

After the Storm:

Safety Committee Reviews Procedures

SAM BENNETT '14
STAFF WRITER

When severe weather strikes, students all have a basic idea of how to react. Since childhood, we have been conditioned to seek shelter, stay away from windows and doors, and wait out the storm. But recently the College has been reminded of another problem concerning severe weather: it can occur unexpectedly. A storm can invade sunny, blue skies sometimes more quickly than we have time to consider preparing ourselves. This plausibility necessitates an efficient warning system for the Campus to inform students and faculty about impending storms before they reach the area.

While the College does have a system in place that uses phone calls, e-mails, and text messages to alert the Campus about oncoming storms, the system is not as efficient as it might be. Some of those registered for the alert system, which includes 952 students and faculty members, reported problems.

"While a variety of individuals got either a text or an actual phone call, we found that some of our text messages got delayed, and so we were trying to figure out what the problem was," Director of Safety and Security Rich Woods stated.

The question subsequently arises as to what methods should be sought out in order to better inform the Campus concerning the onset of severe weather.

"We're still working with our current supplier on the effectiveness of that process. But the past couple of weeks have also reminded us that nothing is perfect, and we'll look at other options that are available," Woods said.

The Safety Committee was scheduled to meet this past Wednesday to discuss the efficiency of the system currently in place and looking for alternative options and other systems that might prove better.

"This system works well, but I'm not sure that it's 100% fool-proof. I'm not sure that any system is," Woods said, "If there's something better, we should look into it."

But the Safety Committee does not lack confidence entirely in the system. Just because it is not as effective as the Committee and the Campus hopes it to be, its efficiency should not be downgraded completely. Many people were alerted in the last couple of weeks during both the real severe-weather warning and the test of the system.

The text message delay was the only major problem encountered, along with a few complaints about e-mail delays. "As long as we send e-mail, voice, and text messages, I'm confident that the community is going to know what's going on," Woods said.

The major consideration that the College wants to enforce through all of this is that common sense and past conditioning should be heeded. Most people claim to understand what they should do when severe weather and the possibility of a tornado arises.

"The most important message is: when in doubt, seek shelter," Woods explained. "Better to be inconvenienced for five or ten minutes than to never have the ability to be inconvenienced again."



ALEX MOSEMAN | WABASH '11

After the severe weather event two weeks ago, the Safety Committee conducted a test of the College's emergency notification system for severe weather. Within the Wabash community, 925 students and faculty members are registered for the alert system.



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Bachelor staffers Joel Bustamante, Riley Floyd, Gabe Watson, and Alex Moseman attended last weekend's ICPA Convention at IU University. The *Bachelor* won Div. III Newspaper of the Year along with several individual awards. See page 3 for more details.

Repeat: *Bachelor* Takes First

GABE WATSON '13
NEWS EDITOR

Not often is a newspaper able to turn its sights inward, but last weekend the Indiana Collegiate Press Association gave the *Bachelor* a perfect excuse. The Wabash College weekly newspaper won Division III Newspaper of the Year in an impressive oust of defending champions DePauw.

The *Bachelor* was awarded eight third places, three second places, and ten first place victories from within 27 submission categories. The *Bachelor* staff received 44 points over Goshen College's 32 points and DePauw's 30 points. Categories in which Wabash submissions were honored included Best Feature Story, Best Sports Page, and Best Editorial Cartoon.

The awards are presented every calendar year, so Wabash graduates Chuck Summers and Gary James also received awards. Summers remains the *Bachelor*'s all-time most honored collegiate journalist, and his legacy remains in the *Bachelor* as current members search for new journalistic avenues in the final issues of the semester.

"The whole staff really deserves these honors," Managing Editor Joel Bustamante '11 said. "Our legacy just keeps getting bigger, and I'm proud to see it continue in a winning direction."

While the *Bachelor* has now won the Newspaper of the Year award two of the past three years, this year's victory marks a significant achievement compared to past years. When it won two years ago Wabash

was the smallest school in Division IV.

In 2010 this small Division was joined with the larger Division III, pitting the *Bachelor* against schools like Franklin College and DePauw University. New to this type of competition, the *Bachelor* did not fare well last year, but it rose to the challenge as the smallest school in competition this year. "It's great to win best newspaper honors when you consider we are now pitted against schools with endowed Journalism programs," *Bachelor* Advisor Howard Hewitt said.

True to Little Giant fashion, the *Bachelor* made itself heard in the award ceremony for more than just journalistic accomplishment. The announcement of Alex Moseman('11)'s award-winning photograph titled "DePauw Emasculated 47-0" drew laughter from the entire crowd, save for some sour expressions from a particularly effeminate table in the back.

The outstanding efforts of students is an important part of Wabash culture, and victory over a rival is even more special. "Most of our *Bachelor* guys give their weekly stories serious effort," Hewitt said. "The one thing I tell them is you should always take your participation seriously in whatever you do at Wabash College." This effort is clearly reflected in the success of students' recent endeavors across campus both on and off campus.

"Any activity or club you participate in as a Wabash man reflects on your character," he continued. "I'm proud to be associated with a group of guys who take the effort seriously."

Robbins Named Editor in Chief

RILEY FLOYD '13
EDITOR IN CHIEF

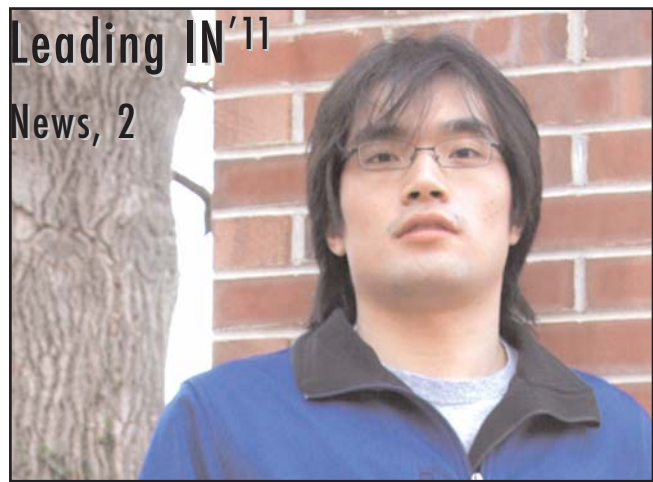
It's official: Peter Robbins '12 is your next *Bachelor* Editor in Chief. After a vote by the Board of Publications this Monday, Robbins was named as the next Editor in Chief. Robbins, a French major and Spanish minor, is currently studying abroad in Paris and will take the reins beginning with next semester's Back to Campus

issue.

"I'm proud to have been named editor-in-chief of the *Bachelor*," Robbins said. "And I will do my best to bring an honest, entertaining and readable newspaper to Wabash. It will be a challenge to replace important contributors like Joel Bustamante, Alex Moseman and Alex Avtgis, but I look forward to 2011-2012 all the same."

This week, Robbins wrote a column on the merits of study abroad. See page 4 for the column.

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6 p.m. Chadwick

Tuesday, April 12
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7 p.m. Goodrich Rm.

