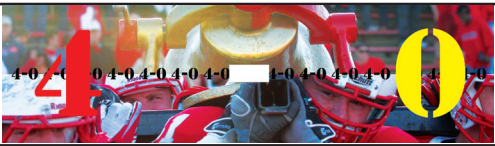


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# Students Debate Lifeline Law

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STAFF WRITER

Monday night, students from BKT Assistant Professor of Rhetoric Sara Drury's Rhetoric 101 class deliberated over the newest Indiana legislation that has had a direct effect on Wabash men, The Indiana Lifeline Law. Adam Alexander '16, Kurt Miller '16, and Kenton Armbruster '14 each addressed different perspectives on the law and discussed how, if at all, it should be changed.

For those who do not know, the Indiana Life Line Law provides immunity to individuals who call emergency services for someone suffering from alcohol related illnesses. The immunity, however, is not automatic. The law states that a student must provide their full name and any other relevant information requested by law enforcement officers. They must remain on the scene until law enforcement and emergency medical assistance arrives, and must cooperate with authorities on the scene.

Even if all of the aforementioned tasks are completed by the individual, they could still be prosecuted. This is what led freshman Kurt Miller to suggest that the law be strengthened. Recognizing the benefits of the law, he noted that relations are better now than before. "The law establishes a trust," Miller said, "with

underage individuals who choose to drink and need assistance, and government officials, who would formerly help when they arrived at the scene, but would still prosecute the teens involved." However, Miller also sees a need for improvement. "There are certain discrepancies with the law's implementation," Miller said. "Specifically, police officers still have discretion over whether or not to grant immunity to the parties involved."

The law only grants immunity to the caller, and even then it is up to the police officer to make that decision. "An officer can easily use discrimination or any other whim of his desire to not grant immunity," Miller said. "It is more effective and will be more encouraging for students to call police in that situation if they are guaranteed immunity. This is the best amendment that could be made," Miller said.

Adam Alexander advocated for leaving the law as written, suggesting that the work of the legislature was just right. "The law is already written well to encourage teens to save lives," Alexander said. "If the law gets strengthened, it could lead to irresponsibility...Leaving the Life Line Law as written could be the best option because it encourages accountability while still recognizing the dangers that alcohol can present."

Rounding out the discussion



Earlier this week students from a Rhetoric 101 class addressed different aspects of the Lifeline Law and potential ways to alter the new Indiana law.

was junior Kenton Armbruster, who supported the initiative to repeal the law altogether. "In the terminology of the law, it says that the officer has the discretion to grant immunity to the individual or to not grant immunity," Armbruster said. "How is this any different than what [currently occurs]? Having a law like this in place may give underage drinkers the idea that there is a loophole they can get through. Since this law offers immunity to those who call, those underage may take advantage of it and drink in general," Armbruster said. He noted that this could also lead

to severe mental and physical health problems later on in life.

Immediately following the forum, students in attendance broke into smaller groups with the speakers to continue deliberation on the issue. The consensus in these groups was an overwhelming disapproval of the option to repeal the law and lenience toward strengthening it. However, there was a general agreement among the groups as well that the law was a step in the right direction, and that having it on the books will send the right message to underage drinkers.

With almost perfect tim-

ing following Monday's discussion, Attorney General Greg Zoeller and State Senator Jim Merritt (the author of the Lifeline Law) made a visit to campus on Wednesday to answer any questions about the law and give their opinion on its effect. "There was not a single vote against this bill," Zoeller said. "The legislators recognized that the lives of the people in danger were much more important than giving up on the immunity...and I think the message that the Lifeline Law sends is that doing the right thing will

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## Senior Gift Campaign Kicks Off

PATRICK BRYANT '16  
STAFF WRITER

Bell Week marked the first of four scheduled "phases" for the advancement office's Senior Gift Campaign. Joe Klen, Associate Dean for College Advancement, said the start of this campaign is earlier than in past years.

According to Klen, the purpose of this campaign for seniors is to bring them into the habit of making financial contributions to the college starting now and in an amount that is more affordable for financially limited students than older alumni would be.

"We're really looking for our seniors to make their first gift to the college as soon-to-be alumni," Klen said, "and we don't ask for large gifts, we ask for participatory gifts."

With Monon Bell week being the first of the four phases, seniors can expect to hear more from fellow classmates, 25 of which make up the Senior Gift Campaign Committee for the Advancement Office. The other three campaign weeks will take place during the week of senior comprehensive exams, during a week led by endeavors of the National Association of Wabash

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## Crowder Presents Transgender Insights

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EDITOR IN CHIEF

Austen Crowder '07 spoke to the Wabash community on Monday about issues facing transgender people in today's world. As a population who even now receives little recognition in the media, the transgender community is largely both subjugated and overlooked.

Crowder is a transgender activist whose work has been mentioned by Dan Savage and MSNBC and documented in her first published work, Bait and Switch. She is a mentor at Indiana Youth Group in Indianapolis and works to advance transgender advocacy sensitivity training through the Indiana Transgender Rights and Advocacy Alliance.

Crowder emphasized that any informed person can be a transgender ally simply by avoiding harmful stereotypes and understanding the cultural "stacked deck" against transgender people. "My goal is to make it so if you are ever in a situation where someone says, 'I think I might be trans,' you can help," Crowder said.

As a successfully transitioned transgender person, Crowder knows well the arduous road ahead of those first realizing they are transgender. After realizing and declaring the person feels they are, three months of therapy await the person transitioning between genders. This therapy is required before surgical action can legally take place, and it is at the transitioner's own cost.

After beginning hormone therapy, living for a year as the person's chosen gender, and passing two more psychiatric exams, the transgender person can undergo surgery. The road is long, expensive, and utterly life-absorbing. Thus the primary information source for transgender issues and advice is generally another transgender person.

The fact that this process is so arduous and yet so private to the people undergoing it makes the transgender community a particularly underground and tight-knit group. The "what am I?" question each person must ask about their identity is generally answered by society. When people need to investigate themselves beyond what society presents, they can turn to the "local, passionate, and empathetic [transgender] community" which has had to figure things out on their own.

Even with this support, one in 12 transgender people ends up dead from suicide or violent acts from others because of their gender situation. Many more suffer from prejudice in their workplaces, families, and social lives. The issues are real, especially when they are not presented by most media outlets.

Audience questions brought up topics like people who fail to transition between genders, the legality of changing one's government-registered identification and of same-sex marriage between transgender people, as well as how Wabash might potentially react to such a transition for a current student.

## A Nation Divided: Democrats Rejoice, Republicans Look for Answers

DEREK ANDRE '16  
STAFF WRITER

On Nov. 6, Election Night, tensions were high across the nation as to whom would be the leader of the country for the next four years. When NBC News called Ohio for President Obama, however, the issue was no longer in doubt. Unlike what many pundits had predicted, the election was over before midnight. Democrats all over the nation rejoiced throughout the night after hearing the news. For many Democrats, the future of the country had gone from uncertain to bright in just a matter of hours.

But as the night grew on and the outcome became less and less in doubt, a number of questions arose about how President Obama was capable of winning re-election and do-

ing so in such a convincing fashion. In previous elections where the incumbent had a low approval rating, more often than not he was either routed in the election or won by the slimmest of margins. So how exactly was President Obama able to win his re-election bid and able to do so without much pressure from Mr. Romney once the votes were counted?

Well, a lot of how President Obama was capable of winning lies with how a final few states fell. If we look at this year's main battleground states, Florida and Ohio, we see that both of these states eventually went to President Obama. As such, 47 electoral votes went to the President's tally. Adding these 47 battleground votes to the 237 votes he was ex-

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PATRICK BRYANT '16  
STAFF WRITER

The final months of the 2012 campaign season saw President Barack Obama and former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney trading the lead and staying within the statistical margin of error in opinion poll after opinion poll. Last week's general election, the only poll that truly mattered, saw the President get re-elected. This left Mr. Romney and the Republicans who nominated him questioning why and questioning how to be better for 2016.

Mr. Romney's 2012 loss saw him garner 47.8 percent of the popular vote and 206 electoral votes compared to 2008 and Sen. John McCain's 45.7 percent of the popular vote and 173 electoral votes.

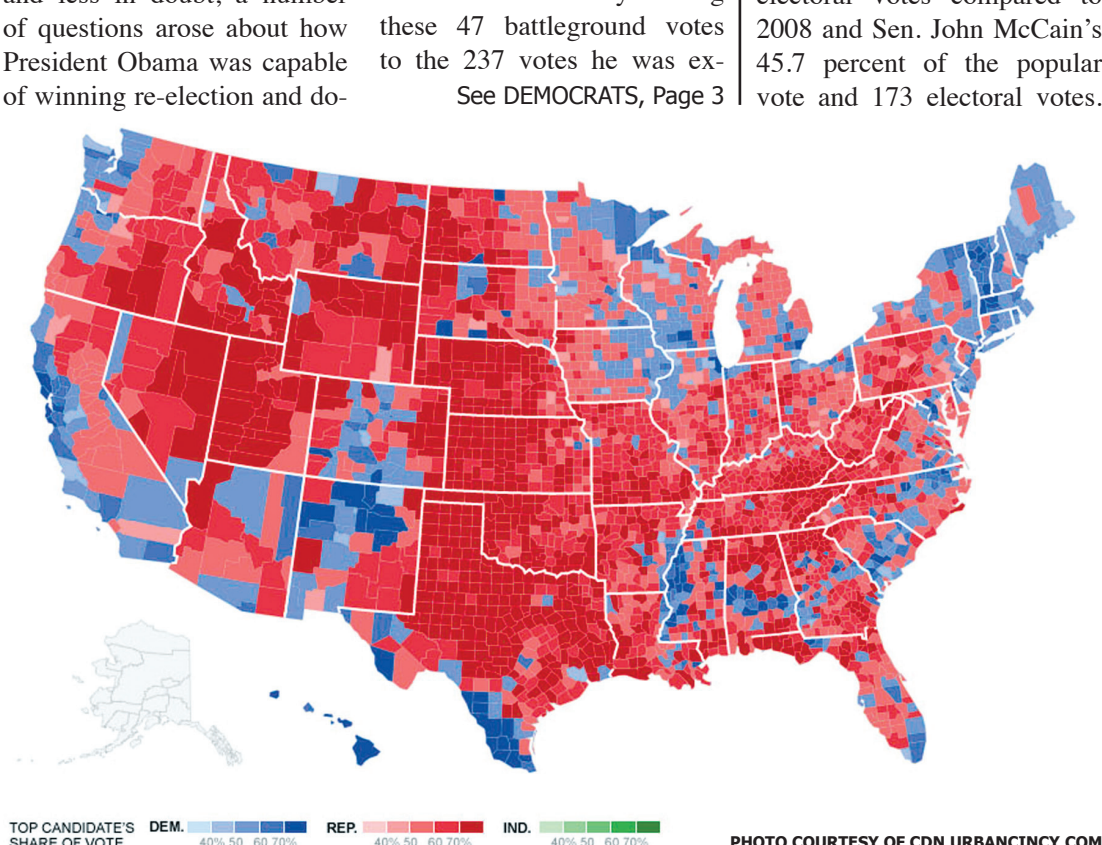


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Student Senate Meeting 7 p.m.

