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IAN ARTIS '16
STAFF WRITER

Wabash stands out in many distinct ways: it is all-male, has a high teacher-student ratio, and top national rankings. To this end stands another highlight in these classic halls, Moot Court.

"[Moot Court] is an opportunity for students to argue an appeal for a case that has already been tried," said Scott Himsel, Visiting Associate Professor of Political Science. "Every law school in America has a Moot Court, but we've had one for 19 or 20 years," Himsel said. Preparation for graduate school is something in which Wabash specializes, and the Moot Court program is especially strong in this preparation, in the true liberal arts style.

"It is a great liberal arts experience," said Himsel. "I, in fact, call it the liberal arts on steroids- [the] reason being that as soon as you say something in appeal, the judge can immediately question and insist on you providing a basis for what you're saying. It forces you to engage in critical thinking on the spot. The goal is to find truth - to find the best solution to very difficult legal problems."

That critical thinking component is the main catalyst for driving students on the pre-law track. The ability to respond quickly and accurately while under pressure is something Moot Court can help build for those interested

in a legal career. But why should pre-law students participate? "Every lawyer advises his or her clients in a manner to assist them to avoid legal difficulties. This is experience that every law student in America goes through, and it helps them in the end," Himsel said.

A program of this importance doesn't fall together. It takes strategic planning by a group of dedicated and resilient people. A group of alumni lawyers confer over the summer and give suggestions to Rick Pitts '83, who has been the author of the problems. John Pactor assembles alumni judges and friends of the college. "For the final round, I select judges, with advice from other alumni. It's always a group effort, every step of the way," Himsel said.

Being interested in a legal career isn't required to compete in Moot Court, though. "It's a wonderful way to figure out whether you might be interested in a career in the law. It also allows you to network with judges, to ask those questions and figure out if this career is right for you," Himsel said.

Moot Court is an unusual opportunity, even for students who don't contemplate going to law school. "It will be their only opportunity to argue an appeals case, and it challenges you to think critically. That's what Wabash is all about," Himsel said.



IAN BAUMGARDNER | WABASH '14

Riley Floyd '13 won this year's moot court competition which was over the constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act's denial of federal economic and other benefits to same-sex couples lawfully married in states that recognize same-sex marriage and the denial of benefits to surviving spouses from such marriages.

Fact Check Sites Help Voters Determine Truth

PATRICK BRYANT '16
STAFF WRITER

The third and final presidential debate was Monday night capping off what many would call a daunting and endless campaign season. Just try being a fact checker. According to Dr. Sara Drury, a Byron K. Trippet Assistant Professor of Rhetoric, the biggest issue with presenting data in presidential debates is the way in which it can not only be misrepresented, but also taken by research groups that aren't fully objective.

"The problem with statistics is they can be used and misinterpreted," Drury said. "Just because something is a certain dollar amount, or represents a certain percent, doesn't always mean a candidate is drawing an accurate logical argument from it."

Drury recommends students use factcheck.org, a site run by the Annenberg Public Policy Center to look into what the candidates are talking about. The site shared a summarized list of 10 statements, five from each candidate,



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Over the past few weeks, rhetoric students have met for debate watches in Hays Hall. These gave the students a chance to not only watch the debates but also discuss what the candidates said and how they said it. Websites like factcheck.org offer voters an unbiased analysis of the candidates' statements.

made during Monday night's debate in which the candidates shared "incorrect" or "twisted factual claims."

The way the public views candidates and their honesty as they lay out their policy is something that doesn't stray far from partisan politics either. In late August, a survey of about 1,000 voters conducted by the Pew Research Center asked them to describe Republican presidential nomi-

nee Mitt Romney in one word. Ironically enough, those who identified themselves as Republicans most often chose the word "honest," while those identified as Democrats chose "liar."

The ideologies and political leanings of the various groups in which the candidates rely for statistical data definitely play a role in what is viewed as "incorrect" and "twisted," but Drury said she would also warn

that even groups that are viewed as non-partisan aren't always giving voters the clearest message.

"Just because something's non-partisan, doesn't necessarily mean [there are] a lot of people that are checking the statistic from different approaches," Drury said.

Freshman Kurt Miller, a self-described Libertarian who said he won't be supporting either President Barack

Obama or Romney, said he believes the reason candidates present this data and use it in a way that is inaccurate according to a fact checker, is to promote "sensationalism" in wide, sweeping statements that the candidates make to court the average voter.

"Without a doubt, the throwing of numbers out there and throwing statistics to the uneducated voter is the easy way for them to say 'oh, well this person knows what they're talking about, so I'm going to vote for them,'" Miller said.

At one point in the Oct. 16 presidential debate, Romney spoke of much lower gas prices at the beginning of Obama's term relative to now, which factually is true. The President retorted that it was because the nation's economy was entering a recession at that time. Both statements are true, but the candidates only share the parts of it in which they will look favorable to the voter. Is the reward greater than the risk of com-

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Wabash Callings Offers Career Guidance

TAYLOR KENYON '16
STAFF WRITER

It is impossible for any man to know what his future holds for him 10 years down the road. A new program named Wabash Callings helps young Wabash men decipher their future paths.

Today marks the end of the week-long CareerFest, although this second annual CareerFest differs from its predecessor. The inclusion of Wabash Callings into the week long career-based competition created a unique approach for students to discover what they love and how they want to make meaning of their lives.

Assistant Director of Career Services James Jeffries, Associate Professor of Religion Dr. Baer, and students collaborated to lead Wabash Callings. The program is composed of two sub-programs; Quests and Questions and StrengthsQuest.

Quests and Questions is a peer led group that asks those questions which many students contemplate from time to time: who am I; how should I live; what is my purpose in life? Members discuss these questions in order to make meaning from them. Sophomore Steven Batchelder facilitates these discussions.

"And when thou seest the new enlightened sphere, Study to know but what those worthies were." This Henry David Thoreau excerpt presented by Batchelder in his Wabash Callings presentation struck a chord with him and has affected how he views his purpose. Purpose is a topic that hits close to home for Batchelder.

During the 2000 presidential election, Batchelder won a mock election in grade school, which spiked his interest in the presidency. He digested all the information about presidents he could find. Batchelder idolized these men because they made a difference in the world. To Batchelder, these men exhibited purpose to the highest degree. Ever since the election, Batchelder has been searching to leave his mark on the world. Now Batchelder is helping his peers join his journey. "I am really interested in these questions, thinking about callings, and figuring out what makes a fulfilling life," Batchelder said. "I want to help peers explore those questions as well."

"I think with the conversations I've had with mentors back home and mentors here on campus, that there is a mutual growth that occurs when you have these conversations with someone else," Batchelder said. "It is one thing to

have a conversation about what you think your purpose is in life with yourself, but when you have that conversation with someone else you build a special sense of relationship with them that encourages you to ask more questions and to think about things differently than you would find yourself thinking about them on your own."

It is these beliefs that caused Batchelder to facilitate this group.

Alongside discussions, members of Quests and Questions will attend seminars with speakers from many different fields (law, medicine, art, etc.) describing how they discovered their purpose. Lastly, the members will perform unique service opportunities to expand on their discussion, including going to local high schools to discuss the questions of purpose with the students.

"After looking at those questions and concrete options for careers or activities on campus we expect students to become very conversant with callings," Jeffries said. "The idea is that, for instance, Southmont High School might have a slot open for a few guys to go out there and get a group of students together to talk to them about what it means to pursue a calling, talk about concrete actions, and talk about how a liberal arts education can contrib-



CARTER ADAMS | WABASH '15

The CareerFest festivities of the past week included a three-on-three basketball tournament. This was the second annual CareerFest, and this year included several new programs.

ute to that." In this way, both the Wabash students and the high school students learn more about who they are and where to go with it.

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Tuesday, October 30
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Student Senate Meeting 7 p.m.

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Thursday, November 1
Chapel Talk: James Brown 11:15 a.m.

Hartnett, Students Engage Roman Society

DAVID MYLES '14
STAFF WRITER

Fall break has just passed, and many students are looking forward to their next reprieve from academia: Thanksgiving break. As most people sit down to a hearty meal and a football game, a number of students will instead be spending their Thanksgiving break immersed deeply in Italian and Roman culture.

Fresh off of giving this year's LaFollette Lecture, Associate Professor of Classics Jeremy Hartnett '96, will be leading a group of students to Italy over Thanksgiving break, where they will study and visit several ancient sites and cities. The class is titled Self and Society in Ancient Rome, and Hartnett has clearly been comprehensive in his lessons. "The course is essentially about how to do Roman social history, and so the course has been divided in three different parts," says Hartnett. "The first part introduced Roman society with case study cities such as Pompeii, Herculaneum, Ostia, and Rome. We studied different segments of society, from rich to poor...to the margins like prostitutes and gladiators. And we studied Roman social systems...and places that are sort of between everything, like the streets."

Aside from walking through Italian cities and observing the calm tides of the Mediterranean Sea, Hartnett's class

will also be expected to complete two presentations while in Italy. Each student will give a presentation on a particular monument, along with another presentation with a class member. The monument on which their individual presentation was centered will also be the focus of a final term paper due at the end of the semester. Hartnett, however, knows that his students will be more focused on the sights and sounds of a new country. "I anticipate having to drag them through the sights because they're going to want to stop and look at everything," Hartnett said. "But we only have so much time."

For Hartnett, however, travelling through Italy is old hat. "I've been tagging along with groups like these since I was 12," Hartnett said. "My mother was an administrative assistant to Bill Cook '66 (at SUNY Geneseo), so I started going to Italy when I was 12, caught the bug, and been back all the time." Apart from these adolescent European jaunts, Hartnett also studied abroad his junior at Wabash and, while Wabash did not have immersion trips when he was a student, visited Europe with his mentor, Professor Emeritus John Fischer.

In his professional life, Hartnett taught for a year in Rome between 2008 and 2009 at the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies. Hartnett also led an immersion trip in 2007 for a class discussing Roman urbanism, and has been



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Media Services Specialist Adam Bowen gets injected with an influenza vaccine on Wednesday. The health center encouraged members of the Wabash community to get vaccinated for \$17. Vaccines will also be offered on Oct. 25.

on several other trips over the last few years. His most recent accompaniment was last March, when BKT Assistant Professor of Political Science Alexandra Hoerl's Machiavelli class journeyed to Florence. Hartnett downplays his role on the trip though, saying that his main jobs were "to speak Italian, run ahead of the group, troubleshoot, and buy tickets." On this trip, Dr. and Mrs. Sears will join Dr. Hartnett and his students.

