



Wabash Welcomes Prospectives for Annual Top-Ten Day

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STAFF WRITER

Around campus today, do not be surprised to see a few extra, eager faces. Today is the College's annual Top Ten Day, which brings in some of the most intelligent high school seniors from Indiana and many other states around the country. In past years, this event has drawn as many as 189 registrants, but Jamie Watson, the Senior Assistant Director of Admissions, predicts that this year "we could have as many as 200."

"At this point, our registration is running ahead and

attendance will be greater this year," Watson said. While Top Ten Day is beneficial to Wabash in several ways, the fact that it brings students to campus and introduces a lot of young, intelligent men to the school cannot be overemphasized.

"This event is very helpful in getting guys to visit the campus and to increase interest in those who have already visited before," said Steven Klein, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid.

Another function of Top Ten Day that is vitally important is that it acts as a financial aid pathway.

Many students who attend this event will receive scholarships.

"One of the major benefits is that it enables us to provide merit based scholarship dollars earlier in the year," Klein said, "and this is a very helpful recruiting tool."

The visiting students will partake in a variety of events, including various academic sessions, meeting with alumni panels, tours, meetings with coaches, lunch with faculty members, and an immersion learning panel for parents. Top Ten Day also features a keynote speaker every year, with this year's speaker being Greg



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Several prospective students listen to a presentation during last year's Top Ten Day, a scholarship opportunity for high school seniors who are ranked in the top ten percent of their class.

Castanias '87. The prime focus of these activities, especially the keynote address and the alumni panels, is to articulate the importance and the value of the liberal arts education that Wabash has to offer.

"The focus is scholarship; the focus is academic," Watson said. "Students will see

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Senior Council Pledges \$25,000 to the Challenge of Excellence Campaign

PETER ROBBINS '12
NEWS EDITOR

Following President White's chapel talk last week and the kick-off event on Oct. 29 for the Challenge of Excellence, the Senior Council approved a proposal to give a \$25,000 donation to the campaign. The funds will come in five groups of \$5,000 from the Senior Council itself, student clubs and organizations, the senior class, the underclassmen, and the three most recent graduating classes.

Senior Council member Steve Maynard stressed the fact that the Council does not expect this money to appear right away.

"This is not an immedi-

ate gift," Maynard said. "We don't expect to get all of it this year. It's a long-term goal over the three years of the capital campaign, especially when it comes to the donations from recent alumni. In the first few years after you graduate, it's usually hard to give, especially if you are in graduate school. We are trying to get set up so we can get people to keep giving after they've graduated."

Council member Jake German noted that since the campaign is meant to benefit students, it is in their best interest to be a part of the donation process.

"The four key areas of faculty support, off-campus study, scholarships, and career development all directly benefit the current and future students," Ger-

man said. "Plus, it was a powerful gesture to alumni and the Board of Trustees that the students are taking an active role in the betterment of the College."

Maynard echoed German's sentiments about student involvement in the campaign.

"We want to get students involved as students," Maynard said. "We want them to understand the impact they can have on the capital campaign. Almost all the 'big money' has been given already, so we're trying to motivate all the alumni we would have a harder time getting to give to do exactly that. Of course, we're also trying to get regular donors involved to a greater extent than they already are as well."

German felt that the

Wabash Receives Favorable Rankings from Religion Magazine

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STAFF WRITER

Even though Wabash maintains its secular identity, a recent survey has found Wabash College a well-regarded promoter of religion in higher education.

In its recent survey of colleges and universities across the United States, the magazine *First Things* ranked Wabash College the 22nd best undergraduate school in the United States.

Studies by Forbes or U.S. News and World Report have ranked Wabash College similarly. However, the *First Things* survey uniquely placed more focus on "the place of religion—or lack thereof—on American college campuses

today."

"[Wabash] does not have official support for religion," said Professor of Religion and Philosophy Stephen Webb, "but we have a lot of student vigor towards Christianity."

The full text of the article and survey results can be found in the Lilly Library.

On its website, *First Things* describes itself as "an interreligious, nonpartisan research and education institute whose purpose is to advance a religiously informed public philosophy for the ordering of society." The magazine began publishing in 1990 under the late Fr. Richard John Neuhaus.

"It's a paradox," Webb said. "The poll doesn't reflect faculty administration favoring religious prac-

tices. However, Christianity on campus is strong because of student initiatives."

The *First Things* survey rated American undergraduate institutions based on three factors: academic, social, and religious ratings. *First Things* rated each factor on a 50 point scale, with each rating determined by student poll responses, other published reports, and expert testimony. A higher number equaled a higher rating.

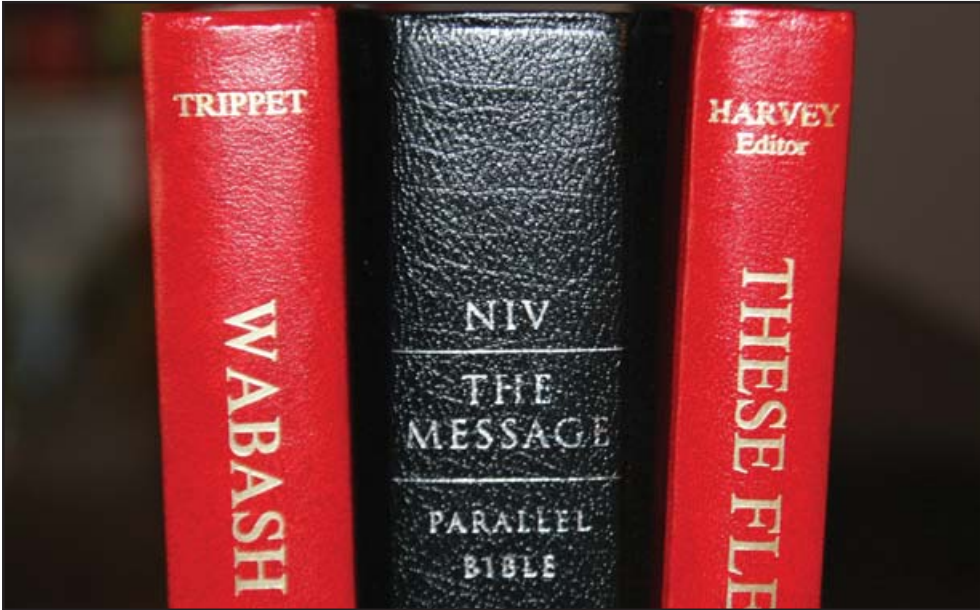
First Things rated Wabash academically a 35.9, socially 33.0, and religiously 20.6. In contrast, the magazine rated DePauw academically 32.2, socially 26.2, and religiously 17.6.

The survey worked to balance secular and religious schools. However, a



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Senior Council member Jake German '11 (shown here speaking at the Oct. 29 kick-off event for the Challenge of Excellence) proposed a \$25,000 donation to the campaign from the Senior Council.



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The Religion magazine *First Things* gave Wabash positive rankings in terms of religious support and opportunities on campus.

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Admissions - Top Ten Program, All day.

Saturday, Nov. 6
Comedy Show, 8:30 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 8
Newman Center
Speaker: Kenneth Howell, 12:10 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 10
Brass & Woodwind Ensembles and Jazz Band Concert, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 11
Monon Bell Chapel, 11:10 a.m.

Studio One-Acts, 7:30 p.m.

E-Books Present Dilemma for Wabash

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STAFF WRITER

Recent research has suggested that the transition from physical books to online "e-books" is catching on in college classrooms across America, while some research suggests that this change is ineffective to some students. Wabash appears to be somewhere between these two awaiting a final decision.

E-books could potentially save money for both students and their schools, make learning more interactive and effective, and increasing the availability of tests. These books could be accessed from any computer, and some can even allow students to annotate in the virtual margins.

But is this something we need? The process of buying texts for classes has always been a hassle for students, and it is certainly an expensive process. And there always seems to be one person in each class that never wanted to spend money getting a book and can barely keep up as a result.

