



THE CAMPUS VIEW

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ANNUAL BANQUET

Saturday April 10th, 2010 at 6:00 pm.

Plan now to join us in a celebration of the...

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHRISTIAN CAMPUS HOUSE.

ALUMNI... This is your year to be there or miss out on a great evening of reminiscing and reconnecting with friends from your past. Reservations are required. There is no charge for the banquet, but a free will offering will be received to pay for the meal and to raise funds for CCH. More information will be sent out early in 2010.



Beth Karraker, a Sophomore at Eastern, has started a running group to build relationship with non-christians.

Let's Get Missional!

By Beth Karraker

We were all together again, and it felt wonderful! Matthew spoke to the COM leaders about "being missional" on Eastern's campus. Being clever as he is, Matthew provided a simple example of being "missional," through his love for the game of chess. He challenged us to think of what we're passionate about and using that passion to display the love of Christ. As we split into groups, my mind began to brainstorm, swarming itself with ideas and inspirations!

During high school, I ran track and cross country. I will tell you quite honestly that I was good at neither. Running in high school was just something I wanted to be good at and wanted to be a part of, so I tried it. I ended up really liking it because of the

friendships I made with my teammates. I can remember conversations being really awkward the first few times going out on a run. I didn't know how to talk and run at the same time! But after a while, my lungs got used to both responsibilities and now both feel natural.

My passion is not for running, but for people. Through running, I want to be "missional" and get people together to go on runs, to talk and get over the awkward steps together and to learn about one another. When your body gets used to the impact of running, it learns to perform on its own, and your mind goes into autopilot. You can breathe and think and run and talk all at once and not even realize what's happening! With running, I want to be "missional" and let conversation happen, to listen and engage.



Mary Williams (left) and Hanna Evrard (right) enjoy some time on the lake at Fall Retreat.

In The World

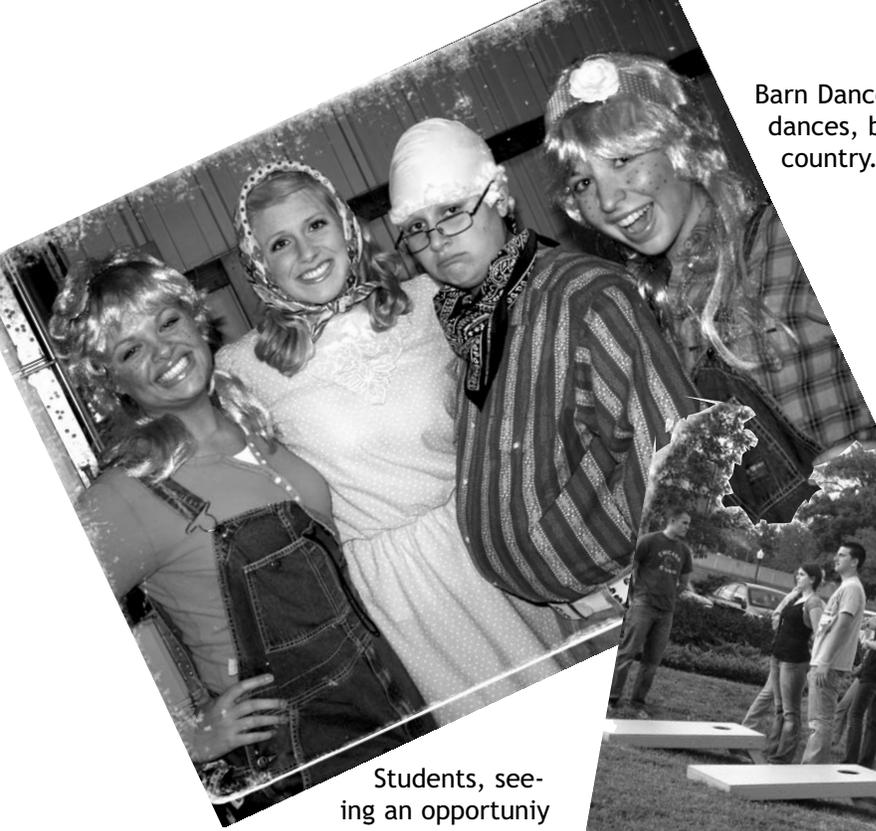
by Mary Williams

EIU was not my first college choice. When I was transferring, I wanted to go to Oral Roberts University so I could be surrounded by young people living for Christ. I had already been to a secular school, I knew what that was like, and I just wanted to experience a Christian school at its finest. I wanted to go somewhere where my lifestyle is considered the "norm" instead of odd or unusual. Well since it would have been well over \$30,000 per year to go there, at less than half that price, EIU was an obvious choice.

