



# Moving Forward with Sustainability

*After a D- from SEI, the College Contemplates its Environmental Practices*

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**STAFF WRITER**

Do grades really matter? That is the issue students, faculty and administration are grappling with in the wake of the release of the College Sustainability Report Card 2011, compiled by the Cambridge, Mass.-based Sustainable Endowments Institute (SEI). For the first time this year, the Environmental Concerns Committee (ECC), in conjunction with the student-run Students for Sustainability (SFS), managed to secure funding for a campus-wide recycling program that included single-stream recycling bins and ESH student workers. Vegetables were harvested for use by dining contractor Bon Appétit from a brand new Community Garden. Yet this slew of initiatives failed to make a dent in the D- grade the College received in the annual, response-based survey.

Michael Mondovics '13, president of SFS and the driving force behind the Community Garden project, was disappointed that the administration chose for the second year not to respond to the Endowment component of the survey, and that it instructed Dining and Campus Services to do likewise. He took issue, however, with the methodology used by SEI. Echoing Professor Doug Calisch's concerns, Mondovics felt that the findings this year did not adequately reflect or reward student initiatives. "As far as I know, no one from this organization ever set foot on campus," he said. "If they had, they would have seen the huge strides we've made over the last year."

Rob Foley, senior research fellow at the

SEI, agreed that there were indeed noticeable changes, at least on the student level. "But at most campuses the center of power ultimately lies with the administration," Foley said. "Student Involvement accounts for only 1/9th of the overall grade, and within that, a portion of the category deals with actions taken by the administration to foster student involvement in sustainability initiatives. While students are certainly able to affect larger change on campus, if those efforts are not documented, then we are not aware of them and unfortunately cannot count them toward the overall grade."

"It privileges larger institutions," said President Pat White, referring to the rubric of the survey, "and more policy-driven institutions." According to White, the fact that the surveys privileged policy over practice, with questions relating to the presence of a sustainability office, for instance, was key to the administration's decision not to respond. Like with so many other surveys in higher education, the concern was that broad measures and standards would fail to take into account the idiosyncracies of each institution, especially small liberal arts colleges like Wabash. "The end should be stewardship of our resources and not merely a ranking," White said.

Foley acknowledged the survey's limitations in capturing nuances between different colleges, but stressed that the survey did emphasize stewardship, comparing as it did the 300 institutions with the largest endowments. "At the end of the day students take the cue from the administration," Foley said. "In a way, leadership, more than rules and policies, is about signalling what you value. Our focus is on sustainabil-

ity best practices in colleges and universities. If an institution has not made sustainable practices a priority, for whatever reason, they will receive a grade which reflects that choice." He recognized, however, that sustainability is just one of many considerations at a time when cost-cutting decisions are being made across higher education.

Head of Campus Services David Morgan was enthusiastic about the advances made on many fronts in and around campus, citing recent green building projects and upgrades to ventilation and heating systems in the Fine Arts Center and Hays Hall. He was less sanguine about the issue of energy efficiency, however, and saw clear benefits to a methodical approach to the problem, pointing to the recent Honeywell energy audit as an important milestone. "Granted there are still some rocks to turn over, but they did a lot of the heavy lifting for us," he said. "They turned over the big ones."

Honeywell identified lighting and heating as potentially large energy-savings areas, as a brief walk around campus any given evening would suggest. Other ideas included converting the College's three large boilers into several smaller high-efficiency ones that can be brought online individually and sub-metering to track energy usage and waste in campus buildings. "If we can track it, we can improve it," Morgan said. He is optimistic that moving forward on these initiatives will pay dividends in the future, perhaps even within a time frame of seven to eight years. "With a menu of recommendations, the audit provided us with an item-

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The recent SEI survey failed to account for student progress toward environmental best practices.

## Deadline: Study Abroad Hopefuls Submit Applications

**KENNY FARRIS '12**

**STAFF WRITER**

For many sophomores, today marks an important deadline for a large body of work to complete and turn in. Surprisingly, it's not a final C&T paper.

Today marks the day when sophomores must turn in their final materials for off-campus study in the junior year. By four o'clock this afternoon, sophomores interested in studying abroad must have their online applications completed.

"I think we will have about 70 applicants," said Faculty Coordinator for International Programs and Professor of History Rick Warner. "The pool would be much larger except that over the last few years the pool has 'self-selected' as students with lower GPAs have opted not to apply due to cutbacks."

These cutbacks have rendered the off-campus study decision at Wabash a more competitive program among applicants. Half the number of students who studied abroad three years ago are able to study abroad this year.

"This has intensified the competition for approval but it has had some positive



DREW CASEY | WABASH '12

Director of Off-Campus Study, David Clapp, cited the competitive nature of the off-campus study application process. After funding cuts, the process is more competitive than ever before.

effects as well," Dr. Warner said. "Faculty members are increasingly involved in examining the individual programs that we use, and everyone (involved in the application process) is becoming more intentional about the pedagogical reasons and desired outcomes for semester abroad."

Sophomores who applied to participate in Wabash off-campus study submitted four key resources by today: an essay describing the program and explaining goals for study abroad, a graduation

plan, two faculty references, and program selection.

"Students have to carefully think through their reasons for wanting to study off campus then make a case for it within their essay," said Director of Off-Campus Studies David Clapp. "We are talking about study, not travel per se."

Today is the second deadline in the Off-Campus Study application process. On Nov. 19, all interested

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## For Internationals, a Different Kind of Break

**GABE WATSON '13**

**STAFF WRITER**

Most of the student body are only weeks away from returning to the comfort of their home towns, family, and friends. But for many international students, winter break is far from this well-deserved break from student rigors.

For students like Dawit Kebede '11, whose hometown is in Ethiopia, a trip home over this break is just not feasible. In fact, he has not been home for years. Kebede says he will spend this break working ESH jobs and preparing for Senior Comps.

Jorge Diaz '11 will also spend much of his break on campus preparing for Comps. But he goes home to Chiapas, Mexico every year to celebrate the holidays with his family. "Christmas is a big thing in Mexico," he explained, so he uses the long break as his only opportunity throughout the school year to return home.

"But for guys who live in Africa or China, it's just too expensive to get home," Diaz continued. "It's just not worth it." He explained that most international students do not own cars, and no food is provided on cam-

pus. This means they often have to walk to get food. He wondered why, if sports teams can receive Sparks meals over break, the international students cannot.

Director of International Students David Clapp explained that all international students are assigned to a host family to act as a "local community friend." The family can invite their assigned student over for meals or events and provide support to them.

But the success of these relationships can vary. "Last year at least ten of our host families just stopped talking to us," said Diaz. Sometimes the bond can be strong for a freshman who needs support, but the bonds tend to weaken as time goes on.

"My family for my first two years was great," he said. "they talked to me at least twice a week." But over time the relationship broke, and they no longer spoke. When this happens a new family is chosen for the student.

Diaz also pointed out that, while a host family is in theory a great thing, sometimes joining a family gathering for Thanksgiving or Christmas celebrations can be awkward, and the student can feel that he is impos-

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## AROUND CAMPUS

### Comedy Show

Tonight at 8:30 p.m., the Wabash Comedy Club will host Stephanie Lochbihler and Jeff Oskay for a comedy show in the Ball Theater. Oskay is a writer for Bob & Tom.

### Elections

Student Body elections will be held from next Monday through Wednesday in the library. Times for voting have yet to be determined as of this past Wednesday. Students will receive the times via e-mail once they are determined. The deadline to file to be on the ballot was extended to 4 p.m. today.

As of Wednesday at 4 p.m., Steve Henke '12 and Adam Miller '12 filed to run for President, and Tyler Wade '12 filed to run for Vice President.

Look for full coverage of election results online next Wednesday at [www.bachelor.wabash.edu](http://www.bachelor.wabash.edu).

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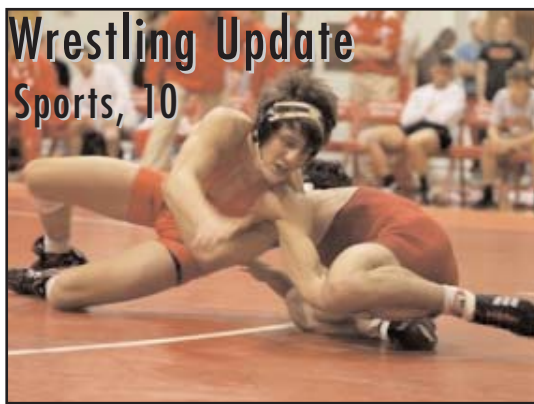
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zed road map that we can work with,” he said. “Even small things like getting people to close their windows would make a difference.”

On the other hand, SFS vice-president William Logan ’11, who spearheaded the recycling initiative, felt that the chronic lack of interest in the wider student body undermined green efforts. “The initiative is definitely not going to come from our school’s administration,” Logan said. “It has to come from the student body, and it has to come from more than a group of 10 or so students. The reality is the student body as a whole has not shown any real concern over our lack of sustainability aside from

the two weeks after the D-comes out every year. If we really want to see our school make some changes, we need to get rowdy and make some noise about these issues.”