On the other hand, there is nothing inherently wrong with the current system. No one enjoys paying for things, but they understand that it is part of the price of school.

So the issue seems



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With new E-Book technology from Barnes and Noble called NOOKstudy, students could access their textbooks on computers and iPads (shown), which could potentially affect the physical textbook usage on campuses like Wabash.

split. The availability and adaptability that e-books offer would be advantageous for certain aspects of class, but can hardly replace a novel or a literary work.

Language Department Chair Dan Rogers agrees that e-books have their place. He has been incorporating an online workbook into his classes for the past four years to supplement the main text. Assigning weekly activities online, he sees no drawbacks.

"Computers are ubiquitous enough with students today that it is not a problem," Rogers said.

However, he prefers to keep text books physically in the classroom.

Participation-based workbooks are excellent candidates to be put online because they show immediate feedback when a student works on them, whereas physical workbooks can be hurriedly filled out in class.

It is important to recognize that e-books can be very useful tools, but could they effectively replace textbooks? Barnes & Noble seem to think so; they are currently promoting the NOOKstudy, designed

specifically for students' textbooks.

NOOKstudy software would be available on computers and iPads as well as to help save students from some of the costs of textbooks.

The National Bureau of Economic Research now shows that web-based classes of the same course at the same institution produced worse results than the personalized classes. This suggests that physical access to one's book may be important.

Online books may be one step closer to a virtual learn-

ing world and one step farther away from Wabash's ideals of tight teacher-student relationships and personal interaction.

Bookstore and Purchasing Director Tom Keedy says that the bookstore's national association is currently looking at options from a logistic standpoint of purchasing e-books. However, he says that he has seen very little e-book presence so far.

There is a question of how Wabash's independent bookstore would fit into an online market because they simply cannot compete were this market to externalize. If they see an increase in prevalence, however, Keedy says the Bookstore will try to offer any new online books to students rather than relying on outside companies.

E-books present an interesting opportunity for students, book providers, and professors. But they have yet to establish themselves, especially on Wabash's small scale.

It will be interesting to watch the evolution of this idea, so keep it in mind in the future. Until then research and experimentation should show us if these online texts should play a larger role in our learning environment.

Wabash Receives Low Sustainability Scores

Overall grade

D-

Administration

F
Climate Change & Energy

F

Food & Recycling

C

Green Building

F

Student Involvement

D

Transportation

D

Endowment

Transparency

F

Investment Priorities

C

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F

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Wabash received a grade of F in the category of "Green building" in a report conducted by www.greenreportcard.org. Shown is a summer renovation project in Baxter Hall.

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NEWS EDITOR

The website greenreportcard.org graded Wabash College in the above categories of sustainability and "greenness," giving the College an overall grade of D-. The site notes that Wabash did not respond "to any of the three administrator surveys," and that "the data used for both the profile and

grading was compiled from independent research."

The Bachelor will continue to report on this story when the College's Environmental Concerns Committee and Students for Sustainability are available for comment.

For the full report card, complete with comments in each category of the rankings, visit www.greenreportcard.org and search Wabash College.

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Top Ten

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son said. “Students will see that a Wabash liberal arts education can prepare them for a variety of careers or in many different ways for a single career.”

Especially in troubling economic times such as these, “hearing alumni speak is reassuring for par-

ents,” Watson continued, “exposure to the liberal arts is incredibly important.”

“I expect this year to be a larger group,” Klein said.

By Tuesday, there were 189 registrants signed up to attend Top Ten Day. The procedure for the event “has been pretty consistent,” Watson said, “we might tweak it a lit-

tle bit every year.”

The day is scheduled to begin at 8:45 a.m. with Registration and end at 3:15 p.m. after a day filled with meetings, academic sessions, and tours. The welcome session, which has traditionally been held in the Allen Center, has been moved to the Chapel in order to accommodate the expected number of Top Ten Day visitors and

their families. Concerning the format of the event, it has not changed much for the last four or five years out of the total eight years that Top Ten Day has been going on. The keynote speaker changes every year, the alumni panelists are new every year, and the scholarship level has been raised once or twice in the last eight years.

“It’s evolved over time,” Klein said.

Top Ten Day promises to be as rewarding this year as it has been in the past. With approximately 200 bright students on campus, they are sure to be exploring the entire campus, looking for signs of comfort to see if Wabash is a good fit for their intellectual and social needs.

“The students will be engaged in the afternoon with other Top Ten attendees and professors,” Watson said. “Again, the focus is academic.”

“They are going to leave today’s event with the notion in mind that regardless of what you do with your life, you will need the skills you get with a Wabash liberal arts education,” Watson said.

Council

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Council’s decision to give to the campaign was perfectly in line with the group’s mission on campus. “The Senior Council was given funds by the Student Senate for two purposes: to help students/student organizations AND campus improvement projects. The

Challenge of Excellence campaign is the perfect venue to accomplish both our goals.”

Maynard mentioned that the Council’s decision has been well-received by the administration.

“President White was very much in favor of it,” Maynard said. “We want it to be a message to alum-

ni that students are committed, and encourage them to be generous as well.”

German went a bit further, suggesting it was part of the students’ duty as Wabash men to contribute to an ambitious campaign like the Challenge of Excellence.

“As Wabash students, we have a desire to make the

campus better for future generations of Wabash men,” German said.

Materially, in the scope of a \$60 million campaign, \$25,000 may not seem like much, but in terms of a statement to alumni and students, this student contribution could be very powerful.

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Steve Maynard ‘11
Senior Council member

First Things

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ever, a campus such as Wabash may not be so accurately reflected because of limited student response.

“The former editor (Fr. Neuhaus) came to Wabash recently, and I think we left a positive impression upon the editorial staff,” Webb said.

The survey considered the prevalence of other reli-

gions on college campuses; however, Webb felt other religions did not organize publically like Christianity.

“The problem with diversity is size,” Webb said. “Wabash might have the same percentage of other religious groups than larger schools, but organization would be tougher here because we have less people in those percentages.”

Many Wabash students actively participate in

Christian organizations around campus and find their faith experiences through Wabash beneficial.

“I have deeply grown in my faith since I have been on campus,” Senior Austin Drake said. “I have come to realize that through fellowship, worship, Bible studies, and other things that my faith in Christ is not merely a nominal thing.”

Drake is the current President of Wabash Christian

Men, one of the largest organizations of students at Wabash. Wabash Christian Men meets collectively every Wednesday night and organizes smaller events on campus throughout the week.

“[My Christian background] definitely factored into my choice of school,” Drake said. “I saw that there was a strong Christian movement on the Wabash campus, and I was really encouraged to attend.”

The November poll was the first such poll by First Things covering college campuses.

“The objectivity of the poll was highly emphasized by the conductors,” Webb said. “They want this poll to be repeated annually.”

USA Today polls have shown that Christian colleges and universities have seen rising enrollment over the past decade. Websites such as christiancollegeguide.net allow

prospective students and parents to research religious practices on various college campuses.

“More and more parents are interested in these sorts of rankings,” Webb said. “If you can tell prospective students about the prevalence of religion on campus, then it could encourage parents with religious concerns to allow their children to attend a certain college or university.”

Family Day Concert 2010



Clockwise from Top Left: The Glee Club sings for the crowd at Friday’s concert; Kelvin Burzon ‘12 brings energy to the Wamidan performance; Zack Thompson ‘13 plays the trumpet during the Brass Ensemble’s set; Members of the Glee Club look to Dr. Richard Bowen for direction as he leads them in song.

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The Metaphor of Monon

In a week, DePauw travels the 28.3 miles between our two campuses and steps foot upon hallowed ground. That same Saturday, the Wabash Community at large will out-pour to Hollett stadium to defend the Bell.

Gentlemen, get ready. A single football game separates the Little Giants from the Dannies in the 117th Monon Bell Classic.

The Bachelor staff believes one week is ample time. A mere seven days is all it takes for the campus to fire up enough bravado and spirit to inspire the win necessary to make a two-victory lead.

