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Wabash Hosts NCAC Track Meet

BRANDAN ALFORD '12
SPORTS EDITOR

Wabash College will play host this weekend to the North Coast Athletic Conference indoor track and field meet. The Little Giants will do so as the defending champions after capturing the men's title a year ago.

Events will take place all day Friday and Saturday as Crawfordsville becomes home for the conference's nine men's teams and eight women's squads for the weekend at the Robert H. Johnson track in Knowing Fieldhouse. The weekend's events have been a work in progress for several months as the school gets a rare chance to host the conference championship.

"It's a lot of work, but we have taken care of business in terms of preparation months ago," Wabash coach Clyde Morgan said. "Now it's just tying up the loose ends."

The Wabash facility in Knowing Fieldhouse is among the best in the conference, featuring a 200-meter, six-lane indoor track, enclosed long jump and triple-jump pits, and electronic timing.

The Little Giants have the opportunity to host the meet due to the NCAC's policy of rotating the championships among member schools with the facilities needed to host. Morgan feels like that policy is



JOE SUKUP | WABASH '15

Beginning today, the Wabash Indoor Track and Field Team, defending champions of the NCAC, host the conference meet in Knowing Fieldhouse. Wabash runners (from left) Kenny Farris '12, Colin Dunlap '12 and Jared Burris '15 are shown at Rose-Hulman on Jan. 28.

great not only for the schools, but for the student-athletes.

"You want to do it right, not only for your athletes, but for the conference so we can show them why we should rotate," Morgan said. "It takes some pressure off the same coach and institution hosting every year."

"More importantly, it gives our student-athletes a chance to see the conference. I told the conference coaches from the beginning that we are denying our student-athletes from the experience to see the entire conference. That is what I really like about bouncing the conference meet around, to be able

to see each other's campuses."

The Little Giants will certainly enjoy an element of familiarity in this year's conference meet, not one to be overlooked according to Morgan.

"Little things like being able to look up and see your parents in the same spot, seeing familiar faces in the crowd, those are big deals," Morgan said. "They keep you calm, but it gets you pumped up at the same time. We have that advantage that none of the current athletes around the conference have ever run here."

While their opponents will be competing on the Johnson track for the first

time, Wabash's athletes will literally be right at home.

"We run on this track every day and we know the environment," assistant coach Roger Busch said. "Most, if not all, of the schools have never been here. It's a completely new environment for them. We get to rock it out in front of a home crowd."

The ability to host is not only motivation for the Little Giants because of the familiarity of the facilities and lack of travel, but also for the rarity of hosting the conference meet.

"Motivation is paramount for Coach Morgan and I because as the conference is currently formatted, we rotate between all the schools

who have indoor facilities," Busch said. "At the earliest, it will be seven years before we can host again."

If you are on the track team now, this is your only chance to host the conference meet, and you want to take care of business. We use that as motivation, and hopefully it works."

Tickets for the meet can be purchased Friday and Saturday in Knowing Fieldhouse. The cost of admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children (18 years and under) while students with a valid NCAC school ID get in free. Two-day passes are available for \$10.

Spring Break in Big Apple, Nation's Capital

JACOB BURNETT '15
STAFF WRITER

Last week, *The Bachelor* covered two immersion trips that were going abroad. This week *The Bachelor* is covering two immersion trips that are staying in the United States. Professor of Political Science Dr. David Hadley and his class are traveling to Washington D.C. Professor of Art Dr. Doug Calisch is taking a handful of art majors to New York City. These immersion trips will grant these students the opportunity to add flesh to what they have been studying.

Hadley's class has studied Congress as an institution. They are learning the ins and outs of Congress as it operates today. Hadley has also focused on looking at Congress as it has changed over the past 30 or 40 years. In addition, the students do group reports on previous healthcare policy initiatives. Hadley hoped his students would gain valuable insight into the working of Congress, the executive, and interest groups.

"I am hoping that they put some flesh on what might look like an abstract institution," Dr. Hadley said. "...I am hopeful that students will see that Congress, the president, and policy making structures are not abstract institutions. There are real people involved trying to shape policy that affects us all."

Hadley's class will meet with members of Congress and congressional staff. He is trying to schedule a session with Representative Todd Rokita and meeting with Senator



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Wabash students are shown at a stop in Vienna, Austria during last year's spring break. This year, along with trips to Mexico and Italy, classes will be traveling to New York City and Washington, D.C.

Richard Lugar. He hopes to talk to congressional staff members who deal with healthcare issues. In addition, his class will tour the capitol. The class will have a session with people from NPR who report on Congress and the presidency. His class will also meet with a variety of members in interest groups that are affected by and try to affect healthcare policy.

"As a freshman, I'm really excited to have the opportunity to go on an immersion trip," Seton Goddard '15 said. "I'm expecting that the trip will be fun, but I'm also expecting that it will in-

volve a lot of work. It won't be the typical tourist visit to Washington, D.C."

Goddard has been drawn to studying healthcare policy, and he believes that he will get a real sense for what healthcare policy entails in D.C.

"We've been working on presentations about health care legislation that has gone through Congress," Goddard said. "Much of our time in Washington will involve learning about different aspects of the health care industry and health care policymakers. It's one thing to read about it and discuss it in class, but it's an-

other thing to see it all in action."

Calisch's immersion trip differs in one fundamental aspect; his immersion trip doesn't involve a class. The trip is for senior and junior art majors, along with a few sophomores. Calisch mentioned a few reasons why this trip is imperative to learning about art.

"Part of the rationale is that being at a small college in the middle of corn fields in rural Indiana and studying art, we don't have an opportunity to expose our students firsthand to original and famous works of art," Calisch said. "I hope they come away with a sense of awe and amazement. Part of what we are exposing them to is a highly cultured, fast-paced urban environment much like the environment where most artists in one point in their life end up."

The group will be completely immersed in galleries and museums in New York City. The group is going to try to go to the 9/11 Memorial and a Broadway show. The guys are going to visit some artists' studios, getting a slice of what it means to be a living, practicing artist. The students must keep a reflective journal and blog back to the college. Calisch hopes they internalize what they are seeing so it affects the artwork they are making.

Calisch and Hadley both hoped these immersion trips would benefit their respective students in the most effective ways possible. These immersion trips allow Wabash men to see their studies in action and enrich the Wabash experience.

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- Friday, March 2nd
Spring Break Begins
(Continues through March 11th)
- Monday, March 12th
Classes Resume
- Second Half Semester Courses Begin
- APC Meeting, Baxter 212, 4:15 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 13th
IFC Meeting, Senate Room, 11:10 a.m.
- Write Stuff Workshop, MXI 109, 11:15 a.m.
- Student Senate Meeting, Lilly Library, 7 p.m.
- Lecture, Dr. Mohamed Keshavjee, Baxter 101, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 14th
Physics Demonstration Show, Fine Arts Center Ball Theater, 7 p.m.
- APO Meeting, Baxter 101, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, March 15th
Chapel Talk, Jennifer Abbott, 11:10 a.m.
- Admissions Fine Arts Scholarship Celebration, FAC, 7 p.m.