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Of Bordeauxs and Burgundies:

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Professor of Classics David Kubiak might not be a Master of Wine. But when it comes to French wines, he's close.

"I know very little about anything except Bordeaux and Burgundy," Kubiak said. "I've narrowed my scope considerably."

Kubiak's exposure to wine started early. His father worked for the company that imported Chateau Mouton-Rothschild, a wine estate in the Bordeaux region of France famous for its red wines.

"I grew up with French wine and was always fascinated by it," Kubiak said. "People weren't as punctilious about the laws as they are today. . . . So it's just always been a part of my life."

And with all of wine's many facets, it's easy to become a lifelong admirer. Wine's commercial, culinary, agricultural, and chemical facets in-

corporate much more than the juice itself. For Kubiak, the facets combine in a sort of musical synthesis.

"It's sort of like opera which brings together music and theater," Kubiak said. "Wine brings together a lot of these various aspects."

"It's just a general fascination you know with the labels, with the shape of the bottles, and with the endless variety of tastes—the complexity of wine. Wine almost is an aesthetic object, a work of art—which the great French wines are, I would say."

Wine's taste allows for that complexity. With dozens of varietals, hundreds of regions, and even more labels, it's easy to be baffled by the difference between a Merlot and a Pinot Noir—let alone the even subtler distinction between a Bordeaux (often a blend of Merlot and/or Caber-

net Sauvignon) and a Burgundy (Pinot Noir or Chardonnay).

Discerning that distinction is doable. Indeed, there's an entire exam dedicated to it—one Kubiak hasn't taken. According to [www.mastersofwine.org](http://www.mastersofwine.org), the three-part exam includes four three-hour examinations viticulture, winemaking, and the commercial aspects of the industry. Candidates must complete three 12-wine blind tastings—each lasting over two hours. Then, candidates must complete a 10,000-word dissertation on an aspect of wine of interest to them. Kubiak knows what those tasters are looking for: unique aspects of the wine unique to the regions from which they come.

"It has nothing to do with the grapes," Kubiak said. "But, in that particular spot of land in France, those grapes happen to be grown in a way that makes for an extraordinary, wonderful taste."

"In these great wines of France, the issue is one of terroir. It is the particular land and the particular structure of the soil, the exposure to the sun, the weather patterns in these districts of France that are absolutely unique to the world and produce wines that, consistently, taste in this extraordinary way that you can recognize as being that place."

At this year's Fete du Bordeaux in Chicago, a French winemaker told Kubiak that 90 percent of the characteristics of French wines relate to the vineyard. Only 10 percent comes from the winemaker's interaction with the wine. Talking about those aspects is one of Kubiak's favorite activities.

"I never drink alone. It's, to me, associated intimately with conviviality. And, by the same

Kubiak Collects, Savors French Wines

For the Budding Oenophile. . .

A Note on French Wines:

French producers label their wines according to the producer or the regions from which the grapes are harvested. Burgundy and Bordeaux are two of France's major wine regions.

Some Definitions:

Pinot Noir {pee-no nwa}  
"[A] delicious soft, medium-bodied dry red wine filled with complex flavors of fruit and spice."  
Cabernet Sauvignon {cab-er-nay so-vin-yon}  
"It produces medium to full bodied, dry, deeply colored red wine, possessing flavors of black fruits and aromas of cedar."

Tips for the Table:

Generally, white wines come early in the menu. If the menu's really extensive, champagne will come first. Lighter first courses tend to accommodate white wines well. Reds, however, are reserved for the heavier courses that come later in the menu.

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token, I have friends . . . we could talk literally (and we've done this at dinners) for six hours about nothing but the wines we were drinking. There's that much to say. And one becomes so passionate about the hobby."

Among Kubiak's favorite memories, a 1989 Chateau Lynch-Bages he'll remember for "the quality of the company and the quality of the food" with which he enjoyed it. Lynch-Bages is a winery in the Bordeaux region of France. According to Kubiak, wines from the 1982, 1988 and 1990 vintages are especially appealing.

Kubiak keeps a few wines in Crawfordsville in his cool basement but travels to Chicago before hosting dinners for special occasions. There, he keeps a bin (at 55 degrees and constant humidity) full of the more momentous members of his collection.

"Drinking wine and acquiring wine are two different things," Kubiak said. "[Col-

lecting] is a separate aesthetic sensation. . . . It's what drives a lot of wives crazy."

For those wishing to get their start on the road toward becoming an oenophile, Kubiak suggests buying the "entry-level" wines of the various regions.

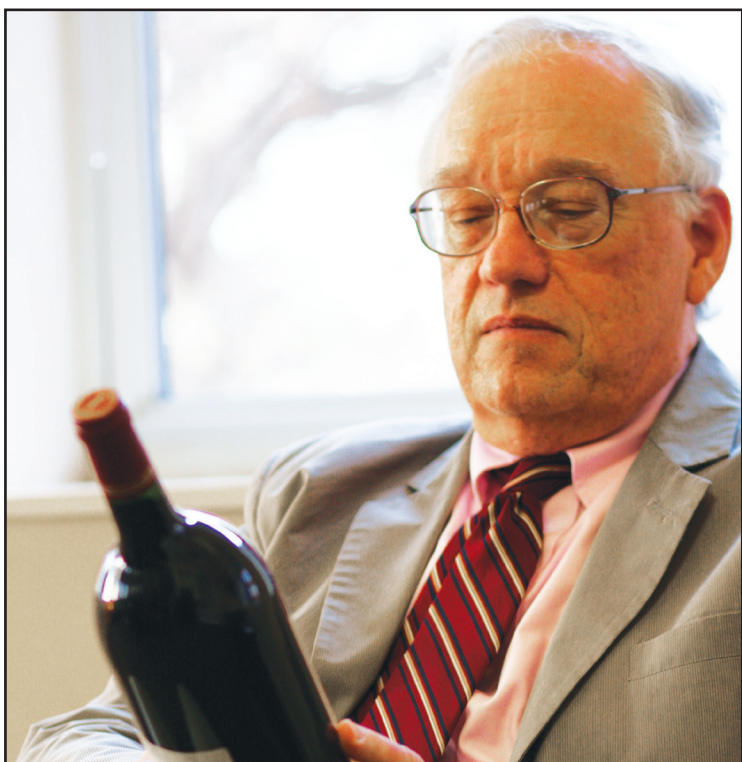
"You begin to get an idea of the range of tastes that these wines have," Kubiak said.

Then, it's a matter of moving up the ranks—away from the simpler wines and toward the fuller, drier, more tannic ones. When it comes to food pairings, Kubiak values simplicity.

"Get a filet steak," Kubiak said. "Put it together with fried potatoes and a vegetable. You can't go wrong."

Kubiak enters the past and savors it through wine.

"You can drink a great Burgundy, and it's like Starbursts in your mouth. . . . You've literally internalized a great piece of art. It's like looking at a great painting."



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Kubiak enjoys both aspects of the hobby: collecting and buying. He emphasizes enjoying wines based on whether one decides to have a "mostly food experience" or a "mostly wine experience." Wine selections based on dryness or tannins will vary accordingly.

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# Americans Give Veterans Respect, Thanks

JOHN DYKSTRA '13  
MANAGING EDITOR

Americans did not always treat soldiers and war veterans with proper respect. “When I came back, I basically spent November, December, and January getting ready to go back to graduate school at Purdue,” Professor of English Tobey Herzog said. “I did not tell people that I was a Vietnam veteran, given the public view of veterans coming back from Vietnam, the stereotypes of being a loser, drug addict, baby-killer, alcoholic, and being prone to violence – all the negative stereotypes.”

The aftermath of Vietnam largely contributed to America’s change of heart. People are now more respectful and receptive of soldiers and veterans, and Veterans Day has become a more honorable holiday consequently.

Herzog, who served in Vietnam from 1969-1970, believes the building of the Vietnam War Memorial marked the turning point in how Americans received Vietnam veterans.

“Over time, I think our country has learned to separate the soldier from the politics of the war, and people have realized that they did a great disservice to Vietnam veterans, many of whom did not have a choice – they were drafted,” Herzog said. “No matter what your views on a particular war might be, give thanks to the person who is servicing his or her country.”

Herzog received his draft notice in the fall of 1969 when he was at-

tending and teaching at Purdue University as a graduate student. He was given a deferral and was allowed to finish his fall semester before entering basic training. He married his wife during his senior semester as an undergraduate at Illinois Wesleyan.

Iraq War veteran Josh Stowers '14 recognized how the reception of soldiers and veterans has changed over time.

“Regardless of whether people agree with the war, they still support us,” Stowers said. “That is the distinct change from what the Vietnam veterans experienced. People are now realizing that soldiers and veterans have nothing to do with politics; we just do what we are told. It is nice to know that people can separate that now and support their soldiers.”