Remember how good the Bell sounds? For the greater part of 148 hours, the Bell

The Issue:

As DePauw approaches so does the risk of mediocrity

Our Stance:

Don't forget to defeat irresponsibility while DePauw!

will ring forth continuously, the divine sound stirring the same fight into action that Wallies have used in passing conversation since time immemorial.

In some sense this week-culminating-in-victory is oddly metaphoric; in the same

way that Wabash will ready itself to achieve victory, it will ready its words by validating them in action. Our community, in making due on its promises in the general sense, will fulfill the claim that Wabash rises not only above DePauw, but towards excellence.

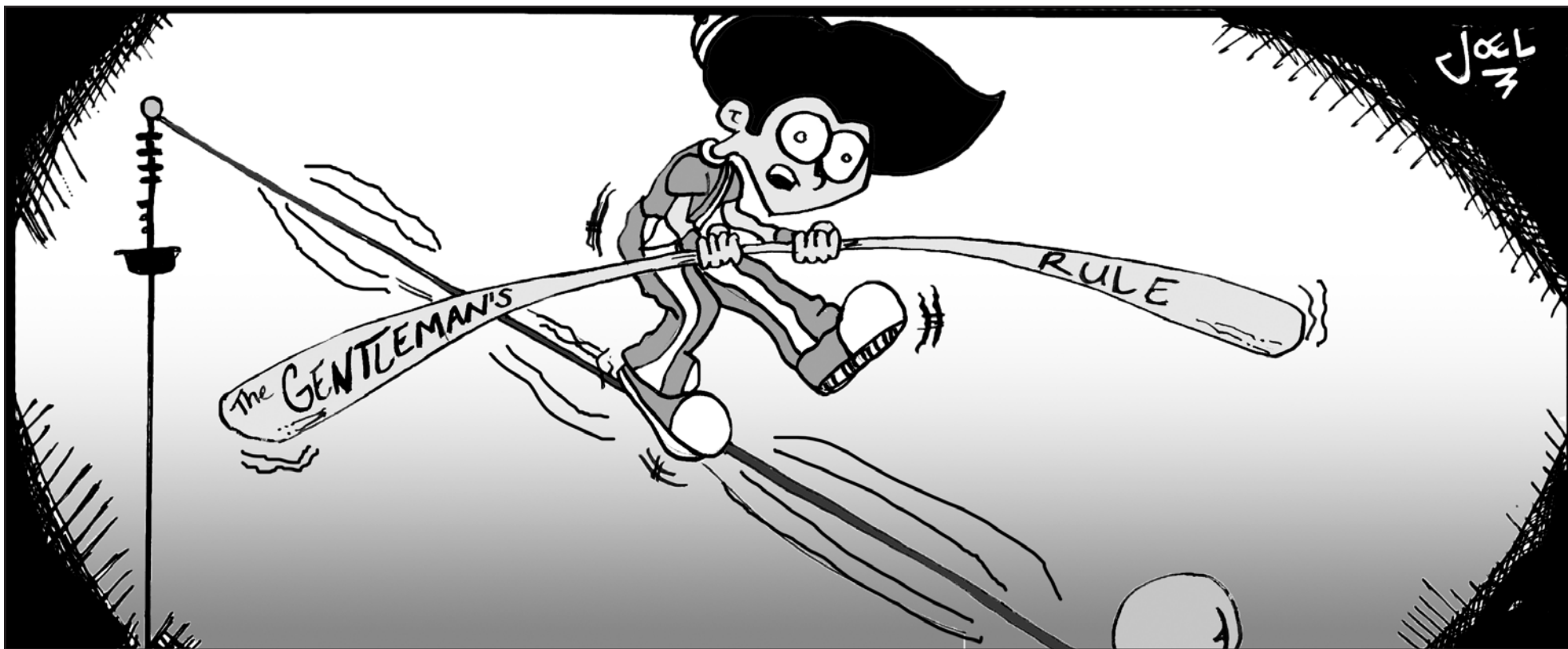
Wallies, in your actions, aggressively assert that our community progresses beyond conventional collegiate, fraternal stereotypes, purported taints of misogyny and backwards archaism, and constant allegations that the College serves as a destructive playground for boys.

Recently, several rumored incidents have

emerged concerning our own and purported alcohol abuses. It is never too late to be smart in personal decisions. Remain vigilant to the proverbial Gentleman.

Remember what Wabash, as more than the College, stands to lose. Undeniably Wabash faces a gloomy law suit, threatening the endowment and mission-at-large. Nevertheless, a defeat would signify a societal loss—a loss in the concept of a Gentleman, which has slowly been phased away in the last few decades.

Let us unite to defeat irresponsible tendencies and the DePauw football team in one fell swoop.



ON THE OBVIOUS Excellence Vs. Mediocrity

While the excitement builds, the majority of you freshmen do not quite understand yet just what the Bell game is about. You know you hate DePauw, you know you want the Bell, but you do not know why. Let me do my best to elucidate what I hope you will come to share with me in 3 short years.

From its founding in 1837, DePauw has held firm to our coattails—and only to continually be associated with our grand reputation. How many of us have heard, “Oh, you go to Wabash? What is that school you have that rivalry with?” or “Yeah, Wabash is all male, but you have an all-girls school just south of you.” While we strive towards excellence, DePauw benefits from our hard work. Study after study, poll after poll, Wabash is ranked well above DePauw, yet we are continually classified as a liberal arts college in the league of DePauw. While we are ringing-in awards for ‘Best Classroom Setting,’ ‘Most Accessible Professors,’ and ‘Best Athletic Facilities,’ DePauw is heralded for the ‘Best Radio Show,’ ‘Highest per capita Alcohol Consumption,’ and is renowned as a ‘Top Party School.’ In what way is DePauw similar to Wabash? Certainly it is not the academic environment.

This is exactly what is infuriating. At Wabash, we work for every GPA point. Professors will not hesitate



JAKE EZELL
OPINION
COLUMNIST

to fail a student for poor performance. We are pushed harder, worked more, and spend more time studying than they. And while they’re reaping the rewards of our academic reputation, they are partying. Even worse, the typical DePauw student, as described by the Princeton Review, is “upper-middle class” and “a little preppy,” and arrives on campus with a privileged mentality. They probably went to the best golf summer camps, were a product of private tutoring, and had their own tennis coach until they came to college. Certainly this is manifest in them wearing “polos and pearls,” again described

“From its founding in 1837, DePauw has held firm to our coattails—and only to continually be associated with our grand reputation.”

by Princeton Review. They have lived privileged lives, have been handed what they own, and continue this great tradition of aristocracy by riding our reputation.

When Princeton Review described Wabash students, we were reported to be “loud and ruddy-cheeked” and “probably smarter than people think.” At Wabash, we do not attempt to exude some mentality that we are better than those around us. It is not about whose dad made more money or who wears the best polo shirts and visors. It is about working hard and playing hard; about carrying on the tradition before us. Included in our Wabash tradition is a tradition of drinking moderately. We do not celebrate “Tasty Tuesdays,” “Wasted Wednesdays,” or “Thirsty Thursdays” coupled with parties on the weekend. We celebrate academia Sunday through Thursday and celebrate on the weekends, moderately, as those before us have. Drinking ourselves into blacking out forgetting our triumphant defeat of DePauw, stumbling around the bleachers giving middle fingers to the DePauw crowd in our drunken shenanigans, and partying so hard we go to the hospital enables DePauw to be classified with us and ride our coattails. The Monon Bell Classic is about defeating DePauw and separating our excellence from their mediocrity.

JAKE PEACOCK '12 ABROAD GUEST COLUMNIST

Excluding the recent hiccup of celebrating the twenty-first anniversary of my birth, drinking in Scotland is quite different than it is back in the States. Or, more precisely, drinking culture is different. I think most readers would agree with me that the US college experience is dotted by weekend binge drinking where some—or much—of the night is lost. Most provide the misnomer ‘experiencing college.’ In short, US college-age students on a whole are irresponsible, and the country, as a whole, has policies and attitudes that encourage irresponsibility. This is all a pretty common set of ideas, so I’m not going to reiterate a dusty, dusty string of arguments that have already been iterated on the Wabash campus plenty of times.

