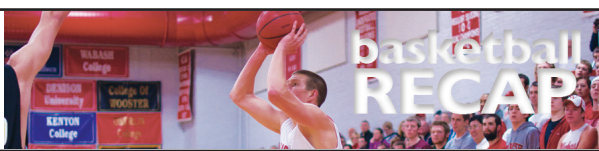
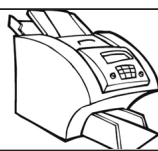


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Professor Hall Peebles: 1930-2012

PETER ROBBINS '12
EDITOR IN CHIEF

On Thursday, January 5 the Wabash community lost a man who had been a prominent figure in so many Wabash lives. Many current students may not have known of Hall Peebles, but in reading the stories about him that have appeared on the College's website, strangers to Dr. Peebles can at least get a small understanding of a man who meant quite a lot to more than one generation of Wabash students. One such student is Associate Professor of Religion David Blix '70.

"I've known Hall Peebles since I was about 12. He sometimes preached at the Ladoga Presbyterian Church," Blix said. "His sermons were amazing. I never dreamed that, years later, I would go to Wabash, and have him as one of my revered teachers. I took Old Testament from him, as well the two-semester world religions sequence. He turned me on to China."

Blix remembered some of Peebles' lecturing idiosyncrasies, which are not so unlike Blix's own in-class habits that have endeared him to current students.

"He was the best lecturer I ever had—clear, funny, dramatic, a master-story-teller—and with no more lecture notes than a few scribbles on a 3x5 card," Blix said. "When he smoked a cigarette in a seminar, he'd light it, never inhale, gesture and we'd wait to see if, at the last minute, before all the ash fell off, he'd light another. (He would.)"

Peebles' longtime colleague, Professor of Religion Emeritus Raymond Williams, performed the eulogy at Peebles' funeral and, like Blix, recalled the professor's great intellect



COURTESY OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Wabash mourned longtime Religion Professor Dr. Hall Peebles (above left), shown giving a Monon Bell chapel talk. Peebles' colleagues and students remembered him as a calming, unique and brilliant teacher and memory.

"Hall had as close to a photographic memory as anyone," Williams said. "It seemed that anything in his large library was immediately accessible to him. 'Where is this quotation?' I'd ask. Hall would respond, 'Ah, I don't know', but then within a few seconds he would get up from his desk and open the book to the page. A student came to my office with a question. 'I don't know,' I said, 'but go down the hall and ask Mr. Peebles.' He came back in a minute to report, 'He said he didn't know either.' 'Did you wait a minute?' 'No!' 'Then go back down to his office.' By then, Hall had the book opened to the spot. I never knew if Hall's customary tentative response was to give his mind a few moments to process, like a fast computer, or due to his natural

reticence to be showy. To be austentatious was never his way."

In his dealings with the other faculty, Peebles was respected and revered.

"For many years, he was secretary to the faculty, and he'd read his elegant minutes at the start of the meeting," Blix said. "Somebody once proposed that we dispense with the reading of the minutes. To which somebody else replied that we should come and hear Hall Peebles read the minutes, and then adjourn the meeting."

In the last line of his eulogy, Williams remembered Peebles as a rare kind of good person.

"Hall did it all in his own way," Williams said. "God makes every person unique. We can all say - if you excuse the grammatical error that

Hall would quietly correct - 'Hall was blessedly more unique than others.' He did on his own terms - home and alert until Wednesday, in the hospital only one day, and then a Christian death. So, we give thanks to God for a good life, a good death, his influence on generations of Wabash men, for his friendship, and for his faithfulness to us all."

As for Blix, he chose to characterize Peebles by comparing him to two wise familiar characters for any Religion major (or anyone who has taken C&T) while paying him the highest of compliments.

"He was Amos and Lao Tzu, a gentleman and generous host, a wise, kind, and masterful teacher, my colleague, role-model, friend," Blix said.



COURTESY OF THE WABASH COLLEGE ARCHIVES

At the height of the tension of the Civil Rights Movement, Wabash students in 1964 protested segregationist Gov. George Wallace's visit to Crawfordsville. This week, the College welcomed Freedom Rider Rev. Dr. Bernard Lafayette, Jr.

Freedom Rider Personalizes MLK Week

RILEY FLOYD '13
MANAGING EDITOR

At 20, most students aren't thinking about estate planning. But 51 years ago, Rev. Dr. Bernard Lafayette, Jr.—then a student at American Baptist Theological Seminary—did just that. He made out a last will and testament, left school, and got on a bus to Montgomery, Ala. It was May 19, 1961.

This week, as the College honors Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the MXI welcomed Lafayette—the Distinguished Senior Scholar-in-Residence at Emory University's Candler School of Theology to campus. His visit comes as a poignant addition to the perspective lent by last year's speakers—illustrator Tracy Sugar-

man and former Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee Member Charles McLaurin—a perspective that could begin to fade now that those who can tell their stories firsthand are becoming fewer and farther in-between.

Despite that fading, Lafayette still sees cause for celebration. The week began with a screening of the PBS American Experience documentary Freedom Riders and continued with two lectures by Lafayette on Thursday.

"I want to congratulate Wabash College [for honoring Martin Luther King] because it shows that there is a deep appreciation for the significance of bringing about deep changes in our democratic society," Lafayette said. "[Martin Luther King] repre-

sents "a deep and important spirit that exists in our country."

As one of the Freedom Riders who rode Greyhound and Trailways buses in 1961 to test the segregationist policies of "whites only" waiting rooms and other bus station facilities in the American south, Lafayette knows well the dimension of that spirit. Indeed, he was prepared to die for it.

"Well, the first thing you do is make out a will, and that's what we did before we left Marshfield. So you make out your will and it means that you're prepared to give your life. So once you've made that decision, all the other things are ir-

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Robbins '13 Wins Election

DAVID MYLES '14
STAFF WRITER

It's that special time of year again when Wabash welcomes back its students for new classes, new experiences, and a new year.

For recently elected Student Senate President Alex Robbins '13, this truth cannot ring any louder as his administration continues to plan and begin making changes to Student Senate.

With a goal of financial and social transparency, Robbins and Vice-President Jeremy Wentzel '14 certainly have their work cut out for them. This is not Robbins' first experience in a campus leadership position. He has been a member of the Student Senate the last two years, including

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New president of the student body Alex Robbins '13 plans to change some things, most notably involving the planning process of National Act shows.

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- Monday, January 23
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- Student Internship
Panel, Goodrich 104,
12 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 24
Internship Week
- IFC Meeting, Sparks
Center, 11:10 a.m.
- Student Senate Inau-
guration, Lilly Library, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 25
Internship Week
- Interviewing Tips Work-
shop. Goodrich 104, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, January 26
Internship Week
- Chapel Talk, Dr. Chris Carr '82, 11:10 a.m.
- Alumni/Student Intern-
ship Dinner, Detchon 100, 7 p.m.

