

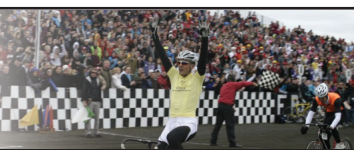
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## Miller '12 Starts Own Non-Profit

GABE WATSON '13  
STAFF WRITER

Sometimes the little things in life make the real differences. Adam Miller '12 is currently promoting his idea for a non-profit organization that aims to improve life by emphasizing some of those little things.

He has been developing the ideas behind Let's Have A: Ball ever since he lived in Greece for a summer.

"Every day walking to work I'd see kids playing soccer in the street," he said, "and their ball was a pinecone." The obvious need these children have for even basic sports equipment sparked an interest that continued to grow in Miller.

He later worked at a summer camp in Florida for children with severe diseases. "They just wanted to play sports and forget about their problems," Miller said. The ability to get outside and engage with others through friendly athletic competition was their gateway to enjoying an otherwise complicated life.

This year, Miller's senior rhetoric thesis was about a documentary called *Kicking It*, which focused on using soccer to help people overcome poverty. Sports can help bring out the fun, energy, and purpose in life. "They can act as a catalyst for overcoming a situation," Miller explained.

Recently Miller workshopped Let's Have A: Ball for five days at a Global Engagement Summit at Northwestern University. Along with 70 other students with ideas of their own, he got advice that allowed him to formulate a business plan.

"I pitched the idea to Scott Crawford, and he's been extremely helpful," Miller said. Miller was also surprised at how supportive alumni were. "I learned that you have to be direct," he said. "People want to help, but you have to let them know how." He wanted to thank alumni Jason Bridges, Marty Brown, Rich Calacci, Bob Grand, Marcus Doshi, Michael Bricker, and Mike Dill for their help thus far.

Miller's plan for Let's Have A: Ball has developed into aiming to "provide sports equipment to underprivileged children through a hybrid 'one-for-one' business model funded by the sale of professionally signed, used sports equipment." The program is currently competing with 68 other business plans for funding through the website GoodMaker. Anyone can vote through Monday, April 30 to get his idea funded.

If Miller can earn a spot in See MILLER, Page 2

## Commencement 2012 Shepard, Miller '64 to Earn Honorary Degrees

JACOB BURNETT '15  
STAFF WRITER

On May 13, the graduating class will walk across the commencement stage toward their post-Wabash lives. But not the seniors aren't the only ones to receive their diplomas.

Retired Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court Randall T. Shepard and Wabash Alumnus Stephen G. Miller '64 will also receive honorary degrees.

Shepard was elected to a six-year term as a Vanderburgh Superior Court judge in 1980. Before that term expired, Gov. Robert Orr chose Shepard in 1985 to fill an Indiana Supreme Court vacancy created when Justice Donald H. Hunter resigned. Two years later, Shepard officially filled that role, and he retired in March this year. As Chief Justice, Shepard modernized the court system by webcasting oral arguments.

Shepard also led an effort to reduce the number of mortgage foreclosures that take place in Indiana. He accomplished this by training pro bono mediators and representatives for those who hope to stay in their homes.

After graduating from the College in 1964, Miller received his Ph. D. in Greek and Roman Art and Archaeology. He serves as the Professor Emeritus of Classical Archaeology at the Univer-



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On May 13, this year's seniors will walk under the arch after the completion of the commencement ceremonies. Before they walk, the seniors will get the chance to take in an Indians game as a class as part of an event planned by the Senior Council.

sity of California Berkeley.

The Senior Council has planned one last hurrah for this year's seniors. Before the baccalaureate ceremony, the seniors will head to an Indians' game on May 7.

"We had about 125 seniors sign up, and that was a pleasant surprise to us as we were not quite sure if it would catch on," said Student Body President Alex Robbins '13, "but I think that speaks to the senior class's willingness to jump on an opportunity to perhaps create a new tradition, but more so to their camaraderie."

The busses will leave at 5:15 on Monday, May 7 from the parking lot East of the Allen Center. Attending students will be dropped off at Victory Field and sent to one of the two suites booked by the Senior Council. Then, after the game the busses will bring them back to campus. Robbins sees this trip as an opportunity for seniors to come together.

"So, I decided that I wanted to put something together for them, one last hurrah, if you will, that would allow them as a class to come together, be able to relax, and

have some fun without classes or senior activities conflicting with their ability to attend" said Robbins. "Sending them to an Indians game, to me, seemed like a logical option as it gave them entertainment and dinner, but did not restrict their ability to move around and talk to different guys and have conversation."

The Indians' game allows for seniors to have a chance to make a few last memories of their Wabash career. It is a great way to cap off the Wabash careers of so many students.

## Byun, Students to Explore Last Frontier

SCOTT MORRISON '14  
STAFF WRITER

Each semester Wabash students are spread across the globe with faculty and staff as part of immersion courses offered by the college.

At the end of this semester three of these trips

will be made, highlighted by BKT Assistant Professor of Economics Christie Byun's environmental economics course of 14 students traveling to Alaska. While most trips are touted for taking students to countries around the globe, this year's new trip offers students

the chance to get an abroad feel in the United States.

Along with the Alaska trip, BKT Assistant Professor of English Eric Freeze is leading a class to visit historic and literary sites in France associated with American expatriate writers such as Ezra Pound and Ernest Hemingway. Additionally, Professor of German Greg Redding will be taking a class to Marburg, Germany to practice the German language and learn about the culture and daily life in a German university town. No disrespect to Drs. Freeze or Redding, but the Alaska trip is an innovation as far as Wabash immersion courses go. Every year classes travel to Europe or South America, but this is the first time a class will be traveling to one of America's last frontiers.

This is the third or fourth time Byun has taught the class here at Wabash, but the first time she has a trip attached to the course. "It is not a place most of these guys have gone so far," Byun said. "All of this 'outdoorsy' stuff is exciting for these guys. The students are really excited for all of the stuff we are going to see out there; a lot of the stuff out there is the likes of which we have never seen."

Students take courses here each semester for a variety of reasons, and Jared Valentine '14 is a student who has a unique interest in this travel opportunity. Valentine has run dog sleds for eight years, and is excited to be in the home state of the Iditarod. "Growing up and following the race every year, it is exciting to be able to go see the area and to finally be able to say I've been there and seen that state," Valentine said. "Going to Alaska will connect me to that sport that I've been trying to connect with for so long."

Along with all of the outdoor activities and sights that students will see, there will be a lot of educational benefits that students will be able to connect to classroom concepts. The class has spent the semester studying conservation and allocation of resources along with special topics like the Exxon Valdez oil spill which occurred in 1989.

"I've always been interested in environmental economics," Byun said. "It's a cool topic. This problem of how to allocate scarce resources and environmental economics is unique. How you determine the valuation of these things are not See TRIP, Page 3



KELLY SULLIVAN | WABASH '15

BKT Assistant Professor of Economics Christie Byun will take Environmental Economics students to Alaska this summer to learn about decision-making regarding the conservation of resources.



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- Friday, April 27  
Senior check-out card pick up
- Final day of classes
- Saturday, April 28  
Indiana Walk Now for Autism, 9 a.m.
- Dorkstock, 12 p.m.
- Harambee Community Yard Sale, 2 p.m.
- Glee Club Seniors Concert, 4 p.m.
- Sunday, April 29  
Community Chorus, 3 p.m.
- Monday, April 30  
Final Exams Begin
- Senior check-out card pick up
- Tuesday, May 1  
Midnight Munch, 11:59 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 2  
IAWM Annual Cincinnati Reds Game, 7 p.m.