In Scotland the drinking age is officially eighteen, but isn’t too strictly enforced besides at night-clubs and supermarket franchises. Most of my local friends I have made here have been pub frequenters for quite some time—even with parents and friends’ parents before the legal age. Additionally, getting a pint with lunch, or a pint after work, or a pint after church is totally normal. Drinking about every day is acceptable here. In fact, in the UK many people take great pride in their national reputation as frequent drinkers, especially Scottish people.

This may sound shocking to those who have naïve views about alcohol. However, I have rarely met someone here who drinks to excess with the regularity that university students do back home. Why?

RESPONSIBLE DRINKING Scotland's Alcohol Culture

Because the cultural attitude of Britain in regards to alcohol is significantly more mature than the US. Alcohol consumption is viewed as something that ought to be enjoyed frequently and with plenty of good company. It is something fundamental to the experience of life in the UK, but it is something that is to be enjoyed with its dangers fully in mind.

I feel that the US drinking attitude is almost the opposite. Drinking is something which can be enjoyed, but in extreme moderation. Drinking more than a few drinks in the course of a night, more than once or twice a week, especially if you’re under forty, and definitely not if you’re under twenty-one, is taboo. But as everyone knows, the opposite of this seems to be how we act as a society.

I am absolutely positive that if I were to drink as I would here back in the US my friends and family would be shocked. In fact, one of the friends I have made here from Washington, D.C. has told me that back home people were quite concerned by his drinking habits, even though they were entirely responsible.

To make a long story short, American attitudes concerning drinking are childish in comparison to that of Scotland. It has been one of the biggest adjustments for me here, and it has been particularly eye opening. So, Wabash, this has been my take away from Scottish pubs: drinking alcohol is okay and normal, and you shouldn’t be ashamed to admit you like drinking, after all who doesn’t? What should be avoided is drinking in such a way as to live up to the college experience stereotype.

ON NATIONAL ACT

Girl Talk: Was It Worth It?



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Confetti and other such festivities adorned cheering fans as the night went on.

That's What's 'Sup!

MICHAEL PUROL '11
GUEST COLUMNIST

The show started real slow: a pathetic show of wallflowers and bleacher-bums occupied most of the opening act. Then the Wabash ghoulies and their pretty girlies arrived in costume and danced in-stride with the masked mayhemers roarin' and ready and gettin' bodies moving. All seemed right and demented and beautiful in the world as the crowd grew and the people flew onstage to dance. They made blessed fools out of themselves for the good of the cause.

I didn't stay the whole time, however, on account that I drove up to Purdue for another monster mash, but in the hour or so that I witnessed Girl Talk, my sober body and my drunk-on-funk soul had a wild time. This all suggests that Wabash Always Fights! and gets freak-nasty with the night despite the fact that all it had on stage was a couple of sweaty white boys pushing buttons, making sounds, spraying TP, and ripping off baby-doll heads. Go 'head, Girl Talk...that's what's 'sup!



DREW CASEY | WABASH '12

Senior Tim Kraft, a Frat Star, and others enjoy the mashup tunes of Girl Talk.

A Colossal Waste?

ADAM CURRENT '11
GUEST COLUMNIST

So, students, this weekend we squandered a year's salary for a disc jockey who, in all of his fame for studying biomedical engineering, only managed to fill up a quarter of Chadwick Court. And when one subtracts literally half of the crowd to account for the women present, I can't help but wonder if the other half actually voted for said disc jockey. So I ask: Student democracy in action, or a colossal waste of money?

Concerning the first, one can't help but note that not everyone will be pleased with a given act. Fine. However, what past National Acts had over Girl Talk is sheer numbers. Where were the people who voted for it? If those who voted for Girl Talk were even roughly half of those in attendance, we have a serious problem with our National Act system: not enough people care to sustain it. Need I mention the irresponsibility of throwing down forty thousand dollars (plus?) for the entertainment of a few, only to turn around and ask the student body itself for an additional twenty

thousand plus (in activity fees) when we can't do everything we want?

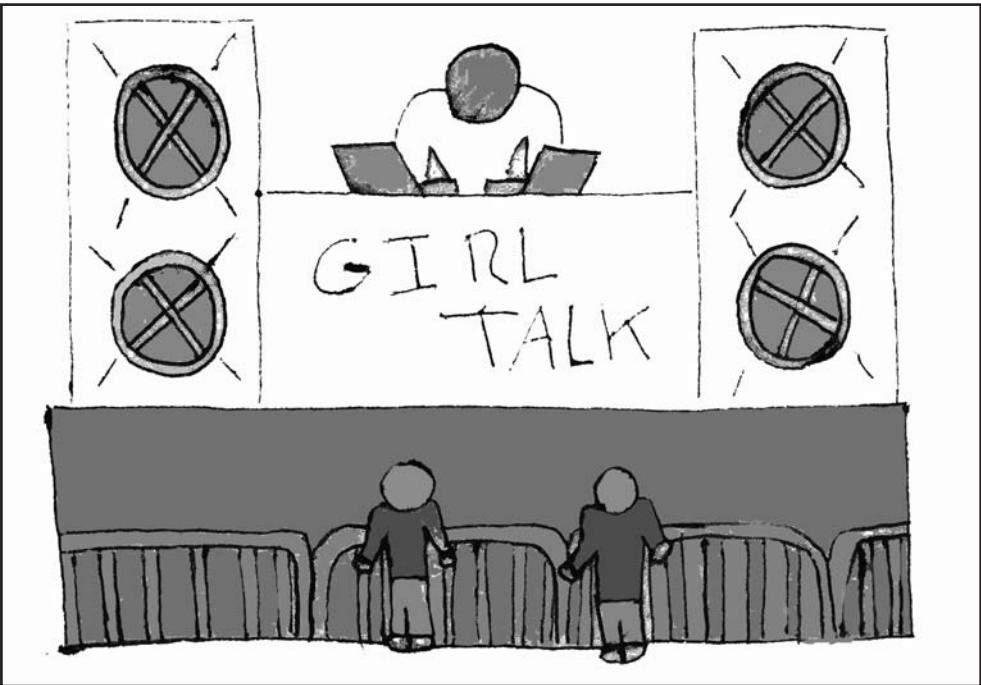
Concerning the second, I have to point out the utility of smaller events such as Casino Night. To be blunt, with Casino Night we pay Butler girls to talk to us, adding the potentiality of winning Colts' tickets at the end of the event. So what's not to like, and why not have more? After all, it's smaller, more Wabash students attend, and we can win things. Compared to this weekend's DJ, however, the cynic must be having a field day; we could have invested fifty dollars for his music, spent a few hundred on refreshments, and just had a huge party instead, possibly handing out free iPods to Wabash students as prizes. At least that would have played Halloween to our advantage!

Before I close though—and I don't intend on being wordy and wasting your time—let me add that I like the idea of National Act because it puts famous acts in our backyard. In addition, National Act also opens up profit potential when one considers how much money we can swindle from IU and Purdue students. But when the turnout is so low, something has to be done. Oh, the horror of giving the money back and letting the



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Wabash students and friends look onward half-enthused at Girl Talk's display.



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Girl Talk Takes Center Stage

Strong Performance Despite Low Student Reactions



DREW CASEY | WABASH '12

Students on stage with National Act Girl Talk party to the fullest extent while the crowd remained lifeless. The mashup maestro mixed many contemporary hits with older rock songs, but it wasn't enough to stimulate the near-silent students.

As the neon lights pulsated to the rhythm of student's bodies, psychotic clowns gracing the dimly lit projector, and one man manically bouncing back and forth, Girl Talk took to the hallowed halls of Chadwick Court.

Girl Talk, the stage name of the one-man-not-a-band mashup artist Gregg Gillis, burst out onto stage in a full Freddy Krueger costume to help ring in the Halloween evening with the rest of girls and ghouls of Wabash College. Too bad the court was as abandoned as a decrepit house of horrors.

