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SCOTT MORRISON '14
NEWS EDITOR

Dr. Gregory Hess, who was named the 16th President of Wabash College on Saturday, wants to approach Wabash's future with ambition and execution.

Hess, currently the Dean of the Faculty and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Claremont McKenna College (CMC), was very direct during his finalist visit to campus and touched on some of the financial issues and other challenges facing Wabash and liberal arts colleges. First and foremost, Hess wants to form strong bonds with College leaders and to become acclimated with the College's daily operations and general fiscal planning.

"There is a great deal of good work that has been done through the Board of Trustees (and other parts of the College) that have evaluated some of these issues about financial planning, financial aid, and all those topics," Hess said. "I think it will be important for me to just start getting informed. One of the things I will be doing my first chance at Wabash is to listen to a lot of different constituents and then try to set a course that continues to develop the excellence of the institution. I am hoping to make that mark pretty early be-

cause I think we need to set a course."

A common theme from the presidential finalists when they were each on campus was the future of liberal arts colleges and how Wabash would weather the financial and admissions challenges on the horizon. "The colleges that I think are going to do best moving forward are those with really distinctive missions," Hess said. "But a mission is never enough; it is all about your execution and ambition level. We are going to emphasize excellence, ambition, and execution throughout the institution. Not only are we going to be a male liberal arts college, but we are going to try to work on being the best place for any man to get educated."

Despite all of the planning and research ahead, Hess also understands the importance of becoming involved in the lives of students, faculty, and community members. Wabash prides itself on the close interactions between faculty, staff, and students. "Lora and I will be huge fans of the institution and really try to get involved with student life, recognizing that a president has a lot of other types of responsibilities too," Hess said. "I have good relationships with students at CMC, and I plan on making that one of the hallmarks of my presidency at Wabash."

While there are similarities be-



IAN BAUMGARDNER | WABASH '14

Dr. Gregory Hess was the last presidential finalist to come to campus, and was named the 16th President of Wabash College by the Board of Trustees last Saturday. Hess is looking forward to the adventures and challenges that are ahead of him once he arrives at Wabash, and this direct enthusiasm shone through in his speech to the students and faculty.

tween CMC and Wabash, Hess will have a lot of adjusting to do when he arrives in Crawfordsville. One of his favorite CMC traditions is enjoying Rice Krispie Treats at 3 p.m. each day. That routine serves as a chance for people at CMC to come together and socialize. While CMC traditions will be left behind, Hess looks forward to a new chapter that will give him the opportunity to develop new relationships.

"Lora and I are incredibly excited and honored to be joining Wabash, and I am looking at it as a great adventure," Hess said. "There are so

many impressive things about Wabash that I want to embrace. So I see the upside as huge and real here."

The future is uncertain, but Hess has high hopes and plans for Wabash to continue to thrive as one of the top liberal arts colleges in the country. "We are going to drive [the College] with excellence and with some entrepreneurial thinking which means that you have to take some calculated risks on developing new activities and you also have to be ready to manage those risks," Hess said. "That means you need a good team in place to be the eyes and ears out there and give you

good advice when things are working and in particular when things are not working. We are going to try some new things and we are going to do them well within the culture of Wabash. But we are going to try to expand students' opportunities for the future."

Hess was selected from a pool of three finalist candidates which included Dr. Richard Myers and Dr. Roger Brooks. President Patrick White will remain as President of the College until Hess officially takes office July 1.

Increased Focus Given to Re- tention Rates

TYLER HARDCASTLE '15
STAFF WRITER

Wabash is not insulated from problems that affect higher education and arguably has unique issues of its own. Periods of change and transition often bring issues and potential issues to light. The past presidential search has certainly been no exception. In keeping with Wabash tradition, Wabash students showed no reticence in the candidate presentations and conversations on campus. One especially salient concern at the start of the spring semester is student retention.

According to Dean of Students Michael Raters, the retention rate from first semester to second semester is 95%. This rate is quite high when compared to averages for liberal arts colleges. The most common measure of retention is taken between the freshman and sophomore years. National averages have ranged from just over 50% to upwards of 80%. These averages are necessarily not representative for Wabash as they include a broad array of four-year institutions.

According to a U.S. News Education report, if Wabash's 95% rate carried through to sophomore year it would rank the College among the top 25 liberal arts schools. This study measured retention averages from 2007 to 2010. Within these years, U.S. News reported our average retention rate at 86%. This rate is on par with similar schools and well above historical national averages.

"Retention issues are more of pocket issues," Raters said. "[We should ask] what groups of the student population do not return. The best an-



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Associate Dean of Students Will Oprisko helps perform sophomore interviews which gauge how students are fairing at Wabash through their first years.

swer is that it's complicated. It's not just that Wabash is too hard, or expensive, or single sex - multiple relevant components are at work which gives us multiple factors to look at."

Raters and others within the Dean of Students' Office look for students that may become dissatisfied with the student body. Many long-term areas of concern have been minority students, independent students, and a rising concern in students that come to play sports and later choose not to. These "pockets" represent areas that have presented reasons for concern in the past in terms of retention. Students in athletics may become a more current issue in the coming years.

"Seventy percent of freshman students are student athletes this year," Raters said. "This means rosters will be filling up in ways they haven't in the past."

Raters and the Dean of Students' office have not seen this as a problem yet, but are planning ahead to be sure it does not become one. This can be as simple as working with coaches, faculty, and maintaining an open dialogue.

Raters also cautions that retention may not be a determinate of success or failure. While some students do not finish their education at Wabash, others transfer in from other schools. As Raters said, "Sometimes it's just not a good fit."

No End in Sight for Gun Debate

CORY KOPITZKE '14
STAFF WRITER

In 2008, in District of Columbia v. Heller, the United States Supreme Court held that an individual has a constitutional right to possess a firearm under the Second Amendment of the Constitution. That right, they said, is unconnected with service in a militia and is to be exercised for lawful purposes, such as self-defense. That decision, however, left open for debate the kinds of gun control laws that can be in harmony with the Second Amendment. Now, in the wake of the recent Newtown school shooting which left 20 children and six adults dead, lawmakers under the direction of President Obama and Vice President Biden are attempting to solve the issue of mass shootings. Some of the President's proposals include a ban on assault weapons, a limit of 10 rounds to a magazine, and universal background checks for anyone purchasing a gun, even in private sales between individuals.

Andrew Dettmer '15 acknowledged that he would be largely affected by the new legislation if it were to pass, noting that he owns weapons that would be made illegal to purchase under new law. "I own two AR-15s that would be banned under the 1994 assault weapons ban, and at least one AR-15 that would be illegal under the new proposed ban," Dettmer said.

In Dettmer's opinion, the efforts by the President are not a matter of constitutionality as some gun-rights activists argue. "I just do not think it is going to work," Dettmer said. "The fact of the matter is, and even the Justice Department acknowledges this, what is classified as an assault weapon is only used in .2% of gun crimes....And when they ban certain guns, new guns become popular and become the problems for society."

Although the President's efforts have been met with opposition from the large lobbying body of the National Rifle Association (NRA), people on both sides of the issue do seem to be agreeing with the implementation of universal background checks when individuals purchase firearms. Researchers from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health conducted a survey from January 2-14, 2013, and found that of 2,703 people polled, 84.3% of gun owners and 89.9% of non-gun owners support universal background checks. Dettmer counts himself among this number.

"I am completely fine with universal background checks," Dettmer said. "I believe that everyone should have the right to buy a gun, but you should be able to limit the amount of people who have

access to guns by having certain undesirable people not be able to own them, such as felons, people with mental illness, and people who could be identified as at risk individuals."

People on both sides of the issue are also agreeing that something needs to be done, whether it is implementing new legislation, or strengthening and enforcing current laws. Dettmer noted that he believes the problem is with modern society, not with guns themselves.

"This is not a gun problem; this is a societal problem," Dettmer said. "What we need to do is look at what is causing the gun crimes."

As both sides attempt to use statistics in their favor and both acknowledge the importance and severity of the situation lawmakers in the House and Senate attempt to present a solution. On January 15th, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo signed into legislation stricter gun laws for the state that included universal background checks and bans on semi-automatic weapons with "military-style features." On Wednesday, the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee refused to endorse Senator Dianne Feinstein's assault weapons ban. With these recent developments, it seems the debate over gun control will continue, at least into the near future.