Wabash Honors Student Research

SCOTT MORRISON '14
STAFF WRITER

There are seldom times that classes are cancelled at Wabash College, but celebrating students' academic achievements is worthy of such an honor. The Celebration of Student Research, Scholarship, and Creative Work will be held Friday, January 27th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:20 p.m. in Detchon Hall. The event is a time for students, faculty, and the community to come together and appreciate Little Giant work done outside of the classroom. Classes will be cancelled that afternoon so that everyone has the chance to participate in the event. The reason for such an opportunity is to give everyone on campus the ability to showcase research and work which would normally only be done off campus. "I think it really says something that we cancel classes for this, because here at Wabash we never really cancel for anything, so this shows how important it is," said Celebration Chairman Lon Porter. The idea for the event was hatched 12 years ago and provides a unique opportunity for both students and faculty. "Research and creative work is a different facet of learning," said Porter. "With it, often students and faculty collaborate together instead of faculty just teaching students. Learning together is a really unique opportunity. Then when students go out and research they are becoming the experts in that area. And the idea of giving back and teaching and sharing is really exciting." This year the Celebration will host around 80 students who will be presenting their work from across all three divisions of the College. "We basically pack Detchon to the gills," said Porter. "It's more than just papers and research; there's also music, art, and photography. The students love to share what they do. They work hard,

and it's important to showcase that work." There are two categories of presentations that will be on display. The first is oral and will consist of approximately 15 minute speeches with brief question and answer to follow. The other group is centered on posters and exhibits which will be discussed in 90 minute increments. Students and all visitors are encouraged to flow in and out as their schedules allow. Among the participants preparing for this year's event is Junior Anton Crepinsek. He will be a part of two presentations. The first one was a group effort with Dr. Porter and sophomores Austin Althoff and Taylor Neal over research performed last summer on binding aldehydes with porous silicon. "It was something that hadn't been done before to our knowledge, and we were successful in doing it," said Crepinsek. "This will give us feedback on our poster before we take it to San Diego to present to the American Chemical Society at the end of March." The second project he worked on in-

volved studying the effect volcanic eruptions have on the environment. This idea came on a summer trip to Ecuador during which Crepinsek climbed Mount Quito. "Both [projects] were really fun," said Crepinsek. "The summer research was more fun because it was a chance for me to experience research, which could be a route I take for a career. It was good to take the stuff we learn in class into a more real setting, and plus it would be really cool to get it published." Celebration organizers hold very few limits over what research appears at the event. "I've seen photo and art presentations that have just blown me away," said Porter. "They are able to take something that they really care about and express and show it in a way that is amazing. The one thing that strikes me most is the passion the students have here for taking up something and articulating it to other students and faculty. There is a genuine excitement for the projects."



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Poster Presentations make up a critical element of the Wabash Celebration of Student Research. Students share their research with faculty and other students over 90 minutes.

Robbins

one year on the Audit and Finance Committee. Robbins is a Political Science major and Rhetoric minor, a member of the College Republicans, the Wabash Golf team, the Political Science Society, and the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. Wentzel, a Sophomore Political Science major, has been involved on campus since his first semester, playing an active role in the Student Senate and various conservative organizations. Robbins and Wentzel plan to spearhead sev-

eral changes in regards to the organization of the Student Government, such as restructuring the Senior Council to streamline communication by making the at-large members of the Senior Council also SCAC members. "We wanted to give that body more of a legitimate voice when dealing with the Senior Council who ultimately makes decisions that pertain to all campus events," Robbins said. "We wanted to get the SCAC more involved and not just make them the executers of

the plans, but also give them more of a stake in deciding what kind of events to have." Another thing important to the duo is heightened transparency in regards to the budget of Senior Council. In the past, the Senior Council hasn't had to open themselves up to audit from the AFC, but now their books will be turned over to the Treasurer of the AFC monthly. "I think this leads a good example, especially since the President leads the Senior Council and the Vice-Presi-

dent is a non voting member of it, that the top two student decision makers on campus should be held to the same level of accountability of every other student organization." The new administration also have plans in the works that would allow for the Student Senate website to be updated daily, ultimately providing links to forms, updated club budgets, and various other resources.

Thefts Plague Wabash in Last Month

KENNY FARRIS '12
NEWS EDITOR

Students and campus authorities are trying to solve multiple break-ins plaguing Wabash over the past month. Since Dec. 7, 2011, Director of Safety and Security Richard Woods received four reports of theft involving Wabash students. The thefts prompted the Crawfordsville Police Department (CPD) and Campus Security personnel to increase patrols around campus and sparked discussion on theft's prevalence at Wabash. "The Theta Delta Chi house was broken into twice over break," Jordan Ferguson '12 said. "The first occurred on Christmas Eve, and our brand

new TV was stolen from the living room on the first floor of the house. The second break-in occurred on New Year's Eve when a man kicked in the back door of the house." The break-ins at Theta Delta Chi represent two in a series of reported break-ins across the Wabash campus. Woods said break-ins occurred at the College Hall parking lot on Dec. 7, Theta Delta Chi on Dec. 25, along the 400 block of Walnut and Washington Streets on Dec. 31, and the Fine Arts parking lot on Jan. 3. Woods said Crawfordsville Police arrested the thief from Dec. 31. "I called CPD to talk about what they had faced with break-ins," Woods said. "I found out that CPD had

a rash of vehicle break-ins reporting change, wallets, cameras, and iPods stolen." Only the Jan. 3 car theft involved forced entry into vehicles. Ferguson said the Dec. 31 break-in at Theta Delta Chi led to a fight with the thief who broke two doors. "A police report was filed for the break-in on Christmas Eve, but nothing ever happened after that," Ferguson said. "As for the New Year's Eve break in, the police quickly responded and apprehended the man outside of our house." According to Ferguson, police charged the suspect with breaking and entering, public intoxication, and resisting arrest. Woods and other campus administrators examine the

severity within the reports and number of reports before announcing increased Crawfordsville police patrols and requesting more student vigilance against potential criminal activity. Ferguson believes the College can do more to prevent theft. Despite extra vigilance, he feels student efforts are not enough to protect the campus. "I believe that the school should hire a police officer and have at least one officer patrolling the campus at all times," Ferguson said. "It is obvious that the security we have in place now is not effectively preventing thefts and break-ins from occurring."

Want to write for The Bachelor?

Come to our call out meeting in the Sparks Center on Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 12:15. If you wrote for your newspaper in high school, or if you just have an interest in learning a new skill, feel free to stop by and let us pay for lunch. We particularly need sportswriters, but all are welcome!

IT Evaluates Print Quota Data

JACOB BURNETT '15
STAFF WRITER

The fall semester brought a few changes to Wabash. One of the most heated topics that circulated campus was the restrictions imposed by the print quota. After the first semester finished, Brad Weaver and the IT department have found data that you may find interesting.

The data revealed that only 76 students, 8.6% of students, exceeded the 25.00 dollar print quota and purchased additional prints. Print volume increased by class year, on average, each senior printed 85% more than each freshman. The total student print volume dropped by 41% (208,000 pages). In addition, double-sided printing reduced paper consumption by another 35,000 sheets. The energy saved was equivalent to the power required to light a 100 watt light bulb for more than 100,000 hours. The trouble reports and printer downtime in computer labs dropped 80%. The above data comprises a few of the findings not all.

However you take this data, it is important to remember that this is only the first semester results. The decisions regarding the print quota are not finalized and apt to change. Some of the possible changes or improvements that may be made are in response to these findings.

“[In response to the data about the consumption among class years] That is something we will look at it” Weaver said. “We added 5 dollars to

the seniors’ accounts because of comprehensive exams. A good part of the particular findings could be that they are taking more classes. They have a higher print need, and upper classmen have been able to print without restriction. I could imagine some adjustment to the class years.”

One of the problems first discussed with the print quota involved the different print demands of different majors. The inevitable truth remains that some academic fields require a higher demand of printing than others. Weaver looked into the data regarding this aspect as well.

“We have done some fairly detailed analysis on a class by class basis to see which classes have a higher print requirement” Weaver said. “However, many students haven’t printed many of those assignments. Some of the students in those classes at the end of the semester had used half or less than their available quota.”

