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Students Urged to Party Safely

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Wabash students throughout the decades have sworn to the mantra of “work hard, play hard.” This semester, administration and campus leaders are working hard to help Wabash students party in a safer manner.

After multiple alcohol related incidents early in the year, the Deans met with fraternity presidents, social chairs, risk managers, and pledge educators to brainstorm ideas to make parties safer. These guidelines include a ban on shots, a ratio of mixer to hard alcohol in mixed drinks, and no open unmonitored containers of alcohol. Generally, college students face more danger from hard alcohol than when they imbibe beer alone.

While students must be careful with beer as well, those drinks are much easier to control. Administration and campus leaders hope that by cutting back and carefully monitoring use of hard alcohol, students will drink more safely.

In addition to content and availability of drinks, third party bartenders may appear at many parties this year. Third party bartenders limit the liability fraternities face by strictly enforcing who they give drinks to and cutting those off who have reached their limit. These are generally obstacles that student bartenders have trouble overcoming. Along with bartenders come wristbands for alcohol and off duty police officers on site.

The final proposed guideline was to place a greater emphasis on sober monitors. While all houses have risk managers, more sober monitors will be able to keep an eye on those who may start to get out of hand.

On the whole, campus leadership was very receptive to these ideas. “I like this policy because it follows the spirit of the Gentleman’s Rule in that it gives the campus a set of quality guidelines to mediate risk and still have a good time,” Sphinx Club President Jimmy Kervan said. “We are not giving out a mandate to be followed and regulated, but rather help-



KELLY SULLIVAN | WABASH '15

New guidelines were suggested over the last few weeks stressing less use of hard alcohol at parties as well as use of third party bartenders to ensure students party safely and responsibly.

ful suggestions trusting that the men on this campus will make the right choice and have each other’s backs.”

This year there has been an increase in the number of excise police on Indiana cam-

puses, and Wabash felt the need to make its own parties safer to keep Wabash men safe and also stay out of the news.

While a stronger emphasis is being placed on these party guidelines, they are

not unheard of here at Wabash. Over the past few years, parties like FIJI Island and Beytona have utilized third party bartenders, wristbands to acquire alcohol, and

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Wabash Serves on WABASH Day



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Last weekend, Wabash men took Crawfordsville by storm for the annual Wabash day. Page 3.

Accepting Diversity

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IMB Senior Managing Consultant and US Army Reserve Captain Bill Kirst no longer had to hide his personal identity behind his military uniform a year ago yesterday. On that day, September 20, 2011, he celebrated his sexual orientation. The “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy was officially repealed.

Kirst, who began his military career in 2002, gave a talk Wednesday evening in the Goodrich Room of the Lilly Library, titled “From Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell to Out & Proud: The Importance of Authenticity, Integrity, and Presence.” Kirst’s talk detailed his dual life as a once closeted homosexual military man and an out-of-the-

closet worker for IBM.

The “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy prohibited discrimination against closet homosexuals and bisexuals in the military. The policy also required closet homosexuals to conceal their sexual orientation.

Kirst struggled between his identity as an IBMer and a military member.

“I was spending most of my days working for a company like IBM, which was winning awards for diversity,” Kirst said. “Then, I would put on the uniform and go serve on the weekends, and I would have to lie. People would ask me why I was not married, and I would tell them that I was waiting for my military obligations to be over.”

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MXI, Athletic Dept. Partner

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Starting on September 21, the Malcolm X Institute and the Athletics Department will be teaming up for a number of campus events. Director of Athletics, Joseph Haklin, and Director of MXI, Michael Brown, will be heading the festivities. While academics will occasionally be talked about, most of the events will involve fun, social activities, and food.

The collaboration began last year in an effort to bring not only MXI and student athletes together but anyone interested campus-wide. Only a courtyard apart, Haklin projects that since the two buildings are so close, more interaction should be natural.

“Look at MXI as a refuge, a place for you to go and learn about different cultures, or to just hang out. It wasn’t a philosophical pitch. It’s

about getting together. That’s the mindset Dr. Brown and I walked into this with. It’s an attempt to meld the two institutions that share that courtyard and that should have more interactive for the benefit for all the students here.”

The key point Brown and Haklin specifically highlight is that MXI should not be viewed as a one-use sort of building on campus. The establishment is meant to be a resource, an asset from which anyone can benefit and use to their advantage. With the newly proposed partnership, the two hope that anyone even with the slightest interest will take notice. Haklin specifically stresses this.

“We want to make sure that our guys view it as an asset and resource. You don’t have to be African American to be part of the MXI or to learn from the guys of MXI. For instance, there’s a haircutting service going on over there,

something everyone can benefit from. It’s kind of a social thing, but also very functional because guys have to get haircuts!”

But despite the Malcolm X Institute’s importance to the two’s cooperation, Brown notes that the Athletics Department is just as important to the cause. The idea began there, stepped over to the Allen Center, and the plans fell into place.

“It was more initiative from Athletics because so many of our athletes wanted to do more to integrate what they do with what we do. That’s how it initially began. The idea was that this would serve as a good model for groups to cooperate across campus. We decided what we would do is choose a few events to co-sponsor. The tailgate is an example of one, and we have a Super Bowl party here at

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Director of Athletics Joseph Haklin introduced that MXI and the Athletic Department would join this year for campus events to bring students from different groups together and to learn more about the MXI.

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New Generations, By the Numbers

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The admissions process that creates the classes that form the student body at Wabash is complex. The process uses predictions and statistical models to create the classes. The process is circular, beginning with admissions, carrying through to retention numbers, and ultimately coming back to admissions.

“There is a traditional admissions funnel where you start with what we call ‘suspects,’ who become prospects after indicating interest,” Dean of Admissions & Financial Aid Steven Klein said. “Then they become applicants; after they put in their deposits, you have your class.”

The largest source of “suspects,” or students who may be interested, come from direct mail. These are students whose names are purchased from SAT/ACT test companies. This source ultimately brings the most students into Wabash, but only is roughly 5-6% effective. Despite this, the large sample size brings in the highest number of students.

“This can be narrowed down by geographic area, interests, ethnicity, score range, and grade range,” Klein said.

The direct mailing usual-

ly focuses on a diverse group within the Mid-West. Mailings have been sent out to other parts of the country, but have historically low returns.

By targeting students that are a good fit for Wabash on paper, Admissions is able to begin to form the class. A smaller route for finding prospects is through alumni. Many students meet with and are referred to Wabash by alumni.

“We also visit about 300-400 high schools each year; other sources are college fairs, and our coaches are very active in recruiting,” Klein said.

As time passes, many of the prospects will apply. At this point, many more factors begin to play a role. One factor is the number of students currently at the school.

“Historically, with our typical retention, the class size needs to be around 250-269 students to keep the school at or around its 900 student body size,” Associate Dean of the College Julie Olsen said.

For example from last year’s freshman class, one of the largest in history, returned 85.7% of its students according to this fall’s census. This is a fairly typical rate. In the past four years, the return rate has been a range of 85%-90%. This rate carries through to graduation fairly consistently. Admissions



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Each year incoming freshmen classes are rung in by Wabash presidents in the Chapel. Every class loses members over its four years at Wabash.

uses the school’s total return rate, not individual classes, to decide if any changes need to be made to the incoming freshman class.

This ideal number of students is used with information about the students (factors that determine their likelihood to matriculate) to set up a statistical model to decide how many to admit.

“The model that we use to determine how many we need to admit is completed by faculty members of our Economics Department, Frank Howland currently oversees that,” Klein

said. “We meet regularly each year to tweak the model.”

Once the students have been admitted, the school begins to prepare for the incoming class.

“After the very large freshman class - with a large number of students in biology - from last year, we were thinking things would settle back down,” Olsen said. “This fall that pressure has gone over to chemistry and other Division I classes.”

Alcohol

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more careful monitoring of hard alcohol. “[These guides are] very similar to the way we ran Beytona last year which the Deans and Mr. Woods have told us time and time again was run and planned for very well,” Kervan said.