While learning and academia may be the main focus of each immersion class, Hartnett says that he has another goal as well. "I want to ignite a passion within students, infect them with the travel bug, and make them want to go back and do it some more," Hartnett said. "I mean, we'll have pizza in the place where pizza was invented!" It's safe to say, that with Hartnett leading this class, very few people will want to come back at all.

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ing off as dishonest or misleading? Drury said a lot of it has to do with people feeling "immediate realities."

"They look, they see the price, and they think 'wow, that's a lot for gas,'" Drury said. "Gas is one of those items where many Americans, especially registered voters, they feel that. That's what I think Romney has to gain is pushing the immediate reality as problematic. If you're just looking for change, and maybe not investigating the sort of change that will bring, it might win him some voters."

According to Drury, the debates aren't going anywhere, and although the candidates might not do a great job in having political discourse, the fact that the debates prompt the voter to have those conversations, is very

important. The resources are out there, far more than there were even four years ago, so that the voter has the ability to look into what the candidates say. Most importantly though, Drury said, is that these debates are what prompt discussion between students, faculty and the like here on the Wabash campus and throughout the country.

"The presidential debates are not going anywhere, they're an established part of our cycle, and for me, as someone who cares tremendously about the quality and character of public discourse," Drury said, "I think we need to do what we can to use this major political event to plant the seeds for discussing politics, for talking about issues, [and] for engaging with the political issues of the day."

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StrengthsQuest. Jeffries describes StrengthsQuest as, "A tool to help you assess what your strengths are." In other words, StrengthsQuest is a web-based test that reveals what talents the taker has. These talents can then be used to determine a career that best fits the personality and the talents of the tester. In this way, a student can both discover his purpose and know how he can achieve it.

Wabash Callings appeared within CareerFest this year because although not specifically career related, it does achieve a goal similar to what Career Ser-

vices strives to obtain: to have students leave Wabash on a path towards their fulfilling career.

Although CareerFest is over, the opportunities are not. Quests and Questions will first meet Thursday November 1st, for more information e-mail Batchelder at sebatche15@wabash.edu. Additionally, StrengthsQuest can be taken anytime during the Career Services hours in the Arnold House on campus.

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Walters Brings Insect Study to Crawfordsville

TYLER HARDCASTLE '15
STAFF WRITER

Many of us are still deciding what it is we want to do with our lives. For some this means constantly changing majors; for others it means just varying career goals. Kent Walters, Visiting Assistant Professor of Biology, has known his passion for quite some time.

"Science was never a question for me, I've always loved nature, science, and being outdoors," Walters said. "I recall back in kindergarten, when we had to draw what we wanted to be, I drew a picture of a veterinarian with all sorts of animals around him."

Walters found focus in biology while at Manchester College, in northern Indiana. The school, comparable in size to Wabash, allowed Walters to form relationships with his professors that helped him narrow his focus and later in his career. Walters completed his doctoral work at Notre Dame, where he studied bugs in Alaska.

"As part of my doctoral research, I went up every year for essentially six years in the fall, the time of year that the insects are get-

ting ready for winter," Walters said. "The insects don't survive intercellular freezing, they have some water that remains unfrozen but it's locked up in ice, they're able to survive this was for months and months."

Walters and his fellow researchers traveled in the northern part of Alaska observing and collecting insects. Some of the insects would be captured and kept in containers that were left near where the insect was found. This allowed the researchers to track the insect's freezing process in its more natural habitat. Taking insects back to the lab in Notre Dame was more of a challenge.

"If you collected them in a below freezing field and the temperature is raised, within hours they begin to feed and mate," Walters said.

Because the life cycle of these insects began again so quickly, those that they did bring back had to be carefully controlled for temperature. Once brought back and placed in an acclimation chamber, however, they proved worth the effort.

"We took freeze tolerant beetles down to -80° C and an-



IAN BAUMGARDNER | WABASH '14
Visiting Assistant Professor of Biology Kent Walters is accustomed to the small school feel having done his undergrad at Manchester College.

other group of beetle larvae down to -100° C," Walters said.

There is potential for continuing this work at Wabash. Though admittedly not exposed to as dramatically

cold temperatures, insects in Crawfordsville and the surrounding area are exposed to freezing temperatures. This connects to one of the potential applications for this work. Scientists

are currently working on ways to splice these anti-freeze proteins into plants and crops and though this is a simplified way of looking at it, down the road, the process could have significant impacts on agriculture.

"This plays a role in early frost in farmers' fields; usually the temperature doesn't drop much below zero, but that is enough to induce massive frost damage and completely kill certain plants [or crops]," Walters said. "If you were able to produce these transgender anti-proteins, you could extend the growing season and reduce the risk of freezing."

This field of study is close in keeping with Walters' love for the outdoors. Among his other interests are fishing, hunting, and gardening. Walters lives on 10 acres with his partner and their four month-old son. Walters brings his interest in biology to his home, making it a part of it.

"I have two acres that I'm restoring to the native tall grass that would have been there historically," Walters said.

Secular Students Take Motto Seriously

GABE WATSON '13
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Every Wally knows his school's mission statement, but how many apply it to their daily lives? Chris Dabbs '15 wants to bring the campus to focus on Thinking Critically about all aspects of life – especially those so often taken on faith. Dabbs is working with the Secular Student Association (SSA), a national organization, to form the Society for Humanistic, Atheistic, and Free-Thought (SHAFT) here on campus.

The Pew Research Center has found that 19 percent of Americans now do not affiliate with religion, and that number jumps to 32 percent when only adults under the age of 30 are measured. This growth is evident in the popularity of best-selling authors like Richard Dawkins and the late Christopher Hitchens.

Dabbs has watched these trends develop: "It seemed to me that people had a desire to know about secularism and how people live without god and religion," he said. "When I came to Wabash, there were almost no people I could talk openly to about religions, and I think there needs to be an outlet like that for students."

Dabbs stresses that SHAFT is an open group focused on discussion and rational thought, not the assertion of any particu-

lar belief system. "One of the things I want to do with the SSA is that I want to make the concepts of healthy skepticism and nontheistic morality more widespread," he said.

The inherent openness of the group also aims to invite the variety of viewpoints essential to honest critical thought. Scotty Cameron '14 is a member of the group: "I'm not an atheist personally, but I completely support any group that is going to base itself around questioning and thinking," he said. "The fact that the group is so open to different beliefs also enables me to attend without feeling alienated."

In a time when many people still stigmatize the rejection of gods, the atmosphere of acceptance is crucial for all members. SHAFT has an official Facebook group to encourage open discussion, but public media carries its own challenges. While it is unifying in some respects, some students are reluctant to participate for fear of loved ones seeing their comments.

Much of non-theism's growth has been the result of atheists and agnostics being open about their (lack of) beliefs. Coming out of the closet as a doubter can be a difficult experience with friends and family, but SHAFT aims to raise awareness and acceptance, perhaps even with a sort of coming-out ceremony for members. "A lot of people are hidden about

their nontheistic viewpoints," Dabbs said.

Alongside these social issues, Dabbs intends to take the club's intellectual principles seriously.

"Especially on the campus, we're supposed to be these hyper-intelligent men who come here to get this liberal arts education because we want to know about everything, yet we have this campus that is so focused on religion," he said. "I see almost no people trying to expand their own minds and ask, 'well, why is my religion right?'"

"I think people need to be challenged, especially now when people who don't associate with religion are able to have a say, and I think a lot of people here are strictly opposed to the concept of irreligion in general," he said.

SHAFT hopes to hold a number of events to encourage discourse about how nonreligious people draw upon morality and meaning in life – an often misunderstood aspect of non-theism – as well as discussions with the religious groups on campus. It will also focus on the other facets of the College's mission, Living Humanely, by working fundraisers in support of charity.

The club provides a space for people who do not affiliate with a religion to talk to others in order to gain insight and perspective. "We didn't have a group of like-minded people who got together and talked about nontheistic principles and atheistic morality, so I thought



KELLY SULLIVAN | WABASH '15
Chris Dabbs '15 plans to apply scientific and rational thought to campus and personal views.

it was a good time to start one," Dabbs said.

This turning of the lens from one's intellectual work to oneself is a tenet of the liberal arts lifestyle, and SHAFT hopes to promote this self-consistency across campus.

Aubele Broadens Scientific Scopes

GABE WATSON '13
EDITOR IN CHIEF

What better place to study the effects of testosterone than an all-male campus? Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology Teresa Aubele specializes in the neuroscience of hormones, and Wabash is providing her with plenty of opportunities to grow in this field.

Aubele had studied to be a marine biologist, but when that plan was off-railed by seasickness, she made some changes in her senior year of undergraduate study. By shifting her focus toward psychology she was able to graduate with a degree in psychobiology – a blending of brain processes like personality with broader biological processes.

"Psychology applies to everything," Aubele said. "I consider myself a neuroscientist, but there are millions of psychologists doing very different things." She notes that as research opens up the processes that

underlie daily life, psychology begins to integrate deeply with fields like sociology, anthropology, and biology.

This conceptual overlapping of subject boundaries is also part of Aubele's fit into the liberal arts mindset. While her focus will remain the psychology department, next year she will also teach Comparative Anatomy and Embryology, a biology course.

"I initially got into hormones because my graduate advisor was into it," Aubele said. She did some early work to show the effects on testosterone on decision-making and other higher brain processes. While the research was very interesting, Aubele used to try to sneak more teaching experience in her department.

"Within science [programs]," she explained, "they mainly just teach you to do research work, but I loved teaching on the side. I find teaching to be very humbling." Moving from large graduate classrooms to the

small, involved classes at Wabash has allowed her to focus on her teaching without ignoring her own work.

"Being involved with students gives me ideas," she said. "It keeps me fresh. It keeps me doing what I need to be doing." Her courses this semester range from Introduction to Psychology to a Special Topics course in hormones. While her research pushes her and her students in upper level courses, she values all her student interactions. "General psychology will be the only experience some students will have [with psychology]," she said. "I want to give them the best glimpse of psychology possible."