Many possible reasons explain these results. Students use more reading tablets, or they take their laptops to class. Students may just not be printing the readings. However, students may not be as active a reader as they would be with a printed version of a reading or article. That could possibly affect their academic needs. With the high amount of student who did not go over or near the print quota, there lies reason to believe that students were just worried about conserving their print quota for the spring semester. The lack of printing could be explained

By the Numbers

- 76 Number of students who exceeded \$25 print limit
- 208,000 Total drop in print volume (in pages)
- 80% Drop in printer down time
- 85% Spread between senior and freshman consumption

by the use of students’ personal printers, teachers asking for assignments to be electronically submitted, or students’ obstinate refusal to purchase a print card from the book store. However, the program reached its goal.

“We don’t want to give the impression that printing is bad” Weaver said. “However, we estimated the print volume and the use pattern [for the 2010-2011 school year] and 25 % of printed materials were wasted. The goal of the program was to avoid producing waste. I think generally people are pleased with the environmental impact.”

The print quota undoubtedly saved the department and school money. The printers were almost never jammed or needed to be fixed, and the paper and energy for printing was utilized to its full capacity and not wasted. The money saved will be distributed to the budgets of the departments throughout the college, and the IT department knows that it will need software upgrades along with other IT needs.

Finally, the print quota will be kept in some form for years to come. The

department is willing to fix the little bugs and get the quota to work to its full potential. Therefore, the data collected from the spring semester is extremely important to the future of the print quota. This semester will provide the necessary data for the IT department to make advancements and target key issues with the problems associated with the print quota.

When the print quota was introduced, people appeared to be outraged. However, as the semester progressed you heard less and less of the complaints. Now, the data retrieved from first semester will hopefully elucidate on a few of the “Why are we doing this” questions. “We are always glad to talk to students” Weaver said. “We hear about the random ‘we are Wabash why do we need this’ but not a lot of specific impact cases. The more examples of things going on can help us craft a more reasonable approach. It is hard to respond to a disorganized complaint.”

Lafayette

relevant. . . . Because there are some things that are more important than breathing. We hoped we would survive, but we were prepared if we did not,” Lafayette said.

That hope and the refusal to retaliate perhaps saved Lafayette’s life. As he exited the bus in Montgomery, a mob surrounded Lafayette and other riders and beat them severely. He suffered three cracked ribs, but three of his friends (William Barbee, John Lewis and Jim Zwerg) were beaten unconscious. And when Medgar Evers was targeted in a three-state assassination conspiracy in 1963, so too were Lafayette and another Freedom Rider, Benjamin Cox.

While violence plagued the south, its manifestations were hardly the intention of the Freedom Riders who sought a nonviolent approach. But that approach has spurred no shortage of controversy. In the film, Julian Bond, a founder of SNCC, asserts that the nonviolent approach “courted violence in order to further the cause.”

“That was not the motive,” Lafayette said. “We were aware that we were exposing ourselves to violence, but that was not our goal. . . . [Violence] was the consequence of standing up for what was right. What we had to do was show another way.”

Showing that other way proved taxing. The Freedom Riders were intimidated, assaulted, jailed, beaten, and denigrated. Indeed, the ride made Genevieve Hughes Houghton—a white

rider featured in the film—understand just how close she came to death as her bus was firebombed in Anniston, Ala.

“I appreciated being alive,” Houghton said.

The risk was so great that King himself declined the opportunity to participate in the rides.

“It shows that he is human. We’re into myth-making in this country, and I think King has become part of that as well,” Director of the MXI and Associate Dean of the College Dr. Michael Brown said. “Nobody comes out as the perfect character [in the film].”

And as the campus honors King’s memory, the week serves both as an opportunity for remembrance and as an opportunity for pause to consider new issues that deserve attention.

“The week reminds us that we are a country founded on the ideal of equality before the law and that we’re still working out the implications of the American Revolution and the Civil War—how it works on the ground,” Brown said.

“Obviously, we haven’t put to rest issues around racism in our country,” Brown said.

Regardless of the work yet to be done, Lafayette insists understanding is key to putting these issues to rest.

“The most important thing is to understand the mind of people who oppose the opposition. It’s not enough to hear what they are saying; it’s not enough to understand what they’re saying. It’s more important to understand their



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Wabash students in 1964 protest outside the church where Gov. George Wallace of Alabama spoke about the benefits of segregation.

process of thinking,” Lafayette said.

“People in many cases have overcome their prejudices, but there are pockets of people who still make a lot of noise, but I am confident that the sound of their noise will not drown out the ring of freedom.”

“The only conclusion is that we have got to make our young people find meaning in their

lives,” Lafayette said. “That’s why I’m coming. We need them.”

And to Brown, students seem ready to answer that call.

“All of us are looking for meaningfulness in our lives and a sense of purpose. . . . We’re not always confronted with a huge movement like [the Civil Rights Movement], but it doesn’t drain us of that desire to know ourselves and

“Internship Week” Begins Monday

TYLER HARDCASTLE '15
STAFF WRITER

Jacob Kersey '13 spent his summer learning about the health care system, employee interaction and networking. He spent the summer working at Tx Team, a sub-contractor that runs rehab programs for hospitals throughout the country.

“It was a great experience, I served as the president’s intern,” Kersey said. “We worked on a project called The President’s Council.”

Kersey’s work with Tx Team’s President highlights why Career Services is sponsoring Internship week. Beginning Monday, students will be exposed to internships like Kersey’s that are

often valued by potential employers.

“We pay to go here, so why not utilize the programs that are offered by pursuing an internship that is essentially free to you,” Kersey said.

Kersey works as a Career Services Peer Advisor and is involved in the upcoming Internship Week. The week promotes opportunities for students to earn internships while improving interview skills and resume development.

Most of the internships that are posted through Wabash come online next Friday, Jan. 27. These include the Business Immersion Program, the Small Business Internship Fund, the Lilly Business Scholarship Fund, and many others. Competition for many of these spots are fierce.

“We have students who wait around for a couple of weeks to apply for an internship and then, when they apply, often find that it’s gone,” Director of the Schroder Center for Career Development Scott Crawford said. “The purpose of doing this in a week is to package this all together so the students are ready to successfully apply and compete for these internships.”

Lunch topics throughout the week range from writing resumes to finding the right internship. In the evenings, Career Services will host networking dinners for students with Wabash Alumni and other representatives of organizations that offer internships. Many of these individuals have worked with students in the

past. The night provides an opportunity to practice the recently learned networking skills as well as a chance to actively seek out internships.

Crawford advises the week is for more than just those students interested in business. A variety of internships are available as well as the opportunity to find your own internship.

“The Lilly Business Internship Fund is an opportunity for students to intern in Indiana by creating and submitting a proposal,” Director of Business Immersion and Leadership Programs Betsy Knott said. This allows students access to select internships.

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Beware the Risks of Senioritis

As seniors exhale after finishing comprehensive exams, another rigorous Wabash semester has quickly begun. The simple placement of comps in the undergraduate schedule tempts a senior to think the eighth semester is simply a formality. After all, he is only tested on the first seven.

So now that this eighth semester rolls around, it is important to reflect on the most rigorous semester to date, whichever it may have been, and remember how hard you had to work or how a completed assignment or two was the difference between failing and passing a course.