Where were the students? Off in their own world, perhaps pre-gaming for the Halloween party weekend, or maybe at another campus ripe with other costumed college kids. Regardless of the enthusiasm (or lack thereof), Girl Talk mashed his heart out.

Each song transformed into a grab bag of assorted beats and lyrics. Some mashups worked better than others, while a few of the transitions fell flat. Instead of an ever-escalating ascension to an explosive climax, the songs were set in a hit-or-miss basis. Where there should have been a mountain of energy, Girl Talk provided a series of hills.

Yet, this is not entirely Girl Talk's fault. Live mashup artists feed off of the energy and fervor of the crowd, which can be difficult when only a handful of students show up. Clearly the people that wanted Gillis were there rushing the stage with him, jumping up and down in a mindless self-indulgence with other ravers. The rest of the crowd, however, failed to be as energetic.

Huddled in a 100-man mass toward the stage, students went crazy. The outer edges refused to join in, which can leave a sour



JOEL BUSTAMANTE '11
CAVELIFE EDITOR
Party Hard,
Party Hard

taste in the minds of artists and fans alike. Yet it's hard to garner enthusiasm for an act that seemingly presses play simultaneously on two separate computers.

Herein lies the difference between Girl Talk and an ordinary DJ: each song is mixed and mashed on the spot with little to no pre-thought. The music can only be as spontaneous as the crowd wants it to be. Furthermore, Girl Talk actively tried to get the crowd going with giant bouncing balls and flowing streams of confetti-filled toilet paper. No matter what the gimmick, only the core party-goers would wave their hands in the air in a manner insinuating their lack of caring.

Should Wabash have gotten a more accessible star to sound off the festivities? We've tried that; it doesn't work. Ben Folds played to a nearly full field of students, bickering with the crowd the entire time. In retaliation, Wabash men voted for a complete 360 with hardcore hip-hop artists Three 6 Mafia, who couldn't finish an entire song due to drastic lineup changes. It seems Wabash refuses to be satisfied no matter who takes the stage.

Ultimately it's up to the students of

Wabash to buy in to the National Act. Girl Talk could have been an epic concert, provided that students actually showed up to enjoy it. The entire room could have been filled with jumping, dancing, fist-pumping people, fighting to match the pounding beats and slick transitions.

Even then, it's hard to place the blame entirely on the student body's shoulders. National Act was set on the single biggest universal party night of the year, Halloween. Big campuses like Purdue and Indiana University were partying to the brim while Wabash remained relatively barren by comparison.

Furthermore, with such a late official announcement from those in charge, it was

even more difficult to recruit people from other schools to attend. Several DePauw students (mostly women) were incredibly interested, but had already put their weekends into motion by the time word had gotten out.

Don't get me wrong; there were plenty of girls and others who enjoyed the heck out of the school. And so long as nobody looked directly behind them, it was very easy to assume that Chadwick was filled to the brim. Ambient party energy surged those present, directed at Gillis' whim. Maybe one day all of Wabash will be in attendance for such a show.



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Above Right: Lucas Evans '12 carefully measures his solution as the clock ticks away.



Right: Dr. Lon Porter heads the proceedings of the event.

Myspace Marks Media Makeover

In light of Facebook's success, Myspace rushes to fit in

MICHAEL CARPER '13
WEB COLUMNIST

So, MySpace still exists. Yep. I haven't been on the site since I deleted my account during my senior year of high school, so the recent news about MySpace's revamping was a blast to the past. The New MySpace, or, as the logo proclaims, "My _____," concentrates on the main strength of the site, the one advantage it has retained among Facebook's rise in popularity: Entertainment. In other words, it's about more than your Space.

As it lost ground to Facebook, MySpace remained the destination for bands, comedians, and independent filmmakers to showcase their talents. Facebook never focused on media, and this niche that MySpace occupies, and hopes to capitalize on, reflects the sharing nature of, well, everything. Their declared purpose is to be a "social entertainment destination" for 18-35 year olds. The new profile pages, home pages, and options and banners for their sites reflect its re-invigorated social nature. It borrows the news feed from Facebook, and introduces the "Topic" page, which resembles Facebook Pages. It introduces the special status of "Curator," which gives users with considerable influence or knowledge more options to share content with their fans.

As a relatively early adopter of Facebook (I signed up less than a year after it



became open to high school students), the gradual loss of MySpace users, and its new layout, was inevitable. MySpace, until about 2008, had strength in numbers. But the profiles were getting out of hand. The homepage was atrocious. The commenting system was bulky and slow. You couldn't search by school; and display names were as cute as they were burdensome.

Facebook accounts slowly trickled in. In those early days, updates were posted at the speed of glaciers, compared to Facebook's current traffic. I think a rule of social networking, whether you're evaluating Facebook, MySpace, or Twitter, is that the time you spend on the site is determined by who is online as well. Other friends of mine joined Facebook; and as they warmed to the homepage, the wall, the networks, and the speed of it all, their activity shifted. By 2009, Facebook won the battle of sheer numbers.

This news prompted me to visit MySpace again and create an account. It's come a long way. The profiles are more condensed, the entertainment pages are easier on the eyes, and the commenting system requires

less time. I visited Matt & Kim's artist profile and listened to their soon-to-be-released album, in full. It's great. However, the plagues of old MySpace are ever-present. The friend-finding system is archaic, changing settings is a pain, and the entertainment pages aren't yet easily organized. Without the friend-finding ease of Facebook, there's no point in me sharing content.

Yet, I sort of miss the old MySpace. I still have all the HTML saved from my last profile, which, I might add, looked awesome. I had code that hid most boxes and turned my profile into a sleek website. That's gone, and the most you can do to customize your profile is change the theme and background. The sheer time I spent tweaking that HTML seems lost. I have hope for this new MySpace, or simple "My _____." Much of the content I share on Facebook or Twitter, such as YouTube videos and music, could be better organized through MySpace profiles and pages than my current system of just posting links. However, it might take some convincing for college students to stray from their bread-and-butter of Facebook and split their time between a website known for auto-playing music, glittery graphics, and pictures taken in front of a mirror, aka "MySpace pics." Tom's allure has faded, but the artists and TV shows with web-savvy followings like you and me might save MySpace from death, deletion, or worse, de-friending.

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It All Comes Down to This

BRANDAN ALFORD '12
SPORTS EDITOR

It all comes down to this. For a senior class that had to endure a 10-7 loss last season that ended a four-year reign atop the NCAC, this week's matchup with No. 7 Wittenberg is a chance at redemption. Following a strong 20-3 victory over visiting Allegheny, the Little Giants turn their attentions to a game that is for all the marbles. Clichés aside, this matchup between Wabash (7-1 overall, 5-0 NCAC) and Wittenberg (8-0, 4-0) will determine the NCAC champion, plain and simple.

"Our team understands this three-game stretch and what it means for our season," defensive coordinator Jake Gilbert said. "Everyone has been a little more intense. They know that if we don't get the job done this weekend, we might be turning in the pads a little earlier this season."

It seems like this game has come at a perfect for a Little Giant team that is hitting on all cylinders. With a special teams group that has put points on the board more often than some teams' offenses, the Little Giants have looked for consistency out of their offensive and defensive units. Both have shown bright spots throughout the 2010 season, but have fought for consistency. Saturday's victory over Allegheny was a great blueprint, with all three phases working efficiently.

Junior Tyler Burke made his second consecutive start under center for the Little Giants. With Allegheny's defense containing Wabash for much of the afternoon, Burke managed the offense well. While only mustering one scoring drive in all



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Sophomore defensive lineman Pat Clegg drops Allegheny's quarterback for a loss.

four quarters, the junior signal caller shouldered the load in both the rushing and passing attacks, accounting for 220 yards of total offense. Burke rushed 14 times for 52 yards, including a second quarter touchdown that proved to be the eventual game-winner.