I have been content here at EIU mainly because of Christian Campus House. I am so excited to be surrounded by people who are living for God. They go to EIU and have some of the same struggles I have. Being young and living for Christ can be a tough.

Through all of my tears and laughter, God is with me and it's always comforting to know that I am not alone. It's fun to go to CCH and be surrounded by young people like me on a regular basis. Although EIU is by no means a Christian school, CCH is a place that students can go to and actively participate in the ministry.

Fall Retreat weekend was amazing. I went last year and had a blast so I was anxious to go again. It did not disappoint. I felt as though the speaker, Ben Miller, knew what I've been going through. His messages were powerful and encouraging. I'm just so glad that God has provided CCH which is such an amazing place for college students to worship and fellowship with one another. This makes it easier to be content with not being at a Christian school. After all, we live in a world that is a lot like EIU. If I don't make it to a christian university, I'm honestly ok with that. When I leave EIU after this year, I will continue to support this ministry because if it were not for CCH, I don't know how I could make it through.



Barn Dance is not only a great time to learn some new square dances, but it's also a fun time to dress up and be a little bit country.

Students, seeing an opportunity to involve others, have set up a lot of impromptu get-togethers like this bags tournament on the Campus House lawn.



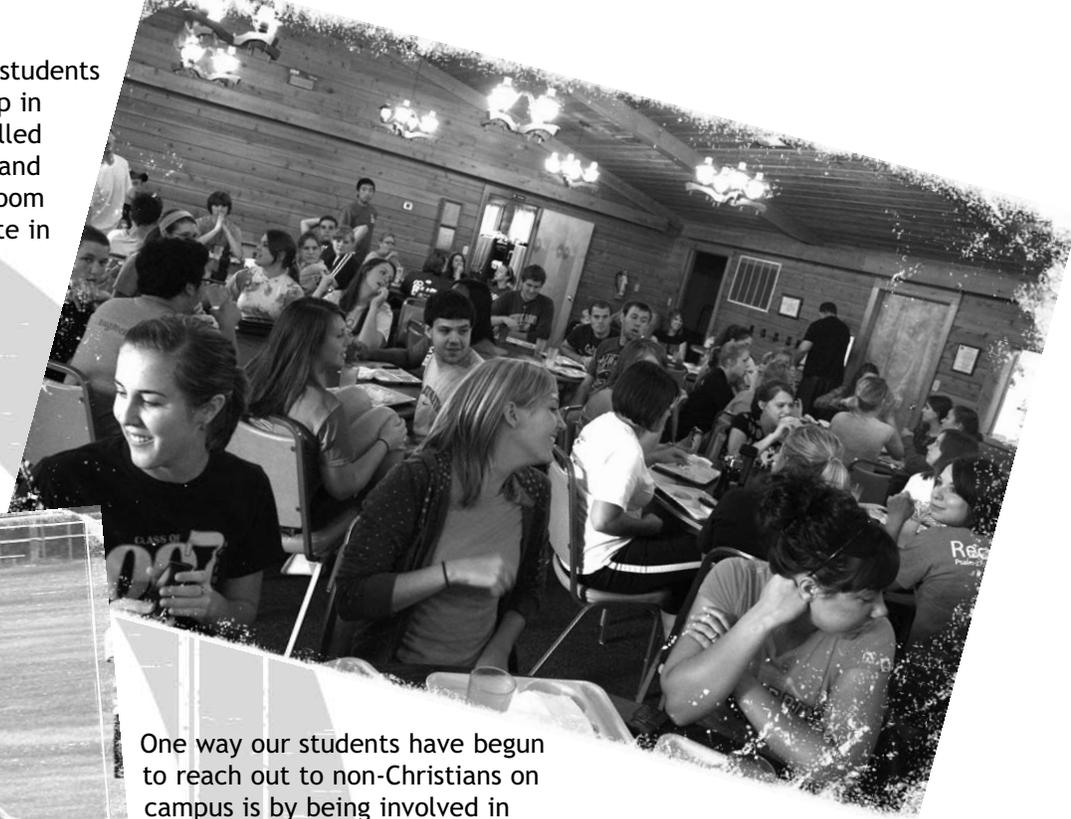
This year 35 of our students walked in the Homecoming Parade passing out information about Campus House along with candy. All wore matching t-shirts with the theme "My Blue Heaven" and the Campus House logo on them. It was a great way to be involved in the community and let campus know about Campus House.

Board Spotlight

Michelle Cohenour joined the Board of Directors in January of 2007. Michelle was involved at Christian Campus House between 1997 - 2000. During this time Michelle met her husband Ryan. Ryan and Michelle attend Grace Community Church in North Liberty, IA where they are involved in the Community Service ministry. Ryan is a Hall Director and Michelle is a Student Learning Coordinator, both at the University of Iowa. Michelle travels 4 ½ hours to attend our quarterly board meetings! Michelle's heart for the ministry is obvious in her commitment to prayer and her willingness to serve in any way. We really appreciate her cheerful attitude and servant's heart.