Andrews Ready for Florida Job

TYLER HARDCASTLE '15  
STAFF WRITER

After working for Track-Pack Coolers for almost three years Adam Andrews '12 has accepted a job with the same company. He completed an internship with the company and then has been working events for them since. After graduation Andrews will move down to Florida to start a sales job with TrackPack Coolers and Paramount Mold. Andrews will not be going to Florida this summer alone. J.J. Peller and Haoyu Li both will be working the same internship Andrews worked the summer before his sophomore year. Andrew Shelton '03 founded TrackPack Coolers in 2006. The company sells and manufactures insulated backpack coolers. Last year Shelton also became the owner of Paramount Mold, a plastics company. "What he's doing is vertical integration. Now they shoot [cast] the frames in Florida," Andrews said. Andrews will start as a sales representative for TrackPack Coolers and also be in training to work with Paramount Mold. "You really have to learn about molding and the blueprints for a mold before you can give people quotes," Andrews said. "So if I talk to a potential customer, they want to know how much it's going to cost to shoot the plastic to make so many coolers." Andrews looks forward to the challenge that will come from a more involved process and is excited to



IAN BAUMGARDNER | WABASH '14

Senior Adam Andrews is a Spanish major and a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He has accepted a job at TrackPack Coolers in Florida, a position he was offered after interning at the company while at Wabash. use the skills he has gained from Wabash in Spanish. "That whole area is pretty concentrated with a Spanish speaking population," Andrews said. "The first time I really saw the usefulness of a foreign language was during my internship with TrackPack Coolers." One of Andrews' potential clients from nearby Miami spoke only Spanish. "I was corresponding with him in Spanish," Andrews said. "Any language, additionally to your native tongue, is helpful anywhere you go in life, especially in business. It allows you to break that language barrier with potential consumers." Andrews' experience is not unusual. According to the Huffington Post, 58 percent of the citizens of Miami-Dade County speak Spanish. Of these people living very close to Ft. Lauderdale, roughly half speak only limited English. Because of this, bilingualism is a very valuable skill, and Andrews is grateful for his experiences to develop that skill. "The same summer I interned with TrackPack I went to Mexico for two months and taught English, Calculus, and Art History to underprivileged kids," Andrews said. In addition, Andrews spent a semester in Spain and participated in the Ecuador ecotourism module.



"I loved study abroad, going to Ecuador with Dr. Mikek and Dr. Hardy was the kind of experience you don't get somewhere else," Andrews said. "You don't get to go to a different hemisphere with two professors and their kids at other schools." Andrews recognized how helpful this experience will be and how the Wabash curriculum prepares students for the demands of work. He compares contacting customers, knowing prices, and understanding production processes for TrackPack Coolers to school. "When in one semester you have a Calculus class, English class, and C&T all in one semester, think about how diverse that is. Dealing with two opposing types of classes at one time and executing all of them at one time is a great skill," Andrews said. Andrews is looking forward to his new job this summer. "It's going to be a big change but I'm excited, its not going to be cold like this," Andrews said. "Also, Andrew Shelton, he's the best boss I've ever had, a great mentor, leader, and just a really smart guy. As much as I'll be learning from Paramount Mold, I'll be learning from him."

Miller

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the voting, the website explains, "the funds from this challenge will help turn Let's Have A: Ball into a reality. Specifically, the funds will help cover start up costs that aim to bring the not-for-profit organization to life. Our methodology represents bold innovation by combining

the 2 billion dollar sports memorabilia industry with a unique social twist; the money from the sale of the athlete donated equipment will be used to purchase sports equipment for underprivileged children. Give a child a ball, give a child a dream." "Even if this doesn't take off immediately like I hope it will, it's

been a great experience," Miller said. "It's been a learning process." He will graduate next week and begin working on the promotion of a cross-country bike trip to raise the funds necessary to run Let's Have A: Ball full-time. Eventually he aims to run the organization out of New York City.

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# Liberal Arts Beneficial to Ball

JOCELYN HOPKINSON '15  
STAFF WRITER

Many math majors enter the business world. As accountants, they might crunch numbers and set companies' budgets. Thomas Ball '12 has different ideas.

Ball, a senior Math major, will pursue a law degree in the fall at the Georgetown University Law Center.

"I had taken a couple of AP high school math classes, and took a couple more once I got here. I was basically done with math by the time I was supposed to declare my major," Ball said. "Frankly, I enjoy the subject."

Ball is a gifted math student, but he has an interest in law. He debated in high school and likes to read and write. Formulas and equations

run in Ball's bloodlines. His mother is a Math teacher and his older sister is a Math major. And Ball says there are similarities between Math and his minor, Political Science.

"There's a lot of logic involved in both subjects," he said. "People say math and science majors are the ones that tend to do the best on the LSAT. It's just the way you think."

Ball found his passion for Political Science at Wabash. "Early on, Professor Butler sparked my interest in Political Science," Ball said. "I had her freshman year for Political Theory and really enjoyed the class."

Ball pointed to Assistant Professor of Political Science Alexandra Hoerl's class his sophomore year as one that stands out. "I took a Machiavelli class with Professor Hoerl and loved it," he said. "I enjoyed the theory of taking different events and put them into framework, which is what Machiavelli did. He supported ideas with fact."

Ball's interest in political theory translates directly to his job interests. After law school, he hopes to study international law—an interest sparked by his experiences during his Chile emersion trip. The United States' interaction with other parts of

the world fascinates Ball.

Ball is from the North Chicago suburb of Glenview, Ill. He was able to see how people outside the United States reacted to one of the decade's defining moments.

"I was in Chile when Osama Bin Laden was killed," he said. "All these South Americans thought the killing was a fake. What struck me was there is such a lack of faith in the U.S. government. They believe anything we say is conspiracy-driven."

Whatever the cause of the animosity may be, Ball said it's not all negative.

"They still admire the U.S. They think we have the best education system in the world, and they treasure our products. What a Mercedes is to us, a Chevy is to them."

Ball has mixed feelings about graduation. He's grateful for how much he has learned at Wabash.

"I didn't come here a good student," he admitted. "I've learned a lot. Wabash has made me so much better as I've worked my way through it."

Like many Wabash men, Ball looks forward to two things in the next chapter of his life.

"It will be nice going to a co-ed school and not being in Crawfordsville," he chuckled.

In fact, Ball passed up



an opportunity to attend Cornell University Law School for Georgetown because of Georgetown's location in a major city.

Ball loves Wabash traditions. His favorites are Chapel Sing and Chapel Talks. As a Sigma Chi member, he was thrilled to see its pledge class win his sophomore year. Ball's fondest memory of Chapel Talks was a speech delivered by Associate Professor of Religion Jonathan Baer.

"Dr. Baer gave one my sophomore year where he talked about victory and defeat," Ball said. "His description of procrastination was fascinating to me. He says that we procrastinate because of fear."

Ball has no reason to fear his liberal arts degree won't continue to serve him well on his unconventional path. He and the rest of the 2012 class will graduate on Mother's Day, May 13.



FRANCISCO HUERTA | WABASH '14

Senior Tommy Ball applied a passion toward the liberal arts at Wabash. Ball will attend Georgetown law school this fall even though he majored in Mathematics.

## A Senior Editor's Reflection



KENNY FARRIS '12  
NEWS EDITOR

Unlocked doors, tenure movements, and drunk driving. Darryl Johnson '82, Ryan Vaughn '00, and Kris Klondaris '12. Fake Ron Artest basketball camps and sarcastically predicting another DePauw football walkout last fall.

To those who say a Wabash four years is incredibly boring, my story subjects above argue differently. For those who say Wabash helps develop a future, my time at *The Bachelor* epitomizes just that.

I was drawn to *The Bachelor* by what I saw as a stable, controlled voice when confusion and anger abounded. Johnny Smith's death in Fall 2008 prompted the removal of a campus fraternity and displaced nearly 60 students. Resistance toward the punishment abounded, and a student body prided upon masculine self-rule in rural Indiana had been forced into the forgotten social contract of citizenship.

In the midst of such confusion, I saw *The Bachelor* uphold a professional attitude in the coverage of a crisis affecting all of us. Gone were photos of students carrying 30 packs of Busch light to accompany an article reviewing a fraternity party or photo spreads of Chapel Sing practices. Instead, the paper published surveys examining underage alcohol use on campus and an opinion page with letters from concerned students and alumni. Follow-up stories covered the fraternity shutdown, the hiring of a safety and security director, and the hiring of an attorney by the deceased freshman's family.

