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# Abroad at Wabash?

*Rauf '15 Notes Similarities between American, Pakistani Life*

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STAFF WRITER

After answering a newspaper ad, Pakistani-native Muhammad Tayyab Rauf found himself on his way to Wabash. A native of Peshawar, Pakistan, Rauf received a semester-long trip to the U.S. via Global Undergrad—an offshoot of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs wing of the Department of State.

After eight to nine months of processing emigration forms and sorting out other logistics, Rauf was ready to make the trip as a participant in the Global Undergrad program—an international initiative that allows foreign students to explore U.S. culture by immersing them in U.S. colleges and universities that have agreed to host student ambassadors.

“First of all, I love traveling,” Rauf said. “I have never been outside Pakistan. America, for many reasons, is in the news all the time. I wanted to travel to see what makes America. I thought, why not give it a try. As a result, I got selected.”

Rauf became the first ambassador to come to Indiana. According to Rauf, “[M]r. Clapp volunteered Wabash for the cultural exchange. We have ambassadors over in Minnesota, New York, Washington, and California, but none have come to Indiana before. Therefore, IREX sent me to Wabash and it’s a great place to be.”

“I’m going to be here for one semester,” said Rauf. “It is going to end in May. During this semester, I have certain culture activities. They can be anything. It could be eating American food, playing an American sport like Basketball, seeing an American movie at the cinema, or going to historical places. It could be many things as long as it is associated with American values.”

In Peshawar, Rauf participated in the Model United Nation, Social Committee, and Volunteering society.



KELLY SULLIVAN | WABASH '15

Pakistani exchange student Muhammad Tayyab Rauf (above) is studying at Wabash as part of the Global Undergrad program, and his time in Crawfordsville is his first experience outside of his native Pakistan.

At Wabash College he participates in the Debate society and Muslim society. He is a cricket enthusiast.

“Cricket is like a religion,” said Rauf. “After Islam you have cricket. After mosque, you go to the cricket field.” He formerly played field hockey team in high school. Moreover, Rauf enjoys pop music and classical music. Favorites include Coldplay, One Republic, and Adele. Rauf also speaks many languages. In addition to English, Rauf speaks Urdu, Pashto, and Hindko.

So far, Rauf thinks the U.S. and Pakistan are more alike than each country may realize.

“To be honest, the image that the American government or the Pakistani government portrays does not represent the people,” said Rauf.

“If you look on television or what the governments are doing, you will see that there is a lot of difference between what people are and what government is representing. People here are much more different than that. They are friendly. They are honest. You could say most try to help you. They have your back. It is the same as in Pakistan. I knew the media misrepresented America, but there was still some culture shock.”

To Rauf, America respects similar values as Pakistan—especially when it comes to manners. “Americans, like Pakistanis have their traditions,” Rauf said. “No matter what happens, they put their traditions first. This is exactly how it is in Pakistan. This is what makes us have common ground.”

“I have to [remember] to say

thank you, sorry, excuse me about every time I pass someone,” Rauf said. “These small courteous things that Americans do are unique and very good. When I came here I realized it is a good thing. You won’t find that in Pakistan. People just nod their head; they won’t say any thing.”

And once he returns home, Rauf plans to introduce some American practices into his life in Pakistan.

“There’s a famous saying of, ‘If you want to get to know a person, you get into his shoes,’ that probably tells you a lot,” Rauf said. “When you go to some places, you tend to learn a lot of things. For example, saying ‘thank you’ and ‘sorry’ every other moment is unique for me and I’m going to take that back with me.”

## MXI Prepares for Black History Month

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EDITOR IN CHIEF

In celebration of Black History Month, the Malcolm X Institute for Black Studies is planning several events, which will involve both current students and guests from outside of the Wabash community. MXI President Reggie Steele '12 detailed some of the events that will take place.

“One event is our annual Black History Program, which will be coordinated by the MXI associate class,” Steele said. “For that event we always coordinate with the DePauw University Association of African-American Students (AAAS). We should be announcing the specific date for that event in the next week and a half.”

The other programs the Institute is planning are in celebration of African-American arts in various forms, including music (specifically jazz, blues and gospel), and poetry.

“On February 25 at 8 p.m. at the MXI, we will host Red Velvet, which is a night of



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On Feb. 25, the MXI will be hosting Red Velvet, a night of poetry readings and musical performances (as shown above, a picture from last year’s event).

poetry and jazz, a night of romance,” Steele said. “There will be food, fun and dance. The idea is to honor the black arts, that’s its foundation.”

For Red Velvet, the MXI has invited two guests groups to perform, one from outside the Wabash community, and one that is led by Wabash faculty member Dr. Sam Rocha.

“This semester at Red Vel-

vet we will have the Boom Girls performing,” Steele said. “They are a Def Jam poetry team for young ladies from Los Angeles. Another guest act will be the Rocha Band, a five-piece band led by Dr. Rocha. Red Velvet will also include student poetry readings and student songs.”

Every year, Red Velvet is one of the MXI’s

most ambitious events and anticipated events.

“It has grown over the years to be a huge event,” Steele said. “With this event alone we’ve invited black student unions from Indiana, Ohio and Michigan, and they usually attend. We expect 400-500 guests, and it will be open to the campus.”

The idea behind Black

History Month is credited to Dr. Carter G. Woodson, who proposed the concept in 1926. The month of February was chosen because both Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln were born in the month of February. Woodson dedicated his life to the preservation of study of Black history and life. The celebratory month has been recognized in the United States since 1976.

“Black History month is probably our busiest month of the year,” Steele said. “We will have several joint events with DePauw’s AAAS throughout the month (in addition to the Black History Program).”

As for the celebration of Gospel music, Steele mentioned an event that he has worked on all year.

“I dedicated my senior (music major) project to Negro Spirituals and Gospel music,” Steele said. “To follow up I’ll be doing my senior recital on Feb. 19 and I’ll be singing love songs. It will be hosted by the MXI, and that will take place at 4 p.m. in Salter Hall.”



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Basketball Tournament,  
Allen Center, 8:30 a.m.
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C-ville Ranked 2nd-Worst College Town

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STAFF WRITER

Wabash College prides itself on its stellar faculty, student involvement in athletics, generous financial aid, and great alumni connections. The Princeton Review defines Wabash College as one of the best colleges of 2012. However, the book has one criticism: Crawfordsville is not so great. “Is Crawfordsville a great ‘college town’ in the way The Princeton Review defines it? Probably not,” Director of Public Affairs and Marketing/Secretary of the College Jim Amidon said. “There are no splashy bars or clubs within walking distance of the College. But, is Crawfordsville a great place for young men to attend college and participate in the community? Absolutely. Our students hone leadership skills through community service and involvement, and local residents enrich and support our arts series and athletic events.” Amidon believes that, regardless of this ranking, there are positive relations between Crawfordsville and Wabash College. “Our relationship with Crawfordsville has, perhaps, never been stronger,” Amidon said. “Our president has committed his own time and school resources in areas of economic development, downtown revitalization, and the establishment of a new free healthcare clinic for the uninsured. Additionally, we have students who are interning at a number of non-profits in town and their wages are paid by the College.” However, there are still problems that need to be addressed. BKT Assistant Professor of Political Science Lexi Hoerl participates in numerous departments in Crawfordsville such as observing and reporting on the Downtown Historic Preservation Commission, the Board of Directors of Crawfordsville Main Street, and others. Hoerl provided one possible reason for why Wabash students may not connect well with Crawfordsville. “I think one of the main reasons that Wabash men may not be as closely connected with Crawfordsville is that the hours of operation for many of the businesses downtown are the same hours that we keep at Wabash,” Hoerl said. “In other words, students are in class, practicing, etc. at the same time that many businesses are open downtown. If you walk downtown after six or seven p.m., you’ll notice that a lot of things (with the exception of the restaurants) are closed.” Hoerl also points out that students



