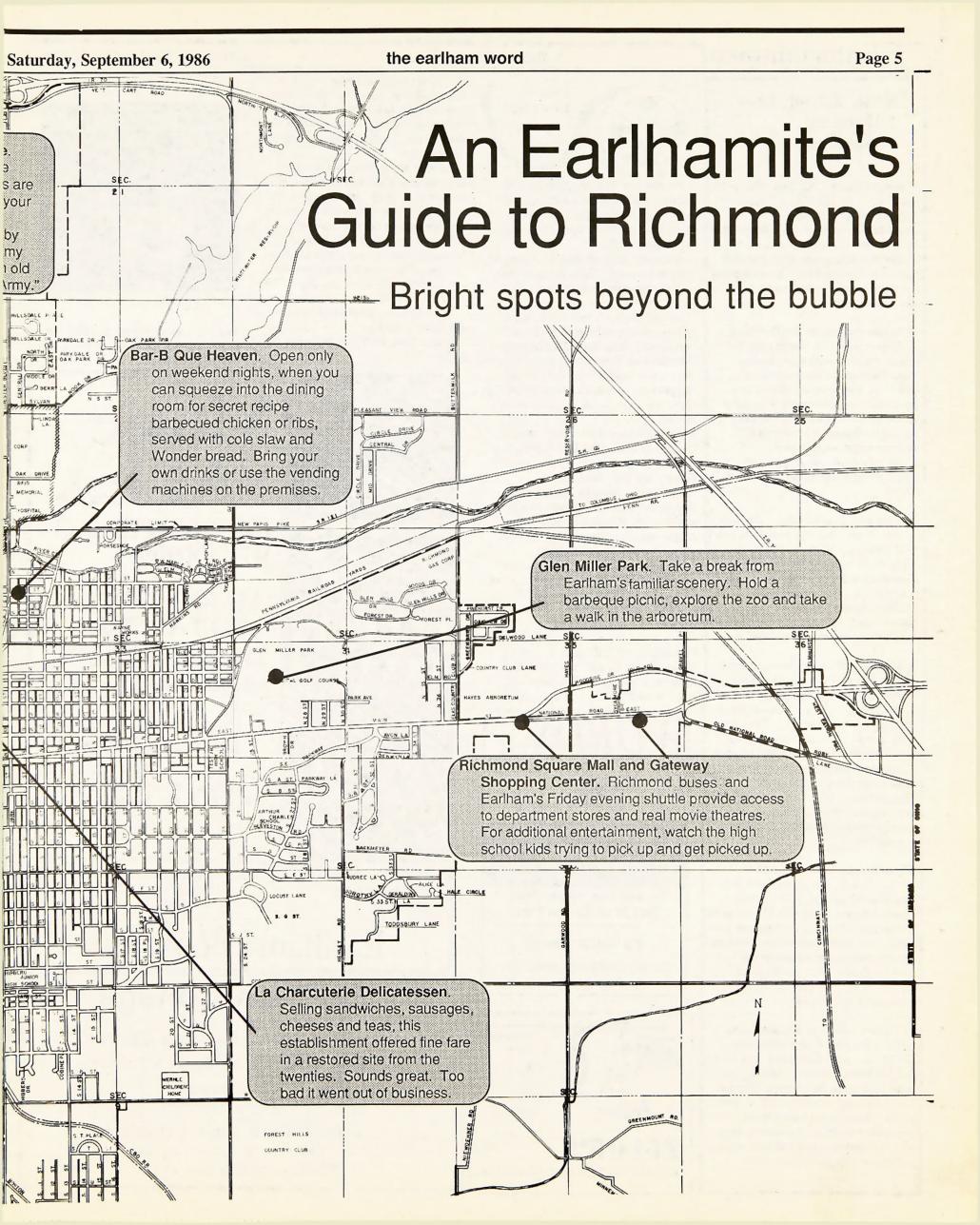
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By Eran Pyle





New from the library

Hope Farber

Ending Hunger: An Idea Whose Time has Come, by The Hunger Project.