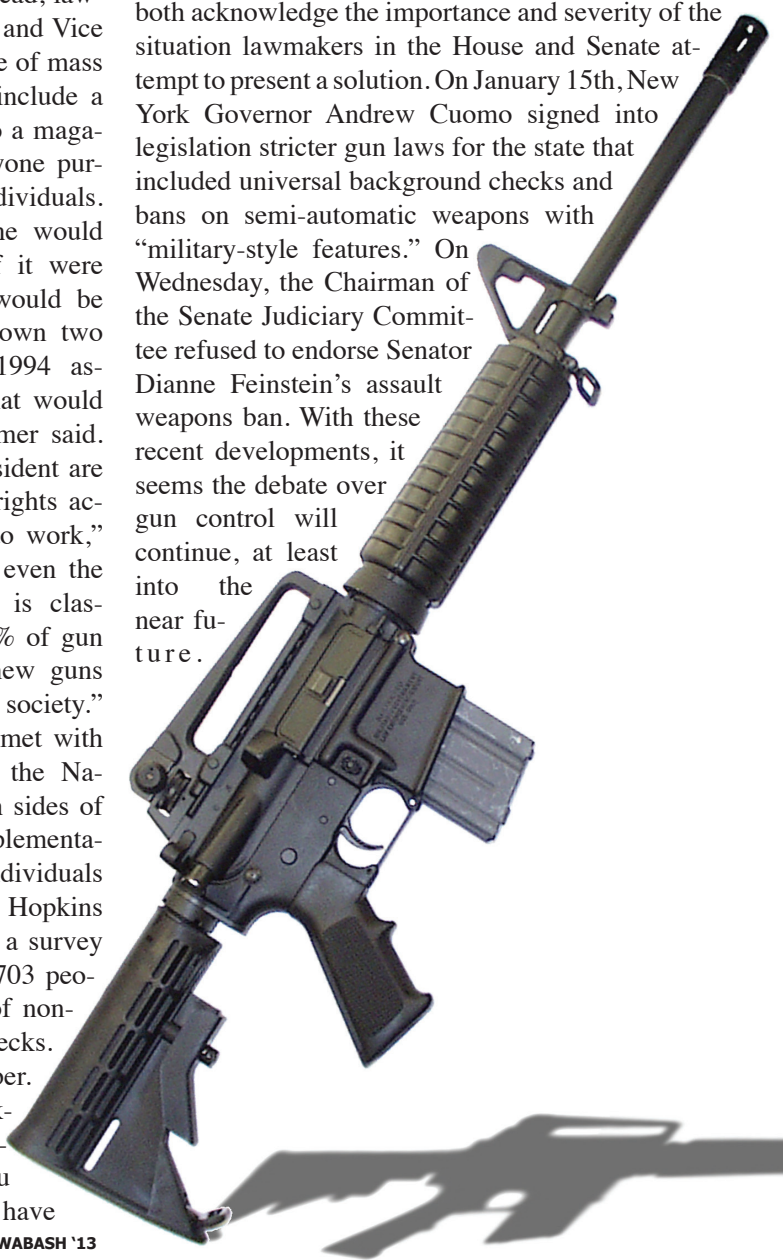


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Baxter Hall

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Sunday, February 3
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Baxter Hall

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Tuesday, February 5
IFC Meeting 11:10 a.m.

RA Meeting 11:45 a.m.

Student Senate Meeting
7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 6
Wabash Wellness Biggest Loser 11 a.m. Allen Center

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Thursday, February 7
Chapel Talk: Professor Bill Cook 11:15 a.m.

Sundes '16 Bring Legacy of Musical Talent

**TYLER HARDCASTLE '15
STAFF WRITER**

Students here may walk by Ian Sunde '16 and Andrew Sunde '16 without looking twice. The two brothers from Connecticut share a birthday, but are not identical twins. They have different academic interests. Ian just finished pledgeship at Phi Kappa Psi, and Andrew is an Independent living in Martindale. What they do have in common is a passion and talent in music.

"We started when we were four and have been playing ever since then. We've both played multiple instruments, but I've stuck with the viola," Andrew said.

"And I play the Violin. I've tried the Viola a few times, but that hasn't worked out so well," Ian finished.

The two were certainly exposed to music from an early age. In addition to coming from a musically inclined family, they attended school in a community that, if not a magnet for music, certainly had quite competitive programs. This school took Ian and Andrew around the world.

"Together, we've now been to Italy twice, Austria, and Germany," Andrew said. "We've played at different churches and palaces along the way."

They have also been to several other countries in Europe, including France and Switzerland. They often traveled

with various orchestral or ensemble groups formed through their school and community. Both still appreciate the experience of playing in concert halls and churches with close friends. This strong passion for music and a Wabash connection jointly led to their selecting Wabash.

"Our Dad coming here was a big help," Andrew said. "I don't know whether or not we would have found Wabash. We might have, but the legacy aspect was a big factor."

As with many students, Honors Scholar Weekend marked the decision point for Ian and Andrew. A positive experience coupled with the enticing Fine Arts scholarships ultimately brought them. Both now participate in the school's ensemble.

"A lot of our friends who go to other colleges say their music is almost a step down," Ian said. "The music here is similar to what we've played throughout."

The Wabash Ensemble is made up of students and adults from the surrounding areas. They practice as a group once a week and much more individually. Andrew explains that this unique composition brings an aspect of maturity and knowledge to the group.

Ian and Andrew started and participate in a quartet group at Wabash. Aside from a few practices, the small string instrument group has played at



COREY EGLER | WABASH '15
Ian and Andrew Sunde '16 have both played multiple instruments during their childhoods but they have stuck with violin and viola respectively.

events like the Christmas Festival of Music and Readings. They are also connecting and finding ways to be involved with the school in general.

"Students are always willing to help each other," Andrew said. "If I've got a paper I'll run it by my roommate and he'll check it out."

Ian is pursuing his interest in history, which he plans to major in. He is considering going into architecture in some capacity after graduating. Andrew is still quite open to consideration as to

his major. He hopes to study law after Wabash, specifically criminal justice. While the brothers have made many new connections with Wabash, they have not forgotten the ones back home.

Over break Ian and Andrew's former conductor contacted them with an invitation. Andrew explained, "After Sandy Hook, we went and played a vigil, it was freezing, but it was so well attended. People appreciate your performance, and I enjoy that."

Shank '16 Experienced Manhood Before Wabash

**TAYLOR KENYON '15
STAFF WRITER**

Wabash focuses on manhood from the Gentlemen's Rule to fraternity life, and everywhere in between. Ben Shank '16 began his manhood before even coming to Wabash. Years ago, Shank's father suffered a powerful stroke which left Shank as the man of the house for his four younger siblings. Thus, manhood was thrust into Shank's life at a much earlier time.

On July 9, 2010, Ben Shank's father, John Shank '89, suffered a major stroke that debilitated his lifestyle. The stroke prevented John Shank from practicing his career of oral surgery and some parental duties since his verbal ability and physical dexterity had been severely limited.

"[John Shank] can no longer speak or use his right arm," Ben Shank said. "He was an oral surgeon prior to that. Now he attends two to three therapy sessions per day."

"It forced me to step into a leadership role," he continued. "I had a lot more responsibility following that. A lot of

time spent driving siblings around, helping with homework, and other things a parent would do with my younger siblings, especially my youngest brother. It was harder on the younger siblings."

Each year, freshmen acclimate to college life in various ways. The responsibility thrust upon the freshmen is a part of the college experience that develops them as men. Shank is no different.

"The experience helped me definitely with responsibility – prioritizing, getting homework done" Ben Shank said. "I don't think the transition fazed me as much as other people because of that, so it was left of an adjustment. I definitely didn't know what I was getting myself into, there's always some kind of shock."

In addition to supporting his family, Ben Shank aided a family friend on the lapse of a disaster. Recently a streak of tornados pummeled around Tuscaloosa, Alabama; as a result, numerous residences and businesses were destroyed.

"She worked with horses, mostly rehab work. We had a few [horses] there.

My school had people raise money [for the disaster]. My sister and I organized a dress down day to help bring in money; we did that and we picked up a bunch of used clothes and sent them down. She's [now] built a new farm and is back on track," Ben Shank said.

When Ben Shank is not helping his family he trains with his horse at home in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Ben Shank rides in equestrian competitions ever since his parents introduced him to horses.

"My dad did it growing up and then when I was six or seven, my sister wanted a pony," said Shank. "We got a pony and then another horse. I hated horses until I was about nine or ten; then I rode a retired police horse and decided I liked it. We gradually accumulated horses and I began showing across the country."

According to Ben Shank, his father grew up around horses due to his rural home in Kendleville, Indiana; the combination of his father's past and his family's desire to have horses provided the combination that resulted

in Ben Shank riding in competitions. Ben Shank described equestrian competitions as combination of training and riding skill.

"You train the horse to do various maneuvers," Shank said. "Typically the horses live with a professional trainer. Initially the trainer rides them, but toward the end we train them on our own. You go to the show and get judged on how well the horse performs, but what the horse does depends on how good of a rider you are."

Manhood is not the easiest of things to come to terms with, especially in the face of tragedy. Despite the unfortunate circumstances, sometimes tragedy can make the man. Ben Shank undertook the lofty position of his father in order to ensure his siblings were cared for while also caring for and training his horse. In many ways, Shank followed the steps of his father in both the care for the younger siblings and the joining of fraternity Phi Gamma Delta; yet Ben Shank differentiates himself by entering manhood before even coming to Wabash.

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Philanthropy Chairs Increase Involvement

Campus Aims to Unite Philanthropy Efforts

PATRICK BRYANT '16
STAFF WRITER

Since Jacob Scherb '14 took over as the philanthropy chair of Phi Kappa Psi three semesters ago, many changes have occurred regarding the level of collaboration between Scherb and other fraternities on campus.

He said it began when he was approached by Sky King '15, now President of the IFC, to hold a meeting among all philanthropy chairs from the campus's fraternities. The group, which now meets weekly, is meant to streamline the philanthropic efforts of fraternities by holding collaborative projects. They do this while also making sure they could support the individual initiatives of each house without creating overlap, Scherb said.



PHOTO COURTESY OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
Peter Santa Maria '13 is Theta Delta Chi's philanthropy chair. Theta Delta Chi is actively supporting the fraternity's national charity, Autism Speaks, and Habitat for Humanity.

"We did a couple of group events, but mainly I wanted to stop the overlap," Scherb said. "[For example], at a football game, I didn't want to see two fraternities both collecting money for two charities because that takes away from each of them individually."

Peter Santa Maria '13, formerly the philanthropy chair at Theta Delta Chi, said the value found in the weekly meetings is the fact that fraternities can communicate their upcoming events in a way that other houses can provide manpower more so than a financial contribution by having that knowledge in advance.

"I think one of the nicest things now that we're having these meetings, is that we're actually going to have other houses that know about the events beforehand," Santa Maria said. "Now, instead of just buying in, if they know about it a few weeks beforehand they can actually get guys to help out."

Now that he is neither his fraternity's philanthropy chair nor the chairman of this group of fraternity chairs, Scherb said he sees improvement. Scherb is pleased with the fact that meetings now fall under the jurisdiction of the IFC and can better reach all fraternities on campus, not just the ones that were interested.