While not able to put up the same gaudy

numbers through the air that he enjoyed the week before at Denison (350 yards, 4 TD), Burke picked his spots en route to completing 62 percent of his passes (21-34). Totaling 168 yards, Burke found ways to distribute the ball to five different receivers on the afternoon. Leading the way in the receiving department was freshman James Kraus.

As has been the case through much of an impressive first college season, Kraus stepped up as the Allegheny defense focused its attack on junior Jonathan Horn. With Horn double teamed for much of the game, Kraus tallied 8 catches, finishing with 70 yards receiving. For only the second time this season, Horn was held below the century mark for receiving yards, but was able to break free for six receptions and 57 yards. Fellow junior Brady Young also turned in a solid performance in a balanced passing attack finishing with five catches for 28 yards.

While the offense was held in check for much of the game, the defensive effort was one of the season's finest for the Little Giants. Holding Allegheny to a field goal in the last minute of the first half, Wabash's lead was never truly threatened after intermission. Holding the Gators to 200 yards of total offense, the Little Giant defense forced a turnover and only allowed Allegheny into Wabash territory twice during the second half.

Individually, the Little Giant 'D' was headlined by numerous individual efforts, led by senior linebacker C.J. Gum and his 9 tackles. Junior defensive back Sam Smith and senior linebackers Jake Kolisek and Deonte Singfield all finished with six tackles apiece. Kolisek was a presence in the Gator backfield all afternoon, finishing with three tackles for loss, including two sacks. Singfield recorded his first interception of the season which essentially deflated the 'Gheny attack.

It will come as no surprise to any Wabash football supporters that once again the Little Giant special teams came up

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Skinner Works His Way Back Onto Field

KYLE BENDER '12
STAFF WRITER

Freshman Mike Skinner knows a thing or two about adversity.

The Saint John, Ind. native and former Andrean High School football standout was ready to begin his collegiate football career with the Little Giants this fall. The first-team all-area wide receiver had worked out all summer in preparation for the upcoming season.

However, only days before he was set to arrive on campus and report for training camp, Skinner went to the Portage IMAX theatre with his girlfriend and several friends. Following the movie and on the way to his car, Skinner was jumped and violently beaten by his girlfriend's ex-boyfriend.

Skinner was rushed to a Valparaiso hospital where he was told that his jaw was broken. Following an intense surgery that involved wiring his jaw shut, Skinner still held onto the small possibility of playing football for the Little Giants.

"My parents didn't want to tell me I wasn't going to be able to play," he said. "They knew, but I didn't. So when the doctor came in and told me straight-forward, 'You can't play this year,' right then I just broke down. Through all the pain that happened, I never felt worse than when he told me I couldn't play football."

The days ahead for Skinner were the hardest. An active and energetic person, Skinner was bed-ridden and left only to play NCAA '11 on Xbox 360 in his family's basement. On account of his wired jaw, he could only eat pureed food through a straw for three months. In just the first week following the attack, he lost 13 pounds.

"It was really tough," he said. "I'd wake up and feel all right, but then the little things would make me mad, I just wasn't emotionally there. If my food didn't go through my mouth right, I would get angry. I would randomly become depressed for a while. I couldn't go outside and play basketball or football or do anything."

Skinner and his parents even discussed delaying his departure for Wabash. In fact, Skinner was leaning toward not enrolling until the spring semester. But a personal visit from Assistant Football Coach Josh Hoeg helped formulate his decision.

"Coach Hoeg came to my house a week after I returned from the hospital," Skinner said. "He had just gotten back from his honeymoon that same day and took the time to drive up and see me. Out of the many signs of support I received, it was the one thing that stood out to me during my entire ordeal. It gave me an idea of the types of relationships I would develop while at Wabash College."

Hoeg was Skinner's primary contact during the recruitment process and the two already had developed a close relationship prior to the accident.

"Mike's attitude was great the entire time I was at his house," Hoeg said. "I was blown away by how well he could speak in such a short amount of time following the surgery. I also found out that I was about the 1000th person to stop by to see him. That's a pretty strong testament to the type of person Mike is and how much everyone likes him. We talked a lot about what happened to him as well as what his options were pertaining to Wabash."

Skinner made the decision to attend several Wabash football practices, where he was instantly welcomed by the entire team. He was offered every sort of accommodation, even promised special food preparations by the Sigma Chi cooks. The overwhelming sense of community support he found at Wabash helped make his decision to begin school in the fall with the rest of his classmates an easy one.

Since then, Skinner has not looked back. As a manager on this year's football team, he is in daily contact with his teammates and already worked to learn the entire offensive playbook. Along with their food accommodations for Skinner, the brotherhood of Sigma Chi has been supportive of Skinner in every facet. Even with the wired jaw, Skinner was able to participate in the annual tradition of Chapel Sing and helped his Sig Chi pledge brothers capture first place in the event.

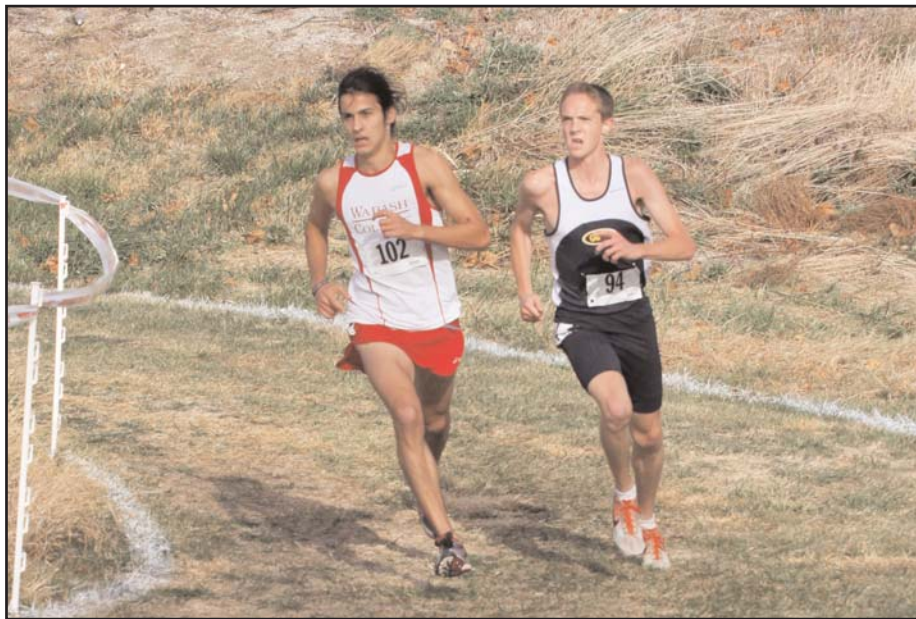
"Everything at Wabash has been great," Skinner said. "Once the wires were removed and I was able to fully talk, things got even better. I gained 10 pounds the first three days after they came off."

While braces will remain for another year, Skinner has received clearance to participate in spring football practices. He's already hit the weight room, trying to improve his strength and conditioning in preparation for the day he gets to play football again.

"I'm really looking forward to the 6:00 a.m. workouts this offseason and the opportunity to finally work alongside my teammates," he said. "I want to get bigger and stronger so I'm ready to play next season."

The football coaching staff is also anxious to see Skinner on the field.

"We thought that Mike was a really good football player when we recruited him, and he still is that type of player," Hoeg said. "He had to sit out a year, but we're really excited to see him on the field for the first time. I'm sure he'll pick up right where he left off."



DREW CASEY | WABASH '12

Senior Seth Einterz took home fourth place at the NCAC Championships, where Wabash took home second place. The NCAA Regionals are in two weeks (Nov. 13).

Cross Country Earns Second at NCAC Meet

RYAN LUTZ '13
STAFF WRITER

Running is a soul searching sport, a sport of complete honesty and truth. It is also one of the hardest sports, and our cross country team is preparing for the final stretch of their season. With the Conference meet behind them the Cross Country team is gearing up for Regionals.