Wednesday, April 13
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Oratorical Contest
8 p.m. Baxter 101

Thursday, April 14
Talk with Gail Griffin
"The Events of October: Murder-Suicide on a Small Campus" Korb Classroom 8 p.m.

JOHN DYKSTRA '13
STAFF WRITER

On the first day of classes for Wabash's Spring 2008 semester, Jackson Ding '11 did not know anyone. It was his second day in the



ALEX MOSEMAN | WABASH '11

Jackson Ding '11 came to Wabash with rough English and no familiar faces. Now, four years later, he plans to pursue a career in finance.

JOHN DYKSTRA '13
STAFF WRITER

DJ Singfield '11 struggled in his freshman year, but through the words "Wabash Always Fights" he became a successful Wabash man.

Singfield was impacted by Professor of History Tracey Salisbury to fight his way through Wabash's academic challenge.

"I definitely had a tough time my freshman year academically," Singfield said. "A great thing about Wabash is that it takes guys that are from a lot of different paths of life. I would like to give back by thanking Professor Salisbury and the work that she has done at Wabash. She molded me into the student and man I am today."

Salisbury is a mother-like figure to Singfield. He attributed his decision to major in History and minor in Education to taking a history course with Salisbury during his sophomore year.

"DJ is a fine young man," Salisbury said. "He is like a son to me. We've gone on immersion trips together; we've gone to Italy together. He is the epitome of a Wabash man. He has come a long way since he was a freshman to being a senior. There is no one more excited and happy for him than me that he is a commencement speaker and already has a job in teaching. He carries himself like a gentleman and has made the most of his time at Wabash."

Singfield was named one of the two commencement speakers for this year's graduation ceremony. His speech is inspired by his philosophy towards life.

"The motto I try to live by is 'We

United States."

Ding's then heavy Chinese accent and slight difficulty with spoken English paved the way for his open-mindedness and liberal arts experience.

"I remember that second day at lunch when I was sitting by myself

because I didn't know anyone," Ding said. "People started sitting with me and talking to me. Looking back, that amazes me. It amazes me how nice people are and how willing they are to get to know me as well as to help others."

"I did not speak English very well at that time and they still tried to make a conversation. I had a very heavy Chinese accent back then and they took their time to understand what I was saying," he continued. "They did not use big words; they used as plain of language as they could. That later gave me the courage to go out and explore."

Ding's first semester Cultures and Traditions Professor Jonathan Baer praised Ding for his confidence and accomplishments as a student.

"I certainly noticed from that semester on that his English got better," Baer said. "He was very active in class. I saw immediately that he was someone who would be daring to do what it takes to get to know American students and fit in with American culture. Not only is he a hard worker, but he is a very cheerful guy."

Director of International Students David Clapp added to Baer's comments: "Jackson is a very ambitious

This fall, he will enroll in a master's program for education.

"I got accepted into a master program for education," Singfield said. "I will be earning my Master's degree and then I'll be serving and working as a teacher in an urban city school."

Salisbury is proud of her mentee and deems his success a result of the

and confident person who came here in mid-term, so he had no orientation to speak of compared to other students," Clapp said. "He is an extremely hard worker and finds a way to accomplish his goals. He is a great leader and has done everything that anyone could ask of him."

Ding was President of the International Students Association and does not view cultural differences as a problem in making friends.

"Beyond race and nationality, we are two individuals living in Crawfordsville," Ding said. "We might believe in different religions, but there are common interests we can base a friendship around. I do not see my friend as an American; I see him simply as a friend."

Ding is a Shanghai native whose interest in a liberal arts education led him to Wabash. He recalled a situation that reflects the liberal arts.

Ding recalled that "a friend asked me one day if I wanted to throw a football around. I said I never played before, and he asked me, 'How do you not know that you are the best?' I think that is true for everyone. College is for trying new

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challenges he has endured.

"He has the world on a string right now, and I think that is what can happen when you challenge yourself at Wabash and try to meet the challenges," Salisbury said. "DJ has failed sometimes but he has always gotten up and fought and now he's sitting at the top as far as I am concerned."



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Welcome Back



Jake Ezell '11:
Work Hard, Play Hard

Welcome back Wabash men. I hope you are well rested, energized, and even excited for another year at Wabash. I know my summer's always reach a point where I find myself eager to get back into the classroom and learning again; of course, this also works the opposite way later in the year. The fall is a special time at Wabash, and I dearly missed it last year. Amidst all the excitement of Homecoming week, Chapel Sing, and the Bell Game, do not forget that Wabash is ultimately what you make of it. There is opportunity everywhere here; it's only a matter of capitalizing on it. Visit your professors just to talk. Join a random club. Volunteer off campus. Attend a networking dinner. Invite a professor to lunch. Tailgate at the home football games. I am always shocked how some of the most promising opportunities present

ligent, but you do not know things the way you did in high school. The most important sign of an intelligent person is that they know what they do not know. I learn from the upper classmen, your peers, and your professors. When you're convinced you need to write your first everyone e-mail, come back in an hour, read it, and then send it if you must. Take your classes seriously. There is a lot of fun to be had, but don't let that come at the expense of your plan. If your friends don't understand that, then they aren't your friends. Finally, you have some of the most unique and timely Wabash experiences coming soon. Do not look back wishing you had done Chapel Sing, bonded more with your Freshman Tutorial, or stayed up all night guarding campus; just do it. For everyone else, go to Chapel. It is not about the Splash Club, frat-

ally they will put you to sleep, but most of the time I hear some of the most brilliant speeches I have ever encountered. At Big Bash every year, the alumni are more disheartened by the fact that only 100 people attend chapel every week than any curriculum change. Secondly, I hope we never take our institution for granted. Anyone who has taken a summer class elsewhere can undoubtedly attest. Just because you are tired, beat, and have 10 things to do before Friday does not mean Wabash is a terrible place; in fact, just the opposite. Complain when you need to, deal with the depression when it comes, but never take for granted that we attend the best college in the Midwest. Our professors, are first and foremost, here to teach us, and our institutions supports any and every aspiring passion we have. It's time to rise to the occa-



Best Cartoon

Best Special Issue

The Winner Staff:

Kyle Bender - 2nd Sports News, 1st Sports Feature | Brandan Alford - 3rd Sports News | Joel Bustamante - 1st Entertainment Column, 3rd Feature Page | Alex Moseman - 3rd Sports Photo, 3rd Photo Essay | Riley Floyd - 3rd Staff Editorial | Grant McCloskey - 1st News Photo

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Wallies Immerse
Themselves in
El Salvador



Bottom Right: Barrington Hodges prepares to vaccinate a child against influenza with the help of FIMRC staff.

Bottom Left: Josh Robinson plays with his new friend.

Best Photo Essay

Ding

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things, so do not be scared about the idea that you've never done something before. You could be the best at it."

After graduation, Ding will begin his career as an investment banker in Palo Alto, Calif.

"I've always had an interest in finance," he said. "I knew that is what I want to do. In my second semester sophomore year, I started contacting alumni in finance. They helped me figure out certain areas of finance that were unclear."

"At sometime in my career when things slow down, I would like to be a part-time bartender," he said. "I would also like to become a venture-capitalist, working with entrepreneurs. I have always been interested in the creativity and ideas entrepreneurs have as well as their passion and energy."