Stowers, 30, served two 12-month tours and one 15-month tour in Iraq as a combat soldier. He enlisted in the Army to fight the War on Terror.

The change in how American citizens receive soldiers and veterans is especially noticeable at airports when they return home.

“Back in the Vietnam days, people came home from the war and were largely ignored,” Tom Runge '71, Director of Alumni and Parent Programs, said. “In those days, we were advised not to wear our uniforms home to avoid getting harassed. Now, you see a returning soldier walking through the airport and people clap for him or her. That is how different it is today.”

Runge served in the Air Force

for 26 years, two months, and four days. He flew 27 combat missions in Vietnam between the summer of 1973 and the summer of 1974. He decided to join the Air Force after receiving his draft notice.

Stowers experienced a warm reception from American citizens every time he returned from a tour.

“Coming back was amazing,” Stowers said. “When we landed in the States, we would get out on the airstrip, and all the families would be waiting behind barriers. So when you get off the plane, all those families are there with signs, cheering for you. We were treated like rock stars. Those were some of the best days that I remember.”

While citizens value soldiers and veterans on Veterans Day, war veterans have more complicated feelings about the national holiday.

“Veterans Day is an interesting concept, one that I think any veteran struggles with,” Runge said. Somebody thanked me for my service after the Bell game on Saturday. I do not know how to respond to that, because my time in the Air Force was the best time I ever had as a professional. So, you almost feel like you do not deserve to be thanked because you enjoyed doing what you did so much.”

Herzog never thought about Veterans Day in the first 20 years after he came back from Vietnam, but time has helped him appreciate the holiday more.

“With the war still going on in Af-



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Campus veterans have had vastly different experiences of how the American people accepted them and their fellow soldiers upon returning home. Veterans Day stirs a lot of different emotions for veterans around the country.

ghanistan, the recent military action in Iraq, and the war on terror, I think I too have greater respect for people serving the country,” Herzog said. “I am taking more pride in the fact that I served our country. I think back to my time in Vietnam – it was one of the more important years of my life.”

Runge and Stowers do not celebrate the holiday openly. Instead, they use it to remember their experiences and the people they knew and to reflect on their lives.

“I usually isolate myself,” Stowers said. “I remember the people who

did not come back, people who lost more than I did. I know people who lost limbs and other things and guys who did not come home at all. They all came home, but some of them were in boxes. So, I remember them and check how I am living – whether I am living well for them or not.”

Veterans Day has passed. American citizens have said their thanks, but soldiers and veterans continue to serve. Always remember to thank and respect a soldier and veteran. It’s your life that they are defending, regardless of the politics.

## Lifeline

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also be supported by the state and our prosecution and law enforcement,” Zoeller said.

Senator Merritt emphasized the awareness that the law brings about, and how it is focused more on education than anything else, while also clarifying any questions students, faculty, and staff had about the law. “That person who is ill will not and does not have any immunity whatsoever,” Merritt said. He noted that he received criticism for this part of the law because students will obviously not want to get their friends

in trouble. However he also simplified the two evils a student must weigh one of serious injury or death, or the possibility that a student may face some legal trouble. It is an easy choice in the Senator’s mind.

All in all, the discourse the Indiana Lifeline Law has sparked on campus shows just how aware Wabash is about the problems of underage drinking as a community, and the visit by Attorney General Zoeller and State Senator Merritt showcases the State’s effort to publicize the law and educate the individuals that it will affect.



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Students discuss ways in which they think the Lifeline Law should be altered. The Law has been a major topic on campus, especially in the College’s HELP sessions.

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vention was re-energized by Mr. Romney’s stirring performance in the first Presidential debate. Those who supported him quickly rallied around the campaign and kept the race very close until Election Day.

So what does the Republican Party need to do to ensure victory in 2016? Prior to even Election Day 2012, an article on Politico dropped names like Jeb Bush, Chris Christie, Sarah Palin, Rick Perry and Mike Huckabee as possible candidates for 2016. Names like Palin and Perry spark excitement among some who identify as Republicans and worry among others. That being said, Republicans will need to consider what sort of message they want going further.

Even before polls had closed on Election Day, there was speculation that current Vice President Joe Biden would be running for President to succeed the Obama administration. The horse race continues. With prospective candidates like Vice President Biden and even Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in play, it leaves Republicans with a question of which

candidate can do two things: one, fulfill the goals of their party, and, two, make a compelling enough argument as to why those ideas ought to be passed as a referendum of sorts in contrast to the opposing candidate’s.

Looking at the Congress of 2013, both houses will have similar leadership. Republicans will hold a majority in the House under Boehner and Democrats will have a majority in the Senate under Senator Harry Reid. Wednesday, in his first news conference since the election, the President said “our top priority has to be jobs and growth.” Compromise between the White House and Congress, especially with Boehner and the House Republicans will be key in getting that done.

For the Romney campaign and his tens of millions of voters on Election Day, the loss leaves obvious disappointment, but the popular vote’s demonstration that there is much disparity and division in this nation leaves great opportunity for those in that camp to have their voices heard as the legislative process of the next four years unfolds.

## Gift

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Men, and the final week during the week of commencement.

According to Klen, the purpose of having a student committee is so that fundraising can be 100 percent student-led and student-initiated, what Klen called “peer-to-peer solicitation.” The group of 25 is divided up among the fraternity houses on campus and a group for independents. For senior Frank Ruvoli, a brother a Phi Kappa Psi, the goal for his house is indicative of the advancement office’s hope for participation from all seniors regardless of the amount of the gift.

“My goal for my house, as for the entire Senior Gift Campaign, is to have 100 percent participation from our seniors,” Ruvoli said via e-mail. “We aren’t looking to empty



Klen

our classmate’s wallets or pocketbooks. What we want to try to initiate with this campaign, is to get our seniors to get in the habit of giving back. So it doesn’t matter if they give \$5 or \$25, the fact that they gave back means much more than the dollar amount they donate. This way

[of] getting in the habit now, will lead to future giving, which will help future Wabash men have the opportunities that we have now.”

One of the big differences this year is, again, the fact that the Senior Gift Campaign is being kicked-off now as opposed to in the second-half of next semester, as was done in the past. Starting earlier, Klen said, allows these Committee members to talk to their classmates now, so that students have more time to contemplate how and to what extent they want to give back, and the Advancement Office has more time to talk to them, through the Committee members, about the importance of giving.

Even though some form of a Senior Gift Campaign has existed since the 1980s, Klen said something new is the ability students have to make contributions online through the campaign’s page on the college website. There, two possible options for giving are listed. The first asks for a donation of \$75, three contributions of \$25 starting in the senior year, while the second asks for \$213 (in reference to the class of 2013), with a similar contribution of \$25 in the senior year, with contributions of \$75 and \$113 in the succeeding two years after graduation.

Klen, a member of the Wabash class of 1997, said this idea of giving and philanthropy is a tradition of the college and one in which affects

most, if not

all, who attend through some sort of financial aid, but beyond that through things like student activities and immersion

trips. If a student was to have a certain desire to have his contribution be earmarked to one of the college’s approximately 1,000 funds, they could choose to do that as well.

Klen said the goal of his office and the goal of the Senior Gift Campaign is more of a focus on the quantity of contributors rather than the quantity of dollars contributed. Right now, Klen said, it’s about creating the habit and bringing about as much participation from seniors before they graduate as possible.

“The idea is, you’re not going to have 100 percent participation [once students have been out for a few years],” Klen said, “but the idea is, in the senior year, if we can try to get to 100 percent participation, we’ve at least touched on the message then, as guys are on their way out, that ‘hey, this an important thing to do.’”



Ruvoli '14

## Democrats

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pected to win based on polling and historical precedent, gave President Obama 284 electoral votes. Essentially, had President Obama only won what he was expected to win plus Florida and Ohio, he would have still won the election.

In actuality, however, President Obama won more swing states than just Ohio and Florida. President Obama won Wisconsin, Colorado, Iowa, New Hampshire, Virginia, and Nevada which when combined with our previous total of 284 give us a new total of 348. So yes, Ohio and Florida did play their traditional roles as major swing states, and his victories in Florida and Ohio would have been enough to push him over the top, but if it weren’t for his victories in the smaller swing states, President Obama wouldn’t have won in such a resounding fashion.

So we know that President Obama won because of the states that he pulled, but where did the votes come from that allowed him to pull those states? To put it plainly, President Obama won his re-election bid due in large part to the successes he had with

three groups, minorities, young voters, and single women. Take for example Latino voters. For the first time in American history, Latino voters accounted for 10 percent of the total votes cast, and President Obama was able to win that group handily. Just as he did in 2008, President Obama was able to carry the youth vote. While it was by a smaller percentile, President Obama still won about 60 percent of this demographic. And unmarried women voted for the President by about a two-thirds to one-third margin.

There is one final event that may have had something to do with the President’s resounding re-election victory. As everyone knows, just about a week before Election Day Super-storm Sandy made landfall in the northeastern part of the United States. In the wake of this catastrophe, both President Obama and Governor Romney’s campaigns were suspended and President Obama set to work of putting the recovery effort in motion. By most accounts, and those of approximately 80 percent of Americans, the President did at least a good job in his efforts to spearhead the rebuilding efforts. Shortly after he began work-

ing on the recovery and in the days leading up to Election Day, President Obama saw a significant uptick in his approval ratings. Now, to be fair, it can’t be certain that the President’s popular response to the tragedy that was Hurricane Sandy was the cause of this uptick or if it had any effect on the results of the election. However, any chance an incumbent has to look ‘presidential’ in the days approaching the election is rarely a bad thing.

We may never know the exact reasons why President Obama won. It may have been because the American people felt that his policies were superior to that of Mr. Romney’s. Perhaps it was because the voters felt that President Obama was leading the nation down a path they felt comfortable traveling. Or maybe it was as simple as they just felt that President Obama was the better candidate. But regardless of the reason, President Obama will more than likely be our President for the next four years.