I knew then that this was where I wanted to work, so I joined the staff in Spring 2009.

Not every story I wrote affected criminal cases or altered the course of campus debates. But in each assignment, I learned more about the Wabash College community. I wrote of different faculty views toward Facebook. I met Physics majors who earned distinction, laughed with students presenting critiques on the *Boondocks* cartoon, and spoke with advisors and presidents about fraternities with low average GPA-s.

The stories pulled me into the

heart of the College, broadening my passion for our school. Yet, I also saw Wabash's shortcomings and struggles and refused to deny them. I wanted the best for Wabash College, but I began to believe that pursuing Wabash's best required reporting both praise and criticism.

I tested that belief in April 2010 reporting arrests involving illegal drugs. Reporting arrests could tarnish the school's image, hurting its standing in college-ranking publications. I knew I would repeatedly visit the county courthouse as well as interview persons who could be unwilling to discuss a sensitive issue. I also knew Wabash's libertarian culture toward alcohol and other illegal substances remained after Fall 2008. But *The Bachelor* had and always will have a duty to report the news accurately, fairly, and comprehensively. I took that duty seriously, and I felt ready to tackle a tedious assignment with potential negative consequences.

The article printed on the front page above the fold and was distributed across campus just after eight a.m. Within an hour after delivery I listed to students ask, "How could you defame two of our brothers like that?" Nearly 300 of the 1,200 copies were returned to the front door of *The Bachelor* office, and I received a call from editor Gary James '10 advising me to "leave campus for the night."

That day I grasped the consequences of reporting for *The Bachelor*. The deeper I challenge the core of another's values, the stronger the reaction against that challenge and me will be. Yet I discovered standing up to report Wabash life consistently and fairly gave me true confidence. Eventually, I reconciled with one of the students in the article, and I've developed a large amount of respect for him. He told me once he did not want *The Bachelor* to run the article, but he also understood my perspective as a journalist and wanting to stand up for my belief in what is best for Wabash, *The Bachelor*, and myself.

The hard work for that article sparked a passion for community engagement that I still feel today. Yet if I had no part of *The Bachelor*, I do not believe I would feel this motivation to engage a community, learn it comprehensively, and work to better its future. And for that, I am truly thankful to this publication.

## Owen Duston Lectures

## Draw Sizable Student Crowd

TYLER HARDCASTLE '15  
STAFF WRITER

Last Wednesday's Owen Duston Candidate Lecture drew a sizable crowd of students that has been noticed by the Wabash community.

"I think there are a variety of reasons why students show up for the talks. One can simply be interest," Dean of the College Gary Phillips said. "They will also take the chance to be fed and additionally see someone speak because the topic is of interest."

Students often look to the bottom of e-mails to check for the 'a light lunch will be served' line, indicating pizza from a local shop. Yet, interests seem to go beyond food. Two weeks ago, the Department of Psychology ran out of pizza almost immediately because of a packed Baxter 101.

"Students may also be encouraged by faculty members in a department," Phillips said. "The candidate may be talking about something that is germane to a course, so turning students out for that may be beneficial for a class."

In addition to supplementing the material taught in classes, the candidate talks provide a very real way for the students to have an impact in candidate selection.

"The key part of the process that distinguishes us so dramatically from other schools is that we involve students so dramatically, we allow students to meet specifically with a candidate," Phillips said.

## Trip

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easy questions to answer and environmental economics tries to answer such questions."

The class will spend its first three days in Anchorage meeting with some of the state's business and conservation groups. From there they will spend two days in Valdez, which is the terminus point on the Trans-Alaska pipeline. The final two days will be spent in Seward taking a tour of the glaciers and wildlife in Kenai Fjords National Park.

All in all, the trip is a unique opportunity to see places and do things that they have not had the chance to on other immersion opportunities. Living in the continental United States,

At many other schools, the same basic process for hiring exists. Candidates are invited to teach or give a lecture on their area of research and may interact with students of the institution in passing. Wabash differs by making student interaction a formal part of the process. In addition, the candidate is introduced to faculty members outside of his or her area of study.

"We're small enough that you get to know people; you can't be anonymous," Phillips said. "It's very important for the [candidate] to see lots of people. Even though the position is not permanent, a visiting professor is the Wabash experience for that student."

Many of these temporary positions allow teachers to gain experience teaching and working specifically with students. The Owen Duston Minority Scholar brings a professor to the campus for a one-year appointment—extendable to up to two years.

"The idea is that they would get involved with different campus organizations like UPS, MXI, or any campus organization to interact with students—serving as a mentor," Malcolm X Institute Director Michael Brown said.

Brown serves as a member of the Multicultural Concerns Committee and is an additional representative on the hiring committee. Brown hopes to see the chosen candidate make a positive impact on campus.

"They have a reduced teaching load so they do have this opportunity to interact with students," Brown said.

most of us do not have the same kind of extensive resources or remaining indigenous peoples Alaska to which is home so the economic problems here are much different. "Seeing this stuff cannot be replaced by a documentary or a lecture," Byun said. "It is a great opportunity to meet these people from such important corporations, especially the Koniag Corporation."

"What happened to the indigenous populations and their lands is the kind of thing we never think about," she said. "I hope the students can see the way indigenous people are hurt and benefited by economic expansion. Also, the students will be able to see up front how to balance the preservation of national resources as well as still expanding economically."



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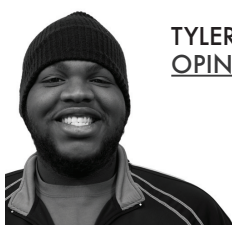
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# Five Highlights from the School Year

So we made it guys. The season is changing and soon flip-flops, chubbies and the smell of barbecue will whisk our minds away from the drudgery of finals to a summery haze of relaxation. This semester has proven to be quite the show and I'd like to offer my sort of end of the semester recap-evaluation-thing-a-ma-bob. Five things that stood out this semester.

**National Act:** Just like Ben Folds, Three 6 Mafia, Girl Talk, Lupe Fiasco, and Mike Posner, sir Mac Miller unfortunately has been kicked in the sternum with a hearty "THIS IS WABASH" down the abysmal hole of "National Act sucked this year." Never mind the near 29,000 dollars we raked in from this once small town, but now the "dopest" Jewish rapper ever to hit the scene. Tradition, the tragic flaw of Wabash, stifles the SCAC committee again. We've politely asked to combine the two acts into one mega-concert. We've tried coming up with other avenues of entertainment like comedians. We've even tried to get much smaller, but more frequent acts in order to appease the musical taste of all people. The response: Tradition, we cannot change it. I'm all for banning rappers next semester; however, if student's vote for an artist, my integrity will remain intact.



**TYLER GRIFFIN '13**  
OPINION COLUMNIST

I'd gladly sway in the twanginess of a country voice or suffer whiplash from the incessant head banging from a rock concert. However, as with all things in America, you must vote on it for it to come to pass.

**Dr. Hadley:** Well, my twitter followers will miss the ol' grandfather of the Democrats for he has decided that a life of reading Huffington Post articles to his donkey named Roosevelt, is much more interesting than teaching young impressionable minds. Which professor will try to feel the shoes of the great "throat-clearer?" Who among our faculty can sport the ever-classy navy blue blazer? Are any professors bold enough to have a life-size cutout of Hilary Clinton, holding a gun, plopped in their office for all to see? Dr. Hadley you are my homie for life!

**Reggie Steele & Tyler Wade:** At the risk of inflating your already ballooned egos, you two, as with all other semesters, have brought the best and brightest of Wabash. When I think about the Class of 2012 your spirits tend to embody the multitude of diversity, yes I said diversity, intelligence, drive and humor of the senior class. Though operating often times in two different worlds that clashed quite frequently, you guys never lost sight of the end goal which is the bettering of Wabash for future students. Both Jimmy Kervan '13 and I have big shoes to fill, but I know drawing from your leadership reservoir, we will continue the fight, always.