TFA Holds Strong Wabash Roots

DAVID MYLES '14
STAFF WRITER

As students across campus count down the hours until Spring Break, the pangs of reality become more and more noticeable for seniors, as they prepare to leave the hallowed halls of Wabash behind and venture into the unassailable abyss that is the job market. Combing through internships, externships, and job search websites, many people are still not sure what they want to do with their lives after college. But for a few select seniors, the prestigious Teach for America program awaits them after graduation.

Teach for America (TFA) was founded in 1990, and since that time around 33,000 people have volunteered two years of their lives to teaching and helping children in America's inner-cities and rural areas. During the 2011-2012 school year alone, there are about 9,000 recent graduates teaching the underprivileged of America. Jeff Soller '12 and Andrew Alexander '12 will soon be joining this prestigious group come next school year. Soller will be working in Houston, Texas, while Alexander will spend the next two years teaching in Chicago.

"I'm excited to actually be in the classroom," Alexander said. "I want to have a real impact on students' education. I hope to see several students make it to college."

Since the program's inception, Wabash grads have been a fixture in Teach for America classrooms. Former student body president Cody Stipes '11 is currently teaching math in Indianapolis, while fellow recent graduates Ricky Ritter '11, Alex Moseman '11, and Will Logan '11 also accepted positions with TFA. Jeremy Robinson '04 also spoke with *The Bachelor* about his Teach for America experience.

"I really enjoyed the one-on-one interaction with students," Robinson said. "Overall I had a very positive experience."

Having taught in the notorious Engle-



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Wabash and TFA Alumnus Jeremy Robinson '04 thinks Wabash students suit the mission of the prestigious education program. Currently Robinson teaches at Rauner College Prep in Chicago, the city where he taught while a member of Teach for America.

wood neighborhood of Chicago, Robinson certainly gained plenty of experience. In fact, he still teaches today at the Rauner College Prep, also in Chicago.

"Wabash is filled with the type of leaders that Teach for America is looking for...but just like Wabash, it's not for everyone," Robinson said.

This truth is not something that should be discouraging to any undergraduates and seniors looking to make a difference in a similar fashion. Scott Crawford, Director of Career Services, shed light on the broad array of opportunities that are available to students.

"Because of the success of Teach for America, a lot of other programs have sprung up," Crawford said.

And while simply visiting Career Services may not be a substitute for hard work, "We're going to help you discover programs that you didn't

even know existed," Crawford said.

One such example is the Indianapolis Teaching Fellows that specifically works with the disadvantaged youth in the greater Indianapolis area. Another program is called the Knowledge Is Power Program, or KIPP. A national network of 109 charter schools and 23 offices stationed in low income communities, KIPP employs not only classroom teachers, but also school leaders, operation directors, and I.T. specialists.

Whatever one's goals or desires may be after Wabash, the chance to be able to share knowledge and a Wabash education with those less fortunate can only be classified as a truly rewarding experience. To this effect, Robinson provided one main piece of advice.

"Look inside yourself...see your strengths and find programs that align with you," Robinson said.

Wally at the Wheel Draws Large Crowd

KENNY FARRIS '12
NEWS EDITOR

Lots of chrome, one well-raced Porsche, and many people with many stories about cars marked the largest Wabash College alumni symposium crowd in recent memory.

Last Friday's Wally at the Wheel symposium drew droves of students, faculty, staff, and alumni to Wabash for a day of all things automobile. The symposium, highlighted by over 150 guests for dinner, featured Porsche history, the physics behind car crashes, and over 15 new and antique automobiles on display in Knowling Fieldhouse.

"150 people was our biggest turnout yet for the Faculty-Alumni Symposium," Alumni and Parent Relations Director Tom Runge '71 said. "And the car show worked beyond our wildest dreams. People came through (the show) all day long."

The age and model of the cars in the display varied greatly for the small car show, a feature that helped draw in members of the Wabash community. Three Chevrolet Corvettes, a 1951 Porsche Sauter Roadster discovered by Ray Knight '69 in an Indiana salvage yard, a Model T Ford, and a demolition derby car from Ryan Daming '02 constituted only some of the vintage cars on display.

Before and during the show, student workers carrying rags and spray bottles removed fingerprints and smudges left behind by visitors.

Throughout the day, students, faculty, and alumni listened to presentations during the afternoon of the day-long event. Six Wabash professors presented in the symposium over automobile advertisements, the recent bailout of United States automakers, and pop music in the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s.



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Wabash alumni chat around the unique hord ornament on one of the cars at this year's Wally at the Wheel symposium. The symposium, organized in part by Greg Estell '85, drew many students to the all-day car show and over 150 students, staff, and alumni to its highlight dinner event.

The dinner included a keynote address by General Motors Vice President of Finance and Treasurer Jim Davlin '85 titled Visionaries Wanted: Reshaping the Auto Industry for a Sustainable Future. Davlin's traveling party included a 2012 V8 Chevrolet Camaro, a 2012 Chevrolet Volt, and a pristine 1955 Bel-Air. Davlin, a member of the Board of Trustees, flew down Friday to present his view on the automobile industry and General Motors to the Wabash audience.

"I like the skills students at Wabash and other liberal arts colleges learn," Davlin said in his dinner presentation. "Those graduates will be the differentiators of the auto industry of the future."

Runge noted how Davlin integrated the role of students from colleges like Wabash into the overall sustainability of the auto industry.

"He touched on the development of the automobile and then mentioned the large num-

ber of men with a liberal arts degree, from Wabash and elsewhere, who have played historic roles in the American automotive industry," Runge said.

With this year's successful symposium behind them, Runge and other organiz-

ers have begun to develop next year's symposium.

"It's up in the air, subject wise, but we'll definitely do one," Runge said. "Film and the liberal arts and athletics and the liberal arts are two strong possibilities."

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Skype Allows Teaching from Afar

GABE WATSON '13
STAFF WRITER

When student needs call, Wabash answers. The call this time: two seniors in need of a class for graduation had no professor. Wabash's answer: A Skype-based class with a Wabash professor now living in Florida.

Garret Bonk '12 and Peter Robbins '12 both took a course with Professor of Political Science Melissa Butler in their sophomore years before studying abroad in Spain and France, respectively. Their idea was to complete their International Studies area of concentration with a follow-up course their senior year.

Since then, however, Butler has begun to take spring sabbaticals in transition to her retirement. With only two students needing the course and the appropriate professor far from campus, the decision was made to conduct the class as a series of online video conferences.

Associate Professor of History Rick Warner, who runs the same class for students who study abroad in Latin America, oversees the course's progress with understandable concern and interest.

"The power of the liberal arts is this one-on-one setting," Warner said.

And since both students already had a strong relationship with Butler, he supported the endeavor.

The students have also found the experience rewarding.

"I had my hesitations going into the class," Bonk said, "but it's been

very normal, interesting, and fun."

"In our previous class [Butler] gave us a good basis of how to understand Europe economically and culturally," Bonk said.