Mondovics agrees. “Take recycling, for example. It’s single-stream which means you don’t even have to sort it,” he said. “It should be a no-brainer, and, still, we’re so far from where we could be. The thing is, if students don’t care, nothing’s going to happen. We can’t make you care if you don’t want to.” Professor of English Marc Hudson, a founding member of the Environmental Concerns Committee, shared these frustrations. “It is an uphill task,” Hudson said, “and we certainly have a long way to go to integrate the conversation into

campus life. We shouldn’t be disillusioned. My hope is that we come to realize that what is at stake here is the kind of world we leave behind for future generations.”

President White is confident the College will be able to successfully navigate the conversation on sustainability. “There have been lots of good initiatives that have been student-driven,” he said. “What efforts do students want us to be behind. I think it’s important to be attentive to what we as a community hope to accomplish. Policies are important, but they have to be pragmatic policies that can make a difference in our lives.”



ALEX MOSEMAN | WABASH '11

President White stated that Wabash would consider filling out the SEI survey next year, and emphasized that the College should move toward sustainable practices.

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Off-Campus Study applicants completed a course approval form and an adviser & academic department chair approval form. Applicants also began their online applications.

“Students try very hard to follow directions and meet deadlines,” Mr. Clapp said. “The online system is a gem!”

Decisions about acceptance to pursue an Off-Campus Study semester begin during the first week of classes in January. Then, the Off-Campus Studies Committee reviews all applications.

“The reason we wait until

January is that many students improve their GPA in the fall semester of their sophomore year,” Dr. Warner said. “This is the earliest possible moment that we can make the decisions based upon those grades.”

The competition for these spots has increased in recent years due to cutbacks by Wabash College. Along with the fewer numbers of students who earn approval to study abroad, Wabash no longer runs an official program in York. However, Wabash still currently sends students to the university.

“Though the present scarcity of Off-Campus Study slots is not pleasing to anyone, I have strong faith

in the future of the program,” Dr. Warner said. “One of the four pillars of the Campaign for Excellence concerns international learning. We are raising funds to endow more semester slots for Off-Campus Study.”

Warner also noted that students denied an entire semester abroad can still take advantage of international experiences through Wabash.

“Immersion learning has a safe future at Wabash,” Warner said. “(The practice) is also undergoing an increasingly rigorous process in terms of identifying the best pedagogical practices for these short-

term experiences.”

Warner also noted the two other possibilities for international study: the Rudolph Scholarship and the Dill Fund. Established in 2007, the Rudolph Scholarship allows a Wabash junior to study abroad the summer before their senior year. Last year, the Rudolph Scholarship funded current seniors Joe Johnson, Cliff Kocian, and Patrick Con-cannon to spend their summers in Europe.

According to a link on the Wabash website, the Dill Fund “supports the educational mission of the College by enabling students to explore off-campus opportunities outside of the normal academic year.” The fund

began through a donation by Wabash alumnus Michael Dill ’71.

Yet even with these options, the anticipated 70 sophomore applicants into the Off-Campus Study program will spend more than a month awaiting the results of the committee’s decision. It is these students’ desire to study abroad that inspires Warner and Clapp to secure more funding for the program.

“We are intensifying our efforts to provide quality international learning experiences for current and future students,” Dr. Warner said, “including but not limited to semester study off-campus.”

## Break

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ing.

Despite some downfalls, international students do receive much support. Rides to the airport are provided, and students are encouraged to get off cam-

pus and see more of America. “This is their chance to travel,” stated Clapp.

For the students who do not travel, sources of entertainment are scarce. While the break obviously provides underclassmen with a reprieve from studying,

there is not much to take its place. What begins as a chance to relax can turn into a time to sleep the days away until the stress begins again.

While the main concern expressed was for a source of food over the break, Diaz also suggested that students

on campus should organize an event, like a ski trip. This could provide a fun event for students with no travel options to get off campus for some fun.

Winter break is quite long, leaving international students a great deal of freedom. And while this free-

dom can be taken advantage of to travel the world, often the only thing students want is to relax. In this regard, Winter break is hardly suited toward international students and can be a trying time for many.

### Announcements

Friday, Dec. 3  
Comedy Show, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 4  
Wabash College  
Talent Show, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 5  
Unidos por Sangre  
Christmas Dinner, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 8  
43rd Annual  
Christmas Festival of  
Music and Readings,  
8 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 9  
Kwanzaa  
Celebration, 8 p.m.

# A Notice to Our Readers:

This issue marks the final issue of the *Bachelor* for this semester. We will resume publication next year on Friday, January 21. Stay tuned for a new column by Professor Webb, as well as in-depth reporting on issues around campus. We wish you all an enjoyable and restful break. To the students: good luck on final examinations. And to the seniors: best of luck on comps.

–The Staff

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# Wabash spreads Christmas cheer through REINdear

PETER ROBBINS '12  
NEWS EDITOR

Consistent with countless other efforts of Wabash to be an active part of the greater Crawfordsville community such as MUFFY and the Community Fair, the College is once again a key participant in this year's REINdear drive, which provides local children in need with Christmas gifts every year. Alecia Franklin, Administrative Assistant for Development and Donor Relations, said that 55 children will receive gifts from Wabash students, faculty, and staff this year.

"We requested 50 names for members of the Wabash community to sign up for, and we got them filled within a week," Franklin said. "I was amazed at how fast it happened. The coolest example I think is two teenage boys who really like wrestling are on the list, so we asked the wrestling coach, Brian Anderson, and



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REINdear coordinator Jennifer White's office is strewn with Christmas presents this time of year as members of the Crawfordsville community help those in need.

the team to take them, and they did."

REINdear fund coordinator Jennifer White echoed Franklin's comments about the spirit of giving.

"Wabash, and the whole Crawfordsville community,

is very giving," White said. "It's never been a problem filling names."

REINdear was founded in 2003 because there were a large number of people who needed help at Christmas time, but there was no

organized way of helping them.

"It started in 2003 because the community was getting frustrated that multiple people would ask multiple places for help, while others who needed it weren't getting any help," White said. "So all the interested community agencies collaborated to form REINdear. We get referrals from everyone in the community, then we make a database and distribute the names to the community."

This year, 1,528 kids signed up, and 210 are on the list for Operation Toy Box.

"Operation Toy Box is kind of like Toys for Tots," White said. "One day we set a bunch of toys out in the Crawfordsville armory, and parents come and pick out toys."

Givers for REINdear are asked to contribute at least two "needs" and two "wants" to each child, so that every child on the list usually receives clothing

and toys for Christmas. White said that those who receive from REINdear are very appreciative of their gifts, as she has received tearful phone calls from parents wishing to thank her and thank you cards from many families.

"My favorite story from last year was when at the last minute, a family came to my office, which looks like Santa threw up in it because there are toys and clothes everywhere," White said. "The dad told his son that I helped Santa. The son asked me, 'Really, you help Santa?' and I said 'yes, I do,' and he looked at me and said 'Thank you.' It's the little stuff like that that makes you glad you do it."

Franklin said that Wabash has been involved with REINdear for five or six years, and that several faculty members always give. This year, Kappa Sigma has a name, Alpha Phi Omega signed up for a few names, and Trippett Hall signed up for four names.

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Jennifer White

REINdear coordinator

On Dec. 13, Wabash contributors' gifts will be delivered to the Allen Center, White and her staff will spend two days organizing all the gifts, and the families will come pick them up on the Dec. 16.

# Festival of Music and Readings Continues Long-Standing Tradition

JOHN DYKSTRA '13  
STAFF WRITER

Dead Week and Finals Week are approaching and the Christmas spirit seems to be in the back of every student's mind on Wabash's campus. The 43rd Annual Christmas Festival of Music and Readings is an event which promises to relieve students from stress as they join the community for an evening of Christmas celebrations.

The Festival will start at 8:00 p.m., next Wednesday in the Wabash College Chapel.

David Blix, Professor of Religion, sees the Festival as a Wabash student's first taste of Christmas since the weeks after Thanksgiving Break are dedicated to numerous papers, tests, and preparing for finals.

"All the breaks fall break and Thanksgiving Break seem like they run in continuation," Blix said. "Now, students are preparing for the hardest weeks of the semester and seem to put the Christmas spirit aside. The service, I think, will help students refresh themselves and start to usher into the Christmas spirit."

Blix co-chairs the event with Glee Club Director Richard Bowen. Bowen

expressed a similar opinion to Blix.

"We are always hoping for more students to attend this program," Bowen said. "We do recognize, with it being before finals, that there are a lot of Wabash students who have their nose to the grindstone and are concentrating on finishing papers and getting ready for exams. On the other hand, it's right here on campus; people don't have to travel for it; it's about an hour and a half long; and we like to think it's not only a great break for students but an opportunity for them to sing Christmas music."

Having been embedded into the College in 1969 by the late Professor of Humanities Eric Dean, the Festival has lived in Wabash history as a tradition. Programs have been collected and preserved by the College to showcase the Festival's evolution over the years.

The service is modeled by the King's College, Cambridge, service of readings and carols known as "A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols." It is an alteration between music performances and readings of scripture. A combination of students, faculty, staff, and members of the community will be reading the scriptures. The Wabash College

Glee Club, Woodwind and Brass Ensembles, Wamidan, a children's group, and the Crawfordsville Community Chorus will be performing musically.