COREY EGLER | WABASH '15

Students frequent the bar and lounge at the General Lew Wallace Inn with more regularity than most other bars in Crawfordsville. The bar's location on Pike Street just north of campus helps the bar attract students in a way unmatched by other bars around Crawfordsville.

are also not keen on walking downtown when the weather is cold, snowy, or rainy. Sometimes those who choose to drive have issues finding convenient parking. Also, downtown needs to have more than just restaurants. For Hoerl, this disconnect between the students and the city is a possible reason for the ranking. “I think that these ratings need to be taken with a tremendous grain of salt,” Hoerl said. “Crawfordsville is not really all that different from any number of small cities in this great country of ours, but I think that there are certain particulars of the Wabash-Crawfordsville relationship that may leave Wabash men feeling more disconnected from Crawfordsville than students who attend college in other similar towns.” “[The local businesses] need to create a regular reason for students to go downtown on a regular basis,” Scott Hornblower '12 said. Hornblower is a student member of the Engage Wabash committee. Seton Goddard '15, from De Pierre, Wisc. (a suburb of Green Bay), views the lack of businesses as a problem Crawfordsville faces.

“Crawfordsville lacks a lot of the essential components of a good college town: a plethora of unique local restaurants, a wide variety of national chain restaurants beyond fast food, and stores other than Wal-Mart and Kroger,” Goddard said. “Going to local churches on Sundays, participating in their service projects, volunteering at local schools as an aide or a coach, or going out of our way to be gentlemen around town will probably improve our image in town. An improvement in public infrastructure and amenities would greatly enhance Crawfordsville,” Goddard said. Tim Barton, Crawfordsville’s mayor, has proposed long-term economic development opportunities that could provide the economic base for more businesses. Also, Hoerl observes that many people in town don’t know about the College’s events that are athletic, academic, or artistically-driven; many people on campus don’t know what’s going on in town either. If the community addresses these problems, there could be a bright future ahead for Crawfordsville.

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# King's Western Roots Lead Him East

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Sky King '15 has hit the ground running. Coming to Wabash from his home in northern California, King is ready to take advantage of everything Wabash can offer.

Some students complain about the relative isolation of Wabash from worlds of estrogen-filled nightlife, but King embraces the location. Before moving to California he was raised on Kauai, one of the westernmost Hawaiian Islands. While rural Indiana may lack excitement, King says growing up in paradise has its drawbacks.

With the poor education system on his island and low interest of his classmates, King surpassed the school's sixth grade students in reading ability when he was in first grade. He moved to a private school to receive a better education, but this turned out to present new obstacles of its own.

When the Christian administration would not even allow King to bring a Harry Potter book into the school, his family decided it was time to find a place to live that would give him the right opportunities. "My parents leaving (Kauai) taught me a

lot about the importance of my education," said King.

After meeting with a recruiter and then attending a Wabash alumni dinner in San Francisco, King was hooked. "I didn't even apply to any other schools," he said. "Wabash is a small school, but it has such big opportunities."

King had no problem finding these opportunities once he was on campus. Before classes even started, he was in Career Services working on his resume with Paul Liu '12. At Liu's suggestion, King joined Ad Men, a student club that works for opportunities in design, campaigning, and social media marketing.

The club most recently made the posters for the fall National Act, but their services are open to anyone. King was recently promoted to Vice President of the club, and hopes to market their services to alumni in Chicago with a trip there next semester. They are also designing posters for Top Ten Day to inform prospective student families about local restaurants and deals.

Another interest of King's is finance, so he found the newly created Bulls and Bears club for stock market trading perfect for him. As

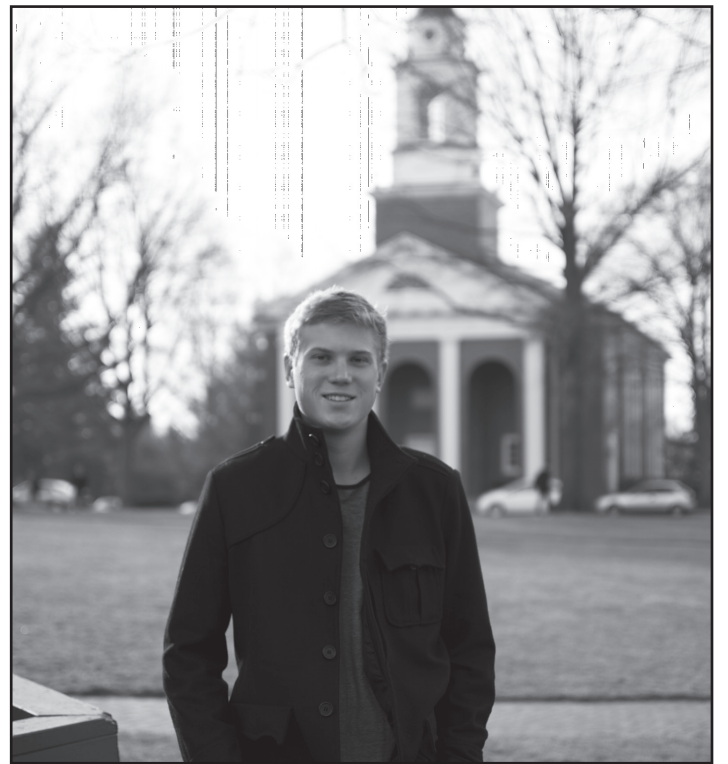
one of eight market managers, King is in charge of a group of analysts and is responsible for one sector of the market.

"Our goal was to get to know companies so well that when they dropped we could make a quick buy," he explained. "But now we're starting to graph discounted cash flow so we can predict when to buy." He hopes that the group's articles can even get funding in the future.

King will be participating in the Business Immersion Program at Wabash over the summer and plans to use his spare time to learn even more about finance. "My real goal is to be the CEO of a big company," King said. "I just need to keep growing and improving to get there."

He is well on his way, adding another leadership role to his resume – External Vice President at Lambda Chi Alpha. "I want to get Wabash to see Lambda Chi for what it really is," he said. "Hopefully we'll get more involved in things like Habitat for Humanity as well."

With the tennis season also underway for King, the responsibilities are really beginning to add up. "Right now I feel like I'm still just starting off at Wa-



KELLY SULLIVAN | WABASH '15

Sky King '15 has become involved in a number of different organizations in his short time at Wabash, including the tennis team, Lambda Chi Alpha, the MXI, Ad Men, and the Investment Club. "I just need to keep growing and improving," King said.

bash," he said. "I don't feel like I've accomplished anything yet, but I want to."

He realizes that this may require some level of adjustment, however. "I want to cut down on involvement to focus on growing." With all the opportunities available to someone with the desire to succeed, it takes effort not to overextend oneself.