The current course acts as a capstone for what Robbins and Bonk have learned during their study abroad experiences.

Through Skype as well as writing assignments, the group discusses European issues of identity, culture, and economy.

"One good benefit of the set-up is that while we're having discussions we can get on the Internet and check statistics," Bonk said.

This is perfect for the class's focus on contemporary issues as well as abstract questions of European identity.

According to www.in.princetonreview.com, online learning is on the rise in America, with experts like Bill Gates predicting that place-based learning will decrease by a factor of five in upcoming years.

However, Warner was quick to note that Wabash does not intend to follow that trend. "Wabash is not heading toward distance learning."

Special circumstances called for this unique set-up, and "Wabash can do creative things to improve teaching relationships," Warner said.

This ability to adapt to unique, small-scale situations is part of what makes this a special place, and it will not change at Wabash.

Some students will remember last winter, for instance, when multiple snowed-out professors ran real-



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While living in Florida, Professor Political Science Melissa Butler is teaching a class via Skype for Garret Bonk '12 and Peter Robbins '12 so each can complete his International Studies Area of Concentration. Butler is currently retired from Wabash.

time classes through Facebook. This sounds farfetched to anyone who was not a part of it, and for many schools it would have been. But Wabash made it work because of the close relationships that those classes shared as a result of their in-class time together. Liberal arts atmospheres breed the cohesion that allows such methodological modifications to be made.

"Professor Butler is a one-of-a-kind professor," Bonk said. "She really takes it to the next level."

He added that, while the class does present another option for fu-

ture students in similar positions, he does not think it provides anything truly unique that Wabash can't offer on its own campus.

"Class is just as effective as if she was here," Bonk said.

But the focus remains on the professor and the relationship with her students built in Wabash classrooms.

While larger schools may move toward online and distance-based learning, Wabash will remain doing what it does best – enriching classroom experiences in innovative ways from a liberal arts foundation.

Stark '14 Finds "Thirst Project" Chapter

TAYLOR KENYON '15
STAFF WRITER

We drink it, clean with it, shower in it, and cook with it, yet water remains largely a factor taken for granted. All the while, nearly one in eight people do not have access to clean drinking water.

Ray Stark '14 believes this staggering statistic can change. Stark created the Wabash chapter of the Thirst Project to combat this important problem.

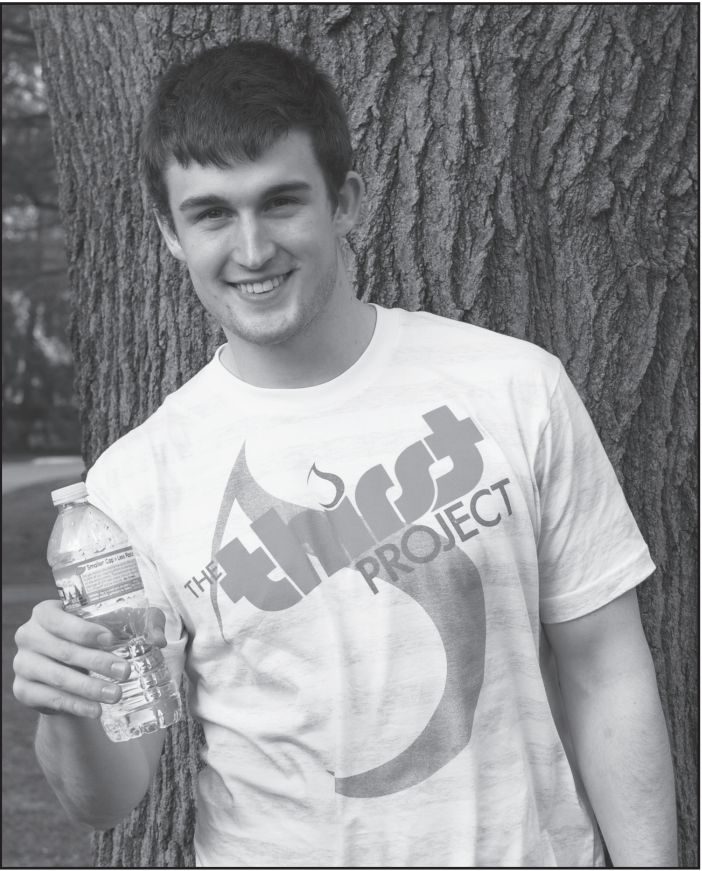
"[Our] group's goal is to raise awareness because I think it is essential to get people behind the idea before any money can be raised," Stark said.

Contaminated drinking water has become a serious global health issue. According to the Thirst Project, 4,500 children die every day from diseases caused by contaminated water. 80% of all global diseases are waterborne and result from drinking contaminated water. These diseases kill more than 2.2 million people every year.

A clean drinking well can prevent most of these outcomes, Stark and other

members of the Thirst Project claim. Thirst Project claims that when you bring safe water into a community, disease immediately

drops by 80%. Child mortality drops by 99% overnight. These wells cost money, and this is where Thirst Project steps in. Thirst Project



KELLY SULLIVAN | WABASH '15

This semester, Ray Stark '14 founded a Wabash chapter of Thirst Project, a charity working to fund wells in areas currently drinking contaminated water. Stark's goal for the group is to raise \$5,000, which is the cost of one well for a community in need.

chapters like Stark's aim to raise money and awareness to create safe, community wells worldwide.

Stark believes that creating a chapter of the Thirst Project at Wabash College will spread the idea, and raising the funds for the wells comes next.

"Every five grand that an individual school raises builds one well," Stark said.

Currently, Stark is thinking about many possibilities to raise the money; some ideas draw from the friendly chapter at Purdue, where Stark initially learned about the organization.

"At Purdue they did a roller derby. My plan is to get different living units in competition in maybe a dodge ball tournament or something of that nature," Stark said. "But at Purdue, they [did] a 5k for \$5k. Part of establishing a club here is to brainstorm about that sort of thing."

Stark hopes that the Wabash College chapter will raise money for years to come.

"We might not accomplish one well in the first year or even the second year, but just to get that established at

Wabash and keep it going, even after I'm gone would be awesome," Stark said.

The organization uses the money to eliminate desperate living conditions that many people experience today. Those conditions of living inspired Stark to make a change.

"I've been to Juarez, Mexico during freshman year of high school and I saw how people lived," Stark said. "I went to Africa two years ago over the summer and it was eye opening. My motivation lies in trying to make a difference."

The Wabash chapter of the Thirst Project is looking for new members and fresh ideas. If interested, check your campus email because more information is coming sooner than you think.

"The Thirst Project is coming to our school April 19th," Stark said. "If you want to get involved, definitely come out to that."

For more information on the project or the Wabash chapter you can visit thirstproject.org or contact Ray Stark.

Assorted Wally at the Wheel Symposium Photos



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Ray Knight '69 shown giving a symposium presentation last Friday.



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Telling Wabash’s Best Stories

Starting with the issue after Spring Break, *The Bachelor* will begin a series of profiles called IN ’12 (you may remember last year’s IN ’11 series) which will focus on outstanding Wabash seniors who have accomplished a great deal since they’ve been on campus.