"The basic outline of the program is the story of Jesus being born," Bowen said. "It is successfully laid out in ten short scripture readings, starting with the Old Testament and then into the New Testament, dealing with the prophecy, foretelling, and the birth of Christ. There is a musical selection between each reading that is performed as well. It is a nice combination of the telling of the Christmas story, which is familiar to a lot of people, along with a number of musical items. It's really the only opportunity that the Music Department has to play Christmas music."

The Festival also allows the College to interact with the community as one.

"The service has a sense of community unity," Blix said. "It brings in not only people from the College but the Crawfordsville community as well. It has been consistent, people know when and where it is, and they are looking for Christmas programs. So, there is a really warm community feeling to it. The combination of music and scripture is beautiful and everyone seems to be in good spirits."



COURTESY OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Glee Club Director Richard Bowen passionately and simultaneously directs the Crawfordsville Community Chorus and the Glee Club in last year's Christmas Festival of Music and Readings.



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Pete Guiden '12, a second tenor in the Glee Club, is shown singing in last year's Christmas Festival. He will sing in his third festival on Wednesday.

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# So Christmas Isn't Okay?

When did wishing someone a 'Merry Christmas' become offensive? As the slew of wintertime holidays rolls right on through—Kwanza, Hanukkah, Christmas, Eid Al-Adha—the Bachelor Staff is curious why feelings get hurt as Christmas sentiments are shared in the public sphere.

Wishing someone "Happy Holidays"—the alternative—does seem to lose something significant in translation. Why wish good will towards a general holiday, which does not refer to any single, specific holiday, but an amalgamation of all holidays? Common denominators aren't able to be drawn between unique, fundamentally differing days which celebrate fundamentally, differing things.

### The Issue:

The Holiday season lacks specific holidays.

### Our Stance:

Celebrate yours, and don't be alarmed at others' individual expressions of theirs.

The religious overtones might be the reason the situation gets tricky in the first place; after all, no offense is taken whenever non-religious birthday wishes are exchanged. Wishing a "Merry Christmas" is

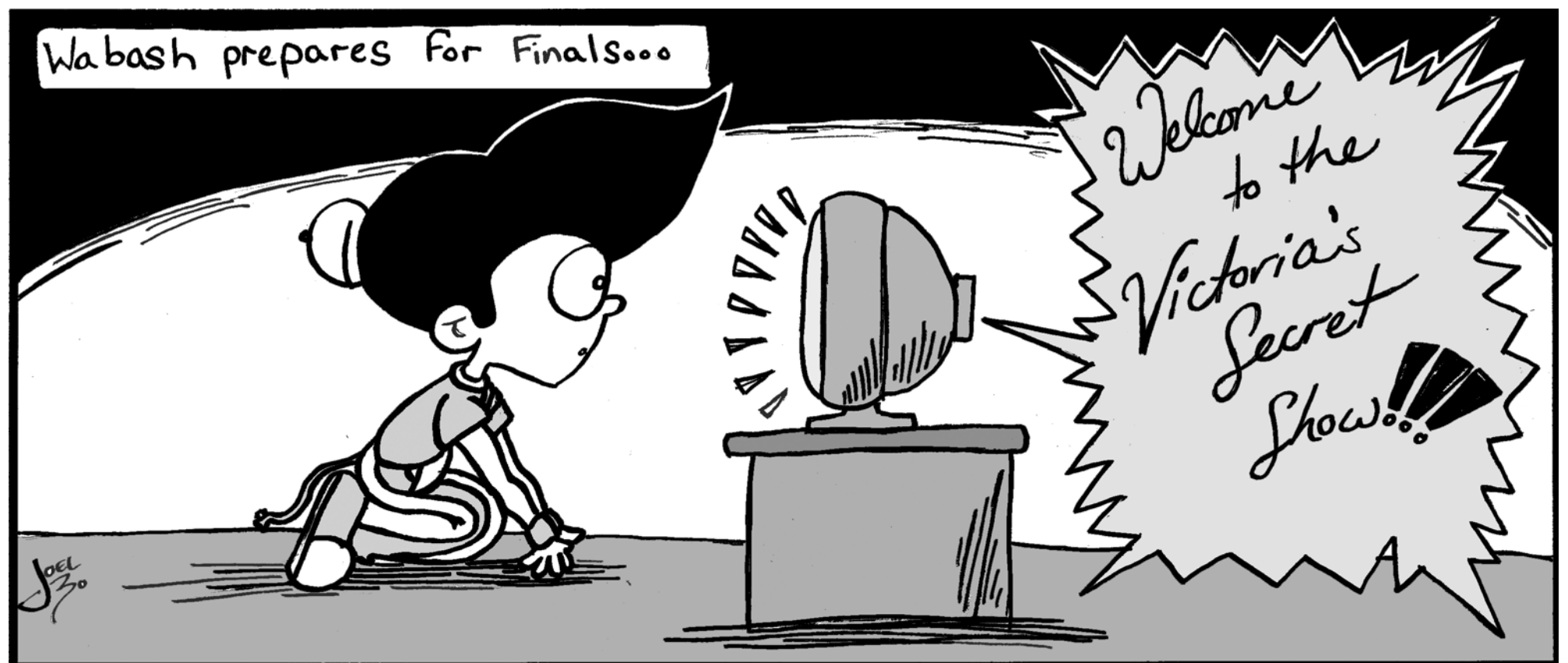
in essence, however, an affirmation of the birth of a seminal religious figure. And if it isn't apparent, religion makes certain American audiences uneasy—whenever religion enters the sphere, hands are off. Ever hear a "Have a Blessed Day"—instead a "Have a Good Day"—which isn't accompanied by general stares and snickers?

Is it that we don't want to unease people? More generally: why are Americans uneasy around religion? If the majority of our citizens haven't experienced religious oppression in their lifetimes, then the accompanying stigma surrounding religion in public contexts has no historical backing. Moreover, the majority of those incidents are the result of individual gestures of religion—

which don't reek of state oppression in the least.

On the other hand, the Bachelor understands that ringing out Merry Christmases just to rile people's emotions doesn't seem correct either. There is growing sentiment generally opposed to hearing "Happy Holidays" which is also unfounded. You should wish a Merry Christmas to wish a Merry Christmas—not to affirm that you can wish a Merry Christmas.

The question comes down to this, Wabash. Why aren't we acknowledging our religious differences? Why can't you wish a Happy Kwanza and expect a Merry Christmas or Happy Hanukkah in response?



## Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir:

I write to applaud the student leaders of Wabash College for their incredible gesture of support for the Challenge of Excellence Campaign (November 5, "Senior Council Pledges \$25,000 to the Challenge of Excellence Campaign"). What is perhaps more incredible than the amount pledged is the manner in which students are planning to raise the money. The plan to divide the contribution into \$5,000 packets seeded first by the Senior Council then raised from various groups over a period of years represents something so professional that at first glance it is bewildering to think that college students have masterminded it.

This laudable effort follows the Student Senate's vote to grant \$45,000 to the Senior Council for "campus improvement" (September 17, "AFC Lets Students Decide"). I can recall a somewhat similar situation in 2004 when the Student Senate voted \$20,000 to Habitat for Humanity. While Habitat is a great cause to be sure, the action sparked controversy on campus given that the funding was derived from the Student Activity Fee, a fee designated mainly for campus clubs and organizations. So I must say I find myself pleasantly surprised to have not seen any dissension spilling onto the pages of The Bachelor this semester, a testament perhaps to the thoughtful craftsmanship of this latest initiative. The \$25,000 pledge to the Challenge of Excellence makes all students look good, and yet I know that building a consensus around the very mature and forward-looking plan of the Senior Council could not have been an easy task. The Student Body President deserves considerable praise for his accomplishment.

I wrote a letter at about this time last year challenging the new Student Body President to make his office more relevant. Mr. Stipes has met and surpassed this "challenge" of sorts with his Senior Council's commitment on behalf of all students to the Challenge of Excellence.

Bravo!

Ross Dillard'07

## ON THE GOVERNMENT & THE TSA The New Big Brother?

Most people who flew over Thanksgiving weekend had three letters on their mind: TSA. The Transportation Security Administration is attempting to increase airport security in lieu of attempted terrorist attacks over previous holiday weekends. Over the past couple of weeks, the TSA has installed new full body X-Ray scanners in many airports and began employing new enhanced pat down techniques. The way it stands right now, air passengers are faced with the option of going through the body scanner, submitting to an invasive pat down, or leaving the airport under the threat of an \$11,000 fine.

This naturally has many air travelers feeling irritated. In response to public outrage to these new airport security procedures, TSA administrator John Pistole stated: "We all wish we lived in a world where security procedures at airports weren't necessary but that just isn't the case." Everyone understands that there has to be security measures, but a line has to be drawn at some point. How many rights must Americans surrender for their safety? The American people need to ask themselves how necessary the new security measures are—because the negative effects are clear.

The body scanners are expensive, potentially dangerous, and produce



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practically nude images. People are right to question the necessity of these body scanners. Each scanner can cost as much as \$150,000, and subsequently certain people are making a lot of money off of them. The government claims the effects of radiation from the body scanners are negligible, but many prominent scientists believe there has not been sufficient review of the intermediate and long-term effects of radiation exposure associated with airport scanners.

