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Earlham hosts Model United Nations

By Sasha Benderly-Kraft
Staff reporter

Earlham College Model UN (ECMUN) held its annual conference for high school students last weekend.

The conference, now in its 16th year, was the largest it has ever been, with 210 students attending from nine high schools in Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio. A 10th school was registered to attend but canceled due to weather problems.

The conference was centered around committee debates. There were six committees, each of which had three or four topics to discuss. The committees included the African Union Peace and Security Council, the Committee on the Status of Women, the Human Rights Council, the Security Council, the United Nations Environment Program and the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD).

William Overhauser, a 10th grader from the International School of Indiana (ISI) who represented Belarus on the CSD, said that the topics of that specific committee were sustainable tourism, climate change and the rights of indigenous peoples.

According to senior Nadira Khudayberdieva, ECMUN's convenor and Secretary-General for the conference, the faculty advisors at the attending high schools were given the main say in their schools' choices of countries and committees. "They e-mailed me preferences, and we tried to give everyone their first or second choices," she said.

To the students attending, ECMUN represented a learning experience of several different dimensions. Overhauser mentioned that he learned quite a bit about Belarus, the country he was representing, which he described as "the last dictatorship in Europe."

Overhauser's fellow ISI 10th grader, Noah Flaniken, said that "arguing a position from a country's viewpoint and not your own beliefs gives you much more perspective."

There was also a strong social component to the experience for the students. The conference gave students a chance to get to know one another, as well as experiencing Earlham campus for themselves. Greg Kelly, a junior from St. Xavier High School, in

Cincinnati, was very enthusiastic about Earlham's campus and size of the campus while appreciating the fact that Earlham is "tucked away in a quiet area." Kelly also praised the organization of Earlham's conference, comparing it favorably to the conference he attended last year at the University of Dayton. In particular, he described ECMUN as "welcoming and relaxed."

According to junior Amrit Moore, who served as undersecretariat-general, that relaxation was a result of good logistics and thorough preparation.

"Most of the work was done beforehand, actually," said Moore, who served in the same position last year and recognized many students and advisors this year. "What really helped was our use of the ECMUN website - we posted answers to questions, as well as the working papers, online, so that the schools could access them during their preparation process." According to Moore, that preparation was a major asset for the smooth functioning of the conference.

Yusra Saleh, a sophomore who chaired the Human Rights Commission, cited the high school students themselves as another reason for the conference's success. "The high schoolers think highly of ECMUN, but we couldn't do it without them," said Saleh. "Everyone is actively engaged, and there's no awkward silence. Plus, the working papers are short and basic - it's up to the delegates to make something of them, and I've been very impressed."

Saleh also said she was enjoying being a chair, having attended several college-level conferences as a delegate. "Chairing is different; it really helps you understand the structure and framework of the committees," she said.

Joe Maloney and Jen Wiegler, faculty advisors from St. Xavier, expressed particular appreciation for this year's conference, with the added perspective of seven years of experience chaperoning students.

"Our kids are really enjoying the conference," said Maloney, "the choices of topics and committees are exciting for them."

Maloney mentioned that the students running the conference always put their mark on the



Photos by Leah Pope

Top: High school students representing the United Nations Security Council at Earlham's 2010 Model United Nations amend a resolution regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict last Saturday in the Bolling center.

Above: Senior Oliver Jacobs Dougherty solos in *Ain't No Sunshine* by Bill Withers back up by the Brimleys a cappella group to open the ceremonies of Model United Nations 2010.

dynamic, and said he was very impressed by this year's organization.

Wiegler also gave credit to Assistant Professor of Politics Jennifer Seely, who is serving as ECMUN's adviser while Welling Hall is on sabbatical, saying that Seely has done a great job stepping

in during Hall's absence.

Seely, for her part, elevated the students' contributions. "I asked them as many questions as they asked me," said Seely. "Welling had been running this for so long that it had become a part of the institution, but she didn't write things down." She cited

Khudayberdieva's experience and energy as essential parts of the conference's preparation. Seely says that while Hall will likely return to her supervisory role when she comes back from sabbatical, she intends to support ECMUN as much as possible in the future.

'Yesterday' illustrates convo on AIDS in Tanzania

By Mamus Ngeseyan
Staff reporter

Leleti Khumalo's graceful and soul-wrenching performance in *Yesterday* (2004) made a strong impression on the students and faculty who attended its showing in the Womyn's Center on Tuesday, Feb. 2. The event was open to both male and female students.

Members of the Pan African Society at Earlham, in conjunction with the Womyn's Center, showed the film in hopes that it would shed realistic insight on the ongoing scourge of HIV and AIDS within Africa. The movie showing also allowed students to become acquainted with what Dr. Theresa Kaijage would elaborate on during convocation

Wednesday afternoon.

Written by Darrell Roodt, a South African film screenwriter and producer, *Yesterday* was the first feature-length film ever made in isiZulu, the native language of the Zulu people of South Africa. The film was nominated for an Oscar in 2005 and for an Emmy in 2006. It also received a Gracie Allen Award for Outstanding Drama in 2006 and a Human Rights Film Award in 2004 from the European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation.

The main character of the movie, symbolically named *Yesterday*, discovers she is HIV positive. After this discovery *Yesterday* manages to undergo an ascent in mental courage despite her ailing physical strength.

According to members of the

61st Venice Film Festival, "Yesterday" presents different issues regarding human rights, with a particular focus on human dignity and economic and social rights. These rights include access to water, education and health care, as well as freedom from gender discrimination.

For senior Hallie Cranos, co-convenor of the Womyn's Center, the movie screening was a sign of



positive things to come.