The annual Watermelon Bust at Lambda Chi is tomorrow night, and they plan on implementing some of these safety guidelines. They will

have two different bartenders, uniformed officers at the door, use less hard alcohol than in the past, wristbands to get any alcohol at all, and those wristbands will be given out exclusively by the police officers working security. Campus leaders hope to have another week of safe partying leading into the 100th Homecoming next weekend.

MXI

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MXI as a way of creating a sense of community on this side of campus.”

Behind the scenes, the partnership is a move toward benefiting Wabash as a whole. Brown explains that the core mission of the alliance stems from what the same mission that defines the college. He laments that MXI and the Athletics Department are typically viewed through a narrow scope and often not included with that

mission.

“Sometimes the perception is that the MXI is an insular entity, and the athletics the same. The idea is that we want break out of that. One of the things we’re doing to is that we have reached out to a couple fraternities to be part of the tailgate. We want to foster a sense of community that has kind of fallen apart. We’re trying to find ways to get people to cross the boundaries from their normal groups and try something new.”

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Wallies Tackle Community Service

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On Saturday, September 15, over 150 Wabash men joined together in the spirit of community service as part of the annual WABASH (Wabash Alumni Benefitting And Serving Humanity) Day. Alumni and students together worked throughout the city of Crawfordsville in an effort to both live humanely and lead effectively.

Participants volunteered during two different sessions – from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Professor of Biology Emeritus Austin Brooks '61 spent his afternoon volunteering at the Montgomery County Free Clinic and at Habitat for Humanity. Dr. Brooks was pleased that students this year joined in large numbers with Wabash alumni in the community service event. “Getting students involved has been very nice, because you get to interact with students, and most alumni don’t have the opportunity to do that. It’s a really good experience for them,” he said.

Brooks also noted that WABASH Day improves the College’s standing within Crawfordsville. “It’s good for the community to see Wabash alums taking part in the things that need to be done,” he said.

Senior Josh Sparks worked both shifts on WABASH Day – first in the Wabash Community Garden in the morning, then switching to Habitat for Humanity in the afternoon. Sparks volunteers for Habitat every weekend, but WABASH Day is even more special to him. “I think [WABASH

Day] is a good day to get to know other people on campus and other people from the community,” Sparks said. “I think it gives a good image to the campus and Wabash students in general.”

Sparks also mentioned the value of community service and his belief that more Wabash men should make it a habit. “I think that, especially as Wabash students, we don’t have anything going on on Saturdays, so there’s no reason why people can’t take time out of their day to help out,” he said.

“Habitat for Humanity goes nine to noon, they feed us from noon to one, then more work from one to four,” he said, “so there’s no reason why people can’t take a few hours out of their day to help out.”

The key to having enough extra time to volunteer, according to Sparks, is to actively plan on doing it ahead of time. “Once I put [community service] in my schedule, like I know I’m going to do it every weekend, it’s just what I do. It’s the same as going to class or going to wrestling practice; it is part of my schedule now, and it’s something I really enjoy doing. It gets me out of the house and helps me burn energy on a Saturday,” he said.

Sparks also expressed his belief that community service is integral to the Wabash experience. “If people only fulfill parts of [the mission statement], then they’re kind of leaving out the other half,” he said.

Thinking critically, acting responsibly, leading effectively, and living humanely are built into the Wabash mindset. “You can do three of the things in the classroom,” Sparks said, “but if you don’t live humanely – meaning helping other people, giving



COREY EGLER | WABASH '15

Wabash men spread throughout the community September 15 as part of Annual WABASH Day. Students from several campus groups participated in the event.

some of your time, and not expecting anything in return – if you’re unwilling to do that even for a few hours on Saturday, then I think you’re missing part of the real goal of a Wabash education,” he said.

Over 150 volunteers turned out to volunteer for WABASH Day to prove to the Crawfordsville community that Wabash men were ready to serve. While all Wabash men are encouraged to volunteer independently, WABASH Day linked alumni and students together in the spirit of service. Perhaps Dr. Brooks summarized WABASH Day best when he said, “This is once a year when you can make a contribution and be part of a bigger event.”

KIRST

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Kirst found himself forced to falsify his own life.

“I came up with every omission and white lie you could possibly think of,” he said. “The bad thing is it got easy. I became really good at it. It became a talent I was never proud of, but I had to do it because it was part of the law.”

Life became more complex for him when his two professions operated in the same location. His job with IBM required him to work in the Pentagon starting in 2009.

“My client at the time was the Air Force,” Kirst said. “I spent every single day in the Pentagon with people in uniform as an IBMer. I knew as an IBMer that I could be out and proud, but as I was working with people in uniforms – that I worked with in the other capacity – it was extremely tricky for me. I had to walk this line and say I cannot be out, because if I was out to a colleague, that was fine. But, if a client found out about it, I did not know what they were going to do with that information.”

Kirst first came out of the closet at IBM by registering as LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered). Then, he notified his managers about his sexuality through an e-mail.

“IBM strongly supports diversity,” Kirst said. “They want people for how they work and how they contribute. Registering as LGBT was my first click and my first step towards coming out of the closet.”

The Berlin Wall was a metaphor for Kirst’s mental state as a closet homosexual.

“Imagine an emotional Berlin Wall that you have been keeping up for years and imagine holding your arm all the way out to keep people away. Eventually your arm is going to get tired,” Kirst said. “But once you take your arm down, people are going to get closer. I upheld my emotional Berlin Wall for a long time.”



FRANCISCO HUERTA | WABASH '14

Kirst discusses dualized life experiences Wednesday.

Kirst’s friends noticed that he had built this “Wall” and were concerned about him.

“There were so many people close to me that I could not let in,” Kirst said. “So, finally, I sent out an email to a lot of people, people who were chipping away at that Wall. They wanted to understand.”

Kirst used social media to come out of the closet publicly after the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy was repealed on September 20, 2011. On his Facebook account, he posted a photo of a text message his cousin sent him that said, “Be proud to be who you are today. I support u!” He also thanked bands like Paramore for indirectly helping him through his struggles. Furthermore, he blogs about homosexuality and helps his viewers with problems they have.

His cousin’s support was encouraging. Kirst is the oldest son of six children from a family with a strong Irish Catholic background. His youngest brother came out of the closet before he did.

“My brother came out of the closet screaming,” Kirst said. “My parents’ response scared me and made me go deeper into the closet. It was difficult with my parents at first when I came out, but we worked at it. We are still working at it. Even after eight years, my father will not call my partner by his name. It takes time.”

Time eventually passes, however. Time has been a defining characteristic of Kirst’s life. With time, we can become stronger about our diversity.

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Dreams Make Life Tolerable

Several years ago, I was doing one of my least favorite workouts as a freshman member of my high school's cross country team. It was the second week of practice, and we were doing 400-meter repeats. At my high school, we lovingly referred to these as "pukers" because our coach had a reputation for ending the workout after two or three people on the team had tossed their cookies on the track. Anyway, on this particular day, I began experiencing a lot of pain in my hip, and by the end of the workout, I could barely move my right leg. After seeing our athletic trainer, I was referred to our team physician, who came to school to assess the situation. When he came to see me, his charisma was incredible, but more importantly, his ability to accurately diagnose and treat the problem correctly and effectively was inspiring to me. So, as you might guess, it was at that point that I began considering a career in medicine.

About two years later, I began to see more and more indications that I was headed for a career in medicine. I loved to interact with people, I cared deeply for others, I was heavily interested in my science classes, and I had no shortage of lofty goals. The summer before my junior year of high school, I spent hours reading book after book about physicians, medical residents, medical students, hospitals, and the challenges in the healthcare system. I knew I wanted to be a physician one day. So, I decided to shadow some doctors at one of the hospitals in Green Bay. After spending a day with a group of radiologists, I was enamored with the world of medicine. It was amazing to me that these humans,



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humans just like you and me, could so positively (or so negatively) affect the lives of other humans. I wanted nothing more than to be the physician interpreting those CT scans, doing that liver biopsy, or consoling a distraught family.