Most seniors, naturally, are only taking the amount of courses they

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need to graduate. In other words, if they fail one class, they will not graduate on time. That would be a lot of money and a lot of time wasted. Also, if in past courses you were able to get by without completing all the readings or homework assignments, senioritis might be your worst enemy. Relying on the habits of your past success might catch up with you: perhaps the teachers didn’t ask you an incriminating question a few semesters ago, but it’s possible they will this semester. What’s more, this could be your

last semester as a general education student. In all likelihood, never again will you be paying to read a great work or do a biology experiment, so for your own sake, get the most out of it while you still can. Once the arboretum blossoms, it will all be over and your regrets won’t count for anything. Whatever was most important to you in your time at Wabash, make this semester the best of all of them. Do some things you have thought about doing but haven’t been able to due to the routine you fell into, like going to a play or art exhibit, or a psychology experiment or the Neon Cactus. Branch out in some way, at

the very least. College is practice for real, adult life. Stop and think about how much more prepared you feel to be on your own and take care of yourself than you did in the fall of 2008. All of this progress was made through trial and error. Cross the finish line sprinting, with enough energy left over for a victory lap on Mother’s Day, and make sure you are sporting a big grin instead of a heavy heart. Don’t just pass this last semester, make it count. If you don’t, employers will surely notice.

Letter from the Editor

Dear Wabash,

I would first like to thank you for putting your faith in me as you elected me to serve as Student Body President for the next calendar year. I can assure you that I will work tirelessly to make your Wabash experience as rewarding and memorable as possible, whether that comes through all-campus events or helping solve any problem that Student Government might be able to address.

That being said, as the Opinion Editor of The Bachelor, I will restrain from authoring any opinion column during my presidency that would address any issue before the Student Senate or the Senior Council. Also, I will not prohibit any article written by the Opinion columnists that might support or oppose a stance or decision made by myself or the Student Government. Along with that, I will also accept letters to the editor that speak against any actions taken by the Student Senate or Senior Council.

I look forward to serving you over the next year.

In Wabash,

Alex Robbins ‘13
Student Body President-elect

Letter to the Editor

Sir –

Public schools are constantly fighting through a lack of resources. As a student of the liberal arts and a teacher of visual learners, I was struck when I came across a graphic novel that would fit my curriculum. *Maus* is a Pulitzer Prize-winning memoir about the experiences of a Holocaust survivor told from the perspective of an anthropomorphized mouse. The price-tag, however, made it difficult for my school to purchase and impossible for some of my students.

So I made a Donors Choose project. Donors Choose (www.donorschoose.org) is a micro-finance non-profit where teachers post items they need for school and individuals can donate any amount towards that project. The project for my graphic novel was \$400 and I was not sure if I’d get it completely funded.

The Public Affairs office posted a link of my project on the Wabash Facebook page. Within minutes, my project was half funded. Two days later, my project was completely funded. While many friends, a few anonymous donors and even one Dannie contributed, the vast majority of the donors are members of the Wabash community.

So thank you to Alex Ingram, Nicholas Gregory, Jeffry Thornsberry and Ryan Mahlan; thank you Drs. Hadley and Taylor. Finally, thank you Howard Hewitt for putting my project on the Facebook page and giving to my class. I am blessed to be a part of a community that takes care of their own.

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Only Romney Has a Shot

The fat lady has sung. Mitt Romney has won. As much as I had hoped that this race would come down to two candidates and Romney would be pushed to the brink, Stevan Stankovich was correct a couple months ago when he claimed that it was inevitable that Romney would become the GOP nominee.

After an unconvincing win in Iowa and a dominating performance in New Hampshire, Romney is unstoppable and the best scenario for the Republican party would be for a Romney victory in South Carolina, then decisions by Rick Perry, Rick Santorum, and angry Newt to drop out of the race and allow the party to unite behind their candidate. (I leave Ron Paul off the list of those who need to leave the race as he is nothing more than a nuisance and is in no



ALEX ROBBINS '13
OPINION EDITOR

way a credible candidate who threatens to win the nomination.) One of the most important reasons the GOP needs this list to shrink to one person is the ability to focus money and time toward fighting President Obama. It does the party no good to have Rick Santorum and Newt Gingrich throw malicious attacks at Romney when, eventually, the party will have to come together to achieve the ultimate goal of making Obama a one-term president.

In a perfect world, the Republican National Committee would end the

nomination process today, telling other candidates to go home. Of course, in a perfect world, Iowa and New Hampshire would not be first in deciding the Republican nominee, Ohio, Florida, Pennsylvania and Virginia would be. Alas, we do not live in a perfect world. However, I am fully confident that by the end of the Florida (and perhaps the South Carolina) primary, the GOP could have its candidate and could roll full steam ahead toward the Republican National Convention, where all on the right are hopeful Mitt Romney can deliver a speech like he did in New Hampshire just days ago and inspire a large amount of independent and undecided voters that the ways of the Obama administration have failed the United States and that a Romney administration would not only be different, but better.

It's time for the Republican party to unite. It's time for moderates and tea-party members alike to stand together behind one candidate that can defeat Barack Obama.

As 2012 has arrived and we begin to inch closer to November, I am and will continue to be hopeful that my first instincts were wrong, that Mitt Romney actually is electable.

If I was correct, and Mitt cannot beat Obama, I full heartedly believe that the Republican Party must undergo drastic changes before 2016, whether it be the complete dismissal of the cancerous tea-party or a change to the nomination system. However, for this Republican, four years is far too long to have to wait for another chance to turn America back into the land of opportunity and a respectable world power.

Comps Embody the Wabash Experience

BRANDAN ALFORD '12
SPORTS EDITOR

For the class of 2012, the two weeks between Jan. 1 and 14 epitomized what it means to be a Wabash student.

Throughout our college careers, attending Wabash has meant making sacrifices: sacrificing time for studies late at night, for extra-curricular activities throughout the week, and it has certainly meant the sacrifice of the scenery of a coed campus between Mondays and Fridays.

But attending Wabash has also meant being a part of something bigger; it has meant becoming life-long friends with people you never knew four years ago, and most importantly, it has meant going through something

that will change your life forever. Those two weeks leading up to and through comprehensive exams embodied all of those characteristics, both good and bad.

It meant studying for ten days straight (possibly more) over what you have learned during your four years here. It meant coming back to Crawfordsville two weeks before underclassmen. It meant that while your friends from home were still sleeping off their Wednesday morning hangovers, you were walking to the Lily Library at 10 in the morning with a cup of coffee in one hand and a stack of notes in the other. It meant the pressure of a string of exams that would make or break your ability to graduate from this college; exams I can't imagine many of my state-

school attending friends taking, let alone passing.

But it also represented the best of this place. It was moving back into your fraternity house, dorm room, or apartment and seeing your senior classmates who have defined your experience here. It meant being in a fraternity house with the same 22 guys you have gone through the last four years with. It meant staying up late, talking about pledgeship, those first semester blues, and how hard this place can be; and laughing at it all.

It meant knowing that the guy to your right and to your left in your exam room wasn't going to fail (unless you are an Econ major) and there was no jealousy or competition in that knowledge. And when it was

over, it meant having a few celebratory drinks and a cigar with professors, who just four hours earlier, were testing just how much you got out of this place.

Most of all, those two weeks of comps were a perfect microcosm of why each and every one of us came to this school, and why we will graduate: we don't see a challenge as an obstacle, but as an opportunity, and an opportunity that we are better men for having taken.

I was once told this about pledgeship in a fraternity, but I think it better fits this situation: Comps is the greatest thing I never want to do again.