"It was a beautiful story and movie," Cranos said. "I'm really excited that we were able to use the Womyn's Center and want it to be an inclusive space. We want all women on campus to feel it is their space."

James Logan, Director of African and African American

Studies and Associate Professor of Religion said the film was "the best of the human spirit in the midst of tragedy."

The film was obtained

through Americans for Informed Democracy (AID) with the help of junior Alma Raymer. According to its website, AID seeks to empower young people to "address global challenges ... [through] sustainable solutions at the campus, community and national levels... by facilitating educational dialogue through conferences, workshops, film screenings, video conferences and op-eds."

Anyone interested in seeing the movie before it is returned to AID should contact sophomore Sharon Martins at scmart08@earlham.edu.

A benefit dinner for WAMATA, Kaijage's HIV/AIDS support group organization, will take place tonight at 5 p.m. Kaijage will speak and the Brimleys will perform at the dinner.

Happening This Week

- **Tonight: Vegetarian potluck, 6:30 p.m., Marmon House**
- **Tonight: The Dynamites and Charles Walker with The Funkaholics, 10 p.m., Comstock**
- **Tomorrow: Air Guitar, 10 p.m. Goddard Auditorium**

Haiti relief has local connection

By Jonas Shellhammer

Staff reporter

When an earthquake measuring 7.0 on the Richter scale hit Haiti on Jan. 12, international aid and rescue forces rushed to provide assistance to the stricken region. Some of the first responding teams were locally organized and trained as part of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program, which Director of Campus Safety and Security Cathy Anthofer helped set up in Haiti some six years ago.

Anthofer was working on her graduate degree in emergency management and higher education leadership at Eastern Michigan University in 2004, when she received a phone call about the CERT program. She started working with the program in Bay County, Mich., and eventually came in contact with Paul Cormier, who at the time was the Director of Emergency Management for Bay County. Cormier was also involved with a school in Haiti for underprivileged children.

Anthofer traveled with Cormier to Haiti in order to train locals, not only as CERT team members, but also as trainers themselves.

"Our whole vision was to have them have the ability to train as many teams as they wanted to," said Anthofer.

After getting trained, the

local teams were given a set of CERT equipment packages, which typically include such things as bandages, tape, and heavy gloves. However, due to funding limitations, Cormier and Anthofer's group had to make it a one-time gift; after the initial equipment wore out, the Haitian teams had to replace it themselves.

Almost six years later, the Haitian CERT program was still in full throttle and provided crucial assistance when the earthquake hit. Cormier's school - where the training originally occurred in 2004 - is located in Leogane, which was the epicenter of the earthquake. While main relief efforts were directed to Port-au-Prince, Leogane received relatively little aid in the days following the initial tremor. Anthofer estimates that the CERT presence helped some 1,500 people in need.

So what is the purpose of CERT and how does the training work?

CERT was originally a project started by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and has since become an international phenomenon. In fact, Cathy Anthofer is working with Associate Dean for Student Success Wendy Seligmann to create a freshman orientation course that will involve CERT training.

Freshman Audrey Timm

was part of the June wilderness program last summer. When asked about what kind of emergency-preparedness work she did during the program, Timm replied that it was limited.

"We did some stuff, but I feel like had there been a real emergency, we wouldn't really have been prepared," she said. "If I could have taken a program that focused more on that aspect, I would have," she continued, but went on to say that the program was still a positive experience.

The orientation course, which will be limited to 16 participants and occur in August, will also provide additional experiences outside of the CERT certification that it offers.

"The program provides more extensive training. Students will get certified as CERT members, but they will also receive additional training and certifications," said Seligmann. This will include an American Red Cross Professional Rescuer certification, which includes AED and CPR training for both adults and infants, as well as training on how to construct shelters.

A CERT training course is 30 hours long, and will provide the trainee with the tools to sustain life in a mass-casualty incident for up to 72 hours. Advanced first aid, basic search and rescue techniques, such as what formations to use as a group, are included in the course. Other

skills include fire suppression and assessment of structural integrity for gauging whether or not a building is safe to search.

CERT training also focuses on "disaster management," which is a way of structuring leadership during a catastrophe.

Commenting on disaster management, Anthofer said, "We train people to understand that, in a disaster, leadership is very top-down. You follow the directions of your leader — you can't go rogue."

Another crucial portion of the CERT training is that of triage — that is, the split-second assessment of injuries and subsequent rationing of medical supplies and attention. Finally, beyond the training, responders select who will be best served by medical assistance and who is beyond help.

Trainees are also prepared for the psychological pressure that they may face during a disaster.

Anthofer characterizes this last part as teaching people "how you take care of yourself ... because these responders will be witness to horrific things."

Students interested in more information on CERT can access it at <http://www.citizenecorps.gov/cert/>. More information on Paul Cormier's work with education in Haiti is available at <http://www.soleilfoundation.org/>.

Faculty response

"I'm grateful that there is support at Earlham for thinking about people in Haiti. I think that it's good to have conversations, both those about what is done immediately, but also the big picture, long term and how people can stand in solidarity about what Haitians would like to have happen for the future."

— Aletha Stahl, professor of French



Photos by Alex Pianetta

Above: Space was limited in the farmhouse as many students gathered to eat pizza made in Miller Farm's outdoor adobe oven. Proceeds went to Zanmi Lastante, a Haitian organization.

Left: Senior Mica Whitney, a resident of Miller Farm, showcases one of the pizzas made for the Haiti Benefit Dinner last Saturday.



