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Hello, you liberal little kids. As we all know, with a new president comes a new administration, it's gonna be yuge. Filled with diversity, trust me, we're gonna be making diversity sandwiches, the stuff is gonna be everywhere. Thanks for tuning into the "With a New President comes a new Administration" special issue. We hope that BERN you were all feeling wasn't just a new STD. Earlham's new administration has new senior advisors, at least one of them is a person of color, and he's not a cheeto, we know that for sure. They all wanna make Earlham great again. Let's give the old administration kudos they fought hard. Thanks again to them, ya know, there has been some really really amazing work done by the last administration. I mean really, it's mind blowing. Earlham will also be lowering its tuition and bringing in professors of color, just some alternative facts for you left-wing snowflakes. Now, tune into their testimonies.



SHANE PETERS

Although the US is going through very turbulent times, I am still stuck in the luxury of my skiing trips and the profound lessons I learn from them. Unlike L Hutch, I am 100% white, and I am fully present as a tall, awkward, straight male. My job at Earlham has always been to follow Laura blindly, but I LOVE appearing neutral, because neutrality to oppression increases my chances of being liked by students.

My current projects include the annual useless speech to the Resident Assistants, intimidating the shit out of women and people of color on campus, and gathering a huge and DIVERSE collection of chocolate to pass out to my peers. Maybe, they will like me more this way!

Although I do believe in equality of opportunity to people regardless of race or gender, I often get caught up in my habit of talking, talking, and never listening to the ones in need. This is my way of explaining my white guilt and never leaving my comfort zone.

Finally, I would like to share with my student body that I am feeling really anxious about my dear Laura leaving me because she is the one who takes all the smack talk from students while I am comfortably sitting in my new well hidden office. I am worried that next year, all the responsibilities of the Student Life Office will fall on me. Oh well, I can just prepare a long speech about my trip to the Great Lakes and how it transformed my life.



LAURA HUTCHINSON

Colleagues and friends, it is with much sadness that I report to you my resignation as the Dean of Student Life. Over the past few years, I have worked with hundreds of students; 20% of them identified as LGBTQ, 52% came from diverse racial backgrounds, and 38% came from humble economic backgrounds. From my seemingly awkward interactions with the student body, you might have captured my philosophy when it comes to diversity: I really do believe that we all come Africa. It is no coincidence, for example, that I like Hummus, for I am 2% Middle Eastern. A lot of us at Earlham like the fall because of its colors; I do not even like it, precisely because I do not see color.

During my career at Earlham, I had to make some tough decisions and I really hope that you will eventually understand where I am coming from. Some argue that I may have radically challenged the careers of two women of color, but I really think that I have paid the highest price emotionally in trying to be compatible with Earlham's expectations. Some of you will remember me as the VP who always went after individual students, or as the VP who backed a discriminatory housing policy one day after Trump's election (our office gave away stress balls, though—gotta give us some credit), or as the VP who introduced reversed-consensus, i.e., consensus after a decision is made, or as the VP who was scared of black students (utter nonsense, 16.5% of my friends are black). But, I will remember you as a diverse student body, who never failed to go after me every year.

I wish you all the best as you continue your careers at Earlham. I truly believe that the most revolutionary act you can undertake is to leave Earlham, be it by resignation or by graduation.

Yours,

Beyonce *alternative facts* AKA Laura Hutchinson



GREG MAHLER

It has come to my attention that many students feel frustrated with the present campus climate in regards to our new President of the United States' actions, including the enforcement of the Muslim Ban which criminalizes people of 7 different countries of one particular religion. Based on these concerned students' posters, particularly claiming the United States' government fits under the definition of "terrorism," I would like to give a statement of assurance to the Earlham community.

I fully denounce the Muslim ban, and will work with all members of this community directly affected by it. It is against American values to discriminate against a person based on their religion or national origin.

Many may claim that my perspective regarding this executive order doesn't seem consistent with my views of the United States' greatest ally, Israel. And to that I would say, you're right. Bans on Muslims from entering a nation, as well as building giant walls to create arbitrary borders on land that doesn't belong to the people that colonized it anyway, are completely reprehensible. Unless, the government enforcing it happens to be the Israeli one. Then that's okay. To learn more about this view point, register for my next Israel Studies class: "How to justify apartheid, ethnic cleansing, and colonization 101."