An issue that can potentially rise, though, from a streamlined process and focus to service coming from fraternities is a loss of each fraternity's identity and approach to service. However, Santa Maria said that he doesn't see these meetings as causing harm to the efforts of each individual house, but rather giving a

greater chance for success to those events that are meant to be campus-wide.

"The bigger campus-wide events, yeah it's going to become more of a 'Wabash thing,' but there are so many different things that each house [participates in]," Santa Maria said. "So you really don't lose that personal touch. Each house still has those little events that just those guys do, and I just think it helps to strengthen our campus-wide events that typically, just in the years that I've been here, fail horribly [without campus-wide attention and communication]."

Santa Maria said there is one thing he believes is lacking and he looks to see improvement on in the future – the approach philanthropy chairs take in service towards the Crawfordsville community.

"I think the biggest thing that is lacking is community involvement, honestly," Santa Maria said. "I think the philanthropy chair needs to take a bigger role in going out into the community more so than just going across campus."

Scherb said that if there's something he's learned in his time as a philanthropy leader on campus is



FRANCISCO HUERTA | WABASH '14
Ben Niksch '15 is currently serving as Fiji's philanthropy chair and has sat in on the weekly meetings that the chairs have started this semester. The meetings are part of a new initiative among the fraternities and campus as a whole to increase philanthropic work and campus unity when it comes to service.

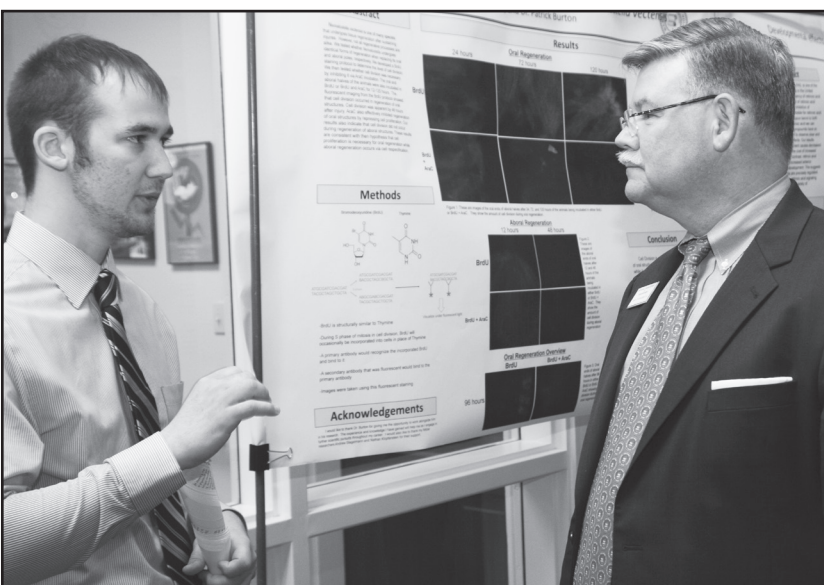
that his allocation of time and effort can achieve more by adjusting his approach, in this case as a leader.

"[I learned a lot about] the power of

groups and organizing," Scherb said.

"Sometimes it's more efficient to take a leadership role than necessarily jump in and just throw hours at everything."

Students Showcase Research



Kevin Downey '14, top left, and Andrew Stegelmann '14, bottom, both did research over summer at Wabash and presented at last Friday's Celebration of Student Research. Physics Department Chair James Brown was among faculty who took in the Celebration.



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Civil Rights are Human Rights Marriage Deserves Recognition

This past election cycle we started to see more states exercising powers on many hot button issues. From Colorado legalizing the recreational use of marijuana, to Washington State legalizing marriage equality, Americans watched as state legislatures began taking issues into their own hands. This opinion will focus on the issue of marriage equality.

As of January 2014, nine states have legalized marriage equality: Connecticut, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Vermont, and Washington—as well as the District of Columbia. These states have recognized the legitimate marriage between two men and two women as legal. These states have permitted the same benefits that heterosexual marriages allow to same-sex marriages such as issues



JACOB
BURNETT '15
OPINION
EDITOR

pertaining to healthcare, property, taxes, etc.

The Supreme Court of the United States will be considering the constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) this year. After the landmark Affordable Healthcare Act case of 2012, no one can predict the outcome of this case. However, in keeping with civil rights, I hope that the DOMA case goes to prove that federal government cannot define marriage in federal law as between a man and woman. The federal govern-

ment shouldn't define marriage at all.

When states recognize the legality of same-sex marriage and others don't, we hit numerous problems facing same-sex couples. One minute they are legally married, and once they cross into a different state with different laws, they are not. Unfortunately, that's not the same experience heterosexual couples experience. Once a man marries a woman their marriage is recognized in every state in the U.S. and the federal government. If a man marries a man in Maryland, the state recognizes the marriage, but the federal government and 41 other states do not. Therefore, with numerous conflicting laws on same-sex marriage, we face discontinuity and non-uniform ways to approach marriage. Same-sex marriage should either be outlawed or legal in the country. This would provide a consistent approach to handling the idea of marriage.

Obviously, I believe that same-sex marriage should be legally recognized and here is why: equality. I won't leave it simply at that even though that basically sums it up. I will now try my best to defend gay marriage within 750 words.

First and foremost, I will disregard arguments against marriage equality that lie in the Bible. Now, this does not say that I am an atheist, agnostic, or anything of the sort. I am saying that in a democracy, not theocracy, like America there is such a thing as separation between church and state. I am not denouncing that religion doesn't influence aspects of our country, but the idea that law must be dictated by the Bible usurps the basic ideas of the freedom of religion. There are many arguments that can be made regarding



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Marriage equality has become a national movement for equal rights.

the numerous aspects of the Bible and marriage equality, but out of respect I will not bring them up in this opinion.

You may think that same-sex marriage ruins the sanctity of marriage. Well, to be honest, with a 50 percent divorce rate running rampant in this country, marriage equality might be the last thing to "ruin" the sanctity of marriage. You may think that same-sex marriages are invalid because same-sex couples can't procreate. By this logic, sterile couples or couples that choose not to have children have invalid marriages. Arguments that gay couples show children that being gay is okay are correct. Prejudice is taught, not innate.

If you still think marriage equality is wrong, you are entitled to your opinion. That opinion, however, shouldn't infringe upon the inalienable rights of others.

With a President who has verbally recognized the possibility of same-sex couples becoming legally married, the country has a bright looking future. The repeal of "Don't Ask Don't Tell" and popular support for marriage equality is a prime example of "the times are a changing". With the nine states and District of Columbia recognizing gay marriage as legal and legitimate, and the sky not crashing down, I hope to see equality continue to spread in the years to come. This is a civil rights and 14th constitutional amendment issue. Marriage equality isn't gay rights it's human rights. I will leave you with this idea to ponder; once we start giving certain people civil rights, everyone is going to want them, and that is okay.

Wabash Needs Green Improvements

During the recent presidential search, "student recruitment" was a topic commonly found on the tongues of those involved. Several times, the College's rankings were also addressed in recognition that (whether or not we like it) our rankings are often one of the first things that potential Wabash men see. Now, while the argument can be made for the irrelevance of rankings, I think we can all agree that they can often give us insight into potential areas of improvement.

One possible improvement is the eco-friendliness and sustainability of our campus. In the most recent edition of The College Sustainability Report Card, Wabash College is sitting pretty with an overall D- grade. This wasn't exactly a surprise. In the years that the Report Card has been published, our highest grade has been a D. Contrast that with the hated Dannies, who have worked their way from a D- to a B- ranking in three years, and we seem like a college for dunces.

In fact, according to the Report Card website Wabash College "did not respond to any of the three administration surveys." If I'm reading this correctly, eco-friendliness at Wabash is such a low priority that we didn't even bother to send back a large portion of the questionnaire.

Now, as a proud Little Giant, this problem is hard for me to stomach. As students, we would all like to have opportunities to brag about our Alma Mater, but I can find little to be proud of in this situation.

However, such a statement isn't fair to the campus group Students For Sustainability, or the Environmental Concerns Committee. Nevertheless, these groups have limited scope, and to improve Wabash's approach to environmental issues, we are going to need cooperation from all levels of administration.



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Sure, you say, we can agree that Wabash isn't exactly "green." Still, how do we get to that point?

Let me begin by stating that the following ideas are far from novel. Many of these programs are actually being successfully employed at DePauw. While I'd prefer that Wabash be a leader in tackling the sustainability problem, we'll have to settle for following until we can

gain our feet and begin innovating.

Let's examine what Wabash is doing well. Motion sensors are used in many of the newer buildings on campus to save electricity. Also, the Wabash Community Garden has been operating for a few years and is responsible for donating food locally. Bon Appetit has also stressed the "Farm to Fork" program in recent years that advocates for individuals to purchase locally grown produce.

While these deeds are not to be diminished, Wabash needs to advocate for drastically increased awareness and involvement in eco-friendly initiatives.

One of the simplest ideas (which I hear may now be a source of discussion) is placing "water-filling stations" across campus. Water-filling



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Water-filling stations count the number of bottles saved by refilling water bottles.

stations succeed at many colleges, reducing plastic water bottle usage. Many colleges now present each incoming freshman with a BPA-free bottle to further encourage this program.

Another method for reducing waste is a tray-less buffet dining system at Sparks. Studies conducted at Indiana University and later replicated elsewhere show that preventing students from loading up trays with food has reduced food waste significantly. Simply removing the trays from our current Sparks system would likely reduce waste effectively as students select less food their first time through.

While there are many physical fixes to becoming a greener institution, one of the largest setbacks at Wabash is the lack of clear information. As far as I could tell from a simple website search, Wabash has no publicly stated sustainability goals or statistics available. This lies in stark contrast with institutions like DePauw, whose Office of Sustainability maintains a website section that gives a clear-cut idea of their past, current, and future projects along with their publicly-released carbon footprint information.