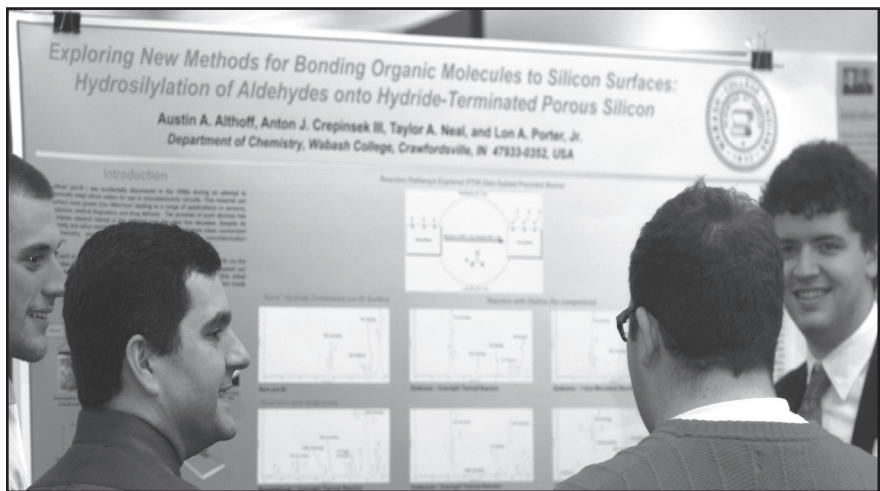
It is certain that King has no shortage of opportunities from which to choose. "I even have some friends back in Hawaii who own a surf shop and pizza shop, so I might be able to go back and learn from them." Whether it is on sunny islands or amongst Indiana cornfields, Sky King is sure to excel.

## Photos from last Friday's Celebration of Student Research



IAN BAUMGARDNER | WABASH '14

Edward Evans '13 shares his research with an onlooker on cdc42 and PBD46, two compounds that together cause cells to become cancerous. Evans's research joined research from nearly 80 other students to compose the 2012 Celebration.



IAN BAUMGARDNER | WABASH '14

Assistant Professor of Chemistry Lon Porter (left) and Taylor Neal '14 (right) present their research on organic molecule bonding to Tyler Wade '12 (center) during last Friday's Celebration for Student Research.

## Senate Allocates Gift Money for Seniors for Indians' Game

**PETER ROBBINS '12**  
**EDITOR IN CHIEF**

Come Friday, May 4, Wabash seniors will have plenty to celebrate, having navigated their way through the rigors of this college while still technically being students in anticipation for a cap-throwing Mother's Day. As an extra cause for festivities, the Senior Council and Student Senate are planning to reward seniors with a complimentary trip to an Indianapolis Indians' game during Senior Week.

"It's a gift from the freshman, sophomore and junior classes to the senior class as a farewell and thank you for being role models to the underclassmen," President of the Student Body Alex Robbins '13 said.

"We're going to purchase two suites at an Indians game on Monday of Senior Week," Robbins said. "We're going to try and provide bus transportation to and from the game."

With the stresses of classes, exams and most extra-curricular activities relieved, seniors will have the rare opportunity of going to Indianapolis on a Monday night for some carefree fun.

"Our biggest hope is that this will provide the senior class with one more opportunity as undergraduates to be together, have dinner and celebrate their accomplishments."

The game the Senate is tentatively planning for will take place on Monday, May 7 at 7:05 p.m.

## Senior Trio Invests in Wabash

**TYLER HARDCASTLE '15**  
**STAFF WRITER**

Seniors Sam Smith, Scott Hornblower, and Nick Smith found a niche they could fill. Ironically, that niche involved teaching Wabash students to find that niche in the investment world.

This spring, the three seniors merged two investment clubs, uniting under the goal of promoting investment practices at Wabash College. The Bulls and Bears Club meets on Wednesdays at seven p.m. in Baxter Hall, with its meetings lasting 30 to 40 minutes.

Drawing in students required the students to apply their own skills previously learned during their years at Wabash.

"We thought, our name is kind of boring so why don't we rebrand ourselves and incorporate some of the things we've learned along the way?" club president Nick Smith said. "We came up with the Bulls and Bears."

Smith co-founded the club along with Hornblower and Sam Smith. They hope to grow the club from its smaller membership last semester as a legacy to future students interested in investment practices.

"We're all seniors, but we're hoping that the process we've built on this year will have a kind of snow ball effect each year," Nick Smith said. "We hope the upper level will become a little more knowledgeable each year and it will just keep going."

The club focuses is on education, investment practice, and networking. The club will have multiple levels of involvement and open to anyone interested in learning about investment.

"We think anyone with a liberal arts education is able to do something like this, one of the most successful Wabash man in investing we've talked to was a philosophy major," Hornblower said.

Presently the club manages a mock portfolio. A mock portfolio is a program that allows the user to invest a hypothetical pool of money. The program then calculates real world earnings of stocks in their portfolio, allowing them to see the results of their investment decisions without financial consequences. As the club grows, the three founding seniors hope to transition from hypothetical money to using real money in the stock market.

The club's leadership, which is mostly seniors, will be administrative, planning meetings and events with alumni. On the next level below, market managers will plan the lectures for the meetings and manage the analysts. Analysts, the newest members of the club, are responsible for researching stocks in a specific market sector.

"Clubs like this hinge on credibility, which requires significant effort from those participating," Hornblower said. New members are not expected to come in with any knowledge, but are expected to learn.



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# Get Out of Town, Princeton Review

As the news of Crawfordsville's very poor ranking in *The Princeton Review* spread through the Wabash campus, everyone seemed to try to explain the publication's justification for placing Crawfordsville just above Tuskegee, AL. One common reason seems to be that Crawfordsville doesn't have many bars that Wabash students frequent very often.

*The Bachelor* urges the Wabash and Crawfordsville communities not to panic about these rankings, which are in no way empirical. For one thing, one must wonder how much time, if any time at all, a ranker from *The Princeton Review* spent in this city, who they interacted with, how many people they spoke with and what they were told. How likely is it that they

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went for a hike at Shades and Pine Hills State Parks or ate pizza at Arni's?

It isn't clear whether "college town" means "town that a college is in" or "town that is conducive to a good college experience." If it is the first, *The Bachelor* would remind *The Princeton Review* that there is an IU campus in Gary, and if it is the second, how is Wabash consistently a top-rated liberal arts college if the town it is in is really so dreadful?

The thing to remember about the ranking in question is that the term "college town," which in reality is flexible in terms of what appeals to different people, is confined to an image of the ideal college setting

fabricated by *The Princeton Review*. They surely are aware of this fallacy, but also are aware that people will listen to whatever they have to say.

The college selection process is governed by rankings. A few spots here and there in whatever publication allows a college or university to be very selective about the facts they gloat about. Naturally, if a college were ranked 60th in *US News and World Report* but 10th in *The Princeton Review*, that college wouldn't say it was, on average, the 35th best in the country.

Is Crawfordsville a booming metropolis with impeccable sustainability scores, great public transportation and several bar strips that could appeal to any personality type? Of course not, but the vast majority of Wabash stu-

dents visited the campus before they decided to attend, got a very good idea of what Crawfordsville was like and decided it was what they wanted.

In a *New York Times* article from last Tuesday entitled "Gaming the College Rankings," the reporter makes it very clear that all ranking systems are incredibly flawed yet very influential.