Faculty response

"The situation in Haiti gives us some of the strongest examples we've had in a long time of how important it is to use our generosity to help build the capacities of developing countries to address their own problems."

— Jennifer Seely, assistant professor of politics

Farm bakes adobe oven pizza for benefit

By Simon Levine

Staff reporter

Earlham students braved frigid temperatures to eat homemade pizza at the Miller Farm House Haiti Benefit this past Saturday, Jan. 30.

Dozens arrived to show their support for the Caribbean island nation that was recently decimated by a magnitude seven earthquake.

At Earlham College student groups have rendered support for the over one million people left homeless and the many more that are without adequate food and water. A large number attending the benefit were also involved in other activities across campus to raise either money or awareness.

At Miller Farm, all of the home residents helped to buy the ingredients, construct the pizzas, and bake them in a real adobe oven. Some of the ingredients came from benefactors within the school.

"We got a really good deal on the vegetables," said senior Mica

Whitney, who helped make the pizzas. The pizzas included such vegetables as cauliflower, corn, yams, and onions.

Junior Lucas Williams gave the pizza an ecstatic review. "This cauliflower and corn pizza, that's the best idea ever!" Taylor said, adding that he felt the benefit was a worthwhile cause and that he "loved delicious pizza."

Almost unlimited helpings of pizza were doled out. Tickets were \$5 at Runyan in advance, and \$6 at the door. Another admission option was \$3 and a Saga meal.

While the pizza wowed some, the oven that cooked it was equally impressive. Alumnus Jaime McPherson, class of 2008 and senior Aaron Goldbeck explained that the oven had been built during the 2003 and 2004 May terms. It's constructed of adobe and was originally designed to bake bread, but worked for the pizza dough as well.

Proceeds from the event will go to Zanmi Lastante, a community-based organization based out of

Haiti whose main name means "partners in health" in Haitian Creole.

Zanmi Lastante was started in the village of Cange, Haiti, in 1985. The organization's number one goal is to provide Haitians living in poverty with access to primary care. Zanmi Lastante also works at improving access to education and helping people fulfill their basic needs.

Senior Jake Haisley, in attendance at the event, has also been involved in fundraising around campus with faculty and with Amnesty International. In addition to helping fundraise for the last several weeks in Runyan, Haisley has also been working to contribute to a free public school run by a friend of his in Milot, a small town in northern Haiti.

"We are trying to help the people who are working in the most vulnerable areas trying to save lives," explained Haisley, who also has a personal obligation in Haiti. "I'm worried about my friends down there." Haisley will also be speaking at an upcoming

Amnesty event on campus.

Also in attendance was freshman Noor Balbaky, another student working on the Haiti relief effort for Amnesty International at Earlham. According to Balbaky Amnesty International will be hosting a week of campus events focusing on Haiti.

This week of events, which is set to begin on Feb. 22, will include Dr. Rami Sayddari from Doctors Without Borders, Professor of French studies Aletha Stahl and Director of Gospel Revelations Choir Shenita Piper. Saydarri will be speaking on Monday and Stahl will be speaking on Tuesday, but a date has yet to be determined for Piper.

Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. there will be a vigil and power blackout on the Heart to simulate powerless conditions in Haiti. On Thursday there will be a movie, and the week will conclude on Friday with a dance in Comstock. The dance will feature reggae music, a jazz band, and a performance by the Brimleys.

Are you done reading?



Recycle this newspaper!

Jabali Afrika turns Goddard into dance hall

By Mamus Ngeseyan

Staff reporter

What do two Kenyans, two Cameroonians and one Mswati have in common? The answer is simpler than you think. The answer is Jabali Afrika.

The group's five members, Joseck Asikoye, Tanash Henri, Justo (Jus) Asikoye, Dumisizwe Bhembe and Donald Bossadi, performed their "shake and bake" rhythms in Goddard auditorium on Friday, Jan. 29 at 9 p.m.

Jabali Afrika sang hits such as "100% Parracent," "Stranger" and "Cost Of Living" to an audience that did not mind turning the aisles into impromptu dance floors before taking over the stage and bringing the auditorium to life.

Beginning a career by getting fired hardly seems like a typical success story, however this was the first part of Jabali Afrika's

journey to success. After joining the Kenya National Theatre in 1993, they were soon dismissed for not "fitting in" with the theater's image. Consequently, they participated in a talent contest that won them much national recognition and took them to over 30 cities in Europe and the Middle East.

In the summer of 1995, the band ventured across the Atlantic to the United States where they were featured on the television shows "Good Morning America" and "Mr. Roger's Neighborhood." These appearances spurred much interest nationwide for the then-eclectic band playing percussion instruments they could barely afford.

As they toured various cities, many found themselves wondering what to call the kind of music Jabali Afrika played. To some, it was easier to call it world pop, or better still, worldbeat.

Joseck Asikoye, singer and conga player prefers the term "roots" to describe the band's style, saying, "Some people think it is reggae, but it's African music with a modern orientation."

"I thought it was a unique cultural experience. I liked the fact that they used their music and everyone can relate to that."

— Krystnell Storr, sophomore

Jabali Afrika draw influence from Osibisa, one of the first African bands to crossover onto the British Charts during the 1970s. Jabali Afrika has also been influenced by Kenyan musicians from the 1950s like George Mukabi. However,

currently, Jabali Afrika are the ones influencing the international music scene as they are changing how African music is viewed overseas.

Their passion to address problems in society and promote the positive side of Africa is at the core of what inspires them to make music. One of their songs, "People's Voices," was banned from Kenyan airwaves because it supposedly incited election violence witnessed in 2007. However, the band released another song, "Ask Yourself Why" to raise awareness about who is to blame for the people's hardships.

