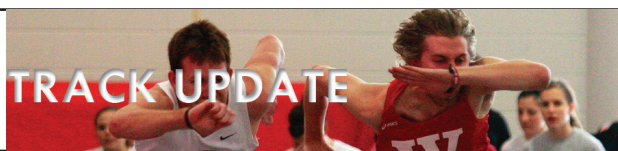


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# NAWM: ‘Our Goal Is Inclusion’

*Tomorrow’s Networking Event with LGBT Alumni Is a First for Wabash*

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One of the proudest aspects of Wabash is its deep alumni network and connections. It is this network that will always need to be an integral part of the College and can always be strengthened.

Tomorrow, the ‘shOUT Club, in conjunction with the National Association of Wabash Men, is holding a networking luncheon starting at 11:30 a.m. in the Trippet Hall Dining Room for members of the club to speak with alumni about networking, interviewing, and the experiences and possible trials of being “out” in the workplace.

The hope is that there will be about 20 to 25 alumni back for the luncheon separate from the members of the alumni board.

The idea for the event was hatched last fall when Greg Castanias ‘87, President of the National Association of Wabash Men, gave his Chapel talk. During that talk, he acknowledged the existence of ‘shOUT and mentioned the sometimes strained connection Wabash’s gay alumni feel with the college.

“I want our gay alumni and their partners to understand they are full members of the Wabash community,” Castanias said. “Our goal is inclusion of every [Wabash alumnus]. That is not always how our gay alums have felt about their welcome here. We want all of our alums, whether straight, gay, or transgendered, to be part of the Wabash family.”

While Castanias’ Chapel talk was very important to the grand scheme of things,



COURTESY OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

President of the National Association of Wabash Men Greg Castanias ‘87 (shown above speaking at last fall’s ringing-in ceremony) gave an October chapel talk in which he spoke about the further inclusion of gay alumni in the Wabash community, inspiring Saturday’s networking luncheon.

this was a student-led idea.

“The expectation is to show that the LGBT community is more accepted today than even five years ago at Wabash,” said Reggie Steele ‘12, head of public relations for ‘shOUT. “Although we have a very long way to go, this is an opportunity to show alumni that we are more accepted on campus, and we do not face the same struggles that they might have [in the past]. Although we are accepted, there are still walls we need to break down to be completely free.”

Castanias also worked with Rob Shook ‘84 who was the first executive at IBM to be promoted to executive status after “coming out.” Shook plans on being on campus for the event and, despite the fact that he is not usually that outspoken, is excited about the opportunity.

“Many of our gay alum-

ni are very angry about how the College has handled relations with gay alumni,” Shook said. “I am somewhere in the middle [on the issue]. I think it shows a lack of care by the College that wants its alumni to be connected and contributing. We want to move on, but for some gay alumni there needs to be a degree of acknowledgement and atonement for things that have happened.”

For one example, the use of the term spouse can present a charged issue, because it excludes gay alumni, especially those in long-term relationships who cannot legally marry in Indiana. As a result, many businesses and colleges add a “partner” option to response or other forms, and are more attuned to these issues opening inclusion to gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered individuals.

So last fall, Castanias met with some of the leaders of ‘shOUT, and at the suggestion of Tom Runge ‘71, Director of the Alumni Office, they decided to create the networking event. One of the hopes of the event is that the conversation will make the gay members of the Wabash community feel like they will be truly welcomed by the alumni community and by the College in years to come.

“It will give them [members of ‘shOUT and gay students alike] a chance to meet with men who have gone through Wabash and dealt with the challenges of being a gay man at Wabash at different times in the College’s history,” Castanias said. “It will give people the opportunity to

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*Tenure-Track Faculty Prepare for Review*

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For the Wabash faculty, second semester means not only new classes but also a growing focus on needs for the academic year. New tenure reviews, hiring processes, and a retirement all mark the spring semester agendas of various Wabash departments.

Dean of the College Gary Phillips has tracked all of these movements. Last semester, Phillips and various Wabash College departments examined the needs for continuing the high expectations of the entire Wabash curriculum. This semester, the campus will see hiring processes ending for next year’s faculty.

The Political Science and Teacher Education Departments conducted tenure-track hires this year, and the Religion Department is currently conducting a tenure track hire focusing on Christian Theology, mirroring the position of the late Dr. William Placher. The Political Science hire coincides with Dr. David Hadley’s final year teaching at Wabash.

In addition to tenure-track hires, Phillips, the faculty, and other members of the administration are considering term and adjunct hires in five other departments. The Rhetoric Department is conducting a hiring process for a one-year visiting professor, and Phillips and

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# Sigma Chi Organizes S.O. Basketball Tourney

JACOB BURNETT ‘15  
STAFF WRITER

Every member of the Wabash community has experienced or executed the honorable mission statement: Wabash College educates men to think critically, act responsibly, lead effectively, and live humanely. However, in the busy lives we Wabash men live (meeting deadlines, doing homework, playing sports, etc.), we often forget to fulfill our fair share of service, a vital aspect to living humanely. On February 4th, the brothers of Sigma Chi are leaving their busy lives behind and working hand in hand with the Special Olympics by running and hosting a basketball tournament.

This event has been somewhat of a tradition with the Sigma Chi house.

“The Special Olympics has worked with Sigma Chi for all the events for about the past ten years,” Sigma

Chi brother Victor Wagner ‘13 said. “We were not able to host the event my sophomore year due to scheduling conflicts. [Usually] the philanthropy chair heads up the event and works with Russ Switzer, the representative from the Special Olympics, by reserving the Allen Center and getting equipment.”

The event starts being planned in the summer preceding the event. It requires effort and responsibility on the philanthropy chair’s part. Though it is a significant time commitment, it is greatly rewarding to be a part of.

“It was a really cool experience [my freshman year] to be a small volunteer for a big event,” Wagner said. “They may have disabilities but they probably can play basketball better than half the campus right now... [You get to] enjoy watching someone else have a good time, and it is the payback you get for helping these kids for just one day.”

The participants also have a very rewarding experience through playing basketball.

“They have a real love for basketball” Wagner said. “Some [of the participants] have playing levels as high as high school competition, and others just want to have fun. I remember a girl who had a great time just because she got to bounce the ball. They just have a great time.”

Helping with the Special Olympics gives Wabash an opportunity to give back to the community on a statewide scale. It benefits not only Crawfordsville, but it also grants Wabash the opportunity to give back to a large part of Indiana.

Wabash College loves the opportunity to give back to the community on both a small and large level. The Special Olympics is one of many ways in which the college accomplishes its goal of living humanely.