So be it, if that is the case. Wabash has always been a well-kept secret on the national level, and *The Bachelor* contends that any high school prospective student who lets *The Princeton Review* do his thinking for him probably doesn't belong at Wabash anyway.

In any case, *The Princeton Review* must not have gone to Greencastle...

# SB XLVI Skyrockets Prices Downtown

Whether you are for or against the Super Bowl being in Indianapolis, there is one thing we can all agree on: the price of everything in Indianapolis has sky rocketed. It is basic Economics 101 that when demand for something goes up the price goes up as well, and the Super Bowl is the best example of this.

According to the USA Today the prices for hotels in Indianapolis for Super Bowl weekend are upwards of 1,700% higher than the price for hotels the weekend after the Super Bowl. And all the rooms in downtown Indianapolis hotels are still sold out. Also some people are renting out their houses or apartments for thousands of dollars a night. This is somewhat ridiculous and some people may call it price gouging. However, the price inflation is not limited to hotels.

If you are from Indiana and just want to travel down to Super Bowl Village, the price for parking for one spot can cost you anywhere from \$30 to \$50 for the day. You also have to be willing to walk because that is for spots far away from the actual Super Bowl village.

Also if you are hoping to drink I would suggest you bring your own flask. A can of beer in the Super Bowl Village bars are \$7 for domestic and \$9 for imports. A small glass of Baby Foot wine costs \$6, or as much as it would cost for a pack of 4 of them at the grocery store. However, if you are looking for deals, the restaurants have kept their prices around the same, but the wait to get a seat can be hours.

Also, the Super Bowl Experience exhibit is not

worth \$25 at all. Sure you can get autographs from ex-NFL players or cheerleaders, but the amount of time you wait in line is ridiculous. To do one of the games of kicking the balls or tossing them or running was over an hour-long wait. To see the Lombardi trophy you have to wait over two hours. However, if you pay \$46 you can cut the lines and get to do everything right away. So unless you are willing to shovel out \$46 or wait in really long lines the Super Bowl Experience is not worth it. Finally the light show at 9PM is also not worth it. It is just a bunch of swirling lights in the street, which they do at sunset anyways. So the light show is another thing you should not waste your time waiting on.

However, for all of the price gouging and all the things you should not do, if you still want to go down to the Super Bowl Village there are some fun things to do. There are free concerts everyday on the stages in the Super Bowl Village. Some of the acts are really good, including the Fray and LMFAO. Also, there are really impressive ice sculptures and not to mention it is pretty awesome to see downtown Indianapolis decked out in Super Bowl signs and fanfare. You can meet a lot of people from around the state and country, and you can see ESPN sportscasters, NFL players, and some famous musicians. The zipline down Georgia Street is incredible and is very cheap, only around \$15. The only problem is the line for the zipline is usually 2 to 3 hours long. Finally, they are having a Celebrity Beach Bash for free at Victory Field on Saturday morning and afternoon, which is sup-



STEVAN STANKOVICH '12  
OPINION COLUMNIST

posed to be amazing.

So in summary, unless you want to wait in long lines and you can handle crowds I would not go to the Super Bowl village. However, how many times will the Super Bowl be held in Indianapolis? My answer is not until we build another \$700 million stadium. So on that note I can deal with both the crowds and long lines especially with a little help from a beer or two, a free concert, and friends the Super Bowl village can be a lot of fun and that is where I am planning to be for my Super Bowl Friday and Saturday.

I hope whatever you decide to do you will all have a safe and fun Super Bowl weekend. I also hope that the Patriots get buried and crushed by the Giants. If a Manning wins the Super Bowl that is a good thing for Indianapolis and if Brady breaks an arm it is even better. Finally I hope that you will be able to enjoy the game, a couple drinks, amazing food, and friends and have a great Super Bowl weekend!

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# Noticing Discrimination not ‘Race Card’

Few quality conversations happen after 2am on a Friday night. Perhaps the emptied bottles of Jager, exhaustion from a week’s worth of classes and the toxic goodness of a late-night taco bell run contribute to this lack of meaningful gab, but last Friday night was abnormal. While the battle for Rocha is still raging on, my fraternity brother asked “if we were going to use the race card to further our argument.” I then proceeded to grab my wallet and search for this special card that apparently only we minorities possessed. Fumbling around a debit card, social security card and a coupon to Jimmy John’s, I never could find it.

Obviously the race card is not a physical or tangible thing, but just as asinine was my physically searching for it, so is this idea of a phantom card always lingering in the back pockets of minorities, waiting to be unleashed on some poor innocent white person. The race card is similar to a credit card in that not being fully aware of its functions can lead to some pretty messy outcomes and equally dangerous consequences. So I decided to educate myself on the origins of this term and more importantly what that means about race relations.

Made widely popular during the

O.J. Simpson’s trial, the term “race card” actually originated in the mid 1900’s in England through political bickering. As more people of color began immigrating to England, politicians capitalized on the fears of the “native” citizens by using derogatory campaign slogans detailing the potential threat of living next door to the “evil” black man. All this of course could be avoided by voting the right way. These politicians were said to be pulling “the race card.” Today that meaning has inverted and can be defined as the attempt to gain some sort of edge or advantage using your own race to make another race feel guilty.

Johnny Cochran, Simpson’s lawyer, and his brilliant display of tact and guile during the trial helped America to commandeer the term as their own. So it is not uncommon for people to think anytime a person of color brings race up during a dispute as a potential contributing factor for said dispute, that he/she is using their race card. It is also true that some minorities are quick to blame their problems on racial prejudices. However wrong that may be it is equally problematic for whites to assume every time race is brought it up, it is just another “down with the white man” rant. There actually may be

some deep, even unconscious, racial prejudice blanketed by ignorance. The race card is a term that should be eliminated from our verbal lexicon. It undermines the intelligence and threatens the security of minorities. Racism is such a taboo topic in America, so the days of burning crosses in Negro lawns are over. More surreptitious and subtle approaches to racial discriminatory practices are taken; practices that may not always be seen by the naked or white eye, but can be spotted by someone who has been trained or conditioned to see such injustice. This conditioning often times is of no fault of the one being conditioned. Precariously advancing through life will present some “unique” training opportunities.

Have I been excluded from things based on race alone? You bet your bottom dollar, yes I have. Even more alarming some of these exclusions occurred here at Wabash. However, “looking” for these problems is detrimental. If everyone in Fiji has a slice a pie and I sit with nothing, shouting “racism” is ridiculous. Maybe the real reason why I don’t have any pie is because I was ten minutes late to dinner or there just wasn’t enough to go around.

The race card doesn’t exist in the



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physical or the metaphorical. It is cop out on both sides of the spectrum. Race is sticky, provocative and confusing, but it doesn’t have to be the end all be all. So to Dustin Durnell’14, my fraternity brother, no I won’t be using the race card to help Rocha during this difficult time. One because it doesn’t exist or at least I couldn’t find it and two because it is my belief that the College has come a long way in diversity, but there is still a whole lot of room for improvement. I have brought up the lack of diversity amongst faculty because a short empirical observation of the college will show any body that we are lacking in that department. Why? Well, it could be and is a number of factors which may include conscious or unconscious unhealthy racial practices. However, I did not swipe a race card to come to this conclusion, just as a gay person doesn’t swipe his “gay card” to combat homophobia or a woman for sexism.