JONATHAN STROUD

With the current political climate in the United States, new questions and new challenges are awaiting our college. Yet, throughout my career at Earlham, I have maintained a long-sighted vision that aims at anticipating the future of marketing in higher education in the United States. Many of you rejected this approach, but its results are only starting to show. The most prime example is the Globally Engaged campaign, which had the subtitle “No Passport Required.” At the time it was released, many students protested, arguing that “we are,” supposedly, “turning international students into cultural teachers by fetishizing their experiences, their complicated backgrounds, and their unlimited aspirations.”

Today, after the Muslim Ban has been imposed by this US administration, the campaign’s title takes a new life, and our hidden marketing strategy has become more relevant. It is now true that to many international students, no passport is required, precisely because you can’t even get to an airport in the US where you can show your passport. Many might think this is just a coincidence, and that we are using the current political climate to enhance our enrollment and communications strategies, but they are mistaken: we just know that the future lies in the hands and minds (and, maybe, pockets) of a different demographic. Therefore, I want to state: we are really interested in recruiting white, full-pay students, who like to eat hummus and falafel, listen to hip hop music, and get fascinated by the Japanese language, all while rejecting to see the United States’ complicity in the oppression of the communities whose hard work produced these things.

Having said that, we are releasing our new marketing strategy. We are excited to start implementing it. Feedback from my staff and students is welcomed, though; just keep in mind: we need to respond to the market, first and foremost.”



SENA LANDEY

A few weeks ago I was accosted by a banner accusing the US of terrorism as I walked to my office in Carpenter. Now I understand students are upset by Trump’s administration, but from a financial perspective this could be the opportunity Earlham has been looking for.

The truth of the matter is, Earlham is in a financial crisis. Although we mysteriously have \$40,000 for uncomfortable couches in the CVPA and a million dollars to build a glorified series of conference rooms, we certainly do not have the money to provide our students with adequate financial aid.

While promoting the fuck out of our international students in the name of diversity, we continue to search for new ways to find white wealthy students to cover the costs of our unnecessarily expensive buildings, such as our new golf and lacrosse teams!

Trump’s increasingly aggressive stance on immigration gives us the opportunity to weasel out of scholarships for international students and students of color that we’ve been long looking for. Now, in addition to cutting funding to the humanities, slashing financial aid for our most vulnerable students, forcing students to pay thousands of dollars for meal plans and decrepit housing, and stealing awards from students, we can use our spineless opposition to Trump’s administration as an excuse for our horrible budgeting skills.”



DAVID DAWSON

Long Awaited Statement: As I sit in my over-sized office meant for work (which actually hides my secret passage doorway) or the comforts of my home only a walk away, and even the occasional flight to places of no relevance. I still remain in the shadows, tucked away like Franklin the Turtle, with no intentions of ever encountering human life at Earlham. Please forgive me, I think I have anxiety.....

On the Behalf of David Dawson,



AVIS STEWART

I am unable to comment at this time because I am away doing David's job.

HEALTH & COUNSELING SERVICES

Hello Earlham's diverse students. This year, we would like to openly state that we are saddened by the fact that our administration on this campus still faces a great challenge fulfilling our students' needs; we acknowledge that this failure is quite embarrassing. At the same time, it is truly unfortunate that the new President of the United States recently pulled a move banning refugees and further discriminating vulnerable people. Therefore, Health and Counseling Services are offering help to listen to your concerns more than we've ever done since the establishment of this college! To get this help, you have to be enrolled in some forms of health insurance though - no health care is free. We know, we know, insurance in the United States is really expensive, and for that, we are very sorry. International students, you must all enroll in the Earlham health insurance that will still cost you \$1000. To reiterate our new stance, we would like to announce that for the first time ever, Earlham Health and Counseling Services have pushed ourselves to recognize that not only white students suffer from mental illnesses. Based on our research, domestic and international students of color also face anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues on this campus! With that being said, please come to our office by Saga to speak your hearts and guts out! Our doors are wide open, so long as you have health insurance, you are willing to follow our overly complicated procedures, and you believe in our great advice!



Congratulations!

Alan Price, we congratulate you on choosing Welling Hall and continuing this administration's tradition of reverse-consensus, i.e., consultancy and transparency when it is already too late.

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1. Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press