There are time slots for



COURTESY OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Cameron McDougall ‘12 (left) is shown refereeing the Special Olympics basketball tournament in 2010. Sigma Chi has resurrected the event and encourages members of the Wabash community to sign up and volunteer as referees.

volunteers from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on hourly shifts. All are welcome to sign up for more than one time slot. There are three positions: timing, scoring, and refereeing positions. If you are interested in spending an hour or two of

your Saturday before Super Bowl XLVI helping others, Wagner will be visiting living units around campus or he can be reached by e-mail at dvwagner13@wabash.edu.

“Just sign up for the event you won’t regret it” Wagner said.



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- Monday, January 30  
Sophomore Interviews (Continue All Week)
- Tuesday, January 31  
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Scenery Change Fits Klembara

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STAFF WRITER

Dallas, Texas, and Crawfordsville do not seamlessly match up in population, area, or culture seamlessly. Grant Klembara '15 does not really care about that seam. "I really enjoy new experiences, doing new things, like going from Texas to Indiana to play football," Klembara said. "I just like unexpected stuff like that. It's how I like to live." Though most of the football team is made up of Indiana natives, other states are represented on the roster as well. Klembara is among a small but prominent number of football players from Texas. He first heard about Wabash when the football coaches came on a recruiting trip to his high school.

"After hearing about Wabash, I got in touch with a few alumni in Dallas," Klembara said. "They really took me in; they got me excited about coming here, and I've loved it ever sense." Klembara stayed in touch with the football coaches and alumni during his recruiting process, and after Honor Scholar Weekend, he committed. "It was an awesome experience and that weekend I met most of the guys I'm living with right now at Sigma Chi."

The adjustment to Wabash life is almost always a challenge. Recently initiated into Sigma Chi, Klembara had to balance pledgship, classes

Luncheon

and talk about what it means to be a Wabash man. There are only about 14,000 alumni, and there's no reason to exclude anyone or make anyone feel like they are excluded." That connection with all alumni will need to be constantly improved as we move forward. "I worry a little about my connection [after Wabash],

and football during his first semester. "[Pledgship] was one of the most unbelievable experiences of my life," he said. "I was pretty worried when I first got here because I went to a smaller high school, Dallas Lutheran, there I was kind of a big fish in a little pond," Klembara said. Many players likely have similar experiences, entering the much larger talent pool that Wabash College draws for athletics. Klembara got used to this new environment and embraced it. "I now have a lot of guys pushing me to be better," Klembara said. "There is pressure on you to succeed and that has definitely improved my game." Klembara plays running back and some special teams. He was on the JV squad this season. He took advantage of this to score several touchdowns. "I think this was a good year for me to learn the system, learn what goes on at Wabash," Klembara said. Klembara was excited by the team's season. Winning the NCAC Championship and competing in the final eight of the Division III playoffs creates lofty expectations and a standard of winning. Even with that pressure, Klembara looks forward to next season and hopes to have an impact in special teams. Pre-season workouts for next season began this semester. "I had my meetings with the coaches and they said I've got a good shot at doing some-

because we don't have mentors on staff at Wabash to lead the LGBT community," Steele said. "With these alumni coming back we can get help not only with our personal lives but also how to be a leader too. This is not only a problem among students but also for faculty and staff." For Castanias, the event is



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Texas native Grant Klembara's football background helped bring him to Wabash. Now he's using alumni connections to explore his future. thing on special teams next year, that's got me excited for next year," Klembara said. Klembara is still deciding what major to declare and what career path to follow. Among his academic interests are philosophy and rhetoric. Klembara became interested in philosophy after taking a freshman tutorial on C.S. Lewis with Professor of Religion and Philosophy Steven Webb. Such

about the inclusion of all Wabash men into the community. Although there are differences, there are also a lot of similarities between the efforts over the years to include fully Wabash men of color through organizations like the Malcolm X Institute and the current effort in coordination with 'shOUT. "I think it's [the effort for

acceptance] something that has to be led from the top and also grassroots," Shook said. "Gay alumni are listening very closely for Wabash to make a move for what is acceptable in the halls of Wabash. The time for incremental change at Wabash is over."

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# Wiki Protests Spotlight SOPA Debate

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One day without Wikipedia nearly meant hell froze over in America. But was it necessary?

Wikipedia protested against the Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA) and the PROTECT IP Act (PIPA) with a 24-hour blackout for English speaking users in the United States on January 18. Protests against SOPA and PIPA may have helped convince Congress to shelve the two acts as of January 20.

Inspiration for the protests stemmed from fear that the bills would threaten freedom of speech, specifically the sharing of information across the Internet. Protesters countered advocates within entertainment industries, who lobbied for the bills in order to protect artists' digital property and increase the monitoring of piracy.

There was somewhat of a misinterpretation of the acts. Public Knowledge, a public interest group out of Washington D.C., said "it was Hollywood's arrogance in pushing bills through Congress without proper vetting that caused them to be withdrawn; these threats also are not helpful to figuring out what ails the industry and how to solve their issues."

The White House clarified the issue on January 17, declaring that it "will not support legislation that reduces freedom of expression, increases cyber security risk, or undermines the dynamic, innovative global Internet."

Grasping the laws requires distinguishing between piracy and upholding freedom of speech.

Danny Goldberg, President of Gold Village Entertainment, provided an ar-

gument in favor of the two acts from an entertainment industry's perspective.

"The underlying issue is scale," Goldberg said. "There is a profound moral difference between loaning a friend a book and posting, without permission, the content of bestsellers for commercial gain—and people and legislators ought to take that into consideration."

"I hope that in future weeks, some of the anti-SOPA/PIPA progressives will reflect on the content of some of the Kool-Aid that has recently been served and help swing the pendulum back, if only a little, in a direction in which intellectual property can be nourished. Otherwise, we will be complicit in accelerating a trend of the last decade, in which those who write code get richly rewarded, while those who write the music, poetry, drama and journalism that are being encoded have to get day jobs."

Wikipedia co-founder Jimmy Wales responded to the two acts with concerns that rights to freedom of speech would be restricted.

"Free speech includes the right to not speak," Wales said. "(Wikipedia users) are a community of volunteers. We have written this thing that we believe to be a gift to the world. We don't charge people for it. It's freely available to anybody who wants to [use it]. We are a charity."

"I think it's important for people to realize that the ability of our community to come together and give this kind of gift to the world depends on a certain legal infrastructure that makes it possible for people to share knowledge freely—that the First Amendment is incredibly important in terms of the creation of this kind of thing."



COURTESY OF WIKIPEDIA.ORG

Wikipedia's homepage on January 18th joined together with other Internet sites to protest SOPA and PIPA. Some commentators wondered about their effectiveness.

Wales' Wikipedia, along with Google, Firefox, and other cyber organizations, brought the two acts closer to the ultimate postponement. On January 18, Wikipedia's blackout page received 17,535,733 views. The next day, the page received 4,873,388 views. Google's petition against the acts also received 4.5 million signatures.