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# Don't Lose Respect for DePauw Rivalry

This past weekend was Wabash's fourth consecutive Monon Bell victory. No member of the class of 2013 will know what it is like to lose the Bell to DePauw, and no DePauw student of the class of 2013 will know what it is like to win the Bell. Yet this year's scandal overtook some of the joy of victory.

The field has cleared and anticipative shouts of "Deeeeee-Paauw..." seem to have ceased, but a full week later red paint remained on the DePauw campus.

As one editor walked into the DePauw library Sunday night, he

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felt compelled to self-consciously tuck his red "Wabash Acts Respectably" lanyard into his pocket. The irony was more uncomfortable than the football victory was enjoyable.

A week after the vandalism of DePauw's campus, red letters still spell W-A-B-A-S-H across the six columns of DePauw's Roy O. West Library. Red paint on that yellow and black campus is of course standard procedure during Monon Bell week, but not on academic property and certainly not on limestone pillars that must be

damaged for the paint to be removed.

Any DePauw student will tell you that painting a red "W" on the boulder is in good fun. Even this seems generous considering the reaction many Wabash students might have if they woke up to a yellow and black senior bench. But the bench can be painted over and forgotten. The current vandalism is akin to having D-P-U written across the Lilly Library.

This type of retaliation is not indicative of a high-class rivalry between nationally ranked liberal arts schools. Nor, more importantly, is it indicative of gentlemen.

Wabash often defines itself through competition, but there is a significant difference between fighting through academic achievement or athletic events and damaging property.

Wabash has had no problem proving an athletic rivalry these past four years, a fact that makes excessive vandalism even more ludicrous. And if the vandals were attempting to make some sort of academic statement, it seems they have missed the mark by a long shot. The way to prove an academic rivalry is to outsmart DePauw students, not out-sabotage them.

The rivalry is a defining part of

Wabash identity, but harmful acts like this destroy both the fun and the competition. There is no winner in vandalism; DePauw must spend money to repair the limestone, and Wabash gains absolutely nothing through it. It belittles the capabilities of our football team and raises no merits in its place.

The weekend was indeed successful: the Keg Game and the Bell Game were successful, and Wabash fans outnumbered their counterparts to an embarrassing extent. These are the ways the weekend should unfold, and they are the ways we should remember to focus our energies in future years.

## Crushes Stir Adrenaline

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OPINION COLUMNIST



desire to be close to someone, the more impossible it becomes to actually be ourselves! It's simple: as we realize that we want to impress another person, our bodies for some odd reason react by beginning a "nervous" response which drastically changes our behavior.

Personally, I began to laugh much too loudly, crack jokes that weren't funny, and sweat bullets. At the time, I simply knew that I was looking to impress. Of course, my body realized this and reacted by sabotaging my attempt in what has become a familiar horror story for too many teenage boys (and likely a cause of laughter for too many teenage girls): stammering out my words, dropping my keys, unable to look her in the eye.

Of course, I'm not alone. We all get nervous to different degrees; the "stress response" is a biological aspect of human nature. We do much the same thing in life or death situations, athletic competitions, or job interviews.

Using the oh-so-handy liberal arts approach, I have now come to what I sense is the crux of the problem. According to science, the stress response serves a distinct logical purpose: when face-to-face with a physically stressful situation (for example, spying a snake on the ground) our heart speeds up, adrenaline is released, and we are better prepared to physically exert ourselves by running off, etc.

Don't read this the wrong way; I understand why it would be beneficial to get blood pumping for quick explosive movement, but why do we have the same reaction when we're trying to have a simple conversation? Call me crazy, but I don't understand the parallels. For some reason the mind labels "run from the guy with the gun" and "try not to drool on yourself in front of her" in the same category, albeit with different degrees of reaction.

But that's not all. Obviously, we don't get

nervous around everyone. In fact, the more we have emotionally invested in the conversation, the more nervous we become. Again, an incredibly simple truth, and yet logically we can conclude that our nerves are self-imposed! Only the fact that we are worried about the outcome of a conversation or relationship causes our own stress response.

So what options do we have? How can we avoid the adrenaline and be our naturally cool, calm, and collected selves? Is there a solution hidden somewhere in this opinion piece?

We find ourselves faced with a dilemma. The only solution I can offer isn't quite a solution at all: to completely get over my nerves I have to somehow cease caring about the outcome. But when it comes down to it, I'd rather battle a problem with nerves all my life than give in to a "solution" like that. And let's not forget that the eventual success at relationships wouldn't be nearly as enjoyable if we hadn't been faced with obstacles like our nerves to overcome.

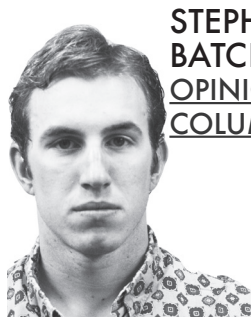
What a wonderfully paradoxical world we've inherited.

# Imagine Ethics-Driven Consumerism

Earlier this week in my Theological Ethics course, we discussed sustainability issues with regards to consumer choices and how as consumers we can make commendable purchases in our economies. I must admit before this class period I considered sustainability as making choices such as recycling, being energy efficient, and holding some degree of interest in preserving the natural environment as 'sustainability.' Yet, the class led me to question a thought provoking question: Are there ethically right consumer choices that I should be making?

As consumers we are blessed with the ability to live in a free market economy. We have a choice in nearly every product we could possibly desire to buy. However, with this freedom comes responsibility. As college students, we are 'bargain shoppers' from our clothes to our living unit furniture; we tend to desire products at the cheapest possible price. There is nothing inherently wrong with being a 'bargain shopper'. However, there is a habituation of virtue that often leads us to see our consumerism as just that, consumerism. Products were meant to be used and replaced with no additional value placed on

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them. Sure many of the products we purchase are meant to be replaced after some amount of life. From our desires to keep up with trends in literature, music, and fashion, we will no doubt replace certain items after a period of time.

Yet, most of us consciously acknowledge that there are repercussions for these cheap purchases. We understand that a product is cheap because it was made with cheap materials by underpaid overseas workers. Products at extremely low cost by large corporate warehouses are near impossible for our local businesses to compete with. These are all dangers behind products on Wal-Mart shelves, but at the same Wal-Mart brings revenue to our local economies by attracting consumers from towns without access cheaper products. Sure large shopping stores may threaten local

business, but the fact remains that in a struggling economy, supporting local business at a higher cost just is not in the budget for many families.

Still, I wonder if there are deeper social tensions that are representative of our consuming nation. What does our demand for cheap, replaceable products demonstrate about culture? To some extent, modern consumerism may lead us to see all things as replaceable and invest little value in social structures like our families and our friendships. It is certainly reflected widely in American politics, that we lack an ability to negotiate in ways that make long term lasting change. I believe in general we are all seeking quick, short-term solutions to issues, ultimately leaving the underlying issues unresolved. These tensions are also reflected in our family lives. Without the time and effort invested into family meals, the importance of gathering as a family for dinner has been diminished. Perhaps a sense of pride in the quality of investments of our time would help restore to some degree our ability to communicate clearly with one another?

I feel that the issue here is investment. Investment today in our consumer choices is meant to be cost-

effective, not ethical. These ideas of "effectiveness" are carried over into our social conceptions of society. Could we imagine an ethics driven consumerism that asks us to consider whether or not our purchases are fiscally responsible, but also if they are indicative of the moral character we wish to demonstrate? If we make a purchase simply because a product is cheap are we not in turn habituating an image of ourselves that says

"I am cheap, easily persuaded, and unconcerned with quality?" Many Americans today are forced to make consumer choices for the sake of fiscal responsibility. Even we college students without disposable incomes make these same decisions. I am not suggesting that we need a widespread reform in our consumption choices, but perhaps we should be more conscious of the choices we make as consumers.



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Wal-Mart lives as the bane of small businesses' existence.

## FUN FACT

For a butterfly to fly, it must have a body temperature of no less than 86 degrees fahrenheit or 30 degrees celsius.



# Hatred Lacks Reason



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COLUMNIST

Even though it's probably a little too soon to assume that everyone in the Wabash community has come off of their Monon Bell high, an interesting discussion in my English class led to the content of this article. In English 219 (American Literature before 1900), we are reading the great American classic "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain. First, let me say that I love this book. In it, Twain portrays characters whose lives involve so much thrilling adventure that I find myself comparing my childhood to theirs and becoming jealous. However, Huck and the other characters deal with a lot of other issues: blatant racism, abuse, and parental neglect. All of these things contribute to an extreme sense of realism for which Twain became well known. Anyway, in the story, Twain writes about two prominent families (the Grangerfords and the Sheperdsons) who have developed an extreme hatred for each other. This hatred has a noteworthy history, and their strained relationship reaches its climax when a gunfight occurs between members of each family, and two of the Grangerfords are killed. Despite all of this conflict, an important consideration must be made: it is clear that neither family really knows why they hate each other. Does this sound at all familiar?

In a moment of pure Wabash candor, our revered professor (Dr. Rosenberg) asked if this scene evoked thoughts of the Wabash-DePauw rivalry. Several members of the class indicated that, yes, this scene did ring a bell, so to speak. This leads me to the point I'm about to pursue: I love the rivalry

that we have with DePauw, and I think it's a lot of fun. However, I think we need to spend a little more time asking ourselves why we so strongly dislike DePauw. After all, in terms of academics, DePauw has begun to play a very cooperative role with Wabash, particularly in the area of modern languages. Considering the amount of time we spend sitting around and talking about how much more difficult Wabash is than other schools, wouldn't it be reasonable to say that our fine alma mater wouldn't arrange these partnerships if DePauw were actually the train wreck that we make it out to be?