**Dean Phillips:** The man that graced magazine covers, spoke to masses of people, became almost a shooting target for racist, sexual immorality and incompetency claims definitely had a heated semester. Often times the focal point for just plain insidious intent, Phillips also was confronted with some really educated concerns. In the fight against the Dean's policies, whether you agree with them or not, the student body rose to the challenge that is Wabash. We fought, cried, emailed, petitioned, recorded, and protested for change. Wabash is active, forever breathing the air of resilience and conviction in its belief.

Dean Phillips did not neglect our concerns because he couldn't with such a loud and unabashed Wally spirit. And though I am not totally gung-ho with his decisions, I must say he handled the pressure with such class and finesse.

**Dr. Sam Rocha:** As the tears readily commit suicide, crashing on the key board as I type, you probably sit somewhere playing the guitar or confusing yourself in your own hoity-toity rhetoric. You did a lot of for this campus and though we were unsuccessful in our fight to keep you here, you shouldn't feel cheated. Some things are ephemeral, like every student's stay here at Wabash, but what you did here in this fleeting time most professors will and can't do in 30 years. What influence! What hope! What Love! A tough fight, but a graceful finish. Vayas con dios. We love you.

This time next year I'll be writing my last article in The Bachelor and I hope I can still say, Wabash will always be home. No home is without scandal, mistrust and bickering. This semester has truly tested our perception of this home, but at least for me it reinforced the family I feel between these scarlet halls.

# Why Cross-Country is a Silly Sport

I've been debating, with a few brothers, as to whether or not to write this article for the last few weeks. I decided to go for it for two main reasons. One, word of my inflammatory opinion soon spread to concerned parties-- the cat is now out of the bag already, and running about campus, so to speak. Second, this will be my last article for The Bachelor, so what the heck? Cross country is a silly sport. Running, don't get me wrong, is great. It's liberating, once in a while, to just get up and travel, swiftly, by the power of your own two legs. It helps to clear the mind and reinvigorate the body. It's also great in that almost anyone can do it. It's also a great skill to have if you ever want to play sports-- it's an integral part of almost every popular sport in the U.S. But that's exactly my point-- running is a part of most sports.

I don't mean by this to downplay any of the impressive accomplishments of Wabash's cross-country team or to disparage anyone's work ethic, character, or masculinity. Many of the cross-country runners I know are great students, good friends, hard workers, etc. I like most cross-country runners. But why cross-country? Far too often I see guys who look like athletes, with a good deal of muscle on their bodies, work all the muscle off for cross-country, to the point of looking more like the runway models accused of encouraging anorexia in young girls. I have also watched my house's pledge-ship sputter because of so many cross-country runners in the class.



**REED HEPBURN '12**  
OPINION COLUMNIST

One of the most memorable and valuable bonding experiences for my pledge class, and for others in the past, was late-night, pledge-to-pledge conversations and hijinks. This element of the experience was torn out for FIJI '15 because of certain pledges "had to run at 6 a.m." Athletes in other sports had to run in the morning too, but did not impose their sleep schedules on the rest of the class.

Indeed, freshman athletes in other sports had to do more than just run in the morning. While I understand that cross-country practices do consist of exercises other than running, other athletes train to develop and employ a myriad of skills in the actual competition itself. Football players, for instance, throw, catch, dodge, block, tackle, take tackles, etc. Further, they don't simply do one or two of these actions over and over again for the duration of the contest, but have to make split-second decisions as to which of these actions to take. Basketball, soccer, rugby players, and other athletes all engage in this combination of performance of multiple actions

and decision between these. To top it all off, these athletes perform such feats while-- wait for it-- running. Other athletes need not only endurance and speed, but strength, agility, instant decision-making, dexterity, hand-eye-coordination, and countless other skills, and employ these simultaneously.

The relationship of running to sports is a lot like that of reading to college. You're not going to get very far in college if you can't read. You probably even need to be good at reading to succeed in college, regardless of your major. But would anyone value a "Reading" major? This is not to be confused with English, in which one analyzes, constructs arguments, and produces papers and/or creative writing-- but simply reading, where assessment is by volume or speed of reading. All college students read, but we also do other things on top of that. We read and we write, experiment, speak, calculate, and create. No doubt cross-country runners are in great physical shape, as I'm sure a "Reading major" would be mentally. But at some point in sports, one is expected to do something interesting with their skills, as in college, where we expect learning to show some sort of productive fruit. Running is a great hobby, but a sport consisting of only running is frankly too simple and boring to rank among the likes of soccer or lacrosse. All sports, of course, are ultimately vain diversions, but in the world of sports, cross-country is one of the silliest.

## Section Editor's Note:

On behalf of the columnists of the Opinion Section, I would like to thank the Wabash Community for reading and considering our opinions during the 2011-2012 academic year. Your feedback through Letters to the Editor or by engaging us on campus is noticed and appreciated. Your voices did not fall on deaf ears and your input is valued.

Alex Robbins '13  
Opinion Editor

## Food For Thought:

When the Student Senate has money to rollover from the end of the academic year to the next, should the College give a proportional amount go back to each individual member of the Senior Class since they will not be here the next year to use it?

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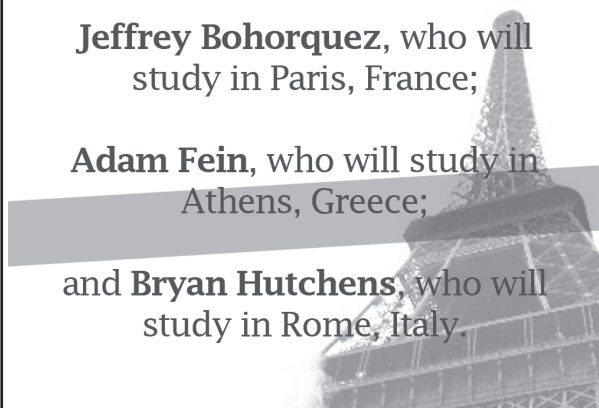
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Congratulations to the three recipients of the Rudolph Scholarship:

**Jeffrey Bohorquez**, who will study in Paris, France;

**Adam Fein**, who will study in Athens, Greece;

and **Bryan Hutchens**, who will study in Rome, Italy.





# Jordan and Isiah are No Larry Birds

As for Bird, I hope he will sit back at the end of this season, regardless of the Pacers' playoff results and see how good he has been, but also how much better he can be. I hope Larry gets the itch for one more NBA Championship. If he does, he'll have many more great opportunities before Jordan or Thomas get one, if they ever find themselves back on top of the NBA.

# Letter to the Editor

Emmett McAuliffe '80

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# Energy Drinks Aid, Harm Students

JOHN DYKSTRA '13  
CAVELIFE EDITOR

As finals week approaches, there is no doubt that sleep-deprived and caffeine-fueled students will occupy the library from open to close and then transfer over to the Armory to continue working. It is the time of the year when students turn to coffee and energy drinks to make up for lost time and to get an extra few hours of studying done.

Students need to consider the health consequences of living a lifestyle that relies on the consumption of coffee and energy drinks. While coffee and energy drinks seem like viable options to increase energy levels, excessive consumption of them is not.

Students drink energy drinks on a daily basis, but tend to consume more during finals week.

"I enjoy drinking energy drinks because I really feel like they give you that something extra when you are slowing down," Senior Joey Fleenor said. "It's that quick energy burst that you really need."

"Finals week definitely increases my use of energy drinks because of the amount of time that is required to complete different things, but I would say that I drink those types of drinks on a fairly regular basis."

Energy drinks are efficient in raising energy levels, but that rise in energy precedes an energy crash.

"Energy drink companies claim that their drink will not make you



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A long time study aid, energy drinks give Wabash students a much needed pick-me-up during those bleak all nighters, but at what cost?

However, energy drink consumers can prolong an energy crash by consuming more energy drinks. Most people know the consequences for excessively consuming energy drinks. Excessive consumption of energy drinks and other caffeinated-beverages can lead to diabetes, heart problems, seizures, and strokes, to name a few.

"Most people are aware of the negative effects, but that's not necessarily the point," Fleenor said. "There are several things that are bad for us and everyone is aware of them, but that doesn't stop a good majority of people from continuing to use them."