This is probably the most comprehensive study of world hunger that has ever been published. Authored by an organization representing over 3 million persons in 152 countries, it brings together in a clear, forceful style the basic facts about world hunger.

The Commodore, by Jan De Hartog. Quaker author De Hartog again has produced a novel with a spellbinding plot. Commodore Horinxma is called back from retirement to take on a mysterious and challenging assignment aboard the pride of the fleet -- a huge new tug that is plagued by a mysterious tendency to get out of control. A compelling epic stressing people's eternal struggle with the sea and with their fellows.

Semites and Anti-Semites: An Inquir into the Significance of Anti-Semitism in Arab-Israeli Conflict, by Bernard Lewis.

The thesis of this brilliant history is that while many kinds of hostility are involved in the Middle East, virulent anti-Semitism, so long a poison in the bloodstream of Christendom -- is new and now threatens to enter the body of Islam.

A Woman's Place, by Marita Golden. When Crystal, Faith and Serena meet at Winthrop College, a prestigious New England school, they are drawn together primarily because there are so few other black women. Over the ensuing years their friendship deepens as each attempts to overcome other people's expectations about acceptable behavior for those of their color and sex. Golden's effectively uses a first-person narrative in this novel, moving among her main characters, their husbands and children.

Egon Schiele, by Serge Sabarsky. When Schiele, just 28, and his wife both died from influenza in 1918, he had already achieved a measure of fame in the art world as a leader of the Viennese avant garde. But his reputation faded and it too a later generation to rediscover the Austrian Expressionist painter as an explorer of the unconscious. Excellent color plates and halftones.

A Nature Diary, by Richard Adams. For a full year, Adams (Watership Down) kept a day-to-day record of what h saw and heard outdoors. With his Welsh collie he tramped the countryside on the Isle of Man and also journeyed to other places -- London, the Lake District, Denmark, Australia. A charming diary wich will appeal to bird watchers, walkers, and anyone else who enjoys nature.



Harold and Maude. Starring Ruth Gordon, Bud Cort, Vivian Pickles. 92 min. Showing Monday, Sept. 15 and Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 7 and 10 p.m. in Wilkinson, \$1.50.

A wealthy, death-obssessed 20-year-old falls in love with a lively octogenarian in this heartwarming and hilarious film. Harold (Bud Cort) is the troubled young man who drives his own hearse, stages phony suicides and attends the funerals of strangers "just for fun." Then he meets Maude (Ruth Gordon) who shows him just how worth living life is. Cat Stevens supplies the soundtrack to this Hal Ashby film. An Earlham favorite that's worth

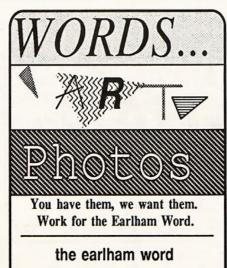
Shall We Dance, B/W, 1937, 116 min. Directed by Mark Sandrich. Starring Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers, Edward Everett Horton, and Eric Blore.

A wonderful musical score supplied by George and Ira Girshwin lends even greater sparkle to the effortless dancing of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers in one of the finest films in the musical genre.

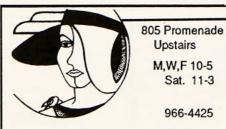
Ballet star Astaire falls for musical comedy star Rogers, who wants no part of him-- until they dance.

Sunday, Sept. 14, 8 p.m. in Dennis 110.

Diabolique, 1955, 107 min. Directed by Henri-Georges Clouzot Starring Simone Signoret, Vera Clouzot, Paul Meurisse, and Charles Vanel.



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" I only sought to amuse myself and the little child that sleeps in all of our hearts the child that hides her head under the bedclothes and begs, 'Daddy, Daddy, Frighten me'. " - Henri-Georges Clouzot, on Diabolique

The wife and mistress of a tyrannical headmaster at a provincial boarding school attempt to do away with their oppressive tormentor by drugging him with whiskey and dumping his body in the school swimming pool. The fruits of their labors, however, are somewhat uncertain.