The government has also said that the images from the scanners are too distorted to make out private regions. They have published negative prints of the images as proof. But when the images are inverted they clearly reveal everything that passengers do not want other people to see. Not only is this embarrassing to adults, it potentially creates a new means of obtaining child pornography. The TSA claims that none of the images

will be saved, but images have been leaked before. Most notably US Marshalls were caught storing images from a security checkpoint in a Florida courthouse, and some of those images were leaked.

The American people must become more pragmatic. The government cannot protect people from all harm. And if the people allow the government to try, then they would have to surrender all of their rights. Driving a car is a great deal more dangerous than traveling on an airplane, even with terrorist attacks. If the government were really concerned with saving lives they would demand more difficult driving tests way before increasing airport security. The groping and body scanners are just part of a security charade designed to make the government look like they are doing a good job protecting the people.

The American people are allowing the government to violate their rights because of fear. If they continue to allow this fear to dictate more and more of their lives, then the terrorists win. Not only are we allowing the terrorists to bully us, but we are allowing our own government to do so as well. For too long, there has been too much complacency when the government extends its power. It's time to say enough is enough.

# Have an opinion?

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# Stripes Slight Jeter

JOHN DYKSTRA '13  
STAFF WRITER

How priceless would it be to see Derek Jeter wearing a Red Sox uniform in 2011? For Boston, it would be a pricey laugh—but the thrill would be everlasting. It is nearly impossible that this would happen though; Jeter is a loyal Yankee and all hell would freeze over before he makes his next home Boston. I personally cannot see him in a different uniform. But how far does loyalty go in the game of baseball? Apparently, to the Steinbrenner family, not too far.

To begin, I would like to acknowledge that baseball salaries are too high. Though a season of baseball is a whopping 162 games, why is it that millions of dollars are invested in players of a sports game? Being an avid fan of baseball, I must say it is ludicrous that leaders of human organizations and countries are paid less than someone who walks across the diamond. Moreover, baseball contracts are guaranteed money—so there are hardly any checks and balances. A football player's body takes more of toll than a baseball player's but football player contracts are not even a full guarantee. To restate—I would like to emphasize that baseball contracts are too high, but based on the modern day standards of signing players, I believe Derek Jeter deserves better treatment than what he is receiving right now.

Second, I must confess that I despise the Yankees—mostly because they can buy a World Series and still not win. Nevertheless, I have the utmost respect for Derek Jeter. For me, big market teams ruined baseball and turned it into a salary-based loyalty; hardly ever will a player spend his entire career with one team. Plain and simple, the hearts of ball players can be bought and Jeter's scenario demonstrates that conflict.

Jeter, the face of the Yankees, has been in pinstripes for the last decade and a half. Now he is experiencing free agency for the first time in his career. After his 10-year \$189 million contract expired, the Yankees offered him a 3-year \$50 million deal this offseason. The learning lesson here is that your loyalty is your final paycheck.

See Jeter, who sparked the game of baseball, looks to his right and sees Alex Rodriguez, who has excited fans with an off-field steroid bust in addition to his on-field performances. Jeter will not be making A-Rod money, which even Rodriguez himself does not deserve. The point is that Jeter's abilities are not drug-enhanced, he is a fan favorite and a future Hall of Famer while Rodriguez will not be because of his steroid use. Why be sour towards Jeter then? Rodriguez had his already ridiculous salary



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increased from \$25 million-per-year to \$27.5 million-per-year last offseason.

Going into the Winter Meetings, Cliff Lee is yet to be signed and the Yankees are in hot pursuit of him. Based on the \$24 million-per-year contract that the Yankees gave C.C. Sabathia last offseason, it is plausible to assume that Lee will be asking for the same price tag. For a person who plays once every five days, the pitcher has it easy in terms of receiving that amount of money. Why play Jeter short when he is on the field 162 games every single year and always seems to make the highlights on Sport Center?

Hal Steinbrenner's daring words of "try to find a better offer" are a slap in the face. What better way to get revenge would it be to jump ships and head off to Boston? Yes, the idea is very farfetched and radical, but Johnny Damon did it and Boston fans were willing to forgive him and give him a second chance, which he turned down, this past season. New York probably would not be willing to forgive Jeter, should he end up in Boston. It would be wonderful deliver an epiphany to the Steinbrenner family and prove to them that asinine negotiating does not make them superior to the average person. They clearly have the money to lock Jeter up for the remainder of his career, yet they are stabbing him in the back by giving him a pay cut.

For a ball player who has contributed greatly to New York's success and the game of baseball, Jeter deserves better treatment than what New York is currently giving him. As stated earlier, I am highly disappoint about how big of a role salary plays in demonstrating respect, but in modern terms, give Jeter the money. If that is what respect is, do it. It is disappointing that the value of a salary shows respect, but do it. Imagine what Albert Pujols will be making after his contract especially after the Phillies gave Ryan Howard a contract that gives him \$25 million per year. All in all, your final paycheck is your loyalty. It is a shame to see that money has an influence on a game that America once celebrated in its backyard.

# ON GETTING WHAT YOU PAY FOR THE AMERICAN EDUCATION

JOSEPH FLEENOR '12  
GUEST COLUMNIST

While the study abroad experience is meant as an enlightening journey into a different part of the world, it has definitely opened my mind to a lot of things I haven't necessarily thought about until I was able to view the U.S. from an outside perspective. The British education system is what they would call "brilliant," but there seems to be something missing with their students.

Do not get wrong, my time abroad has phenomenal and I would not trade it in for anything. However, I cannot help but make a comparison between the university structure here and our dear old Alma Mater. First of all, I never thought I would ever find myself saying this, but there is definite value in paying for one's education. It seems the adage "You get what you pay for," rings true: students who pay for their education are more likely to appreciate it and take advantage of their opportunities.

Like I said before, this is based entirely on my own experience, but let me share some instances that brought me toward this line of thinking. The accommodation for on-campus living varies from college to college within the university; my present living unit is set up as a house-like unit with eight people living it. With that in mind, those that primarily live within on-campus housing are first years.

As before, most of my opinion is based off of contact with freshmen, but I have been around and made friends with older students as well who can solidify my claims. Of these young men and women that house my building (living units are coed here), I know for a fact that only one of them does any type of class work on a regular basis. Honestly, I really don't blame them because they are not required to do much. To get a degree in the UK, students only attend the university for three years—the first year is entirely on a pass/fail basis where a grade of 40 is passing.

Students do not have to attend the lectures because they are not necessary in order to pass. Attendance is not taken and little from the lecture is condensed into smaller, once-a-week seminars, where students are expected to discuss the reading and ideas. Grading systems for seminars work in two ways: a student gets credit if he/she shows up and also if he expresses some type of knowledge of having read the text and provided something

**"...I would much prefer to spend thousands on my education and have it mean something, rather than an exercise on just getting by."**

to the discussion. In a setting like this, SparkNotes reigns.

When it rains or slightly drizzles, most students don't even go to class because they would prefer to 'not get wet.' Ironically, though little is expected from the students, the professors and teaching staff are generally top-notch and highly accredited. But, there is little one can do to try get someone else to care. Graduation is made so incredibly easy that students who attend UK universities only write one or two essays the entire semester and the first one is "procedural," meaning that it doesn't even count for credit. By the way, UK and/or EU students attend these universities for free.

I may be biased, but at Wabash, the students make or break their own education. Most of our classes are discussion based, even within the sciences, and student participation and effort often makes or breaks a lot of the courses. After my time abroad, I can honestly say that I would much prefer to spend thousands on my education and have it mean something, rather than an exercise in just getting by. Thank you, Wabash, for offering me the opportunity to attain a degree of which I can be proud!

## ON AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION

# Wally & A Bedbug Walk Into A Bar

DIAMOND REESE '11  
GUEST COLUMNIST

Wabash, listen here! As you might know, bedbugs, or *Cimex lectularius*, are parasitic organisms that require a host from which to draw nutrients in order to sustain living. More or less, bedbugs feed on the blood of the host as they sleep. Unlike other parasitic organisms, though, which pass diseases like malaria, bedbugs do not spread disease. Yet, for this exact reason—that bedbugs do not carry or transmit disease—they are a serious public health concern that is frequently ignored.

See, the fact is female bedbugs can lay between one and five eggs after each 'blood meal,' which reaches upwards of 200 eggs during its lifetime of approximately 9 to 18 months. In addition, bedbugs can survive over 6 months without feasting if a host is not available. For those of you who aren't putting the pieces together—this means a single, very resilient, female budbug is able to reach infestation numbers in relatively no time.

This summer I worked for the City of Cincinnati, Ohio, who knows all too well about the severity of bedbug infestations. In recent news, it was reported that the Hamilton County Job and Family Services (JFS) building has a considerably large infestation. This poses a particular problem as the JFS building is (a) an area

of high traffic, therefore a conduit for transmission, and (b) JFS is a government institution where families go to receive help from the government. Solving the problem isn't easy nor convenient: replacing the flooring in the JFS building is an estimated cost of over \$2.8 million dollars.

### What does this mean for the Wabash community?

Now, I know what you're probably thinking—what do bedbugs have to do with me? Rightfully so, there is no connection between bedbugs and Wabash College as of yet. This does not exclude the very real possibility of a bedbug scare on campus.