Elizando discourages students from excessively consuming energy drinks

or other caffeinated and sugar-laden beverages. He encourages students to eat a well-balanced diet according to a schedule that will help keep them energized throughout the day.

"I do not think anybody really needs to drink an energy drink if they eat correctly and get adequate rest," Elizando said. "A well-balanced diet and a proper eating schedule will be more beneficial than drinking an energy drink. You have to fuel your body on a schedule. Many diabetics have problems with eating according to a schedule, but once they get on a tight schedule and log what they eat, they do a lot better."

Finals week is around the corner, and students will have an urge to stay up late. Nonetheless, they need to avoid consuming excessive amounts of caffeine and sugar.

"People do not need caffeine in large amounts," Elizando said. "People tend to feel tired at the end of the day and think they need it. You do not necessarily get addicted to caffeine, but you get dependent on that injection of energy whether it is caffeine, sugar, or both. People start to feel tired and think they needed it, but really, all they need is to adjust their diet, get an adequate amount of sleep, and eat throughout the day."

"Overall, I don't think that the use of energy drinks is a bad thing, Fleenor added. "Just like with anything else that can have a negative impact on the body, a certain level of moderation is required."

# Spawn of Possession's *Incurso* is Technical Marvel

ADAM SOSHINICK '13  
MUSIC COLUMNIST

Hitting the proverbial nail on the head, Spawn of Possession return with their third full-length feeling renewed and refreshed. Since the first two records, the band's lineup has shifted significantly, but for the better. *Incurso* is the most addictive culling of spiraling riffing and chaotic song writing since Gorod stepped up to the metal plate with *Process of a New Decline* in 2009. Similar to their peer, Spawn of Possession takes seemingly unapproachable technicality and transforms it into something accessible for even the fussiest of metal heads. Technical death metal has only recently been in great commodity, and with the spur in popularity came a flood of subpar groups lacking writing finesse. Nonetheless, the band has their merits; particularly ease of access, and *Incurso* remains one of the better releases for the sub genre because it is memorable and proficiently composed.

In fact, *Incurso* serves as a catalyst for the band to channel their inner creativity. Fusion-like bass playing forms the core underpinning of Spawn of Possession's sound, and guitars loyally follow unruly drumming in rising and falling alternate picking fashioned with brain-twisting precision. Vocals are typical death metal fare, albeit lay-

ered numerous times. High-pitched shrieks loom over growls like Godzilla's shadow over Tokyo, both mutually applicable to each other, but when separated become a different beast all together. The band occasionally slows down to observe the finer things in life, like spacious clean guitar tones and ominous organ-lead passages, but the bulk of *Incurso* refuses to let up and stays planted in a frenzied blender.

Even as Spawn of Possession prefer to keep their songs shrill and acute, they still dip into conventional metal territory, similar to how a "normal" death metal band might tackle an arrangement of music. "Deus Avertat" rips along at breakneck speed on the guitar's lower strings, transitioning in and out between elevated tremolo picking and bottom end rumbling. "Servitude of Souls" persists in the same vein, but slows down the onslaught to a casual case of headbanging that serves as a subtle respite. The last two, including the limited edition's bonus track, begin with wonderfully grim dosages of classically influenced keyboards that set the mood and provide a nice variation from usual Spawn of Possession material. The rest of the album's track listing carries an archetypically technical death metal sound, but retains the band's distinctive attitude toward the music. Highlights and personal



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Spawn of Possession comes back with a technically diverse and well laid out *Incurso*.

favorites include "Where Angels Go Demons Flow," "Bodiless Sleeper," "Deus Avertat," and "Apparition."

With *Incurso*, Spawn of Possession has expertly crafted a technical death metal masterpiece, primarily attributed to unforgettable song writing and raw instrumental talent. While not everyone will be able to delve into the

band's music, the record should prove to be an excellent starting point for those looking to explore the sub genre and as a reach into an enticing 10 tracks of metal. Already the band has been placed onto several developing best of 2012 lists—the praise is undoubtedly deserved because listeners will continue to see great things from this group.

# Arjun Kumar, '13 Gives Back Through Tonic Watch

FRITZ COUCHIE '15  
CAVELIFE CONTRIBUTOR

In his lecture, 2012 Senior Peck Medal Recipient, William Neukom stressed the importance of philanthropy within companies. He asserted that giving back was not only the fashionable thing in business; it is a responsibility that all businesses have.

Giving back is now fashionable, major retailers sell products that donate proceeds to charity. For years, Wallies have worn Livestrong or breast cancer awareness bracelets and (Product) RED shirts. Major retailers sell all three products and the proceeds from these lines are donated to their respective charities. Thrift stores

are once again thriving, partially because the clothing is affordable but mainly due to a shift in fashion. Those who set the trends have shifted from the overpriced Abercrombie style to the environmentalist "I drive a Prius, eat granola and wear my grandfather's clothes with a scarf in July," trend. Retailers are feeling pressure to donate a portion of profit to charity, even on merchandise that is not based on charitable giving. Macy's and Target are both expected to give well-over 5 percent of their profits to charitable organizations in 2012.

Junior Arjun Kumar agrees with the beliefs of Mr. Neukom, he has recently partnered with Tonic Watch, a small start-up company interested in

giving back to the community. "The company is called Tonic because that is what we want to be, a tonic. We want to really make a difference, the watches are our medium," Kumar said. Tonic Watch, as the name implies, sells fashion watches, Citizen movements and come in a variety of colors power the watches. Kumar, who is Director of Sales and Marketing, is in charge of establishing sales and distribution in different populaces. Although Tonic Watches are available to all and he highly encourages everyone to purchase a Tonic Watch, the product is targeted at those who care about their community or are fashion conscious.

One of Kumar's favorite aspects of Tonic Watch is how the company se-

lects the charities to which it donates. "We want the customers to have a say in the selection process. We are toying with how to do that right now, but I imagine that there will be a poll or suggestion box on our website in the future," Kumar said. Local events are also of great importance to Tonic Watch, which plans to sponsor volunteer events in local communities. If the company can help by both giving its proceeds to existing charitable organizations and encouraging others to volunteer in their community through sponsoring local events, Kumar and his partners are creating a panacea in the form of a quality fashion wristwatch.

All Tonic Watch Products can be viewed at [tonicwatch.com](http://tonicwatch.com).



# Little 5: A Weekend of Excess

ALEX TOTTEN '13  
LIFESTYLES COLUMNIST

Whereas, I am now of legal age to consume alcohol, and whereas this weekend was Little 5 down at IU, I've decided, with full disclosure, to detail a day in the life of a partier on one of the best party weeks of the year. For those of you who have been living in ignorance, Little 5 was this weekend. Possibly the biggest party week of the year, akin to our Pan Hel, Little 5 is a festival of excess and alcohol, and I think that there's a bike race or something but that's not important. What is important is that I'm now of legal age, and mostly invincible to the law when it comes to alcohol consumption. What follows is my account of said weekend in question.

With finals and the dreaded dead week approaching, I noticed on my Facebook calendar that this Friday marked the beginning of Little 5 for me. To be understood, Little 5 starts

of IU students the Saturday before the race, or whenever one wants to start drinking. I found a ride and with my merry fellows, I was off to sunny Bloomington, the Mecca of hard partying and excess. The first party on my list was my long-time friend Will's Fancy Party. At the event, the participants dress in fancy clothes and drink high class drinks; a mild night to start off my weekend.

We arrived at Will's apartment, ready to fancy it up. Most of the day leading up, we had beers, played video games and listened to dope music; it was a fine time, until my first encounter with a public urinator. Now, the atmosphere of Little 5 leads to most people drinking quite a bit and travelling around. As anyone who's ever had a drink before knows, that tends to make someone want to pee. These fine people would find anywhere to do the deed, in public.