Former US Senator of Connecticut Christopher Dodd reacted to the blackout protests negatively. According to Dara Kerr of Cnet.com, Dodd said the protests were "an abuse of power" and that the sites were using their power to "intentionally skew the facts to incite their users in order to further their corporate issues."

Newspapers throughout the nation expressed mixed reviews

about the blackout protests. The Boston Herald called participating Internet sites "cyber bullies."

Wikipedia's response may have been uncalled for, being that the two acts focus on protecting artists in entertainment industries, but the nation's overall response to the two acts shows a legitimate concern for keeping the right to freedom of speech intact.

Entrepreneurial Legal Studies Professor at Harvard Law School Yochai Benkler said the blackout protests were "a very strong public demonstration to suggest that what historically was seen as a technical system of rules that only influences the content industry has become something more. You've got millions of citizens who care enough to act. That's not trivial."

# Wabash's Dip in Rankings Hard to Explain

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**STAFF WRITER**

Forbes, US News and World Report, Princeton Review: these are publications that many of us read through and skimmed over during the college search process. Recently, however, Wabash has been on what appears to be a mild slide in these ranking systems.

In 2009, Wabash received placement on several of Princeton Review's Top 20 lists, including third in "Best

Career/ Job Placement Opportunities," fourth in "Best Classroom Experience," and ninth on "Students Happy With Financial Aid." In the newest compilation of their college search guidebook, "The Best 376 Colleges," Wabash dropped from the career services and classroom experience lists completely, while showing up on "Easiest Campus to Get Around" (1), "Most Accessible Professors" (12), and "Jock School"

(12). While a "slide" may not seem truly noticeable on Princeton Review, the decline in Forbes' rankings was more drastic, with Wabash falling from 32 to 86 overall between 2009 and 2011. Furthermore, US News and World Report ranked Wabash the 53rd best National Liberal Arts College, tying us with DePauw and several other institutions as well.

Much controversy lies in regards to how the rankings and placement are obtained. Forbes is the newcomer to the college world, having only started ranking them a few years ago. Forbes' rankings are obtained from data collected and analyzed by the Center for College Affordability and Productivity, a Washington D.C. think-tank. These statistics include an institution's average professor rating from RateMyProfessor.com, listings of alumni in Who's Who in America, salaries of alumni from PayScale.com, along with more common criteria such as freshmen retention rate and four-year graduation rate.

US News and World Report has a comprehensive set of criteria behind their rankings, yet weigh heavily the opinions of college administrators on the reputation and social notoriety of other institutions. Jim Amidon, Director of Public Affairs and Marketing for the college, deals with these publications often, and feels that US News has a major flaw in its rankings process.

"A full 25 percent of a school's score is based on what other college presidents and deans think of you; it's a one-to-five rating that is, in my view, nothing short of a popularity contest."

Princeton Review, on the other hand, relies on surveys from over 122,000 college students nationwide to compile their data, which perhaps makes them the most reliable of the three.

Even though the publications have questionable data, one cannot help but wonder if even the slightest bad press might turn off future prospects and recruits. In any case, Amidon didn't think so.

"Think about this: We've had the top-five-ranked athletic facilities for many years," Amidon said. "Are our facilities really better than, say, Penn State's? Our students love our facilities and comment frequently on them in the survey. But it's not scientific and it's not based on any data I submit."

Steven Klein, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid for the college, agreed.

"There's a lot of ways to market an institution, and what tends to work for us is word of mouth, through our students, alumni, materials about the college, but I don't think the rankings play a significant role in the college's enrollment," Klein said.

So as prospects start coming to campus in droves this semester, the student body should show these visitors the real Wabash. From career services to "air-raids," these prospects should see all that is Wabash.

"It's all about fit, and, so what a magazine or a ranking provides is pret-



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Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Steven Klein believes rankings from prominent publications are ultimately "arbitrary."

## Faculty

ticipates similar hires for the Psychology, English, and French departments.

According to the faculty handbook, all Wabash teachers must "support the mission of the College through excellent and innovative teaching, continued scholarship and creative work, and leadership in the life of the community." For tenure hires, this examination is particularly stringent.

"Tenure review is that test of complete confidence, and the processes are designed around reaching that confidence," Phillips said. "If you don't have complete confidence, then you haven't met the standard according to the handbook." The review will examine, among other elements, an upward trajectory of improvement during their time at Wabash.

Tenure-track candidates face three reviews during their process to reach tenure. The final review, conducting mainly during the fall of the professor's sixth teaching year at Wabash, has undergone a slight adjustment.

"Based on review from the recently approved tenure candidates, the final tenure review process will now begin in the spring semester," Phillips said.

"This allows the candidates to spend the summer prepare documents for their tenure review in the fall."

The minor change moves the first meeting between tenure candidates to spring of their fifth year teaching at Wabash, officially beginning the final tenure review process. Next year's tenure review candidates—Drs. Patrick Burton, Mark Brouwer, and Karen Gunter—will be given the summer months to gather evidence and reflect on their years at Wabash for the tenure review process.

"The self-reflection is crucial, the evidence is crucial, and the slope is crucial," Phillips said. "If the slope is not rising on improvement as a teacher, scholar, and community member, then that is a flag."

The final tenure review brings in evidence from students, outside reviewers, and Wabash faculty on the faculty member's skills as a teacher, scholar, and Wabash community member. 30 students recommended by the professor are interviewed, and each student interviewed is required to have earned a C- or higher in a class taught by the professor in question. The evidence is then compiled and reviewed in a 13-step process that determines the

lifetime appointment of the faculty member, with the President ultimately making the appointment.



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Assistant Professors Patrick Burton (shown left) of Biology, Mark Brouwer of Philosophy and Karen Gunter of Psychology will be up for tenure next year.



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# E-mails Wars Are Ungentlemanly

## STAFF EDITORIAL

As the cold, dreary winter set in for Wabash students when they returned to campus, the annual "there is nothing better to do because it's cold and we live in Crawfordsville" e-mail wars have arrived nearly a month early. Sparked by the ongoing, controversial debate over the status of popular professor Dr. Sam Rocha.

*The Bachelor* will not address the Rocha issue. It already has. However, now is the right time to address a more pressing campus issue—e-mail wars.

The Wabash student body is blessed with a system that allows fast, easy access among students, faculty members, staff, and the administration. The "students" and "everyone" listserves provide access that not many college students have. However, it would not be shocking if the administration decided to remove this feature from the e-mail system.

Before those of you who will claim "the administration would only do

that to silence the voice of the students," think about the ungentlemanly nature of some of the previous e-mail wars, whether they be about an administrative decision or National Act. Unfounded racial charges have been made. Name-calling has occurred. And in many cases, no form of productive discourse has taken place.