In short, in the face of increasing public environmental awareness, Wabash needs to actively pursue a more eco-friendly position. Not doing this puts us at risk to falling by the wayside while other institutions with their eye on the future answer the call for green living. We're already behind the times, and nothing short of a focused and unified movement towards sustainability can give us a green college that makes us proud.

Tea Party Sips Life From GOP

For many Republicans, myself included, election night 2012 was hard to stomach. Two years of rallying the troops to engage a vulnerable incumbent in Barack Obama culminated in a more disheartening loss than the 2008 electoral landslide. I don't know about the rest of the Republicans out there, but it took me about 12 hours to realize that—aside from four more years of the Obama agenda, which subsequently, and perhaps more dangerously, means at least two, and probably four more years of John Boehner leading the party—the GOP could turn this into the greatest single event since Ronald Reagan became a Republican.

To recognize how this could be a positive, you first have to recognize the problem, which too few people on the right have done. The Republican Party is like a hobbled bird that simply cannot fly because of a damaged wing, and its time to cut that wing—the Tea Party—off.

In 2010, the Republican Party won so many seats in the House during the midterm elections that it seemed like it would be in Republican control be-



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yond the foreseeable future. Tea partiers saw that as affirmation that their far-right wing candidates' messages were resonating in general elections. What they seemed to overlook was the reason the Tea Party assembled in the first place—what they believed to be an infringement on individual liberty through laws such as the Affordable Care Act. In reality, the majority of voters in the 2010 midterm were single-issue voters, and that single issue was the Affordable Care Act. The Tea Party candidates got lucky when they were on the ticket at the right time.

So, when May 2012 rolled around the Tea Party came out and won several primaries. Then November came, and the American public delivered a lesson on the median voter theorem. The bottom line of the message was



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Sarah Palin, a proponent of the Tea Party, delivers a speech at a rally.

this: the Tea Party is too far right to produce enough electable candidates. Those tea partiers who claim they are trying to restore conservative principles have fatally missed that fundamental electoral fact. What the Tea Party is really doing is getting Democrats elected.

Take, for example, the United States Senate. Right now, with a couple independents caucusing with the Democrats, Republicans are at a 55-45 disadvantage, but it did not have to be that way. Over the past two elections, the Republican Party has put Tea Party candidates in six crucial races that the GOP leadership marked as winnable races. The candidates in those races include Christine O'Donnell and Sharon Angle in 2010, Richard Mourdock and Todd Akin in 2012, and Linda McMahon in one race in both 2010 and 2012.

We saw six races, six Tea Party candidates, and six Democrat victories.

The time has come for Republican leaders to denounce the Tea Party for what it is—a wing more dangerous to the Republican Party than it is helpful. They should follow the lead of Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal who, in a backhanded comment to the Tea Party, recently suggested it was time for the Republican party to stop being

the “stupid party,” particularly noting that Mourdock and Akin damaged the Republican brand in 2012 “with offensive and bizarre comments.”

I am sure that some will argue that if the GOP leaders take the Jindal approach the Tea Party will be alienated and the Republican Party will lose voters. I understand math and understand that this would be a problem, but it would not be reality.

I again turn to the median voter theorem. In 2016, when the Democrats roll out a candidate who promises four more years of the progressive agenda, whether that be Andrew Cuomo or Kirsten Gillibrand, the tea partiers will vote for anyone right of center, whether the Republican nominee is Rand Paul or Bobby Jindal or Jeb Bush.

The GOP has been given a mandate to return to its moderate roots as a party of leadership, ideas, and compromise. If it fails to change it will, effectively, cease to exist.

If the tea partiers want to be helpful in 2016, they will limit their political action to punching a ticket and pulling a lever on Election Day and will keep themselves off of ballots, away from microphones, and out of the way of serious Republican candidates who might give the party the change it needs to survive.



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Many people attend Tea Party rallies dressed in costume.

Schools Face Curriculum Change

Last week, I heard an interesting segment featured on the weekend addition of “All Things Considered.” The segment titled, “New Reading Standards Aim to Prep Kids for College—But at What Cost?” The premise for the news story was provoked by a change in national high school curriculum standards. This change will encourage more critical reading of nonfiction in subject areas like Biology, History, and English. This change in curriculum, called the Common Core, serves as a possible solution to a crisis within the American K-12 education system. The crisis being that, “So many kids, often as many as 50 percent, graduate high school ... demonstrably not ready for the demands of a first-year college course or job-training program,” says College Board president David Coleman.

To many of us, these changes may sound subtle, exchanging a few novels for more critical nonfiction essays. Yet an emphasis on the fourth genre in place of Shakespeare, Fitzgerald, and Salinger has English lovers calling foul play, for good reason it seems. Emory University's Mark Bauerlein asks, “Are we losing support or conditions that will prompt a student to continue reading and thinking critically?” Bauerlein's questions and those of many others are legitimate. As educators begin to remove fiction from the curriculum in place of nonfiction, high school students lose the opportunity to see their own lives, circumstances, and emotions shared in moving, creative narratives. Many, like Bauerlein, feel that the Common Core is too suggestive of certain values that limit the free thinking



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of high school students.

On the other hand, there is much to be gained through a closer study of nonfiction. I recall from my own high school English courses that close readings of influential nonfiction such as Franklin Roosevelt's Inauguration address uncover not simply the power of his infamous words, “The only thing we have to fear is fear itself,” but also introduced the rhetoric behind his brilliant speech. This careful analysis of rhetoric did much to improve my own essay reading and writing. I also found a great deal of satisfaction in discovering the relationship between disciplines that too often the public education system attempted to separate. Speaking further from my personal experience, upon entering the college I discovered that the amount of fiction read at the college level does not compare to the quantity of scholarly work that undergraduates will be expected to read. Therefore, it seems that a high school curriculum with an emphasis on nonfiction corresponds well with the expectations of the American university system.

In fact, I find the concerns of people like Professor Bauerlein completely misplaced. If we are so concerned with our high school students' ability to be creative, free thinkers and also their readiness for college, why should we dismiss the creative and free thinking aspect of creative nonfiction? I know what it's like to come from an underperforming high school, where a significant percentage of students struggle to meet graduation requirements, let alone prepare for college. In my experience Shakespeare, Fitzgerald, Steinbeck, and others were issued to students and only a couple of books per class were opened before the teacher asked us to return them. When I hear arguments made against advances in an education system, it sounds to me like people are afraid of change. Perhaps it's time to seriously reconsider what we hold to be the foundational works of the cannon. Does this literature still speak to high school students? I think what researchers will find is that the students who find that this literature speaks to them go on to borrow more material from the library and consume significant works of literature on their own, while the majority of students lose interest in literature and assume English to be a dull portion of their day.

Speaking only from my own experience, students when introduced to Martin Luther King's “Letter from Birmingham Jail,” Jonathan Swift's “A Modest Proposal,” or Thoreau's “Where I've Lived and What I've Lived For,” have not been less challenged by the quality of literature that they have been required to read. Nor have students been influenced into a particular track of thinking by these outstanding works of nonfiction. Rather, the power of the essay has once again reached its way through the generations, slipped through the line of canonical fire, and asked the younger generations to reconsider their lives and perspectives. I find it a fair complaint to wish that high school students would read more Shakespeare and Dickens, but I find it incredibly unjust to dismiss creative nonfiction as a genre on a lower tier than fiction.

The creativity and freethinking of theologians, political activists, national leaders, and common citizens, has challenged humanity to reexamine itself for centuries. If we consider it such a crisis that “Hamlet” may not be taught formally to younger generations, then we should also consider it a crisis that the words of John Donne's “No Man is an Island,” would be left untouched on a library shelf as well. Perhaps this change in curriculum will achieve its goal in preparing students for college? Perhaps this may just work out for the best.



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Future students no read classic novels due to new curriculums.

Direct Election Breeds Discontent



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Is America too democratic? This question sounds silly. It probably sounds like something you'd expect to hear from some elitist who wants to suppress the populace. I'm not saying I don't want the people voting; on a side note, I think it's a travesty that the voting rate is so low in America. Rather I refer to the 17th Amendment.

For those of you not politically inclined, or those who don't have one of those handy pocket Constitutions; the 17th Amendment allows Senators to be popularly elected. Most would say this is a good thing. Unfortunately, like many other theoretical ideas, in practice this has not exactly turned out to be true. The purpose and integrity of the Senate has been severely compromised by this change in policy, which I believe has helped to lead us into the gridlock we see today.

As I'm sure you are all aware, one of the longest serving and respected U.S. Senators was deposed in the last election, Richard Lugar. This man was a lion of the Senate and both sides of the aisle respect him, and he helped shape policy during some of America's most trying times. This man, who could have helped to bridge the divide in Washington, is back home in Indiana teaching. While his students will be lucky to have him, the country is worse off for it. Many of you remember who the Republicans attempted to depose him for, Richard “God intended for the rape to happen” Mourdock. While his comments were mostly taken out of context, this man was a radical who should never have even been considered to be a Senator. While the popularly elected Senators sometimes are the right men for the job, many times they end up in the pockets of special interest groups and the fringe elements of the party.

However, there is a larger issue with these popularly elected Senators. They, like Representatives, represent the people. The concept of the bi-cameral Congress was conceived so that both the people and the states would have a voice in making national policy. By popular election, the Senate is now nothing more than a more exclusive House of Representatives. This has led to Washington continuing to concentrate power often to the detriment of the states. Many issues that were traditionally left to the states to handle now find themselves dealing with federal intrusion without the proper funding or support to enact federal wishes. While I agree that Healthcare needed to be reformed, allowing the states to have their interests represented would have achieved a much different, and I believe much more effective bill.

There's an old adage that, “all politics are local. If you want to change the country, start with the school boards and the state legislatures.” I think we can see that in the way many social issues, such as gay marriage, are finding it much easier to get state by state acceptance than the federal efforts have been. This stems from the fact that states are much better situated to deal with issues in their own state than a government hundreds or thousands of miles away. The lack of the state's voice at this government has only served to weaken the overall effectiveness of the Federal government.