Our first encounter was a young lady who simply dropped trow and



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The alleged main event of Little 500, the race itself. I have yet to meet someone that's actually attended the race.

peed freely, not 200 feet away from us. A male friend of hers covered her shame as she went about her business, but it was truly for naught, as she was still exposed. Another gentleman, to our confusion, climbed up the balcony across from us, urinated off of it, climbed down, and went on our way. This raised many questions for us. Was that his balcony? Why did he climb it? Did he make an effort to wash his hands afterwards? We started to realize that most of the streets of Bloomington were covered with the pee of drunken college students. We let that sink in and moved on.

The Fancy Party was wonderfully uneventful. It was subdued, but still fun. People were playing Poker and Black Jack, talking about philosophy and literature, and, overall, being intellectuals. It was a nice way to start off our weekend. Saturday was the main event, though, so we tried to contain ourselves.

The following day was the day of the race, which cost like 25 dollars, so

we totally didn't go. Instead, we went and had delicious Korean food. An aside, the best reason to go to Bloomington is for the food. Their restaurants are bar none. We then made our way to an apartment party, the first stop on our tour. It was an intimate affair, with only about twenty people. My aforementioned friend, Will, and I ran the BP table for ten games before bidding our friends adieu.

We went to Union Street, which was completely out-of-control, and stayed at a kegger until the basement started to flood and we had to leave. We stopped by two more parties late night, had a few more drinks, but everyone was getting tapped. We ended our journey at three A.M., learning more about ourselves.

Do I have regrets? Never. It was a good time, filled with good people, but I do have one suggestion. Be wary, and be safe. Little 5's intoxicating in more ways than alcohol, so arm yourself with self awareness and care, and please don't pee everywhere.



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The real main event of the week, binge drinking. I, personally, don't support drinking to excess, but some participate in such actions.

# Summer Movies to Watch Over Break

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CAVELIFE EDITOR

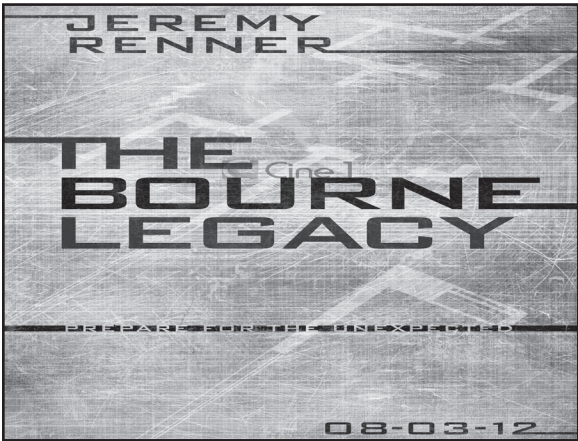
**The Bourne Legacy August 3**  
The Bourne Legacy takes a different direction from the rest of the Bourne series. Former director Paul Greengrass and Matt Damon, who played Jason Bourne, do not return for a sequel to The Bourn Ultimatum. This caused new director and screenwriter Tony Gilroy to create a new plot with new characters. Gilroy did not write the film in accordance to Eric Van Lustbader's 2004 book, which is also titled The Bourne Legacy.

The film takes place in the aftermath of The Bourne Ultimatum, as government officials analyze the documents for Operation Treadstone and

prepare to charge those who were involved in creating it. Main character Aaron Cross/Keith Gibson (Jeremy Renner), instead of the titular Jason Bourne, is an Operation Outcome agent. Operation Outcome is "Treadstone without inconsistency," as the trailer states. A government official known as Beyer (Edward Norton) is the main antagonist.

The film's official trailer shows the similarities between Cross/Gibson and Bourne. The mastermind behind Treadstone recruited both characters. The action appears to be more intense than in previous Bourne movies. But, that's based off the trailer, and trailers can be deceiving.

This will be a make-or-break film, especially since it is following Damon and Greengrass' success with the first three Bourne movies.



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Jeremy Renner takes over for Damon in the new Bourne Movie.



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Expendables 2 proves that Stallone still has it.

**The Expendables 2 August 17**  
Director/actor Sylvester Stallone should have titled his upcoming film Shoot 'Em Up 2 instead of The Expendables 2. Expendables 2 is, obviously, the sequel to The Expendables, which reached theaters in 2009. All of the main characters in the first movie return with the addition of characters Brooker (Chuck Norris), Billy the Kid (Liam Hemsworth),

and Maggie (Yu Na). Mr. Church (Bruce Willis) and Trent Mauser (Arnold Schwarzenegger) have larger roles than in the previous movie.

The movie's preview suggests that Stallone has produced yet another seemingly plot-less post-Cold War film revolving around high profile enemies pursuing nuclear weaponry. The Expendables take on a mission to prevent Jean Vilain (Jean-

Claude Van Damme) from obtaining six pounds of war-grade plutonium.

The action will be through the roof, as it was in the first Expendables, but that also comes with the possibility of there being a cheesy plot. Chances are, most people will see the movie specifically because of hits high-impact action anyway, as explosions always trump intellectualism.

ALEX TOTTEN '13  
FILM COLUMNIST

**Seeking a Friend for the End of the World, June 22**  
As a change of pace for those of us who aren't inclined to watch only actions movies all summer, Seeking a Friend for the End of the World is a charming comedy/drama/romance set at the end of the world. The premise is simple, an asteroid is heading towards Earth, and there's nothing that we can do about it. Like other Armageddon-style movies, the world starts to devolve into chaos.  
For the most part, details of the movie have been scarce, and the buzz hasn't been about. The movie's plot has only been hinted to, only knowing that the world is ending, and nothing can be done about it. The director is Lorene Scarafia, who's worked on a few other things as a writer, predominately, with movies like Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist, but this is her first directorial role. It's small, and on the hush hush, but this is what I've been able to find out.  
Steve Carrell, the principal of the movie, is trying to seek his high school sweetheart after his wife leaves him. Accompanying him is his neighbor, played by Keira Knightley, with an unknown twist thrown into

the action, causing crazy shenanigans along the way.  
Carrell isn't exactly known for more serious roles, but it seems that he's starting to make the jump here. The situation is dire, but it appears that the subject matter will be dealt with lightly, taking a funny approach to an otherwise dark issue. The characters are in mortal danger; they know that they will, invariably die, but the trailer and the information on the movie so far leads to me to believe that this will be a heartfelt comedy.  
Knightley comes from a different background as well. Known mostly for her work on the Pirates of the Caribbean movies, she's been seen as a strong heroine, but in Seeking a Friend, she seems like she's more of a trickster. She appears in Carrell's life at weird, transitional period, wanting to come along with him for an unknown reason. He's, very easily, motivated, whereas she seems to have no reason to come.  
The movie appears that it will be very layered and appealing to most any moviegoer. It has comedy, drama, and romance, and the plot seems like it will take turns in every which direction, as a picaresque is wont to do. If you're a fan of charming indie romances, Judd Apatow comedies, and movies like Spanglish, Seeking a Friend for the End of the World is for you.



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Seeking a Friend for the End of the World comes out June 22.



# Bachelor Seniors Say Farewell

## Alford, Bender Reflect on Sportswriting Tenure

It's amazing how quickly four years can go. That fact has only recently dawned on me as my days at Wabash have quickly dwindled. I'm realizing just how limited my time is here as the "lasts" continue to pile up. So here I am, writing my last story for The Bachelor.

For the past four years, writing for this newspaper has been one of the most important parts of my Wabash experience. I have spent four years covering sports here at Wabash, and I have loved every moment of it. I never expected journalism to be my desired career path, I just loved sports and covering them as a writer seemed like a fun way to spend my time. Little did I know that my experiences at The Bachelor and elsewhere would help me realize that this is what I want to do for the rest of my life.

I have learned a lot during my four years at Wabash and specifically covering the various teams and players in the Wabash athletic department. But the most important lesson I have learned is that people shape our experiences. There is something special about collegiate athletics, and for some reason I believe that to ring even truer at a place like Wabash.

Getting to know the players and coaches on the various teams on this campus has been the best part of this experience. I've learned there is more to covering sports than box scores and X's and O's. There is always a story off the field, and many times those are the best to tell.