The recent e-mail warriors have suggested that the necessity of their wars exists because it would be too easy for the administration to ignore any group or meeting that was planned. But these same folks have pointed out that anyone who is annoyed by the often ignorant, closed-minded conversations can simply unsubscribe from the chain or hit "delete."

*The Bachelor* does not condone or suggest that protest on the mall or occupation of Center Hall would

be appropriate reactions to the current controversy on campus, but some sort of action or organization would be more effective, less annoying for those not involved, and would be a more direct, more productive response for the purpose of bringing about change and having an honest, gentlemanly conversation.

Student leaders from all corners of campus—Greek and Independent, Student Government, Sphinx Club, etc.—have stepped in on behalf of the student body and have made efforts, in all e-mail wars of the past few years, to foster proper use of the e-mail systems and to shift conversation to a real public theater, such as an open forum or Wabash community convocation. However, in most, if not all cases, the culprits who clog e-mail boxes, cross lines with their rhetoric, and who choose to hide behind a keyboard rather than participate in a true debate or offer a public ex-

change of ideas, have refused to heed the advice of their fellow Wallies and have continued to abuse the opportunity granted by the administration, the trustees, and the IT Department.

Without question, we will see at least one and probably more new e-mail wars in the coming months. And that is okay. The beginnings of e-mail wars have their purpose—they serve as a great forum for thought-provoking statements and the rise of a question. However, they should stop there.

We challenge the Wabash Student body to bring these conversations into the public circle, with forums, meetings, and conversations that take place away from the e-mail system. The charge we have received from all Wallies from the past to Think critically, Act responsibly, Lead effectively, and Live humanely, will be better served when we have these conversations in person and refrain from making erroneous or ignorant statements via e-mail.

# Indy Only Gets One Shot at Super Bowl

Indianapolis will play host to the biggest weekend in sports on Feb. 5, but the events inside of Lucas Oil Stadium and the outcome of the game will be the least important of occurrences for the city. Why?

Fair or not, Indianapolis only gets one shot to get the Super Bowl right.

It has been a long, unfathomable transformation for the city once dubbed with unflattering names such as "Indianoplace" to become the host of Super Bowl XLVI. Remember, this is a city that in the 1970s almost lost its only professional sports franchise, the Indiana Pacers, who were saved with a telethon. From low points like that, the city has undergone a complete turnaround, and the Super Bowl will serve as the exclamation point on the transformation.

However, even through the improvements of the Circle City and its history of holding huge sporting events, such as the Indianapolis 500 and the Final Four, no other event could compare—whether it be in economic benefit to the community, in the influx of people, or in the physical changes that a city must undergo, with the Super Bowl.

Indianapolis has built a Super Bowl village for all of the week's festivities, decorated the city, and redesigned the city's layout by making changes to Georgia Street and redirecting traffic during the next week. It would be fair to say

that Indianapolis has made a valiant effort to offer football fans and the NFL a Super Bowl experience that no other city has ever given before.

Yet, that still might not be enough. Indianapolis is only the 3rd city North of the Mason-Dixon line to ever host the Super Bowl, the first since Detroit in 2006. However, it took Detroit 24 years to get a second chance at the big game and the other city, Minneapolis, Minnesota, still has only hosted one, in 1992.

Northern locations do not always cooperate in February with allowing outdoor festivities to be conducted. (For those of you thinking "well, the game is indoors so weather won't affect it," Detroit and Minneapolis hosted the game inside, also.) And these outdoor activities are crucial to the success of the Super Bowl week. Yes, the game itself is the biggest event in the grand scheme of things, but Patriots and Giants fans are not flying in on Saturday night and leaving Monday morning. Restaurants, businesses, hotels, and Mother Nature will have to be on top of their game if Indianapolis is to get another chance at the Super Bowl.

This is a phenomenal opportunity for the city. The NFL has announced that the Super Bowl will be played in New York City in 2014, showing that they are willing to consider cold-weather locations more. Detroit's economy is in the tank, and the city



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just does not have the resources to offer what Indianapolis can. Minnesota plays in the crummiest building in the sports. With a state-of-the-art building, a city that can afford to make adjustments to welcome fans and teams, preparation from businesses, restaurants, and bars, and a little luck from the weather, Indianapolis could become the alternative option to New York when it comes to a northern Super Bowl and host the game three times every 10-15 years. Or, snow and ice could fall, the city could underperform, and the NFL could stay away, leaving Hoosiers and the City of Indianapolis waiting like Minneapolis, where 20 years later the Super Bowl is an afterthought and no hope of the game returning exists.

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# GOP's Flip-Flopping Hurts Chances

If you have seen the most recent Republican debates you may wonder are these people serious about becoming President. On the bright side they no longer have the pizza/book salesman, and got rid of some of the worst of the lowest tier of candidates (which unfortunately included John Huntsman). Conversely on the negative side the remaining candidates, with the exception of Ron Paul who has no legitimate shot of winning the primary, seem to be pedaling to the lowest common denominator.

Mitt has been trying to go on the offensive, especially since his embarrassing loss in South Carolina by 12% to Gingrich. He has been trying to paint Newt as an inside the beltway lobbyist that is not a credible leader and who got ran out of political office by Republicans in 1998. However, this does not work for Mitt since he has never been able to genuinely go on the attack, the weakness of his 2008 campaign, and does not have a fighting bone in his body. The only way Mitt can attack is to have his “uncoordinated” Super PAC do it for him. The other problem for Mitt is that he seems incapable of defending capitalism when it comes to the issues of his taxes and Bain-Capital (New Jersey Governor Chris Christie did a far better job at this).

On the other hand, where Mitt lacks in the fighting spirit, Newt has it in spades. He attacks Mitt on everything from Romney-care, to Bain Capital, to his taxes, and finally on his attack ads. Newt also relishes in his ability to attack the media and the commentators with his “to Hell with the facts” attitude. The main problem with Newt is not his argumentative style, but the fact that he always shoots himself in the foot when he gets in the lead, as well as his arrogant, self-righteous attitude.

If there was some way to join the best parts of Romney, with his level headedness and career, with Newt's fighting spirit they may have a chance at winning over the Republicans and beating Obama. But unfortunately for the Republicans the biggest



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problem that remains is there two front runners are chronic flip-flopers.

Both Romney and Gingrich have a problem connecting with the base and the main problem is that the base is not sure what they stand for. Gingrich's hypocrisy and his flip-flops on most issues would make your head spin. Gingrich was for stopping global warming before he was against it. Gingrich was for an individual mandate in healthcare until he decided to run for President. Gingrich is against socialism although he supported and lobbied for Medicare Part D, which is single-handily the largest extension of a government program since the 1960s. Gingrich claims he believes in the sanctity of marriage, yet divorces two of his wives when they were ill.