# The Student Body Should Be Proud

The students of Wabash College should be very proud. Two years ago, when the Challenge of Excellence kicked off, then-Wabash students Jake German ‘11 and Cody Stipes ’11, presidents of the Sphinx Club and Student Body, respectively, made a promise on behalf of the student body to contribute to the fundraising efforts that will serve as a crucial part of the College’s financial plans. The promise was made that we, as a collective whole, would contribute \$10,000 of our student budgets to one pillar of the campaign. German challenged us to push for \$25,000.

As of this week, the Student Body has paid \$25,000 to the Challenge of Excellence.

Now some students might find it troubling that \$25,000 was given over the past 2 years to a College cause, rather than being doled out to clubs and organizations. While claims like that could be defended by explaining that nearly 80 percent of that money was reverted back to the Senate by clubs, the action does not require defense. It requires a simple look into what the contribution is for and what the contribution means.

The Student Senate, last semester, under the leadership of Steve Henke ’12 and Tyler Wade ’12, made the decision that the donations made by the Student Body should go to the scholarship pillar of the Challenge of Excellence. So, by forgoing a few extra dinners and parties, the Student Body has made an investment in the future, not of the College’s academic plan or infrastructure efforts, but in men. Wabash men.

Future Wabash men, whether it be two or three, or a few more, will have a better opportunity to attend this place we all hold so dear because of our selfless contribution to their intel-



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lectual well-being and their development from men into better men and students into responsible citizens. And isn’t that what we do? As Wabash men, we pick each other up, help each other out, and do everything we can to foster an environment that allows our fellow classmates to succeed. Now, we have extended these courtesies to the next generation of Wabash men, or at least the next class or two.

That’s what it did, here’s what it means: It means that, unlike too many people in this world, we do what we say we will do. We say we love this College and we say that we will take care of it, leave it better than we found it, and ensure that it stays Wabash and continues to leave a lasting impression on the world by creating critical thinkers who live humanely. This was the first step.

Collectively, our classes, when old and gray, will give much more than \$25,000 and no large footprints will be left by our gift. But it should not be thought of as pointless or worthless, and definitely should not be forgotten. Gentlemen, you have made your first contribution (other than tuition) to Wabash College. Remember it when you make your next, as this was a collective contribution made by this band of brothers that President White told us all about in our Ringing-In Ceremonies.

We say we will take care of Wabash. We do take care of Wabash. We should be very proud.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir:

In the Bachelor’s recent staff editorial “Emails [sic] Wars Are Ungentlemanly,” the authors brought to light an important issue. To be sure, this issue is one that is apparently “more pressing” than the issue of whether the College will keep on one of its beloved professors.

The editorial, in reference to the recent email war concerning Dr. Rocha’s continued employment at Wabash, criticized those who “choose to hide behind a keyboard rather than participate in true debate or offer a public exchange of ideas.” It was also readily apparent to the editorial staff that the email war was due to the fact that “there is nothing better to do because it’s cold and we live in Crawfordsville.”

Where was the Bachelor when 30+ emails were spent arguing a slight preference for Machine Gun Kelly over Kid Kudi? Nobody ever complained about that. Why? Because it was an unthreatening debate. Nobody had anything to lose (or gain). It wasn’t serious.

But everyone (and it would be dishonest not to include myself in this group) gets uncomfortable whenever we talk about something serious such as retaining a faculty member who has had a profound impact on this campus. This is a debate that matters. The decision to retain Dr. Rocha would positively effect generations of future Wabash men. And—what’s even better—we as students at Wabash at this point in time have an opportunity to make our voices heard and possibly change the outcome. But we have to be willing to do something serious. We have to be willing to put more of ourselves on the line than simply expressing our preference for some band.

I think it is important for the campus to realize that the recent email wars have not been the first or only action taken by the students to keep Dr. Rocha at Wabash. As early as last year, during his Owen Dustan review, several students expressed to the Teacher Education and Philosophy departments how much they thought he fit in at Wabash. Last semester, a group of students sent a letter to Dean Phillips asking that his position be extended into a tenure-track position at the College. After that, several individual students met with the Dean concerning the same issue. The latest email war and demonstration was certainly a bit more pushy than these early efforts, but I think it expresses how passionately students feel about this.

I make these observations not to criticize. I know that there are issues that the students don’t understand. Instead, I bring this up hopefully to help the campus understand why the conversation has reached such a feverish pitch.

I, for one, do not believe anyone on campus is intentionally trying to silence the students. However, I do think people (students, faculty, and administrators alike) are uncomfortable with serious discussion that has serious consequences—and rightfully so. Serious things are not always comfortable. Let’s not, though, try to call each other disrespectful or ungentlemanly when what we really mean is, you make me uncomfortable. As Dr. Webb said in his Chapel Talk last week, nobody has the right to not be annoyed.

Sincerely,  
Zachary J. Rohrbach ’12

## Food for Thought:

Where would the Princeton Review rank in a national survey of college ranking publications?

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# Hallelujah! For J.J.'s

JOHN DYKSTRA '13  
CAVELIFE EDITOR

After being rated the second worst college town in the nation by the *Princeton Review*, Crawfordsville may have something to celebrate. The sam-mich gods have summoned Jimmy John's to Crawfordsville.

Crawfordsville already has four Subways spread throughout the town. Jimmy John's, though it is also a sub sandwich restaurant, differs from Subway. For one, J.J.'s is quicker because of its fast food style menu. It's like ordering a hamburger without pickles and onions but on a sub instead of a burger. Subway is well-known for its long lines, but that's because every sub is made to order.

Jimmy John's has a delivery option, and you can place orders online. Finally, Wallies have a healthier delivery option than the standard greasy pizza. Students can simply place an order and have their food delivered while studying at the same time. And for those who don't want it freak fast, the restaurant is not that far away from campus. Located just off of 231, J.J.'s is near some of Crawfordsville's tried and true fast food joints such as Arby's and Burger King.

J.J.'s only drawbacks are its hours and the fact that it doesn't serve breakfast. Jimmy John's opens at 11 a.m. and closes at 10 p.m. Monday thru Sunday. So, the Jimmy John's delivery man certainly will not be as busy as the pizza guy on weekends, and those late night food runs might take a little more planning. The restaurant's late opening time does not make breakfast an option. Subway, on the other hand, opens daily at 7 a.m. and closes at 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Granted, most guys won't be getting breakfast at 7 a.m. anyway—if at all.