While pharmaceutical trends have long pushed studies of estrogen in women, Aubele notes a new focus on male androgen. These chemicals affect immense aspects of human identity, and research is finally beginning to decode them.

She pointed to research in sheep,



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Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology Teresa Aubele bridges the gap between biology and psychology.

who share certain neurological structures with humans, where androgen levels affect sexual preferences of gender. "There are even brain correlates for intersex individuals," she said. "Bringing this kind of thing to light can help all of society."

Aubele will teach at Wabash for two years while other psychology professors go on sabbatical. "I know I'd

like to stay at a school like Wabash," she said. "At a huge university, you're in a machine. Here you're much more than a cog in a wheel." She noted how comfortable she feels here as a result of her orientation to the campus as well as faculty dinners and the simple but overlooked pleasure in conversing with students outside of class.

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Two-Party System Ruin Government

I was watching the pre-show for the 2nd Presidential Debate last week, and couldn't help but make an obvious comparison. The flyover scene was like an ESPN College Gameday. Signs, yelling, etc., on both sides and for both candidates. It was like a heavyweight SEC match-up, (1) Florida vs. (2) Alabama (too soon to predict?), on a Saturday night in the heart of Gainesville. Tailgaters outside, heckling galore, essentially every aspect of a big time college tailgating experience. The topic: who is the best college football program in the United States. Except, the event was a political debate. The debate between the President of the United States and his most supported opponent at a University in New York. The topic: deciding the future and wellbeing of the citizens of the United States. Do these activities deserve or require the same kind of attention? Not at all. This sports culture that has pervaded politics and our government undermines and creates the



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frustration that almost everyone feels in the Unites States.

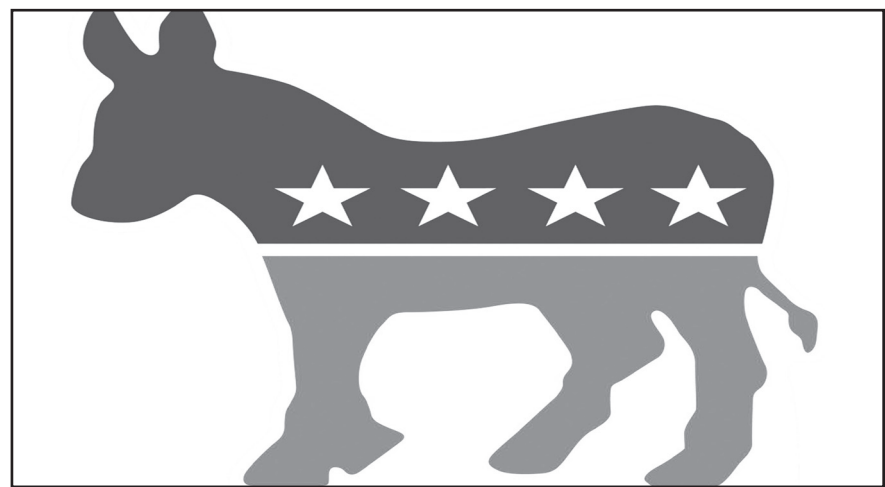
I honestly think our society would be better served if we did not have the two-party political system. I used to call myself a Republican. To some people, that comes as no surprise. But I have since rejected that label. I have left the College Republicans. I no longer am an intern for the Allen County Republican Party. I have distanced myself from that organization. Not because I have changed views, but because I feel like it was exactly those labels that held me back. I could not be a Republican and think we should do better with our welfare programs. I could not be a Republi-

can and oppose the death penalty. Being a Republican was exactly what was holding me back on my moral and ideological background, and how I wanted to come out on those issues.

I think this is exactly what is holding back America today. It no longer is whether Obama or Romney would be a competent leader and represent this country well, but whether the Republican Party wants to make the rich richer or the whether the Democratic Party wants to make the rich poorer. It would honestly be fair to say today that if Obama was accidentally labeled a Republican and Romney labeled a Democrat in one of the debates, some people would support the wrong candidate merely because of their party's labels. Why even have people run for office? Why not just elect like Israel and vote for the party instead of the person? It's not like the candidates hold their own personal beliefs anyway; they hold the beliefs of their respective parties!

The clearest example is Joe Biden. Joe Biden is a self-proclaimed Catholic. Catholics, by doctrine dictated by Pope, do not believe abortion is right and that it is a social injustice. Regardless of this, Joe Biden refuses to tell women that anybody should make that choice but her, and that if she wants to have an abortion she can. It really does not matter what your view on abortion is, the fact is that Joe Biden is Catholic (anti-abortion) and a Democrat (pro-choice). His personal views conflict with his political party's views, and in today's sports culture of politics, the political party's views win.

An argument against this might



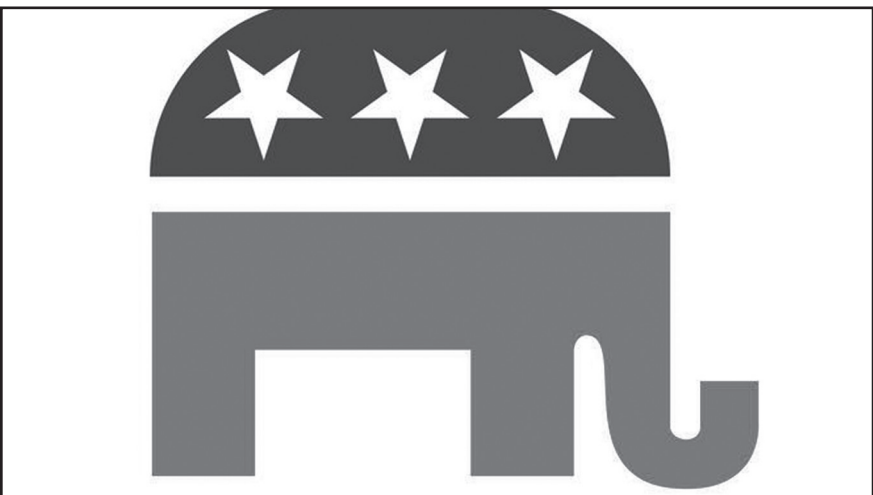
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be that it would be too hard to have a special clause or view for everyone in the nation, and political parties are the best ways to summarize a nation's ideals. Yet that is exactly the problem. By summarizing everyone's views into two parties, the distinctions and disagreements are left by the way-side, and people are forced to compromise their morals and ideologies for the sake of winning an election.

I think the most horrific way this is displayed is in the straight-ticket voting option. To think for a second that a person saves that much time, if they truly researched all the candidates and came to the conclusion that all Republicans or all Democrats were the best choice, is psychotic. Straight-ticket voting is a scam, a way for political parties to indoctrinate someone into thinking they will cover any and all issues and their candidates will vote the exact way that voter would. Straight-ticket voting also allows for uneducated voters to fake an educated decision. No one is forced to fill out an entire ballot. If you only re-

searched the gubernatorial race, you are allowed to only vote in the gubernatorial race. Would it not be better to only vote for the candidates someone has researched and made an informed decision upon, rather than vote because they belong to some political organization?

Rest assured, I will be voting for a Democrat this election. Her views on education and the issues she will be handling, not whether the Democratic Party thinks we should still have a military presence in Afghanistan or not or some other arbitrary view on the her party, are where I based my decision. I hope you will not fall into the sports culture that has overtaken our political system today. Make an educated decision. Learn what the candidates are about, not what their political parties are about. You might just be surprised what you conclude.



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Power in Narratives Stories Reveal Personal Discovery

There is something powerful about a good story. Last week Seth Maxwell, the founder of the Thirst Project, visited campus for lunch with a small group of students to discuss what we could do on the Wabash campus to combat the global water crisis. The Thirst Project, now in its fourth year of operation, has raised over \$2.6 million to provide safe, sustainable water resources for over 100,000 people in 11 countries. Their future goals include raising \$1 billion by 2022 to provide clean water to the entire country of Swaziland. On whole, the work of this young group of social entrepreneurs has been impressive. Seth, now 24, began Thirst Project at the age of 19, while it would be easy to tell you about the wonderful things Seth and the Thirst Project are accomplishing, I need to tell you about the impact Seth's story had on myself and my thoughts about the value of storytelling in general.

I should note that this not the first time I have heard Seth tell his story. He visited Wabash last spring and told the same story, the exact same story. A story highlighting the global shortage of fresh drinking water and how shortages of water lead to a number of social concerns in a communities and in some cases an entire country's health, education, and economy. Seth's story also spoke to how his work since 2007



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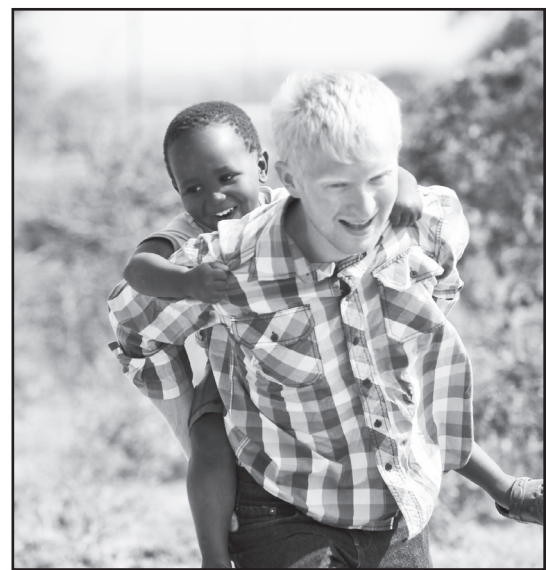
has changed his perceptions of life, people, and himself. In many ways Seth's story is about himself, it is a story about a self-centered, aspiring actor, discovering the power of humility and his own capability to make a difference in the lives of others. Yet, upon hearing Seth's story for the second time, I found myself physically being moved to tears. Not because I was emotionally moved from image after of image of dirty water and emaciated children, but more because I was overwhelmed by Seth's delivery.

We have all heard these same lectures, begging some sort of action in light of a few statics and some graphic images of poverty, injustice, etc. Yet, Seth was different; woven into statistics was a personal narrative. What moved me was not the global water crisis; these images were made present to me from study in Global Health and my own involvement with Thirst

Project. Rather, I had a realization that Seth's story had merited the emotion I had given it. As a creative writer, I have often had these discussions with Professor Freeze, about sentimentality in writing and in storytelling. As a receiver of a story, we don't appreciate have our heart-strings jerked and wrenched by overly dramatic stories, regardless of their truth. Instead, a story earns its emotion by playing the heart of the receiver in a very intimate, subtle way. There is a natural music to storytelling that invites the listener to rise a fall with the transformations of the character. We become part of the story and vest our best interest in the character, wishing that somehow they would prevail against whatever opposition they may face. For a moment our personal happiness is lost in the presentation of the story being told.