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The Black Keys Make Changes

Grammy Award-winning Band Changes Sound but Stays True to Itself

ALEX TOTTEN '13
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The Black Keys seemingly came out of nowhere in 2010. The Akron, Ohio based band was well known in Indie circles for their raw blues and garage rock sound, rivaling other mainstream success, The White Stripes, but, with 2010's *Brothers*, The Black Keys were suddenly the talk of the town. Winning the Grammy for Best Alternative Album, *Brothers* pushed The Black Keys to the forefront of pop culture. From appearing in commercials to movies, The Black Keys were finally living the dream of every starry-eyed mid-American rocker, they were successful.

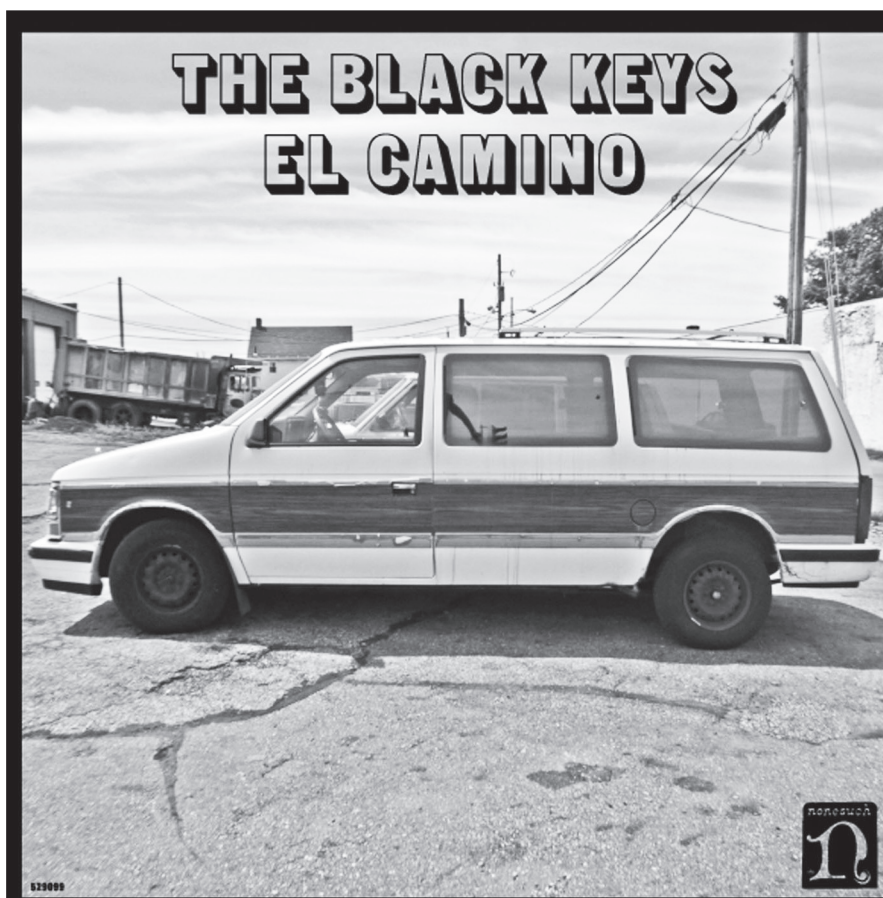
Naturally, there would be no reason to deviate from the formula that gave them such success. In an industry that is bogged down with lack luster guitar work that borders on gaudy and superficial, The Black Keys' unapologetic grittiness and back to basics blues guitar was an obvious breath of fresh air to sick, starved audiences that craved for the sixties. Sporting only guitar, drums, and originality, The Black Keys perfected their craft, so obviously *El Camino* would follow the same mould. To expect anything else would be downright foolish.

But, *El Camino* isn't anything The Black Keys have done before. They've taken the formula of *Brothers*, which already deviated from the norm they established on albums like *Rubber Factory*, which garnered their

original fame, and tossed it to the side. *El Camino* is truly enigmatic in this way. First, it's nothing like The Black Keys have done before, and it's nothing like anything else that's been done before. Their new sound is no longer Blues or Garage rock, even though it still contains elements of both genres. As it is hard to place, the closest approximation to a genre that *El Camino* fits is quite possibly Neo Soul, bordering on outright R&B.

In *El Camino*, they bring many of the elements that they've used in the past; elements that are so very Black Keys. The Album is still only the guitar work of Dan Auerbach and the drums of Patrick Carney, with a few other slight elements thrown in. The guitar is still that quintessentially blues rock, with a similar chord structure and layers, and the drums are still interesting and intricate parts that deviate from the norm of blues rock, a line they've always treaded, but the arrangement's changed to something more intricate, something deeper. With the changes comes a whole new kind of sound.

The guitar and drums play differently off one another than they have in the past, with more of a unity and less of a shedder quality that most garage rock and blues rock fall into. They work together to make a complete piece rather than being separated. It's not to say that there was no unity in the Black Key's past albums--that would be incorrect--but in *El Camino*, it seems they are not out to simply complement one another while the



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The Black Keys' new album *El Camino* reflects a change in the band's musical approach. However, the band manages to make its new sound correlate with its old sound.

other plays; rather, they play together. Also, the introduction of multiple vocal parts adds more layers to the sound, giving it a more driven quality. In albums like *Rubber Factory*, the songs were more laid back, not in a hurry. On *El Camino* and especially in the lead single "Lonely Boy," the movement is quick paced, ready and needing to move.

But, all differences considered, *El Camino* is very much The Black Keys, even though it sounds so incredibly different, which should be applauded. Not many bands are able to change their sound while keeping their identity, and not many bands are courageous enough to do that after winning three Grammys on the previous album.

Concentration Depends on Well-Being

JOHN DYKSTRA
CAVELIFE EDITOR

The Roman poet Juvenal said, "Mens sana in corpore sano (You should pray for a sound mind in a sound body," in his work "Satire X: Wrong Desire is the Source of Suffering."

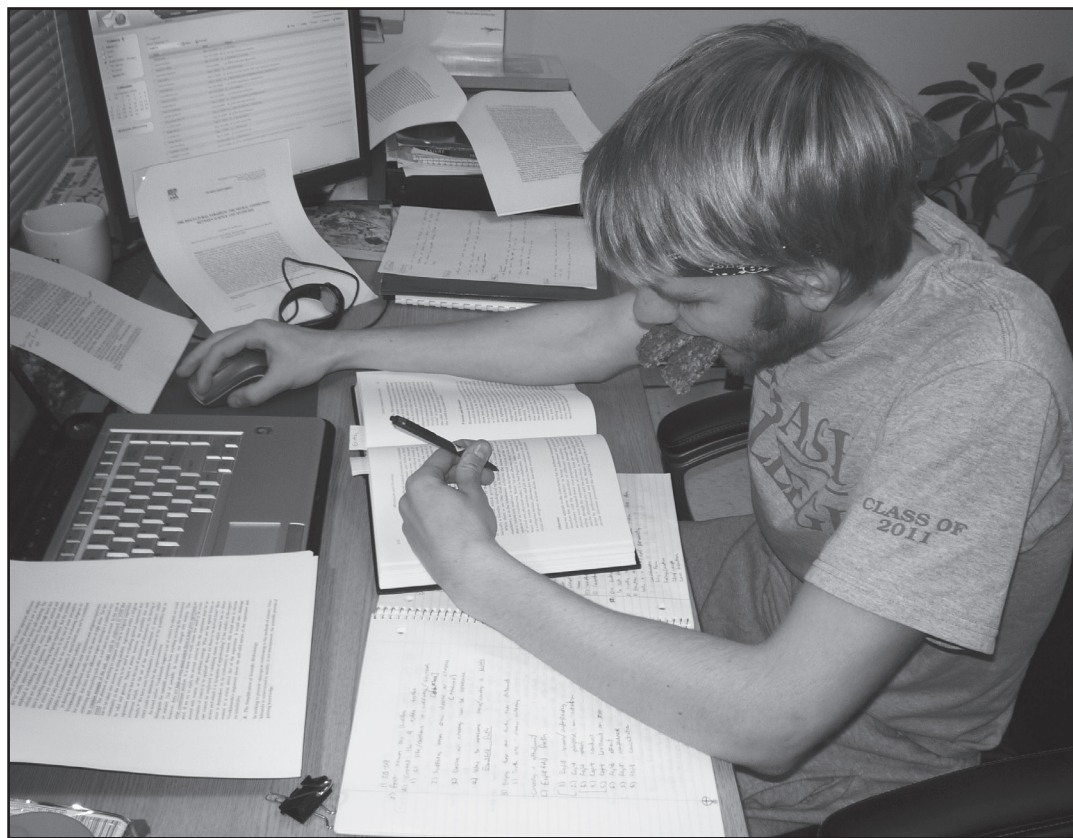
With a new semester underway, students would benefit by improving their concentration before overwhelming schedules get the best of them.