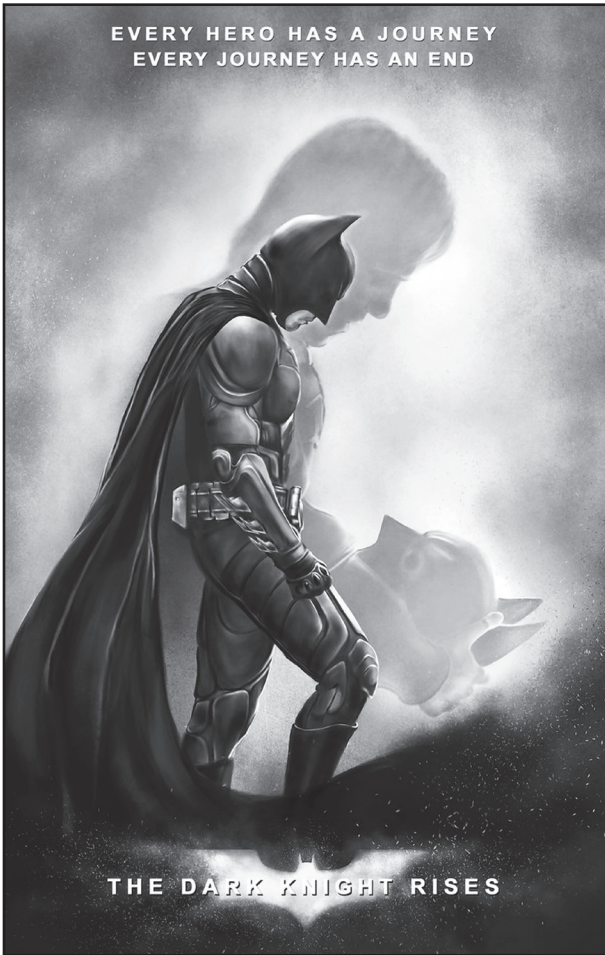
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Sebastian Garren '14, Sam Rocha, and Sam Bennett '14 enjoy their subs from Jimmy John's.

Jimmy John's also offers a decent amount of food for its prices. A regular eight inch sub is \$4.50, whereas Subway has the \$5 footlong, depending on what sandwich you get. That's where a decision needs to be made. Those who like Jimmy John's will ignore the price difference. Specialty subs at Jimmy John's cost about the same as getting a footlong specialty sub at Subway. But, J.J.'s stacks its specialty subs with plenty of meat, cheese, and veggies. It costs about \$1.50 extra to add more meat—about the

same rate Subway charges—but the regular amount of meat on every sandwich is enough to satisfy an average person.

Jimmy John's adds another dinning option to Crawfordsville. The restaurant is convenient for Wabash students because of its delivery services and online ordering option. Its prices are reasonable for the amount of food that is offered. Most importantly, Crawfordsville has brought in a food chain that is both healthy and popular.



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The *Dark Knight Rises* headline's this year's surge of movie sequels.

## The Sequel to a Year of Sequels

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27 movie sequels were released in 2011, which set a record for the most movie sequels released in one year. The trend will continue into 2012, with another 22 sequels scheduled to be released this year.

Sequels are an important part of the film industry because they are a safe investment for a movie studio. With the cost of production of some movies being greater than 200 million dollars, major cinema companies are less willing to finance movies that may not succeed. The easiest way for a movie studio to ensure high profits is to create movies that will have a large following due to the manner that the prequel was received.

In 2011, the top five film studios accounted for 72 percent of the overall market share; the 140 other studios reached only a combined twenty-eight percent of the film market. Most of the movies released into theatres are the product of one of these five studios. Consumers must support smaller, original movies in order to preserve the American film industry.

In the year 2000, the top five movie studios accounted for 62 percent of the market share; if this

trend of increasing the gap between major and minor studios continues, the United States' film industry is poised to lose its originality. The five studios that control the market now are: Paramount, Warner Bros., Sony/Columbia, Buena Vista, and Universal. The highest grossing movie for four of the five largest film companies in 2011 was a sequel.

This threatens the independent film industry and the future of American films. Classic films such as, *The Terminator*, *Donnie Darko*, *The Usual Suspects*, and *Reservoir Dogs* all began as independent films. A *Beautiful Mind* was released by a minor movie studio. If consumers continue to fund the remakes and sequels of the major movie studios at the expense of other or lower budget productions they run the risk of restricting what will be made into movies.

This year do not just watch *The Dark Knight Rises*, or *Men in Black III*; see *Life of Pi*, *Red Tails*, or *The Hunger Games*. If consumers support the smaller film studios they can both bring back the originality to Hollywood and directly influence the films being released.

2011 was undoubtedly the year of movie sequels, and movie producers look to continue that trend into 2012.

## Nada Surf's Talent Reaches Surface with New LP

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Nada Surf has always been something of a sad story on the indie and alternative scene. Formed in New York City, they've been at it, that whole music thing, since 1992. Since then, they've been something of an interesting case. In 1996, they struck it big with *Popular*, an angsty, teen drama-filled ironic piece about how ridiculous everyone was for liking this stuff. Thrown into the late grunge scene as a "One Hit Wonder", Nada Surf was regarded with little admiration, only a fleeting memory of what could have been.

Now, four years after their last full LP, *Lucky*, they've returned to their original sound with *Stars are Indifferent to Astronomy*. The first tracks, "Clear Eye Clouded Mind" and "Waiting for Something" definitely feel like something from the late 90's and early 2000's. Filled with little chord variation, layered vocals, and driving drums to make a dancey, fun piece of music. Then, "Waiting for Something" comes on and it follows the form with more variation but sticking to the formula presented in the early tracks.

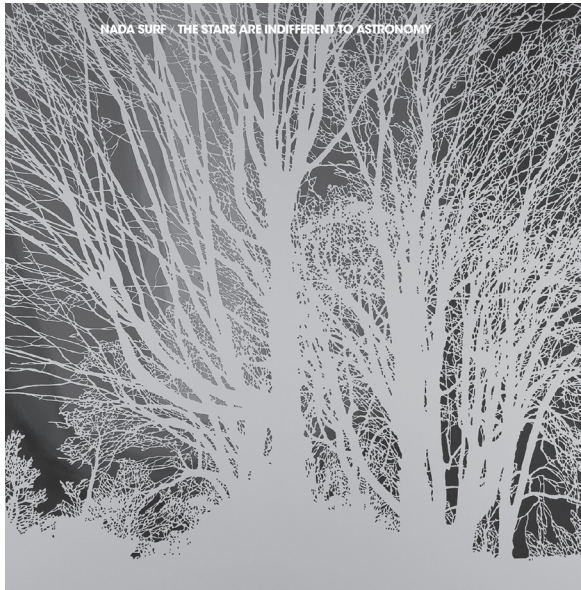
For those of you who read this column regularly, I've talked about how simple chord structures and layered vocals bore me, and are left for sell outs like Nickelback. With Nada Surf's new LP, it seems like they're trending down the path of the mainstream

wasteland, filled with pop rock and sullen eyes, but the CD itself, and their past show that this is probably not the case, and I'm just a paranoid hipster who turns on anyone that goes simple that isn't Spoon. In reality, Nada Surf is a really malleable band that has shown that they can consistently change and stay together throughout it.

If anything, it's borderline troublesome change is possibly a good thing for the band. In the past, they've been, more or less, a slave to the trend. The reason why *High/Low*, the LP that had "Popular" on it, was so popular was because it was similar to everything that was cool at the time, Alternative Grunge; and the reason *Weight is a Gift* was so popular in the Indie community was because it was like all the post-punk revival stuff, like Interpol and The Strokes, with a dance twist.

With *Stars are Indifferent to Astronomy*, their sound is a mix between driven rock, with country, emo, and indie sensibilities. It sounds similar to something on the radio, but its essence is so incredibly different that they've finally found a niche. This album may be the breaking point where Nada Surf is finally not a footnote in Indie history, but a band in the blessed echelon of artists like Belle and Sebastian, the Decemberists, and Foster the People who have become successful outside of the indie community.