"A pip of a murder thriller, ghost story, and character play rolled into one." - The New York Times.

"It's a fabulous, fabulous film; a very hot flick." - Ian Jipp

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Bud Court stars in Harold and Maude this Monday and Tuesday at 7 and 10 P.M. in Wilkinson theater.



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Weci Week

By Robbie Richardson

Have you ever wanted to be a disc jockey at a radio station? Have you ever wondered what it would be like to have screaming groupies call you and tell you that they <u>love</u> your show?

You can find the answers to these questions at Earlham's very own radio station, WECI, a 300-watt, non commercial station liscensed to the college. Currently the station operates by student management and the broadcasting is handled by volunteers from the community and the college.

The station began in 1951 as WVOE, "Voice of Earlham". The station was broadcast as an AM carrier current, which means the signal was only carried in the dorms.

In 1963, the station became WECI and joined the FCC (Federal CommunicationsCommission) as a ten watt station with the frequency set at 91.5 FM

In 1979, in an attempt to clear the cluttered FM channels, the FCC decided to eliminate all 10 watt stations. Through the support of the Richmond community, the station was able to power up to 300 watts. The radio staff retains a sense of being a radio station for the community, not just the college.

How can you become involved in WECI? It's very easy; on Tuesday,

September 9 at 1:00 p.m. we will have an open house down at the station - located at the bottom of the steps in Runyan Center - and all you need to do is show up and look around.

Up coming programming on WECI

Classic album of the week Saturdays at
9:00 p.m. -- Tune into 91.5 for the
classic album of the week, an album
of the past played in it's entirety.

September 6: The Police - Ghost in the
Machine - The Police's fourth
album and their second millionseller. This album secured The

seller. This album secured The Police as among the biggest hitmakers of the early Eighties with "Every Little Thing She Does Is Magic" which went to #3 in 1981. Other songs on the album include "Invivsible Sun", "Rehumanize Yourself", "Demolition Man" and many more.

September 13: The Who - Quadrophenia
- Sound track to the movie by the
same name, relaesed in October
1973. Quadophenia is the Who's
second double-album rock opera, and
a tribute to the tortured inner life of
the Mods. It was a hit and became a
movie directed by Frank Roddam in

1979.

Hockey, from page 8

"the workhorses of the team and so they have to be good. The transition to the new attack is aided by the number of strong athletes and returning players on the team," added Freitag.

Among the returning players is Margaret Kerrick. Last year the senior striker set a school scoring record with 20 points in the 18-game season. She will have ample opportunity to beat her own record in 1986. Freitag has put together a busy 24-game season for the women. The season starts with an important visit to the East to play Skidmore (Sept. 4), Trinity (Sept. 5), and Wesleyan (Sept. 6). The schedule also includes more NCAA division II schools, making the schedule more challenging for Earlham as a division III school. Freitag and team captains Kerrick and Lindbloom agree that playing Wittenberg and DePaul look like the most challenging games of the season.

When asked about an overall evaluation of this year's team compared to last year's team, Lindbloom stated that, "what makes this team so much better is that we're working more like a team. We've become a more mature team that's looking to win." Kerrick adds," Compared to last year's team, this year we're a hundred percent better."

Only six of the team's 24 matches will be at home this year, including the Earlham Invitational tournament on Oct. 17-18. But the tournament the team really has its sights set on comes at the end of October when Earlham will vie for championship status in the District 21 and Midwest Regional tournaments.