After placing second in Conference the team is feeling good about their chances at Regionals. "It is a little bit bittersweet getting second in Conference, but Justin Allen will be back for Regionals so that will help us out a lot" Coach Busch said.

"As a team we stepped up through our 3-7 man. Which was great to see on such a mentally challenging course, especially with Justin sitting out for this meet" Kevin McCarthy said. There is a lot of work that the team has to do to prepare for Regionals, but the pieces seem to be falling into place.

"Right now we feel we are the number two team in the Region" Busch said. "We know we have to have a very good day but we should be in a good position". Having Justin Allen back and healthy for Regionals will also help out their chances for making it to Nationals.

The team's main focus is to focus on stay healthy, in preparation for nationals. "We need to make sure we are doing all the little things right" Busch said. Being diligent about the little things like staying healthy with the changing weather and not becoming overwhelmed with classes will help the team run its best race come Regionals. "We are just preparing for Regionals one step at a time" McCarthy said.

The training aspect is also changing for the team as well. "Our volume is coming down but the intensity of the workouts is going up, and we are focusing on the mental aspect of training as well" Busch said. The coaching staff is doing this by reviewing past performances and workouts completed to boost the teams' confidence for the Regional meet. Heading into the meet the team is ready to go out and run its best race. "We need to come ready to run, excited to compete, and ready to grind it out with the best of them on a very cold Michigan day in November. It will take team accountability and the will to win" McCarthy said.

Cross country is often thought of as an individual sport but it is their camaraderie that could push them into the top two at Regionals. "When you look at your teammate next to you at 6K and knowing beyond a doubt that you will run with this man to hell and back or until your body explodes" McCarthy said. With this attitude the team is on the right track to place in the top two in the Region and be the first cross country team to go to Nationals since 1997. "We have to do what we are capable of" Busch said, "And if we do that then we will be top two in the Region".

When it comes down to it all the team needs to do it come out and perform. "We need to come ready to run, excited to compete, and ready to grind it out with the best of them on a very cold Michigan day in November. It will take team accountability and the will to win at Regionals" McCarthy said.

They are working on their mental, as well as physical states for the regional meet. You cannot forget their X factor though, it's the fact that "We are Wabash" McCarthy said.

Seniors have Special Bond

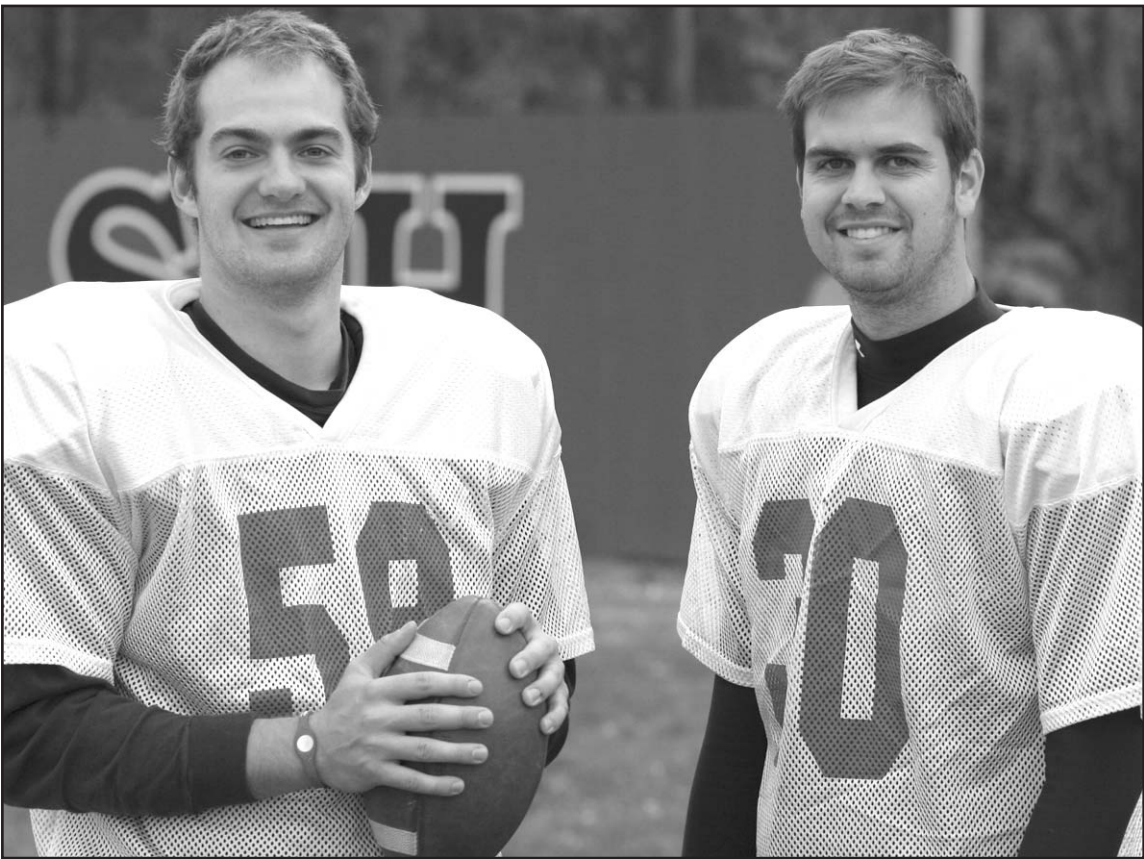
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SPORTS EDITOR

For the most part, they are a faceless, unknown entity. You won't hear their name or know who they are unless one of two things occurs: something really great or something really awful. If nothing else, they are on an island; they are special teams specialists. Seniors Kyle Grand and Spencer Whitehead have spent four years basking in the dim glow of relative anonymity that comes with their positions. For Grand, the team's long snapper, and Whitehead, the kicker, that relative obscurity has forged a bond that in popular culture has come to be termed a "bro-mance."

Offense and defense; there's where the majority of a football team's practice time will be spent every day. When it comes time for a special teams session, it will be short-lived and perfection will undoubtedly be the expectation.

"I know my roll," Grand said. "If I'm not getting recognition, then that means I'm doing my job."

"We realize that we have to work that much harder. Every-



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Seniors Kyle Grand and Spencer Whitehead play a huge role in the success of special teams this year and throughout their Little Giant careers. Over that time, the pair have forged a strong friendship.

day is a chance to get better for us."

Routinely relegated to isolated practice sessions perfecting their

craft, Grand and Whitehead have forged a friendship that has helped the pair make the most of their daily routine.

"Last year, there were a lot of times where it was just Grand and I alone on a practice field," Whitehead said. "Over that time

period, I feel like we've gotten to know each quite a bit."

Since coming on campus, both Grand and Whitehead have experienced successful Wabash careers, giving the Little Giants a consistent, successful phase of the game that most teams spend all week worrying about. Grand and Whitehead have a lot to do with that.

"I know I am only going to get a few opportunities every game, so the biggest thing is staying focused and making the most of each chance I have out there," Whitehead said.

This season, Wabash has spent a substantial amount of time ranking among the conference's best in most every special teams and kicking statistical category.

The successes of the special team units is obviously not lost on Grand and Whitehead. The pair, both unselfish in terms of praise, realize the importance that each position has in order for them to experience success.

"Kyle has a direct affect on each and every kicking situation. He certainly plays a huge role in my ability to be successful," Whitehead noted. "I may be the one doing the kicking and getting the recognition, but Kyle has a lot to do with that."



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A smothering defensive effort against the Allegheny Gators was more than enough for Wabash's fifth straight conference win. Wabash limited 'Gheny to 200 total offensive yards

Wittenberg

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with another big play, finding a way to score against what had been shaky special teams by the Gators all day. For the tenth time this season, Wabash blocked a kick, this time coming off the effort of freshman linebacker Nate Scola.

From the department of recurring themes, sophomore Jonathon Koop once again found himself in the right place at the right time off of Scola's blocked punt, picking up the loose ball and taking it the rest of the way for his continually-increasing school-record fourth punt return touchdown of the season.