Additionally, I find myself wondering if people genuinely mean what they say when they declare that they hate DePauw. As was pointed out to me by a staff member at Wabash, it is probably safe to say that a considerable number of students at Wa-



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The Monon Bell holds a lot of tradition for the rivals.

bash came pretty close to being students at DePauw (important note: the same could be said for DePauw students who claim to hate Wabash). On top of that, Wabash men are often willing to take a trip to DePauw to see friends and/or girlfriends. As this staff member and I discussed, if I really, genuinely hate something or some place, I won't use it or go there. It's widely known that I hate Wal-Mart. Because of that, unless there is absolutely no other alternative, I will never set foot in a Wal-Mart. So, bearing that in mind, if you really hate DePauw, why are you more than willing to take a trip down there for a weekend?

Don't take this article the wrong way, though. I haven't turned into some Dannie lover. However, I think it would behoove us to ask ourselves why we are so willing to announce to the world that we hate DePauw University. Is it the culture of their campus? Do we hate the architecture there? Do we find that they inhibit our ability to have a positive impact on our community and state? Is their landscaping not to our liking? I guess I'm not really sure. A few years ago when my sister was considering DePauw, I learned several things about DePauw that I disliked which led me to believe that Wabash was a better fit for me. However, the things I disliked have not translated into things that make me hate DePauw.

So, I'm not suggesting that we end our rivalry or stop pushing each other (i.e. Wabash and DePauw) to become better schools, but I am suggesting that we be more careful about what we say when we're critical of DePauw. Let's be thoughtful, accurate and substantive. While many of the arguments I've made could be tied to a student at DePauw who supposedly "hates" Wabash, if Wabash students take the initiative to engage in thoughtful discourse, I expect that we will again come out ahead. It just won't be on the field this time.

## New Slogan Fits Wabash



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COLUMNIST

It seems that this year Wabash has adopted a new slogan or catchphrase, and its turning up everywhere, "Seriously." Many people probably had their say about this at the beginning of the semester when all of the freshmen were walking around campus in their Class of 2016 shirts that said things like "Seriously Competitive" and "Seriously Creative"; however, I was too busy to notice. Recently, I got my hands on one of the new recruiting booklets the school is issuing to prospects, and the entire thing is plastered with this "seriously" catchphrase. This in turn made me stop to consider our new marketing slogan.

I'll admit, at first I was put off by the lack of the descriptiveness present in such a simple slogan as "seriously." Then I started to think that maybe that was the point. A Wabash education is a liberal arts education, rather than specific and focused it provides diversity, flexibility and the ability to seize highly varied opportunities. Our new slogan is also flexible and open to interpretation rather than just nailing down one aspect of our great school that we hope high school seniors will find appealing. "Seriously" describes the way in which Wabash men attack multiple facets of our lives.

For example, let's just focus on one aspect of college life, academics. Here at Wabash, anyone would tell you that professors, students, coaches, and deans alike take a student's studies very seriously. In contrast, there have been many times when friends from state universities have described homework or class loads that sounded more like a joke, and a bad one at that.

Let's switch to athletics. For a division three school, the amount of athletic support from students is almost astounding. I remember visiting another small liberal arts school in southern Indiana when I was a senior in high school, which also had solid academics. It was more of a courtesy visit than anything else; they did not have a wrestling team, and I was determined to compete collegiately. However what struck me was, upon attending a football game, a sheer and overwhelming sense of disappointment. The team was terrible, and the fans were either scarce or nonexistent. There was no pride in athletics there, and varsity sports were seen as club activities and were often joked about by the students. At Wabash, our multiple nationally-ranked athletic teams and continued excellence on every field of play exhibit two things above all; we compete for passion over money, and we take our performances very seriously.

After some reflection I think that the college could have done much worse than our new marketing phrase, "Seriously." It fits us, and describes how we as Wabash men live, practice, work, play and party. Everything we do, we try to do it to the best of our ability, and that takes focus. In all honesty, although I'm not a huge fan of the new shirts for the class of 2016, I really think that our new slogan is appropriate and will serve us well in years to come. "Seriously."

# Hunting Embodies Pure Sport



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OPINION  
COLUMNIST

Hunting has been, and I hope always will be, the purest sport known to mankind. There are many benefits of hunting, and although it includes other controversial issues such as gun control and animal cruelty, I would like to focus this article purely on why hunting is a beneficial practice in America.

Hunting truly is the purest sport known to mankind. The main reason is because hunting is the only sport around that people have to do in order to stay alive. In the outlying communities of America (Alaska, Montana, New Mexico, Arizona), hunting is a way of life and a way of sustenance. Without hunting, these people would starve. In third world countries and primitive cultures, everyone hunts much like they did 2,000 years ago. Although I love football and hockey, these things could go away with little or no drastic effect on anyone. If the sport and practice of hunting were

abolished, people would starve, plain and simple.

Another reason why hunting is pure and beneficial to mankind is because of what it does to the environment. Versus Sports Network (now known as the NBC Sports Network) aired one of my all-time favorite commercials during Sunday morning hunting shows. It called out the environmentalists. The commercial claimed that the environmentalists were not the only people that care about the earth because hunters have been doing it for thousands of years. Pro-hunting organizations donate millions of dollars every year to the conservation efforts of natural wildlife and habitats. Hunters have an invested interest in the continued existence of natural wildlife. Along with this, and speaking as a hunter myself, I have a special connection with the environment because of my hunting experience. I live in a wooded area back home in Fort Wayne, and I enjoy the opportunity to target shoot or explore Cedar Creek in my backyard. Playing outside was always a fun activity for me as a kid, and although I probably worried my mom sick, I had some of my most memorable childhood moments outside in the environment. My invested interest in the en-



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A silhouette father and son bask in the pure sport of hunting.

vironment shows how hunting truly is a pure sport with pure intentions.

All benefits aside, the most important thing hunting did for me was all that cannot be pointed to or described, human experience. It pushed me out of the house even when the new Call of Duty was just released; hunting gave me the opportunity to exercise (go on a pheasant hunt in October in Iowa and you'll know what I mean), allowed me to experience adventure, allowed me to spend quality time with my Dad, gave me a sense of accom-

plishment, and taught me how to be one with the world. All these things are hard to describe, and you cannot physically hold onto them, but I hope by pointing them out you can begin to realize how pure, natural, and beneficial a sport like hunting can be. The human experience in this world is not something to take lightly, and hunting is a medium where than can take place purely and beneficially.

I recognize the opposition to hunting in a modern world where it is unnecessary for most people. But hunting, historically and fundamentally, is the most pure and basic contact humans have with the world outside of our little bubble. Until you experience the thrill of the chase or the adrenaline rush sitting up in that tree stand, I am not sure you will be able to understand, so maybe this whole article is pointless. However, I hope that if you were against hunting before reading this, you can at least understand why someone who has grown up hunting simply loves this sport, and I argue the purest sport known to mankind today, and why hunting means so much to me even in a modern world.



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A serene environment that hunters thrive to protect.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

As the United States approaches the fiscal cliff, how should Congress and the President avoid this economic collapse (higher taxes, elimination of departments, etc.) ?



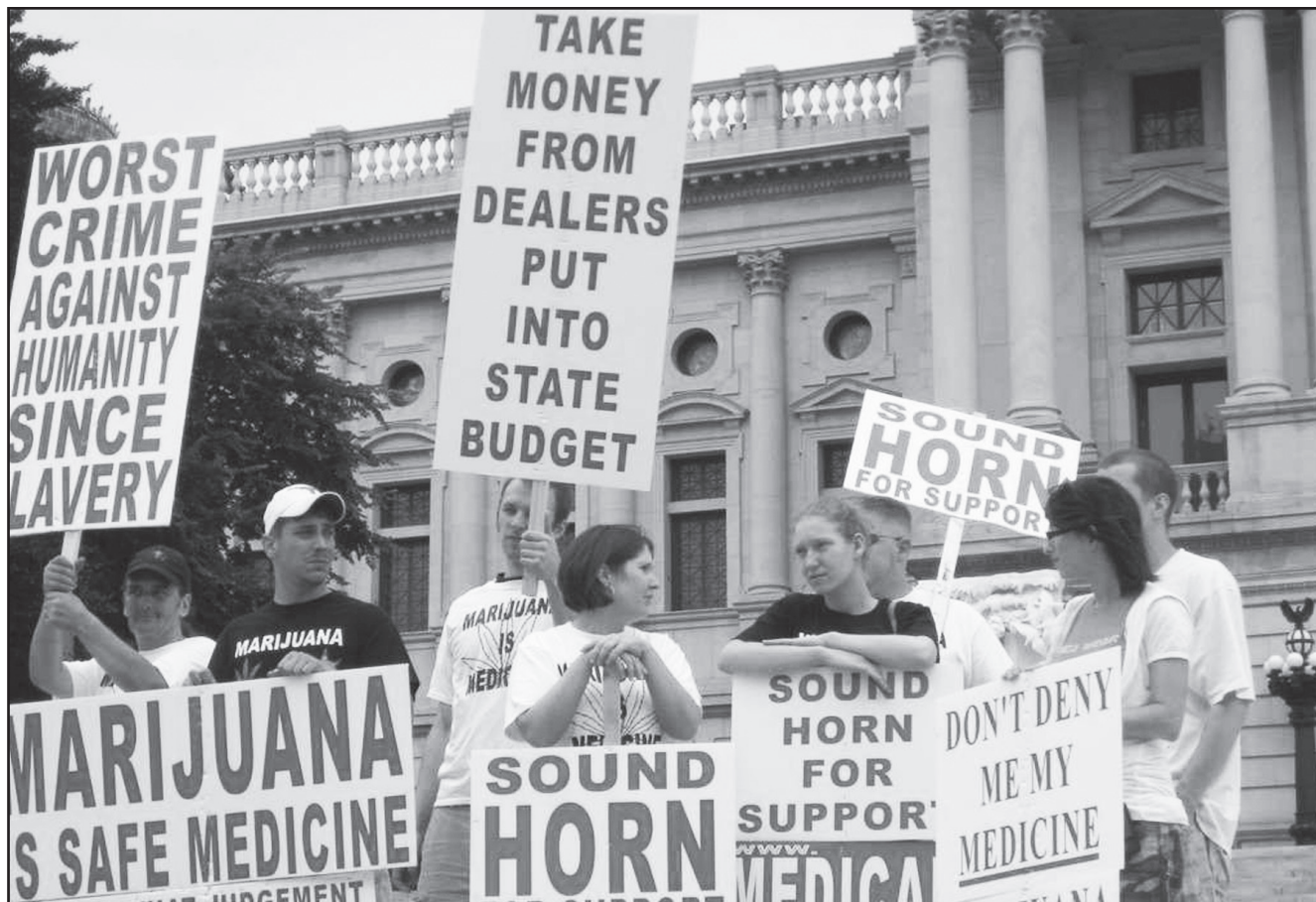
# The Toke of America

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A lot of questions linger around the legalization of recreational marijuana use in the states of Washington and Colorado. On November 6, both states passed referendums that legalized the personal use of marijuana, but both states are required by their referendum to create a system that regulates commercial producers and retailers of marijuana. By the time these state governments are able to put the licensing and regulatory measures into place, it could be 2014. This leaves the federal government time before it has to take any aggressive action against Colorado or Washington.