While America's broad population makes it impossible for any one group to speak for America, we continue to change the hands of power without massive and violent rebellion. While I did not vote for President Obama, he is still my President. Maybe we should try the same idea with Senators. Just because we wouldn't vote for them anymore, doesn't mean they wouldn't represent us.

Integrity in a Time of Sexuality

Wabash Men for Integrity Seek to Solve Sexual Questions and Crises

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The Wabash Men for Integrity was founded in a roar unlike most clubs, chiefly due to the nature of their club. In a time where sexuality and sensuality dominates our media and perception, co-founders Keeton Beecher and Evan Johnson made Wabash Men for Integrity in order to combat “sexual sin” as prescribed through the bible. I decided to check a meeting out for myself. I was intrigued, naturally, with something so incredibly counter culture. It’s no surprise that Wabash is more conservative and more Christian-oriented than the norm, but their counter-culture is something that’s even more taboo than mine, where I call to a more sexually free student base. Their counter-culture is calling to an even more conservative approach to sexuality, following the strict guidelines of the bible and looking toward it for sexual guidance. I assumed I would go to a meeting filled with shame. What I got was much different.

I was very nervous about going to the WMI meeting last Tuesday. I was an outsider, and I knew that Keeton would know about it. I thought I would be chastised, at the very least, for living outside of their narrative. I was surprised when this didn’t happen.

The meeting itself was mostly along the lines of a Bible study. The group, roughly 12 men, started by talking, not about sexual sin, but about their days, random assortments of pleasantries, normal things. Keeton and Evan then started with specific verses, again, with nothing specific about sexual sin. Mostly focused towards achieving a higher relationship with God, these readings were far from the fire and brimstone I expected from a group that seemed like it would condemn anything besides that. On the contrary, they were supportive.

I then talked to Beecher and Johnson about the group itself, its past, its future, its nature and its purpose. The group started as talks between



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Keeton Beecher, '13 and Evan Johnson, '13, pictured above, started Wabash Men for Integrity last semester. They hope that the community they’ve founded can continue after they’ve graduated.

the two of them, and grew into the group, “We discussed that there was a problem on campus with sexual sin, and we talked about our own experiences with sexual sin. Then an alum, Dr. Bill Barry came and talked about living in a hypersexual world, and it seemed like this was the final sign to start the group. That happened on a Friday and on the following Tuesday we had our first call-out,” Beecher said. “We saw it was our duty as Christians to start talking about it and to do something about it... We saw it as, we need to stop talking and do something about it.” Johnson said.

Then I wanted to clarify arrangement of the group. As I said, It appeared to me to not be as much about sin and more about support, “We’re definitely setting it up as a safe space... we want it to be a place that people can come and talk about it. It’s something that I think everyone has felt but doesn’t talk about it... We

want it to be a safe and open environment. But, as far as the goal, we really want to attack the temptation of sexual sin...through the pursuit of a relationship with God,” Johnson said. “We want it to be a real way of applying means of overcoming sexual sin, means of putting out safeguards against sexual sin,” Beecher said.

With the formation of this small group, we started talking about support and distaste for the group, “At the beginning we had a few opposers [sic]... but by and large we’ve had a lot of support. We’ve had anyone from students, professors, staff members, not exactly coming into the group but just giving us their blessing and that meant a lot to us,” Beecher said. “Going in, we knew that we were going to have opposition with this topic because it’s such a hot topic, so I think that the initial opposition was expected,” Johnson said.

But, what comes with a small

group is the question of its future. With Johnson and Beecher leaving this year, it became an issue, “We have an e-mail group started up and we’ve got some young members that look like they will carry it on. I honestly think that there are so many seeds planted, with the idea itself that WMI won’t be leaving anytime soon,” Beecher said.

Taken at its base, I was quick to judge what I perceived as a repressed group. Do I agree with their base views? No I still don’t. But I certainly met some welcoming and nice guys who were willing to open up more than average and, even though their narrative is opposed to mine, the fact that they opened the conversation up is good enough for me. So will WMI go on as the “Anti-masturbation club,” as some have told Beecher or something else, I do not know. I do know that they changed my perception of their group wholly.

Political Unrest Met with Sexual Assault

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Last Saturday, Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi declared a 30-day state of emergency for three Suez Canal provinces-- Port Said, Ismailiya and Suez-- in reaction to a wave of civil unrest that had recently gripped the nation. Since last Thursday, hundreds of thousands of Egyptian citizens have gone to the streets, protesting Morsi’s recently implemented national policies, police brutality, and Morsi’s involvement with the Muslim Brotherhood. The national protests have thus far affected 12 of the 21 Egyptian provinces, and as of now it is unclear whether or not Morsi’s knee-jerk decision will significantly hinder the protests.

Despite his constituents’ clear expressions of disdain for his leadership, Morsi appears undeterred in his resolve. Last Sunday, in a televised address, Morsi stated that while he is unafraid to take direct action in order to stem the most recent wave

of violence that has swept the nation, he insists that his leadership will not evolve into that of an authoritarian ruler. Morsi’s exact quote regarding this claim was “There is no going back on freedom, democracy, and the supremacy of the law.”

Meanwhile, at least 25 women have been sexually assaulted amidst affrays in Tahrir Square. According to Leil-Zahra Mortada, a spokesman for Operation Anti-Sexual Harassment (OpAntiSH), an organization established last November dedicated to rescuing assault victims from Tahrir Square, detailed the brutality of the attacks in an interview with the Guardian. “This Friday was one of the worst that we have witnessed [for sexual assaults]” Mortada stated. Mortada then proceeded to describe how in “the worst” of the most recent cases, the assailant used “a bladed weapon on the private parts” of the victim.

Yet, the macabre nature of these assaults only begins there. While it remains unclear who is responsible



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Mursi, featured above, in stark contrast to the protestors in Tharir square, featured left. Will he be able to stabilize the region?

for these attacks, OpAntiSH suspects that these assaults are not only systematic, but also organized by those who oppose the protests. Mortada elucidates their reasoning: “We believe they must be organized, because they happen most of the time in the exact same spots in Tahrir Square and they use the same methodologies.”

Adding another layer to this welter of confusion is Islamist leader Tareq el-Zomr, who intimated that his followers may create their own militias in order to “counter the aggression on innocent citizens.” There is no evidence available that suggests that the sexual assaults in Tahrir Square and el-Zomr’s offhand comment are connected, but what is evident is that the Egyptian population is divided amongst themselves.

On top of all of this turmoil is General Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, head of the Egyptian armed forces, who earlier last Tuesday stated that the country’s

turbulent circumstances may lead to the eventual collapse of the Egyptian state. Despite Morsi’s insistence that Egypt will not become an authoritarian regime as a result of the rising civil unrest, many fear that the military will once again take control of the state.

Bear in mind that this all occurring two years after the onset of the revolution that removed Hosni Mubarak as the Egyptian political leader. Despite the seemingly relentless efforts of military, political and social leaders such as Sisi, Morsi and Mortada, Egypt remains in the midst of a tempest comprised of warring social factions, interests and motives. Yet, despite the confusion, several things remain utterly clear: the solutions needed to resolve these tensions will be complex, the process of restoring stability in this tumultuous state will be both long and arduous, and this conflict is far from over.



A Listener’s Evolution

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I wouldn’t say that I’m an aristocrat, but I have the means to be one. No, no, I’m not talking of the king and gown, preppy private school, luncheon with the large family plus a nanny on a polo field sort. I’m talking about a very specific type of aristocratic sensibility: musical.

You see, both my parents were musicians, and as is often encouraged from pre-conscious days in musical families, music’s importance was stressed to me. My mom, a clarinetist in a variety of professional orchestras around the Indianapolis area, met my dad through gigs with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. He also played the trumpet professionally, and occasionally taught at the college level and up. I’m talking about that stuffy stuff, though—classical music—and you certainly don’t want to hear about that.

But you must understand the context, dear reader! The collection of CDs at my disposal were nearly completely classical, and the selection of composers was wide. I threw those discs repeatedly on my cool \$20 stereo from Walmart, laying in bed, reading, completely oblivious as to anything that had really happened within the last century in the history of music. Modern stuff was vile, vague, out-of-reach; most of the other kids didn’t understand what kind of music was (as I saw it) good. I was learning the greats on piano from age four, the technicalities of the cello at ten. You could say music was a very serious part of my life from a very serious stage on.

Weird things started happening: random genres like Celtic began nabbing my attention for periods of time. Random bouts of obsession with the flute, fiddle, drums, chanting, and so on toyed with my love of being outside and sense of freedom. Bluegrass, but only of the Nickel Creek variety. I only began to dip my toes into any modern music—and this also includes that enshrouding blanket of a genre, rock. I began rifling through people called The Thing that Listened to Indie Music.

Only very recently—we’re talking about within the past year, here—has my approach to music listening morphed into more refined and intelligent listening. By this I wish to say that I am approaching songs more as a piece of literature (think, reader: poem!) then as an accomplishment of technical skill, all working together in symphonic fashion. The see-saw went from one fat side throwing the other high up (instrumental on the heavy side, lyrical on the light) to the opposite. Within the past year, the lyrical fattened sizably, quickly, surpassing the instrumental on the other. I’ve only begun to look at music’s lyrics primarily as the source for the legitimacy and importance of a band.

If you leave with anything, dear reader, let it be this: excluding nearly nothing (save nearly always-vulgar dubstep and other vulgate-inspired dull genres, particularly of a pop flavor), you must reach out and embrace all music. You must think about it. You must mull over the ideas the singer’s presenting, how the band or musician is presenting the ideas, how they’re related, etc. Music is great for its aesthetic properties, yes, but it also has helpful and didactic qualities. Relate the ideas in a song to your life specifically. Think about the depth of the lyrics. Think about their skills as writers of poems. If the song is meaningful to you, for whatever reason, hold that reason dear to you. This is how I have finally come to approach music, and I’ve got to tell you: I’ve enjoyed it much more since.