Throughout the rest of high school, I shadowed frequently, and I began branching out to other areas of the medical community. After my senior year of high school, I got to experience both the clinical and administrative wings of healthcare, and I developed an even greater love for the worlds of medicine and health. However, I also became intensely interested in the way that healthcare is delivered, who has access to healthcare and who doesn't, the efficiencies and inefficiencies of healthcare, and how our leaders address (or in the case of the Republican Party, choose not to address) the ever-growing crisis of healthcare in the United States.

After coming to Wabash, I struggled through my first year of Biology. It was an absolute disaster, but I persevered. It was a labor of love, and I knew that working hard in Biology would lead to the continued pursuit of my dream: to attend medical school.

I left school for the summer, excited to return to in the fall so that I could get back to preparing myself for the goal at hand. However, I was met with incredible disappointment upon my return when I took my Chemistry class. Not only was the material no longer interesting to me, but it also posed a challenge that I was unprepared to tackle. After taking our first real quiz, it became clear that if I continued in Chemistry, I would be setting myself up for failure. So, I did something that was incredibly difficult: I dropped Chemistry. I knew that this significantly altered my plans for the future, and I also knew that I was admitting defeat – something that is not easy for almost any of us.

Fortunately, this served as an opportunity to evaluate what had become important to me. The structure and policy of the institution of healthcare had become the most interesting component of medicine to me, so realistically, my goals needed to be reassessed anyway. However, because of my fixation on a goal from four years ago, I was unable to see that. In that spirit, it's my hope that this longwinded saga can serve as a teachable moment for all of us. Goals are hugely important, and as we have learned from the great 1993 film Rudy, "Having dreams is what makes life tolerable". So, if you haven't already, do the hugely important and valuable work of assessing your goals, dreams, and aspirations. Ask the hard questions, challenge yourself, and learn from your mistakes. You just might learn something new about yourself, and those are often the best things to learn.

Pursuing Justice at All Costs

Concern for the Murdered Man

An interesting scenario came up in discussion during my Theological Ethics course a few weeks ago.

There's an old story about a man about to cross a desert. He has two enemies. In the night the first enemy slips into his camp, and puts strychnine in his water bottle. Later the same night, the second enemy, not knowing of this, slips into his camp and puts a tiny puncture in the water bottle. The man sets off across the desert; when the time comes to drink there is nothing in the water bottle, and he dies of thirst. Who murdered him? (From Simon Blackburn's "Ethics: A Very Short Introduction")

I'd like to explore this question briefly. We can certainly make two cases for either of the men and end up with a discussion that attempts to persecute the two men. In many cases our desires for justice lead us to legal discussions. Our class discussion ran along judicial lines as well, mapping out a defense of each of the murders and launching attacks on the opponent. Yet, I felt there were some questions



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that were glanced over in our discussion, like: why did the man have two enemies to begin with? Why was the victim attempting to cross the desert? Perhaps he was fleeing from crimes committed against his enemies? Perhaps both attempted murders were justified and neither man should be persecuted? Or maybe both men should be persecuted because they both contributed to the murder of the man? All these are questions that the scenario begs. Yet, they seem to lead us further and further into case scenarios. Ultimately determining who murdered the man is a futile question, we honestly have no substantial evi-

dence to convict or acquit either of the suspects in this scenario.

However, one question came to my mind, where is our concern for the man who was murdered? Are we so caught up in this "who-done-it" debate that we have lost sight of other possible concerns that we as human beings should have for each other? Did we stop to mourn the loss of this traveler? Did we express any humanitarian concern for the victim?

In light of the horrific events this past summer, in which six lost their lives during shootings in a Sikh Temple in Oak Creek, Wisconsin and twelve were killed, fifty-nine injured after shootings in Aurora, Colorado, this scenario raises some concerns regarding our ethical priorities. Do we consider it best, in light of these horrific events to pursue justice at all costs? Or is it right to sympathize with the victims and their loved ones. Yes, support flowed in nationwide, many political figures, celebrities, and common people shared in this horrific experience. But does concern for

what has been lost take priority in our notions of justice?

Last week we remembered the loss of over 3000 lives in the devastating events of September 11, 2001. On May 2, 2011, Osama Bin Laden, the man charged with orchestrating these terrorist attacks was killed. Americans paraded in the streets, News stations went crazy, and as a nation we received the justice that had been brought to our country with great joy. But where were the 3000 that lost everything in our conscience? We may rightly take pride in justice, but let us not forget that justice is merely an attempt to correct injustice. Eleven years now removed from these events as a nation we still feel that not all has been made right, that no level of justice can ever redeem the events that have taken place. But perhaps many of us have found a source of redemption in remembering what has been lost, what can never be justified, and acknowledging that concern for our fellow man is that best we can offer when so much has been destroyed.

Food for Thought:

If you reply to an e-mail war, are you giving in to what the person wanted in the first place?

ATTENTION:

Members from Wabash College Democrats, Wabash College Republicans, and MXI will be helping register students to vote on Tuesday, Sept. 25, and Thursday, Sept. 27, from 11am to 1pm at lunch and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Lilly Library.

Democracy Needs Your Vote

According to the National Conference on Citizenship, Indiana is ranked 48th in voter turnout with a rate of 39.4 percent in 2010. Indiana is also ranked 43rd in voter registration at 61.2 percent in 2006. Next Tuesday and Thursday, Wabash College will aim to register voters and get registered voters absentee forms to fill out if they are not registered in Montgomery County. For a concerned citizen, these numbers are frightening, and we should do anything in our power to change them. A citizen's most important duty to his or her country is voting in elections. However, there are many possible reasons why individuals might not register to vote or actually vote.

Individuals could see their vote as not making a difference. They believe that when they cast their ballot it has minimal effect in the results. But if everyone thought their vote wouldn't matter then the very core of the American Democratic process would be in shambles. Every vote counts and every voice needs to be heard. From a



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social scientist's perspective, if the cost of voting outweighs the projected benefit of an individual voting, they will not vote (thank you Dr. Hoerl and Intro. to American Government). One of the government's and politicians' jobs is to lower the cost value so that voter turnout is huge. If the cost is lower, some people may still not vote because they are "turned off" by politics.

My Wabash brethren, if you do not like or care about politics then cheers to you. However, every single one of us, our families, and friends are affected by government, whether we like it or not. For that single reason, you should vote and encourage people you know to vote. If you don't like

the direction in which the country is headed, you can't complain unless you take the initiative to change it.

Political Scientists and other social scientists have tried to analyze the role of voting in our culture. Virginia has an entire day dedicated to fulfilling civic duties. The day stresses the importance of individuals taking part in the democratic process through voting. However, in our great state of Indiana, we see no such initiative or widespread involvement in voting or politics. Now, there could be many reasons why this difference occurs. However, the main issue is getting Indiana citizens to fulfill their civic duty of voting.

There are very few reasons why someone shouldn't vote. Voting is essential in America's Democratic process, and we all should do our part to make sure all people are represented equally. Therefore, some clubs on campus are putting forth a collaborative effort to get Wabash students registers.

Next Tuesday, Sept. 25, and Thurs-

day, Sept. 27, the Wabash College Democrats, Wabash College Republicans, and MXI will be working to register as many voters as we can. We will also have absentee voter registration forms as well. On Tuesday, we will be set up outside of as many fraternities as possible and outside of Sparks during lunch time and from 6pm to 8pm in the library. On Thursday, we will be set up outside of the Chapel after the Chapel Talk and in the library from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. All you have to do is fill out the forms right then and there, and we will put the forms into an envelope and send it in for you. This means that there will be no cost for you. If you are from outside of Indiana, we have a handout that will explain to you how to fill out the online voter registration forms for your state.

This election year is extremely important for the direction in which our country is headed. Regardless of political ideologies, it is imperative that you are registered to vote and actually vote.

Addicted to Spending Money

Many medics in the military during World War II and the Korean War ended up addicted to the drug morphine. When you put someone in high stress situations like war and give them access to a very calming and addicting drug, of course they will become addicted to that drug. Likewise, Americans today are addicted to a constant need for stimulus. From mind-numbing reality TV, to the 24/7 comedy show we call modern cable news, Americans are addicted to the constant need for more. However, America's biggest addiction is to spending money.

