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Two-Time National Champion

Waterman '13 Becomes First Indoor, Outdoor Champ in Wabash History



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Jake Waterman '13 won the 2013 800-meter indoor title last Saturday. He adds this title to his outdoor championship he earned in the same event last May.

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Jake Waterman '13 earned the 2013 national title in the 800-meter run Saturday. Waterman capped his indoor-track career with a Wabash record of 1:50.30—only six-tenths shy of the national record. In doing so, he became Wabash's only two-time national track champion after he won the 800-meter championship in outdoor track last May.

Sophomore Ronnie Posthauer finished fifth in the 60-meter hurdles and earned All-American honors.

With just the outdoor season left in his career, Waterman reflected on his legacy.

"I would like to think that I leave the team with the same attitude Kevin (McCarthy) '12, Emmanuel Aouad '10, and a few other All-Americans left in the past," he said referring to the former national champion McCarthy and former All-American Aouad. "They all left behind the attitude of 'I'm going to beat whoever I toe the line against.' I want my legacy to be more about the attitude a person should take as a competitive runner instead of flashy trophies."

Waterman aimed to add the national-record time to his legacy also.

But Bates College runner James LePage derailed that plan by sprinting to the early lead. Waterman didn't panic and gained the lead on the second lap. He paced the field for the remaining 400 meters en route to the victory.

"Six of the top eight guys had their lifetime bests so he strung them along," distance Coach Roger Busch said. "He wanted to lead wire to wire because we thought he had a very realistic chance at breaking the Division III record."

Waterman flirted with the national title early in his career, but came up short in championship races. He pointed to last season's outdoor title as his reason for getting over the hump.

"Winning last spring was a big breakthrough moment for me," Waterman said. "You never fully understand the difference between second and first until you get both positions."

He also acknowledged a decrease in nervousness from past championship races.

"If you put races like that on a huge pedestal, you tend to warm up differently and it's harder to keep track of your pace in the middle of the race," Waterman said. "You have to keep in mind it's just a race like any other race."

Even though he approached the weekend with the right mindset,

he admitted feeling some pressure as the favorite. Waterman ran the fastest time in the regular season and won Friday's preliminary race.

"In a sense, there's more pressure after winning because it's my race to lose," he said. "I was surprised by how much pressure I felt but my experiences dealing with pressure in the past definitely helped."

The Noblesville, IN native started his path towards the indoor title during Christmas break. He completed the cross-country season and took off finals week before putting in the leg work for track.

"He worked on a lot of strength over break like running hills so he could handle the work capacity for indoor track," Busch said. "It's really hard because the athlete is accountable over Christmas break. He's been very good (working out) off campus and that's really how you have success in indoor track. He and some of teammates did a lot of that work unsupervised so their success is on their shoulders."

Busch admitted Waterman has improved his off-campus workouts. His accountability developed and it has made it easier on his coaches.

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Courses Learn on Global Scale During Break

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Picture the ideal spring break. For some Wallies, this would include potentially unhealthy amounts of sunshine and relaxation, among other things. For others, simply getting the recommended seven to eight hours of sleep is a dream vacation. Yet, four distinct groups of Wabash men (including students and their professors) had a once in a lifetime experience on spring break, using their week not only to apply their classroom knowledge to the real world, but to expand their liberal arts education in ways only a Wabash immersion trip could.

Associate Professor of Economics Peter Mikek's course, titled "Economics of European Union," went overseas to economically important locations in France, Belgium, and Germany. What Mikek called his "...best group of [travelling] students in years," had the privilege of attending over 14 hours of exclusive lectures at institutions such as the German Stock Exchange and the EU Central Bank, all of these lectures requiring entry by invitation only.

Sky King '15, an Economics/Spanish double major in the course, noted that the group remained engaged throughout the trip. "The hosts were shocked, excited and impressed that we were so attentive and curious." Mikek made sure to point out the overwhelmingly good impression that our fellow Sons of Wabash left on the institutions visited.

Assitant Professor of Theater James Cherry and his theater seminar titled "New York City on Stage and Screen" had the opportunity to head to the Big Apple in order to experience theater at its height on Broadway. The students in this course remained busy, attending workshops and lectures in the mornings, visiting museums in the afternoon, and expe-

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High school seniors arrived on campus last night and this morning for the 120th Honor Scholarship Weekend.

Honor Scholar Weekend Underway

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From Wally World to the Student Belly Flop competition, student leadership is what differentiates this year's Honor Scholar Weekend from the past. As most know, Honor Scholar offers prospective students a glimpse into student life and academics on campus. This year's Honor Scholar Weekend includes students from all across the country. Represented locations include Texas, Colorado, California, regions of the east coast, and our own Indiana. Indeed, Honor Scholar Weekend is one of the numerous traditions of the college, and this year will see the start of some new traditions.