Criticism of One, Criticism of the Whole

Equating Statements on the Leader to the Collective

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It can be very difficult to criticize a minority group if the critic is not a member, because any comments made about the group are sweeping generalizations and, therefore, demonstrate prejudice. Unfortunately, a critique of a member, or a small portion, of a minority group can often be seen as a judgment of the whole. It is this effect that can prevent widespread outcry against an emblematic member of a minority. The lines between judgments of an individual and a minority group can be blurry; recently a cartoon published in the New York Times condemning the actions of the leader of Israel has been seen by many as an affront to the Jewish people.

The cartoon published in the Sunday Times, drawn by artist Gerald Scarfe, depicts Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu building a wall that included the bodies of Palestinian men and women and used their blood as mortar. The cartoon was meant as a criticism of the policies, of Netanyahu concerning the Palestinian people, but as it was released, unknowingly, on Holocaust Memorial Day, it has been received as anti-Semitic. Scarfe, who is known for his graphic cartoons that condemn the actions of leaders who violate human-rights, has apologized for the inappropriate timing of the cartoon and for any unintended “anti-Semitic” themes.

If the cartoon is only a statement about the actions of Netanyahu, the message may be deserved. Through the conflicts with Hamas, the Israeli military has killed nearly twenty times more Palestinians than Hamas has killed Israelis. The wall that was built to encapsulate Israel was built around some Palestinian settlements on Palestinian land. Israel was also the first country to neglect to appear at a session of the United Nations World Health Council which reviews the hu-

man rights practices, called the Universal Periodic Review. Since the inception of the summit in 2006, all 193 member states have participated in the review. There is fear that Israel’s lack of appearance may cause other countries to do the same in future summits.

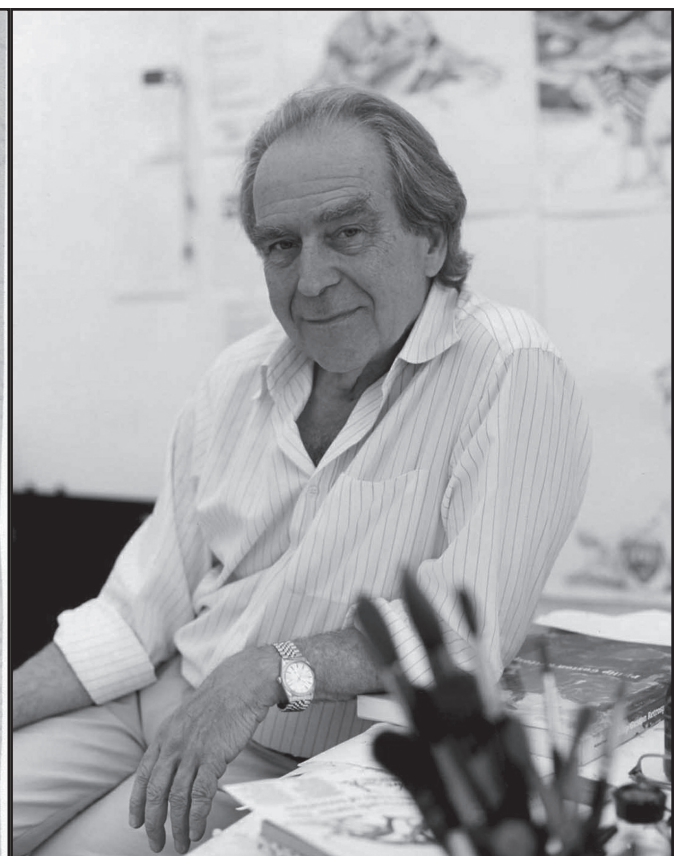
Recently, it has been reported that Israeli medical staff were told to give Ethiopian Jewish immigrants injections of birth control without their knowledge or consent. Since the 1980s almost 100,000 Ethiopian Jewish people have immigrated to Israel and it is unclear how many of them have received unwanted birth control injections unknowingly. Over the last 10 years, there has been a 50 percent drop in the birth rate for the Ethiopian Jewish minority, possibly due to the birth control injection policy. Israel has apologized for the policy and medical officials have been told to stop administering the drug without knowledge or consent of the patient.

For these actions, Israel deserves criticism. The policies of the Israeli government concerning the Palestinians and the Jewish Ethiopian immigrants need to be changed and remedied. With that said, Scarfe’s comic was inappropriate. The imagery of the cartoon and date of its release were insensitive at best, but Israel, the state, should not be synonymous with the Jewish people. It is important to allow for wide spread criticism of the Israeli state to preserve its status of a free democracy in an area that is conducive to oppressive government

The problem of criticizing an individual emblematic to a minority is not unique to Israel. Those who have criticized Iran and its leadership have faced the same scrutiny as those who criticize Israel. We need to be able to separate leaders from the masses, one who criticizes the leadership or a policy of Catholic Church is not necessarily anti-Catholic.



Top: The offending political cartoon in question with the artist.
Below: Netanyahu, looking generally concerned.



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Katalypsy Returns After Long Break

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Like a firm punch in the gut, Katalypsy returns for the first time in nearly six years with their second full-length, *Autopsychosis*. For a band that was once strongly rooted in garden variety slam death metal, the Russians make their first foray into the more brutal realms of the subgenre and improve tenfold, punishing with each riff and stringing together line after line of distorted textures. Naturally, the act has opted not to drop their lyrical adaptation of a horror movie’s gory imagery, but they nonetheless remain a better band, delivering each guttural with finesse and, in turn, offering semi-discernible lyrics. The end result yields a highly listenable product however imperfect it may appear on first glance. Despite orthodox lyrics that admittedly have their place in brutal death metal, 2013 has already spawned something of a winner.

Autopsychosis settles at the top of the heap for January because the album links changes in tempo and riffs fascinatingly—not only from an aural standpoint, but from that of a composer. Brutal death metal tends to gravitate toward assault through a wall of sound, but Katalypsy’s music has an emotional side as well, providing ups and downs and occasional dynamic change for its forty minute duration. Compared with the typical band out to destroy eardrums and take no prisoners, the five piece’s compositional skills are a fair bit better, not to mention progressive in nature and polished in song writing.

The band has bettered their overall presentation, but each individual track reminds of the quality control implemented since the first record. Each instrument works together to form a crushing assortment of grooving, complex passages that encourage a feeling of raw power, if not a daft perception of craziness unheard outside death metal. As the opener, “Lurking in the Depth” inspires just that, with a transparent bass line and pulsating drums that bludgeon

with blast beats and labyrinth-like fills. “Evidence of Near Death (E.N.D.)” begins in much the same manner, but powerfully chugs through every verse, as does “Cold Flesh Citadel” with the introduction of groovy, heavily palm-muted guitar riffs. For the majority of the record, Katalypsy use pinch harmonics to accent certain rhythms and sections of their music, as the latter and “Body Bags for the Gods” demonstrate.

The album’s most “brutal” moments have yet to come; however, as “The Pulse of the Somnambulist’s” seriously down-tuned guitars indicate: the track’s opening trudges like a sloth and later takes off in a spitting fury of tremolo picking that only death metal’s bastard child could love. “Unearthly Urge to Supremacy” follows suit and combines every attribute mentioned previously, while “Gore Conspiracy” deviates by leisurely winding into a thick, guttural-dominated voice of disarray. “Amongst Phantom Worlds” introduces the heaviest riff on the record, a pitch-bending twist of dissonance that eventually gives way to a tempo-stopping breakdown. “Needles of Hypocrisy” provides a much needed break in the track listing and prefaces “Knifed Humility’s” increasingly more traditional death metal orientation.

Notwithstanding all the record’s positives, *Autopsychosis* lacks variation and feels a bit too samey around the edges. Derivative from one another, the track roster blends into itself and it can be a chore to enjoy if death metal ranks low on hierarchy of metal subgenres—in other words, personal taste. But despite that, Katalypsy has brought a furious, hateful album to the table that will surely keep fans of the subgenre occupied for quite a long time. Based solely on the band’s second effort, 2013 is already off to a fantastic start, with *Autopsychosis* setting the benchmark accordingly, at least for death metal.

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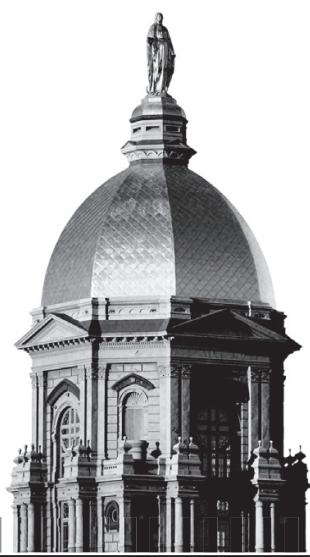
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Once More, Track Takes First At Rose-Hulman

DEREK ANDRE '16
STAFF WRITER

The Wabash Track and Field team is off to one its fastest starts in years with another dominating performance last Saturday. While the team was split between two different events, the bulk of the team found its way to Terre Haute, Indiana where they competed in the annual Rose-Hulman Engineer Invitational.

As they have in previous events, the 18th ranked Little Giants found success on the track last weekend, which led to a first-place finish in the team competition. On the individual side of the meet, sophomore Kris Nickle was victorious in the high jump after clearing a height of 1.91m, which is highest mark in the NCAC. Jared Burris won the 500-meter run, and Billy McManus followed suit in the mile run. Nick Boyce was also successful in his attempt to win the 3000-meter run. Although there were a number of high finishes by Wabash runners, its best event of the weekend came in the 60-meter hurdles. Wabash runners held all the top four spots in this event, with sophomore Ronnie Posthauer leading the way.

For Posthauer, this season has been one record setting race after another. Posthauer has set foot on the track three times this season, and has broken the Wabash record in the 60-meter hurdles on each occasion.