Ding and a few of his friends published a magazine in

Shanghai. He plans to return to publication someday and is currently translating Rick Telander's book *Heaven is a Playground* into Mandarin.

"I want to do another magazine," Ding said. "If there is one thing that I regret most in my life was selling that magazine out. The management team of that magazine was people the same age as me, so we were going off to college and different cities. The magazine died within a year after we sold it, but that is a choice I made given the circumstances. I would like to do another magazine on something, maybe sports or fashion."

Ding plans to move around after his job in Palo Alto and to eventually return to China.

"I do not like to be settled in one area, not even Palo Alto," he said. "After a few years in Palo Alto, I'll probably move out to the east coast or hopefully to Europe. Eventually, I'll go back home to China, but that is way down the road."

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It's Pan-Hel Week!

If at large co-ed schools, the term 'Pan-Hellenic' reeks of euphoric debauchery, excessive drinking and Bacchic release, does it necessarily follow that the Wabash version should follow suit?

Which is to say: with the good ol' days of beer mugs brimming in excess quickly departing in the rear-view mirror, Wabash should redefine Pan-Hel for itself.

Don't worry: the bed races and other events will play out as usual, along with the bitter rivalries between the houses. The fierce competitions, such as that between Beta and Phi Psi, should make many seniors remember their first year at the Bash.

The staff of the *Bache-*

The Issue:

This week heralds Pan-Hel 2011.

The Stance:

Make Pan-Hel into something more than just seven days of partying and competitions.

lor believes that Pan-Hel week, beneath the surface, can signify more than a multiple-day festus replete with head-to-head Wally 'swag'-offs. Having the focus shift from the massive intake of liquid bread and throwing of orgiastic parties, might allow one of the school's most storied weeks thrive in ways the most historically-minded Wallies can-

not predict.

Similarly, the *Bachelor* cannot predict the next direction Pan-Hel will take. We do know, however, that Pan-Hel should ideally make men all over campus (Greek or not) emerge from their living units or study hovels, breathe in the fresh air of fraternal bonds, and forget for a short time the treacheries of spring semester. Remember, events only serve the purpose of memories.

Seniors, you have your last chance at making Pan-Hellenic week a success; freshmen, this is your first. Break down the boundaries, and take the rivalries in stride; as a unified Wabash, we are one of the most fraternal schools in the nation.



It's High Time For A Logic Audit

GABE WATSON '13
STAFF WRITER

Last week Professor Stephen Webb urged a spiritual audit to support students of faith. Of course students should be supported, but perhaps this proposal should be rethought.

Professor Webb is correct that religion thrives on campus as a result of Wabash's student initiative. But why reassess the situation? Of course there are spiritual wants (not needs) of students not fully met on campus. Wabash is an educational institution: its aim should not be to meet arbitrary desires. The Sparks Center neglects to provide my lactose-intolerant body with the lactose-free milk it enjoys at home, but I am not going to school here to be perfectly fed. I am here for an education. Wabash provides more than enough additional services to its students and supports interest groups quite adequately.

Perhaps the section of Professor Webb's article that he addressed to skeptics should receive special emphasis. My concerns do not lie in the factual integrity of the Higher Education Research Institute's findings Webb cited; it lies in the conclusions drawn from them. Religious and spiritual students predictably drink less alcohol and "party" less. But as a very involved student and an atheist who has not had alcohol in more than three years and has accumulated a total of roughly five minutes at parties in my two years, I can also attest that one mustn't resort to a god in order to lead a productive life.

Spirituality is an extremely healthy thing. Ignorance about war, slavery, and genocide would undoubtedly remove much of one's stress and increase happiness, as would a delusion that a 4.0 GPA would come without effort. But mental health statistics do not measure truth.

Wabash assesses virtually everything, but we must continue to do it fairly. If the issue is social action, then let's dis-

miss it. But promoting religion simply as a means of promoting civic engagement is a dangerous leap. Of course statistical trends exist between religions and the lifestyles they promote. But why choose religion over social awareness? Do we really think no one can care about the people around them unless a deity tells them to?

A spiritual audit is an acceptable idea. But with religious groups on campus greatly outnumbering social action groups (in both size and enthusiasm), faith seems a trivial thing to assess. And rather than saying that religion creates happy, involved students, surely we should be equally open to assessing this ingrained preference for spiritual bliss. Perhaps a bit less spirituality in exchange for some social action would be more productive.

No one is suggesting depriving spiritual students. An audit is never a bad idea because it provides information. But spreading social awareness can be achieved without spreading religion.

Go Study Abroad

For all sophomores who have been accepted to study abroad, and freshman who are hoping to, be ready for something completely different. This is something you have been told countless times, no doubt, but it is worth reiterating.

For me, the difference is mainly based on the fact that I am in Paris, a huge city the likes of which I am not accustomed to at all. Having lived my whole life in Indianapolis, which is a large city in its own right, the difference is incredible.

"In Paris, you mostly walk everywhere. I've been in a car no more than five times since I got here."

Firstly, there are parts of Indianapolis where you only go in a car. In Paris (as well as other European big cities, so I've heard), you mostly walk everywhere. I've been in a car no more than 5 times since I got here. This experience has given me a sense of safety in an urban setting. In other words, when a possibly homeless, not-so-friendly-looking person approaches me now, only a small sense of panic comes over me, as opposed to the "where is a pen so I can write my will" attitude I had at first.



PETER ROBBINS '12
ABROAD COLUMNIST

Obviously, you must take certain precautions, like putting your wallet in your front pocket and not looking people in the eye. Basically, it's like going to a biker bar (c.f. Pee Wee's Big Adventure).

Next, keep in mind that the countless people on the street could not care less about you. You are merely an obstacle around which they will walk. You could be wearing a tutu and a Dennis Rodman "Savages" jersey, and most people wouldn't even notice.

And even when you go into a social place, like a café, the waiters will not be nice to you. If you are lucky, they won't act like you are imposing on them. In France, a waiter's tip is already included in the bill, so he has no motivation to be friendly.

Finally, the biggest difference is undoubtedly the issue of money. Paris and London in particular are incredibly expensive. For those of you who have taken a train from downtown Chicago into the suburbs and paid a few bucks, get ready. A trip of about the same distance would probably cost you around 13 Euros in Paris. Here's the crazy part. It will

all be worth it in the end. You will meet people from everywhere, go to awesome concerts, take classes that are much easier than at Wabash, eat the best food you've ever had, read some great books, and come back home with a long list of things you didn't have the time to do.

If this big city life sounds like too much, go somewhere remote like Tasmania – where I'm sure study abroad is just as beneficial. The key element of the study abroad luxury is that it's a breather most Wabash students don't get these days. A whole semester to step back for a co-ed college experience (are you filling out your application yet, freshmen?), when you can read e-mail wars from a distance and chuckle after a night of fondue and wine.

"You could be wearing a tutu and a Dennis Rodman 'Savages' Jersey and most people wouldn't even notice."

What's more, you'll be more than halfway done with college upon your return to Wabash! Freshmen, it will come sooner than you think. So will the deadline for study abroad. Start planning now!