Associate Director of Admissions Jamie Watson foresees this year's celebration to be a success not because of the 300 prospective students coming to campus but because of the leadership Wallies are taking with the celebration.

"I think the difference is the Wabash student body has gotten more involved and initiated things. Wal-

ly World [is an example], which is going to be on the mall on Saturday afternoon," Watson said.

Unlike a standard activity fair, this year's fair focuses on bringing more activity and interaction to the prospective students.

"Wally World is a student-run activities fair that is fun-based," Watson said. "From what I understand, there is going to be a climbing wall [as well]. But I know they have worked very hard on that and that is distinctive at Wabash; students take the initiative to do that."

"The other thing is that there is a competition in the natatorium on Saturday night, that is a change from the past many years," Watson said. "We've usually had a mentalist, a comedian, [etc.], in the Chapel, and yet attendance has waned in the past years. I think it's because the guys are making connections with the fraternities and the Wabash students, so they kind of want to hang out. Wabash students are not as interested in going to see that. They decided this year that they would like to do something different."

Lastly, fraternities are not the only facilities to room much of the prospect students.

"It is very easy for us to house [prospective] students within the fraternities," Watson said. "This year more independents have stepped up and so we will have more independent hosts this year than we have had in the past. So again, that is to the credit to the Wabash students. It is more work for [independents]. They do not have the same space but [what's] more of they don't have the accessibility as a fraternity does. A prospective has to be let in and out as there is always someone there at the fraternity."

The 120th annual Honor Scholar Weekend is one of the oldest traditions our college has, alongside Old Wabash and our color Scarlet; however, traditions evolve over time. This Honor Scholar Weekend yet distinctive is very much the tradition we all know. As a matter of a fact, this tradition has evolved to become an extension of what this institution is about: to think critically, act responsibly, lead effectively, and live humanely.

Wally World Makes Honor Scholar Debut

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No gentlemen, the blue and yellow corporate empire of Sam Walton is not making the move down 231 to campus anytime soon; so do not be on the lookout for animal print tees for bargain prices. But fear not, that does not mean that this weekend will not be full of festivities for Wabash men and incoming freshmen on campus as well.

Honor Scholar Weekend is a very important weekend at Wabash. It most certainly is on every Wally' calendar, and it is easy to see why this three to four day event is crucial for the well-being of many student-run organizations. Fraternity rush opens, clubs get their names out to incoming students, and organizations eye future members- and all of it happens in a whirlwind of three days. In the past, this whirlwind had a variety of different structures to encourage interaction between students and the ones they may call brothers in a short six months. However, these plans of action have not always panned out as they were supposed to.

"The past few years, fewer Wabash students attended the Saturday night entertainment and that's not ideal. We want Wabash students and prospective students interacting as much as possible during the weekend," Associate Director of Admissions Chip Timmons said.

Student leaders will attempt to remedy this ever-growing problem that Timmons speaks of with the installation of Wally World on Saturday afternoon, leading into Saturday night.

"During the first Senior Council meeting of the year, I brought a basic idea to the table where all of campus could be involved, and then Patrick Bondi stood up and agreed with me," IFC President Sky King '15 said.

Bondi '15 had been focused on the same type of event as King it seems. They both saw a need for

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Lewis '13 Grows Through Discomfort

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Wyatt Lewis '13 knew he loved to read before he came to Wabash College, but his development as an English literature major ignited a change in his appreciation of English and Russian literature.

Lewis came to Wabash from a conservative white community in Indianapolis. His Protestant background initially made some of the literature he read during his underclassmen years uncomfortable to read. But, such tensions influenced his development as a literary critic.

Lewis read the introduction of Angela Carter's *The Infernal Desire Machines of Dr. Hoffman* during the second semester of his freshman year in Associate Professor of English Dr. Agata Szczeszak-Brewer's British literature course. He found the introduction enjoyable and decided to read the novel during the summer going into his sophomore year.

Lewis despised the novel when he first read through it.

"I remember reading halfway through the book to one of the many rape scenes and being so uncomfortable because the language is almost deliberately written as if you were supposed to be aroused," Lewis said. "I put the book down and thought about burning it and getting it off the planet."

However, Lewis had to read the novel again during the second semester of his sophomore year for English 397, a course on literary theory. He appreciated the novel more after learning about theory and wrote a paper that led him to a conference on literature and culture.

The conference encouraged him to explore various literary topics he felt uncomfortable about.

"After reading Dr. Hoffman a second time, I had noticed that I had internalized a lot of sexist or homophobic tendencies," Lewis said. "I supported gay rights and gay marriage, but I felt uncomfortable seeing intimate moments between men, even though I knew I should not have. I took a senior seminar course with [Professor of English] Dr. [Warren] Rosenberg on gender criticism my junior year. I took that class so that I could sort everything out."