America continues to pump astronomical amounts of money into the economy, money that does not exist mind you, and thinks that keeping the interest rate at a lower rate than the real interest rate is a good idea. But just like the medics addicted to morphine, eventually the drug supply will run out. When that happens, America will have to quit cold turkey. Anybody like the idea of that? Of course not. Just like an addict in rehab, there will be seizures, spasms, and freak-outs. Life will not be fun in an America coming off an addiction to deficit spending. Also, America doesn't believe that it can't happen to us, because we are rapidly approaching that point. How long can we keep interest rates this low? Prop up the corn market? Milk? American cars? Sure those all sound like great ideas at first, but eventually we won't have money to do



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that anymore. What then?

I'm not trying to scare people or draw up a doomsday scenario here. We are in far better shape than many places around the world, i.e. Greece, Ireland. We can change, but we have to act now. There's no way possible to sustain the path America is currently set upon. When the government enacted Social Security very few people reached the age to where they actually withdrew money, and there were far more people working in proportion to those withdrawing from the system. Now the system is reversed, and Social Security is on a path to grow itself into oblivion. The issues being fought in the halls of Congress and in town halls across America today are the issues that will decide the fate of our generation.

I hear so many people at this school and around the country say that they don't care about politics,

or that they can't stand it. Our generation finds itself at a crossroads; we have to push those in power now to not stick us with the debt of their addiction. Sure, times are tough right now, but its irresponsible to make our lives cushier at the expense of our generation and future generations. We have to act, if we fail to, we fail ourselves and we fail our future children and grandchildren. Our grandparents saw the greatest evil this world has ever known come to power and nearly succeed and they survived economic depression and decline. They came out on top due to their unwavering dedication to a better world for future generations, and the will to never give up no matter how bleak it looked. In turn, these qualities created unmatched innovation and progress in technology and advancement and put man on the moon. We are approaching our generation's defining moment; will we stand by and watch America slide into just a footnote in the history books, or will we cut off America's addiction to spending and leave America better than when it was handed to us? The drug of non-existent money will eventually stop pumping through our system; it can either be our choice to get off it or we can be violently cut off when the supply runs out. We choose. We decide.

A Woman for President?

Is Wabash ready for a female president? The question was posed to Senior Council a month ago during the student leader interviews. Senior Council, the banner for diversity, is made up of nearly every major club here. Its members are the best and brightest and represent their constituents with pride. But like a concert for death people, silence stifled the room. Eyes shifted nervously from member to member, Robbins, Kervan, Cragin, Herrera and even I, fighter of the liberal agenda, proud minority, enthused queer theorist, lowered my eyes in blatant shame and mumbled, no.

Why isn't Wabash ready for a woman? Is Wabash a phallocentric putrid pool of sexism? While at times the number of women's rights jokes or the abundant "Depauw Swallows" shirts may seem to warrant a prideful yes to the inquiry, but I, admittedly anecdotal, would say for an all-male institution we are pretty well-informed and tend to respect women a tad bit more than neighboring institutions even if only attributed to the dearth of them. However, in the case of a female head-honcho, her respect will have to be earned, tested and begrudg-



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ingly handed over as opposed to a man due to several factors. However, it primarily lies on a smart, successful, intelligent, and accomplished woman having the ability to respectfully represent an all-male college. If a woman has arrived to that point, why would she submit herself to such a situation without secret motives to secretly exterminate this single-sex organism? Bottom line, we love the ladies, but love our all-maleness as well.

Tradition. Are our alumni ready? While it's nice to illuminate the egalitarian efforts of Greg Castanias, Rob Schulke and dare I say it, Andrea James, but are their goals ones cherished by all their alumni brethren. It seems to me our Alumni care about Wabash so much because it is one giant continuum of a prosperous broth-

erhood; their so raw-raw, fratty and just undeniably man. The very idea of a woman leading this "masculine" brotherhood may seem futile. Furthermore, it is the students who are the products of color-blind casting, integrated fraternities and organizations, shows like "Glee." It's safe to say Wabash is a conservative campus, but even the "rightest" students don't identify with men disguised behind white sheets burning down storefront black churches. I say this to point to the mindset of students and recent grads, juxtaposed to accomplished alums. Their checkbooks, bloated bank accounts, and wrinkled wallets keep the college going. Will they pledge in a campaign led by an excellent female president. Do they fully comprehend the changing times of Wabash? In their minds, can our endowment be run, by an endowed-less?

Senior Council did make a major distinction between a female outside of the realm of the Wally world and someone who already knows, understands and even trust the institution and what it does for young men. Names like Dr. Hoerl, Kay Widdows and, Professor-used-to-be-Dean Hughes were women thought capa-

ble of doing the unthinkable. Senior Council has faith in their ability to respect the traditions of our beloved, while finding ways to create a more inclusive and happy setting. These women and many others on campus recognize the importance of an all-male environment, but can we say the same for outside ladies.

Even reading my own article, I want to vomit over the seemingly sexist words and undying loyalty to the XY chromosomes. However, we chose this institution to think critically and I challenge every student, faculty and staff member to ask themselves a few more difficult questions. Is Wabash ready for a minority president? What about a president who has a long-term same-sex partner? For some, the answers are a nonchalant no, but for those who really care about the progression of humanity it may be more difficult to arrive at a concrete conclusion. Are we forever-bound to the whim of an old successful white man? Or can we expand our margins to include black, brown, woman, homosexual, fat into this "few, happy few, band of brothers."

FUN FACT:

Armadillos are the only animal besides humans that can get leprosy.

The Art of the E-Mail War

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Gentleman, we've all seem to forgotten the first rule of the internet, to not talk about the internet. The internet is a horribly mysterious place, filled with pornography, drugs and anti-American traditional family values. But the internet is all but integrated into our social consciousness. We are internet, everything is internet, internet is everything, but we must resist the temptation to let it leak into our lives.

Some things are completely lost. People say "LOL" in real life, they reference their growing army in Mafia Wars, and they use rage faces as if they were fine art, sent to us by Van Gogh himself, but this isn't to say that the war is completely lost. It takes a concerted effort from all of those who are internet literate to stem the tide of the expansionist aggression of the Internet.

It's easy to simply stop using memes in real life. Seriously, quoting the format of Philo-soraptor is starting to get old; it's just not cool anymore, but the problem lies in the gray area of pseudo-internet culturessque endeavors, or e-mails. E-mails are proper human interactions that take place on the canvas of the internet at large, as in; it is people talking to each other on the internet. It exists in the internet, but simultaneously outside of the internet because of its common usage for real life interaction.

Thus it lives outside of the norm, in a totally different place, undefinable but in its box. As a result, we tend to allow it the internet to leak into



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Our pugilism could have far-reaching consequences. Who's to say what the next step is?

our E-mails, and none was more prevalent than in this week, and the year's first, e-mail war.

Gone were the responses of old, where young men would converse with other young men in a way that would make Socrates blush. Highly intelligent debates discussing the nature of Wabash and society-at-large, filled with acceptance and a push towards learning and fostering proper techniques for discourse, truly it was something to behold, a pinnacle of true American Democracy in action. Rather, the thread was filled with macros, Youtube videos, memes and gifs. The internet was leaking, and the levees were about to break.

If we allow ourselves to let out points, opinions and arguments to be degraded to the state where it can be described with a meme, we've truly outdone ourselves. Any senior will regale you of E-mail Wars of old that restricted itself, either through

ignorance or self-control, from posting such terrible things; rather, these men, always in the highest state of intellectual discourse, followed each other's arguments with hawk-like precision, waiting for the proper point to tear their opponent to pieces with their ever-relenting logic.

Now, people are debating with their images, not their words. Yes, a picture is indeed worth a thousand words, but these memes are clichés, and they wear down meaning to the point of non-fluency. The memes, images and videos have dissolved our once sacred tradition of E-mail Wars. The once pinnacle of human thought and debate at Wabash has been reduced to a series of misunderstood images.