Posthauer's first run of the season set a new record in the event with 8.3 seconds, and he has subsequently whittled away at that time to the current record of 8.19 seconds. In just his sophomore season, the former All-Conference runner has already lowered the Wabash indoor record three times. Despite his raw ability for running the hurdles, Posthauer says that he has not always been fond of it but the sophomore from Ladoga, IN has grown to love the event. Even though it was an acquired taste.

"I've been running since fifth grade, my dad was an elementary track coach, so I was kind of forced into it," Posthauer said. "In Junior High, I didn't really like track, but I just kept with it. In high school, I picked up hurdles for the first time. I hated it. After doing it for a while, I really began to enjoy it and picked up a passion for it, and now I just love doing it."

While most of the team was competing at Rose-Hulman, Senior Jake Waterman and his fellow members on the 4x400-meter relay team traveled to Indiana University in Bloomington. While competing in the Indiana University Relays, Waterman finished in second place in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:51.98, finishing just behind Ryan Lynn of the University of Illinois. After adjusting the time because the race was run on a banked track, Waterman's adjusted time 1:53.59 ranks



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The track team is off to an incredibly hot start since coming off of the winter break.

as the second fastest in Division III this season. The 4x400-meter relay team, which consists of Waterman, Joel Whittington, John Haley, and Cole Hruskovich ran an adjusted time of 3:22.86, which is the tenth fastest time this year in Division III.

Waterman, has had a prolific career as a Little Giant. As a five time All-American, Waterman is also the

reigning NCAC Indoor and Outdoor Champion in the 800-meter run, two titles he will surely be looking to hold on to—and defend—in his Senior year. Waterman has obviously gotten off to a fast start in his defense of his Conference and National Championships, and will only be looking to get faster as the season progresses.

The Wabash College Track and

Field Team will return to the track this weekend when they travel to Marion, Indiana to compete at Indiana Wesleyan University. Once they arrive, it will be business as usual for the Little Giants, who will be focused on continuing their dominance throughout the indoor season.

Tennis Ready For Rough And Tumble Season

FABIAN HOUSE '16
STAFF WRITER

Small but mighty may be the words that best describe the Little Giant tennis squad which will be entering the season under Head Coach Jason Hutchison, now in his ninth year as coach. Hutchison, a Crawfordsville native and three-time NCAC coach of the year, is ready to focus on this season's competitions. The Little Giants will be returning another strong lineup from last year's 5th place conference finishers, with ten athletes heading the starting roster for the Little Giants.

"We have five of six starters from the singles lineup and four from doubles, with the loss of two guys to graduation," Hutchison said.

The roster this season will include a lone sophomore presence in Mark Troiano. Troiano did not play at all his freshman year, but his presence will add a different perspective to

the upperclassman-dominated team. There are four primary starters that are in the junior class that have been playing since freshman year and have been in the lineup each year.

Four juniors in Nate Koelper, Phil Kubisz, Wade Miller, and Daniel Delgado join the one active senior member, Ian Leonad. The four incoming freshman are Chase Bramlet, Michael Demeter, Nick Minaudo, and Drew Sawyer. The freshman must adjust to the new pace and practice at the college level. To assist with the transition, Coach Hutchison is laying the steps to get the season off to a fast start by beginning practices over the winter break period.

The season has taken off quickly. The team has had three weeks to prepare for Augustana, a team the Little Giants have been unable to defeat in the past three years. One of the keys will be success in the new doubles matching pair. Indianapolis native Delgado has moved from playing

#2 singles and doubles last year to the #1 slot, and the level of competition will be much more challenging.

Delgado has a clear idea of what it will take to improve. "Play more consistently, and be more mature in style play. I want to be able to play against the top guys in the nation, especially in doubles." Delgado said. Although Delgado is far from inexperienced, this year is shaking things up with a new doubles partner Troiano. Saturday's matches will test the bond of these two partners.

If there is one attribute Coach Hutchison emphasizes from each of his teams, it is team bonding. The bonding that will take place between Delgado and Troiano is a representation of the kind of bonding the entire team will experience with almost half their roster filled by incoming freshmen.

The NCAC is one of toughest tennis conferences in Division III, with in-conference challenges coming from nationally ranked tennis programs. The relative size of the Little Giants tennis squad compared to powerhouses such as DePauw, Kenyon, and Denison makes the value of staying together as a team even more important. While conference play and conference tournaments are the most important matches throughout the tennis season, the nonconference schedule should not be underestimated when facing the next opponent.

Coach Hutchison understands the importance of winning matches early on, especially against tough nonconference opponents. The team hopes to take advantage of home court advantage at the Collet Tennis Center with the support of their fellow Wabash students. The Little Giants open season play with Augustana College (IL) at 9 and Franklin College at 4 pm. The Little Giants tennis team has a tough season ahead, but with the strength that comes from a seasoned roster, opposing teams may find that there is nothing little about these Giants.



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Ian Leonad '13 will be the lone senior leader for the tennis team this season. The team is relying on their strong upperclassmen be competitive in conference this season.

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Which Harbaugh Will Win?

JOCELYN HOPKINSON '15
STAFF WRITER

By now, you're tired of hearing all the same headlines for Super Bowl XLVII. Brothers are coaching against each other, Ray Lewis is playing in his last game, and Colin Kaepernick and Alex Smith are trying not to step on each other's toes.

But there is a set of guys that have not received much attention—they rarely do in today's NFL—even though its play will be the deciding

factor in Sunday's game. The winner between the San Francisco 49ers and the Baltimore Ravens will come down to the offense and defensive lines.

The one guy in the group who is known nationally is Ravens' right tackle Michael Oher, who is the main character of the movie *The Blind Side*. However, Oher was moved from left to right tackle in the middle of the season as the Ravens' offensive line struggled in run and pass blocking. Veteran left tackle Bryant McKinnie was inserted into Oher's

place and Pro Bowl guard Marshal Yanda returned from injury, which has helped the group tremendously.

On the other hand, the 49er's defensive front has shown vulnerability after their key player was injured in week 15. Defensive lineman Justin Smith tore his triceps in San Francisco's win at New England and the front seven has suffered ever since.

In the divisional round against the feeble Green Bay Packers' offensive line, the 49ers gave up 6.5 yards per carry and only registered

one sack. The lack of a pass rush has exposed a good, but not great secondary, especially against high-powered passing attacks such as the Packers and Atlanta Falcons. The most telling statistic about the 49er's drop in pass rush comes from Smith's teammate, Aldon Smith. Dubbed "The Smith Brothers" despite no relation, the combo terrorized opposing quarterbacks up to Justin's injury. Aldon recorded 19.5 sacks through the first 13 games of the season; in the following five games since Justin's injury, Aldon has zero sacks.

San Francisco returns to the Super Bowl with an offense that looks nothing from previous years. You won't see precise passes from Joe Montana orchestrate a game-winning drive in Bill Walsh's West Coast offense. Instead, the 49ers will shove their way down the field behind the most consistent and dominant line in football.

The running backs are led by Frank Gore who churned out another thousand-yard season, offering versatility and speed out of the back field. Then of course, quarterback Colin Kaepernick adds another running threat on any given play. San Francisco's commitment to the run was never more evident than in the NFC Championship Game when the team trailed 17-0 after the first play of the second quarter. The more run plays called, the better the offense produced.

Stopping the run will be the biggest challenge for the Ravens. Baltimore's defense has been porous this season, especially compared to the fierce reputation it earned over the last decade. The Ravens gave up

an alarming 122.8 rushing yards per game (20th in the NFL), although they've been hampered by injury for most of the season. 2011 Defensive Player of the Year Terrell Suggs missed the first part of the season with a torn Achilles tendon, defensive lineman Haloti Ngata has dealt with an assortment of different injuries, and Lewis tore his triceps in week six.

Las Vegas has San Francisco winning at -3.5, which means one turnover could be the difference. It also means field goals could play an important part. If they do, Baltimore will have the clear advantage. Rookie kicker Justin Tucker has been stellar all season and kicked the game-winning field goal in Denver. In 2011, the San Francisco kicker David Akers set the record for most field goals made in a season. In 2012, Akers led the league in misses. He almost cost his team in Atlanta when he clanked a 38-yard field go off the left upright.

Super Bowl XLVII lacks the brand-name quarterbacks and high-scoring offenses that have made it to the big stage in recent years. What they offer though, are two of the most physical teams in the league that over-powered opponent's defenses routinely. In the end, the 49ers will be too much for the Ravens to handle on both sides of the line of scrimmage. By late Sunday evening, San Francisco will have its sixth Vince Lombardi Trophy.



Jim Harbaugh (left) and John Harbaugh (right) are the first brothers to ever face off in the Super Bowl.

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Grapplers Eye Individual Success At Wheaton

BEN BRADSHAW '15
STAFF WRITER

After a slight break the Little Giant wrestlers will return to the mat tomorrow splitting their team between the Wheaton Invitational and the Greyhound Open in Indianapolis. Tomorrow's performance will foreshadow how the team will compete in the fast approaching Conference and Regional tournaments.

The Wheaton Invitational is one of the largest meets of the year—multiple ranked teams and individuals will be competing for a first place finish. At last year's invitational in Wheaton, Illinois, the team placed 17th out of 31 teams. Their finish last year included one champion and two top eight finishes. The grapplers on this year's team have set their sights even higher.

"Wheaton is a good tournament to see where your team is at before the final push to nationals," Coach Brian Anderson said. "It's one of the toughest D-III tournaments in the country; it will be a great challenge for the group we send, the Greyhound open is no cake walk either; we'll be competing against many scholarship wrestling programs with a mix of D-I talent," Anderson said

The level of competition in Indianapolis won't match that of Wheaton's field, but it will provide an opportunity for the younger and injured grapplers to compete against quality opponents. "Some guys don't need to feel the grind of Wheaton right now, while others need

to go and try to pick up some good wins over some of their regional opponents," Coach Anderson noted.