However, for all this hypocrisy and flip-flopping by Gingrich, the flip-flopping by Romney on issues is even greater. Romney was pro-choice, then neutral, then pro-life when it came to abortion. Romney supported gay marriage then opposed it. Romney set out the blueprint for Obama-care before he was against it. Romney was for regulation of Wall Street before he opposed it. Romney was against the auto-bailout, then for it, then against it again. The American people are not stupid. By spending five minutes on Google the Republican voters can understand that these candidates do not stand for anything. Romney and Gingrich change positions like

weather vanes, whatever the polls tell them the people want to hear they will say it. It seems as though these candidates have no principle beliefs at all.

Despite whether you agreed with Reagan, FDR, Lincoln, Jackson, Jefferson, and Washington on policies, they were good leaders. They were good leaders because they stood for something and they did not back down from their ideology and beliefs simply because they were unpopular. This is what the Republican Party needs now—a leader who stands on principle ideology and is not afraid to back down on it simply because it polls badly. This is why the Republican voters are so discontent and have voted for 3 different candidates to win in the first three states, which is unprecedented in history. The Republican voters want a conservative who is truly conservative and will stand on principle when running the country, not someone who just throws it all away at the first sign of a struggle. This is why the Republican primary voters are experiencing buyer's remorse and why the party bosses of the Republican Party are scrambling to see if there is any way Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels, Jeb Bush, or Chris Christie could save the party in a brokered convention.

The Republicans' two front-runners do not have the track record to show they are truly conservative and will not just flip flop on issues when they become President. Also, neither one is conservative enough. Mitt Romney cannot seem to defend his wealth, and Gingrich is acting like a Democrat by attacking Bain Capital. Neither of these candidates is truly conservative and unless there is a brokered convention the Republicans will end up with a moderate flip-flopper. This is not good for the Republican Party because almost every moderate they have elected have lost the general election, and it will ensure four more years of the Obama presidency.

# Students Should Appreciate Crawfordsville

Flipping through the Princeton Review, one often finds Wabash near the top of its various lists, in recent years including “Accessible Professors,” “Great Financial Aid,” and “Jock School.” This year, Wabash received one of its highest rankings ever— number 2. Unfortunately, a high ranking in this category was nothing to brag about-- the category was “College Town Not So Great.” Granted, Crawfordsville is no Washington, D.C., or even Bloomington, but of the 376 schools considered by Princeton Review, is it really possible that Crawfordsville truly deserves slot number #375 for its amenability to college students?

Crawfordsville, once larger than Indianapolis and a hotbed of culture and intellect known as the “Athens of Indiana,” is undoubtedly and regrettably not what it used to be. Crawfordsville has no clubs, no shopping malls, and the college-age population that does not attend Wabash is virtually non-existent. But there are other college towns, even those of fellow GLCA colleges, which lack these assets as well, but fail to make Princeton's top (or bottom?) ten. DePauw, not surprisingly, is our closest GLCA tailer, with Greencastle coming in at 16. But why are DePauw's Greencas-

tle, and Earlham's Richmond, both of similar size to Crawfordsville, considered better college towns than ours?

The method of determination for Princeton, however, while useful in judging many criteria, requires us to take rankings with a grain of salt. Princeton polls students about their own schools, and these statistics alone determine Princeton's rankings. Thus if Wabash gets the reputation of being in a lifeless, depressing town, it's no one's fault but our own. Crawfordsville, I contend, is no more dull of a city than any other of comparable size (I'd much rather live here than in Greencastle or Richmond, even putting scholastics aside), but most students' criteria for a “good college town” revolve around a social scene which is dominated by the pursuit of male-female interaction. Students at DePauw, Earlham, or other small-town schools can achieve this interaction without leaving campus, so the lack of the aforementioned assets to their towns (clubs, bars, etc.), is less conspicuous for them.

Crawfordsville does not need to be as depressing to the college student as it is made out to be. In the town itself are several respectable bars, not to mention the dear old Lew Wallace, a warm beacon of fraternal cheer on



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those cold Thursday nights when roads are too bad to trek to the Cactus (or the last car has filled up). The Vanity Theater is a rare gem for a town of our size, offering opportunities not only to see, but to participate (through acting, stage managing, or even occasionally directing) in its five to six quality productions per season. Our dining choices are also formidable, from quick fast food (try any of our six Subway locations) to almost-as-quick ethnic cuisine at Little Mexico, Rancho Bravo, Jesse's Tacos (my favorite for Mexican food), the China Inn (ask Dr. Blix about his eponymous sushi roll!), and Beijing. A short drive away from the city are two charming state parks, Turkey Run and Shades State Park, both boasting rugged trails and stunning rock formations.

As it is often noted, Crawfordsville is conveniently located on 231, equidistant from DePauw and Purdue (accessible in under thirty min-

utes to the experienced driver), both well-respected venues for collegiate, co-ed socialization. And while on the subject of convenience, I must point out the eminent practicality of our location. Crawfordsville's cost of living is very low, even on statewide standards. This is not only beneficial at the fuel pump (where we pay consistently less than Purdue, IU, or IUPUI students in “superior” college towns”), but it is a huge blessing when looking for an off-campus residence. Of course we would enjoy our city more if it did offer more of a public social scene, but I like to believe that our environment adds to, rather than detracts from, our experience here. Crawfordsville offers us the convenience of cheap living in a friendly and comfortable town, accessible social scenes close-by, and an academically-focused on-campus atmosphere. Crawfordsville will probably never offer the clubs, coffee shops, hookah bars, and other luxuries enjoyed by Purdue and IU students and which earn other schools rankings on the opposite end of the “College Town” scale, but hopefully next time Princeton comes around, our students will realize that they have more for which to be grateful than they do complaints.

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## Food for Thought:

In an e-mail war about “the administration,” couldn't “the administration” hit “delete thread” just as easily as anyone?

## ATTENTION:

Student Senate will pass and adopt the Student Club and Organization budgets on Tuesday at 7 PM in the Goodrich Room in the Lilly Library. Any club Presidents or Treasurers with concerns may attend and address the Senate.



# “Skyrim” Consumes Lives

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Ever since I started playing “Sonic the Hedgehog” on the Sega Genesis, I’ve had a love affair with video-games. From to “Katamari Damacy”, video games in most forms have always been a part of my life. I’ve played on ten different platforms, and all sorts of genres, except the “Elder Scrolls” series.