Rather, my friends, instead of asking if your opponent is "mad" or talking about rustled jimmies, remember your elders, and participate in an E-mail war with the upmost integrity.

Womb Transplants Bring Women Hope

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This week in birthing rights, Swedish doctors completed a successful mother to daughter full womb transplant, marking the first successful transplant of its kind. The idea of the womb transplant has been a pipe dream since the late 19th century, but now, these transplants mark hope for women who were thought to be infertile.

The team of ten surgeons that performed the surgery aren't willing to say that it was a complete success as of yet. They're waiting for the women with the transplants to become pregnant after in vitro takes hold. It's a tentative success; the doctors are waiting for more results before declaring it successful.

The two women, whose identities were withheld, were both in their 30's, and their mothers were both in their 50's when their wombs were transplanted. One of them had undergone a hysterectomy a few years previous and the other was born without a womb.

The idea of a mother-to-daughter womb seems to be somewhat dangerous considering the physiology of the womb itself. Health of the child in vitro is well known to be linked to the health of the woman's womb, and age is a factor in this, but clearly not enough of a factor to deter these ideas. With the rise of modern fertility treatment, the age of the womb is something that is manageable, as seen through women becoming pregnant as old as 60.

The procedure itself, as is the case with most transplants, is complex. The idea of having a close relative donation is always pertinent when it comes to transplants because of rejection. The immune system at-



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Many women find themselves in the most lamentable position of infertility. For those who wish to conceive, their options were limited, until now. These treatments give those who wish to conceive hope.

tacks and foreign invaders in the body; as such, transplants normally have a life of 5 to 10 years before needing a replacement. With treatment of immunosuppressant drugs, the life of these organs are lengthened, but these drugs are dangerous. They suppress the immune system altogether, leading to opportunistic infections

This new procedure seeks to help in the life of these organs. Although the organs are foreign to the body, it shares a higher amount of genetic material than the normal transplants. Although humanity shares a high amount of their genome with one another, the difference is significant in finding donors. Using family members for donations is always a safer options, and womb transplants are now possible from other family members.

Womb transplants have existed over the course of the last decade, but they were hardly successful. In 2000, Saudi Arabian doctors reported that they had completed the first full

womb transplant, but it was removed three weeks later due to a blood clot. And last year, the first successful womb transplant took place in Turkey. From a deceased donor to a young woman who had never had a womb, the treatment was a complete success, but it's still unknown how long the womb will last.

The idea here is to get organs that don't need to be constantly replaced. Modern medicine has done well to progress ways unimaginable, channeling science fiction novels, but the techniques are hardly sound. Hopefully, these transplants will take well and pave the way for new techniques and conquer the problem of transplanting.

The two recipients were said to be "awake and recovering well". So far, the treatment is a success, but the next step is more important, getting these women to conceive. Hopefully they can, and these kinds of transplants can become more prevalent. Hope is here for once thought infertile women.

Beware the Encroaching Threat of Computer Viruses

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Computer viruses are a world-wide threat. While we sit at our computers, the complex "immune systems" of our PCs and laptops are constantly bombarded by vicious malware, trackers, keyloggers, and viruses meant to destroy systems. What is a computer virus? What are some of the most dangerous types? How serious are they? What is being done to prevent them, both on campus, and globally?

Merriam-Webster defines a computer virus as a computer program that is usually hidden within another seemingly innocuous program and that produces copies of itself and inserts them into other programs and usually performs a malicious action. According to PCWorld, the three most common types of malicious software are viruses, worms, and Trojan horses.

Viruses are pieces of code that infect target computers, and whilst inside, can do various things. These can range from stealing vital info, copying and sending documents to a remote server, logging keystrokes and learning password information, and even completely crashing your system.

Worms are computer programs that can copy themselves from machine to machine. This means that, if you receive an e-mail, open it, and it is infected with a computer worm, if someone connects their computer to yours, or if you send the e-mail on, then the other computer picks up the worm, and it spreads from there. This usually occurs through computer networks due to the fact that a network gives the worm many targets. These usually exploit holes and back doors in security programs.

Trojan horses, commonly known as Trojans, are common parasitic programs that latch on to seemingly normal programs in order to get into computer systems. Once installed, it will infect other files throughout the system, and quite possibly destroy your computer. In fact, certain Trojan Horses can pilfer important data on your computer, and send it over the internet to the creator of the virus.

The threat of computer viruses has been growing steadily every year. Take Stuxnet for example. Stuxnet is a computer virus that was used in attacks against Nuclear power plants in Iran. It was able to infiltrate the system and shut it down. The virus was specifically created to take down a piece of computer equipment used by that particular power plant. This was a highly specific, highly damaging, and extremely well written piece of code.

Another example of a highly dangerous virus was examined by the US Department of Energy in 2007. According to CNN, this virus was able to cause a power generator to self-destruct. This particular virus caused the generator to explode by constantly sending stop and go signals to the system itself until it overloaded.

Comparatively, on campus, we are much better off. When asked if the campus servers have ever been attacked, Systems and Network Administrator Scott Yeager stated that, "We have had a few instances of virus and Trojans. A majority of the issues we have had in the past have been from either the user taking the computer home and being infected there, or by using an infected USB device brought in from outside the campus."

The best way to prevent any computer network from being attacked is to have good security in place. When asked about the security system of the campus, Yeager replied that, "The campus has many levels of network security. From the users end, it starts at the campus desktops and laptops. The machines run virtually, so every time someone reboots one, it rebuilds and becomes a new computer. On the local side of the network, we run antivirus on all of our servers, faculty, and staff computers. We separate the faculty and staff networks from the student networks, with different security features between them. We monitor our Internet traffic to verify that no malicious activity is occurring toward our server networks. This is done with a combination of things, such as firewalls, and log servers.

As students, to protect ourselves, as well as our personal computers, Senior Systems Administrator Michael Heinold advocates that we make sure our systems and programs are updated, install an antivirus program, and practice common sense.

Asia Brings Old Sound, New Skills

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The early 1980s saw Asia impressing the world with their hooky and blatantly poppy brand of rock, standing as a testament to the quality of the members' other projects. The act was always known as something of a super group, King Crimson, Yes, and Emerson, Lake, & Palmer members calling the band home, but their music was made to appeal to the masses. The group's debut was nothing more than slightly progressive snipe at the synth-dominated market of the time and lacked the endowment of truly sprawling epic like "21st Century Schizoid Man." Nevertheless, the act's debut did exceptionally well; claiming title as the best-selling album of 1982, and Asia would eventually watch their opus climb to a staggering platinum title (4x!) virtually 13 years later.

Since then, the band's core mission has not changed. Indeed, they are poppier than ever, bridging the

gap between synthetically concocted AOR and a mash-up of progressive tendencies that have largely faded as the member's age. Based around the lush keys of Geoff Downes, Asia's latest work, *XXX*, puts form over function, and the result is a safe but casually enjoyable assortment of 10 tracks.

Despite Asia's choice to shape *XXX*'s foundation around fluid piano intros that build into explosive, layered choruses, the album isn't all that consistent across the board. The record's first single and promoted track, "Face on the Bridge," follows the proposed formula, setting the bar high and even borrowing rhythmic inspiration from modern bands like Coldplay. "Tomorrow the World," "No Religion," "Al Gatto Nero," and "Judas" jump on the bandwagon and carefully quality-match the single, but the remaining aren't as fortunate. Even so, the only oven fodder found among *XXX*'s track listing is "Faithful," an absolutely painful, ballad-like cheese-fest that recalls the



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Asia's lineup during their heyday in 1982. Dominated by hair and excess, the band is simply dripping masculine sexuality.

primitive part of '80s. Nearly every track on the record remembers the synth-dripping decade, but "Faithful" makes the whole album entirely worthy of being chucked off a skyscraper.