Football

September

- 13 Taylor
- 20 HANOVER
- 27 UNIV. OF SOUTH

October

- 4 UNION
- 11 Centre
- 18 ROSE HULMAN (Homecoming -- 2:00)

November

- 1 Rhodes
- 8 DEFIANCE
- 15 Manchester

Home games in CAPS
All games 1:30 P.M. EST

unless noted otherwise

Field Hockey

September

- 3 6 Eastern Scrimmage Tour
 - 4 Skidmore
 - 5 Trinity
 - 6 Wesleyan
- 10 Wittenberg scrimmage (V&JV)
- 13 KENYON (V&JV)
- 16 FRANKLIN (V&JV)
- 20 LOUISVILLE
- 23 Wittenberg (JV)
- 26 -27 Hope Invitational
- 30 MARION

October

- 2 Hanover
- 4 Goshen
- 10 Denison
- 11 Bethany at Denison
- 14 Ohio Wesleyan (JV)
- 18 EARLHAM INVITATIONAL
- 21 Franklin (V&JV)
- 22 WITTENBERG
- 24 25 District 21 Tourney
- 31 Nov. 1 Midwest Regionals

Home games in CAPS

Women's Volleyball

September

- 6 St. Mary of the Woods
- 9 IUPUI with IUS
- 13 TAYLOR/OAKLAND CITY
- 16 MUM/CEDARVILLE
- 19 20 Hope (GLCA Tourney)
- 23 Franklin with St. Mary's
- 30 ANDERSON

October

- 2 EDISON STATE/ CINCINNATI BIBLE
- 4 Ft. Wayne Bible
- 8 MUM with Clark Tech
- 11 Hanover v. Manchester,

Goshen

- 14 HANOVER
- 18 BEREA/GRACE/WS

CELINA

- 21 at Anderson with DePauw
- 24 at Denison with Tiffin
- 30 WITTENBERG/MARIAN

November

1 Conference Tourney at

Manchester

ter

7 - 8 Districts

Home games in CAPS

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Richmond

New players add promise to football prospects

Earlham College head football coach Frank Carr is pleased with the results of last Saturday's intersquad scrimmage, saying the team "showed a good effort that capped a good first week of practice."

Carr said the scrimmage was especially useful for revealing techniques and skills the team still needs to sharpen before the season opener at Taylor September 13.

"I am pleased with the overall improvement the team shows day by day," Carr remarked. He said the progress of the offense is especially gratifying with team members "ahead of where they were at this time last year."

Nevertheless, Carr said his young team still has a long way to go before the first game. "We are still building. Twenty-five players on this year's team were not with us last year," said Carr. "In other words, about half of our team is going to be made up of new people."

To fashion a winning product from essentially unprocessed material, Carr has had to follow a "back to basics" strategy from the first day of practice: "We are going to have to learn to crawl, then walk, then run. We will have to perfect the things we do at the start of the season

Senior defensive end Sean Cogan looks on while a fellow Quaker tackles an opponent in a scene from last year's season.

-File photo

Spikers anticipate strong season

By Sheliagh Smith

The Earlham women's volleyball team begins their 1986 season with many new faces on the squad. Several first-year players and a good crew of returning players are practicing hard to better last year's record-setting performance of accumulating the most matches won in the school's history: 16.

Lost from last year's team are four of the top seven players, including Libby Maudlin and Joan Fletcher, both all-conference selections. Also missing from this year's squad are Holly Rogers and Pat McDaniel. But coach Jean Eckrich is optimistic: "We have a lot of first-year players. We are also learning a new offense. We're moving from a six-two to a five-one. As that comes around and leadership develops, we will be competitive."

Eckrich expects to gain that leadership from players like Mitch Galloway and Margie Mamula, who are returning starters. Carole Lehman has returned from a year in Scotland where she played with the Scottish national team.

Joining the 1986 team are a number of promising new players: Jill Symons, an all-conference player from Winchester, Indiana; Laura Sievint, a two-year letter winner from Columbia, Missouri; Colleen Cunningham, an all-conference player from Dayton, Ohio; and Andrea Billieu, who started for two years with two time conference champions South Decatur.

Returning senior Alexia MacCaskill was also optimistic: "We have more depth than we've had in the last two years. A lot of new people are coming in. There are some big shoes to fill but everybody's doing a good job."