I’ve been well aware of their existence since I started PC gaming with “Morrowind”. The games have always been heralded as expansive and immersive universes, portals to lands long forgotten of race, wars, and epic battles. But, with “Morrowind”, my want to play these games died. The graphics were simply too horrible, and this was in the early 2000’s when I didn’t have standards. I wasn’t able to get into the game, and I quickly dropped it for more “Pokemon”. This continued with “Oblivion”, which I tried to play as a caster, but I was met with the impossibility of the task. Both games severely disappointed me to the point of jadedness. And then, “Skyrim” came out.

When the first whispers of “Skyrim” started circulating forums, I dismissed them with great disregard. I didn’t like either of the previous “Elder Scrolls” games, why would I like this one. Months after the game came out, I held myself back, unwilling to even try “Skyrim” out, only watching as people played, and that’s where it started. Watching others made me really want to give the game a chance.

The graphics, which had been a huge hurdle of immersion for me, had been amazingly updated. The game looks and feels absolutely amazing. After watching so many people play it and seeing how fun it might be, I decided that I would try it out over break.

I made my first character at a friend’s house, a mage specializing in destruction and illusion magic. The magical combat system had been vastly improved to the point of it being viable,



“Skyrim”’s upgrade in graphics makes it one of the best games in the “Elder Scrolls” series. The game’s storyline is also more loose-ended than “Oblivion”.

which was another huge selling point for me. I love to plays casters. During my three year tryst with “World of Warcraft”, I played a mage almost the entire time, and I had been looking for a game to replace “WoW” as my go to RPG. If now I knew what would happen, I would have put the controller down there.

But, foolishly, I started playing. The game beings with an epic dragon sequence, escaping either with the evil Imperial empire, or the staunch Nord rebellion movement, The Stormcloaks. Naturally, being one for justice, I joined the rebellion to lend my hand in aid, but I didn’t really start the main quest line. In order to gain mastery of the arcane arts, I went straight to the mage guild and started the quest line.

This is where “Skyrim” hooked me. The mage quest line was so incredibly fun, challenging, rewarding and immersive that I couldn’t stop playing.

The first day I played, much to my friend’s chagrin, I played for a solid six hours, which doesn’t seem like much to the hardcore game crowd, but the real problem was that the time seemed to pass infinitely around me. Those six hours flew by, unaffected my want to play. The next day I stayed up all night playing, finishing the mage quest line, and landing me deep into my addiction.

Like a powerful drug, the mage quest line had made me ridiculously overpowered, giving me gear that made any dragon an easy kill. I started the main quest line, but that proved to be too easy, even on the highest difficulty. This fueled my bloodlust, making me want to play insatiable. I stayed up for two days straight playing, stopping only minimally for food, cigarettes and bathroom breaks. I finished quest lines, the dark brotherhood and thieves guild quest line, and worked on the main quest line, but my

body needed rest so I slept.

Upon waking, I realized that I had just played for roughly 50 hours over the course of three days, so, out of those 72 hours, I had been playing video games. I was addicted. I reached for the controller, but I stopped myself. I knew I had things to do in “Skyrim”, but those things had started interfering with my real life. The two had melded together, with the false reality taking precedent over the true reality. That was when I stopped, cold turkey.

Since that day that I fatefully tossed aside the controller, I haven’t played once. I still see my friends playing, thinking that one more quest, for old times, wouldn’t do any harm, but I know it will. I know that if I ever slip, I’ll stop going to class and I’ll only play “Skyrim” all day. So, for now, I linger with the scars of my addiction, trying to move on from the game that controlled my life.

# Timeline Can Be Good or Bad

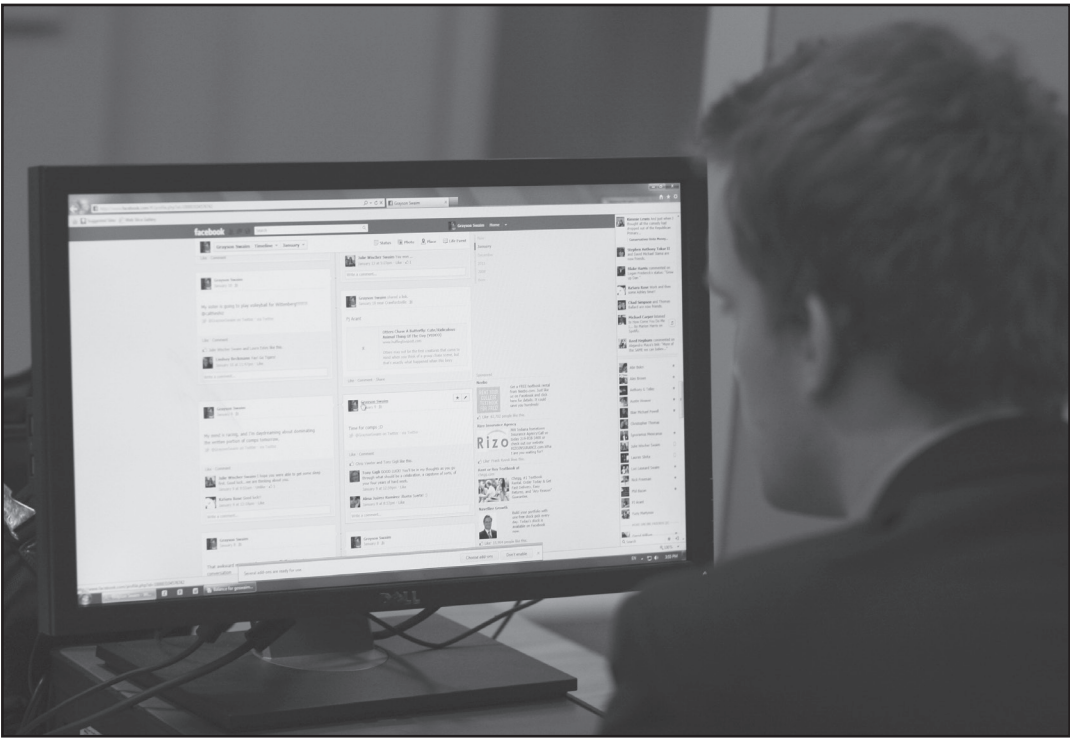
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You probably thought scrap-booking was dead, didn’t you? Take a closer look at your Facebook page. As more people migrate to the new Timeline set-up, this online community may be distancing itself from the fast-paced Twitter world.

The recent trend of technology has been away from specialization and toward accumulation. Cell phones, portable gaming systems, books, and magazines have all migrated onto the same pocket-sized device whose immense scope is already taken for granted. As standard as Facebook’s most recent change may seem, it may actually be a now-rare step back in the direction of specialization.

Sure, Skype’s appearance in your Facebook chat windows may just be another social media merger attempting to keep people up to speed at all times for no apparent reason, but Timeline does have some serious potential to take our internet selves toward stability.