Even though every member writes songs, in order for their music to remain educated, entertaining and true to what is being talked about, it is necessary for them to apply some "Jabali Magic." This term refers to each member fulfilling his or her

role in realizing the potential of each song that is written and produced.

For Jus Asikoye, every song comes with its difficulties and triumphs, however Joseck Asikoye adds, "Our song-making process goes through a rebirth, from perfection to imperfection to perfection once more. It is just hard to move from imperfection to perfection."

For those who attended the event, it turned out to be more than they had bargained for.

Sophomore Krystnell Storr said, "I thought it was a unique cultural experience. I liked the fact that they used their music and everyone can relate to that."

Sophomore Maria Adamson, who got to contribute some of her drumming skills to the performance, said, "It was so much fun. It was great because it involved the audience, the whole event just had so much energy."

Say what?!

Quakers abandon consensus

By William Duffee

Staff reporter

The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) announced Tuesday, Feb. 2 that it has abandoned the process of consensus and has put in its place a new model of decision-making.

The new process, titled "Voice Volume Value System" (VVVS), involves shouting as loud as one can, and whoever shouts the loudest is declared the winner of the debate. However, this new method extends past decision-making and applies to all forms of debate, according to the Quakers' statement.

Earlham College Co-President Boug Dennett was one of the founders of VVVS.

"WE REALLY FEEL THAT THIS IS AN EASIER PROCESS THAN CONSENSUS," said Dennett. "THIS WAY, WE SAVE MUCH MORE TIME IN OUR RELATIONS AND CONVERSATIONS WITH ONE ANOTHER."

Some Quakers expressed disagreement with the announcement.

"This is the result of a few rogue Friends who have become

obsessed with power," said Stout Meetinghouse Clerk George Penn. "This isn't at all what our founding Friends intended."

Quaker Elizabeth Penington agreed.

"I am extremely unhappy with this decision. Consensus was a method through which all parties could be satisfied with a conclusion," she said.

"THEY'RE JUST MAD BECAUSE THEY HAVE PUNY AND INCOMPETENT VOICES," said Dennett, which he then followed with an extended laugh.

Quaker Expert Rufus Woolman said that this decision could be a pivotal moment in Quaker history.

"Well, it would probably be the first time in history that all members of a religious group shredded their vocal chords in such a short amount of time," said Woolman. "But I suppose it's also important that it, you know, changes the whole Quaker society thing. I guess."

Most students are unsure of how VVVS will affect the Earlham experience. Some believe the new system doesn't bode well for class discussions, but others are enthusiastic about

the change.

"I really don't think this is civilized," said sophomore John Fox. "Arguments suddenly don't need to make any sense at all."

"YOUR FACE DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE, JOHN," said junior Ben Ricardo, who then exclaimed, "I WIN!"

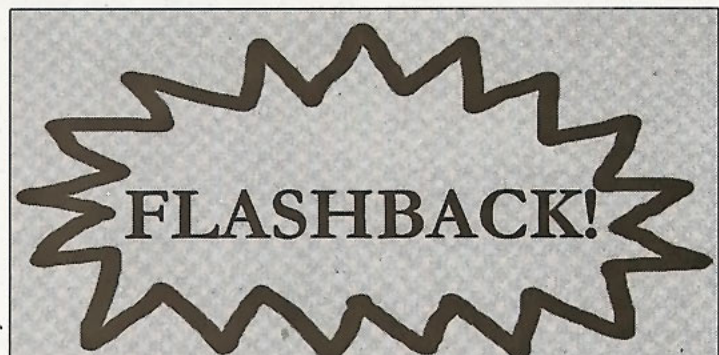
Dennett said that VVVS might be made mandatory for all classroom discussions. Such a clause is currently being considered for Earlham's Principles and Practices document.

Woolman believes that the clause will be adopted soon.

"I mean, the committee which reviews Principles and Practices has already adopted VVVS, so the opposition doesn't stand much of a chance," Woolman said. "Especially when considering the how fervently the VVVS supporters react to anyone who disagrees with them."

In the meantime, Dennett advises that you conduct yourself according to the new model, as he thinks preparation for VVVS would be beneficial.

"YEAH, YOU SHOULD DEFINITELY START NOW," said Dennett. "BUT ONLY IF YOU WANT TO WIN."



By Marisa Keller

Contributing editor

Model UN

Eleven years ago, on Feb. 5, 1999, the Word reported that Earlham had hosted its largest-ever Model United Nations (ECMUN) conference. One hundred and forty high school students from Indiana and Ohio attended. The theme of the conference was "Debating the Present, Envisioning the Future."

Jonas Walker, the Secretary-General of the ECMUN, said, "ECMUN is a bunch of high school students passing resolutions that really don't effect [sic] anyone, but when they decide to take it seriously they change the future."

On the same day, the Word reported that construction on the Athletics and Wellness Center

"faces setbacks." Engineers had found that "the roof of the newly renovated rubber gym would require reinforcing." Further, humidity had pushed back the laying of the wooden floor. Because of the delay, the basketball team had to finish out its season in the old Trueblood Fieldhouse. They had hoped to break in the new gym at the end of their season.

The Crime Beat that ran that week reported that "a young male was eating the food out of the refrigerator on the second floor of Bundy. The male was determined to be a 16-year-old non-Earlhamite who was accompanied by two other juveniles and 19-year-old non-student. They were discovered to be minors in possession of alcohol. Their parents were called."