BRANDAN ALFORD '12  
SPORTS COLUMNIST

At Wabash, the student body has a personal relationship with its athletes in a way many division I and II schools never will. We see the best and brightest of our sports teams every day in class, walking across the mall, and spending late hours in the library with us. They are our equals, not some revered demigods. Students know the athletes they cheer for on Saturday afternoons at Hollett Little Giant Field and Wednesday nights at Chadwick Court, and that's what makes this place special.

I have been able to cover great teams and amazing individual performers during my four years; I have seen the joys of upset wins and the pains of disappointing losses. We all have. But I think I've been blessed even more than the average fan here at Wabash. It's easy to look anywhere on campus and see some of Wabash's most decorated athletes; for me, I just have to look in the next room.

As it turns out, the four other seniors I live with at Beta are some of the most accomplished and gifted athletes that we have here. Jonathan Horn, Brian

Shelbourne, Andrew Swart, and Daniel Ambrosio are four of Wabash's top senior athletes. Horn was four-year letter winner in football, captaining this year's team to a Bell game blowout victory and a playoff berth; Shelbourne was a four-year starter at point guard on the basketball team, climbing the career marks for assists and steals and is now the namesake for the program's Hustle Award; Swart will go down as one of the best pitchers ever at Wabash, nearing the school records for wins and strikeouts; and Ambrosio has one of the best stories of a Wabash athlete: after playing football for two years, he switched gears, picking up track and field and competing in the javelin. In his two years in the event, he has become a national-title contender and one of the NCAC's best. These four are the type of athletes and people that make covering sports such a fun and exciting passion of mine.

The reason sports writing means so much to me is because the people involved make all the difference. There is always a new story to tell and a new angle to cover; you just have to find it. Luckily, these past four years, I haven't had to look far.

# For the Love of the Game

KYLE BENDER '12  
STAFF WRITER

Sports have always been a part of my life.

I have daily read the sports section since the age of seven, but I'd never actually tried sports writing until college. Yes, I devoured my share of Rick Reilly articles on the back cover of Sports Illustrated and was even known to occasionally read Kravitz in the "IU" Star, but the idea of sharing my own thoughts in a public forum never seemed appealing.

That might explain why I've only written three columns during my time as a Bachelor sportswriter.

Instead, I've enjoyed telling the stories of peers who excel both on the field and in the classroom – who consistently 'bring fame to her honored name,' never expecting any recognition or praise for their efforts. These were guys who I looked up to and wanted the rest of campus to know why. They are the reason Division III athletics is integral to the mission of the NCAA – they actually are the student-athletes who "will be going pro in something other than sports."

It's been a remarkable time in the College's history. As good friend Brent Harris eluded several weeks ago in his Chapel Talk, the success we have seen recently by Little Giant teams just might be unprecedented.

One need not look further than the five conference championships in 2011.

Thanks to the Public Affairs office, the Bachelor, and a few fellow Wal-lies always ready for a good road trip, I have been able to witness many of these great moments. And the memories I acquired will last a lifetime.

It is impossible to forget a trip to Chillicothe, Ohio, last year when the baseball team reached the conference finals. Driven there in a rental van by Andrew Swart's dad, my pledge brother Tyler Wade and I were on the radio for the first NCAC title in team history. I still believe we had a listening audience that day of several thousand, as emails and tweets came in from across the country – all wanting to join in on the celebration.

Or seeing the basketball team upset #1 Wooster last year on their home court. My column the next week scolding students for not going can still get my blood boiling -- only seven took the time to ride a free fan bus on a cold winter Saturday. Wabash, we're better than that!

Before ever setting foot on campus, I was told by one grizzled alum that Wabash Football is a religion. Should I ever decide to go to school there, it would consume me.

Four years later and many games under my belt, I couldn't agree with him more. Spending time with those "religious" alums on road

trips to Wooster, Chicago, and Mt. Union only further confirmed the claim, and I look forward to joining them again in the years to come.

But let's face it – Wabash is really hard, and if a student doesn't get off campus once in awhile, they probably won't make it here. For me, trips north on US 231 to see my beloved Boilers in action on the hardwood served as that outlet.

This brings me to the subject of my first column – asking Purdue fans to keep the faith after Robbie Hummel's first ACL tear and instead adopt some of the "Wabash swagger" we brought to the Wittenberg game in 2010 after an injury to quarterback Matt Hudson.

Of course, I have also made a few journalistic mistakes over the years... the quote I gave to Jeff Washburn which ran in papers across the Midwest after Hummel tore his second ACL comes to mind. I told him how I passed up an opportunity to study abroad in Greece so I wouldn't miss the highly anticipated 2011 Purdue national championship run. (Granted, I still hold true to the assertion that the comment was made "off the record"... although Purdue Homecoming festivities on my first weekend as a 21-year-old might have also played a role.)

By far the most enjoyable story I wrote was about the relationship I developed with fellow St. Louis Cardinals fan and Wabash legend Vic

Powell. We used to talk in the Scarlet Inn about the team's success, just as I continue to do with fellow Red-bird Dr. Steve Morillo. Nothing was more rewarding as a journalist than to work with baseball enthusiasts Dean Michael Raters and Dr. Melissa Butler on the story. The Cardinals made an improbable World Series run only weeks after Powell's death at the age of 91. It truly was a 'Made by Vic Powell' type of season.

It isn't just students who share passion for their respective sporting programs. I still struggle to determine whether Dean Raters' threats of expulsion when I wear a Cardinals jersey in his Cubs-decorated office are completely good-natured and not serious.

Just two weeks from Commencement and only one day left as his ESH worker, I feel confident, yet slightly rebellious, releasing this statement:

The Little Giants will win several national championships in multiple sports before the Curse of the Billy Goat finally breaks.

And that's a prediction even Raters might be comfortable living with.

# Waterman Shines At Polytan Invite

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Junior Jake Waterman finished first in the 800 meter run at the Polytan Invitational last weekend. While he certainly wasn't out of his league, he was out of his division. The invite was hosted by Indiana University, and included other schools such as Michigan State University, University of Kentucky, and Notre Dame. Wabash was the only Division III school at the meet.

"We don't get to compete in a big meet like that very often," Waterman said. "We don't face many elite athletes from the smaller schools so this was a great opportunity to see what I had in me. The win was pretty satisfying as a Division III athlete."

Waterman is from Noblesville, IN, but the large schools had not heard of the Hoosier. Even with his numerous accolades he had gone largely unnoticed at the higher levels of collegiate competition. That changed

when after he won the title in the 800.

"I had some coaches ask me where I was from and other things like that," Waterman said.

Waterman had a different mindset preparing for this meet. The biggest change Waterman made was mentally preparing himself for the race against Division I competition. Going into the race he planned to prepare for one of his toughest races of the year.

"I knew I'd have to fight tooth and nail for the win," the English major said. "It was a whole week of mental preparation to where a typical weekend isn't as mentally taxing."

Waterman ran the 800 in 1:48.64, which edged out Indiana's De'Sean Turner by almost two seconds. Waterman's time is also a new Wabash record and is currently the fastest in Division III this season. The number one ranking heightens his expectations.

"It's a new feeling knowing I'm tentatively the favorite. The expectation is high," Waterman said. See Waterman, Page 10



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Jake Waterman '13 posted the fastest time in the 800m dash for all of Division III last weekend.





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# Baseball Split Leads To Early Exit From Playoff Race

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The baseball team's hopes for another NCAC tournament run ended on Sunday. The team that won the conference title just a year ago, was reduced to watching from the sidelines as the Little Giants' losses punched the ticket for Ohio Wesleyan to enter the playoffs.

Going into the weekend the team had high expectations for how the weekend would go. Last year the team was in a similar situation, and it was a late season run that pushed them into the playoffs.

Playing the last home four-game series of the season, the Little Giants opened on Saturday with a dramatic loss, 1-12 to the Big Red of Denison. Later that afternoon, however, Sophomore JT Miller, along with some excellent defense, pitched a shutout to balance the series 1-1 as the Little Giants headed into the final two games of the series on Sunday.