All-Male Ed

JOEY FLEENOR '12
GUEST WRITER

This past weekend I accompanied Professor Warren Rosenberg as he flew to Kansas City, Missouri to present at a conference for the American Men's Studies Association. This having been my first academic conference, I wasn't quite sure what to expect but definitely appreciated the opportunity.

There were people in attendance from all over the nation and also from a few foreign countries like England and Australia. One specific group that we came into contact with was our single-sex counterparts at Hampden-Sydney, which consisted of an administrator/educator, professor, and two current students. We quickly developed a bond and exchanged information about each of our institutions.

It wasn't long before I had this feeling looming overhead that perhaps Wabash was not as unique as I had previously thought as our brothers from Virginia seemed to engage in nearly the exact same things as our alma mater other than the obvious all-male environment: liberal arts setting, deep reverence for tradition, and a motto not so unlike the gentleman's rule. However, as discourse continued it was clear that there are definitely things that set us apart.

In my experience at Wabash, I have consistently found the campus environment to be moderately conservative, sometimes stifling so, and resistant to change and diversity. By no means am I attempting to undermine what Hampden-Sydney has to offer, especially since I think each institution brings different things to the table in different ways. Rather, by discussing

that which we are not, I have come to a better understanding of what it means to be a Wabash Man.

The conference itself was a men's studies and was centered around gender studies academia. While Wabash does in fact have a gender studies area of concentration, the majority of the courses come from the English department which often puts strain on students attempting to go down that route. The fact of the matter is, I neglected to take notice of what it actually means for the college that option for an AOC in the first place.

It is becoming increasingly more common to find programs like this at larger colleges and universities, but what does it mean for an institution like Wabash to have this type of offering within the curriculum? As a school of our size, it is nearly unheard of to have an AOC like this in the first place because of financial reasons, major curriculum obligations, and a general environment of conservativeness that applies a stigma to the field of study.

Because of the generous endowment that we have been blessed with, there leaves a lot of room to pursue student interest within the curriculum even during times of financial hardship within the nation. While other schools struggle to even offer all major courses necessary, Wabash seems to pull through with flying colors. Secondly, the college is not the close-minded, unaccepting monster that I had mentioned it to be earlier; instead, Wabash is in fact a school that is open to change and diversity that fosters an environment of personal growth and development as men that can only occur within the confines of the "Wabash Womb," where the faculty and staff strive to improve the students to their utmost potential.

Look to the Numbers: Forget Foreign Oil!

The United States needs nuclear energy now. Nuclear energy is cleanest, safest and most efficient energy option there is. And perhaps even more importantly, it is the best way to reduce our dependence on the Middle-East; a dependence that has been a leech on the United States’ economy for far too long. Instead of continuing our “investment” in the Middle-East, the United States should start investing in nuclear power.

It has been proven how safe and clean nuclear power can be. Nearly 80% of France’s electricity comes from their 58 nuclear power plants. As a result France has the cleanest air in the industrialized world and the cheapest electricity in Europe. Many nuclear energy opponents worry about the nuclear waste that comes from these power plants. But these concerns are unfounded because the French have figured out a solution. The French do not store their nuclear waste. Instead they reprocess it. Instead of burying spent fuel rods deep in the sea or underground they have built a massive plant on the coast of Normandy to recycle the used fuel and so reuse it.

Currently there are 103 nuclear plants operating in the United States. These have produced roughly 20% of the nation’s electricity without any major incident since the crisis at Three Mile Island, which did not kill anyone. Contrarily, many people die every year in the coal mining industry. Over the last 50 years, an average of thirty coal miners die each year due to accidents. Even more are killed each year by health conditions such as Chronic Lung Disease. Increasing nuclear power production would actually save countless lives each year.

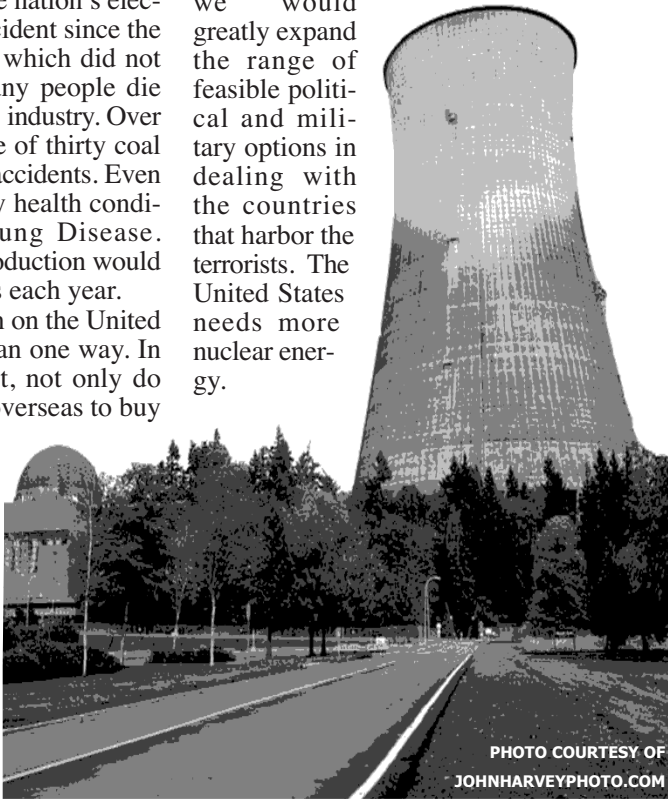
Foreign Oil is a huge drain on the United States’ economy in more than one way. In the case of the Middle-East, not only do we send billions of dollars overseas to buy oil, but we have to protect our ability to do so as well. This means that billions of dollars leave our economy each year to support tyrannical governments that abet terrorists. It also means that the United States must spend billions more to maintain stability in the Middle-East so we can continue to buy their oil. Admittedly the United States only buys



TED PLUMMER '13
STAFF
COLUMNIST

about 25% of its oil from the Middle East, but the numbers are nevertheless significant. The United States buys \$40 billion dollars worth of oil each year from Saudi Arabia alone.

But in addition to the \$40 billion that are lost, much more is lost by maintaining a military presence to preserve stability. Not only did the United States spend \$159 billion in 2010 on Iraq and Afghanistan, but 559 lives were lost as well. The cost of depending on oil from the Middle East is just too great. Increasing nuclear energy production would greatly alleviate these costs. We wouldn’t need a great military presence in the Middle- East, and we wouldn’t be sending so much money overseas. By sharply curtailing our dependence on Middle Eastern oil, we would greatly expand the range of feasible political and military options in dealing with the countries that harbor the terrorists. The United States needs more nuclear energy.



A Warm, Political, Complacent Self-Affirmation

The topic of Star Parker’s talk last week was advertised as “Urban Education and School Choice,” but Thursday night she gave what was closer to her attempt at a comprehensive diagnosis and prescription regarding the United States’ current educational and economic woes. Not surprisingly, Parker spoke with the confidence of one who is “preaching to the choir,” making little pretense of persuading a neutral or mixed audience. Sadly, any non-conservative in the room would likely have been put off automatically by her unapologetic style, which placed her on a platform many would identify as a soapbox. This is unfortunate, because Parker clearly brought some valid insight to the table with which any political thinker must grapple. Another shortcoming of Parker’s lecture was that little of this came from her topic area of education. But there was plenty to reap from her talk, despite the somewhat confused focus.