"Wabash College is very aware of the growing bedbug situation across the world," said David Morgan, Director of Campus Services. "We have taken preventative steps to safeguard campus owned housing. The college only purchases seamless mattresses."

The College's prevention plan aims in the right direction: small crevices, like mattress and box spring seams, are the most trafficked hiding spots. Bedbugs are notorious for hiding in bed seams, which make them especially hard to detect and kill. While bedbugs technically pose no health risk, it looks particularly bad if, for example, during the Top Ten weekend prospects were offered beds by students that had bedbugs.

However, purchasing seamless mattress is only half the battle. Todd Brown, a contributor for the Pest Man-

agement Professional Journal, offers that "training and education are keys to preventing future bedbug problems. Knowledgeable [individuals] can actively avoid actions that may bring bedbugs into [a] facility, and if a problem does develop, they will be prepared to act quickly."

### Given the importance of education in prevention, here are a few helpful steps we all can take part in:

- Check for brown or reddish spotting, eggs and skin (yes, they shed!) around mattress seams.
- Encase your mattress and pillow with appropriate protective covering.
- Raise beds from the floor so Bed Bugs don't climb up.
- Minimize and eliminate clutter!
- Wash all clothing purchased second-hand in hot water and dried on high heat (in general, exposing bedbugs to high temperatures is a sure way to kill off any stragglers).

Look, by no means is this material intended to scare the Wabash Community. In fact, I hope we never get infested. But, as they always say—prevention is more than half the battle. I want my campus to be ready. To be more exact, I want a campus full of well-informed individuals equipped to deal with any bedbug incident. Sleep tight, and remember: Wabash Always Fights!

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# ALL I WANT FOR Christmas

JOEL BUSTAMANTE '11  
CAVELIFE EDITOR

## GAMES



### *Spider-Man: Shattered Dimensions*

The web-swinging sensation returns with a multi-universe spanning video game. With four separate worlds to play with (current, ultimate, noir, and future), Spidey has never played better. Throw in the incredible rogues gallery and stunning visuals to match each world, this may very well be the best Spider-Man game yet.

### *Call of Duty: Black Ops*

Hot off the heels of *Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2*, *Black Ops* brings the franchise to Vietnam. Complete with a period-appropriate soundtrack, this game furthers the spectacular franchise into another beautifully dangerous war zone.



## BOOKS

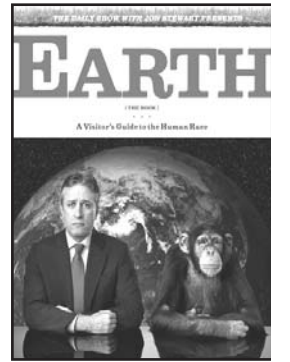


### *Banksy: Wall and Piece*

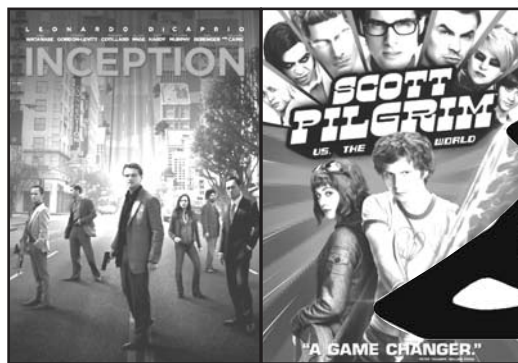
The one-man wrecking crew known only as "Banksy" made headlines after crafting together a politically-charged intro to *The Simpsons*, and he shows no signs of stopping with this thorough compilation. Most pieces revel in the signature graffiti style, while others feature broken and reformed street items, such as a London phonebooth bent in half.

### *Jon Stewart & The Daily Show: Earth*

Back to the written word is Jon Stewart, this time tackling the crazy world we live in instead of America's awkward education system. Most jokes are knockouts, while others simply stay as holdovers for the more quality bits. A fine addition to any coffee table or bookshelf, if only for *The Daily Show's* renowned satirical style.



## MOVIES



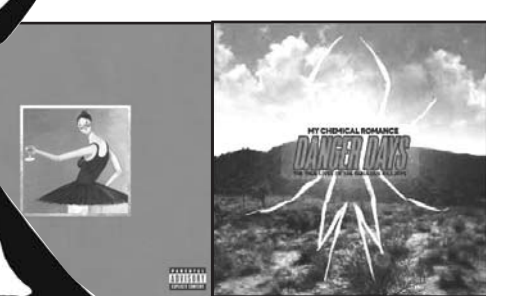
### *Inception*

Christopher Nolan's success with *The Dark Knight* was the launching pad, and *Inception* is the rocket. A brilliant script, slick visuals, and an all-around great cast separate this film from the others, while Nolan's familiar sequencing keeps it on a welcome ground.

### *Scott Pilgrim vs. The World*

Despite an abysmal performance at the box office, *Scott Pilgrim* offers a tremendous viewing experience. Sci-fi visuals melt into video game and comic book references, creating a film unlike any other. You don't have to be a nerd or geek to enjoy the film, but after one viewing it'll be hard not to join that camp.

## MUSIC



### *Kanye West: My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy*

Amidst the controversies and media attacks, Kanye West proves that he still knows how to do what he does best. Soulful and inventive lyrics rhythmically intertwine with thumping beats and angel-like synths. Throw in a few guest MC's, and West's latest album may prove to be his greatest.

### *My Chemical Romance: Danger Days: The True Lives of the Fabulous Killjoys*

After four long years, MCR storms back onto the scene with a futuristic apocalypse concept album. While the concept slips into obscurity at times, it's hard to deny that the band is having more fun than they've ever had. The aesthetic fits the sounds, and it's one heck of a ride.

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# Wasting Away with Webgames

*With finals looming, webgames may provide solace*

MICHAEL CARPER '13  
WEB COLUMNIST

Like the rest of you, I wasted a fair amount of time this break. Actually, I wasted a lot of time. And what better way to waste time than with webgames? Besides ones I've found throughout the years, I also frequent the "webgames" section on the online forum Reddit, which is the fastest way to wreck your grades and social life by providing fun and addicting games. I don't want to wreck your studying schedule for the next week and a half, but if you need a break, I'll fill you in on some of my favorite webgames. I'll also rate them in terms of how much time you'll waste.

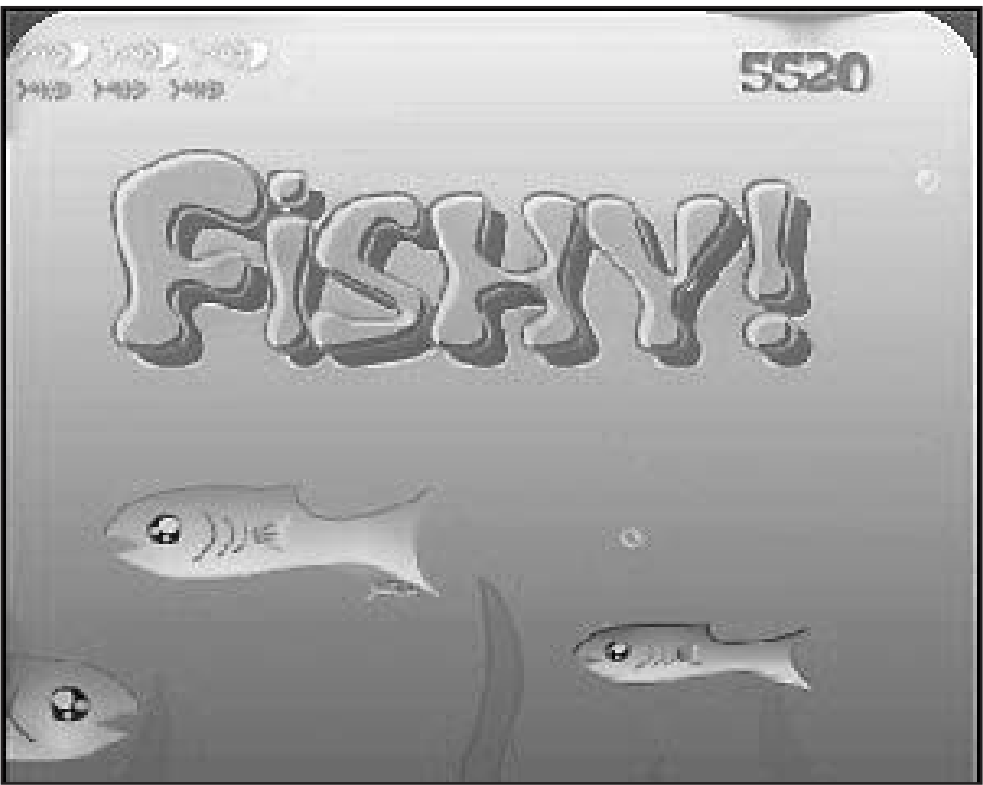
**Fishy** (pictured right) is an old favorite; the original was posted on AddictingGames in 2004. You start as a little fish, and you can eat fish smaller than you. If the fish is the same size or bigger, you die, and must start over. Once you eat a certain amount of fish, you get bigger. The controls are fluid (get it...because it takes place in water) and very fun, but frustrating when you lose.  
Time: 30 minutes. Location: <http://www.addictinggames.com/fishy.html>