The baseball gods finally seemed to be smiling on the Little Giants. Leaving the team with high spirits for the next double header.

Winning the first game on Sunday 6-5, the Little Giants demonstrated clutch hitting. A two run RBI by Freshman Aaron Rodgers tied the game in the bottom of the seventh, 5-5. The Little Giants then took the lead after a walk by Sophomore Trey Fankhauser scored Sophomore Luke Holm.

The second game also involved timely hitting, which was executed by the Denison Big Red and not the Little Giants. Runs scored in the fifth, sixth, and seventh inning gave the Little Giants the lead heading into the eighth inning, 8-4.

Then, Denison began the eighth inning with a ground out RBI and followed suit in the ninth with a fly out RBI and an unearned run, taking a 9-8 lead. Leaving Wabash will slim chances to achieve a victory.

Denison held onto the lead in the bottom of the ninth to win the game, despite the late Wabash efforts, which ended with a runner on third base.

Losing two of the four weekend games against Denison put the Little Giants just out of reach of second place in the division, thus ending any chances for a tournament bid.

With their two losses and the wins Ohio Wesleyan had over Wittenberg moved them out of the running for the a post season bid.

Sophomore JT Miller said that the team had all the weapons to make a run but that a few mistakes cut the team up short.

"We played solid defense. We had all the talent to make a run. We had spurts when we would pitch well, hit well, and defend well," said Miller. "But then we would have games when

would not pitch well or not play the best defense. When we were able to do all those things we competed well."

Coach Cory Stevens also said the team was close to the verge of a tournament run but that small miscues held the team back. The story had been the same all season long. A missed hit there and a bad pitch there kept the team from reaching the conference tournament two years in a row.

"We were always one big hit, one big out, or one solid inning away from making it happen," said Coach Stevens. "As we move forward, we need to bridge that gap."

Coach Stevens said that the seven seniors this year have been some of his best players during his time at Wabash, despite how the tournament chances came to a close.

"The class of 2012 is one of, if not the, most talented group of baseball players we have had the pleasure of working with during my 9 years at Wabash," said Coach Stevens. "They have been to 3 NCAC conference tournaments, won the NCAC championship, competed in and won games at the NCAA regional, and they have broken countless single season and career records."

As Coach Stevens said, Seniors Chris Deig, John Pennington, Luke Zinsmaster, Jeff Soller, Andrew Swart, Eric Foust, and John Holm have left a tremendous impact on the program, and the future players have much to learn from them.

Miller stressed the influence of the seniors on the rest of the team. Stating how the current senior had a profound impact on the team.

"All the players saw great work ethic from the seniors. They were great team leaders on the field, and what goes unrecognized is the work ethic throughout the offseason.," said Miller. "They were the first ones there and last ones to leave offseason practice."

Without a doubt, the seniors' leadership through work ethic is the source of their success. The team plans to finish strong, capping the seniors' triumphant four years as Little Giants.

The team will have that opportunity this weekend as the team ends the season with a double-header against DePauw. The Little Giants will play in Greencastle at 12:00 and 3:00 PM this Saturday.



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The baseball team split the weekend series with Denison last weekend moving them to third place in conference and eliminated from the postseason race.



# McCarthy Leads On The Track

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Over the past year the school website and press releases have shown the name Kevin McCarthy over and over again. Through three sport seasons McCarthy has continued to break records and earn accolades unparalleled to any other Wabash athlete. The most impressive being his National Championship in the indoor mile. With his athletic career nearing a close McCarthy took the time to reflect on his maturation as a runner and as a person at Wabash College.

One of the least known facts about McCarthy is that he never started running competitively till his senior year of high school. Most collegiate runners accumulate more than three years of additional experience. Even with that, McCarthy has put himself among the elite runners in the country at every division.

“The learning curve was very beneficial to me, especially since I had coaches like Roger Busch and Clyde Morgan,” McCarthy said. “I had no way of saying no to them, so I was very impressionable.

Running is a mental game. And in McCarthy’s case the less he knew the better, his naivety with running he led him to soak up information from coaches. Without any prior knowledge to competitive running he came to embody the best aspects of his coaches’ philosophies.

“It was like I was starting with a blank canvas,” Coach Clyde Morgan said. “You would look into his eyes and see that he was really listening to you.”

Through his time running on the Cross Country and Track teams McCarthy has picked up on three key factors from his coaches, which range from running to overarching life philosophies.

“When it comes to running it’s just you, your shoes and shorts,” McCarthy said. “And what I learned from Morgan was how to accept the challenge. Everything I have learned in track can be turned to in real life. Also what I got from Redpack was the knowledge of having guy who will pull with me through anything.”

The accountability developed through running played a big part in McCarthy’s development at Wabash. When running track or cross country there is no one else to blame for a bad time, just like how you earn all the credit for a good one. The lessons he learned from track and cross country turned him from a timid freshman lacking self-confidence, to a man who believed in himself.



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Kevin McCarthy '12 has been one of the most decorated runners in Wabash’s history

“Coach Busch and Morgan are like father figures to me,” McCarthy said. “They are perfect examples of leaders in so many aspects.”

McCarthy’s senior year has been filled with ups and downs like so many others. Through his final season McCarthy has learned to become self-reliant in his training and the importance of leaving a legacy.

“I would have to say that this year was the best cross country team that I’ve ever been on,” McCarthy said. “Everyone was awesome and we all had a common goal. It was a pretty special thing. And as far as indoor track went a National title was a great capstone to that.”

Ever since the National title McCarthy has been battling injuries while trying to gear up for conference, which has given him the opportunity to step back and look at the budding underclassmen.

“The injury has allowed me to see the other guys develop,” McCarthy said. “I got to show them how to run, and I will leave the program better than I found it. It’s a good feeling”

Morgan also shared the feelings when he reflected on McCarthy’s career.

“I knew he had a lot of potential as an athlete,” Morgan said. “But the way he grew off the track surprised me.”

McCarthy’s message to the underclassmen boiled down to four points: don’t put limits on yourself, work hard, trust coach and enjoy it. McCarthy is testament that if you do all four to the best of your ability you will surprise yourself with the results.

“My success is as much mine as it is all of my teammates,” McCarthy said. “I couldn’t have done it without any of them. I know I have become a bit of a poster boy for the college, but I’m just the tip of the iceberg for this program.”

McCarthy has left his mark on Wabash athletics, and he helped mentor some of the most talented underclassmen Wabash has seen. McCarthy is the perfect story of working hard every year to reach your full potential. As Morgan said, “we haven’t seen the best of that young man yet.”

## Waterman

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tations from my coaches, teammates, and me are that I win. It’s a disappointment if I don’t, especially after getting so close so many times.”

Waterman has finished second in the 800 meter run at indoor nationals the last two years. He also finished sixth at last year’s outdoor nationals.

Track and field athletes are affected differently by moving from indoors to out. Waterman feels the biggest change besides climate is strategy.

“It’s a lot easier to pass on the

straightaways when you’re outdoors,” he pointed out. “I feel like my strategy is to be a frontrunner because I lead so much. At the bigger meets like Indiana, I don’t have to be one. I can just let the other guys set the pace.”

Waterman made changes to his cross country work out last fall, which can partially be attributed to his success this spring. “Raising the mileage provides a base for your body and makes it more capable of handling harder work outs,” he said. “You also recover a lot faster.”

Roger Busch made the changes to Jake’s cross country work outs. Busch is the Head Cross Country Coach and an assistant track coach. “Coach always has an exact game plan,” Waterman said. “He predicts what we’re going to run before we even believe we’re going to do it. I remember when I was a freshman, he said Kevin (McCarthy) and I could go one two at nationals for the 800. I took him lightly at the time.”

Waterman said McCarthy is his number one competi-

tor. The two distance stars are often each other’s best competition.

“There aren’t many local Division III athletes that are big competitors for me,” Waterman said. “That makes having Kevin on the team that much better. I get to compete against him day in and day out to make myself better.”

The duo is expected to represent Wabash at the Division III Outdoor Nationals this year. The meet will be held in Claremont, CA from May 24th.

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