As a generation who saw Facebook’s birth and only joined in once our growing-up process was taking shape, we may not see the Timeline



Grayson Swaim '12 checks his Facebook Timeline in the library.

for what it can really be. To many of us it is one more unnecessary tweak, like the scrolling bar at the top right of the screen or our ability to be tagged at places as well as in photos.

But, think of the middle school student who is just now getting his Facebook account. The pictures of himself – likely taken by an overzealous mom or on the computer’s webcam –he shares with his whopping thirty-five friends will be stored forever on his account. Our generation may be the last to dig through old

photographs to spark memories of our childhoods. Think of that!

This shift is of course not solely because of Facebook, but its Timeline feature is certainly the most able organizational agent for it.

To many of us, an old photograph means it was taken more than a year ago. If Timeline is here to stay, ‘old pictures’ become a lifetime ago. When our younger siblings graduate from college, they will be able to look back on their journey with a single click back to the year 2011

(assuming the world does not end this year, anyway). When they become adults, wedding pictures and the births of their children are added to the same calendar.

Even special events like “quit smoking” and “personal goal achieved” are suggested as marked points when Timeline is adopted. Users truly have the ability to recreate their lives online.

(Rather generously) assuming that people are actually honest with the masses of personal information now made publishable, some is-

sues still arise with this level of extensiveness. Not the least of these is the human ability to lose ourselves in nostalgia. If people bury themselves in stalking two years’ worth of information, what will they do with a lifetime’s worth?

Another issue is any skeletons in the proverbial closet that may frighten prospective employers or even just newly made friends. People have been misrepresenting themselves on the internet since its introduction, but now it is their real actions that may get them in trouble. This all-inclusive new scrapbook introduces an element of accountability whose result is difficult to predict.

Either Timeline users will realize the permanent nature of published events and take the process more seriously as one of self-definition, or they will realize the influential nature of identity games and get even craftier in their deceptions. While I hold no great trust in people’s nobility, the Facebook Timeline may give it a chance to flourish. The implications of this tool may never be realized, but as the largest personal identity promotion device is probably worth keeping one eye on. Please just keep the other firmly planted on your actual life.



# Hodges Makes Transition Look Easy

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To say there was a buzz of excitement on campus this summer for the arrival of freshman Houston Hodges just might be an understatement.

Hodges, who once received All-Conference honors in four high school sports, has certainly lived up to the lofty expectations. In just one semester, the Plymouth, Ind. native has impressed the Wabash faithful with highlight-worthy plays on both the

gridiron and the basketball court.

In addition, Hodges was also named to the Dean's List for his first semester accomplishments in the classroom.

"It was quickly apparent that he was a very fine athlete, but also a good student," retired Dean of Students and Athletic Director Tom Bambrey said. "In my Freshman Tutorial course, Houston was able to balance his academic and athletic responsibilities in a way that was most impressive. He didn't seem to be fazed at all."

However, in the fifth game of the football season, adversity struck. Against Washington University – St. Louis, Hodges sustained a significant shoulder injury that caused him to miss several games, including the matchup with conference rival Wittenberg.

"It was really frustrating, especially not getting to help win a conference title against Witt," Hodges said. "I've never missed a game before and when the trainers said it was questionable whether the shoulder would be healed before the end of the season, I was determined to make it back."

It came down to a game-time decision, but Hodges was cleared to play and saw limited action in the Monon Bell win over DePauw. He later played an integral role in the Little Giants' deep playoff run, including an interception in the quarterfinal matchup with #2 Mount Union. Even after missing a quarter of the season, Hodges was named to the Honorable Mention All-NCAC team.

"The playoff run showed that our

team can play with anyone," Hodges said. "The comeback against North Central served as a huge confidence booster and we already have high expectations for next year."

On account of the extended football season, Hodges missed the basketball team's preseason practices and early portion of the schedule. The Little Giants were already off to a 7-0 start when Hodges and Andy Walsh, a sophomore quarterback, joined the team.

"Personally, I was not surprised at all when Houston contributed right away (in the Wooster game)," Walsh said. "He is an extraordinary athlete who has been blessed with many talents – one being a natural at basically any sport he tries."

"The first three practices pretty much gave him the basic idea of what we did on offense so that he at least knew what he was doing out on the floor. From there, it was all him, his advanced basketball IQ, and his tremendous desire to win."

The way Hodges tells it, the transition wasn't as easy as it might have appeared.

"I absolutely died that first day of basketball practice," he said. "The guys were all talking about how it was an easy practice, and I quickly realized I was not in basketball shape."

"It was different. I still played a little basketball during football season, but I didn't have the abilities I was used to. It took some time. Getting

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Freshman Houston Hodges has had an instant impact on the basketball team after making the transition from the football field to the basketball court in December.

# Track Opens with Record-Setting Performance

RYAN LUTZ '13  
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In recent years the track and field team has developed the routine of getting off to a quick start. This year the indoor track team has continued that trend with a strong showing at the Little Giant Invitational last weekend.

Under the tutelage of Coach Morgan two more school records were set last Saturday, Kevin McCarthy set a new record in the 3000 meter cruising to a time of 8:29.01 to easily win the event, while Sean Hildebrand broke his own school record in the 60 meter dash posting a 7.12 time.

"I think given the circumstances this past meet went great," Coach Morgan said. "We broke two school records and that alone is a good indicator of guys really putting in some work over break"

Coach Morgan is widely known in the Wabash community for being a great motivator; the team he's coached is a testament to that fact. This year's team had already qualified 28 athletes for Conference, which is also another school record. School records are broken set higher quite frequently for the track and field team. This is quite the testament to that program considering they lost five key contributors to graduation.

"With guys like Matt Scheller, Alex Moseman, Seth, and Wes you can't really replace them. They were exception students as well as athletes. But we do have guys who are working hard to pick up the slack, and I'm confident that they will fill those areas for us," Morgan said.

Some of the younger throwers who will look to replace Scheller and Moseman are Brad Pusateri and Joel Beier.

After the first indoor meet of the semester, our



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Junior Evan Groninger competes in the pole vault at this past week's Little Giant Invitational.

Little Giants are off to a promising start. This will only be helped by Scheller and Moseman trying to come back and help the program. Which will further the development of the extremely young throwing squad.

There were plenty of surprises during the track teams first meet as well; Billy Rosson turned heads with his third place finish on the weekend, posting a time of 51.72.

"Billy and Sean have worked really hard this off season, the fact that they made such a strong start shows that he did his homework in the off season and continued training over break" Morgan said, "the fact that they came out and ran the way they did surprised me."

Even with another record setting season in progress and a conference title to defend, Morgan and his players are focused on the future. "That was all last year man, and last year is over. Like Lou Holtz says, 'You have to put your eyes in the front of your head to look forward.'"

Every meet is big for the track team this year; after all, you do not get 28 people onto the conference meet by taking weekends off.