Parker’s main pre-occupation was with America’s moral decay, which she posited as the underlying cause of almost all of the country’s problems. While this phrase, “moral decay,” is a red-flag in the minds of lefties and moderates warning of radical, fire and brimstone conservative propaganda, Ms. Parker laid out a thoughtful case backed with practical evidence leading to this conclusion. She traced the beginning of this decline to the 1960’s and the sexual revolution, paying special attention to its effects on race. The nuclear family, she claimed, was the basis of our nation’s social model. Out-of-wedlock birthrates before the 60’s were three percent for whites and twenty-two for blacks. By the end of the decade, those rates had each multiplied, to thirty-three percent for whites and seventy-two percent for blacks. The proliferation of single-mom households, made possible by the sexual revolution, undermined the undeniable stability (and according to Parker, its resultant prosperity) provided by the nuclear family, and “When you have broken families,” she says, “you’re going to have broken schools.” This problem was ameliorated by the surge in the “war on poverty” and the expansion of welfare programs, which removed incentive for many poor parents to escape their underprivileged positions and reinforced this racially-divided economic stratification.

This situation, according to Parker, has only worsened since the sixties. Although liberals reflexively deny the “de-incentivizing” argument against welfare, Star Parker



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is living evidence of this phenomenon. Parker further insisted that she is not just a case study. Coming from the “inside” of welfare dependence, Parker confidently asserted that her lifestyle of complacently leeching off welfare and living in moral depravity is commonplace, and that it was not until she converted to Christianity that she realized how she was contributing to the country’s decline. Luckily for her, she “was able to transition out of there and go back to save those who are still there,” Parker says.

Disappointingly, Parker’s lecture spent only a few minutes discussing specific plans for education reform. Her rallying call was for school vouchers allowing parents to choose which public schools their children attend. The hope is that the ensuing competition between schools to keep students would incentivize them to de-unionize in order to be flexible enough to stay in the running, firing and hiring teachers and staff based on their merit, not on external certifications, connections, stats, or lack thereof. This idea is promising, especially when supported, as Parker pointed out, by the success shown in the few areas where it has been tried, for short periods of time.

Parker’s talk, while retaining my attention the entire time with her enthusiasm and concision, would have been much more effective had she focused on this issue. The ideas of moral decay and welfare dependency deteriorating our social and economic wellbeing, while logically and historically sound, are nothing new to the Conservative Union, and I was disappointed to see that in the post-lecture question-and-answer series, all of the questions seemed to be baiting Parker into agreeing with the inquirer’s implied conservative stance on a certain issue. I do not intend to criticize the choices of the Conservative Union for its speakers, but if we want to make the most of speakers like this, let’s try to bring in as many listeners from the opposing side of the aisle as possible, so that we accomplish more than a warm, complacent, political self-affirmation.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

My name is Andrew Cartwright '05. Currently, I’m a Peace Corps volunteer serving in Rivne, Ukraine. My job here is teaching English, but Peace Corps is more than simply a job for me; it’s about living among (and serving) real people with real needs and issues, and about making their issues my own.

One real issue that Ukrainians share is the increasing spread of HIV/AIDS: the HIV infection rate hovers around an alarming 2%—the highest in all of Europe and Central Asia.

The best way to attack this large societal issue is to focus on the small. Our two HIV/AIDS youth summer camps work on two important fronts: Camp HEAL works through education and prevention and Camp OHALOW seeks to make the lives of HIV affected children a little bit better, allowing them to be real kids away from the pressure of stigma and discrimination for at least one week, while seeking to equip them with longer-term skills and knowledge about living full lives.

Because we are volunteers and because Peace Corps cannot sponsor every activity around the world, often we are left trying to find money from other sources. Both HEAL and OHALOW are using a grant called a Peace Corps “Partnership Grant,” basically, a structured fundraising grant.

So, I’m asking my Wabash family to help my new Ukrainian family.

Your dollar can go a long way in this country. At OHALOW, for example, it costs only \$14.15 to send a kid to camp for a day. \$36 will cover the camp doctor’s salary. And, \$99.06 sends a kid to camp for the whole week. Any little bit will go towards changing a child’s life—not to mention that every donation is tax-deductible!

Wabash students, alums, and their families are among the most successful, motivated, and generous people that I know. Through our Wabash spirit, we can help to give these kids a fighting chance at healthy, normal lives.

Here are links to the two donation sites:

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Wabash Always Fights,

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Dear Sir,

In response to Mr. Plummer’s letter entailing corn subsidies and ethanol production, I would first like to say that this article could have really utilized some more research. While pure ethanol does contain roughly 68% of the combusting energy of gasoline, the effect of this is really only observed in the E85 blends that contain 85% ethanol. Most of the gasoline sold at the pump today has at least 10% ethanol with some states having more. The fact that E85 has reduced fuel economy compared to regular unleaded is misleading. The reason this occurs is because the manufacturers of the flex-fuel cars have only implemented changes in these vehicles to prevent ethanol from corroding the fuel lines. Since E85 has a much higher octane rating than regular unleaded gasoline, the engines needed to be designed with raised compression ratios to compensate, but these have not occurred.

Relating to ethanol damaging the fuel lines, this will occur if your vehicle is not outfitted for the higher ethanol blended fuel, which is why you shouldn’t put E85 in your car if it was not designed for such a purpose. Relating to distribution of ethanol, pipelines can be used for ethanol distribution. I assume Mr. Plummer is referring to utilizing existing oil pipelines for ethanol transportation, which some fear will cause heightened corrosion to the existing pipelines.

For my final point, Mr. Plummer attacks subsidies as harming the third-world. While this is part of the problem in that American farmers can afford better farming equipment to make food production cheaper, this is coupled with the fact that the United States has several free-trade agreements with these third-world countries. If the free-trade agreements were lost, then third-world countries could impose tariffs on our food exports to combat our subsidies. While I don’t consider myself an expert on any of these topics, I was able to find much of this information on Wikipedia to rebuke and shed light on many of these embellished claims. I hope in the future that these topics are more thoroughly researched and supported with evidence, not merely mixed with Fox News propaganda.

In Wabash,

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JOEL BUSTAMANTE '11
CAVELIFE EDITOR

By the time the freshmen have finally caught their breath and the sweat from their brows has finally dried, all eyes will be on the darkened center stage of Chadwick Court.

The beat will drop, the lights will flash as hands fly into the air in anticipated jubilation.

And Lupe Fiasco will smile right back at them.

Tonight at 8 p.m., the Senior Council Activities Committee (SCAC) will bring the famous hip-hop superstar to campus to be the capstone to Pan-Hel. Ticket sales have been strong, promising the hallowed halls to be packed with youthful exuberance and unprecedented student lip-syncing.

His spits his calm, collected fire with a deserved confidence; his stage presence commands energy and life. With

lyrics as precise as his most recent album title, *Lasers*, and twice as beaming, Fiasco refuses to underperform to his true potential. If he messes up on a verse, he laughs it off, eager to jump back into the lyrical fray.