It goes without saying that there is a handful of seniors here that have been high-profile individuals for quite some time now, and profiles of their endeavors and stories have been on the website and in this publication countless times. Our hope is that the IN ’12 series will shed light on some seniors who might have flown under the radar, and who *The Bach-*

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elor believes deserve some attention.

The biggest issue, without question, will be determining whom to profile in the limited weeks until our last issue. After all, it isn’t easy to graduate from this place, and every member of the class of 2012 has undoubtedly done something remarkable on their journey toward a diploma. So, if when the series is complete it seems someone has been left out who deserved praise, the response of *The Bachelor* will be: “Of course that happened!”

For the record, *The Bachelor* thinks that is a good problem to have.

The purpose of the IN ’12 series will not be to laud anyone over anyone else, or even to set them out from the rest of us. Simply put, the class of 2012 is full of interesting individuals, and as a newspaper, *The Bachelor* sees it as its charge to tell some stories about Wabash’s own that Wabash may not have heard before.

Come Mother’s Day Weekend when seniors walk across the stage to receive their diplomas, it is inevitable that there will be names that are unfamiliar to some. Four years is too short of a time to get to know everyone in a graduating class, and in some respects that might be a good

thing. Still, hopefully the IN ’12 series will reduce the number of such cases and make even a few more people aware of the great accomplishments their classmates have done.

So in the coming weeks, enjoy the stories the geezers of this place have to tell, for each student at Wabash has a lot to teach and a lot to learn from his peers. Seniors are on their way out, but not before they get a chance to share their experience with us all. After all, there will only be two commencement speakers, and alone they cannot begin to encapsulate the successes of the class of 2012.

Lew Closing Leaves Hole in Wabash

As many of you know the bar at the Lew Wallace Inn shut down this past Tuesday. It was a bitter-sweet moment for many students at Wabash College and the Crawfordsville community as a whole. The Lew was the only bar within walking distance of Wabash College and served as a place where people over the age of 21 could drink cheaply and safely.

The nice thing about the Lew was its proximity to campus, which promoted a safe drinking environment and prevented students from being encouraged to drink and drive. Also, the fact that you could get a beer for one dollar and that they had cheap drink specials was great. Unique to the Lew, one could also play beer pong at the bar, which appealed to the college crowd. Finally, it was location where Wabash students could meet and converse with people from other living units and become friends over a beer. The same was true with the community—Wabash students would interact frequently with Crawfordsville natives

Obviously the Lew was not strictly a good place, and we all know it had its fair share of problems. The main problem with the Lew is that it was possibly the most unclean bar I have ever been to. This critique includes bars around the world including in developing nations. In the men’s restroom the stall door has been half off for over a year, and the old beer pong table was growing mold. I am pretty sure the bar has also not had an upgrade for over a decade with the chairs falling apart and tiles missing on the floor. Also, the Lew had a smoking problem. If you have ever went to the Lew you

would, without a doubt, leave and smell like an ashtray and experience coughing from the amount of second hand smoke you undoubtedly inhaled. Lastly, it was dingy and needed more lights so you could see the people at the other side of the bar.

Yet, the Lew was an institution that has been part of the tradition and fabric of the Wabash community for several decades. The closing of the Lew marks the end of an era and also raises the question on where Wabash students will be able to drink and meet with each other. I would urge someone (perhaps the college) to buy the Lew, tear it down, and build either a pub or a student center.

An affordable pub would serve a place for students to drink, and eliminate the concern of drinking and driving for students who could no longer walk to a bar. It would also be a more sanitary and upscale establishment than the Lew. Pubs that served food would offer a place to meet for everyone on campus including those under 21 and would encourage and foster inter-living unit camaraderie. It would still serve as a place where people from Crawfordsville could interact with Wabash students and a place that Professors and faculty would be more willing to go to and meet and talk with students outside the classroom, too. The ideal would be to have a pub very similar to that of the UK style where people could go and enjoy food, a few drinks, and conversation with friends and strangers in a friendly, clean, and safe environment. It could even stay open until around midnight or 2AM in the morning so students at Wabash could fulfill their late night cravings.



STEVAN
STANKOVICH '12
OPINION COLUMNIST

The other option, which I think is necessary, is a student center. A student center would allow students from around campus to meet with each other and relax and still have a good time. The student center could have TVs, games, and a lounge for people to relax and talk and meet with each other. The student center could also have a food shop and a coffee bar.

Overall, it is probably a good thing that the Lew has closed in order for something better to be built in its place. The Lew served its purpose as a campus watering hole for the past few decades, however it is time to say goodbye and look towards the future. A pub or a student center would serve a better purpose than the Lew has or would be able to keep connecting the Wabash community. Either institution would allow for a place for everyone on the campus to meet and still have the potential for conversing with people from Crawfordsville and the Wabash community. As for me, I am cheering for a pub, because if you have been to the UK you realize how great pubs can be at unifying a community over a meal or a glass of beer.

How Can We Make Wabash Safer?

Wabash security guards are not the most threatening people. Often times looking like lost soccer moms, they circle the campus in mini-vans and always offer a polite head nod as they stroll past you in their toasty vehicles. But is this all that nearly 45,000 dollars is paying for? If the boogey man comes crashing out of the bushes, am I really safe? Gotta love and respect the elders, but can a man knocking on the door of age 70 honestly protect someone from the insidious intent of a criminal?

Earlier this year there were several break-ins. iPods, money, cigarettes were snatched from cup holders and in their place broken shards of glass. Despite the persistent violating of emails, the midnight monster(s) would still lurk on our campus in search for valuable items. Perhaps I was unaware, but other than the rudimentary speech on “locking doors” and “keeping a safe look-out” not much seemed to be done on the administration behalf.

As I drowsily walked from my studying cave, located in the MXI, to welcome the warm embrace of my bed in Fiji, I couldn’t help, but wonder how easy it would be to smash in a few windows and skirt off to safety. A typical burglar would probably adorn some sort of dark hoodie, with baggy pants and possibly carry a bag of break-in tools. This image is pretty much the standard image you get when



TYLER GRIFFIN '13
OPINION COLUMNIST

you think of a late-night student studying. We have no visible marking that says Wabash unless we wear a Monon hoodie, but for 50 dollars or so anyone can snatch one from the bookstore. How is it that security can honestly ensure our safety if they inspect “friendly” hooded faces and backpacks full of “books” from the inside of their tinted van windows.

Now I am not saying that Wabash men are afraid of burglars. For if I was going to bludgeon someone, I would probably run the other way if I saw CJ Gum walking across the mall. Also, I don’t think Crawfordsville is breeding America’s Most Wanted criminals either. However, it is sort of unsettling to know that thieves can so easily trespass on our campus and take things without asking. I propose a few solutions that will help alleviate this feeling of uncertainty that many may feel, but are to machismo to admit.