Every year we take a group of students to Little Galilee Christian Camp in Clinton, IL for a Fall Retreat filled with great speaking, worship, and fellowship. Here is a packed room of students ready to participate in the weekend activities!



One way our students have begun to reach out to non-Christians on campus is by being involved in the activities that they are part of. Here we see some students in a pick up game of Ultimate Frisbee with some of the Frisbee Club students on campus.

Meet The New Intern: Augie Kim

What was your major? Biology

Hometown? Schaumburg, IL

What do you do for fun? Read, play cards, and board & video games.

Music you enjoy? Mostly Christian music and Big Band Jazz.

Top 3 movies? 'Elf', 'Singing in the Rain', and the new 'Star Trek' movie.

Describe your involvement in Campus House as a student.

I have been attending Campus House and have been involved with family groups since I began here at Eastern, which was 5 years ago. But I didn't go to any retreats or events other than Sunday morning worship, Wednesday Night Bible Study and family group. I then got more involved in the Spring when I was a sophomore. It began with a short-term mission trip to Mexico through Casitas Del Rey, from there I became more comfortable with the group that went and began going to more events and meeting more people. My junior year, I became the Team Leader for hospitality and I would say that I came out of my shell during that time. Then I was nominated for COM and served as a family group leader for the last two years as a student. Last year, I was asked to serve on the student Exec board, and I was the secretary for the spring semester. During the last three years, I went to most, if not all, Campus House events, including the retreats and trips to Shiloh.

Why campus ministry?

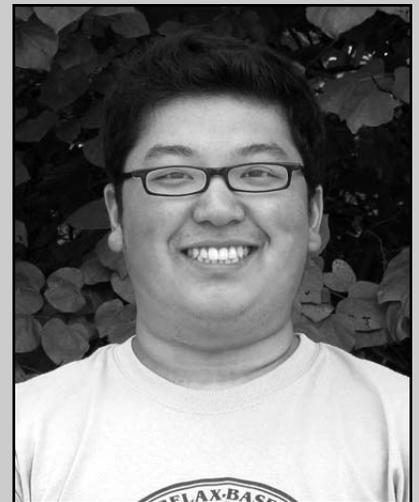
Campus ministry is amazing because I know how life-changing it can be. Students are at a time of their lives where they have matured enough to really start thinking about their faith. I think that it's a great time to talk to students and guide them on their way to having a relationship with God. Also, the students seem to be more passionate and driven to do things they care about. It's just an amazing time to be involved with students during their time at college.

What do you hope to see happen through your internship?

I hope to see students becoming more passionate for the word, building others and themselves up so that they can be prepared to go out and make more disciples like Jesus commands us in Matthew 28:19-20. I also hope to see if campus ministry is where God has called me.

Future plans after internship?

After the internship, I hope to continue with campus ministry. But I will be listening to see where God will lead me.



What's New With Our Alumni

✦ **Weddings**

- ◆ Shawn Eaker married Alia Hamilton on April 24.
- ◆ Heather Wallace and Kenny Haggard were married on June 27.
- ◆ Cass McKibbin and Josh Norman were married on July 11.
- ◆ Jennifer Hauptly and Tallyn Turnbow were married on August 8.
- ◆ Aaron York and Amanda Wright were married on Sept 5.
- ◆ Ezra Bardsley and DruAnne Guyer were married on Sept 12.
- ◆ Alicia Gillingham and Joseph Grawey were married on Oct 10.

✦ **Babies**

- ◆ Aiden Ehren Pattison was born at 11:37 am on May 13th in Geneva, IL. He weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces and was 20 inches long. His parents are John and Kari Pattison.
- ◆ Jim and Lydia Anderson have been married for 3 years and are excited to share that they had their first child, Leah Ruth, on Sept. 3. She weighed 9 lbs. 7 oz. and was 23 inches long.
- ◆ Steven and Danyelle Ayres had their first child, James Isaac. He was born at home on August 8th, 2009 at 4:01 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds 13 ounces and was 22 and 1/2 inches long.
- ◆ Lance and Suzi Bohrnell had their second son, Caleb Robert Bohrnell, on March 19, 2009. Caleb was 6 lbs. 10 oz. and 19 inches.
- ◆ Brian and Heather Crouse celebrated the birth of their third child, Madilyn Faith, on July 3rd. Baby Madi weighed 7 pounds 13 oz. and was 19 3/4 inches.
- ◆ Eric and Melissa Thornburg had a daughter, Joanne Grace, on June 15, 2009 at 9:07 pm. Joanne was 6 lbs 10 oz and 18 in long.

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