Under the United States Constitution federal law supersedes state law. Currently marijuana is considered a Schedule I Drug, under the U.S. Controlled Substances Act, which means the federal government acknowledges no health benefits to the drug and considers it as addictive as heroin or methamphetamine. The federal government would be within its limits to sue Washington or Colorado, and penalize both the states and the individual retailers and producers of the plant.

With that said, given the limited reaction of the federal government to medical marijuana, it is conceivable that little will be done to suppress the growth of statewide legal marijuana use. Currently eighteen states have legalized medical marijuana use, and very few dispensaries, relative



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Protesters, seen above, expressing their distaste with current marijuana laws. With the legalization of recreational usage in Colorado and Washington, the tide of legality may be turning.

to the total number, have been shut down by the federal government. The United States government will most likely wait until the regulatory systems have been put into place in both Colorado and Washington and only intervene if there are major negative impacts of marijuana legalization.

Rather, expect to see more corpo-

rate lobbyists pushing for reform to the national marijuana laws. For instance, it is likely that tobacco firms in Colorado will start selling cigarettes or cigars that include marijuana locally. National producers of tobacco products will then see their market share in Colorado decreasing and push to be able to sell tobacco products that include marijuana as well, on a national scale. Given the inability to test for levels of highness, from marijuana, unions will push for reform to include marijuana users as a protected group in labor laws until such laws are available. For example, if a person Washington smokes the plant on a Friday after work and is follicle drug tested a week later, he/she can be fired for drug use even though it had no effect on workplace performance.

Other states may follow suit by legalizing the use of marijuana recreationally and growing hemp industrially because of the economic benefits that Colorado and Washington expect to incur. Industrial hemp is used in the United States, but because it is illegal to grow, it must be imported.

Hemp is a more renewable and cheaper source of paper; it grows faster than corn and would provide a more efficient source of fuel. By allowing it to be grown in states that have legalized marijuana use, those states have received a commercial crop that is easy to grow and could eventually rival corn as the largest cash crop in the United States. Legalizing marijuana will also allow states to receive taxes from those who buy the plant.

Do not expect to see any immediate results of marijuana legalization in Washington and Colorado. Until the regulatory systems are put in place in those states marijuana use will remain recreational and out of public. The federal government has never made a point to attack personal users, and it will not start to wage a war on the personal use of marijuana. Until dispensaries have opened and state governments are collecting marijuana taxes, the legalization of marijuana is only a symbolic measure. When it is fully enacted, the culture of the nation will be discovered.



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The average weed smoker, just chillin' out and promoting free love. There's no hater here for this girl.

# Seven Kingdoms Fuses Metal, Pop

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Commonly known for the bludgeoning death metal movement of the '90s, Florida and its power metal newcomers are not exactly synonymous with one another. Seven Kingdoms, a band established late last decade, defies the Floridian stereotype of music fashioned just past hell's gates and instead focuses on lush, memorable melodies and explosive choruses not too far removed from the typical mainstream pop song. Ruthless guitar work reminiscent of Iced Earth lies in wait under layer upon layer of harmonic fantasy, making the band somewhat unique but at the risk of sounding trite. By nature, metal and pop are polar opposites, and when a fusion is executed poorly, the final product remains nothing more than a stain on that particular band's name. While Seven Kingdoms retains many of those formulaic pop elements, the end result is an absolutely phenomenal series of addictive choruses and celestial mid-range vocals that by far surpass the majority of the act's existing catalog.

Despite all the good talk, complications tend to set in for female-fronted bands. Similar acts have been accused of being gimmick, many of them rightly so, but in the case of Seven Kingdoms, the label is undeserved considering the hardships and slight line-up changes the members have endured. Generally, these kinds of groups use their female members only for their sex appeal, drawing in a "listening" crowd at the cost of future development. Because of the ploy, most fans do not stay interested long enough to



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Seven Kingdoms, pictured here, rocking out and whatnot.

see these kinds of bands outgrow their infancy stage and the act loses the drive to complete another album. In other words, the project dissolves.

Sabrina Valentine, heading Seven Kingdoms, might be suggestive of the gimmick, but the feeling quickly fades as listeners make their way through the track listing. Compared with previous releases, song writing is slightly stronger this time around, tighter and more indicative of the direction the band intends to take their music in and backed by a thicker production. Although the self-titled had better standout songs, *The Fire is Mine* is improved as a cohesive product, ironing out most of the inconsistencies of the prior albums while unfortunately holding one glaring similarity: as if Seven Kingdoms

did not learn from their past mistakes, two filler-like intro pieces, "Beyond the Wall" and "A Debt Paid in Steel," mar what is an otherwise excellent roster of 11 tracks and interrupt the flow a bit like an interlude placed smack dab in the middle of a play.

Nevertheless, having no place in power metal, perhaps the best change *The Fire is Mine* brings to the table is the omission of harsh vocals. Feeling like a stylistic identity crisis, past records tussled back and forth with death metal influence, particularly in the vocal department, and squandered much of the spotlight from Valentine. Giving her mid-range little room to breathe, Seven Kingdoms continued to trudge the long road toward finding a musical personality, but *The Fire is Mine* proves the act finally has

a concrete plan in hand and the ability to make it happen--unless planning goes completely awry, there is absolutely no reason the band cannot match the level of popularity reached by Kamelot, Epica, and others.

Only time will tell if that popularity is attainable, however. Initial response to *The Fire is Mine* has been overwhelmingly positive and the anticipation for the record seemed substantially bigger than the last, possibly evidence that the band is already part of the way there. Regardless of the situation, Seven Kingdoms sits at the current paramount of their discography and the next will have to work much harder to push *The Fire is Mine* from its pedestal. The band has already tamed the fire: all they have to do is run with it.

# Our Bells Are Ringing

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What does a common college life consist of? A few things on the list may be loud music, loud people, constant noise, and, especially at Wabash, the ringing of the Monon Bell. However, being the young and noisy men that we are does have repercussions. One of these can be a condition known as Tinnitus.

Tinnitus, or ringing in the ears, is a common condition. According to the Mayo Clinic, it affects about 1 in 5 people. Also, it's more of a symptom than a condition. Tinnitus has been found to be related to hearing loss, ear injury, or even a circulatory system disorder.

Now, in the effort to connect this with Wabash Men, let us look at the past few weeks, and the brave souls who have chosen to ring in the victory of our sports teams yet again. These men expose themselves to the harshness of the clanging of the bells day in and day out. We campus men clearly do not know just how dedicated they are to the prospect of ringing the Monon Bell. They are willing to carry that ring with them for days or even years to come. That is some serious dedication folks.

According to the Mayo Clinic, Tinnitus comes in two forms, Subjective and Objective. Subjective is ringing that only you can hear. It is akin to taking the Monon Bell in a small room by yourself and ringing it over and over. Objective is ringing that your doctor, upon further inspection, can hear. This is what we Wabash Students have been experiencing every day when we hear that wonderful ring of victory.

Let us take a moment to examine those instruments which allow us to hear that sweet sound. The ear is a marvelous thing. There are three different areas. These are the outer, middle, and inner ear. The outer ear is comprised of the pinna (ear flap) and the Meatus (Ear Canal). This is where sound enters, including loud dubstep music, and the screams of random men around one in the morning. Next, we have the middle ear. The middle ear is comprised of the eardrum, the hammer, the anvil, and the stirrup. This area allows for the vibrations from the sound waves, however pleasing or displeasing they may be, to travel into the inner ear. The inner ear is comprised of the cochlea, the semicircular canals, and the auditory nerve. This area is where the vibrations are sent to the brain to be composed into intelligible sounds. As nice as it would be to have an off switch on Friday nights when your neighbors are a bit too rowdy, no such off switch exists short of headphones (which can cause hearing loss at the "I can't hear you" volume) or a sharp object (which is a bit too drastic for me).

So, wherever we go we are subjected to the causes of Tinnitus. Just by aging we are subjected to a cause of Tinnitus. How can we deal with this "conflabbed ringin'" as my grandpa would say? It's easy. Either we lock ourselves in a soundproof room and enjoy quite time forever, or we practice some common sense. Don't overload the volume on headphones. In the absolute joy of victory, do not shove your head under the Monon Bell in order to "block out all sound other than the glorious bell", and just be kind to your ears.



# There and Back Again; A Guild Wars Tale

*How the MMO sought to trap me in its enticing web*

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CAVELIFE EDITOR

I will admit; I was an avid World of Warcraft Player in High School. It was the best of times, the summer before my senior year and I was raiding Black Temple with my super-pro guild, number three on the server in terms of progression. I was the youngest person in the raid crew, playing my mage, Thalnos, wading into battle and turning everything into sheep. It was wonderful, playing from 11pm to 4am (I was on a pacific coast server and everyone in the guild worked so we started late), getting fat loots, downing impossible bosses. It got me addicted.

That summer I played for hours each day trying to get the best gear and items, acquiring gold even though I really didn't need it, farming elementals. I always made up the story that I would sell my account, with its three geared 70's (the max level

at the time), for money, hence why I was playing so much, but the real reason was that I was totally addicted.