Security, if not already, should be required

to exit their vans if a lone ranger, like myself, is walking on campus at 4am. Perhaps this would be stressful during finals time, but pay check is synonymous with stress. Even if they don’t physically leave the van, the window should be rolled down and some basic questions should be asked. As a frequent 4am walker myself, by the second or third occurrence they will begin to recognize me and this probing will not be needed.

How about using a campus word? The Painted Turtle, the camp I spend time working at over summer break, requires all staff members to carry unique bracelets, Wabash can just use ids, and also remember a camp word that you can tell the security guards if you forget to bring your bracelet along. Sometimes students have to jet to the printer in pajama pants at night and the wallet gets left behind. By having some sort of universal code, a red flag will arise if a person cannot repeat the campus word, thus identifying their stranger-ness and lack of belonging on campus.

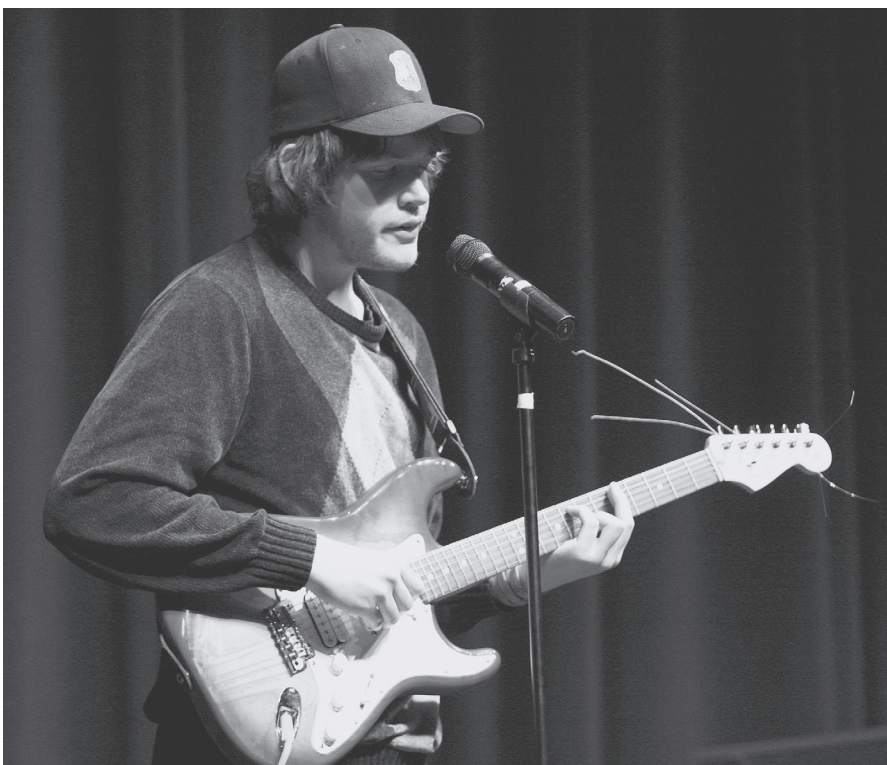
Perhaps this is a job for out Senior Council or Senate, but a laundry list of suggestions can be assembled to ensure the safety of all students. Just because you spend hours pumping iron in the Allen Center, bullets, as in the case of Virginia Tech, can wound even the most “jacked” Wally. Let’s get serious about security and hungry for safety.

Bennett '15 Rocks Out in Indy

ALEX TOTTEN '13
MUSIC COLUMNIST

My most recent musical journey started on the lower east side of Indy last Saturday at a rundown theatre known as the Irving, where I saw Sophomore Sam Bennett play with his band The Dancin' Nancys. I had seen them before, at the same place, in the same context, but this time it was a touch different. I arrived after the first set had finished and came into the theatre not knowing what to expect. The bands before them were a really interesting mix. The first band that played, Delta Duo, was a man and a woman, who was dressed like a Russian cowboy. They were technically skilled but completely inaccessible. It was a two-piece violinist and guitarist playing Alt country, Blues, and the like, but it wasn't anything I could get into. The Dancin' Nancy's set got moved back, so I had to endure more before I got to see what I came for. They were the last set, playing from 11-12 p.m., and we had plans to go to the Alley Cat afterwards and really couldn't be bothered with waiting much longer. I did, and it was difficult to do.

The next band, the Working Class Trio wasn't anything I didn't expect from aging dudes in a band—garage rock with blues sensibilities and nothing anyone hasn't heard before. The crowd really got into it, but, again, they were drunk, so I can see why. The band after that was some psychedelic band that had too long of songs with too much repetition. I knew what I was getting into when they got on stage, and the sameness did not disappoint. The songs were roughly twelve minutes long each and the exact same thing for all twelve minutes. Finally, the Dancin' Nancys took the stage and started with some real indie folk. With an acoustic Guitar emphasized by female vocals and Sam Bennett's weird electric work, a Djembe keeping the beat and a flutist, their set up was strange and refreshing from the predictability of the rest of the show. They played their set, which seemed liked it belonged in Lilith Fair, and then Sam took the stage solo. He played alone for the last three songs, three pieces that I've seen him play before and worked on with him before, and he really didn't disappoint. He plays pickless, kind of slapping the



COURTESY OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
Sam Bennett performing at this year's Wabash Has Talent. Bennett performed at the Irving in Indianapolis last Saturday.

strings down and up with a strange anger and sorrow, while he channels Thom Yorke and Daniel Johnston to make what can only be described as Angry Shoe gaze. His emotion was unparalleled that night, and it showed with a truly powerful performance. Is our very own Sam Bennett a musical genius? I won't say, but check him out and come to your own conclusion.

Dropkick Fetes Early St. Patty's Day

JOHN DYKSTRA '13
CAVELIFE EDITOR

Indianapolis got an early taste of St. Patrick's Day last Thursday, courtesy of the Dropkick Murphys and company. The Celtic-punk band played along with Frank Turner, and The Mahones at the Egyptian Room. The crowd doused itself with Guinness beer. The music was loud. All hailed the bagpipes and man skirts. And the moshing was crazy. It was everything an Irish punk concert was made out to be. It was like being in a chaotic Irish pub only with better music. The Mahones, a Celtic-Canadian band, opened the night. They played a modest performance, and male members of the crowd noticeably enjoyed seeing Katie McConnell play the accordion. But the band's sound was not dynamic, and part of that could have been a sound system problem. The accordion overpowered over all the instruments. English folk-punk rocker Frank Turner was a needle in the haystack, a diamond in the rough. He played his most popular song "Photosynthesis," his most recent single "If Ever I Stray," and an unreleased song titled "Four Simple Words." He played a total of 10 songs, and his humor and straightforwardness enhanced



COURTESY OF GLIDEMAGAZINE.COM
The Dropkick Murphys brought St. Patrick's Day to Indianapolis early with their concert at the Egyptian Room last Thursday.

his impressive stage presence. After seeing his performance, I immediately had to look him up on YouTube. He is better live than on record. Then, Boston's Dropkick Murphys took the stage, entering to a traditional Irish song and breaking into "The Irish Rover." The band took the stage for 26 songs, including covers of AC/DC's "Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap" and Gang Green's "Alcohol." It also provided an insight to its upcoming album by playing its unreleased song "Shark." Dropkick's performance was off the charts and very warming. The band managed to give off a vibe that can be found in Irish bars. It also welcomed members from the crowd onto stage during its encore. Bassist/vocalist Ken Casey herded women onto stage during "Kiss Me, I'm Shitfaced," and lead vocalist Al Barr welcomed men on as well prior to "Skinhead on the MBTA." However, one man took it too far and hugged Barr, which caused Barr to punch him in the chest. That did not interrupt Barr's singing.