He doesn't rely on autotune or synthesizers. Fiasco is as real as the uplifting messages of love and peace he eschews from his microphone.

Of course, as is the case with most performers, Fiasco's true power comes from the fans. Like a phoenix bursting from the flames, Fiasco ups the ante as the shows goes on. He's not 2/5 of a song that never finishes. He's not hammering an elitist message onto a piano in front of crowd that just wants to party. This is not pressing play simultaneously on two separate laptops. Lupe Fiasco is heralding an anthem of the cool, the voice of a youthful society unhappy with the oppressive world around us.

Fiasco occasionally features hard hit-

ting freestyles, guest vocalists and unhindered wordplay. Even with a smaller venue, Fiasco will undoubtedly come out swinging.

Expect to hear his most prominent hits ("Kick, Push" "Daydreamin'") alongside his newest efforts, such as "Show Goes On." With an extensive catalogue of surefire hits, there should never be a dull moment.

Furthermore, with the events of Pan-Hel coming to a close, Wabash students and their lovely guests should be in the right state to party and celebrate. Hands will be in the air, the soft flow of music wafting through people's fingertips. The beat will shake the bleachers; the floors will vibrate to the rhythm of his flow. Fiasco will conduct the crowd into a favored frenzy, leaving us begging for more.

Ultimately, it will be up to Wabash to bring the party. Without a doubt, Fiasco's ready to go. Will we be?

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The Way to a Woman's Heart

OkTrends shows what works and what doesn't

MICHAEL CARPER '13
CULTURE COLUMNIST

Can you write an article about blog posts? Maybe? Probably not. But nevertheless, as an avid reader of OkTrends, I feel a need to impart some of their wondrous, well, trends. But not about clothes. OkTrends is run by the staff of Ok Cupid, a free online dating site. This is not immediately interesting, but the data that can be derived seven million active members, and all their profiles, pictures, and messages, sent and received, makes for revealing reading. So I'll hit the ground running and address, in honor of Professor Rocha, the first issue—racial identity.

What OkTrends tells us about racial identity is very superficial, but honest, because it comes straight from the horse's mouth. By mining thousands of profiles, OkTrends determined the "statistically distinct" (from other races) words and phrases in profiles. What white men like, OkTrends summarized with the word, "frat," which is somewhat convenient. The most frequent phrases were, in order: "tom clancy," "van halen," "golfing," "harley davidson," and "ghostbusters." What follows are buddy comedies, rock bands, and outdoor sports.

Since my readership is assumed to be mostly men, and for the sake of covering more articles, I won't deal with the female phrase lists. However, let's examine what black men like, in order: "soul food," "i am cool," "espn," "playing basketball," and "menace to society." The white man's list makes no mention of espn or basketball. What's especially interesting are statistics where black like #2 combined with black like #6: "tall, dark, and handsome." On the other hand, white men hardly use any descriptions of themselves, and especially not in the top 10 phrases. At the bottom of the list are "i'm a country boy" and "i can fix anything." What white men like is, literally, bands, movies, and some activities. OkTrends adds that, though religious phrases aren't in the top lists for any race, they are twice as common among black people than the other three races compared—white, latino, and asian.

It's probably not a surprise that guys like to brag. What

may be surprising is that, for certain descriptions, women lie just as much. Take, for instance, height. Both men and women exaggerate their height on Ok Cupid, unless Ok Cupid users are unusually tall. For men, the golden height is six feet. OkTrends charted unsolicited messages received, by height, and came to a funny conclusion: though yes, taller men get more messages, the number of messages received by women is only negligibly affected by height, to a point. The range of 5'2" and 5'10" only differ by less than one message per week, on average. Which raises the question—why do women lie about their height?

Guys, let's be honest. We're not always sure what to do about the whole "smiling" thing. Every fraternity composite I've been a part of turns out to feature 50 stony-faced guys and 10 beaming ones. If somehow I got the idea of cropping my house composite and using it on Ok Cupid, how would it fare? (Not recommended.)

Ok Trends looked at two categories; eye contact and no eye contact, with three facial expressions; flirty-face, smiling, and no smile. When eye contact is made, the differences are negligible. However, making a flirty face without eye contact is the worst choice. The best? No eye contact, no smiling.

Women's graphs are more exaggerated: the two slightly successful eye contact facial expressions, flirting and smiling, are much more successful, while not smiling and making eye contact is much less successful. Unlike guys, no eye contact is generally bad for girls. The flirty face is the worst for new monthly messages, followed by the no smiling face. Lesson learned: stone-faced portraits are fine...especially if you're distracted, which will probably happen during a fraternity composite picture.

Just as important as the picture is that carefully-crafted message you send off to an object of attraction. This should be familiar, since Facebook creeping was probably invented here. So what should you talk about, and how should you say it?

First, don't compliment her. Remarks about what she says, ("cool," "awesome") sport a higher response rate than a slew of physical observations ("pretty," "hot").

Next, never say "hi," "hello," or "hey." All produce a



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OkTrends offers statistics on OkCupid's users.

lower-than-average open rate, which is funny, since they are the most used greetings. What's even odder is that the next most-used greeting, "how's it going," causes a 20% higher response rate.

Finally, find a way to bring up common interests, especially bands. Start with, "you mention," and whip out a movie title. (Or your status as a vegetarian).

Point being, don't be boring, or appear to be boring. You don't need to compose an essay, but talking about that person's interests is the best way to go.

If you are a regular reader of OkTrends anyway and feel shorted by my abridgment and synthesis of several of its blog posts, as an excuse for a column about clothes, I apologize. Take heart in the hope that another reader will read my column and flock over to blog.okcupid.com, and immerse himself in graphs, charts, and incredibly, incredibly, insightful data.

Track Continues Successful Spring

RYAN LUTZ '13
STAFF WRITER

This past weekend the track team continued its success at DePauw University's outdoor invite, taking second place among 11 teams.

"Over the entire meet went well, we held a couple guys out due to injury and we didn't load guys up in certain events. There were 22 Conference Qualifiers though" Coach Morgan said. The track team has continued its success, transitioning from the indoor track to the outdoor. Having 22 guys qualifying for conference is a huge boost to the teams moral and it keeps the momentum they had from the indoor season moving. "I think the meet went well. We had a lot of guys step up this past weekend and hit some Personal Records and even conference means" Billy Rosson said, and having all those guys hit conference times means that a bigger portion of the team will have a chance to compete in the post season.

"As of right now we are doing well. We have a lot of guys who have hit conference means and quite a few of us are skirting the national qualifying list. As a team right now we need to keep the momentum going and keep on hitting times and work to improve as best we can each week. But I believe there is always room for improvement and that's what we are doing at this point in the season," Rosson said. At this point in the season though, the team is still working on improving and taking things to the next level.

Improvement is something the track team has always been about; their mantra for this year even ties into it. By

having the words "next level" as their phrase for the year the team has been working to take things to the next level in every aspect of their life. It all starts with their work ethic at practice, from there reaching the next level becomes not a question of how but when.

"I would have to say our work ethic at practice is a big part of it. Coach has us on a very specific training program as a team and so far we've been hitting times in practice, getting stronger, faster, and more knowledgeable of the sport every day," Rosson said, "We had a day last week that woke us up a bit and I think it was a good reminder that we've got a lot of work to do to stay on top".

