

To all residents of College Houses,

Beginning this fall the Earlham Energy Awareness Program will come on line. EEAP is an incentive program tailored to reward students for conserving gas, water and electricity. The over arching goal is to reduce Earlham's ecological footprint and to advocate better conservation of our natural resources. However, as is often the case with conservation the reward for conserving is not just an alleviated conscience but actual money in your pocket.

Let me explain. At the end of each month as your House's utility bills come to the college, they will be compared against a baseline energy consumption (the 3 year average for that month). If a reduction is registered in energy used, then a majority of the savings will be returned to students. You can see how much you have earned at the end of each month. A few weeks before the end of the semester, savings will be totaled and distributed to students all at once. For the fall semester (September through November) this will occur at the beginning of December. For the spring (January through March), it will take place early in April. We are currently in the process of finalizing the reward system and finishing the website. Within the next few weeks you will be notified of these developments. In the meanwhile, I encourage you to start thinking of ways to conserve as a house. The energy credits will be usable in the following ways.

1. Transferred to your House program fund
2. Donated to an EEAP fund to be used for future energy reducing initiatives
3. Applied to your personal account (and refunded if you have no balance)

The website will allow you to examine the history of your house, its energy profile and some techniques for reducing energy consumption. The website will also allow you to monitor your progress, success and public failure. Check in at the end of each month to see how much you have earned! The administrators for the EEAP webpage are Colin Copeland (copelco), and Alex Lemann (Lemanal) all questions pertaining thereto should be directed to them. For more general information on EEAP and future programs you can contact Alex Haworth (haworal).

Thanks for your help in making Earlham more sustainable ... and helping the Earth!

Good Luck,

Alex Haworth