Voices on the Heart

Compiled by John Jacobson and Anna McCormally

This "Voices on the Heart" shows predictions that students had for the first episode of the final season of "Lost," which premiered Tuesday



"Well, I think that they're definitely going to end at LA X because the title of the first episode leaked. But it could be a trick, they could just be playing lacrosse."

ALEX THOMAS ARNOLD,
SENIOR



"Isn't there a polar bear in it or something? Maybe it will attack somebody."

KRISTEN HOPPE,
SOPHOMORE



"I have no idea, they just make it up as they go long ... they'll probably end up in space."

RACHEL RASP,
FRESHMAN



"I would assume that they get found."

DANIEL ETHAN SALI,
FRESHMAN

This "Voices on the Heart" shows reactions that students had after watching the first episode. Caution, show spoilers follow.



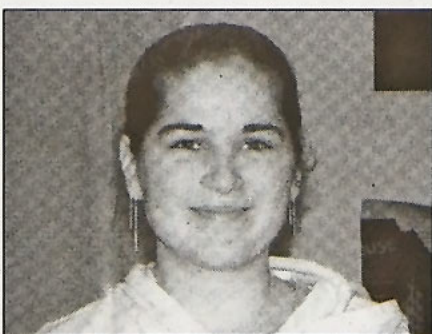
"It was interesting ... I don't know how they're going to conclude it. My favorite part was when Sayid came back to life."

MARK CHRISTIANSON,
FRESHMAN



"Lost makes no sense! I thought the premiere episode of the final season was merely extension of the terror and utter hopelessness presented by previous seasons of Lost. The alternate reality twist was the worst. They totally copped out."

DAVE GOLDENBERG,
SOPHOMORE



"I'm unsure about the first episode because I don't know what direction the season is going in."

AVERYL HALL,
SOPHOMORE



"I still don't know what I thought of it. I'm just so much more confused now ... it was more confusing for me than other seasons have been."

MICHAEL SKIB,
JUNIOR

COMMUNITY

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Local talent shows off at E Street Pub

By Gabriel Middaugh

Staff reporter

The hosts were tapping on a microphone, saying "check-check, one, two, check-check," and situating the hand-drums, when the first big crowd walked into the "E" Street Pub.

By the time the guitars were going through the soundcheck process, locals were laughing at each other's jokes, games were being played, the bartender was welcoming newcomers, and the pub was full of smiling faces.

The "regulars" who attend every week were easy to hear as they introduced themselves to newcomers. "E" Street is a local favorite for a variety of live music acts.

For Shola Oni, it is a place "where everybody knows your name. It's always nice to be surrounded by familiar faces while listening to good music."

This venue holds one of the few "Acoustic Open Mic" nights in town every Thursday night. Bringing instruments is encouraged, however, to the hosts, coming to listen, play, or both, is more important. Every 20 or 30 minutes, the host calls into the microphone: "If you play music ... let me know, and we'll get you up here!"

This venue is only for those who are at least 21 years of age, but many of their events are free.

Every Tuesday night from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. there is an electric open mic session, while an acoustic open mic session takes place from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Thursdays. This gives Earlham students and anyone

else in Richmond a place to play and hear music for free, twice a week.

Other nights of the week are usually booked with bands from the area, with the occasional out-of-state group. Last week, the bartender mentioned two popular bands that perform there a lot to a group of guests.

One of these bands plays Guns N' Roses songs, and the other is called "Speak of the Devil" (an Ozzy Osbourne tribute band). Classic rock is generally what gets booked at "E" Street yet other styles are promoted throughout the week.

Last Thursday, Jan. 28, the weather was cold and there were still 30 or 40 people at E Street for the acoustic open mic.

A number of songs were covered, like "You Can't Always Get What You Want" by the Rolling Stones, and "Friend of the Devil," written by the Grateful Dead. Some original tunes were played, and there were hours full of improvisation between different drummers, guitarists, and vocalists.

Most of the people in the pub were between 21 and 30 years old, but there were locals up to the age of 50 or 55 playing music and having long discussions about drum technique and musical inspiration. A lot of younger people there said they went to Ivy Tech, and others have graduated within the last few years.

One thing that everyone had in common was that they came to "E" Street Pub every Thursday to play music with each other.

Michael Badger, a regular at the pub, said, "It's the only place I



Photo by Elsa Haag

"E" Street Pub, located at 815 North E. Street near the corner of South 8th Street, is less than two miles from campus. It offers many opportunities to perform with an open mic night on Tuesdays, Karaoke on Wednesdays, and acoustic open mic night on Thursdays.

like to go for music in Richmond. I really love the environment."

The beginning of the open mic nights are generally slower, until after the first half hour when more people start showing up. Nonetheless, musicians appreciate it when crowds come earlier so that the music lasts all night and more artists get to play with one another.

In addition to the music, there

are a other things to do at "E" Street while waiting for the open mic to kick off. "E" Street is home to a pool table, a small bowling lane, and, as regular musician Rob Abrams said, "They have wi-fi, too!"

Earlham College has a number of on-campus activities, art shows, Student Activities Board events, speakers, game nights, dances, and other things to do

each week. Sometimes, however, students want to find something to do off Earlham's grounds. "E" Street, for students who are 21 years or older, is less than two miles away from campus and has free admission to two of its most popular events, twice a week.

For more information on "E" Street Pub, or upcoming events, visit <http://www.myspace.com/estreetpubrocks>.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

The proximity of Mars to the sun is suggesting that tonight might be a good night to break in to the Wellness Center and go skinny-dipping with a special someone. Go at midnight. Bring goggles.