Next in the track listing, "Bury Me in Willow" certainly has potential until it hits the chorus line. Having no business singing in a higher register, Wetton's vocals are strained, although the real problem is the shabby melody, which sounds try-hard through a pairing with "symphonic" elements. "I Know How You Feel" is catchy enough, but missing oomph, perhaps the attack of a distorted, electric guitar. Asia has never been overly heavy as that would alienate the band from the mainstream, but the track desperately needs a support behind the pulsing synth line. Likewise, "Reno (Silver and Gold)" and "Ghost of a Chance" suffer the same fate, even as ballads. They're missing something.

Other complaints may be trivial at best, but nevertheless enough to mar the enjoyment of this veteran band's latest effort. A crying outrage for former progsters such as these, the

guitar solos are sloppily played, not to mention short on punch. Where is the power? Where is the competent axe slinging found nearly 30 years ago? Adding more fuel to the fire, the Italian lyrics sprinkled throughout the album's 55 minutes are like cheddar-encrusted kamikazes. It's like pouring gasoline on yourself, lighting a match, and thinking you have a great time on your hands. In some sort of demented mindset the idea may seem appealing, but once the deed is done, you realize you're on thin ice.

Plucked as cream of the crop for this type of music, Asia shouldn't be stooping down to a rushed product stewed in hot, melted cheese. Placing the album in the oven for a few more months, even a year, would have surely proved beneficial because the message listeners are getting here are the last words of a dying band. Is it time to throw in the towel? Well, only Asia can answer that, but a bit of advice can be offered: Don't tarnish your name like another act has continued to do for over 20 years--Queensrÿche, we're looking at you.



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Asia's lineup as they appear now in 2012, twenty years after their big break. It's hard to say what keeps a band going for twenty years. Hardly any can boast that they've been at it for two decades, especially when their niche market disappears.

Subscription to a Frozen Landscape

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The things we care for most, the things that we suppose make up the constitutive character of something like "mankind" or "humanness", also happen to be the things that we presume the most often. We call these things "self-evident," "obvious," "worthwhile," and at the same time, we reject them as serious subjects for valid discussion. A sort of "been there, done that" mentality is birthed into the scheme of things and slowly gets manipulated by further steps in the same direction into a sort of "been there, don't (need to) do that." Isn't this despicable, though? Isn't this like throwing the things we consider most important into the garbage receptacle to be later dropped off in a landfill? And if this is the case, which I can't reckon why any of my readers would deny that it is, doesn't that mean we close ourselves off to a real discussion of these notions in different contexts?

We suppose that what we know is going to remain the same regardless of the particular instances that happen daily. This morning, I woke up with a certain conception of myself and, at this very moment, that conception is recognizably different from the one I am subscribing to now. Things change, traditionally speaking. And by throwing something as complex as say, Identity, into the trash can only means that when it is pulled back out, it will smell bad, disgust us, spark us to want to throw it back in. We do this over and over again, but not in different ways, rather, in the same ways. We become stagnant and disgusted with anything other than stagnancy. It's as if we'd like to believe ourselves sure of everything all of the time. But if that were true, then our

presence at an academy like this one would be in vain and wasteful. The fact that we can ask such questions like "What do I really know about charity," or "Is it really important that I believe in God," or "Can you really know what that garbage smells like" are definitive of our presences here at this institution. The College is a playground in which we have this brilliant opportunity to actually submerge ourselves within confusion, to seriously respect the ways that we come to understand things—and yet we don't take advantage of the opportunity. We throw it away, move past it, think that we progress and really end up making no progress.

Of course we can't be sure of everything in the way that it is delivered to us and of course we can't step back from every single thing and ask whether or not we possess the right kind of meaning necessary for understanding it. That's a task for the insane—a task none of us can fully respect—but a task for the insane all the same. However, it is presumptuous of us to believe that the definitive characteristics that make us who we are should not be called into question and understood on a continual basis. These concepts that we deem important—these are the concepts that we ought to continually re-imagine. Otherwise we lose sight of what they mean to us completely and end up completing tasks for the sake of completing tasks. We don't concern ourselves with identity in this fashion and instead concern ourselves with ignoring it.

Classical Music Benefits the Struggling Student

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September was named Classical Music Month in 1994 by President Bill Clinton. Since then, it has received almost no recognition, save NPR and PBS, yet the benefits of listening to classical music are widely accepted.

Listening to classical music has been proven to increase blood flow to several areas in the brain. It increases dopamine release and activity from the emotional and cognitive centers. Also, listening to classical music that features a high pitched violin sound throughout may cause the "Mozart Effect," an effect created by listening to classical music which causes listeners' spatial IQ to increase for a short time. Classical music also has been shown to help those with, the increasingly-over diagnosed, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder concentrate on a specific task.

Wabash students then could benefit from more classical music on campus; September is the first month that promises a full homework load and a full stress load. Based on the research about listening to classical music, students may be able to complete assignments faster and with less stress than they would without listening.

Classical music should not be thought of as only the instrumental music created around the time of Mozart. Classical music is a genre that follows the conventions of the music created in the European tradition around the end of the 18th century.

Classical music is still being made, here are five composers that are currently producing good classical music are listed. Rachel Portman, best known for writing the score of the movie *Cider House Rules*, excels at placing airy piano over a single string background. Hans Zimmer is known for his scores of *Inception* and *The*

Lion King. His songs often include powerful drops in rhythm as well as electronic instrumentation. Karlheinz Stockhausen, who a recently technically should not be included on this list because he is deceased, is a must listen for those who enjoy new-age electronic music. Jorge Quintero, composer of the "300 violin orchestra", often modernizes famous classical pieces with new arrangements and the addition of Latin-styled elements. Terry Riley, a modern minimalist-classical composer, provides a sound suited for those who enjoy psychedelic music. His work "In C" is on par with The Wall in terms of psychological effect on the listener.

It is its effect on the listener which makes classical music powerful. Classical music is often featured in commercials and movies because of its ability to instantly connect with the listener's emotions. The rising crescendos of the orchestra, accented with driving percussion and brass; it creates an emotional torrent that sweeps the listener away. Star Wars would not have been as powerful without the "Imperial March". There would not have been tears during Donnie Darko without the addition of "Mad World" and "Head over Heels" both written by Tears for Fears.

Wabash students should take the month of September to become acquainted with the classical style of music. Instead of divulging out less-than-civilized urges, sit down and get acquainted with the greats: Mozart, Bach, Beethoven. It could result in an average campus increase in grades and decrease in stress.

Defensive Prowess Continues For Football

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The Wabash College Football's defense was dominant in the team's conference-opening victory at Denison last Saturday. The unit forced six Big Red turnovers while not giving up a point in the Little Giants' 35-2 win.

"I thought we played really well defensively," Coach Erik Raeburn said. "We were much better in the red zone than we were in the first week at Hanover. Our guys were more disciplined on their drops [in the red zone] and we cut down on the penalties from the first week as well. And you have to be pleased any time you have seven sacks and six take-aways on defense and special teams."

The Little Giant offense had another productive outing as well. The offense achieved a perfect balance with 30 rush attempts and 30 passing attempts. Quarterback Chase Belton threw for 218 yards and two touchdowns, while Junior C.P. Porter lead Wabash rushers with 49 yards on seven carries including a 12-yard touchdown run.

"Offensively, our run game was better from last week," Raeburn said. "The two fumbles are disappointing and it's still not where we would like it to be, but it has improved. We still have a lot of new guys on the offensive line so hopefully they're getting more and more use to playing with one another."

Porter's touchdown run started the team's scoring flurry late in the first quarter. After one of the two Denison fumbles, Belton ran the ball in for a score with 9:46 left in second quarter to give Wabash a 14-0 lead.

The lone Denison score occurred on a safety in the second quarter. After senior defensive back Austin Hodges



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Defensive dominance was the big story for the football team as the starting unit forced six turnovers in Saturdays game

intercepted a pass at the Wabash eight-yard line, Belton was called for intentional grounding in the end zone. Though a receiver did appear to be in the vicinity in which he threw the ball.

Wabash took the lead into the locker room at 14-2 and put the game away in the third with two more touchdowns. With 6:24 left in the third quarter, Belton hit junior Jon Laird on a screen taking it 70 yards for the touchdown. Two minutes later, junior Andrew Gibson caught a Belton pass on a slant route in the end zone to make the score 28-2. Senior running back Vann Hunt finished the scoring with three yard touchdown run in the fourth.