We have all experienced these kind of narratives, be they in our personal lives, in film, art, literature, or theater. Some of us may have even experienced these narratives staring down into a mass of microscopic material. Regardless, these narratives are life altering to us and we find them everywhere, but if we do not take the time to hear them or to tell them ourselves, then we have lost something. For Seth, telling people about the desperate need for fresh drinking water in impoverished nations opened his life up

to life of global service. Perhaps a large part of discovering who we are or what our purpose is not in looking introspectively at our own lives, but listening to what stories we tell our most intimate friends. What are the deeply moving stories in our lives that we simply must tell? There is power in our stories. Listen to them. Nurture them. Observe them. Stay awake.



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CEO of Thirst Project, Seth Maxwell, playing with a child in Africa.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Should we consider birthdays after 21 as anniversaries of the 21st birthday? Would that make birthdays more enjoyable?

Religion Plays Key Role

I often hear people say that if they care about someone, they make a point of not discussing religion or politics with them. As many of you have learned, I am the exception to that belief. In other words, I save my thoughts on religion or politics for those who matter the most to me ... and everyone else. A few days ago, I was in a conversation with a friend, who asked me the following question: “Seton, you’re smart. How can you possibly believe in something as ridiculous as Christianity?” Initially, in all honesty, I was taken aback by this pointed question. I couldn’t decide which was worse: the fact that he told me I was smart or the fact that he insinuated that smart people couldn’t believe in the teachings of Christianity. Unsurprisingly, he was even more disappointed in my ability to think critically when I informed him that I am a Roman Catholic.

Now, let me continue my opinion piece by saying the following: there are a great many people on this campus who are far more qualified to make this argument than I am. Thus,



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GODDARD '15**
OPINION
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while I have done a lot of research and personal discernment both now and throughout my life, I have no doubt that the argument I’m about to make is one that greatly lacks substance in comparison to that which other people in our community could make. So, to begin, let’s consider this: I believe that part of being “smart” (in the sense intended by my friend) means being critical. Thus, if one chooses to believe that all Christians blindly accept everything is coming out of the pulpit and the Bible, his or her belief is a flawed one. While this may have been an aspect of the early church, throughout my faith life, my church leaders have encouraged questioning. Fortunately, I am also able to bring a diverse Christian perspective

to this conversation. As someone who was actively raised in the Methodist and Presbyterian traditions before going solo and converting to Roman Catholicism as a sophomore in high school, I’ve had more exposure to the variances in Christian theology in the last twenty years than many Christians have in their entire lives. Bearing this conversion experience in mind, I recall this being a time when I was asked some of the toughest, most challenging questions I’ve ever been asked. But more importantly, the people asking those questions were equally willing to be challenged. So, while there are people who blindly choose to accept anything being uttered from a preacher’s mouth, there are also Christians who are “smart” enough to pose meaningful questions and dissect a very complex set of information.

Additionally, I think that “smart” people are also people who are capable of recognizing a lot of the disparities that exist in the world. In a Biblical sense, Jesus Christ and his followers were also keenly aware of

the disparities that existed. Bearing that in mind, it became part of Jesus’ mission to help the sick, poor, destitute, and forsaken. As Christians, we’re called to do the same thing, and that’s exactly what we do. Religious organizations today provide vast amounts of humanitarian aid, and all of this work is done in the name of Jesus Christ and continuing His mission. One can choose not to believe that Jesus existed or that the Bible is a book filled with fictional tales, but it is difficult to argue that the world has not benefitted greatly from the work that is inspired by Jesus. Given this information, I think that “smart” people who are not ignorant to the problems that surround them are inspired and guided by the work of Jesus Christ and the Church universal. As Catholic Social Teaching tells us, Catholics are called to put those who are vulnerable before the rest. Many other faith traditions both within and outside of the Christian religious realm preach (no pun intended) the same message, and if it weren’t for them, I’m skeptical that many secular and/or atheistic

organizations would exist to promote this belief.

Again, keep in mind that this is solely a personal reflection on just two of the reasons that I, as a “smart” person, am also a believer in Christianity. I would encourage readers to seek other opinions and to consider other possibilities. For readers who are far more educated on the Christian faith tradition, I understand that you may feel that my argument is lacking. As I shared with our esteemed opinion editor, this is a difficult thing to write about. For one thing, I am not a person for whom talking about my faith is easy. For another thing, this opens a door for a lot more criticism than usual. I’m okay with that. As a good Christian, I welcome questioning and constructive criticism. Whether or not we like it, religion is an unavoidable component of society, so it is far more worthwhile to employ positive discourse rather than writing off Christians, or any other faith tradition, as being an organized group of unintelligent people.

Despite Broken Image

Armstrong Inspires Millions

“There comes a point in every man’s life when he has to say, ‘Enough is enough.’ For me, that time is now... The toll this has taken on my family, and my work for our foundation and on me leads me to where I am today — finished with this nonsense.”

On Monday, a man who’s served as an inspiration to myself and millions of others watched part of his life’s work be taken away from him in a process many have criticized as being unfair and one sided. Lance Armstrong is more than a cyclist, he’s been a beacon of hope for all of those who have been diagnosed with cancer and who strived to come back from it. However, now the International Cycling Union and USADA want to demonize this man; they continued and continued to go after him. Many viewed his above comment as essentially admitting that he had doped. I on the other hand view it as a man who was sick of having to spend every moment of every day deflecting attacks from his former teammates, the USADA, UCI, and the media at large. However, more despicable than stripping



**ANDREW
DETTMER '15**
OPINION
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this man of seven victories and imposing a life-long ban when there is no more than hearsay against him; is that people are now questioning his work as a cancer philanthropist.

People want to not only “erase the name Lance Armstrong from the world of cycling” but also to erase his name in general. Many people are hopping on board this hate train and demanding that Livestrong give money back to donors, and that Lance be prosecuted for fraud. This is all for what the USADA’s own report stated that 85% to 90% of cyclists did at the time. This all comes up despite the fact that Lance did not test positive for any perfor-

mance enhancing drugs. Granted testing has improved, but to retroactively go after the man seems a little bit excessive.

Many wonder why I get so worked up about this. My aunt and a good friend were both diagnosed with cancer growing up; and it was Lance Armstrong who inspired them to fight on. Not only did he serve as someone to look up to, but he turned around and raised billions for cancer research. I wore a Livestrong band every day of middle school and my freshman year of high school until my friend was for sure in remission. In fact, I just ordered a batch of Livestrong bands for myself again to show my support for Lance.

I’m not saying that I approve of doping, but if it was as widespread as the USADA is stating, no one could have won without doping. It was their testing measures that failed, and allowed basically everyone in the sport to get away with it. Instead of voiding his wins, and destroying all of the good things the man did; the International Cycling Union should just have designated the

era the “Steroid Era” and moved on with having better testing now. If the USADA is being truthful that 85% to 90% of cyclists were doping during Lance’s years, then what he said in 2001 still rings true. “Everyone wants to know what I’m on. What am I on? I’m on my bike, busting my ass six hours a day. What are you on?” Carry on, Lance. Carry on.



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Learning New Ways At Wabash

Last year, around this same time, I dreaded classes, homework, and anything Wabash. But I told my mom and anyone else who asked, that I loved it. I bet many freshmen are feeling the same way. If not, I hope you enjoyed the Kool-Aid.

Today, I wouldn’t want to be anywhere else. I love Wabash and many, not all, aspects of it. I think it’s important to realize that everyone hits a rough patch, but most get over it. I do not want to say that Wabash is for everyone because it’s not. However, if you push through this first semester, I promise it, on average, will get better.

I do not guarantee that you will sleep more or study less. But I wanted to offer some pointers to help freshmen or even sophomores push through.

1) Study through the week and relax on the weekend. You should try to get all your work done before Friday night. If you finish your homework early on a weekday, get ahead. Don’t throw in the towel at the first sight of a knocking out your opponent go until the ref blows his whistle. Then when the weekend rolls around you have time to relax and sleep. Study without distractions. It sounds easy enough, but if you set aside your phone and conversation, you can get more done. I have found that it is nearly impossible for me to study in my room; I have to study in the library. Find your individual niche.

2) Get to know your professors. This part of Wabash is vital to really enjoying your stay here. You are able to develop relationships with Wabash professors that students at other schools can’t with their professors. Professors want you to succeed and will help you attain your goals. Also, they are interesting and funny people. They help you work through problems, personal or academic. I wouldn’t be here today if it wasn’t for my relationships with my professors.

3) Meet new people. You and your roommate



**JACOB
BURNETT '15**
OPINION
EDITOR

hopefully get along, but you should spread your wings. Get to know everyone on your floor, or if you are in a fraternity, meet guys outside of your respective fraternities. How can you enjoy college without the accompaniment of others? The friends you make in college are those you will have for the rest of your life. But it starts with you, be sure to make an effort.

4) Involve yourself on campus clubs. If you like music, art, sports, etc. there are numerous clubs on campus that share your interests. Becoming part of the Wabash community is essential to enjoying your stay. Plus, you will meet people who share your interests. Clubs are a great way to express yourself, release some tension, and take a break. However, believe it or not, there is such a thing as over commitment. Take it from me, don’t do it. You should focus on the clubs you enjoy most.

5) Finally, have a positive outlook. Nothing can make a bad situation worse than thinking it’s bad. I have struggled with this point. It’s so easy to drown in a sea of pessimism. Not to sound too cliché, if you start thinking everything will be all right and believe, you will see the effects. Attitude matters, ask Dr. Horton.

I hope that this helps in some fashion. If after a sincere cost benefit analysis, you still don’t think Wabash isn’t for you, maybe it’s not. You will not get the most out of your education if you don’t enjoy where or what you’re studying.

However, Wabash is what you make of it. It can be as good or as bad as you make it.

Rape Culture Rises In Politics

As I started my last opinion piece, this article is a trigger for rape. Again, I’m sorry for what has happened.