Taurus (April 20-May 19)

Jackpot, Taurus! It's going to be a good week for romance. Just remember to put that secret sign on your door—your Libra roommate is in a forgetful mood and just might burst in at the worst possible time to get a textbook.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

It's not looking good for you this week. To cheer yourself up, consider selling all your textbooks on baf.com and use the money to buy a present for yourself.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

The stars are saying that it's time to get that tattoo you've been considering. I'll drive, if you want.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Steer clear of Saga this Sunday. An unwanted figure from your very recent past will be lurking by the coffee cart around noon. Some people just can't take a hint!

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

There's a windfall of cash coming your way this week. I'd warn you not to do anything illegal, but I don't want to be preachy—so I'll just stick with: try not to get caught!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You've been telling everyone all week that you have no idea where you lost that one thing last weekend—but I think you know, Libra. I really think you remember.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Saturn is indicating that your choice of major may not be the best for you. Oh well—chin up and re-declare. We can't all be good at everything.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Borrow a car and make a pilgrimage this weekend. Sunday is going to be a beautiful day to go on adventure.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

All right, that's it. Everyone is tired of your antics behavior and the moons of Jupiter think it's time for you to suck it up and commit. It's not that bad—not all relationships lead to exhausting co-dependency, after all.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Your future is blurry, Aquarius. Oh wait, no, that's not your future—it's your vision. I'd advise leaving your door unlocked and hiding your phone from yourself on Saturday night. Your ex will not enjoy those voicemails.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

You know that thing with that thing that you've been considering? Yeah, you know what I'm talking about it. The time is ripe, Pisces. The time is ripe. Consider this to be a go-ahead from the cosmos.

ESG weighs in... on committees!

Weekly update

Hello Earlham!

We hope that the start of the new semester has been epic. It's great to be back and see everyone.

The past few days we have been in the process of compiling a list of the current members on all committees on which students sit. Although the list is not fully completed we have a good idea of the various open positions that need to be filled. Both the

Socially Responsible Investing Advisory and the Vendor Relations Committees have one open position, while the Student Organizations Council has three open positions. The following committees each have two positions open:

- the Admissions and Financial Aid Committee
- the Athletic Committee
- the Assessment Committee
- the Budget Committee
- the Community Partnership Council
- the Harassment Board
- the Information Technology Policy Committee
- the International Education Committee
- the Student Search and Interview Committee

Finally, the Student Judicial Council and the College Judicial Council both have four open positions, which we would like to fill as soon as possible!

The descriptions of all of these committees can be found online at the Earlham home page if you type "standing committees" into the index search.

All of these committees provide the community with important services and provide students a valuable opportunity to have their voice heard and give back to the community while meeting new people and learning valuable life lessons.

We look forward to rockin' ESG with you!

In order to apply, email Conor at cdhall09 or esg@earlham.edu

Pick up an application from the door of the coffee shop or the bulletin board in the basement of Runyan.

Aquatic word search of the week

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KRILL
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SEA CUCUMBER
SEA GULL

SEAWEED
SHARK
STARFISH
SULPHUR
TIDE
VENT
WATER
WHALE

Put your Spanish to good use; join RITA translators

By John White

Guest writer

In thinking of how to write this simple call for help I was struck by the prevalence of effective speech in day-to-day life.

When you order your coffee and you greet your friend, you probably do so with ease, even without much thought at all. Imagine living without that ease of communication.

Given our internationally-oriented campus and our required language classes, I presume that it is not too difficult to put yourself in the space of not knowing what the hell the waiter at the café just said, and why he is now vehemently pointing from you to the menu, repeating the same word over and over as if the words will mean something to you if he repeats them enough.

I assume that many of you have experienced something like the waiter's exasperation when a grumpy and famished person who can't seem to understand the simple fact that the kitchen is out of salmon.

Now back to the call for help, which, if you speak any Spanish at all, you should really pay attention to.

The Richmond Interpreter's and Translator's Association (RITA) is a group of students who volunteer their time and knowledge of Spanish to assist community members who do not speak English in various social service situations including tenant/landlord meetings, doctor's appointments, meetings with lawyers and officials, and parent-teacher conferences, to name a few.

Currently, there is one person in Wayne County who is professionally trained to handle interpretations. There are indeed many community members who do not speak enough English to arrange for a doctor's appointment for their carache.

The services RITA offers are very much so in demand. However, given the bizarre

schedules that we as students keep, a number of volunteers are needed to make sure someone is consistently available to help.

So, RITA is looking for more volunteers to help maintain this student-run organization that allows us to put our classroom knowledge of Spanish to use in the form of locally oriented service to the community.

Does the prospect of going to someone else's ultrasound appointment seem daunting to you? Think about the courage it takes to ask for an interpreter at your gynecologist's appointment.

Do you feel like you don't quite have that level of Spanish? In my mind, there is no better way to improve your knowledge of a language than to use it outside the classroom. RITA needs people with a basic level of Spanish, not only those who are fluent. Even a very rudimentary level of Spanish is better than not having an interpreter at all.

Do you feel like you need some extra help or some kind of orientation? We have helpful resources and we are also planning an interpreter training workshop in the near future.

Don't have a car? Not willing to bike? We have transportation options. Don't have time? Neither do I, but that hour nap seems pretty pointless when you've just helped a guy not get evicted because he can't understand his bills.

Please take this opportunity to challenge yourself, to do something meaningful in the greater Richmond community, and, most importantly, to help someone.

If you have any Spanish language skills and are interested or would like more information, please e-mail me.