The College's Physician Dr. John Roberts, M.D., said his "suggestions are to get at least 7-8 hours of sleep a night, eat regular meals (preferably low in fat), get some type of aerobic exercise daily (not within two hours of bed), and limit caffeine within four hours of going to bed."

Harvard Medical School has conducted research regarding how sleep affects concentration, finding that memory consolidation, the stabilization of acquired information, "takes place during sleep through the strengthening of the neural connections that form our memories." Information acquisition and recalling memories, on the other hand, only take place while a person is awake.

Rapid-eye-movement (REM) and slow-wave sleep (SWS) aid in the retention of factual information, and REM sleep significantly contributes to procedural memory—learning how things work.

The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Strokes (NINDS) encourages adults to get seven to eight hours of sleep per night. The institute reinforced Roberts' advice, advising people



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Justin Allen '11 studies for an upcoming exam.

who have trouble sleeping to avoid caffeine and alcohol consumption. Caffeine stimulates energy levels, and alcohol consumption limits REM sleep and keeps the sleeper in the lighter stages of sleep.

"Low-quality sleep and sleep deprivation also negatively impact mood, which has consequences for learning," according to the Harvard Medical School website. "Alterations in mood affect our ability to acquire new information and subsequently to remember that information. Although chronic sleep deprivation affects different individuals in a variety of ways (and the effects are not entirely known), it is clear that a good night's rest has a strong impact on learning and memory."

Having caffeine early in the morning increases lev-

els of concentration. Dulce Zamora of WebMD wrote an article about how dieting affects concentration. Her article revealed that caffeine does increase concentration levels temporarily, but how one reacts to caffeine intake depends on the individual.

The human brain runs off of glucose. Zamora quoted Noralyn L. Wilson, R.D., saying "carbohydrates convert into glucose in the body, but Wilson says that process may take a while. Carbs usually aren't available for the body to use until after at least two to four hours, she says, while proteins aren't usually available until after at least four hours."

A diet too laden in caffeine can have a reverse effect on consumers and cause them to become less focused. Paul E. Gold, Professor of Psychol-

ogy at the University of Illinois, warns individuals not to consume too much glucose for it could affect more than concentration levels.

"[Gold] does not recommend [caffeine consumption] for the public, because he says a number of factors can interfere with the process, such as stress levels, and differences in how people metabolize glucose," Zamora said.

Whether or not students eat breakfast also has an effect on concentration levels. Zamora said studies have shown that children who eat moderated breakfasts (breakfasts with not too little or too many calories) "have better short-term memory than their peers who do not eat such meals."

High-fat diets or calorie-depriving diets can have a negative effect on concentration.

"In several studies, rats

that were fed high-fat meals tended to have poorer learning and memory than counterparts who were fed more balanced diets," Zamora said.

Not eating a sufficient amount of calories reduces energy levels, causing the stomach to resort to fat deposits for energy. Any food eaten during 'starvation mode' will then be stored as fat.

In addition, physical fitness has an acute effect on maintaining stress levels and increasing students' focus and concentration. Scientific studies have proven that individuals who are physically active have a better sense of well-being. The increased production of endorphins helps counter stress.

As for concentration, scientific studies revealed a correlation between taking physical activity breaks and concentration levels. According to Active Learning Research, "In a study conducted in 1999 with 177 New Jersey elementary students, researchers compared concentration test scores after students completed either a classroom lesson or a 15-minute physical activity session. Fourth-grade students exhibited significantly better concentration scores after completing the physical activity. Among second- and third-grade students, the physical activity intervention was neither beneficial nor detrimental to test performance."

Students need to look into promoting or maintaining their overall well-being at Wabash, and increase their concentration levels by getting an adequate amount of sleep, eating healthy, and taking breaks for physical activity.

Indoor Schedule Holds High Hopes

KYLE BENDER '12
STAFF WRITER

After capturing their first North Coast Athletic Conference titles last year in both indoor and outdoor, the Wabash track and field team doesn't appear ready to stop. Their motto for the 2012 season is simply "MORE" as they appear ready to burst on the scene as a national power.

Division III coaches across the nation have taken note of recent success by the Little Giants. In a preseason poll, the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association tabbed Wabash as the eighth best team in the country.

However, the 2012 campaign will bring new challenges for the program. Lost to graduation are hurdler Wes



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Coming off an impressive cross country season, senior Kevin McCarthy has high expectations for the track team.

Chamblee and long-distance guru Seth Einterz, who both competed at the national meet last year. Experienced and accomplished field athletes Matt Scheller and Alex Moseman have also departed.

As Clyde Morgan begins his fourth year at the helm of the Wabash track and field program, he is likely to turn to the leadership of 12 seniors, who have played integral roles in the team's success the past three years. But the underclassmen athletes Morgan and his staff recruited should also provide additional depth and energy to the program.

The return of All-Americans Kevin McCarthy '12 and Jake Waterman '13 will also help. Senior Daniel Ambrosio burst onto the scene last season as a first-time javelin thrower and captured the conference title. A number of athletes who posted all-NCAC efforts return. Finally, the Little Giants should have great strength and depth in the long distance portion of meets, thanks to Cross Country Coach Roger Busch's Red Pack. Led by McCarthy's sixth place finish and All-American efforts, the team finished 16th in the nation last November.

Perhaps most importantly, the team's roster has grown to over 65 individuals, providing a level of depth and competition unparalleled in Wabash history. During this week's practices in the Knowling Fieldhouse, the Little Giants resemble more of an army than a group of young college men.

"The amount of guys on the team will be a huge asset for us this year," senior Kevin McCarthy said. "At the big meets, guys will be able to focus on a few events, instead of being placed in multiple events and forced to burn energy. But it also raises the level of competition in practices."

"We have additional men to train with. I think you will see a lot of Wabash packing together in events



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Junior Vann Hunt looks to make the transition from the gridiron to the track.

and scoring in groups. The points will add up really quick under this strategy."

One of the advantages of college track and field competition is the official designation between indoor and outdoor seasons. Each season has its own conference and national meets, offering athletes twice the number of opportunities to receive All-Conference and All-American status. With added depth, the Little Giants should be even stronger in these larger meets.

Head Coach Clyde Morgan, already recognized as the Regional Track Coach of the Year in 2010 and 2011, was also recently selected to join the Thiel College Athletics Hall of Fame. Morgan, a football and track and field star at Thiel, will be inducted in March. The honor comes as no surprise to Morgan's athletes.