Hopefully this is the case for the band, which has been around for so long without any real acknowl-



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Nada Surf shoots to prove that they are not a "one hit wonder" type of band with their latest LP *The Stars Are Indifferent to Astronomy*. The album shows some nostalgia for early 90s music.

edgement outside of their one hit wonder. The only aspect that's holding them back is their real lack of deep lyrics, which has been a problem throughout their existence; their songs are riddled with unneeded repetition which shows a lack of ideas. But stranger things have happened; the Smashing Pumpkins became world famous with horrible lyrics.



# Tigers Fall Off Lilly Pad

BRANDAN ALFORD '12  
SPORTS EDITOR

After struggling through the tail end of January, the Wabash basketball team needed a spark. They had lost four of their last six games, including two in a row. Things were starting to slip out of control in terms of the NCAC race. The Little Giants needed a win.

On Wednesday night, in hostile conditions on the road, Wabash (15-5 overall, 7-4 NCAC) got just that. The Little Giants traveled to rival DePauw (12-8, 6-5), and left Greencastle with a much-needed 65-63 victory.

After struggling to only 24 points in

the first half, the Little Giants trailed the host Tigers by one. Those offensive struggles continued early in the second half with DePauw stretching their lead to seven midway through the second half.

But sparked by an inspired effort by several reserves, the Little Giants erased that deficit and came away with a hard-fought, conference win at just the right time.

"Those guys came in and gave us just what we needed," coach Antoine Carpenter said. "They gave us a spark, and hit some big shots."

Junior Pete Nicksic and sophomore Andy Walsh both finished with 11 points apiece off the Wabash bench, with Walsh hitting a pair of threes that turned the tide in the Little Giants' favor.

"He did exactly what we expected him to do," Carpenter said. "He came in ready and knocked down some shots. We expect him to be ready to shoot."

"What he was able to do was having a lot of confidence in your shooting ability. The shots he took were good three-point shots, and he knocked them down at a time when we really needed them."

As the game winded down, however, it was senior Derek Bailey who stole the show, hitting a pair of jumpshots and several free throws down the stretch to give Wabash a road win.

After knocking down a pair of three-pointers in the game's opening minutes, Bailey was quiet throughout the middle portion of the game, but he made his presence felt down the stretch. The senior forward finished



IAN BAUMGARDNER | WABASH '14

Freshman Houston Hodges applies defensive pressure in Wednesday's win.

with a game-high 19 points on 7-14 shooting from the field, including 3-6 from three-point range.

"This was a big game that we needed him to score," Carpenter said. "We are a better team when he is scoring the basketball because he attracts a lot of attention."

"We are at our best when he is playing well."

A player well-known for feeding off the energy of the crowd, Bailey was at his best when the crowds were at their loudest and the tension was at its highest on Wednesday night.

"Both teams want to win, and when you get two winning teams going up against each other, it is going to be a dogfight every time, and we love

those situations," Bailey said.

This win certainly was big for a team that had limped through January, hoping to secure a top-4 berth in the upcoming NCAC tournament.

"This was huge," Bailey said. "It is huge to get a road win in the NCAC. It was an enormous win for us to take that into Wooster."

After starting 12-1, the Little Giants are looking to build from this emotional win as they prepare to travel to Wooster on Saturday.

Carpenter put his team's status into perspective following Wednesday night's win.

"Today is February 1st, and right now we are 1-0 in February, and that is how we are looking at it."



IAN BAUMGARDNER | WABASH '14

Senior Aaron Zinnerman finished with 14 points against rival DePauw.

# Relay Team Sets Sights on Record

KYLE BENDER '12  
STAFF WRITER

While most of the Wabash Track and Field team will be competing next weekend at the DePauw Invitational, Coach Roger Busch will load up a van and travel to Boston, Mass. with his highly-regarded distance medley team.

The medley, consisting of relay legs of 1200-, 400-, 800-, and 1600-meters, is considered one of the most exciting events in the sport as it combines the individual specialties of runners into one race.

Last weekend, the foursome of Cole Hruskovich '14, John Haley '13, Jake Waterman '13, and Kevin McCarthy '12 broke the school record in the distance medley relay (DMR) at the Indiana University Relays with a time of 10:00.35. It is the fastest time this season by a Division III school by nearly 13 seconds.

The team will head to the elite Boston race with their eyes on an even bigger honor – the Division III national record of 9:49, which was set at this race last year. The meet annually draws many of the region's fastest competitors and often serves as a springboard toward qualifying for Indoor Nationals. Last year, six of the 10 teams who competed at Nationals came from this race.

"We've been putting the pieces together for this team the past few years," Busch said. "We first broke the school record two years ago, and have been knocking off a few seconds each time since."



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Junior Jake Waterman is one of four members of Wabash's Distance Medley Relay team.

"This year, we knew that we had something special. Since it is Kevin's senior year and Jake as the reigning national runner-up in the 800, Coach Morgan and I wanted to make sure this team had all the opportunities to make a run at it. That's how Boston came into the equation."

With the depth of the Wabash Track program

this year, it should come as no surprise that teammates are still jockeying for positions in the event. Waterman will run the 800-meter portion of the race and McCarthy will provide the finishing leg as the 1600-meter runner.

However, Busch said that while he has an idea of who will likely fill the other two spots in Boston, the final team will be determined from the results of a runoff this weekend.

"The competition has certainly made our team better," he said. "There are a lot of guys who would love to make that trip and have a chance to set a record and compete for a national championship. It's a special trip but you can't take everyone."

Senior Sam Starbuck, an integral member of the Wabash Track program, will also make the trip. Starbuck will serve as Busch's copilot for the long journey, helping to divide the driving while the relay team relaxes and prepares for the Saturday morning race. Starbuck will also have the opportunity to run in the open races in the afternoon.

Busch believes the taxing road trip over Valentine Day's weekend will pay off in the long run.

"I've thought a lot about race strategy for Boston and have something up my sleeve," he said. "We've yet to run this race against teams who will push us – normally, we're either lapping people or out in front by ourselves. From an administrative side, it was frustrating because we need the competition for faster times. But as long as everyone stays healthy, I think we can do something really big in Boston."

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News On the Go...

# Tennis Opens Spring Schedule

BRANDAN ALFORD '12  
SPORTS EDITOR

After a pair of fall matches, the Wabash Tennis team opens its spring schedule on Thursday when it plays host to Franklin College at the Wabash Tennis Complex.

The Little Giants return four of its six starters from last spring's singles lineup and a pair of doubles teams who enjoyed successful seasons in 2011. Coach Jason Hutchison's squad will be led by the return of senior Peter Gunderman and sophomore Daniel Delgado at Nos. 1 and 2 singles, respectively.

Also returning to the fray will be sophomore Wade Miller and Junior Ian Leonard at singles. In doubles competition, a pair of teams return in 2012 after posting winning records a year ago. Delgado and Miller had a 15-13 record

last spring at No. 1 doubles while Leonard and senior Evan Bayless teamed up for a 18-9 record at No. 3 doubles.

"We have been working a lot on doubles; we need to be able to start quick and get out to an early lead with doubles points," Hutchison said. "We have been trying to find different combinations that work. We want to keep those doubles teams together, because they have played well together in the past."

An experienced, veteran squad is one that Hutchison will lean on this spring, especially with a limited preseason. As opposed to in years past, the team was limited to two weeks of preparation before this week's opening matches.