The team plays its first matches today in Terre Haute, Ind. against St.Mary of the Woods and Cincinnati Bible College. The first home match is Friday against IUPUI with IUS.

Soccer drops season opener

Earlham's soccer squad lost, 0-1, its first game of the season in a close match with the College of Wooster onWednesday after noon.

Wooster scored seven minutes into the game and then held the Quakers scoreless for the remainder of the match.

Coach Roy Messer and his squad travel to Pennsylvania this weekend for the Quaker Classic soccer tournament. before we undertake anything new."

Carr has reason to hope for a successful year. Of his 20 freshmen, six had all-state recognition as high school players. Two played in all-star games, and eight played on teams that won their conference championships. "So I think the quality of our incoming people is high," Carr said.

Complementing that quality will be the return of 20 lettermen. They include four offensive starters - running back Dan Luter, and linemen Mike Stillwell, Eric Gartner, and Steve Carpenter.

Back in uniform, too, are five from past seasons with the team's defensive squad -- Sean Cogan, defensive back; Jim Alexander, defensive end; Jim West, defensive back; and Charles Eberhardt, linebacker.

Earlham opens its 1986 season at Taylor University September 13. The home opener comes September 20 against Hanover. During the season, Earlham will also face its College Athletic Conference rivals -- Rose-Hulman in Indiana, Centre College in Kentucky, and University of the South and Rhodes College in Tennessee. Earlham faced several of the same opponents in last year's 0-9 season. Carr rates Rhodes, University of the South and

Rose-Hulman top contenders for the CAC crown, won last year by Rhodes.

Carr said he and his assistant coaches will concentrate on offensive ball control "and improve our strength in the running game." Defensively, "our strength is in our secondary," Carr said. "We may have to start three freshmen in the defensive line, so I hope we can improve quickly and get back to our attacking style of defense."

Assisting Carr this season will be Doug Welch in his second year as offensive coordinator. Pat Jacomet, an '85 graduate, will assist with the offensive line. Another '85 graduate, Mike Olexia, will work with the defensive line, and Brad Bane of Richmond will be linebacker coach. Sam Hogenhauer, an Earlham standout in the late 1960's, will coach the kicking game. Carr's brother, Tom, an all-conference player from Albion College in Michigan, will work with the quarterbacks. This is Carr's sixth year at Earlham, his second as head coach.

The Quakers will get a chance to show how far they've come today in a scrimmage at Anderson College. Carrplans to use the game as a means of getting playing experience for his younger players. "We want the scrimmage to be as game-like as possible," said Carr.

Another winning season expected for Earlham field hockey team

by Steve Lopez

"This year's field hockey team has the potential to overwhelm our opponents," says Coach Laurie Freitag. "The team has come together very fast and this year's team seems so much stronger than last year." Given the roster of returning seniors, a new assertive attack, high team morale and a strong bench, Freitag has good reason to be optimistic for the 1986 Earlham field hockey season.

Freitag is starting her second year as mentor of the Earlham squad. In her first season with Earlham she guided the team to a 10-7-1 record (6-0 in district play). The 1985 squad earned a berth in regionals, upsetting number one Wooster before being defeated.

Although the team has lost an assistant coach and a replacement cannot be found at this time, Freitag and team captains Martha Kerrick and Beth Lindbloom agree that the team's overall performance will not be affected. "The

place where we will be hurt the most will be with the junior varsity. I can only spread myself so thin," says Freitag. "In practices when we break up into offense and defense Laurie can only work with one or the other," says Kerrick.

Freitag is working on developing a new offense for her team. "We will play a two-three-two-three attack," she said, meaning a formation of two strikers, three forwards, two links and two backs. Last year's team stayed with a more cautious one-four-three-one-one system.

The new formation will put seven of the eleven players into the attack, a strategy designed to keep the oppositions defense harried. "The idea is to put more pressure on the other team's goaltender," says Freitag. This system also requires the wings to play both offense and defense, which makes them, in Freitag's words,

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