Rosenberg noticed Lewis' ability to read deep into literary texts. He and Lewis attended a national men's stud-

ies conference. Lewis focused on the role masculinity plays in literature at the conference and the in the course.

Lewis recently accepted a position with the Schuler Scholar Program as an English reading coach. The Shuler Scholar Program targets underprivileged and under-resourced first generation students in Chicago schools. Lewis will teach 10 to 15 Chicago high school students how to read and approach literature. He will also coach his students through the college application process.

Rosenberg has encouraged Lewis to pursue a career in teaching.

"I very rarely urge students to try to become professors, because it is a tough job market out there, and if you are not really good, you are possibly not going to get something," Rosenberg said. "But I am pushing him. I think he will ultimately be a great teacher at the high school or undergraduate level."

Lewis has thought about pursuing a career in teaching, but he is uncertain about what level he wants to teach. He hopes the Schuler Scholar Program will help him decide whether he wants to teach long-term.

"Schuler will hopefully give me a taste of teaching high school and undergraduate students," Lewis said. "It's nice because it will give me some teaching experience under my belt. One of the things I worry about with teaching is the discipline issues. Schuler will hopefully help me with classroom management."

Lewis assisted BKT Assistant Professor of English Dr. Eric Freeze in Freeze's freshman tutorial course *Girl Power*. Lewis will teach a seminar course for Schuler that is similar to a freshman tutorial course at Wabash.

"I wanted Wyatt to work with me because he has a lot of experience in gender criticism," Freeze said. "I was able to draw on his background in gender criticism to help my students understand the movement of girl power and also understand some of the discourse of feminism to approach the texts we read."

But Lewis' interests extend beyond just gender studies. Lewis pursued his interest in Russian literature by taking an independent study with Associate Dean of Students Will Oprisko. Lewis was drawn to Russian literature after taking a course during his freshman year with then-Visiting Professor Jeffery



KELLY SULLIVAN | WABASH '15
Lewis '13 has spent a lot of his time in Lilly Library pursuing an English major over the past four years. His work has led him to accept a spot as an English reading coach.

Wilcox titled *The Problem with Evil*. In that course, he read parts of Fyodor's Dostoyevsky's *The Grand Inquisitor*.

Lewis read the rest of Dostoyevsky's novel during the summer before his sophomore year when he worked as a white water raft guide in Montana.

"I enjoy Russian novels because they are always so psychological," Lewis said. "They really get into the characters' heads a lot. I am also interested in some of the concepts Russian novelists wrote about, especially their criticism on individualism."

For the independent study course with Oprisko, Lewis read works by Alexander Pushkin, Nikolai Gogol, and Anton Chekhov. The purpose of the course was to explore the development of the twentieth century Russian novel.

"Wyatt is a fantastic student who provides provocative ideas and in-depth analysis on any given topic," Oprisko said. "I can honestly say that the thoughts he brought into our discussion greatly enriched my understanding of the authors and stories we read."

Lewis' Wabash years have helped him develop through discomfort. Although he considered transferring during his freshman and sophomore years, he is thankful for his experiences at Wabash.

"Wabash enables you to have deep friendships with men," Lewis said. "The College initially felt stifling without women. It was not that I missed having the opportunity to date women, but I missed being able to talk to them. Looking back on it, I advise future students to feel free to talk to other men about their feelings and to go out of their way to form deeper friendships."

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Making history

Cole Lecture Explores Research Participant Ethics

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Any major university where research is conducted on human subjects has an Institutional Review Board meant to see that researchers are treating subjects in an appropriate way. Over the last 40 years or so, there has been a debate on what, if any, information is disclosed to subjects and in what way that data is shared between researchers and academic journals.

On Monday, Misha Angrist, a member of the IRB at Duke University, gave a talk entitled “Midwife Crisis: A Cultural and Financial Mandate for Talking to Research Participants.” He said that the role of IRBs on college campuses came as a way for independent boards to examine and provide feedback related to certain questions that come up. Eventually, the notion of open-access came to a business formula similar to what a midwife would use in the way data is shared with journals.

“There was a kind of a movement in the 1970s to set up a way of governing research at universities where research on human beings took place,” Angrist said. “And so every university where there is this kind of research has an IRB.”

Angrist shared examples in which some research participants were taking part in a study for free while the researcher was making money off the sample taken. A major question that

comes up, he said, is the distinction between the idea of a clinical, treatment-based form of testing or one purely for the sake of research. The biobanks where these samples are being stored are making serious amounts of revenue off the data that is collected. In their role, bioethicists look at the gray area between what could be defined as research or treatment. Among reasons for not wanting to disclose information with subjects, Angrist said, include logistical difficulties of communicating with so many, but also researchers being badgered for information from the subjects.