**Explore** is, much like the title suggests, an exploring game. You control a three-

block high character, as you explore a world comprised of similar blocks. There are no attacks or enemies, just the beautiful levels that are revealed as you explore the map. From the beginning to the end of each level, the pleasure is in the art.  
Time: 1 hour. Location: <http://jayis-games.com/cgdc6/> (top column, middle game)

**The Scale of the Universe** (pictured below) is technically not a game, it's a toy. You control a zoom. Zoom out all the way, and you find the estimated size of the universe. (It's 1026 X 9.3 meters) Zoom all the way in, and you encounter Quantum foam, which is apparently "the fabric in Einstein's space-time theory" and "open" and "closed" strings, which I guess are part of the 1D "string theory." Both of these are at the "Planck" length, which it says is 10-35 M. (Hey, I'm a Religion major.) The fun is every object and measurement in between.  
Time: 15 minutes. Location: <http://www.newgrounds.com/portal/view/525347>

**Gil** might be the most challenging yet addicting platformer I've every played. Like many, it features robot enemies, tools, and environmental hinderances and helps. However, success in this game's 40 levels depends on precision. The difference between landing a jump and dying on spikes



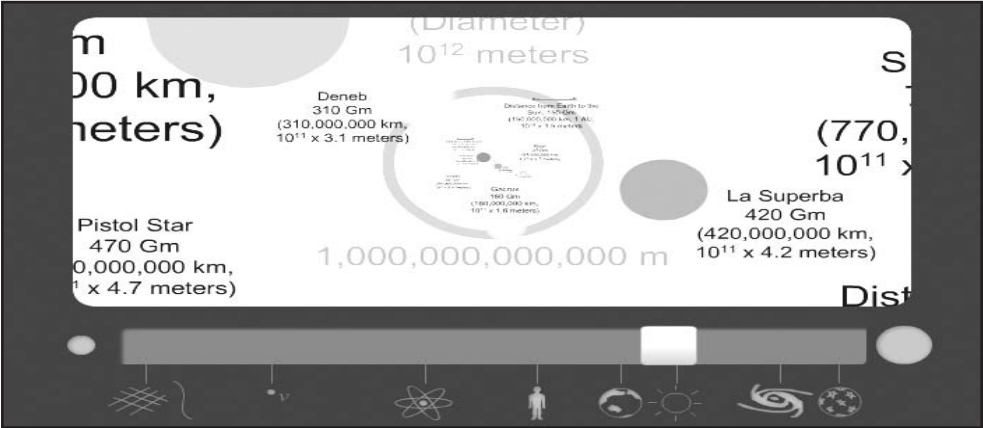
is so minute that, though you grow more frustrating as the levels progress in difficulty, you have to continue. Each level is constructed with such detail that you can't resist the thrill of completing it.  
Time: 4 hours. Location: <http://www.pixelgames.com/game/275/Gil.html>

**Max Dirt Bike** is another oldie, but I have to include it for nostalgia. It began the trend of bike games, in which controlling the backward and forward tilts of a bike/car allows you to perform tricks and drive over obstacles. The fun isn't just completing the 20 levels, but re-doing each level for the quickest time possible.  
Time: 30 minutes; 2 hours if you're a perfectionist. Location: <http://www.addictinggames.com/maxdirtbike.html>

**Dungeon in the Sky** is the newest addition to the list. It's a twist on a platformer—

throughout the two dozen or so randomly generated levels, you encounter many enemies, some strong, some weak, and some simply homages to geek culture, like Yoda and Ents. Each character you defeat, you get to use in future levels. It's when you control super-strong bosses or flying characters that the game becomes really enjoyable. The graphics are pixelated and the music brooding.  
Time: 1-6 hours. Location: <http://www.kongregate.com/games/Lord-Tim/great-dungeon-in-the-sky>

Don't say I didn't warn you. And if these don't satisfy you, visit <http://www.webgames.reddit.com/top/?t=all>, for the highest rated webgames on Reddit...ever. Have fun, and, if necessary, delay playing until winter break.



## A Merry Multicultural Christmas

*Traditional celebrations differ from family to family*

SEBASTIAN GARREN '14  
STAFF WRITER

With the semester is ending, Wallies are anxious to leave and rest their weary minds during the exciting holiday season. Feasts will triumph over famine and celebration over solitude. This December and January has always been characterized by family gatherings, good food and even gifts. Celebration is this December's other name. The ancient Greeks enjoyed "Lesser Dionysia," a mid-December festival which included banquets, one-legged races, and of course drama. The ancient Romans celebrated the festival of Saturnia during which they feasted and gave gifts. Today, we have Christmas and other feasting days to celebrate. We all celebrate differently.

Alejandro Maya, a sophomore from the Chicago-Indiana section in of the state recounted his traditionally Mexican celebration of Christmas. Las Posadas is the central and prevalent tradition for his culture. "A lot of times during Las Posadas we break piñatas which we [also] do during our Christmas dinner," said Maya. Las Posadas, meaning "lodging," is a type of jovial reenactment of Mary and Joseph's quest to find a place to stay the night in Bethlehem for the census.

"In Mexico they usually go around to twelve different houses singing, dressed up and knock." The songs are traditional Christmas hymns. They knock on the doors of twelve volunteered houses and they keep

saying, "No you can't come in." Once the pilgrimage of people finds the right place for Mary and Joseph to lodge they celebrate with a piñata and have hot Poñche, Mexican punch. "It is a reenactment of it in a big celebrated way," Maya said. "We have some good food. It is just a big celebration of Christmas. Las Posadas doesn't take one person. It takes a church, an entire congregation. But Las Posadas does happen here too in the United States. It reflects what we believe."

Christmas Eve is also joyfully ceremonial for Maya. "It's mostly just a big gathering of family, staying up the whole night waiting for twelve and then once twelve hits, it is usually celebrated by giving everybody their hug and then the opening of presents." Maya also has another great Mexican tradition. "Mom does that," he said, "she has a Santo Niño, baby Jesus. At midnight we pray to Him and have a prayer and pass Him around and everyone gives Him a kiss."

MXI chairman Reggie Steele '12 speaks about his holiday traditions as well as the new things he will be doing specific to this year. For Steele each year is marked by "Watch Night," a family-based prayer session. "You go to church two hours previous to New Years and pray through the New Year's. I have done that for each one of my birthdays," Steele explained. Steele is a Mississippi native and far from home. "Because I am from Mississippi I don't get the opportunity to go home as much as everyone else," Steele said. He will be celebrating his twenty-first birthday this year



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Santo Niño is celebrated during Las Posadas.

during the New Year, along with his mother. "We will probably go to the casino together and have a good time together for maybe a day or two." After spending time with mom Steele will steal to the Midwest. "I am rushing back to Indiana to celebrate and stay with friends for the last week or so. I will be going on a birthday tour so I will be going to like Chicago, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, St. Louis and Dayton, Ohio. This will be my official twenty-first birthday and so that is the joy for me." Steele's emotions can be summed in this last quote, "this year will be extra special for me because it will be my 21st, my legal birthday."

This Christmas season will be marked as always by the family gatherings and time with friends for us all as exemplified in Maya and Steele. In wish all of you a great time with friends and family. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

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# No. 13 Hoops Starts Strong

*Impressive road win at DePauw has basketball team riding high heading into conference schedule.*

**BRANDAN ALFORD '12**  
SPORTS EDITOR

No Aaron Brock; no Chase Haltom; no problem. Entering this year’s campaign, Mac Petty was faced with the prospect of replacing two 1,000-point scorers.

Seven games into the 2010-11 season, and the Little Giant basketball team has hardly missed a beat. In fact, they may be operating at a level even last year’s team didn’t reach. That fact couldn’t have been more clear as Wabash went into Greencastle, Ind. and came out with a blowout win over an undefeated DePauw team who was riding high four games into the season.

An 18-1 run midway through the second half was enough for the Little Giants (7-0) as they ran away with a road victory over rival DePauw, 57-40. After taking a 16-point lead into halftime, Wabash faced a different Tiger squad to begin the second half. With 11:44 remaining, the Tigers had cut the Little Giant lead to just three.

“We were able to keep the lead, and that was the biggest thing,” Coach Mac Petty said. “We did the same thing against Hanover. The defense once again did its job, and we were able to pull it out.”

While the offense struggled through several stretches, it was that defense that Petty referenced which was solid throughout, forcing the Tigers into 29-percent shooting for the game, including a 4-for-30 mark from three point range. It was the Little Giants who seemed at home shooting from distance, connecting on eight of



Senior Wes Smith (21) goes up for two this past weekend.

19 attempts. Six of those threes game off the hot hands of reserves AJ Sutherlin and Derek Bailey. The junior pair combined for a 5-for-6 mark in the first half from

distance, totaling 17 of the Little Giants 31 first-half points, and matching the entire output by the Tigers team during the half.

“I’m proud of all those guys,” Petty said. “They did was they were supposed to do. For us to be successful this year, we have to have depth. And those guys came through for us tonight.”

Following the Pete Thorn Invitational championship that included a 15-point victory over then second-ranked Randolph-Macon, Wabash was catapulted to No. 13 in this week’s D3Hoops.com poll on the heels of a 6-0 start.