I'm addicted to many things now, so I know how it feels. The undying urge to play, the need to be the best mage on the server (I was number 4 at my highest point with one of my guildies edging me out for number 3); I thirsted for WoW. But, there is hope in this story, I kicked the habit. Yes, I tried to play Wrath of the Lich King but I really didn't enjoy it, and yes, I got back together with my guild and did a single raid in Cataclysm, but I stopped short after and completely deleted my account, getting rid of any hope for playing again thereafter.

Now my days are dotted with games of League of Legends, a causal little MoBA with nothing to prove. It's hard to get addicted to because the games are so lengthy and the people are so bad that I don't like playing for long periods of time. But there's always that itch, the want to play an



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World of Warcraft, on the other hand, makes it seem like you're playing alone, surrounded by other people



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There's a feeling of grand involvement in guild wars. From the emphasis on server versus server pvp to the constant grouping of everyone on the server, the game builds a great community and a great feeling of involvement.

MMO again. I've always liked RPGs, from Final Fantasy to Golden Sun, I love RPGs. I think they're super fun, but that itch is hard to scratch here without using my computer to do so.

Emulators are unreliable, especially for newer games, so I had to find a way to play an RPG reliably. At first I played Golden Sun, Dark Dawn, but I beat that in a week of its release last time I played it and this time it was babytown-frolics level easymode. I played Pokemon Black 2 but the Emulator was buggy and it made me stop playing. And then I remembered something Ian Grant told me about, Guild Wars 2.

The Guild Wars series is widely regarded as the MMO that people play

when they are sick of WoW, and I can understand why I rushed off to Gamestop, bought the game (I liked the concept of having the physical disks for once) and started to play. I can understand why people prefer it over WoW.

The graphics and landscapes are wonderful and not cartoony. The Races aren't tired clichés of fantasy races everyone knows. Instead of Trolls, Orcs, Elves, and Goblins, There is only one race that seems normal, the humans. Then the classes are incredibly diverse. Each class' abilities are based on the weapon they carry, with five different spells per weapon.

It made the game diverse. I made a thief, then an elementalist(mage, essentially). I fell in love with the el-

ementalist class. 4 different kinds of spells (fire, water, earth, air), that all change dependent on weaponry? Sign me up. And then, everyone in the world is constantly in a group. There are no factions, no wars, just conflicts with NPC races everyone is trying to solve. When a big kill comes up, we all work together to take it down.

It was so lovely that I found myself playing it way too much. The day I got it, I played for a solid 8 hours, and I realized, it was going to control me, like WoW. I learned from my mistakes, and now I limit myself to a very small amount each day.

It's nice. I can co-exist with GW2. It doesn't control me. So check it out because it's a totally awesome game.

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# Red Pack Returns To Nationals

FABIAN HOUSE '16  
STAFF WRITER

Resurgence on the cross-country team hit a high point as the Red Pack celebrated their second-place finish last Saturday in the Great Lakes Regional. With the finish, the Red Pack automatically qualified for the NCAA Division III National Championship for the third straight year. Unlike their performance in the conference meet, the Regional Meet was one of their best performances of the year.

Four Little Giants earned All-Regional Honors, with Shane Hoerbert leading the way with his 10th place finish, Dalton Boyer placed 16th, Billy McManus finished 22th, and Nick Boyce added 27th. Senior Jake Waterman was just short of All-Regionals with his 36th place finish.

Coach Busch described Saturday's weather as perfect for running. "It was windy and cold. It was a good day to run cross country," he said.

The weather did not faze Shane Hoerbert, who credited the team's finish to great performances from each individual. "It's the best we've raced so far this season; we still didn't pack it up like we needed to. I think we had everyone perform well and we got out of it [Regionals]. I think if we can pack it up this weekend at Nationals, we could go further than what a lot of people are expecting us to do," he said.

On a similar note, Billy McManus was equally impressed with the resilience of his teammates. "We got the job done, we ran pretty well. Obviously, Shane and Dalton both had a great day. Our four, five, six, seven guys all got the job done. They are the most important part to get those points, and we were where we needed to be."

Coach Busch also felt the team had



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For the second year in a row the Red Pack will be returning to the National meet. The sophomore class makes up the backbone of the team, which means trips to Nationals could become a regular occurrence.

a great performance. "They ran well, they ran really well. Did we run great? No. But rarely do all seven guys run great," he said. Busch also saw where there was room to grow. "We know we can run better," he said. "We spent the last two or three weeks really training hard in hopes we would get through [Regionals]. This week we run hard on Tuesday and then get ready for the National Championship."

All season long the Busch has hounded his runners for lacking a killer instinct on the course. The coaches were never satisfied, and the runners knew they had another level to reach

before the post season came around. Time after time, the runner's performance became better, their times became faster and team chemistry developed. The culmination of the team's killer instinct will be Saturday at the National meet in Terra Haute.

The team's backbone has consisted of sophomore for the entire season, but that doesn't mean they have been without upperclassmen leadership.

As the lone senior on the team, Jake Waterman looks back on the season with no regrets. Although track is his primary sport, Waterman has found his niche on the team and has

played an important role since joining the Red Pack. "We didn't have the same line-up we had last year but we were a bit deeper this year. I have really taken cross country seriously to the point that I can actually run on varsity, and as the only senior on the cross country team I feel like I have had some degree of confidence thrust on me." Waterman points to pre-meet preparation as one of his best contributions to the team. "It's a very young team this year, so . . . I try to impart whatever experience I have upon them. My goal this year has not been so much to run fast but also to show

the guys how to prepare for races."

Having lost three of the top five runners to graduation, the Red Pack had a target on its back going into Regionals. For the Little Giants to still be able to earn a second place team finish is a great accomplishment. Coach Busch credits Regionals to the steady running the cross country team has put in over the summer. With one more week left, the Red Pack wants to finish a strong year by defying all odds and earning a top place finish at Nationals.

## Transfers, Freshmen Relish First Bell Game

JOCELYN HOPKINSON '15  
STAFF WRITER

The 2013 senior class capped off its perfect Monon Bell game record Saturday when Wabash defeated De-pauw 23-0. The Little Giant seniors made enough plays for the victory en route to becoming the first Wabash class to win all four Bell games since 1979. Inexperienced Little Giants were just as important in the win.

Junior transfer-student Jon Laird and freshmen Tyler McCullen, Justin Woods, and Tre Taylor played key roles in the game.

"This game is definitely eye opening," Taylor said. "I started getting excited for this game when the bleachers started going up."

Close to 9,000 fans—roughly three-quarters of which were Wabash—witnessed these young men in their first Bell game. Woods, a starting safety and kick returner, played at a largely populated high school so the large crowd didn't make him too nervous. His biggest fear was that the Wabash crowd wouldn't be big enough.

"Guys told me the game sells out every year but I kept seeing all the

e-mails selling tickets," he said. "I was worried there wouldn't be many Wabash fans here but there they were and they were great all game."

Fans at Hollet Little Giant Stadium were not the only ones to witness the game. AXS TV (formerly HD Net) broadcasted the game nationwide with Matt Hudson '10 reporting from the sideline. Television created a wrinkle Wabash players were not used to.

"The TV timeouts made it feel like we were standing there for five minutes waiting on the referee to allow us to play," Taylor said. "We had some extra rest but it was frustrating to have the play ready and not be able to go out and run it."

The TV timeouts were not the only obstacle first-time players had to overcome. The build-up during Bell week showed players how important the game is. Laird and McCullen had less an idea the atmosphere they would compete in.

"When I looked out my window [in college hall] this morning and saw all those people out there, it really hit me," Laird said. "The butterflies were there all the way up to the first play. After that, it was just another

game and I calmed down a little bit."

"I didn't know what it was going to be like coming into it," McCullen said. "It's obviously a bigger game so there are more nerves. It took about a quarter to settle down but after that I was good to go."

McCullen settled into a 3-tackle effort on the day; 1.5 tackles went for a loss. All four of the first-time Bell game players stepped up. Woods led the team with 7 tackles while the receiver Laird chipped in with 2 long catches for a total of 67 yards. Taylor rotated at center and helped Wabash pound out 275 rushing yards.

"Seniors made us play hard today," Taylor said. "We had a great week of practice because of that group. We just wanted to go out there and get the win for them."

"This game set the tone for next season and it's a great way to send the seniors out," McCullen added.

Next fall, these Little Giants will look to build a legacy of their own.

### This Weekend in Wabash Sports

#### Friday:

Swimming	Woehnker Invite	7:00pm
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#### Saturday:

Wrestling	Concordia Open	9:00am
Cross Country	National Meet	11:00am
Basketball	Manchester College	3:00pm

#### Sunday:

Basketball	Albion College	1:00pm
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# Grapplers Prepare For First Meet

**BEN BRADSHAW '15**  
**STAFF WRITER**

After the success of the Red and White Duals at home last Thursday, the wrestling team is looking forward to getting into the regular season.

The Red and White Duals provided a chance for experienced Wabash grapplers to shake off the rust and for new members of the team to gain experience competing in front of fans at the collegiate level. Coach Brian Anderson was pleased with the way the internal meet played out. "Everyone did an outstanding job and there were some very impressive matches. In the Duals, we were able to see our freshman cut it loose in a real match format for the first time and they did great," Anderson said.

While many students will be heading home as soon as possible after classes release on Friday, members of the wrestling team will remain on campus. The team will head to Concordia University in Wisconsin, where it will face its first regular season challenge of the year. The meet, which the team competed well in last year, is the largest open wrestling team in Wisconsin. Anderson noted there will be many top D-II and D-III schools at the tournament, making it a great test for the program.

Though the tournament is large, Anderson believes all of the team's athletes will do well. Anderson specifically mentioned a group of athletes he trusts will advance far into the tournament. This group includes: Tommy Poynter and Marc Escobedo

(125 lbs), Tim Locksmith (133 lbs), Reece LeFever (157 lbs), Jake Strausbaugh (165 lbs), Conner LeFever (174 lbs), Mark Myers (184 lbs), and Austin O'Neal (197 lbs). Last year in this tournament, both Strausbaugh and O'Neal saw success. Strausbaugh finished 6-0 and won the 149-pound weight class, while O'Neal's performance earned him a fifth place finish in the 197-pound weight class.