"We respect our coaches so much, they are what holds this program together and have brought it to where we are today," McCarthy said. "For Coach Morgan, this is just one more

accolade on an entire mountain of accomplishments. We're proud of him, but only wonder why the honor didn't come sooner. He's just that good."

Morgan and his team will return to action Saturday, as they host the Little Giant Invitational in the Knowling Fieldhouse at noon. Wabash will also host the NCAC Indoor Championship Meet during the first weekend of March.

They can expect strong competition from Ohio Wesleyan and several other programs.

"Our catch phrase this year is MORE," McCarthy said. "We simply want to take the next step for the program. Coach Morgan has been doing some preseason scouting to see what OWU has been saying and they want to come back as the conference power."

"There is no way that will happen. We are not satisfied, we expect to be the best, and that's what we will be at season's end."

Strausbaugh leads Wabash at Midwest Meet

TYLER WADE '12
STAFF WRITER

While the majority of students were away from campus, the wrestling team was in Crawfordsville putting in long hours of work in preparation for the closing weeks of their season.

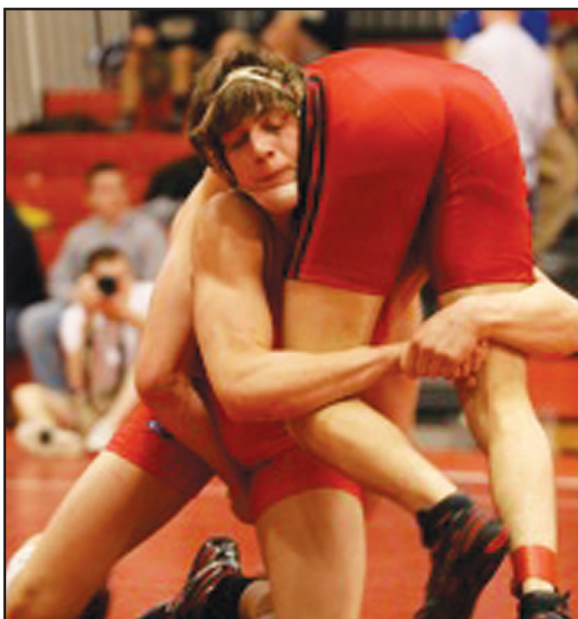
This weekend Wabash hosts the Max Servies Duals in honor of the longtime wrestling coach and athletic director.

Current head wrestling coach Brian Anderson is happy with his team's progress to this point.

"We are on pace, the biggest challenge is getting our best ten guys on the mat at the same time," Anderson said. "We are getting close, this is the grind of our season, hopefully when we hit February we will be on our stride."

On the first weekend of break Wabash competed in the Midwest Classic earning a team showing in the middle of the pack. Junior Jake Strausbaugh took home the championship in the 149 pound weight class.

Wabash would then travel to Knox College in Illinois to compete in the Chuck Porter duals. The Little Giants picked up wins over Central College, Loras College, and the University of Chicago. Their



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Jake Strausbaugh won his 100th match over the weekend at the Midwest Classic.

only loss was to Luther College, but the 3-1 overall mark tied them for best of show in the event.

This past weekend saw other exciting achievements for the team. Wabash finished seventh at the Bud

Whitehill Duals hosted by Lycoming College in Pennsylvania. The grapplers beat Lycoming, Williams, and Wisconsin-Stevens Point during the tournament.

Last weekend also saw milestone victories for two members of the wrestling program. With his defeat of Carson Brooks from Williams College, Strausbaugh became the seventh Little Giant wrestler to join the 100-win club.

Wabash senior Greg Rhoads moved to second on the all time wins list as he recorded the 120th victory of his career with a 3-2 victory over David Dwyer of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

Anderson was complimentary of the duo's success.

"Getting over 100 wins in college wrestling is a feat in itself. It shows we are running our program in the right way, building these guys into successful college wrestlers."

The Little Giants have a couple more tournaments to get ready for the NCAA Midwest Regional in February.

"We need to work on the little things that every day you can choose to do or not do," Anderson said. "We need to stay as healthy as possible. We are right where we need to be, but we can't settle. We just need to keep working hard."

Witt Handles Little Giants

BRANDAN ALFORD '12
SPORTS EDITOR

For the third game in a row, Wabash struggled from the three-point line. Against Oberlin last weekend, they were able to escape with a win despite the poor shooting performance. A week ago against rival DePauw, they weren't so lucky. Again on Wednesday night, a less-than-stellar three-point performance was Wabash's undoing, as the Little Giants (13-3 overall, 5-2 NCAC) fell on the road to Wittenberg (13-3, 7-0) by a score of 61-43.

The final margin was a disappointing result for a matchup between the NCAC's top two teams matching up in a game which could have big conference implications moving forward. The game was also a matchup of top-25 teams as Wabash entered ranked 16th with Wittenberg

close behind at 21st.

For the game, the Little Giants were 4-22 beyond the arc while Wittenberg was much more efficient from distance, shooting 5-13 for the game. For much of the first half, the Little Giants settled for threes as the Tigers fell into a zone defense that Wabash couldn't solve.

"We settled for too many threes tonight," senior point guard Brian Shelbourne said. "Those threes are always going to be there. We just have to know when the right time is to take those. We need to do a better job of getting to the basket offensively and getting easy buckets."

The Tigers were the aggressor throughout, and that fact paid off at the free throw line, where Wittenberg shot 24 more free throws than

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Swimming Nears NCAC Tests

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Swimming is arguably one of the hardest sports offered at Wabash College. The beauty of this sport is that a subpar season can undergo a 180 degree turnaround in a matter of a week-end.

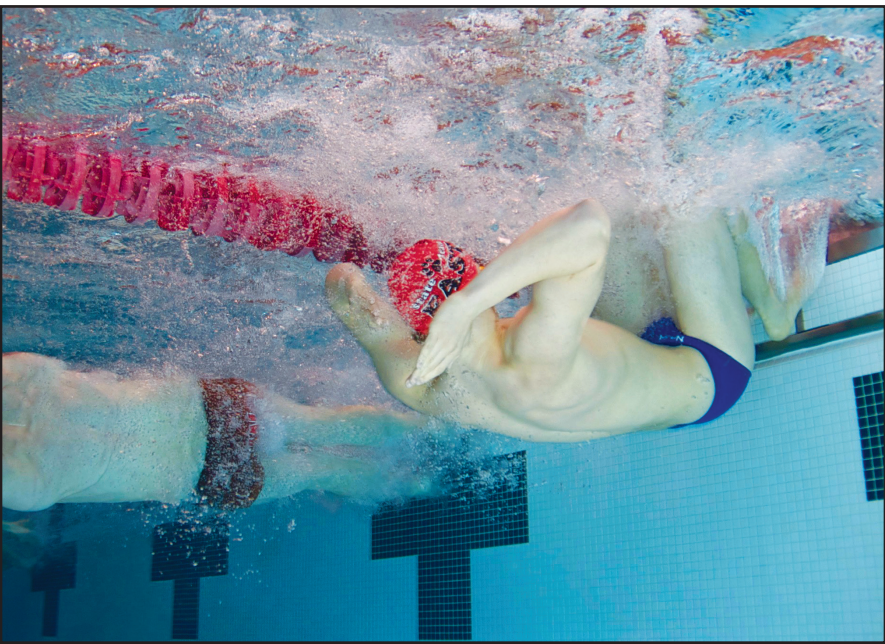
Over the break the Wabash swimming team dueled against Washington University and against University of Indianapolis. The team lost in both contests but, that is doing little to deter the Little Giants from their goals in the post season.