If there was any question how the Little Giants would respond to the recognition, they were answered Wednesday night.

“Our perspective certainly changed,” Derek Bailey said. “We went from trying to make a statement to having a target on our chest.”

If there was indeed a target on the Little Giants, the Tigers certainly weren’t going to hit it on Wednesday. Shooting a paltry 4-for-12 from the free throw line to go with the the inept three-point numbers, DePauw was fighting an uphill battle offensively for the entire evening.

“Coach talks about us having a ‘bend, but don’t break’ type of defense,” Wes Smith said. “We were able to sit back in our 1-3-1 defense on them. We were giving them those shots, and they just weren’t hitting.”

Smith, who is the reigning NCAC Player of the Week and a legitimate all-American candidate, poured in a game-high 21 points against the Tigers. To put Smith’s early season start into perspective, those 21 points were almost five points below his season average.

“My main goal as a leader this year has been to put this team on my back,” Smith said. “I go into games wanting to get the team off to a good start.”

Aware of the noterierty his team has garnered, Smith is still able to put it all

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## Witnessing Greatness



Wednesday night’s basketball game at DePauw was a beautiful representation of all that each and every one of us at Wabash take pride in. Wabash men rolled into Greencastle in droves, creating the most neutralized home court that I have ever seen at the college level. Energy and excitement were at a fever pitch, and the play on the court did not disappoint.

After jockeying back-and-fourth through the game’s first eight minutes, the Little Giants exploded with a 22-7 run to end the first half. While Wes Smith poured in 11 first-half points, this run was sparked by a pair of reserves in Derek Bailey and AJ Sutherlin. Struggling from the perimeter for much of the first half, it was a pair of unheralded reserves who were hitting the big shots, silencing a less-than-impressive Danny student section (the Lily-Pad, really?).

Coming out of halftime, however, it was the Tigers who went on a run, cutting the Little Giant lead to three (33-30) with less than 12 minutes to play. But in typical Wabash fashion, the switch was flipped, and eight minutes later, the lead had ballooned to 20, and the route was on. This team is something special, and I say that with the ultimately reserved optimism. They are off to a strong start, and if Wednesday night’s student attendance is any indication, they are a team this campus is more than willing to rally around.

As each “Just like football” and “this is *our* house” chant rang down from the visiting student section, it was clear that this could be the start of something special.

Wabash men were better on the court, in the stands, and in one instance, better gymnastically on Wednesday night. This rivalry has been pretty one sided so far this year, and isn’t that a beautiful thing?

## Sutherlin Comes Home

**KYLE BENDER '12**  
STAFF WRITER

Coming out of high school, junior AJ Sutherlin knew he wanted to find a college with good academics and a solid basketball program. However, the former North Montgomery High School standout also wanted to get out and explore opportunities away from home. He never really considered nearby Wabash during his college search.

More than two years later, after time spent at Elmhurst College in Chicago and Earlham College in Richmond, Ind., Sutherlin is once again a full-time Montgomery County resident and a new member of the Wabash basketball team.

“I made the choice this summer to transfer to Wabash for several reasons,” Sutherlin said. “I knew I would have the opportunity to play for a great basketball program while getting one of the best educations around but I also wanted to be closer to home and my family.”

The decision gave Wabash a 6’5” forward with significant amounts of college basketball experience to the team’s already deep roster.

Last season for Earlham, Sutherlin’s 16.8 points per game scoring average trailed only new teammate Wes Smith in the North Coast Athletic Conference lead.

Unlike NCAA Division I programs where transfers are required to refrain from athletic competition for one calendar year, Division III athletics have no such sanction. Once Sutherlin made the decision to attend Wabash, he was instantly eligible to compete for the Little Giants.

This dilemma recently produced an interesting floor dynamic when Wabash hosted Earlham as part of their Little Giant Tip-Off Classic in early November. In the Little Giant’s 73-58 victory, Sutherlin contributed 10 points against his former Quaker teammates.

“I expected it to just be another normal game, but when I came in the game I saw that I knew everyone on the court,” Sutherlin said. “It was a little different because that’s never really happened before in my career but it was still a lot of fun.”

Through the first six games of the season, Sutherlin has contributed almost seven points and three rebounds per game while averaging 16 minutes of play per game off the bench.

Perhaps most impressive is Sutherlin has yet to return to full strength from a surgery he had this summer. He continues to rehab the surgically repaired knee with one of Dr. K. Donald Shelbourne’s strength programs.

“It’s always a challenge to come back from an injury,” he said. “Everyone has been great about helping me out. I still can’t do a lot of things mobility wise, so right now the coaches just want me to shoot the ball – which is one of my favorite things to do so I can’t complain! It’s great to have such a deep roster on this team because I’m able to have a different role than what I’m used to in the past. I can come off the bench and just try to contribute as needed.”

Sutherlin’s efforts have not gone unnoticed by his new coaches and teammates.

“AJ came in and worked extremely hard this preseason and the guys accepted and welcomed him,” Coach Mac Petty said. “He’s a great player but his good attitude is what has

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AJ Sutherlin has taken the road less traveled to Wabash.

## By The Numbers: Basketball’s Early Season Success (As of Nov. 30)

Wabash	Statistic	Opponents	Player	Pts	Reb	APG	SPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
72.3	Points	53.0	Wes Smith	25.8	5.8	1.2	2.2	59.6	31.6	80.6
13.5	Assists	9.7	Brian Shelbourne	5.7	5.0	4.0	1.7	50.0	n/a	85.7
41.8	Rebounds	28.2	Aaron Zinnerman	7.7	4.2	2.5	0.3	40.5	31.3	70.0
47.2	Field Goal %	36.1	AJ Sutherlin	6.5	2.5	0.8	0.5	41.2	45.0	100
34.1	3-Pt FG%	26.9	Ben Burkett	5.5	5.2	1.0	1.5	32.4	n/a	70.0
73.3	Free Throw %	56.5	Pete Nicksic	6.3	3.7	0.8	0.5	58.3	50.0	81.8
			Nick Curosh	3.3	5.7	1.2	0.6	36.4	n/a	57.1
			Dominique Thomas	3.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	50.0	71.4	n/a
			Derek Bailey	5.0	4.0	1.0	1.0	41.9	22.2	40.0



# Challenge Awaits With Trip to Calvin

*Little Giants look to secure qualifying times early this season before off-season trip to Florida.*

**RYAN LUTZ '13**  
**STAFF WRITER**

The swim team’s biggest meet of the year is coming up this Saturday. At Calvin College our Little Giant swimmers will be looking to secure spots for Nationals and break a few school records as well. “All of our guys are ready to swim fast” Coach Barnes said, “And everyone is geared up for [the Calvin Invitational]”. For the swim team this meet at Calvin College is one of their biggest meets of the year. In this invitational our Little Giants will be going against some of the best teams in the country. Kalamazoo and Calvin College will be there as well as division one school Michigan and Michigan State. Plus it is the swim team’s best opportunity to qualify for Nationals before their Conference meet. Last year the only two members of the team to qualify for Nationals were David Birrer and Evan Rhinesmith. The meet this weekend though might yield some different results for our swimmers. “The team has more energy now that we have started tapering and they are swimming faster” Barnes said. After the new and grueling strength program that the team has been on, they anticipate a significant pay off. “Expect school records to be broken and expect us to secure some spots for



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Freshman David Phillips competes earlier this season.

Nationals” David Birrer said. “Individually we should have about 5 guys The entire team is going into the get close to or make the National cut” Calvin Invitational with this mentality. Barnes said. The team has progressed dur-

ing the season and they are swimming faster each meet. With personal records being set at each meet, the odds could stack in the Little Giants favor this weekend. “The whole team is pretty excited” Birrer said “We are excited, relaxed and focus about this weekend”. The deciding factor for the swim team this weekend will be the mental aspect. “We just need to have confidence and swagger to everything we do” Barnes said. There is a balance to that though; thinking too much about the mental aspect is never a good thing. Coach Barnes is putting it all in perspective though “putting too much emphasis on the mental aspect can be more dangerous than helpful” he said. This meet is arguably one of their toughest all season, but the team believes they are ready for it. “The guys want to see that all their hard work has been paying off” Barnes said. Looking at the times from the recent meets it is safe to say that their work has been paying off. Birrer was two seconds faster unrested this year compared to last year, and the numbers of personal records that have been set this year give reason to believe that their strength program is paying off. “Basically our hope is to qualify now for Nationals instead of at Conference near the end of the season” Birrer said. The stage is set for the Little Giants this weekend, and the goal of having multiple National qualifiers could be met. Swimming with some of the best colleges in the nation as well as a few division 1 schools, our swim team will definitely give it their all.

## Sutherlin

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really helped the transition because he’s a good person and really wants to be a part of this team.”

**“I’ve never been on a team that’s come together so quickly. It should be a great year for Wabash basketball”**

*AJ Sutherlin '12*

Senior Ben Burkett echoed Petty’s praise of Sutherlin – “It is difficult for anyone to come into a new program as a transfer, let alone a junior fresh off knee surgery, but AJ has made the transition seamlessly. He fit right in with everybody on the team both on and off the floor. He brings a great shooting ability and high basketball IQ to the team. Knowing AJ for many years always made it fun for me to play college basketball against him, but I’ve quickly realized it’s much better to have him on my team.” As the Little Giants begin their NCAC conference slate this weekend with a trip to Hiram, Sutherlin and his teammates are excited to continue their impressive start. “This team has been successful early because of the great team chemistry we’ve developed,” Sutherlin said. “I’ve never been on a team that’s came together so quickly. Everyone is helping each other out and learning from one another. It should be a great year for Wabash basketball.”