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Cheers & Sneers

CHEERS to:

- Foster House being the coolest and craziest group of people on campus.
- Jabali Afrika and their 100 Parracent performance.
- Mail.
- Stealing vegetables from Saga and making them into meals better than anything Saga makes.
- My bed for being deliciously comfortable and welcoming me every night.
- Friends who will give you massages.
- Feeling good about life, even at the beginning of February.
- Unexpectedly acquiring money.
- Spontaneous text messages from parents.
- Procrastination-improved writing.
- People who brighten your day without even knowing.
- Discovering you have stuff in common with people you like and enjoy hanging out with.

SNEERS to:

- Roasted veggie pizza with meat on it.
- UPS for being really slow getting me my package.
- Mushy broccoli in Saga. Mushy broccoli in general.
- Hunger.
- The weather for being uncreative.
- A lot of people being sick. Or about to get sick. Or recovering from sickness.
- The fact that alcohol is pretty much the only thing that unites people and promotes community. Really, Earlham? Really?
- Procrastination for making me antsy.
- The anticlimactic nature of the firetruck and ambulance outside of the Wellness Center Monday night.
- Being too busy to make someone a present when they really deserve to get one. Happy Birthday anyway!

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

Sneer: noun, a contemptuous or scornful remark.

SEND YOUR CHEERS AND SNEERS TO ROOSTROM08.

Rosa's opinion about opinion

By Rosa Ostrom

Contributing editor

This is a pretty cool opinion page, right? Cheers and sneers, a nice piece about translation... and a giant ad at the bottom.

This page could be full of witty and thought provoking pieces that you and your peers have written. Why isn't it?

Only one of you sent them in. For that one, we are truly grateful, but one piece does not an opinion page make.

This page tends to be much more interesting when there's something more than a medieval-looking man pointing a finger at you, especially when you've already seen this man in at

least six other issues of the newspaper.

Wouldn't it be cool if you wrote a piece that people cared about enough that they wrote back to this section to talk about? Yes! Yes, it would!

One of the things that makes the opinion section so great is that you, the reader, get to have your thoughts and ideas shown.

A much better alternative to interrupting your roommate while she's doing her homework to tell her your ideas about the ways that the country needs to revamp the political system.

An outlet for that scathing retort you've been meaning to give us after reading that article that (you feel) we got all wrong.

We're here, and we want your opinions. We want you to type them up in a succinct 600-700 word piece — or draw them up, in an amusing comic if you're into that — and send it on over.

We'll read it, copy edit it and almost always, print it.

If you don't have the time for that, we understand. Sometimes it's just easier to send a cheer or a sneer to us to voice that quick irritation and get it out into the world.

But when you find yourself griping for the ninth time about people who complain too much without doing anything about it, sit back, take a listen, and realize that you are that person. And then write to us.

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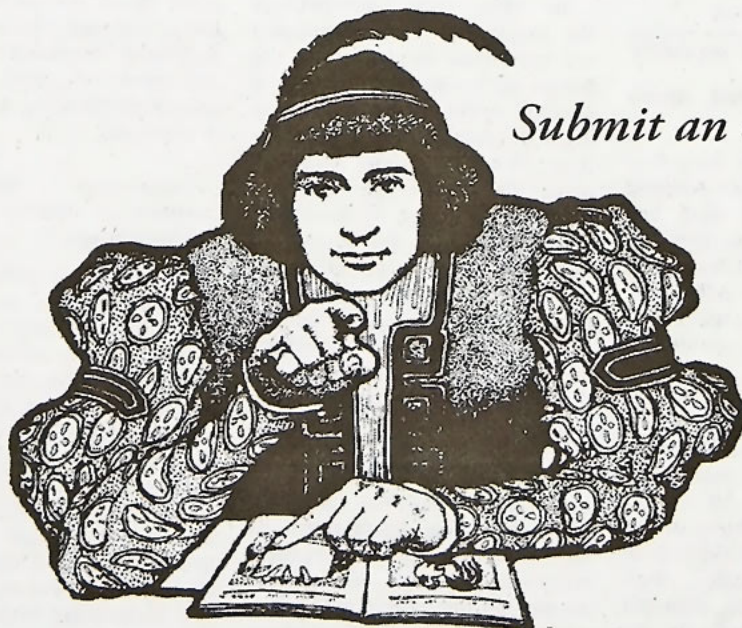
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Contribute by sending your articles, art or any form of expression to roostrom08@earlham.edu by Sunday at 4 p.m.

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SPORTS

SECTION D

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2010

Women's basketball falls short at Oberlin

By Aleta Cox

Staff reporter

Although the Earlham College women's basketball team held several leads throughout the game, it could not defeat rival Oberlin College and eventually lost in another close game, 51-57, on Saturday, Jan. 30. The Quakers now drop to 2-17 in overall season play and 1-9 in conference play, while Oberlin moves to 4-15 in their season play and 3-7 in the conference.

The Quakers opened the game with a small lead of 7-5, yet the Oberlin Yeowomen continued battling with the Quakers, always responding with their own scoring runs to move ahead. The Quakers' biggest lead of the game was 34-22, capped off when freshman guard Jessica Wooden scored with only 18:35 left to play. The Yeowomen then responded with a 19-4 run that featured four triple-hits from Oberlin freshman Kelly Warlich, which put the Yeowomen on top 41-38 at the 13:05 mark.

Freshman guard Michelle Miranda said, "Our problem is that we never put a total 40 minutes together. Our team usually capitalizes on the second half of the game every time and plays really well that half, but we have to focus also on the first half of the game in order to win. We also need to stop the scoring rallies; we can't let teams get a 19 point run on us."