I’ve never liked Richard Murdock, ever since I heard that he beat Senator Richard Lugar for his party’s nomination for senate. Lugar has been a very intricate part of international policy believe it or not, and his defeat marked a trembling in my very soul, thinking that we need all the help it can get when it comes to our international affairs. It was a small dislike somewhat akin to a child losing a toy he rarely played with, but once it was gone, he wanted it more than ever. That was; however, until Murdock made a comment about rape.

For those of you who remember my first opinion piece of this semester this will seem familiar. His comment about rape went as follows, “I struggled with it myself for a long time, but I came to realize that life is that gift from God. And, I think, even when life begins in that horrible situation of rape, that it is something that God intended to happen”. This happened Tuesday night during the debate for Indiana senator, of our fair state, which has had brushing with proliferation of rape culture with the defunding of Planned Parenthood. Look it up. He actually said this, during a debate, with his rival candidate.

For those of you that don’t recall what Todd Akin said two months ago, it was basically the same thing. Pregnancy that results from a rape means the rape wasn’t legitimate versus pregnancies that result from a rape is something that God intended to happen. At the time, I didn’t want to say that Akin hated women so I won’t say that about Murdock, even though it’s painfully clear that they both do, but I won’t stoop to their level and making sweeping generalizations about our personal moralities. At least my morality is based in humanism; wait, I really do need to stop; I’m sure these men



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OPINION
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aren’t evil, just a product of the larger problem, rape culture.

Women are, to these men, to rapists, to misogynists, objects. It’s thrust in our faces each in every day. Turn on the T.V., there’s going to be an add objectifying a woman. Go on the internet, there’s going to be anti-woman rhetoric, listen into a conversation here at Wabash, or anywhere really, and give it ten minutes before hearing a gendered slur; all of these things contribute to the rape culture, where women are seen as objects to make sandwiches and to have sex with.

The problem here is that, over time, objectification gets to the point where they are truly devalued to less-than-human status, where a bundle of cells (for these men “a life”) growing inside a woman, that needs the woman to survive, that feasts off of the woman’s nutrients, is simply more important than the woman herself. That seems silly to think, does it not? But when people like Akin and Murdock make these comments it shows where their priorities lie.

Like I’ve said before, the most important part of healing after a rape is to start moving forward, away from the event that will dominate the victim’s life for a long time. For those nine months with the child, that moment will be relived. And we should not be willing to make a woman relive that.

Celebrate Halloween in Style



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No, this is not TV's Dwight Schrute; rather, it is a well made Halloween costume.

FRITZ COUTCHIE '15 FESTIVITIES COLUMNIST

Take the opportunity to dress up for Halloween this year, celebrating Halloween will add festivity to the otherwise mundane rigors of academic life. During trick-or-treating times, children often pass by the Wabash College living units and having costumed Wabash students passing out candy would be a nice gesture to connect to the community.

For those who are planning on dressing up for Halloween, heed these tips. First, layer the costume appropriately; what is appropriate to wear to a party at 2 A.M. may not be appropriate in a classroom. Wear costumes that can be converted, by changing the number of buttons, or covering an inappropriate logo from party to classroom.

Secondly craft, rather than buy a costume, not only will it be more original it will often be cheaper. Often dressing as a celebrity or icon is a low cost and popular costume to create. When in doubt dressing as Keith Stone is always effective and often only costs a fake mustache and cardboard box.

Thirdly make it recognizable; people should not have to guess the subject of a costume. This does not mean that a costume cannot be witty or of highbrow humor. The trick to making a recognizable costume is keeping the subject matter relevant. Choosing to portray someone that has recently been in the news, is a current celebrity or is a commonly-recognizable symbol, will more likely be recognized and accepted than dressing up as a favorite singer from an obscure metal band. For a shocking and much discussed costume, dressing as a deceased celebrity often causes a stir. Last Halloween, both Steve Jobs and "zombie Steve Jobs" were party hits.

Puns often work very well as Halloween costumes. For instance dressing as a box of cereal and carrying a weapon to become

a "cereal killer", or porting a foam finger and a shirt that says ceiling to become a "ceiling fan" never cease to amuse a crowd.

Originality is key; if there are three people in the same area dressed as "bad news" by wearing newspaper and carrying a fake weapon, the costume loses its effectiveness. Puns are often a very cheap way to create some laughs through a costume.

Although Halloween is an occasion during which it is permitted to be risqué, be mindful of other cultures. Often, a go to is a cultural stereotype that doesn't consider the damage being done. When dressing as another culture, such as a Native American in traditional dress, understand that an over-the-top costume can be taken as culturally insensitive.

It is often better to portray a specific person from a culture than to portray the culture itself, then if there is a confrontation about the potentially insensitive costume the wearer can state that it is meant to poke fun or pay homage to an individual. Choose an incendiary figure, something like a political candidate, or shock celebrity that can allow you to portray a culture without being insensitive to stereotyping. It's always okay to make fun of an individual, but it gets mean when you're making sweeping generalizations about a person.

So have fun this Halloween. Dress up. It will add an element of fun to a Wednesday of classes. We've gone away from our demonic roots, forgetting that Halloween is truly about dressing up and playing a different role. Many students attend costume parties that celebrate Halloween anyway, so get creative and craft a costume, rather than throwing on a pair of jeans and flannel shirt and becoming either a cowboy or lumberjack.



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Using intricate makeup has started to be in vogue for avid Halloween fans.

Without Reserve or Regret Strikes Gold

ADAM SOSHNICK '13 MUSIC COLUMNIST

Right off the bat, Nekrofeist's newest effort is much more enjoyable than the previous release, a rather sad collection of four songs that failed to push any boundaries. Many listeners left less than pleased with the self-titled debut, even after countless listens. But the new record, *Without Reserve or Regret*, hits many of the right points, metal blitzkrieg and all. There is no prima donna bull(expletive) here, much like what the previous album attempted to shove to the forefront--just heavy hitting music, supplemented by a generously fat helping of memorability and commerciality.

A natural extension and improvement from its older sibling, Nekrofeist has done an admirable job patching the holes that made the first so generic and a general bore to sit through. Thanks to the charismatic belting of Dave Tinelt, not only is the music aggressively-geared this time around, but it is also able to quietly tiptoe back and forth over the fine line dividing the accessible and extreme. In other words, *Without Reserve or Regret* is attractive from a mainstream standpoint, all while handily toying with the taste buds of even the most ruthless music listener.

As expected, Tinelt's pipes remain the biggest change here, lacking much of the singing prowess he held on the debut and instead focusing on an outright visceral assault through a variety of harsh vocals. Rarely deviating from a mid-paced chug, the guitar riffs are substantially better than what is found on the act's first effort, not to mention the excellent rhythm section that accommodates to every twist and turn the axe-slugging throws their way. But despite all the progress made, the album appears as if it was made to be picked apart in pieces, much like how singles saturated the musical market nearly 60 years ago. Many of the songs feel like they were written to hit a certain length requirement, quickly fade away, and then move onto the next cleverly formulated track. Stylistically, there is clearly a proposed recipe for success at work here, but in order to firmly establish their name in the metal world, Nekrofeist will need to drop the act all together and focus on making music for themselves and not the occasional airplay.



COURTESY OF THEMETALREVIEW.COM
Nekrofeist, seen above, being rockstars. The band has patched holes found in their previous work on their recent effort.

can call their own, instead of building upon a set formula--comparable to Queensrÿche's situation during the Rage for Order era--Nekrofeist has shoved their foot in the door and established an identity. There is certainly additional progress to be made, but that does not take away from the fact that *Without Reserve or Regret* is light years ahead of anything else the band has invested their hard earned dollars in. Is the album worth a listen? Absolutely, if not for the sole reason that the band has injected a welcome dosage of activity and movement in the current Australian metal scene.

Iceland's Crowdsourced Constitution

ALEX TOTEN '13 CAVELIFE EDITOR

Crowdsourcing is probably one of those words, like synergy, that you've only head of in the context of some high business meeting or satire, but it actually exists, and Iceland is now using it to help build their new constitution. Iceland residents recently voted overwhelmingly to toss out their old constitution and to install a group of twenty-five people to write a completely new one. This "constitutional committee" took the questions to the people, using social media and polling to gather information on what the people wanted in their new constitution.

Known for their quintessentially Scandinavian-liberal ideas, Iceland used social media outlets to gather basic ideas from citizens on what needed to be in their new constitution; this is Crowdsourcing. Instead of having one person or a small group make decisions, they gave the decision to many people and gathered the results. The idea makes sense for a country that's been in a heavy flux over the last couple of years. Iceland faced an enormous financial

collapse in 2008, as did much of the world after the real estate bubble popped in America.

Since that collapse, the government has been in flux trying to resolve their issues and making sure that this kind of collapse wouldn't be possible again.

This level of transparency is very refreshing for this jaded liberal, who never seems to have any impact in our huge government. After the twitter results were gathered, the constitutional committee put out a non-binding (meaning that the result of the ballot doesn't necessarily mean that these things will go into effect. Iceland's parliament still will vote on each issue) ballot with six questions on it about the formation of the new constitution, including questions about nationalizing property and the status of the church.

Iceland's people, in turn, responded well, with over half of the eligible voters turning out to voice their opinions on these new issues. Not only was the turnout high, but the decisions were decisive. Most of the votes were well over 50 percent in favor of the proposals, with some reaching as high as 70 to 80 percent in favor.

As a country in flux, it appears that giving power to the people maybe the way to go, a stark change from how most modern representative republics work, with very few issues going to the people. Iceland is showing the world what it means to be a modern democracy, utilizing technology to streamline information unlike we've seen before.

Hopefully this serves as a guide for more modern countries to follow, allowing their clientele to choose what they want to happen in their countries.

If American Idol is able to pull down an amazing amount of votes using just text messages, maybe our government can start doing something like this, even if it is non-binding like Iceland's. Text your vote for President to a hotline, just that simple, or whoever is trending harder on twitter wins. It would marry two things Americans love the most, Democracy and laziness.



COURTESY OF MAPQUEST.COM
An accurate portrayal of modern Iceland, in all its cultural glory.

A Smoker's Paradise

TYLER SNODELL '15
TOBACCO ENTHUSIAST

Chef Michael Ruhlman gave a talk about food writing last week and a specific comment he made was that food and stories bring people together. I couldn't disagree with him, but there are other things that bring people together. At Wabash we have fraternity houses, Sparks dining hall, various clubs, Chapel Talk etc.; these groups serve to integrate people for various reasons.