The band's acoustic set was also superb and chaotic. Crowd surfing still occurred during the acoustic set. Casey joked, "Please, do not crowd surf during the acoustic set. It's acoustic! It's supposed to be mellow!" The band returned to electric instruments after its semi-acoustic performance on "Boys on the Docks." Overall, the songs that stood out most were "I'm Shipping up to Boston," "Johnny I Hardly Knew Ya," and "Going Out in Style." Yelling "Free Bird" did not apply to this concert. Instead, the crowd yelled for the bagpipes and the accordion. And a Guinness. Seeing Dropkick live certainly helped me get a better feel for their music. Watching the band's use of chorus made that pub-like feeling more apparent than listening to it on record. Furthermore, the accordion, bagpipes, and banjo definitely stood out. Dropkick, Frank Turner, and The Mahones gave Indianapolis its best taste of St. Patrick's Day. In fact, they might have even ruined the holiday for Indianapolis, because it will be nearly impossible for Indy to get as Irish as it was last Thursday.

Athletes Ambivalent about Protein Shakes

FRITZ COUTCHIE '15
STAFF WRITER

Amongst the general trend towards healthier choices, Wallies are ditching their once cherished energy drinks for healthier protein shakes. Protein drinks help muscles recover after workouts and aid the production of efficient muscle during exercise. Protein produces hormones, and repairs muscle tissue. This, in theory, explains the advantage of consuming a protein shake. Protein shakes provide not only protein but also offer some carbohydrates that provide energy. An equally effective method of gaining both the carbohydrates and proteins for an effective exercise is the ingestion of a healthy and balanced meal after a workout. Some Wabash athletes use protein shakes to boost their competitiveness. The immediate protein found in protein shakes is said to relieve post-practice soreness. So, they help Wabash athletes perform to their full capacity

the day after a workout. Wrestler Jake Moore'12 said "Protein drinks taste good and help my muscles rebuild after practice and workouts—they also help me maintain or gain weight so that I can stay in the right weight class." Joseph Granger '13, a track athlete, stated, "Once a week, I need protein after practice. It only helps when I have a really strenuous workout and I need the nutrients to repair muscle. Usually, though, protein supplements do not really help; they're just a waste of money." Many who do not consume protein beverages do not do so due to their flavor and cost. Josh Jones '13, track, feels a need for protein after a long run but does not like the taste of protein drinks. "Protein drinks are disgusting," he said. "I'll have a protein bar after a long run; it does the same thing." Two other students replied that protein shakes were incredibly refreshing after a workout, especially if they tasted like cookies and crème. The reaction of Wabash students to the protein shake craze is mixed.



KELLY SULLIVAN | WABASH '15
A Wabash student is shown preparing a protein shake after working out.

A student that would rather remain anonymous reported that "it seems to me that most of the guys that drink [protein] shakes don't spend the time in the gym. We're Americans, and we do stuff the quick way. So, of course people are drinking the stuff in the hopes of getting big without the work." Granger agrees, "Most of the time that I workout, having a protein shake is as helpful as eating a chocolate sundae. Eating a balanced diet will be as helpful overall as a protein shake, and it would cost a lot less."

Track and Field Looks to Repeat

BRANDAN ALFORD '12
SPORTS EDITOR

The Wabash track and field team looks to defend its indoor conference title when the NCAC Championships take place this weekend at Johnson track in Knowling Fieldhouse on campus this Friday and Saturday.

After winning the indoor championship for the first time in school history, Wabash enters this weekend's meet as the frontrunner to win again, as the Little Giants were picked by the NCAC's coaches as the favorite. Wabash received eight out of nine first place votes for 80 points. Ohio Wesleyan, who is looking to reclaim the title they won in 2010, collected the last first-place vote and a total of 73 points to be picked second.

The Little Giants have had a successful indoor season leading up to the conference meet, setting several school records along the way. Wabash coach Clyde Morgan feels his team is ready for this weekend.

"They are ready to go," Morgan

said. "I just need to keep them loose, because they put a lot of pressure on themselves. I think sometimes I worry about them too much, and I shouldn't. I just need to make sure they have fun and they need to make sure I have fun. We will be ready to go."

While the Little Giants certainly will make another run at a second consecutive indoor title, it won't be devoid of injury concerns. Several Little Giants are battling injuries that could prevent them from competing in some or all of their expected events. That's not reason for concern according to Morgan.

"You have injuries, but that is part of the game," Morgan said. "It sounds weird, but I think that as a coach, it is on you to get people ready. As a student-athlete if you see one of your buddies down, you have to have his back and we talk about that often."

"That's adversity. It's about getting through adversity, and we are prepared for this. Something is going to go bad, and you have to be ready



JOE SUKUP | WABASH '15

Depth will be a big factor this weekend as Wabash opens the 2012 NCAC Indoor Championships on its home track. The Little Giants are the defending champions and the favorite to repeat again this season.

for it."

In winning last year's title, Wabash got individual titles from Jake Waterman, Matt Knox, and Trevor Young a year ago, and the trio will look for repeat performances this weekend. However, it will be the depth that the Little Giants possess that might make the difference when a champion is decided.

"That is the difference between winning and not winning," assistant coach Roger Busch said. "Sometimes getting a fifth, sixth, and a seventh in an event is better than just getting a first place finisher. If you can add those points up, that's huge. It's what won the indoor meet for us last year. We didn't have a ton of individual champs, but we were scraping for points left and right."

Morgan noted that scoring those late points is a philosophy he and his coaching staff have preached to their team for the past two years, and it has resulted in a pair of conference titles, as Wabash won the outdoor title in 2011 to go with the indoor championship.

"We have a philosophy of 'get your point,'" Morgan said. "And we are talking about fifth, sixth, or seventh place. If that is your spot, you are battling it out and competing like

it is the number one spot. If you are in the hunt for that last spot, it is just as important as the ten points for the first place spot. We talk about that a lot, and last year, we had guys coming off the track saying that they got their point."

"At a lot of places, they don't treat that as important, but when our guys are in the conference meet battling for fifths, sixths, and sevenths, it is a big deal. We had more sixths, sevenths, and eighths last year than anybody else; we didn't have as many championships, but we had that bottom end and our guys stepped up."

As the Little Giants pursue back-to-back indoor titles, Morgan believes his group has what it takes to again be at the top of the pack at the end of the weekend.

"It's great for their confidence for them to have those historical accomplishments," Morgan said. "Now they have the confidence that they can go out and do those things. That is something we don't have to talk about it all the time"

On Saturday, the Little Giants hope it's something they can talk about for another year.