"We are about four weeks away from the conference meet. And we are doing ok, I think we are right where we need to be," Morgan said. If Saturday's performances are any indication of where they are headed things are still looking good for the track team. 22 qualifiers for conference with about half the season left is definitely a good thing, and with five meets left to go there could be a lot more track runners getting qualifying for conference or even the National Meet. The most impressive qualifier for conference this past weekend was Wes Chamblee, making his return to the track after his torn ACL during football season, posting a 50.35 in the 400 meter dash.

"At this point in the season we are just trying to get their minds ready for when things pile on them academically and we have been talking to them about that for a while," Morgan said. With the whole team committed to taking things to the next level, "nobody is afraid to do more and to not be content," If the team can stick with that down the line they will be experiencing success on more than just the track.

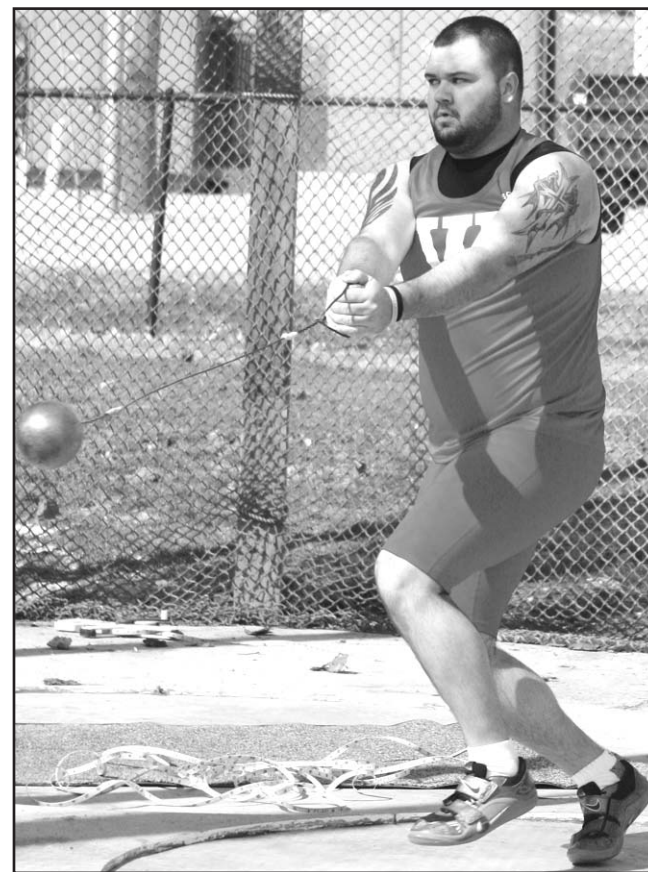


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Sophomore Zach Helman competing in the hammer throw.

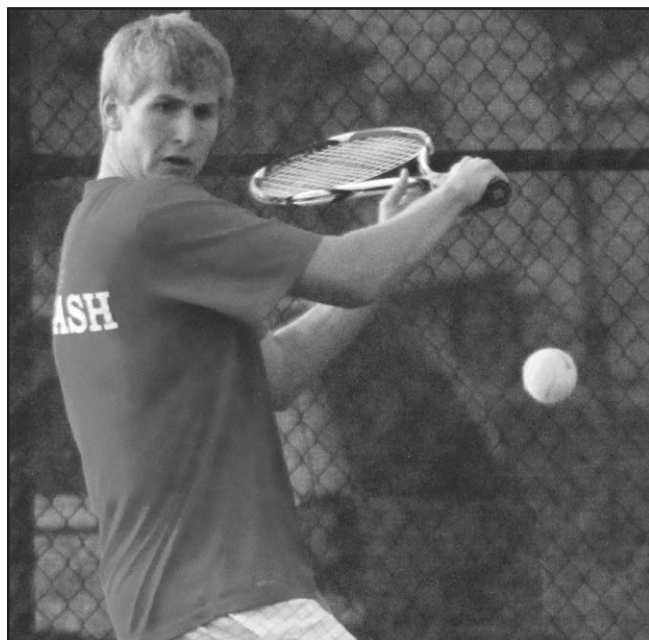


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Sophomore Ian Leonard in competition earlier this season.

Stringing Together Wins

SETH HENSLEY '14
STAFF WRITER

With only three matches left until the NCAC Tournament, the Little Giants Tennis team is in fine position. While being 13-6 in their dual matches so far this year, the team still sees areas that need improvement.

The story of the year for the Little Giants has been their ability to jump out on opponents, getting large leads, and then failing to finish off the opponent.

"We need better mental toughness and focus towards the end of our matches if we are going to continue to win," Coach Hutchison explained.

Even with an impressive freshmen year so far Daniel Delgado also pointed out that being able to close a match has been a struggle for some of the team. Despite the struggles

closing out matches the Little Giants stand in great place to take the two if not one seed in the NCAC tournament in their division.

Getting one of the top seeds in the conference tournament is no small achievement. The work ethic and dedication in practice has strongly contributed to the success of the team.

"As a team we are hitting a lot of high percentage shots that are working in our favor," Coach Hutchison said. These high percentage shots have resulted in early leads that the team tries to capitalize on. In the team's 13-6 record, they have only had two close victories. All of the other victories have resulted in 7-2, 8-1, and 9-0 dominating wins.

The best play as of late on the tennis team has been the guys playing in the four, five, and six spots. This is just evidence towards how deep the team is. The guys playing those four, five, and six spots are Senior Captain Ricky Rit-

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Weekend Series A Tale of Two Days

Pitching and Defense Give Way to Offensive Onslaught Sunday as teams combine for 62 runs.



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Senior Joe Johnson was one of many Little Giants who abused Ohio Wesleyan pitching in Saturday's split.

BRANDAN ALFORD '12 SPORTS EDITOR

20-point games are nothing new to Little Giant offenses, during football season. On Sunday, it was the baseball team who was putting up numbers usually reserved for Hollett Little Giant Stadium.

After taking a two-game sweep of Oberlin on Saturday, things got interesting in a hurry the next day. Hosting Ohio Wesleyan for another double-header, the Little Giants were about to find themselves in a shootout of epic proportions, the likes of which the newly minted Wabash Baseball Field had not yet seen.

In Saturday's wins over Oberlin, Andrew Swart and Brian VanDyyn silenced the Yeomans' bats, limiting the visitors to seven runs. Swart (4-2) threw a near-gem in his complete-game victory, striking out eight while only issuing one free pass. The junior scattered seven hits while allowing two earned runs in Wabash's 6-2 victory.

"We know every time we put him on the mound, we have an opportunity to win," coach Cory Stevens said. "We don't have to score 10, 12 runs. We know if we can get him two or three runs, that we can get a win.

"The key to Andrew's success has been working ahead, throwing strikes, and not allowing free bases."

Montana Timmons led the way offensively for the Little Giants with a 3-4 performance at the plate, driving in one while scoring twice. Timmons was only getting started for the weekend.