Moving forward to the Wittenberg matchup, the one question that must be answered Saturday is who will take snaps for the Little Giants. Sophomore Chase Belton, the starter for the season's first six games, has spent the last two weeks nursing an injury that kept him out of competition. In his stead, Burke has come in and engineered two conference wins for the Little Giants, keeping their NCAC title hopes alive and kicking in 2010. Coach Erik Raeburn has yet to name a starter for Saturday's game.

Whoever is given the reigns to the offense will be facing one of the nation's stingiest defenses when they

line up in Springfield, OH. Wittenberg, on its way to an unblemished (4-0) NCAC record, has allowed a paltry 42 points to conference opponents.

"We will have to play every play at 110 percent," Burke said. "In a game like this, one bad play, or one turnover can make the difference. Coming off of the Allegheny game, we are getting ready to play a team that is just as good."

The Tigers have been no slouches on the offensive side of the ball, either. Trailing only Wabash's output, Wittenberg ranks second in conference contests having piled up 155 points. Leading that charge have been the conference's most prolific quarterback-receiver duo in junior signal caller Ben Zoeller and classmate Josh McKee.

Zoeller has passed for 283 yards per game this season, including an impressive 21 touchdowns. To go with leading the conference in yards per game and touchdowns, Zoeller also paces the league in least interceptions, passing efficiency, and yards. 14 of Zoeller's touchdowns have gone to McKee who has put up one of the finest receiving seasons in the country at the division III level. The 6'2" Ohio-native has totaled 50 catches for over 1100 yards. All three of those numbers are conference-bests.

"Our focus is always to limit big plays," Gilbert said.

"They are a really good team offensively, but we just have to do our thing on defense. If we do that and we execute the way we need to, then we will be successful on Saturday."

That pair will be yet another test for a Wabash secondary that, while not forcing as many turnovers as a year ago, has bottled up passing offenses for much of the season.

"We have faced a lot of good receivers and quarterbacks this season," junior defensive back Sam Smith said. "We are going to try to minimize what they do, but we just need to go out there and play. There is something special about this game for us. We are going to be dialed in."

If Wabash is to exorcize the demons of a year ago, this game may very well come down to special teams, an area in which the Little Giants have excelled. Both Wittenberg and Wabash lead the conference in almost all offensive and defensive statistical categories, and that includes the kicking game. Featuring the two best kickers, in terms of scoring, this game could come down to execution in that facet. Whether it will be another big field goal by Wittenberg or a signature blocked punt by the Little Giants, it may come down to the specialists to decide this season's NCAC crown.

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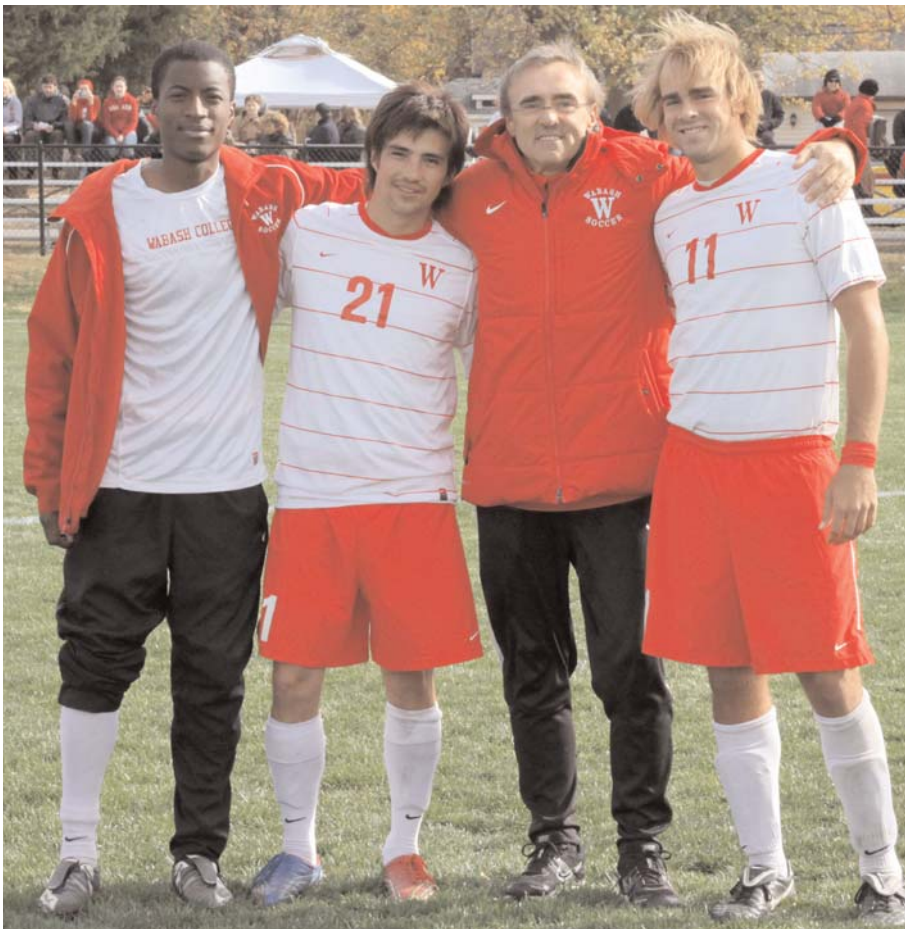
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Seniors Andre Hall, Diego Aliaga, Coach Giannini, and Mark Babcock during Senior day festivities against Wooster, a 4-1 win. (Right) Junior Ian Kelly battle sfor a header in the win.



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Wrestling Looks to Build Off Last Season’s Success

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The wrestling team has their sights set again on being atop the regional this year. In the last couple of seasons the Little Giants have been close, but have faltered near the end. “It is not like we are far off. Just one or two more good individual performances at the end of the year can put us on top,” Coach Anderson said.

Anderson has high expectations with his young team this year with only two seniors on the roster. The Little Giants right now are just trying to do the little things right to ensure everything is in place for them come the end of the season. Hopefully the newly revamped weight and conditioning workout will yield fewer injuries and help the wrestlers stay at peak physical condition. “If our team and individual goals are not getting to nationals, then we are only selling ourselves short,” Anderson said.

With their first competition of the season this weekend at the Loras Open in Dubuque, Iowa, the Little Giants are ready to start a new season with regionals and nationals on their minds. A few other highlights on the calendar this season for the Giants include the match against Indiana University, the Wheaton Invitational, and the Midwest Classic. These three events and regionals will yield the highest competition for Wabash this year. “These matches will have some of the best wrestlers in the country. It will be a real gut check for the team,” Anderson said. However, with a loaded roster and young talent things are only looking up for Wabash.

Senior Robert Beeler is trying to stay healthy this year so that he can help lead his team to their goals. Josh Boyer is coming off of a strong season last year, looking to build on that momentum this year. Jake Strausbaugh, who was just recently named to the All- Freshmen team and

barely missed the All-American recognition as a freshman last year, has bigger goals on his mind. Strausbaugh explained that it is a fresh start for him this season. “I feel terrible about missing All-American honors by one match last season, but that has nothing to do with this year.”

Having achieved early success as a freshman, there is a lot of pressure to

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repeat last year’s performance. This may be true, but Strausbaugh has a different opinion. “There is some pressure, however my ultimate goal is to win a national title.” With higher expectations and bigger goals the pressure should be somewhat less for the sophomore. Other young wrestlers looking to make their mark on the season include Tyler McCoy, Drew Songer, and Marc Escobedo.

“It is just a matter of being consistent and taking care of business,” Anderson said. Being so close in recent years to being on top of the regional, there is a sense that the Little Giant wrestlers are chomping at the bit to get the season started this weekend. Wabash needs to prove themselves this year to show that they are worthy of that top regional spot.

“There is no doubt that we can do it, it is just a matter of piecing the puzzle together come tournament time,” Anderson said.



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Sophomore Jake Strausbaugh looks to build off a largely successful freshman season.



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Senior Graham Youngs is preparing for his final season for the Little Giants.



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