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Wabash is looking to once again get over the top in the NCAC Indoor meet.

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Baseball Prepares for Road Trip

RYAN LUTZ '13
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

This past weekend the baseball team traveled to Alabama to continue their preparation for the conference season. The team went 1-2, trying to figure out the winning combination for the upcoming weeks.

The Little Giants (2-4) have returned to competition this spring with a solid core of starters. They only lost one starting pitcher to graduation, which made pitching one of the team’s strengths this year.

“I thought it went well this weekend,” Coach Stevens said. “We played two good teams and we were trying to play around with a lot of different configurations as far as lineups go.”

At this point in the season the team has just started their spring season campaign, with only six games under their belt. The returning starters have hit the ground running with them collectively batting close to .300 for the weekend. Meanwhile, the bottom part of the lineup struggled at the plate against the teams in Alabama. The bottom half of the Little Giants lineup is comprised of freshmen and other players who haven’t seen a lot of innings. Meaning they needed to be caught up with the style and pace of college play.

“We have a lot of freshman in the lineup this year” Stevens said. “That means we have to catch



COURTESY OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
Head coach Cory Stevens picked up his 100th career victory as Wabash’s coach over the weekend. Stevens will be looking for even more W’s in Texas over break.



COURTESY OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
Senior John Holm slides into home ahead of the tag. Holm had another big weekend for the Little Giants, hitting three home runs during the three-game weekend series. Holm hit two bombs in the series finale.

them up to the college game. There are some holes we need to fill because of graduation; all we need to do though is get our young guys some experience.”

Holes left from last year’s team included second and third base as well as catcher. The team has several young players ready to fill those spots. It is just a matter of time and adjustment at this point. With their first conference game around three weeks away the team has time to get prepared and make necessary adjustments.

“The earlier we can see competition the better off we will be when conference comes,” Stevens said. “I don’t think we are ready yet, honestly I think we can improve all the way around. Hopefully after spring break we will be ready to get after it. But I think we are at a similar point this time last year.”

Stevens believes that the biggest thing they need to do put everything together when conference starts. They put in a lot of preparation thus far and with their spring break trip next week they will be getting in a lot more practice with six games scheduled and a JV game thrown in the mix too.

“The reason we scheduled so many trips was because we wanted to avoid missing class time” Stevens said, “If they were all home games then we would need to miss three afternoons of school. But when we travel we can get three games in during one weekend and only miss a day of classes. It sounds kind of weird at first but it worked.”

Last year the team traveled to Los Angeles for their spring break trip, facing some of the top Division III teams in the country. This year they are traveling to Texas, playing Division III teams like

Texas Lutheran.

“The reason we switched from Los Angeles to Texas was because logistically Los Angeles was a nightmare. And because we want our guys to visit as many places as possible during their four years with the program. Personally I think doing that really ties in with the liberal arts experience.”

The Little Giants are scheduled to begin competition in San Antonio on Mar. 4 against DeSales University before making stops in Kerrville, Seguin, and Belton before returning to San Antonio and closing the week with a double-header against Cardinal Stritch in Schreiner, Tex.

Wabash will open the home schedule when they return on Mar. 13 against Trinity International University at the Wabash Ballpark.

Spring Break Schedule	
Mar. 4	vs. DeSales University
Mar. 5	vs. Schreiner University
Mar. 6	@ Texas Lutheran University
Mar. 7	@ Mary Hardin-Baylor
Mar. 9	vs. DeSales University
Mar. 10	vs. Cardinal Stritch Univ. *
*Double header	

Golf to Start Spring Season in Arizona

MATT STEWART '15
STAFF WRITER

The golf season begins over Spring Break, as the team travels to Phoenix and Scottsdale, AZ to play on alumni’s courses. The team will leave Saturday and begin practice on Sunday for the match with Mesa Community College on Wednesday.

Mesa Community college, known to be very successful in the past, will be a challenge for the players. Coach Mac Petty notes the benefits of playing such a strong team.

“It’s great for our guys to compete with guys like that and be in the field with them,” Petty said. “It gives us a chance to have a match before we come home.”

Six players will actually make the trip to Arizona on Saturday, and they will begin hitting balls on Sunday. The team will daily hit balls in the morning and subsequently play the courses in the afternoon, then relaxing for the rest of the day. Warmer temperatures provide for more comfortable conditions, and the team will take advantage of the warm temperatures in Arizona prior to returning to the much cooler Indiana temperatures

The golf season spans both first and second semester, comprising of a non-traditional season (fall) and a tradition season (spring). The NCAC tournaments are in the spring at the end of April. These tournaments span two weeks, the first in Meadville, PA at Allegheny College, and the sec-

ond (seeding based on first week) at Oberlin College in Oberlin, OH.

In the non-traditional season this past fall, freshmen tremendously helped the team as Freshman Jackson Stevens and Freshman Logan Burdick led the team in statistics. Freshman Jackson Stevens was a medalist in the fall tournament in addition to earning conference honors, and Freshman Logan Burdick placed second at the Franklin College Invitational.

With a very young squad this year, Seniors Ben Foster and Terry Sullivan give the team experience and guidance as the two senior leaders on the team.

Foster said, “This year it’s a matter of how quickly the younger guys can develop and how consistent the older guys can be to set the bar and help out the younger guys.”

Foster noted how he hopes that the team can get back to good standing in the conference, for example by challenging Alleghany and Wittenberg.

Coach Mac Petty also notes his goal of getting to the top three in the conference, as opposed to top five or six in recent years. He said that it’s important that the individual players accomplish their own goals so the team can reach the team goals.

In addition, Petty discussed the challenging nature of the NCAC Conference.

“Our conference is one of the strongest in the country, and many from the conference have done well in the NCAA tournament.”

Starting off his first season as strictly golf coach, as opposed to both

basketball and golf coach, Coach Mac Petty looks forward to being able to focus on one rather than both.

Senior Ben Foster discussed how often it was hard for the team to get on the same page as basketball and golf overlapped.

“In previous springs, Coach Petty has been involved in basketball post-season into March, and this season we’re a little more organized at this

point than in the past,” Foster said.

Senior Ben Foster noted how the team has had a solid offseason up to this point, and now as the team begins to practice regularly at the Crawfordsville Country Club, the team looks forward to the upcoming season.

Spring Break in Arizona will be the first test this season, as they compete against against Mesa Community College on Wednesday, March 7th.



COURTESY OF BACHELOR ARCHIVES
As has been the case in the past, the Wabash golf team will once again use the spring break recess to travel west to Arizona to enjoy warmer weather and historically impressive golf venues. This year, however, coach Petty has been able to join the group throughout preseason workouts and preparations for the season.