This integration happens at specific places at specific times; whether go to our fraternity for brotherhood or sit at dining room tables waiting for family members to eat; no structured foundation offers community outside of their respected places. Community is around all the time; look towards Baxter, Detchon, or Center Hall during passing periods, walk around fraternity houses late into the night, go to the gas station on the south east corner of Washington street and West Wabash avenue, find Rich Woods walking around campus, there are smokers practically everywhere we go. They are mobile 18th century French salons, held together under a blanket of ash; it is here palettes are refined and smokers communally partake in masochistic suicidal tendencies.

Smokers gather under in a clustered cloud. A fag held between two fingers, the rhythm of hand to lips, hand to lips, hand to lips stimulates the mind emulate that rhythm. They converse over anything; speaking in random meaningless thoughts, sprouting from their minds, talking of philosophy and the troubling concerns in their lives. They assemble to engage in this meaningless activity, but the point is they are with people sharing an activity together; acting humanely by simply talking with people. Slowly killing themselves, they share their slow decay. Seeing another smoker, there is someone to talk to, engage in a meaningless shared activ-



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An accurate portrayal of every smoker. We are a happy few, usually wearing finer clothes and enjoying the most exquisite of life's pleasures.

ity and just treat each other like people should, a willingness to connect.

The amount of charity in these pockets is of noble status. Cigarettes are given out to friends and strangers every day. I remember a fellow student saw I had a pack of cigarettes sticking out of my bag and asked if he could bum, or have, one. I didn't feel he was taking advantage of me, it's a just and understood moral that's mutually exclusive to smokers in the community. I've personally bummed

countless cigarettes from my friends, having one alone or with their company. In the case that I smoke with someone, I have already started conversation that would lead to some nameless cluster of thoughts. The unquestioned present is a gift that keeps on giving. Smokers know only reasonable circumstances should prevent you from offering anyone a cigarette, of course the smokers in particular. If someone is willing to give you a cigarette, you should be willing to give

one up to the same person or another acquaintance; based on that selfless gift one should return the favor.

So smoke up Johnny, a friend lies across the mall even if you don't know him yet. You can be a part of humanity, speak and connect with foreign persons and further establish relationships. Keep extending that gift and charitably, pass it on; it makes the world just that much nicer of a place. I thank you smokers for your kind souls and open hearts.

Spotify Brings Music to the People

ALEX TOTTEN '13
CAVELIFE EDITOR

The most pressing issue of our modern American Society doesn't have to do with the economy, gay marriage, abortion, or racism, no; it has to do with music. Ever since the advent of peer to peer file sharing, torrenting, or even burning CD's, Americans have been trying to get music for free. Free things are awesome, but the problem with most free things is that they are usually accrued illegally.

I'm not to soapbox on the nature of peer to peer sharing, its legality, or even how much I've downloaded from The Pirate Bay. I'm here to give you a totally legal and awesome alternative to torrenting, Spotify.

Spotify is a Swedish program that streams music outside of the internet browser; as in, it is a program in its own right, existing through the internet and outside of it at the same time. Unlike other programs like Zune and iTunes that also exists as applications, Spotify doesn't actually download any of the music that the user listens to. Spotify streams it in high quality, with no breaks between songs. The music instantaneously appears through the player, as if it was actually downloaded.

The price tag? Well, it's absolutely free, and the user has complete content control. Unlike other streaming services like Pandora Internet Radio, which the user has very little content control, or Last.



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FM where the site has a small catalogue, Spotify offers a large amount of music for no monthly charge.

In terms of content control, which escapes some of the people I turn onto Spotify, it is as easy as typing in a song,

album or band name and listening to their music. If you want to take it a bit further, you can make playlists, like in iTunes or Zune, that will let you catalogue your music more seamlessly.

In terms of content, the catalogue has only let me down once (They didn't have Fantasies by Metric for a while there, which totally bummed me out), and it contains most of that popular music that you kids seem to like so much. If your tastes are a bit more auteur like mine, you might find your favorite bands missing a CD from time to time, but it's usually very complete. I've found local bands from Indy who self-produced their albums on Spotify, so it's rather extensive.

The only downside, like with services like Pandora, is the advertisements and commercials, but these commercials aren't terribly prevalent

and they keep the service completely free, which are worth the random ten-second advertisements ever few songs. For the most part, the commercials are little blips about getting their paid service, Spotify Premium.

Spotify Premium lets you listen to music without internet access (so it's like the songs are on your computer) and it gets rid of those ads, which is a nice quality of life change. When you make an account, you get a free month's trial of Spotify, so you can try it out and choose to pay for it, or break the system and get Premium for free, which is possible for the savviest of users.

So, if you want a clean, free and legal solution to your music woes, download the Spotify application and get started,

Diversity Breeds Contempt

MICHAEL SMITH '15
ANTI-DIVERSITY ADVOCATE

When asked by prospective students what it is that makes Wabash great I have a standard, stock response. I could of course talk about our small class sizes or close faculty relations, but for me, what makes Wabash so great is its status as an all-male college.

There are those within these hallowed halls who are currently pushing for what they call "diversity," but do not be fooled, friends, what they want is for Wabash to conform! They want this college to become something it is not and in so doing they wish to change what it means to be a Wabash man.

Let us consider the ramifications of this "diversity" for a moment. On other college and university campuses, women walk about; untethered and unassuming. The result for the men of those campuses is a familiarity with the fairer sex that inevitably leads to contempt. This jump may seem to assume too much, but consider Indiana University of Bloomington. One of the largest universities in the state has fallen for the lie of "diversity" and as a result is host to some of the worst cases of anti-Semitism, racism, and homosexuality. These three plagues on the IU Bloomington campus are raging more than ever and only this new, liberal idea of "diversity" is to blame.

If Wabash were to implement a new system to force the leftist idea of "diversity" upon us and break away from this paradise we live in now we would see only harm come to the student body. How we work now, in our Elysian island, works best for us. Were we to assume the role of the fates and inorganically challenge this established system only chaos would result. Our once peaceful, idyllic campus would be thrown deeper than Tartarus into a tumult of hatred, racism, and hemophilia, all things that clearly do not exist here.

Now I've touched on this twice and it needs addressed. Yes, "diversity" is part of the liberal agenda and yes, it will make you gay. Of course there is nothing wrong with being gay, except that it is detestable in the eyes of God and will lead only to shame, HIV/AIDS and eventually eternity in Hell, but that's your own personal choice. It is no coincidence that Tau Kappa Epsilon, the biggest Greek letter fraternity in the nation, to not discriminate on the basis of race, now holds in residence the highest number of avowed homosexuals over any other fraternity on campus. As the great mind Jonathan Swift said "I never saw, heard, nor read, that the people were beloved in any nation where diversity was the goal of the country. Nothing can render them popular, but some degree of persecution."

You see, I am not the first who believes that the intermingling of peoples can only be detrimental to the goals of education. It is for this reason that we work as well as we do now. Wabash has a degree of variance, but it is held well in check. Each group within Wabash, whether it be 'shOUT, UPS, ISA, the MXI, etc, does what it can to push its agenda forward without challenging the organic, self-autonomous system that is in place.

Now I realize that this modest proposal may be difficult for some of you to swallow, but in the end, that's what college is for. We exchange ideas, we argue to defend our ideals, and once in a while we sit down and appreciate a good satire.



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Football Looks To Regain Conference Lead

JOCELYN HOPKINSON '15
STAFF WRITER

The NCAC conference standings are about as jumbled as they were to start the season. Five teams—Allegheny, Kenyon, Ohio Wesleyan, Wabash, and Wittenberg—still have a shot to win the conference title. Ohio Wesleyan is in first place with a 4-0 conference record while the other four schools are 3-1 in conference play. Wabash will have the opportunity to remove Ohio Wesleyan from the ranks of the unbeaten when the teams clash Saturday. Kickoff is slated for 1:30 p.m.

Coach Erik Raeburn doesn't have to look far to keep his team focused on the Battling Bishops, despite the abundance of different scenarios which can play out over the final three weeks of the regular season.

"If our guys watch the film, they'll see how good Ohio Wesleyan is," Raeburn said. "They're playing phenomenal on defense,

and offensively they have a great passing game. It will be the toughest test for our pass defense that we've seen. And they've been outstanding in the kicking game too."

OWU's potent passing game starts with junior quarterback Mason Espinosa, who has averaged 341 passing yards a game after he earned Honorable Mention All-Conference last season. The Little Giant secondary will need to step up.

"It's going to be a challenge but I think we're up for the fight," sophomore nickelback Denzel Wilkins said. "Their quarterback is smart and precise. He puts the ball where only his wide receivers can catch it. We've faced a lot of running teams and haven't really had a test against the pass but we'll be ready."

The Wabash defensive backfield has dealt with injuries throughout the season. It may face the problem again Saturday with the status of senior safety Jonathan Koop

uncertain due to a leg injury. However, Wilkins provided a spark coming off the injury report last week after he missed the previous four games with different leg injuries. He made his presence known right away on the defense's second snap when upended Wooster's running back instantly after catching a pass. Wilkins led the team in tackles (10) last Saturday en route to the 30-0 victory. It will need to take its play to an even higher level to stop the Bishops' offense.

The Wabash offense can also play a key part in stopping OWU's passing game. One of the best ways to stop the high-powered attack is to keep it on the sideline. Wabash will look to use its first-ranked rushing offense to control the clock. It's averaging nearly 300 yards a game in the last four contests.

"We (offensive linemen) came together after the first few weeks and started talking more," junior right guard Pat Singleton said. "We're more comfortable with each other and know what everyone is doing."

However, the group will line up across from one of its stiffest challenges of the season Saturday. The Bishops' have the second-best rush defense in the conference and are the nation's leader in sacks with 34. The defensive line is anchored by senior defensive end James Huddleston,



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If the football team wins this weekend they will be back in the hunt for a playoff spot.

who is a two-time First Team All-Conference member.

"Some of the plays he makes are impressive. He's double-teamed all the time and keeps battling," Raeburn said. "But, it's not a one-man show by any stretch. Their other defensive end has multiple sacks as well. I swear everybody in their front seven has gotten to the quarterback."