In game two, Van Duyn threw seven innings, allowing five runs while striking out nine. With the game knotted at five after seven, Luke Zinsmaster came in to work the eighth in relief for the Little Giants. After Zinsmaster allowed a single baserunner in the eighth, Wabash came to the plate needing a single win to secure the sweep.

After Chris Deig and Tanner Coggins reached base on back-to-back walks with one out, P.J. Tyson's fielder's choice moved Deig to third. With two outs and an opportunity to win the game, senior Dave Seibel came to the dish. Seibel had struggled most of the afternoon, going 0-for-7 prior to his final at-bat. But after falling behind 0-2, the senior lined a sharp single into left field, scoring Deig and giving the Little Giants a win in game two.

"It was good to see our guys battle back and get a win in extra innings in a game which could have gotten away from us," Stevens said. "Seibel came up with a huge hit for us there after struggling earlier in the day. He stepped up like a senior should and won the game for us."

While pitching was the story on Saturday, nothing could have been further from the storyline the next day. With Ohio Wesleyan coming to town with the Little Giants in position to secure an important weekend sweep, the Battling Bishops took advantage of Little Giant pitchers in game one to the tune of 21 runs. In the 21-10 victory, Ohio Wesleyan collected 16 hits, eight walks, and capitalized on a pair of Wabash errors.

Despite the inflated final margin, the Little Giants used a balanced attack of their own to only trail by one, 11-10, entering the top of the sixth inning. However, Ohio Wesleyan scored four in the sixth and six more in the seventh.

The Little Giants were led by six different players accounting for two hits or more, paced by Coggins' 3-for-4 day at the dish, driving in two and scoring a run.

"Ten games should win you many, many games," Stevens said. "We've not quite figured it out on the mound with our relief pitching. Pitchers have to throw strikes, keep the ball down, and limit the damage in those situations, and we didn't do a good job of that."

In game four, Wabash flipped the script, scoring 22 runs of their own, in an equally perplexing 22-9 blowout.

A day after closing out Saturday's game two victory, Zinsmaster threw a complete game, allowing seven earned runs on ten hits to earn his second win of the weekend on the mound.

"Luke gave up some runs, but he limited the damage," Stevens said. "He threw strikes, kept the ball down, and didn't give up free bases."

Eight of Wabash's nine starters collected multiple hits, with John Holm, Coggins, Deig, Timmons, and Seibel all having three hits on the day. Holm turned in a 5-for-5 day, driving in five runs, and scoring five as well. However, that wasn't the most impressive performance of the game; not by a longshot.

After three consecutive two-hit games to open the weekend, Timmons broke out in game four. Finishing 3-for-4 at the plate, Timmons scored two runs while driving in an amazing eight runs.

Timmons finished the weekend 10-16 at the plate, scoring seven runs and collecting ten RBI, two home runs, a double, and a triple. That performance earned the sophomore NCAC Player of the Week honors. Timmons is the second consecutive Little Giant to earn the weekly honor, following Swart's accomplishment last week for his work on the mound.

The eight-RBI outburst by Timmons puts him at third in the conference for that statistic with 27 on the season, trailing only Holm and Seibel. Holm has driven in 34 runs while Seibel has 28.

Holm, who also had a pair of home runs on the weekend, leads the conference in that statistic with five on the year. While leading the conference is an accomplishment of its own, the pair of long balls that Holm launched Saturday may have been records in their own right. After a lengthy blast in game one, Holm sent a meteoric shot in game two which cleared the 35-foot high batter's eye in center field, approximately 450 feet from home plate. The shot was estimated at 490 feet, landing on the roof of the Tennis Center.

The Little Giants return to conference action this weekend with their first road trip in NCAC play. Wabash will travel to Allegheny for a pair of games Saturday before heading to Hiram for another two games Sunday.

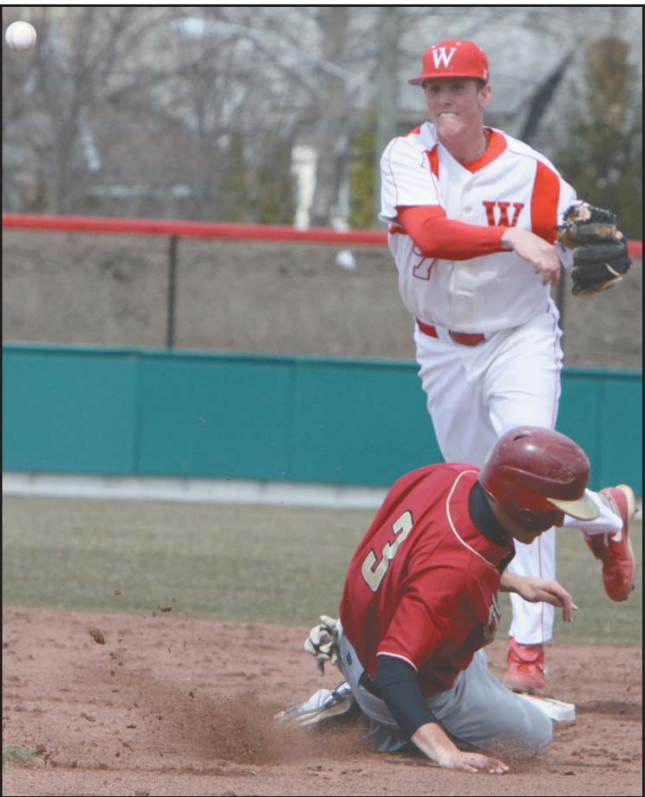


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Junior shortstop John Pennington is hitting .349 on the season with a team-leading 37 hits.



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Senior Ricky Ritter practicing this past week at the Wabash Tennis Center.

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ter, Sophomore Ian Leonard, and Freshman Wade Miller. Freshman Wade Miller picked up the North Coast Athletic Conference Men's Tennis Player of the Week honors last week with his helping 2-0 victories against West Division opponents. Miller and Delgado team up to make up the number one doubles team. The fact that the team can go this deep can only be a promising thing going into the post season.

The tennis team only has a few tournaments left to play. With a disappointing loss last Tuesday evening against Illinois Wesleyan, they are looking to gain some momentum in the final few matches heading into the post season. Last Tuesday evening at Illinois Wesleyan, Wabash fell 6-3. Illinois Wesleyan has the number two team in the region and that happened to be very tough to overcome for the Little Giants. Despite some tough losses, the team came away with three good victories. The number three doubles team of Evan Bayless and Ian Leonard won their match. Carrying his momentum over from doubles, Leonard went on to win his number five singles match. Rounding off the three victories for the Wabash was number six

singles Phil Kubisz.

Upcoming on the schedule for Wabash is the GLCA tournament this weekend. This tournament is an invite to all the academic schools in the region. Some of the best competition in the region will be

"We need better mental toughness and focus towards the end of matches"

Tennis coach Jason Hutchison

there. That being said it will be great competition to better prepare for what they will see in conference. To get two wins out of the GLCA this weekend would be a plus for this team, with all the tough opposition Wabash will face. Next in line on the schedule is the Denison match. Denison is in the top two in the conference and will be an incredibly tough tournament. That April 23rd tournament against Denison will lead right into the NCAC April 29th and 30th at Oberlin College.



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