The defense continued its dominance and was highlighted by sopho-

more linebacker Cody Buresh. The Holland, MI native lead all players with 11 tackles and three-and-a-half sacks as well as forcing a fumble. His performance earned him NCAC Defensive Player of the Week honors.

"Today looked like Wabash football," Buresh said. "Last week we were off a little bit, maybe it was first game jitters. But everything was cooking today."

All-Conference running back Sam Fioroni was held to just 80 yards on the day for Denison while honorable mention All-Conference quarterback Max Paulus had 221 yards and four interceptions.

Wabash looked to continue its play when they host Allegheny College Saturday in the home opener. The

gators are coming off a bye and have had two weeks to prepare after getting toasted at home 37-7 to Carnegie Mellon in front of a national audience.

"We had a tough game against Allegheny last year on the road," Raeburn said. "We know we will get their best game, just like we did last year. This will really be a challenge for our defense to play well on first and second down. Allegheny is a team that is hard to stop if it has success on those first two downs."

Wabash escaped Meadville, PA with a 22-16 victory last season. The rematch will take place Saturday at Byron P. Hollet Little Giant Stadium with kickoff slated for 1 p.m.

Out Of State Recruits Shine For Soccer

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The Wabash College Soccer team has undertaken a youth movement. Almost one third of their roster is

occupied by freshmen and many of them have kicked their way onto the field. Ben Sia and Braden Burkett are two special players among the large 2012 recruiting class.

"We are a real young team but we're

improving each and every practice," Burkett said. "If we play in games the way we play in practice, I really think things will turn around quickly."

The Little Giants are only 2-5 in Chris Keller's first season as Head Coach, but all five losses have come by one point, two of them occurring in over-time.

"The one goal margins come down to creating more opportunities," Sia said. "We've worked on it the past few practices and it's just about finding that striker mentality. Once we get that, we'll start putting the ball in the net more and a one goal deficit will turn into a two to three margin win."

Sia will look to be a part of the offensive attack since he moved from defensive man to forward due to injuries. He has taken the liberal arts approach to the position change.

"I looked at my play from the oppositions perspective," he explained. "I asked myself, 'what's the worst thing I hate when I'm playing defense?' It [the answer] is when the offense moves constantly and moves the ball around, which means I have to keep going back and forth. So as a forward now, I'm trying to keep the ball as little as possible and quickly pass it around."

Sia is not the only team member to work on quickly passing

the ball. Burkett received professional coaching last summer to improve his "speed of play."

"Speed of play is just getting the ball off your foot faster and keep it moving," Burkett said. "I attended the Real Salt Lake College Prep Academy to help prepare me for the collegiate level. The coaches also stressed communication and spreading the field."

Coaches of Major League Soccer Real Salt Lake team ran the academy. The team was for all collegiate soccer players in the state of Utah.

Burkett is from the Salt Lake City suburb of West Jordan. Wabash coaches recruited him after he played in a California soccer tournament. Burkett was drawn here because of the school's academic reputation and medical school acceptance rate. He plans to study pre-veterinary studies at Purdue University after Wabash. Burkett knew in the spring he would be part of Wabash's newest freshman class. The same cannot be said for Sia.

"I wasn't officially admitted until after orientation started," Sia said. "I wasn't sure if I was going to college this year but I talked to Chris Broecker, [a freshman] his dad David [an alum] and they told me about the place. I wasn't to gung-ho about the place. I wasn't to gung-ho

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Ben Sia is one of the out of state recruits making an impact on the team

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This Weekend in Wabash Sports

Saturday

Rugby	vs Indiana State	10:30 a.m.
Football	vs Allegheny	1:00 p.m.
Soccer	vs Oberlin	4:30 p.m.
Tennis	ITA Tournament	TBA

Sunday

Golf	vs Franklin	TBA
Tennis	ITA Tournament	TBA

Caddick Credits Rise To Cross Country

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With less than a year of experience in the steeplechase, Jacob Caddick found himself competing at the Junior National Championships for track. Caddick credits cross country for his success in the event.

"Cross country really gave me a good solid work ethic and showed me what it was like to work on a Wabash team," Caddick said.

Caddick picked up the steeplechase as an event last spring for the outdoor track season. The experience and skills he learned from cross country instilled a confidence in him. Soon he was posting times good enough for an invite to Junior Nationals. In order to be invited to Junior Nationals, one must be under the age of 20 during the outdoor track season and hit a specific time in their respected event. For Caddick, his magic number was 9:34, which he ran in his second time competing in the steeplechase.

"The past cross country experience was definitely helpful," Caddick said. "It gave me a lot of mental strength for this tough event and taught me how to have a strong work ethic."

The best in the nation gather for Junior Nationals to compete for a chance to go to the Junior Olympics in Spain. "It was a really big event," Caddick said. "It was awe-in-

spiring to see all these American champions there. They didn't leave off anything in the introductions either. Like, these guys would be champion of this or that and record holder in so many events. To be around those guys was a one in a million chance."

The steeplechase is not a widely known event. Even Caddick "didn't have a clue what it was," which made his rapid rise in the sport special.

Steeplechase is an obstacle race that ranges from 2,000 to 3,000 meters. Over the course of an entire race, runners will jump over 28 obstacles and seven water jumps. It goes without saying, the runners in the race are extremely athletic.

"The reason I liked it was because it was tough," Caddick said. "It's not just regular running; there are obstacles and water jumps. It's very challenging."

The decision to run in the steeplechase was influenced by Caddick's high school coach. After that, Caddick made up his mind to try his hand at the event. "My high school coach kept telling me to try it," Caddick said. "So I made the decision to give it a shot last year. I had no clue what it was, but I wanted to try it. Even if I failed miserably and fell on my face, I wanted to try it once."

Caddick gained more experience in the steeplechase at the Junior Nationals. "It was my third or fourth time



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Cross country gave Caddick the tools to succeed in outdoor track and qualify for Junior Nationals

running in the event," he said. "So all things considered I am happy with my results. I mean if you compare my time to [Kevin] McCarthy's times as a sophomore, I am ahead of him. So that is a positive that I can take with me."

While he is still in cross country right now, Caddick looks forward to the track

season. "It is a bunch of guys coming together about something positive and bigger than you. I really enjoyed the coming together and working towards a common goal."

The cross country team has helped Caddick out immensely, whether it be training or mental toughness. The team has developed him

to run in certain ways that help out with steeplechase.

McCarthy excelled in the steeplechase and Caddick is using that as an example of the achievements you can unlock when you put hard work behind talent. At his current rate, Caddick will have a lot of room for improvement.

Cross Country Still Hungry For Improvement

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STAFF WRITER

Last weekend the Red Pack returned to Crawfordsville from Terre Haute with a victory. The team tallied a total of 79 points—just enough to give them the top slot for NCAA Division III schools in the annual Indiana Intercollegiate Cross Country Championships at Rose-Hulman.

Sophomore Shane Hoerbert led the Little Giants by placing fifth, finishing the 8,000-meter race with a time of 25:41. Also scoring points for Wabash were sophomores Billy McManus (12th) and Daniel Hoover (21st), and juniors Dalton Boyer (19th) and Jake Ponton (22nd).

The event was open to individuals from teams ranging from Division I to NAIA. Wabash finished third in the "Little State" the race, which excluded the Division I programs. The team finished just two points behind Division II University of Indianapolis, but well behind Southern Indiana, who is ranked seventh in Division II.

Despite the win, Head Coach Roger Busch says the team isn't satisfied. The young group of runners, lead by a strong sophomore class, has the potential to do better.

"It is all about experience," Busch said. "Eight of our top eleven guys are sophomores. Our youth gives us inexperience performing and it showed Friday night. We were not able to beat some of the competitors we thought we could



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The Red Pack continues its search for the killer instinct in races

beat at the Division I and II levels."