Down-and-distance will be imperative for the Wabash offense to stay on the field. This is why Raeburn stressed the importance of first and second down success.

"They've taken every-

body apart on third-and-long," he explained. "They either sack the quarterback or force a lot of turnovers. But the same is true for most defenses. The best defenses are the ones who can stop you on first down and force you into those difficult situations."

Ohio Wesleyan will look for a statement win Saturday against Wabash (ranked 11 in D3football.com). The Bishops are undefeated albeit they have yet to face any of the usual conference giants. The game will also conclude homecoming festivities for the school. The Little Giants

will face a hyped up team Saturday trying to make a name for itself in a game that can go a long way in deciding the 2012 NCAC champion.

Little Giant football can be heard on WNDY Radio (91.3 FM) all season long. Brent Harris H'03 and Clayton Randolph '16 will announce Saturday's game. The pregame show begins at 1:05 p.m. The broadcast is carried on the Internet on the Wabash College web site, sports.wabash.edu.

Tankers Reach Expectations In Opener

DEREK ANDRE '16
STAFF WRITER

The Little Giant Swimming and Diving team had a successful weekend last week while competing in the Purdue Intercollegiate meet. As a whole, the team finished in fifth place out of a field that included teams from all three of the NCAA's divisions. On the individual side of the meet, the top finish of the day for the Little Giants came with a fifth place finish in the 200-yard freestyle for the relay team of Chris McGue, Aaron Troyer, Elliot Johns, and Jake Childress. Numerous Little Giants placed seventh in their respective events, including the 200-yard medley relay team of Childress, Josh Bleisch, Carter Adams, and McGue, Jack Belford in the 500-yard freestyle, and Steve Batchelder in the 200-yard individual medley.

While the placings for the Swimming and Diving team may not jump off the page, it was the times and the way the swimmers swam their races that stood out to Head Coach Steven Barnes. Barnes is quick to point out that swimming at this stage in the season is not wrapped up in where a swimmer places, but rather the times that they put up at this stage. Barnes said the team is putting up better times this year than they were at this point last year.

"The team hit their goal times and their process goals on the head," Head Coach Steven Barnes said. "Many of the returning swimmers are swimming as fast in the first meet of the year last weekend as they were in January of last year. That's a huge improvement. The newcomers to the team are already performing at a high level and swimming close to their season best times."

This past weekend was an encouraging one for the Little Giant tankers. The team did very well as a whole and was able to achieve a number of the goals that they set for themselves going in to the meet. This level of success was not surprising to Coach Barnes, but rather was the expectation.



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The Tankers performed as expected against Purdue last weekend.

"(There was) nothing surprising about our performance last weekend," Coach Barnes said. "The team and the coaching staff has set high expectations and we achieved them as a group. While it's not surprising, their team is encouraged by their level of improvement over this time a year ago."

Despite the high level of success that the Wabash team was able to achieve last weekend, they did not necessarily have their best line-up in the pool. Last weekend, swimmers were jostled away from some of their best races and were rather slotted for where they need to be at this point in the year relative to the point that they're at in their training. With that being said, Coach Barnes felt that the team did as well as could be hoped for.

Although the Little Giants finished in the bottom half of the field overall, the Little Giants did compete well against the other Division III teams in the field. The Little Giants were

able to best the Fighting Engineers of Rose-Hulman but were not able to place ahead of top-ten ranked DePauw. This was not necessarily discouraging to Coach Barnes, as he was looking more at the times his team put up rather than where they finished.

"We fared as expected against the other Division III schools," Coach Barnes said. "DePauw boasts a Top 10 team with a lot of sprint (talent) and Rose Hulman has a slew of talented freshmen that put up some fast times. For not putting our best lineup together, we came out right where I thought we would be."

The Little Giants return to the pool this weekend when they will compete on the campus of the University of Toledo. Conference rival and reigning national champion Denison University will also be competing this weekend.

This Weekend in Wabash Sports

Saturday:

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Deep Sophomore Class Leads Red Pack

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The Wabash Cross-Country team will not be the dark horse at the NCAC Championships this Saturday at Wooster. It is the defending champion after last year's victory which ended Allegheny's run of seven consecutive conference titles. Allegheny is picked by the conference's coaches to reclaim its title (8 votes to Allegheny, 2 to Wabash), but that has not deterred the feisty Little Giants.

"Our mindset is 'We're going to win,'" Coach Roger Busch said. "They (Allegheny) beat us pretty soundly two weekends ago, but I think we have a much better chance of beating them in a 10-team setting."

Only 7 of 12 runners will score for each school. The small amount of schools competing (10) places a higher importance on teams' depth, which is a strength of the Little Giants.

"We have a lot more depth than any team in the conference," Busch said. "Allegheny has a distinguished front runner to where we are very competitive with their two and three runners. They also have a couple of other really solid runners, including a top freshman in the country."

Senior Jake Waterman acknowledged the youth of this year's squad.

"We've often been criticized for being young," he said. "Naturally, young teams will have inexperience. I definitely think my role is not just to get points but to also show the younger guys how to get ready for a race."

Kevin McCarthy and Donovan White left big spikes to fill when they graduated. A handful of guys have stepped up this year to replace the duo. 2011 Newcomer of the Year Award winner Billy McManus has continued success in his second year. The 2010 winner of the award, Jake Ponton, has also had a strong season. However, Waterman has made the biggest strides from last year to now.

"He's decided he can be a better cross-country runner than he's chosen to be in the past," Busch said. "He's really bought into maximizing his running capacity."

Waterman agreed with his coach.

"The fact that it's my senior year has definitely made me take cross country more seriously," Waterman said. "I used to view cross country as the offseason for track but now I realize my time here is short and it's my last year to run."

The 2012 national champion in the 800m race, Waterman has run under pressure before. The team will lean on his experience and leadership.

"The race is 25-27 minutes long so it's a lot of time to over-think how you're feeling and talk yourself out of doing well," he explained. "The big thing with the young guys is learning how to manage that which comes with time and reinforcement."

Despite Waterman's faster times, the focus is still on the team. Nick Boyce, Dalton Boyer, Shane Hoerbert, and Daniel Hoover are other runners who may play an important role in deciding the team's fate at conference.



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The sophomore class will be the x-factor in the Red Pack Conference Meet tomorrow.

"We have to understand the dynamics of the race as it unfolds," Busch explained. "If there are so many Allegheny runners in front of our five, six, and seven runners, our guys need to understand that they need to run with maximum effort to

beat them. That is paramount to us winning. We need to put our seven runners in front of their front five."

Despite finishing two spots behind the Gators at Oberlin College, Waterman is still optimistic about the team's chances.

"Our team is a team that gets up for big meets and we're definitely a late-season team."

The pressure will be on the inexperienced Little Giants, Saturday, to step up in the clutch again.

Cutler Shows Poise On Monday Night Back In Chicago's Good Graces, For Now

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Last Monday, millions watched as Ndamukong Suh blasted quarterback Jay Cutler of the Chicago Bears. The impact of the blow lifted Cutler over Suh's leg and sent Cutler to the ground, landing on his throwing shoulder. How he reacted began to change the nation's perspective of him.

Immediately, the debate circled

around whether or not the hit by Suh was legal. Suh, who has a checkered history when it comes to legal play after tap-dancing on an offensive lineman last season, easily could have been fined. It wouldn't have surprised anyone. The bigger picture is how the quarterback showed he could take a hit. Bit-by-bit, Cutler is winning back the fans of Chicago and the Bear faithful.

Ever since he didn't play the

second half of the NFC Championship two seasons ago due to a knee injury, he has been the target of numerous jokes and misplaced hatred.

What impressed a lot of viewers was how Cutler recovered from the hit. He was shaken up, but he returned to the game and led his team to victory over the Lions. After the game Cutler continued to handle the borderline illegal hit in a professional way.

"It was a tough hit, and he

caught me just right," Cutler said on his radio show on Chicago's WMVP-AM (1000), via the Chicago Tribune. "It was an awkward fall more than anything."

Critics from all over have applauded Cutler's toughness. Rick Morrissey of The Chicago Sun-Times is now absolved of all toughness suspicions. "Say what you want about the guy, but he's tough," Morrissey said. "Forget about the idiots who had criticized him for not playing on a sprained medial collateral ligament in the second half of the NFC Championship Game in the 2010 season. They were clueless."

Cutler's coach Lovie Smith was in agreement.

"He's a tough guy," Coach Smith said. "Most people thought Jay would get up. Unless it's a broken leg or something like that, he's going to get up. He is a tough guy. That was a gutsy effort by him. He was in some pain, but he fought through it."

Cutler has come a long way from that playoff game two years ago. There was even one poll on ESPN that listed Cutler as the second least liked player in the NFL. Winning helps out with that public image though, but gutting out a crushing blow by Suh won multiple fans back. For the time being, he appears to be back on the right track. Cutler knows it will change from week to week though.

"Anytime you win, it's going to be

a cure-all," Cutler said. "We lose to the Packers our only loss in we are all of a sudden back at Def-Con 5."

Cutler has always shown an extreme amount of poise in the pocket. Very few quarterbacks have been sacked as much as he has, and he still keeps coming back. Cutler has even faced accusations of faking injuries. We all know that he has brought on a certain amount of this scorn with his antics and off field comments, but when you compare him to other quarterback statistically he is near the top. I know that it's fun to hate Cutler, but currently the Bears are 5-1. That's hardly anything to complain about.

Additionally, Chicago should take a second look at Cutler as a person. After all, he showed a new side by hosting the family of slain Bears fan, William "Christopher" Pettry who was stabbed and killed at a Jacksonville bar hours before the Bears beat the Jaguars Oct. 7. Cutler gave the family tickets and visited with them on the field before the game.

"It's a tough situation," Cutler said after the game. "There's nothing I or anyone can say that can really ease their pain or bring anybody back. Hopefully we were able to let them have an enjoyable time for three or four hours."

For their next game, Cutler should do the same for Bears fans.



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Cutler lead the Bears to victory Monday night after a big hit from Suh sidelined him for a series.

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Late Start Doesn't Slow Hall Down

DAN SANDBERG '13
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Collegiate wrestlers normally bring years of mat experience to the room. For instance, senior captain Jake Strausbaugh began competing when he was four years old. Freshman Abe Hall, on the other hand, has only been wrestling for four years.