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Tennis Headed West for Spring Break

TYLER WADE '12
STAFF WRITER

Coach Jason Hutchison's tennis team continued its hot start last week-end besting Illinois Wesleyan 8-1. En route to the victory the Little Giants swept double play, something that Coach Hutchison has emphasized this season. Pete Gunderman '12 and Wade Miller '14 won their match 8-4. Daniel Delgado '14 and Nate Koelper '14 were 8-5 winners while Evan Bayless '12 and Ian Leonard '13 took home an 8-1 victory. "A key component coach emphasizes in playing good teams is sweeping doubles," said Bayless, "A quick 3-0 lead gives us all the momentum and completely deflates our competitors." In singles play, Wabash got wins from Miller, Gunderman, Leonard, Koelper, and Phil Kubisz '13. After the win over the Titans the Little Giants now stand at 6-2 on the season with losses against Augustana and Elmhurst. "We came into the season with high expectations and hopes that we were going to be undefeated going into Spring Break," Bayless said. "But we knew that Augustana and Elmhurst were going to be tough matches." While most students pack up

their bags to head home this week-end on Spring Break, the tennis team is packing their bags to head west to California for a couple of matches. Wabash will play against Cal Tech, Whittier, Occidental, and Chapman. "In the past few years Coach Hutchison has emphasized the concept of team bonding," Bayless said. "Spring Break is a great opportunity for the team to bond and play against some strong competition. Most importantly we will get to play outside which will be beneficial as we prepare for the second half of our spring season." The North Coast Athletic Conference is one of the strongest tennis conferences in Division III with Kenyon, Denison, and DePauw being perennial powerhouses. That competition doesn't deter the tennis team, they welcome it. "We need to focus on 'more' as we head into the latter half of the season," Bayless said. "More has been our theme this season and Coach emphasizes it daily. We need to put more balls in play, apply more pressure, and put more effort into our matches." Wabash returns to action at the Collett Tennis Center on for a match against Hanover College on Saturday, March 17th.



KELLY SULLIVAN | WABASH '15
Senior Peter Gunderman looks to track down a ball in the backcourt earlier this season. Wabash is 6-3 so far in their pre-Spring Break spring schedule.

Hoops Trio Earns All-Conference Honors

Seniors Derek Bailey, Aaron Zinnerman, and Brian Shelbourne all earned all-NCAC honors. Bailey was a first-team recipient while Zinnerman earned second-team honors, and Shelbourne was an honorable mention selection. Bailey earned all-conference honors for the first time in his career. The forward averaged 14.9 points per game on the season, leading the team and ranking seventh in the conference this season. Zinnerman was also a first-time recipient. The guard averaged 12.8 points per game, while also ranking second on the team in assists, averaging 2.3 per game. Shelbourne was an all-conference honoree for the second consecutive season, also earning honorable mention honors in 2010-11. The senior point guard averaged 9.0 points per game, while leading the team in assists and steals. Shelbourne closed his career ranking fourth all-time at Wabash in assists and ninth in steals. The basketball team finished the season with an overall record of 18-8. The Little Giants ended the regular season in fourth place in the NCAC with a 10-8 record.

2011-12 All-NCAC First Team					
Name	School	Year	PPG	RPG	APG
Derek Bailey	Wabash	Sr.	14.9	3.7	1.2
Clayton Black	Wittenberg	Sr.	14.3	6.8	2.1
Tim Brady	OWU	Sr.	22.6	3.5	1.1
Xavier Brown	Wooster	Fr.	12.8	3.7	1.6
Dimonde Hale	Denison	Jr.	16.8	6.9	1.6
Justin Hollowell	Wooster	Sr.	13.4	6.6	1.5
Jamaal Watkins	Hiram	Sr.	20.1	7.5	2.2

Wrestlers Take Second at Regionals

Rhoads headed back to Nationals for second consecutive year

JOCELYN HOPKINSON '15
STAFF WRITER

The Wabash College wrestling team finished second last Saturday at the Midwest Regional in Cleveland, Ohio.

“It wasn’t good. I felt like we were blown out of the water,” said senior Captain Greg Rhoads of the team’s performance. “We were predicted to finish second, but I felt like we should have won,” he said.

Wabash amassed 112.5 points, losing to an Olivet team that scored 165.5 points. The Little Giants finished second at the regional for the second year in a row.

Rhoads succeeded in returning to nationals, despite the Little Giants not earning a team title. Last year, Rhoads won an automatic qualifying spot for the national meet. This year, however, he earned the first alternate position after losing in overtime of the regional championship match to Ryan Pieper of Trine University, by a score of 2-1.

“I was disappointed in myself,” Rhoads said.

“I thought I should have won but I wrestled not to lose and that cost me,” Rhoads said of the regional championship loss.

Rhoads will have a different approach to nationals this time.

“Last year, I was an automatic and the pressure was on,” he said. “This time, I thought my career was over after Saturday until I found out I was going. Now I can just approach it with nothing to lose.”

Rhoads placed eighth at nationals a year ago, after posting a 2-1 record in the tournament.

“It was alright, but I want to win or at least finish in the top five this time,” Rhoads said.

Rhoads will compete with 17 other wrestlers vying for the national championship in the 184 pound weight class.

Rhoads was a key component to the team’s 12-3 record this season. He accomplished a regular season record of 44-5. His 44 wins were the most in Division II this season and moved him into second place on Wabash’s all-time wins list, only behind Chris Healy. Greg has won 147 matches for Wabash, while only losing 53. Healy’s career record is 159-35. Rhoads provided the team with more than



COURTESY OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Greg Rhoads will be making another appearance at the NCAA Division III national wrestling meet after receiving an at-large bid this week. Rhoads and the Little Giants finished in second as a team at the regional meet.

wins. He served as team Captain for the third year in a row.

“I feel like the biggest thing I’ve learned from being a Captain for 3 years is the way I give feedback,” he said. “I use to be negative and only call out guys when they messed up, but you have to be positive and encourage them too.”

Rhoads was a captain this season along with fellow seniors Josh Boyer, Jake Moore and Junior, Austin O’Neal. The team’s record improved one game from the previous season.

“It was a good season, even though we fell short at the end,” Rhoads said. “Some new guys got experience and we still beat some top teams.”

Wabash won its 600 match as a program this year, as well.

“Not many programs have over 600 wins so it’s

special to be a part of that,” Rhoads said.

Along with the 600th victory, Rhoads’ favorite moment of the season was the team’s trip to Pennsylvania at the end of Christmas Break.

“We went out there to compete in national duels and we placed. It was a good experience,” he said.

Wrestling will be an important part of Rhoad’s life after he graduates. He says he plans to be an assistant coach at his high school in Hillsboro, Ohio. He would also like to coach a club team in the summer.

Rhoads will be in LaCrosse, Wisconsin for the national championships which take place on the weekend of Mar. 9-10. His seed has not yet been determined.

Photos From This Past Week in Sports



KELLY SULLIVAN | WABASH '15

Wabash competes in a doubles match at the indoor tennis facility. The Little Giants are 6-3 entering spring break. The team will be spending the break in California.



JOE SUKUP | WABASH '15

Senior Garrett Bonk will be looking to return to form in this weekend’s NCAC Indoor Championship. Bonk and his teammates will attempt to defend their title on Friday and Saturday as they host the championship.



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