While the team solidified itself as the best non-scholarship team in the state, they did not fair as well against the scholarship schools as they have in the past. But there are still chances to close the gap and improve throughout the season. "We have the ability," Busch said. "We just have to mentally prepare ourselves."

Part of that mental preparation will come from more experience running together, particularly in big meets. The

Red Pack will have their chance in the coming weeks. On September 28, the team will travel to South Bend to race at the Notre Dame Invitational. The large field of competitors will include some of the best teams around the region. The stiff competition will test Little Giant runners late in the race.

Busch hopes that the high level of competition in a race setting will help give the guys the confidence and experience they will need to excel going forward. He says that

the key will be running together.

"It is all mental," Busch said. "They are physically capable. They need to decide to do the task at hand. If they decided to, they can run as a group and run fast. Running together makes it easier."

Senior Jimmy Kervan is optimistic about the team's progress from week to week. He thinks that the team is progressing towards where they need to be at the end of the season. "I see the [younger] guys getting more experienced each week. They are starting to run together and more importantly with each other," Kervan said. "They are buying in and believing in themselves, which will determine the success they have this season."

Though last weekend's outing didn't yield the results the team was looking for, the race did serve as an excellent practice run for later on in the year. The course that the Little Giant runners raced on this past weekend will be the same 8,000 meters of the national championship race in November.

"Our goals for the year are to repeat as conference champions and to finish nationally ranked in the top ten," Kervan said. Having finished in the nation's top 20 each of the past two years, the team hopes to have continued success during the later stages of the season.

The team has yet to polish their mentality and team chemistry, but they will be a force when they finally do.

Tennis Takes On Only Tournament Of Season

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Tomorrow the Wabash tennis team will take to the courts for the first time this school year. The Little Giants will be participating in the USTA/ITA Central Region Championship held on the campuses of Indianapolis North Central and Park Tudor High Schools.

Head Coach Jason Hutchison and the team are looking to build on last year's successful season by building off of last year's hard work. The team also plans to keep their routine the same.

"My outlook is the same every year," Head Coach Jason Hutchison said. "Our goal is to get better everyday, work hard both on and off the court, and make a strong showing at conference."

Another goal for the Little Giant Ten-

nis Team is to break the school record for wins. Junior and returning letter winner Daniel Delgado feels that the goal is in reach.

"Our goal is always to break the school record for team wins and I believe that this team has the potential to do so this year, but it will not be an easy task," Delgado said. "We're going to have to work hard and be committed to getting better everyday, especially during the offseason. We are good enough to do it. We just have to want it more than everyone else."

Following the successes of last year's tennis team, which boasted an above 500 record as well as a fifth place finish in conference, won't be easy. Coach Hutchison, however, was optimistic about his team.

"[It's] hard to say how to compare (the two teams) this early, but I like the effort that the

guys are showing this early in the fall," Hutchison said. "[We] have a nice returning class and a couple of freshman that will help our depth."

Delgado echoes the sentiment of his coach: "[This year] looks promising and we are capable of having a successful season."

With only one senior, you may think that depth would pose an issue to the Little Giant team, however, depth certainly won't be a problem for the Little Giants. With six of the top seven players returning from last year's team, experience will be abundant for the team. There is also plenty of youth on the Little Giant Tennis Team as well. Out of the eleven players that compose the tennis team, six are either freshmen or sophomores.

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Soccer Embraces Underdog Role

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Despite the recent two game losing streak, the soccer team's spirits remain high. Backed by a confident coaching staff and strong senior leadership, their attitude has yet to waiver.

Whenever the soccer team has lost its been by one goal, which usually comes in the closing minutes of a half or game. For example, the one goal given up in Saturday's contest against University of Chicago was a 30 second lapse in judgment, which ended up costing the game. Despite the loss, Coach Chris Keller was able to find some positives.

"It was the best game we played as a whole," Keller said. "We were unfortunate not to get an early goal when they cleared the ball of the line twice on our headers. We attacked in numbers, and defended well. Hats off to University of Chicago as they were the best squad we faced yet."

As it is relatively early in the season, one-goal-losses have tested the team's mindset. Their resolve has improved from years past, but time will tell how strong it actually is.

However, the coaching staff trusts their players to focus on the upcoming conference games. The team will have a stretch of road games where they will play the top three teams in the conference within a week. That upcoming stretch will test their resolve more than anything else.

"The team is staying with it," Keller said. "The seniors are doing a phenomenal job with the young squad. We are one unit and I am proud of them for the way they bounce back. We have been in every game and need someone to seize the mo-



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The team remains positive for their chances at conference despite their 2-5 record

ment and take the victory. It is hard to lose those games by a goal, but we are establishing the program's mindset and improving with every game."

One issue that has been raised in the past is the team's level of conditioning. Some say that the reason they give up late goals was due to a lack of conditioning in the final minutes of the game. Keller was in opposition to the theory. "We are fit," Keller said. "We just have to keep our focus every minute of every game. All it takes is one mistake in this game of soccer."

He has a point. In their game against Chicago, the team had a split second of miscommunication, which opened a window for Chicago at-

tackers to score. After that the team played a sound game, but their one mistake early on cost them the win.

Keller was equally optimistic about the future of the program for the current season and beyond. "The results will come with the experience we are gaining," he said.

Senior goal keeper Matt Paul was on board with the idea as well.

"A lot of times, teams with four losses can still finish top four and make the conference tournament," Paul said. "You never want to lose, but when you do, you have to realize that all is not lost and be able to bounce back and move on to be completely prepared for the next game."

The conference schedule for the

team will be challenging. The team has been expected to finish ninth overall in conference by NCAC coaches.

"Conference is what we prepare for all along," Keller said. "The NCAC is doing extremely well this season, so there will be no easy games. We will prepare tactically for every team just as we have been, and I am excited to see us surprise some teams."

The Little Giants are expected to be the underdogs in every game during conference. It is a role that they embraced in their preparation.

"We are going into every game as an underdog," Keller said. "And for those who underestimate us based on our record. They will be in for a shock."

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about the school," Sia said. "I did some research and learned about the school's academic excellence. I also talked to Coach Keller and he talked to me about his first year coaching and this year being a developmental year so that got me really excited and pulled me in closer."

Sia hails from Sudbury, MA, a Boston suburb. So far, he's happy with his haste decision athletically and academically.

"I switched from a public to a private school in high school," he said. "The community feel was something I appreciated in high

school and I'm glad to still have that at college."

Sia continued to feel that sense of community on the soccer team. If it continues he believes that it will help them on their road to the Conference tournament.

Through switching positions and dealing with tough losses both Sia and Burkett are playing well in Keller's system.

Sia and Burkett will look to continue to improve in their next game which is Saturday, September 22 against Oberlin College. The game will start at 4:30 in Mud Hollow Stadium.

Tennis

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Senior Ian Leonard feels that depth will definitely be a strength of the Little Giants.

"I think we have a strong group of guys who will be able to compete this upcoming season," Leonard said. "We've added some solid newcomers into the fold who will help bolster the lineup."

Returning for the Little Giants is junior Wade Miller. Miller, who is currently studying abroad, is a two-time First Team All-NCAC selection and will continue to be one of the best players for the Little Giants upon his return. Leonard and Miller's fellow juniors Delgado and Nate Koelper all garnered significant playing time last year and will surely be asked to play significant roles in the coming year.


While depth may be one of the team's strong suits, Coach Hutchison is quick to point out the team's greatest asset will be its chemistry.

"Team chemistry will be our strength," Hutchison said. "The guys truly enjoy being around each other and want to help each other get better."

Competing in this weekend's USTA/ITA Central Region Championship will be a tough road for the Little Giants. Many of the better players and teams from the Central Region will also descend upon Indianapolis for the tournament. Despite the challenge, however, Hutchison feels the tournament will be a good opportunity for the Little Giants.

"We have our only tournament of the fall this weekend ... [where] the toughest players from our region will be competing in an individual draw," Hutchison said. "This will be a good opportunity for us to see where we stack up."

Following the weekend's tournament, the Wabash tennis team will take the rest of the winter off and will resume play in February with a home match against Augustana College



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