"We have had to really get after it," Hutchison said. "It seems like it has been a bit of a

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# Wrestlers Turn in Impressive Performances

**TYLER WADE '12**  
**STAFF WRITER**

In one of his last meets heading into this month's NCAA Regional, senior Greg Rhoads did the same thing he has done the rest of his Wabash career. Win.

Rhoads took the individual title at the Pete Willson Wheaton Invitational in the 184-pound weight class, knocking off wrestlers from Ohio Northern, Wheaton, and Mount Union before defeating Aaron Stevenson from the University of Indianapolis in the final match.

The senior was pleased with his performance and his progression this season, "It's a huge tournament and it feels good to win it again. Last year it gave me a huge confidence boost and let me know that I'm starting to peak and I feel the same way about this year."

Last season Rhoads captured the regional championship and finished 8th in the NCAA Division III meet, earning him all-American status. He has his sights set even higher this time.

"Qualifying for nationals is always a great honor, but since I did it last year it's not as huge just to qualify this year," Rhoads said, "I'm looking to move up the podium and put my name in the record books here at Wabash."

While he is still hungry for more, Rhoads has already left his name in the record books. His 130 wins leave his second on the all-time list, behind

only Chris Healy's 159 wins.

As he moves into the finals weeks of his wrestling career, Rhoads says the wrestling program is in better shape than when he arrived on campus from Hillsboro, Ohio.

"My freshman year we were a mediocre team that didn't really have the drive to succeed at a higher level," Rhoads said, "we have brought in some good recruiting classes, preached our style of wrestling and how we want to conduct ourselves as a team and I think the whole team is really starting to buy in."

The team has had a strong stretch of late, including an impressive showing at the Max Servies Duals. The Little Giants posted a perfect 5-0 record at the event. Wabash defeated Knox, Ohio Northern, Wisconsin-Platteville, Milwaukee School of Engineering, and Central during the two-day event.

The victory over Milwaukee School of Engineering held special significance for the Wabash program as it was the 600th in school history. After falling behind early, the Little Giants stormed back with seven straight victories, including five consecutive pins to earn the win.

A couple of weeks ago, Head Coach Brian Anderson preached the importance of doing the little things right every day to make sure the team is ready for the NCAA Regional. That same attention to detail is what Rhoads credits for putting the team in the position they are today.

"They do the little things right to succeed."



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Senior Greg Rhoads is having an impressive season.

Everyone has the same goal—a regional title for the team and they are working towards making that come true."

Wabash will compete in two meets before the NCAA Regional. The Little Giants travel to Ohio two consecutive weekends before the Regional at Case-Western in Cleveland on February 25th.

# Out of State Athletes Make Transition, Impact

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

Being a college athlete has its own special set of challenges. Throw in the fact that home is over a thousand miles away and things become even more challenging. Recently, the Wabash College sports teams have been recruiting more out of state athletes, many of which have made a significant impact on the Wabash community.

"Most of the time when we recruit them it's because they sent us a questionnaire," Coach Morgan said, "I know that we recruit each one differently, because we have to see how tough they are mentally."

Wabash is known as a challenging place; tack on athletics and not being from Indiana makes for a demanding schedule. Recently there have been numerous athletes from Arizona and California that come to Wabash in pursuit of continuing their athletic and academic careers.

"When I first came to Wabash it was hard for me. I didn't know anybody, it was cold, and there was a culture shock coming from a big city to Crawfordville.

"Also I came from a big family with a lot of brothers, so I missed



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Junior Chase Belton has thrived on the football field since coming to Wabash.

them a lot too." Vann Hunt said.

These are all things that out of state students deal with, but being an athlete adds another pressure as well. Having out of state athletes can be a big help to any program. For example, Johnathan Koop, Vann Hunt, Nate Scola along with Chase Belton and Tyler Burke are from out of state. And each of those players were key contributors to the football team,

especially in the postseason.

"Having them around definitely adds another level of diversity," Morgan said. "Plus it helps out the local guys too. We can say look at how tough this guy is coming from out of state deal with everything that comes with it. And if an out of state guy can come to an all-male college, then it can't be that bad."

But with that extra level of diversity comes an extra level of responsibility. For every out of state success story in athletics, there is another one where the outcome didn't have a storybook ending. It's a situation that calls for extra attention from the coaches, who are often the player's first contact with the college.

"You really have to watch them early," Morgan said. "You need to make sure that they get around the right guys, making sure that they get off on the right foot. But most of all we need to make sure that they trust us make sure they know we care about them outside of athletics."

The culture of Wabash students and athletes certainly help make that transition at least a little easier.

"One of the things that made me feel at home here is that the type of guys here, they treat you like equals, which made me feel not so alone."

And the coaching staff helped out a lot, they were checking in on us, inviting us over for dinner, really making us feel at home here. I could tell that they truly cared about me, I wasn't just someone who was going to win games for them," Hunt said.

Another draw to Wabash College is the fact that you can pair good sports teams with a great education. Which is something that has become a rarity on the west coast and in surrounding areas. On top of that at Wabash everyone is expected to graduate in four years, with at places like Arizona University and the State and University system in California graduating seniors often take five years to earn their degree.

"Not only did I get to continue my athletics but I'm also getting a good education," Hunt said.

Wabash is a challenging place to be at, especially for those who travel across the country to pursue athletics along with an education. Although for nearly every out of state athlete it has become a home away from home.

"All the stuff you go through is hard and it sucks, but once you look back at it you realize how rewarding it is and see that you became a man because of it."

## Tennis

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hurry-up situation to get ready for Thursday. Their experience is huge. All of these guys have match experience, even my sophomores. They have played in big matches and big points. In the long run that is huge for us."

A year ago, Gunderman took his lumps at No. 1 singles, struggling to a 4-14 record. But Hutchison feels like that experience was one Gunderman has grown from.

"He's excited to be a senior, and he has made it clear that he wants this to be a special season," Hutchison said. "He is willing to do what it takes and be a non-vocal leader out there for us."

For Delgado, this second season at Wabash comes with raised expectations after an impressive freshman year. Hutchison looks for similar gains in his second year on campus.

"From the time he started as a freshman, it was amazing how much he grew in just one season. He really started to understand what it took to play at this level. This season I am expecting more out of him."

After seeing limited action as freshman, Nate Koelper and Phil Kubisz

look to make a more significant impact on the court in their second season at Wabash. Koelper posted a 3-3 record a year ago while Kubisz won both of the singles matches he competed in last season.

Also looking to crack the lineup will be newcomer Michael Doebler and Sky King.

After hosting the Grizzlies on Thursday, the Little Giants will travel to Illinois to visit Augustana and Monmouth Colleges for a pair of matches on Saturday.

"Those two matches are against teams that are ranked higher than us, so it's going to be a battle," Hutchison said. "I want to see who wants to win."

Wabash will then enjoy an extended stay in Crawfordville as the Little Giants are home for the next six matches before the team's spring break trip. Wabash will head west for four matches in southern California.

"That is going to be a grind," Hutchison said. "We are going to have to spend the weeks leading up to that trip working on our singles games. The biggest thing about spring break is that it is a great team-building experience. We all spend the week together in the same house, and the guys get to know each other."

"That really prepares us for the second half of our schedule."



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