"At this point in the season we are more concerned with guys making times to qualify for Conference and Nationals" Morgan said.

With the Rose-Hulman meet this weekend there is a strong chance that the Little Giants will have another performance that will propel them to the postseason.

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3 p.m.

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# Basketball Falls at Ohio Wesleyan

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The depth of the North Coast Athletic Conference has become abundantly clear in the first half of the conference season. Wooster is no longer atop the standings, and five teams are within two games of the conference lead.

That parity was on display Wednesday night in Delaware, Ohio as Ohio Wesleyan held off visiting Wabash for a 66-64 conference victory. The Battling Bishops were led by Tim Brady and Marshall Morris who combined for 51 of Ohio Wesleyan's 66 points. Brady led all scorers with 31 points on 10-20 shooting.

"He is as talented as there is in the NCAC," senior Brian Shelbourne said. "He is going to get his points regardless of what you do defensively, but he drove hard to the basket and knocked down some contested shots."

The Little Giants (14-4 overall, 6-3 NCAC) were led by Houston Hodges for much of the game. The freshman finished with a career-high 19 points while leading scorers Aaron Zimmerman and Derek Bailey struggled for much of the evening. The duo, which entered the game averaging nearly 29 points per game, combined to shoot 2-15 at one point in the second half.

"Houston kept us in it the whole game and then Andy Walsh came in and gave



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Senior guard Aaron Zimmerman drives to the basket against Kenyon on Saturday.

us a huge spark," Shelbourne said. Walsh only finished with three points on 1-3 shooting, but the sopho-

more brought energy off the bench for a group which struggled on the road for the second straight game.

Late in the second half, Zimmerman found his range, hitting several second-half three pointers to bring Wabash back and finished with 17 points on the night. But a turnover with 23 seconds left and Wabash clinging to a one-point lead gave the Bishops their final possession, which ended with Nick Felhaber's only basket of the game, a three pointer that gave the Bishops a two-point lead and the win.

Joining Zimmerman and Hodges in double-figures was Shelbourne with 11 points and seven assists. Bailey struggled throughout the contest, finishing with two points on 1-11 shooting from the field.

Wabash returns home on Saturday when they play host to Denison (7-11, 4-5). That game precedes a three-game stretch including DePauw, Wooster, and Wittenberg.

"Every game is a must-win from here on out and the most important thing is that we keep improving," Shelbourne said. "We need to be playing our best basketball once the conference tournament starts."

"There is so much disparity in the conference, every game is going to be tough and it is truly anyone's league to win."

Saturday's home contest against the Big Red is set to tip at 3 p.m.

## Hodges

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thrown into that first game, I had a lot of butterflies. It was an entirely different speed than I remembered playing in high school. But once I made that first pass and made a decent play, I settled down."

Hodges has evolved into the starting point guard on a senior-laden Little Giants team, currently 14-3 and ranked 23rd in the country. Under first year coach Antoine Carpenter, Wabash has emerged as a conference leader and a regional favorite for a NCAA Tournament bid.

"It's neat because I get both ends of the spectrum – getting to be a part of two different teams," he said.

The support of his family has also helped Hodges transition to college life. His parents rarely miss a game and can almost always be found at midfield or midcourt, proudly wearing their Wabash apparel.

"Even when I was in high school, while playing four sports, they came to all of Austin's games and still made mine," he said. "The idea of asking them to go multiple places certainly played a part in my college decision. It's nice to see them after every game, to have that support system. Whether the outcome is

good or bad, they are still going to be there for us."

For someone who has already accomplished so much in a just a few months time, sometimes it is easy to forget Hodges has three full years left as a Little Giant.

"Houston Hodges is such a rare combination, a once-a-generation type of student-athlete," Bambrey said. "I've tried to think back in all my years at Wabash to someone else who came to campus and had such early success in two sports while remaining a good student. Off the top of my head, I can't think of anyone on his level."

What does Hodges think? What does he want to be remembered for when his time at Wabash is done?

"Fame isn't what I want," he said. "I don't care whether people remember me for a great career. Just that I was a fun-loving guy who worked hard in class. I want to be known as a competitor."

At this point, it's hard for anyone to argue with his competitive spirit – both on the football field and basketball court.

# Nightmare on Capitol Avenue

As an avid Indianapolis Colts fan, I was hoping for the lesser of two evils while watching last weekend's AFC Championship Game. Unfortunately, true evil prevailed, and the one team no Colts fan wants to welcome to our city for the Super Bowl, the New England Patriots, are coming to town.

Sure, there is a lot of animosity toward the Baltimore Ravens, but most of that is due to the fact that Baltimore is still salty about Robert Irsay moving the beloved Colts to Indy in the middle of the night in 1984.

But the Patriots are cheaters! They were Peyton Manning's bane for some of his best years, and may have won two Super Bowl titles that should have been his. And their coach Belichick, a man with no shame or moral fiber, has a personality so far removed from that of our beloved former icon, Tony Dungy.

In short, the Patriots coming to town is the worst thing ever. One could argue the Boston sports media is the cockiest and most demeaning in the whole country. Any time the Celtics, Patriots, Bruins or Red Sox lose, the opposition gets blamed for cheating or they call for their coach's head. And when they win, headlines reading "Dynasty?" are all the rage. But even more than that, all the local Colts fans



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**EDITOR IN CHIEF**

who will be partying downtown in the days leading up to the big game will undoubtedly grow tired of trash talk from Patriots fans, who will be wearing shirts that read "Got Peyton?" and "I Hate Peyton Manning (front)/ Eli Sucks Too (back)". Disdain over the Patriots' victory expressed on social media websites have even prompted Colts Owner Jim Irsay to tweet: "Come on Indy faithful, we're playing host here. No boorish comments of crudity; proper n dignified behavior by all, stiff upper lip and b proper".

Though I'd like to be optimistic and believe that young, drunk people in Indianapolis will behave themselves, I'm expecting plenty of bar fights to break out involving Patriots fans, especially after the game if New England wins. It's not only the most avid Colts and football fans that detest the Patriots; even people who don't care that much know they are the enemy.

Thankfully, any spectators from Indianapolis

who have a soul will be rooting for Eli and the New York Giants, who have beaten better teams than the Patriots have and who are second-favorite to many Colts fans thanks to their quarterback's last name.

The best thing we Colts fans can hope for would be a devastating loss by New England. However, if on Sunday, February 5th, Robert Kraft, Bill Belichick and Tom Brady are lifting the Lombardi trophy in downtown Indianapolis, mayhem will ensue.



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For the first time in history, the Super Bowl is coming to Indianapolis, and with it a familiar foe to Colts fans.



Thoughts and prayers  
go out to Jake Peacock.  
Get well soon!

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