The field of teams at the Wheaton Invitational is deep and will provide ample competition for those selected to compete for the Little Giants. There will be quite a few programs that are ranked in the top 15 nationally—a placement the team believes it can achieve, if it hasn't already. Notable teams that will make an appearance at the invitational include Ohio Northern, Mount Union, University of Chicago, and Wisconsin-Whitewater. All of who have made an impression on the national wrestling scene.

Though they have the opportunity for team success at the Invitational, very little emphasis is on team placement. Individual successes will take priority this weekend.

"Many team members who've not been anchoring a starting position this year will have the opportunity to have a breakout tournament this weekend," Anderson said. "I'm hoping that this tournament will show the true depth of our program here at Wabash."

Anderson also noted the athletic ability of the members who will be traveling to Wheaton, saying that every one of them has the potential to knock off a ranked opponent at any given time.

In the past few weeks the strength of the Little Giant wrestling team has been showcased. The team is coming off four straight wins, including wins against University of Dubuque



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Abe Hall (pictured above) will be one of the many Little Giant wrestlers poised to knock off a ranked opponent at Wheaton.

and Central College. Freshman Tim Locksmith has performed phenomenally all season, and is aided by other standout teammates such as Robbie Carter, Drew Songer, and Austin O'Neal. Jake Strausbaugh, a senior, recently won his 147th match, moving him to second place on the Wabash all-time wins list. Reece Lefever, a soph-

omore who competes at 157 pounds, was honored with the d3wrestle.com/WWSport.com Wrestler of the Week title this past week after going undefeated at the Max Servies Duals.

Look for the wrestling team to place well in the Wheaton and Greyhound Invitationals this weekend, beginning at 9am, with many outstand-

ing individual performances. The post season is only a few weeks away, and the team is gearing up for what they hope will be a National tournament push. Anchored by an experience, but battered crew, the team will look to put itself in the best position possible. How they fair this weekend will determine the reality of those goals.



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Twin Brothers With One Pursuit: Nationals

SCOTT MORRISON '14
NEWS EDITOR

The path to Wabash for identical twins Conner Lefever '15 and Reece Lefever '15 was longer than it is for most students, but the brothers have found success this year on and off the wrestling mats.

The Lefevers spent their freshman year wrestling at Indiana Tech while being heavily recruited by Wabash. They were unhappy with their first collegiate choice. "We chose Indiana Tech at first because we got just about a full ride, and it is kind of hard to say no to that," Reece Lefever said. "But the coaching staff there didn't really fit us."

While at Indiana Tech, Reece had the unusual experience of wrestling now teammate Jacob Strausbaugh. Strausbaugh got the best of Reece in that matchup, but the two seem pretty happy to be on the same team now. Both teammates now wrestle at different weight classes.

When the Lefevers began looking to transfer to another school, Wabash's wrestling staff jumped at the opportunity to get the brothers to Wabash.

"We never close a door on kids we recruit; in recruiting, coaches typically lose the recruiting battle more than they win it," Head Wrestling Coach Brian Anderson said. "But we are professional when a kid tells us they have decided to not come to Wabash. We wish them the best and let them know that our door is always open to them if things don't work out. Sometimes they come back, and we feel

very blessed that the LeFevers did."

Reece's only losses this year came in the first match of the season. Since then he has gone undefeated and recently was named d3wrestle.com's wrestler of the week. "I don't really think about not losing in so long," Reece Lefever said. "I just go out there and wrestle." So far, his simplified approach to wrestling has paid off.

Conner has had a much different season. He tore his LCL over winter break and has tried switching weight classes from 165 lbs. to 174 lbs. Switching weight classes is not unusual for wrestlers, but type 1 diabetes has made that an especially tough challenge for Conner. He must check his blood sugar before each practice and normally has Gatorade or Starbursts with him to keep his blood sugar raised. During matches he usually carries around little energy shots to ensure his sugar does not drop.

Reece's success has motivated Conner to get back to full strength and improve in his own right. "Seeing Reece do so well pushes me a lot," Conner said. "Wrestling right after Jake [Strausbaugh] and Reece gets me motivated to go out there and do the same things that they are doing."

The soft-spoken brothers do have a sibling rivalry, which Conner claims is one-sided. Reece tells a slightly different story insisting his brother hasn't always beaten him but the two enjoy wrestling as a family affair. "Sometimes we get mad at each other in practice and people laugh at us," Reece said.

It seems that the sky is the limit



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Reece Lefever has been off to a hot start this season. So far he has only lost one match, his first one.

for the two brothers on the mat. "I think they can only limit themselves," Anderson said. "They are both very hard workers and can wrestle well from every position. I see them doing big things on the national level in their time here at Wabash. I'm looking forward to see how things finish out for them this year; they are

both wrestling very well right now."

The brothers have more than wrestling skill. Both of the Lefevers plan on majoring in economics at Wabash and Conner hopes to get a master's degree in accounting after Wabash. "They are both excellent human beings and were raised by great parents," Anderson said.

"They are class act young men. They bring great leadership to the program through their hard work in the classroom and in the practice room."

The team has four more events left this year before Regionals and Nationals, and the Lefevers hope to make their mark at both events in their first year at Wabash.

Basketball Ends Listless Streak, Beats DePauw In Close Game

JOCELYN HOPKINSON '15
STAFF WRITER

Chadwick Court was more alive than it has been all season Wednesday night when the Wabash College Little Giants defeated the Depauw Tigers, 52-48. Students and Sphinx Club members packed the stands and provided a deafening home-court advantage. "The atmosphere was unbelievable," Coach Antoine Carpenter said. "We really appreciate it. I

talked to the team about playing off the emotion but also playing smart."

The emotion and excitement lasted to the waning seconds. Ross Sponsler was fouled with 17 seconds remaining in a 50-48 ball game. He had a chance to effectively ice the game by hitting both free throws of the one-and-one. Unfortunately, he missed the front end but his freshman counterpart Daniel Purvlicis tipped the ball back to Sponsler. "I was kind of surprised I missed the first one," Sponsler said. "But Dan-

iel made a great tip and I just tried to corral that sucker. Once I stepped up again, I knew I'd hit the second one."

Sponsler was right. After another intentional foul by Depauw, he calmly drained both free throws to give Wabash a two-possession lead.

"I always expect to hit them, even in late game situations," he said. "I just went up there with a lot of confidence expecting to make them."

The start of the game appeared as though the January slump for Wabash

would continue. The Tigers pounced out to a 14-4 lead before Carpenter called a timeout to settle his guys down.

"I told them to just stay composed because we're getting good looks at bucket," Carpenter said. "We missed some layups but I told them we had to keep throwing the ball inside. We wanted to look to score that way and not try shooting are way back in with threes."

Wabash trailed for the entire first half, but was only down 28-22 at half time.

The Little Giant defense vamped its ball pressure and intensity in the second half. Depauw had to work for every one of its 20 points after intermission.

"With five games remaining, every game is a playoff and we're going to win them by playing great defense," Carpenter said. "We just want to really get after the other guys and compete and make sure they don't get second-shot opportunities."

"If you're going to play great defense, then everyone one on the team has to be involved. If one person helps, someone else has to help the helper. Everybody is flying to different spots and the rotation has to be in sequin."

The Little Giant defense was most evident in an 8-2 scoring run that last for seven minutes in the second half. Andy Walsh, Houston Hodges, and Sponsler came up with big shots while the team defense stifled Depauw; the Tigers were held to 34.8% in second-half shooting compared to Wabash's 52.4%. Wabash had an eight-point lead when Pat Haggin hit a three pointer for Depauw at the 2:02 mark. With 23 seconds left and the score 50-45, Michael Wilkison

connected on his sixth three of the evening to draw the Tigers to within two. Shortly afterwards, Sponsler connected on the free throws to deliver Wabash its third conference win.

Sponsler led the Little Giants in scoring with 14 points, including three of four shooting from distance. Hodges had one of his best games of the season with 10 points and he shot 50% from the field.

The Little Giants proved to be giants in the paint by out-rebounding the Tigers 36-20. Pete Nicksic grabbed outboards and perimeter players Jordan Surenkamp and Hodges each had six.

Wilkison was the high-point man for Depauw. All of his baskets came from the outside as he finished with 18. Junior forward Pat Haggin scored 13 off the bench for the Tigers. Depauw's leading scorer, senior forward Barry Flynn, came in averaging 15.7 points per game, but he was held to just four on the night and zero in the first half.

"Barry Flynn is one of the top players in the NCAC," Carpenter said. "You do want to go at him defensively and compete with him."

Wilkison really hit some tough shots. We expected him to hit those shots but late in the second half, Houston was really able to get up into him."

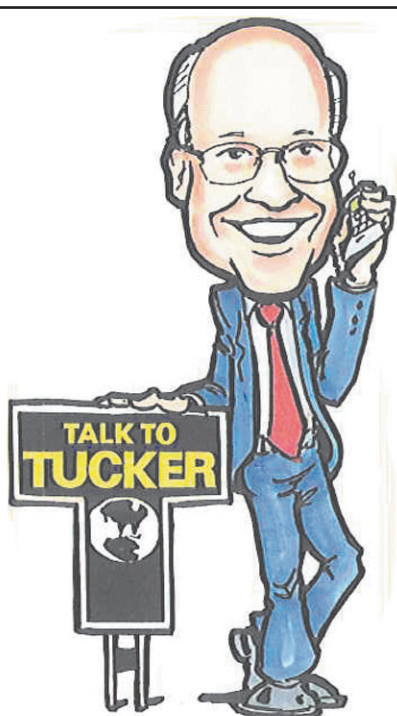
Every game will increase in importance now for Wabash as the team tries to make the eight-team conference tournament. The Little Giants next opponent is the eight-ranked College of Wooster.

"We can be excited about the win, but we still have five games to go," Carpenter said. "We have to take it one game at a time."



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