“The work we put in over break gave me a good idea of where we were as a team. Granted we have been shorthanded but, some of the guys are doing great, some have room for improvement and others fall in between” Coach Barnes said.

The end goal for the swim team is not a polished dual meet record. They are more concerned with qualifying for the conference and national meet.

“I don’t care about dual meets,” Barnes said “wins and losses are not that big in swimming. It’s about getting prepared to meet our goals at the end of the season.”

With two meets left to go the swim team has fully shifted their focus from getting in a good position for the post



KELLY SULLIVAN | WABASH '15
The swimming team looks to rebound from its early struggles down the stretch.

season to tapering—in order to rest their bodies for future races. The tapering process varies from person to person.

“At this point in the season we all have put in the yards and it is time for us to focus on the mental aspect of training in order to prepare for conference,” Logan Falley said. “Once we start tapering it will yield a lot more improvement.”

The swim team has subscribed to the idea that during the season they will do race training—focusing on speed and power—in order to break down their bodies and maximize their potential in the postseason. When they taper their muscles recover while maintaining their solid conditioning.

“I think we have improved a lot over our semester. At this point the more beat up we are right now, the longer we can taper. Which means we will be faster when the end of the year rolls around,” Coach Barnes said.

Everything in the season so far has

not been for a win to add to their record. Each meet has been approached with the mentality to swim fast, improve times and set a PR.

It is not just about excelling throughout the entire season. It is about peaking at the right time, to punch a ticket to the National Meet. “There have been teams who lost every single dual in a given season and still went on to win Conference” Barnes said.

This year’s team has the potential to do just that. With no superstar swimmers on the roster, every individual has stepped up to fill the void, creating a positive and hard working environment for the Little Giant swimmers. “Not having any superstars on the team helps us as a matter of fact. People start to realize that everyone plays an important role. Everyone relies on each other as a team, and we have improved greatly over the semester because of it” Barnes said.

“The team morale is great right now,” Falley said “we have always had good team chemistry but the training trip to Florida helped solidify that a lot. It’s really allowed us to have fun at and work hard at the same time.”

Today there are numerous stories every year of the dark horse team making a deep run in the post season. Perhaps the swim team could be the newest addition to that list this spring.

Time for Manning and Colts to Part Ways

Peyton Manning has played his last snap in an Indianapolis Colts uniform. Or at least that’s how it should be.

Colts owner Jim Irsay has cleaned house, firing the Polian clan three weeks ago and head coach Jim Caldwell earlier this week, moves I thought were necessary for the organization moving forward. But that’s the problem with moving forward and starting over. In order to do so properly, remnants of the old regime can be troublesome to completely overhauling the way an organization does things.

While no Colts fan may want to admit it, it’s time to part ways with Manning.

No. 18 has been the face of the Indianapolis franchise for the past 14 years since he was drafted by Bill Polian and the Colts in the 1998 draft with the first overall pick. He has revolutionized the way the quarterback position is played, setting passing records and bringing home a Super Bowl title to Indianapolis.

But his time has passed.

Following three neck injuries during the off-season, Manning was unable to play in a single down this season, as his teammates flailed through a 2-14 season that was defined by unsavory play at the quarterback position. Those underwhelming performances under center are what the Colts are facing in three years if they don’t take Andrew Luck (or maybe Robert Griffin III) with the first overall pick in this year’s draft, maybe sooner.



BRANDAN ALFORD '12
SPORTS EDITOR

No one knows Peyton Manning can come back and play at the same level Colts fans have come to expect for the past decade. Whether or not the Colts decide to go with their aging, banged-up veteran is a \$28 million question. That’s the amount the organization will owe Manning if they pick up his contract option for next season.

Financially, it would be near impossible to justify paying Peyton as well as the price tag of a quarterback taken with the first overall pick in the draft. But it’s not the financial issues which make me believe that it’s time for the Manning era to end in Indianapolis.

Organizationally, this makes the most sense, as much as it may hurt to say.

New general manager Ryan Grigson is going to take the franchise in a new direction in the coming years. That process will begin when Grigson and Irsay choose their new head coach. And that direction will take shape when they draft a quarterback in April’s draft. They will have complete ownership of this new movement. Except for Manning.

He might still have a few years left in the tank, a few *Pro Bowl* years possibly. But right now, that’s a crapshoot. Irsay, and now Grigson, have made it clear that this organization is headed in a new direction. They have made that clear in the front office, and it’s time they make it clear on the field.

The next two or three years for Indianapolis fans are going to be a roller coaster ride, much like they were in Mannings first few seasons under center, but he got the experience in those early years that helped make him a top-five signal caller much earlier than many anticipated.

By all accounts, Luck is the *next* Manning, a player that has as many of the cerebral qualities as physical tools to make his game translate well to the next level. And he is the type of talent that warrants starting from day one.

Many people will point to Aaron Rodgers and Brett Favre, and assert that if it works in Green Bay, why can’t it work in Indianapolis? Well, because those were two vastly different scenarios. Brett Favre was not coming off of major neurologically impacted surgery and Aaron Rodgers was a late-first round selection who had been playing in junior college three years earlier before coming to Cal.

This isn’t a popular opinion, and it won’t be an easy decision to make, but if Grigson and Irsay want to set this franchise on a new path, it starts with releasing Peyton Manning.

Basketball

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Wabash (29-5), making 18 of their 29 attempts. The Tigers also won the rebounding and turnover battles in a game that never was within single-digits throughout the second half and ballooned to 25 with almost five minutes left in the game.

“They drove the ball to the basket and fed their big men really well, and forced us to play defense down low,” Shelbourne said. “They worked hard, and we bailed them out a lot of times

with fouls.”

Clayton Black and Zack Leahy led the way offensively for Wittenberg, scoring 16 and 13 points, respectively. For the Little Giants, freshman Kasey Oetting was the lone player to reach double-figure scoring with 14.

Oetting made two of the Little Giants four made three pointers on the game and shot 5-for-11 from the floor while the rest of his teammates were a mere 13-36 (36.1%). It was the freshman’s first game in double-figures since a Dec. 6 win over Milikin (13

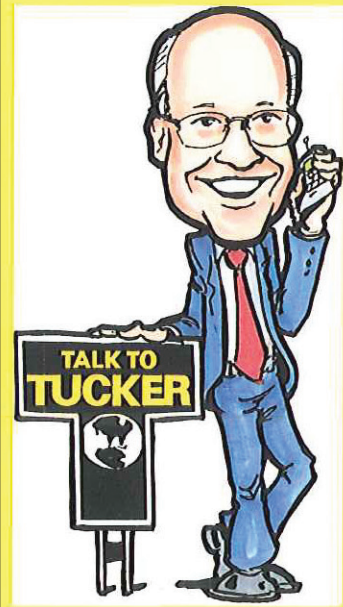
points). Oetting had struggled in recent weeks before being replaced in the starting lineup by classmate Houston Hodges in the Oberlin game. Oetting’s potential isn’t lost on his senior teammate.

“Kasey can be as good as he wants to be,” Shelbourne said. “He can do so many things offensively. We are really going to need him down the stretch.”

The loss creates a two-game deficit in the conference standings for the Little Giants, and puts increased importance on the remaining nine games

on the schedule, including five road games. Wabash now falls into a tie for second place in the conference with DePauw, both members of a group of five teams within one game of each other in the loss column.

Wabash returns to action on Saturday when it plays host to Kenyon at 7 p.m. on Chadwick Court.



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