With the tournament fielding five Top-20 teams in D-III wrestling, the competition will be fierce. These ranked teams include Wartburg (1), Elmhurst (4), Whitewater (5), Stevens Point (15), and Augustana (17). "Needless to say, there will be some very tough individuals in this tournament, so our guys are going to have to be ready in the opening round," Anderson said.

Though the team hasn't faced much competition thus far this season, off-season training will surely begin to reap its benefits on Saturday. Coach Anderson noted several strengths that have been evident in the team so far this year. "The team is buying into the training and doing a great job focusing in practice on the technique we are throwing at them. They are picking things up very quickly, which is allowing us to move through things much quicker than previous seasons," Anderson said.

The coaching staff aren't the only ones excited for the first regular season meet of the season. Athletes on the team—both veterans and newcomers—are ready to compete on



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A talented freshman class will face live competition for the first time Saturday at the Concordia Open.

Saturday and see the work they've put into the off-season begin to pay dividends. "Concordia is will be a tough tournament, but it's a great season opener. The meet will be a great experience because everyone on the team will have the opportunity to wrestle," Aaron Davis '14 said.

Heading into the tournament, expectations are high for the Little Giants, who return many top athletes

from last year's program and recruited a strong freshmen class in the off-season. "I expect big things from them and so do they. I don't expect anything but a good performance from the guys wrestling this weekend; they are ready to start cutting it loose against other programs," Anderson said.

Fortunately for the grapplers, regardless of their performance at Saturday's meet, they will be given the

remainder of Thanksgiving Break to return home. "They have been doing the right things up to this point and are very deserving of a nice break at home with their families over the holiday. It will also allow them a little break to take care of some bumps and bruises, so when they return they will be ready for a tough stretch of competition," Anderson said.

## Coaching, Teaching Workshop Aims For Increased Engagement

**RYAN LUTZ '13**  
**SPORTS EDITOR**

Track and Field Coach Morgan expressed his belief that the athletic field was merely an extension of the classroom at Tuesday's Teaching and Coaching workshop. The workshop's goal was to allow professors and coaches an opportunity to further engage students in the classroom and on the field.

"We want to know what really engages students," Profes-

sor of English, Crystal Benedicks said. "Because students will really push themselves to for a coach, and love it. So we are trying to understand how to do that in a classroom."

The Teaching and Learning Committee sponsored the workshop. The committee's job is to provide opportunities for faculty and staff to become better teachers. It was not until the beginning of the school year that the committee thought of adding coaches to the mix.

"We are all teaching and mentoring at some level," Benedicks said.

Student-athletes make the relationship with their coach an important part of Wabash. The deeper relationship with their coach allows for more accountability in practice and athletic events. During the workshop Cross Country Coach Roger Busch said that he took his national qualifiers out to dinner and was able to name his qualifier's parents by first name. That level of engagement is what pro-

fessors are seeking to transfer from the athletic fields to the classroom.

"It's an area that a lot of faculty don't have access to," Benedicks said. "I think that we can learn a lot from each other."

At its most basic level it's all pedagogy. The take away question that professors were left with was how they could transfer that level of excitement. "It's a reorientation of purpose," Busch said.

One way that the coaches tried to reorient that purpose was through a focused approach on academics, as well as athletics. All three coaches elaborated on how they were able to shift that focus from the field to the classroom.

"I try my hardest to prepare them for life after Wabash," Morgan said. "I also tell them about our saying W.I.N. It means 'what's important now' and it's something that our guys live by."

Coach Busch shared his tactics as well, "I tell my guys that it's like a 40 hour work week," he said. "You break down everything that you need to do in the week and it comes out to about 10 hours a week for studying, which is the bare minimum of a place like this. We are just trying to let them see that they have a luxury right now where all they need to do is sleep and study."

Lastly, Coach Corey Stevens stated that he also encouraged the faculty to approach him if any of his baseball players were skipping class or having issues with academic work.

The workshop exhibited great insight by the coaches on how to actively engage their students on the practice field. Yet, transferring that

sort of excitement to the classroom remained an ongoing discussion.

The relationship between a student and a coach is a two way street, but the relationship between a student and professor is largely seen as one sided. The committee brainstormed ideas of how to change that. Some of the ideas focused on developing a better relationship with students, making sure students know each other, and making sure professors explain that a student's engagement in a class matters.

Some other ideas that came from the workshop were class GPA goals; mid-semester meetings and giving students hope to rebound from a bad test grade, similar to how they would bounce back from a bad athletic performance. The workshop ended shortly thereafter, but many left with a positive outlook. "I think it was an important step in opening up the dialogue between faculty and the coaches," Professor Herzog said.

Often times there are suspicions or misunderstandings between the faculty and the coaches. The workshop brought to light that fact that both sides have the student's best interests at heart. And the reception the workshop gained indicates that the communication lines between faculty and coaches will remain open.



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The workshop was the first of many in an attempt to increase student engagement in the classroom.



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# Little Giants Shut Out Tigers For Sweep

## *First Wabash Sweep Since 1979*

JOCELYN HOPKINSON '15  
STAFF WRITER

The Wabash College senior football players ended their careers with a “ring” Saturday when the team defeated DePauw for the fourth consecutive year in the 119th Monon Bell Classic, 23-0. It’s the first time since 1979, and just the tenth time ever, a Wabash senior class won the coveted Monon Bell all four years. “I don’t think it has set in yet,” senior corner back Austin Hodges said. “It’s my last game ever and winning the Bell, my emotion is all over the place. I definitely wanted to win for these seniors and happy I went out with the guys I came in with.” In his final game, Hodges snagged an interception and delivered a bone-crushing hit in which he separated the ball from the receiver. Saturday’s victory extended Wabash’s lead in the all-time series to 57-53-9. The 2012 Little Giants

used the formula which led them to 8 wins on the year—a stifling defense and a bruising run game. They overcame a sloppy first half which consisted of 14 penalties for more than 100 yards. Junior running back Tyler Holmes helped offset the penalty yardage with 169 hard-earned yards on 33 carries and a touchdown. Coach Erik Raeburn complimented Holmes’ effort this season. “The last three weeks, he has been banged up,” Raeburn said. “But with all the injuries we’ve had at running back, he’s had to really carry the load and not get as much of a breather as we were able to give him earlier in the season. He gutted it out and did a great job for us.” Holmes eclipsed the 1000-yard mark for the season, becoming the first Wabash runner to do so since 2003. He finished the season second in the North Coast Athletic Conference in rushing yards despite missing

three games to start the year. He admitted he was physically worn down. “I’m not going to lie to you guys anymore, I’m hurt,” he confessed. “I was a step slow, my knee has been tweaked, and just a compilation of other things. But it was the last game and it was the Bell game so I had to come out here not matter what and fight through it.” The Little Giants had 275 yards on the ground compared to the Tigers’ mere 35. The running game’s success led to dominance in time of possession as well—39:46 for Wabash, 20:14 for DePauw. Scoring started in the second quarter when senior quarterback Chase Belton tossed his final touchdown pass as a Little Giant. Junior Sean Hildebrand tip-toed along the back line of the end zone as he gathered the ball to give Wabash the lead. The score was 9-0 heading into half time after an Ian MacDougall field goal.

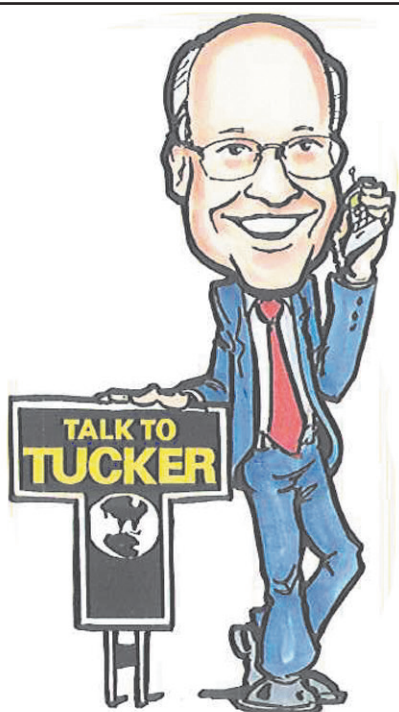
Holmes dove for his touchdown on a nine-yard run half way through the third quarter. The 12 play, 72-yard drive was extended by a roughing the punter penalty against DePauw. Senior Troy Meyers capped his career with a 5-yard touchdown run late in the fourth quarter for the final, 23-0. The Tigers never sniffed the end zone. They crossed mid field once at the end of the first half, only to punt six yards later. That drive was also by far their longest drive of the day; it took 3:21 off the clock. Freshman safety Justin Woods led all Wabash tacklers with 7. Linebackers Nate Scola and AJ Akinribade had 6 and 5, respectively. Denzel Wilkins, Cody Buresh, and JT Henning each had 4. In the last four meetings, Wabash has an astounding point differential of +121 over DePauw, highlighted by two home shutouts and a 45-7 victory last year in Greencastle. The near

future of the rivalry looks bright for Wabash too. DePauw’s program is in turmoil after a mid-season coaching change and 2-8 record. Meanwhile, under the steady guidance of Raeburn and his staff, the Little Giants finished a “disappointing” 8-2—the only disappointment being they didn’t make the playoffs. The season was a humbling one for them, and the coaching staff and younger players already have their eyes set on next year. “We’ll go back to work in the off season,” Raeburn said. “The seniors ended a great career. For a Wabash guy, I can’t think of a better way to go out, but the young guys have to go back to work. We let some games this year slip through our fingers that we could have won. So we still have a lot of work to do.”



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Above are some snapshots from Saturday’s Bell Game. The game marked the first time that a Wabash class had gone 4-0 in the Bell Game since 1979.



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