Though his father wrestled in college, the Bremen native did not start wrestling until his freshman year of high school.

"I played basketball through eighth grade," Hall said. "But my coach convinced me to wrestle my freshmen year by practically promising me that I would get a letter."

The transition from basketball to wrestling was not an easy one, Hall said, but he stuck with it.

"At first I hated it. I was losing, and I hate losing more than anything, but as I got better, I started liking it," Hall said.

Hall improved tremendously over his four years in high school. Last year, as a senior, he finished the season with a perfect 50-0 record, winning to a state championship at 285

pounds in the process. Hall attributes his success to a lot of hard work and determination.

"Winning state was a great feeling. Going from not wrestling until my freshmen year to being the best heavyweight in-state my senior year showed that all the hard work and time paid off," Hall said.

Hall made up for lost time by taking advantage of his off-seasons. He wrestled at Regional Training Centers and participated in camps and tournaments throughout his summers. All of the extra time helped to become a three-time AAU All-American.

"Instead of sleeping in and playing video games I was out wrestling," Hall said.

Despite focusing a lot of time and effort into sports, Hall never let his athletic ambitions get in the way of his academic accomplishments. He graduated high school in the top five percent of his class.

Hall says his success comes directly from his competitive personality.

"I make everything into a competition. If I do something, I want to do it well. Don't want to be medio-



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Hall will take two mission trips this coming summer to Germany and Los Angeles.

cre at anything," Hall said.

Though the season is just starting, coaches and teammates are already looking at Hall as a leader.

"Abe is a great guy to

have in the room," Assistant Coach Danny Irwin said. "He is working extremely hard right now—focusing on doing all the little things the right way, both on the mats and in

the classroom. The coaching staff feels he can be a huge impact to this year's team as an all-around student-athlete."

The potential religion major has become a member of

a few clubs and organizations on campus, including AMPed and Wabash Christian Men.

"Before anything, I'm a Christian," Hall said. "I approach my faith with the same mentality as with school and sports."

Since moving to Crawfordsville, Hall has become a member at Rock Point Church. He hopes to get involved with the church more by going on mission trips to Germany and Los Angeles this summer.

As for now, though, he said he has his eyes set on wrestling season.

"My goal is to improve as fast as possible. I don't want to make it a habit of losing. I don't expect to come in and go undefeated like last year, but I want to compete and win the majority of matches."

Hall and the rest of the wrestling team will have their annual red-white dual, an inter-squad scrimmage, on November 3 before traveling to Mequon, WI to compete in their first official outing, the Concordia Open, on Nov. 17.

Giants, Tigers Face Off In World Series

Giants Resilience Will Win Them Series

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CAVELIFE EDITOR

The San Francisco Giants came into the World Series with Journey's song "Lights" playing in the background. The Giants' resilience is unforgettable; the team has won six straight elimination games this postseason. On paper, it may not seem that the Giants will be able to overcome a powerful Detroit Tigers starting rotation and offense, but their momentum and approach suggest otherwise.

The Giants and Tigers make an intriguing World Series matchup. Both teams have a superb starting rotation and a strong middle part of the lineup.

But, it will be interesting to see

if the time the Tigers had off after defeating the New York Yankees in four games in the American League Championship Series will affect them in the World Series. It will also be interesting to see if the Giants' offensive approach will unveil Detroit's defensive woes.

History is against the Tigers. There have been three World Series in the past in which a team that won its Championship Series in four games faced a team that won its Championship Series in seven games. The team that won its Championship Series in seven games won all three of those World Series. The Tigers were the losers of one of those three World Series.

They lost to the St. Louis Cardinals in five games in the 2006 World Series.

The Tigers had 11 days off before the World Series began Wednesday night. The Giants, on the other hand, played their final game of the National League Championship Series on Monday. They had one day off going into the World Series. The Tigers starting rotation certainly appreciated the rest, but could they have gotten too much rest? Intersquad games do not have the same impact on a team's motivation as a real game does.

The Tigers may have an advantage over the Giants as far as the starting rotation goes. Detroit's starters have posted a 1.02 ERA in 62 innings this postseason. The Tigers also had time to prepare their rotation for the World Series, whereas the Giants entered the World Series after winning three straight elimination games against the Cardinals. Tigers' ace Justin Verlander pitched game one of the World Series and will pitch game five and maybe even game seven if needed. However, the Giants offense, especially Pablo Sandoval, showed that Justin Verlander is hittable. Doug Fister, Anibal Sanchez, and Max Scherzer will pitch behind Verlander respectively.

The Giants used ace Matt Cain to pitch game seven of the NLCS. Cain will make his first start of the World Series in game 4 and he may be available to pitch game 7 if the Series goes that far. The Giants have overcome Madison Bumgarner's struggles on the mound throughout most of the postseason. Buster Olney of *ESPN The Magazine* reported that the Giants staff is confident that they have identified and corrected the mechanical problems that have contributed to Bumgar-

ner's struggles. On a more positive note, Ryan Vogelsong and Barry Zito have pitched well this postseason.

The Giants have a more dependable bullpen than the Tigers. The Tigers have not determined who their closer will be for the World Series. Their regular season closer Jose Valverde has blown two saves so far this postseason. Tigers Manager Jim Leyland will more than likely use left-hander Phil Coke in save situations. The Giants' lineup mostly consists of right-handed hitters. So, it will be interesting to see if Leyland uses someone else besides Coke to close as a result. As for the Giants, two-time Cy Young Award winner Tim Lincecum will be available for long relief. Lincecum had his worst regular season as a starter this season, but he has had success coming out of the bullpen this postseason. Furthermore, Sergio Romo has been dominant as a closer.

On paper, the Tigers have a better offense than the Giants. The Tigers pose a strong threat with Miguel Cabrera batting third, Prince Fielder batting fourth, and Delmon Young batting fifth. Giants pitchers will find success if they keep Austin Jackson and Omar Infante off base. If Jackson and Infante make it on base, they will have to pitch around Cabrera.

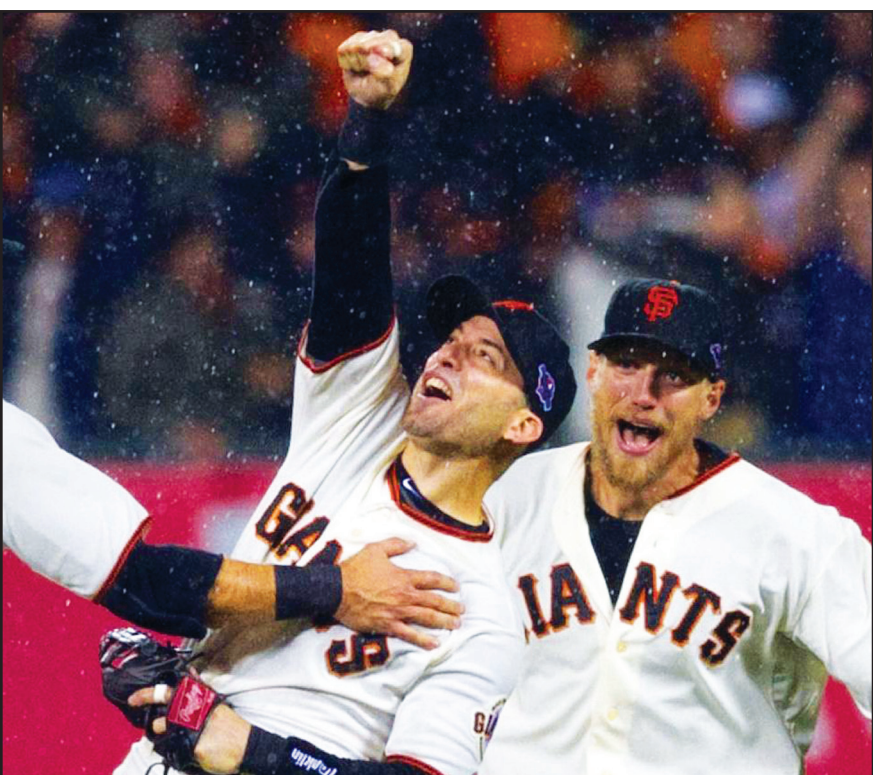
However, do not discount the Giants' offense. Marco Scutaro and the Giants have shown that they are capable of producing runs, even without Melky Cabrera, who was left off the team's postseason roster for testing positive for synthetic testosterone. The Giants' offense has several hitters who are capable of hitting to

all parts of the field consistently. Sandoval has also been a major offensive threat, especially after hitting three home runs in game one.

In addition, the Detroit's starting rotation covered up its defensive struggles prior to the World Series. The Giants are a team that can put the ball in play consistently and manufacture runs. Giants Manager Bruce Bochy will play small ball against Tigers. He will challenge Detroit's defense by having his players bunt towards Miguel Cabrera and Fielder. Young's defensive abilities may also hurt the Tigers in away games since he did not play many games in left field during the regular season. The windy weather in San Francisco may also complicate Young's ability to read fly balls.

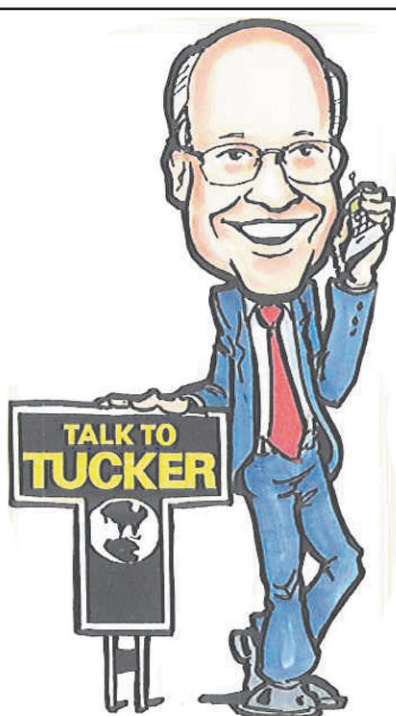
Baseball is always an unpredictable sport decided by milliseconds. World Series upsets have made history, and the best lineup on paper does not always win as expected. The Giants' playoff experience, resilience, and scrappiness are all qualities that suggest they will win the 2012 World Series title. They may not have the most powerful offense or the most overpowering pitching staff, but their approach to baseball—their ability to manufacture runs and come back in series—make them one of the best teams in the league.

The Giants win the World Series in six games.



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