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Sutherlin has had a great start to his first season with Wabash

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into perspective. “We are still the same team we were before the ranking” Smith explained. “We still have a chip on our shoulders and still feel as though we have something to prove. But it is a sweet feeling knowing that we are 7-0 and ranked 13th.” With the bulk of its non-conference schedule emphatically in its rearview mirror, the basketball team will be finishing off the fall semester with five NCAC tilts to close the 2010 calendar year. That stretch starts with a road matchup with Hiram. The Harriers (3-3 overall, 0-1 NCAC) opened conference play with a 14-point loss at the hands of defending conference champion No. 4 Wooster. The Little Giants will look to ride the successes they have enjoyed the past two weeks when they make the ride into Ohio. “We are looking to carry over this success to the conference schedule,” senior Ben Burkett said. “We are focused on doing what we can to make this a successful season.” With the way Smith and company have played thus far, that may not be such a tall order. For now, it appears that Petty’s Little Giants have simply reloaded. As this group weaves its way through December and January, we’ll find out just how ready this group is to challenge the highly touted Fighting Scots for supremacy atop the NCAC this winter.

## While We Are Away

Swimming and Diving			Wrestling		
12/1	@	Calvin Invitational	12/3-4	Indiana Little State	1/8 @ Knox (Dual Match)
12/29-1/6		Florida Training Trip	12/11	@ North Central Invitational	1/14-15 Budd Whitehill National Duals
1/12	@	Washington Univ.	12/18-19	@ Midwest Classic	1/15 Spartan Mat Classic
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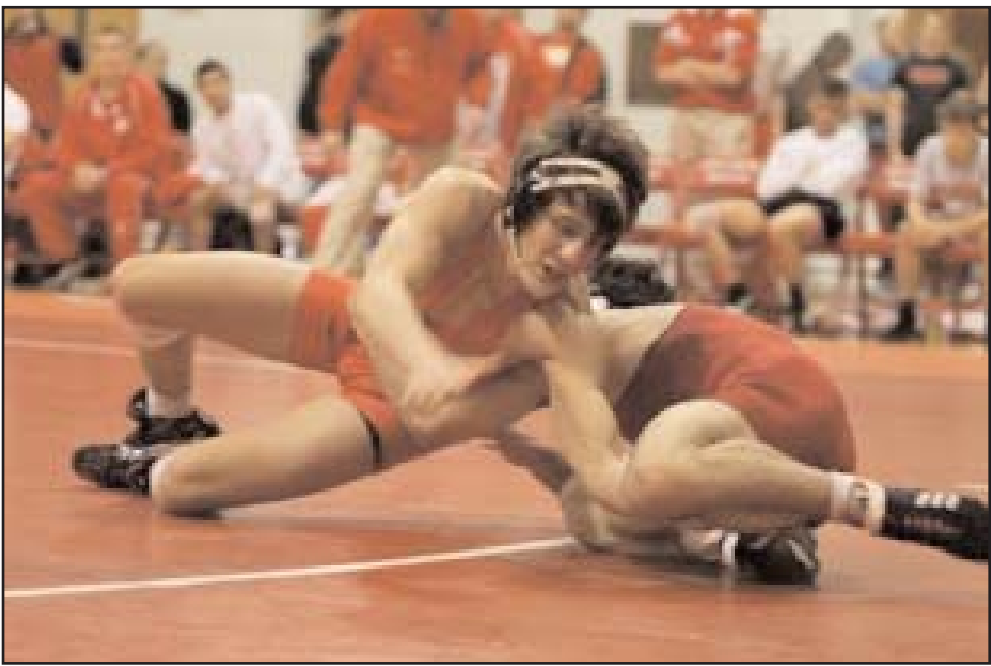


# Little Giants Prepare for Busy “Vacation”

**SETH HENSLEY '14**  
**STAFF WRITER**

The Wabash college wrestling team set out against division one powerhouse Indiana University last week. Yielding a score of 44-0, it was still Wabash’s best performance against Indiana in four years. Wabash has never beaten Indiana when they face off each year, yet this match has been a reoccurring event for many years now. Coach Anderson explains “It’s not about wins and loses, it’s about competing and laying it all out there.” Wrestling against IU is also important in terms of recruitment. When recruits see that we wrestle a division 1 team, it can only excite them more to come to Wabash. This match is a great test for the Little Giants each year and continues to prove beneficial for the team. It may seem discouraging to lose year after year, but the team understands why they wrestle them each year; for the experience and the opportunity to lay everything they have out there to strive for victory against big time wrestlers.

The next three weeks for the Little Giants will be jam packed we lots of competition, starting with the 51st Indiana Little State at Manchester College. This tournament will play host to plenty of talented teams. Next on the schedule is the North Central Invitational at North Central College. Wabash has



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Sophomore all-American Jake Strausbaugh and his teammates are looking for a strong showing in several duals and invitationals over winter break.

had recent success in this tournament and looking for a top three finish in this years competition. To round of this grueling three week test is the Midwest Classic. The Midwest Classic is one of the if not the toughest Division two tournaments wrestled in the country. This will be a true test of

how Wabash stacks up against some of the best in the country. The Little Giants have their goals set on a top ten finish at the Midwest Classic to head into winter break. “ We have three weeks to grind. We want to feel as good going into winter break as we did going into Thanksgiving break. “ Says

Coach Anderson

Winter break will be a good time for the team to get rested up and ready for the many dual meets in January, but their break will not last long. After a 12-day vacation, the wrestling team is back at it celebrating the New Year off with a matt practice on January 1st. Getting back to practice early is necessary for the Little Giant Wrestlers because for the month of January they are scheduled to the max with important dual meets including the Bud Whitehill National Dual Meet and the Spartan Mat Classic. After the winter break the coaches are going to look to really solidify the top ten spots on the team. This being said the intensity in practice and matches should pick up to make sure the wrestlers mark their spot on the team. However, for some wrestlers, this will be a greater challenge than others. Since the end of the football season the depth chart has gotten increasingly more talented with the likes of Pat Clegg, Chris Hurst, Bill Wood, and Austin O’Neal making the transition from football to wrestling.

“I could not be happier with where we are sitting right now. We have been very solid so far.” Coach Anderson explains. The Little Giants are looking to grind out three strong performances before break to create momentum come the dual meets in January. The next home match for the Little Giants is January 19 against Manchester.

# Wrestling Battles High-Ranking Hoosiers



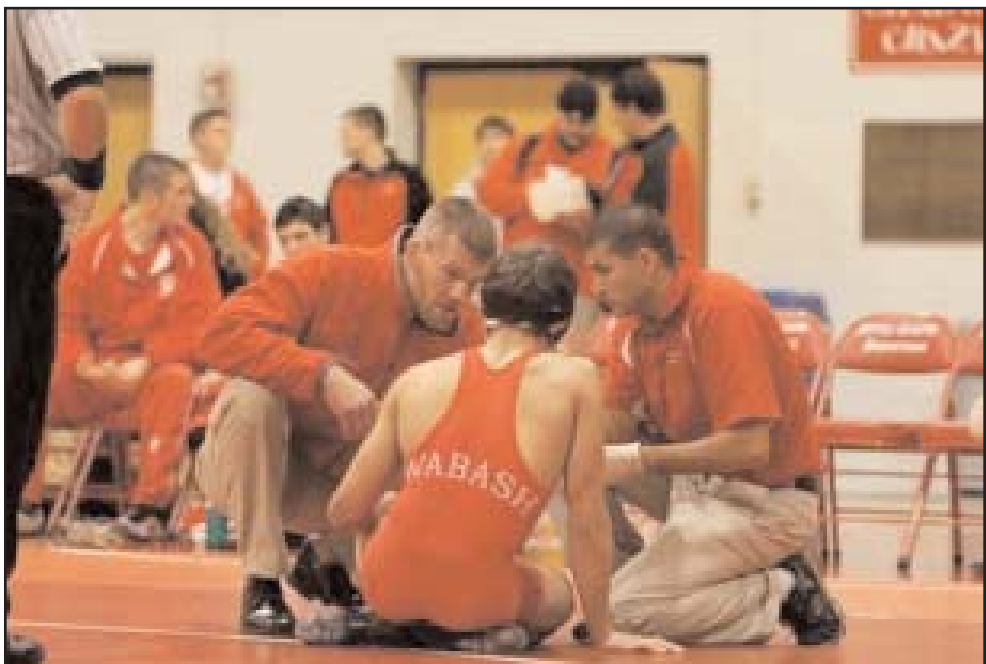
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Top left: Junior Craig Rhodes looks to engage his Hoosier counterpart.

Top Right: Strausbaugh gets examined by coach Brian Anderson and trainer Mark Elizondo.

Bottom: Strausbaugh gets tangled with his Indiana opponent.

Far Bottom: Sophomore Tyler McCoy takes control of his match.



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