The lady Quakers battled to come back in their last lead of the game, with freshman center/forward Whitney Sparkman scoring at the 11:38 mark to make the score 43-41. This effort would be the Quakers' last lead of the game, as Oberlin then hit a three-pointer to reclaim the lead. The Quaker women would only come within one point of the Yeowomen after that, with sophomore guard Kate Franks scoring at 2:18 to make the score 52-51.

When looking at the statistics, the key to Oberlin's win was their higher shooting percentage in the second half of the game. Although the Quaker women shot 37 and 32.4 percent in the first and second halves respectively, the Yeowomen would improve on their first half percentage of 26.5 to come out in the second half with a whopping 56.5 shooting percentage.

For the lady Quakers, Sparkman led the team in scoring

with 14 points, including two rebounds, one block and one steal. Sophomore guard Nikki Darrett was second to Sparkman in total points with 13. Darrett also contributed 12 rebounds, seven assists and four steals.

Wooden added nine points, four rebounds, one block and two steals. Franks and Miranda added seven points each for the Quaker women in their battle against Oberlin.

This marks the second straight game the Quakers have lost by less than a ten-point margin,

as they competed with Wittenberg last Wednesday in a match that ended with the Quaker women losing a close 61-66.

"As a team overall, I feel like we are moving forward. We

have had some successes and I know that if we can continue to play as a team, I can see only more success and wins for us in the future," said Darrett.

The Quakers travel to Meadville, Pa. this weekend to take on Allegheny College Gators (7-11, 4-5). Last year, the Quakers were victorious against the Gators when they beat them 75-69 on

"I know that if we can continue to play as a team, I can see only more success and wins for us in the future."

— Nikki Darrett, sophomore guard



Sophomore guard Nikki Darrett forces her way past the Wittenberg defense to go for a lay-up at the women's basketball game on Wednesday, Jan. 27.

Jan. 8, 2009.

Franks reflected on the team's win last year and their chances against the Gators tonight: "When we won the last game against Allegheny, we were ecstatic, we felt like we played together as a team and brought everyone together on the same level. Knowing that we have the ability to continue to play with that team skill and intensity is giving us confidence going into this coming weekend."

She added, "The main focus we will need going to Allegheny this weekend will be team effort and communication along with the confidence we have gained over the first half of the season."

The women hope to capture another win tonight when the game commences at 6 p.m. Tomorrow the team travels to Hiram College in Hiram, Ohio to face the Terriers (3-15, 2-7) at 2 p.m.



Photos by Oak Hawk

Freshman forward Charvonne Long goes up for a rebound at the women's basketball game against Wittenberg on Wednesday, Jan. 27.

Wertman, Shaw honored in first 2010 track meet

By Bryant Foreman

Staff reporter

Field Athletes lead men's team

After competing in their first indoor North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) meet last Saturday, Jan. 30, at Denison University, the men's team tied for sixth place with Allegheny College out of the nine teams that participated in the conference relays.

Earlier in the week it was announced that senior Chris Shaw and junior Chad Wertman had received conference recognition by the NCAC as they each earned Athlete of the Week for their performance at the relays. Specifically, their combined effort in the shot put earned them the victory for the event and was determined good enough by conference and meet officials for recognition. Both Shaw and Wertman earned the title last season.

In this team competition the scores of two teammates are combined to determine the points each team receives for a specific event. Usually, the top eight finishers receive anywhere from 10 to one points based on place. The men's team featured the one-two punch of Shaw and Wertman during the events on Saturday. Wertman led all of the throwers in the shot put with a toss of 48'6 3/4", good enough for the win. Shaw, who received All-American recognition for the discus last year, helped out with a throw of 46'1 1/4" and placed fourth.

Shaw said, "Personally, we didn't do too bad, but compared to last year we didn't throw as well as we wanted to. Every meet we go to has good competition, so we can just continue to work on our technique every week to stay at the top and help out the team as a whole."

Freshman Jared Patton helped contribute with his second

place finish for the men's high jump, clearing 51' 3/4". Other highlights included the men's 800-meter relay and 1600-meter relay both finishing at sixth place in the event.

Hemmings and key individuals display successful performances

The women's team had many key single-effort performances on Saturday, but could not accumulate the needed points to finish higher than eighth place by the time the meet was concluded. Ohio Wesleyan University sealed the win for both the men's and women's teams.

Junior Ramona Hemmings led the women Quaker squad with her personal performance in the triple jump event as she placed first in the event with a combined distance of 33'6". Later on in the long jump, Hemmings secured additional points with a fifth place finish.

Another crucial performance

was by junior Meredith Naughton, who finished second overall in the women's pole vault event for the Quakers with an attempt of 8'11 3/4".

This added five points to Earlham College's final score for the day and was one of the key performances of the relays.

Sophomore Elizabeth Ross contributed with her high jump of 5'1", which added three points to the final tally. The Quakers also finished seventh in the Sprint Medley Relay.

For both teams, Head Track Coach Nick Johnson was impressed by how the Quakers performed despite the small numbers of participants for the indoor season.

"I felt that we did a pretty good

job overall as a team, and I was pleased with how we performed at our first meet," Johnson said.

"I look forward to see continued improvement of the athletes and I'm excited to see the new faces that are involved this year."

Junior Lenden Bowsman, a participant in the 4x200 and 4x400 relay teams and 200-meter dash, also seemed to agree.

"We have a good, healthy experienced group this year with the addition of a lot of good young freshman," Bowsman said. "Once we get into better shape I think we will be able to produce better results."

The Quakers next meet is the Anderson University Invitational in Anderson, Ind. at 3 p.m. tomorrow afternoon.

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