“What struck me is - this actually came out in a journal a couple months ago - is even bioethicists, who have long advocated for a hard and fast line are starting to think, ‘you know what, to call something research and something else treatment, when something that’s called treatment can inform us of how things work, and something called research can actually help patients get better, that becomes problematic,” Angrist said.

Furthering the problem, especially in research involving genetics, which is primarily what Angrist talked about, is that sharing data with physicians is often useless because they have little exposure to genetics in medical school. In his communication with researchers, Angrist said many are not interested in sharing information with subjects.

“We are reluctant to share even

basic information with people who are in research studies,” Angrist said.

One of the ethical questions to come to the IRB has to do with communicating to subjects when an experimental treatment or drug trial is being discontinued because it did not work. In many cases, only the active participants were notified that the treatment wasn’t successful. Angrist said that in his opinion, the researchers should also be notifying the other subjects or the survivors of the subjects who had been a part of the trial in the past.

Adam Togami ’16 plans to be a biology major and has a particular interest in genetics. He has applied for research internships with Wabash professors in the biology department. And, although he wouldn’t necessarily be working with human subjects like what Angrist was talking about, he said the talk made him more aware of what Angrist called a “moral imperative” for disclosing information with subjects.

“Knowing one’s genetics is like knowing one’s fate,” Togami said. “I think that the patient or subject deserves full disclosure, to be able to receive those results, and understand what they mean. I think it’s interesting to hear how it really works in research.”

The other part to the balance of ethics in research has to do with how data is shared. A new, growing way in which research is published includes researchers paying journals what was initially \$1,500 per article to be pub-

lished. One criticism of this is the idea that publishers are double-dipping in the sense that they not only avoid having to hire writers for content, but they also only publish the research that the researchers pay to be published. The business formula is similar to that of a midwife, Angrist said. The idea is the journal, for a fee, is a midwife, delivering the research data, but ultimately handing it over to the researchers, or the metaphorical parents.

“In other words, you, ‘Mr. Journal,’ don’t own this information, you are simply delivering it into the world, and it’s up to the authors to do what they wish with it,” Angrist said. “And this created quite a storm.”

One of these organizations is the non-profit Public Library of Science, an open-access journal which was expected to overthrow the system of in some cases centuries-old scientific journals. The balance sheet should be operating in the red at \$1,500 per article as for-profit competitors were seeing margins in excess of 30 percent. Over time, it was found that the PLoS can operate in the black when the fee is closer to twice the original amount



IAN BAUMGARDNER | WABASH '14

Misha Angrist gave a talk Monday exploring the ethics involved with talking to research participants.

or about \$3,000 per article. In order to have research information open-access, it comes at a cost, and that cost comes directly from the researchers.

“If you can imagine substituting researchers and participants for editors and contributors, I think you can understand what I’m beginning to get at,” he said.

Angrist believes the idea of being open-access is both a “good idea and a moral imperative.” Where the conflict exists and the debate continues is in the fact that the very researchers that may be opposed to and reluctant in communicating are the ones that need to pay these open-access journals in order to publish that work.

Wally World

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change in the interfacing of Wabash students with prospective students, and Wally World was born.

“I originally envisioned this event to happen during the first week of school, but as more people got on board and the event grew, the Senior Council decided to hold it during Honor Scholar Week,” King said.

While the original invite to the

event was only IFC and the Greek houses on campus, when the Senior Council became the main backer of the event, other invites were sent out. Invites to the Independent Men’s Association, cultural clubs like ‘shOUT and MXI, and professors were met with extreme enthusiasm and almost instant RSVPs.

“The event will provide a chance for all of Wabash to have

fun and show our face to the incoming students,” King said.

Wally World will encompass the entire south portion of the mall, and multiple attractions will be set up. Dunk tanks, basketball hoops, corn-hole boards, and strongman hammer swings will all make appearances at the event on Saturday from 2-5 p.m. Professors will also be present providing help to prospec-

tive students and answering questions concerning majors and minors.

The IFC will host a slipping slide and Jimmy John’s will be giving out sandwiches purchased by the SCAC. The main attraction however, can be found in the center of the action; a climbing rock wall sponsored by the Senior Council will be present for students and prospects to climb.

“Ultimately, I believe that

Wally World is a fantastic way to get students interested in a variety of housing options. Wally World will give them the proper information and exposure needed to make the big decision on potential living units,” Phi Kappa Psi Rush Chair Clint Scarborough ’15 said.

Wally World runs from 2-5 p.m. on Saturday afternoon; the Belly Flop contest is happening at 7 p.m.

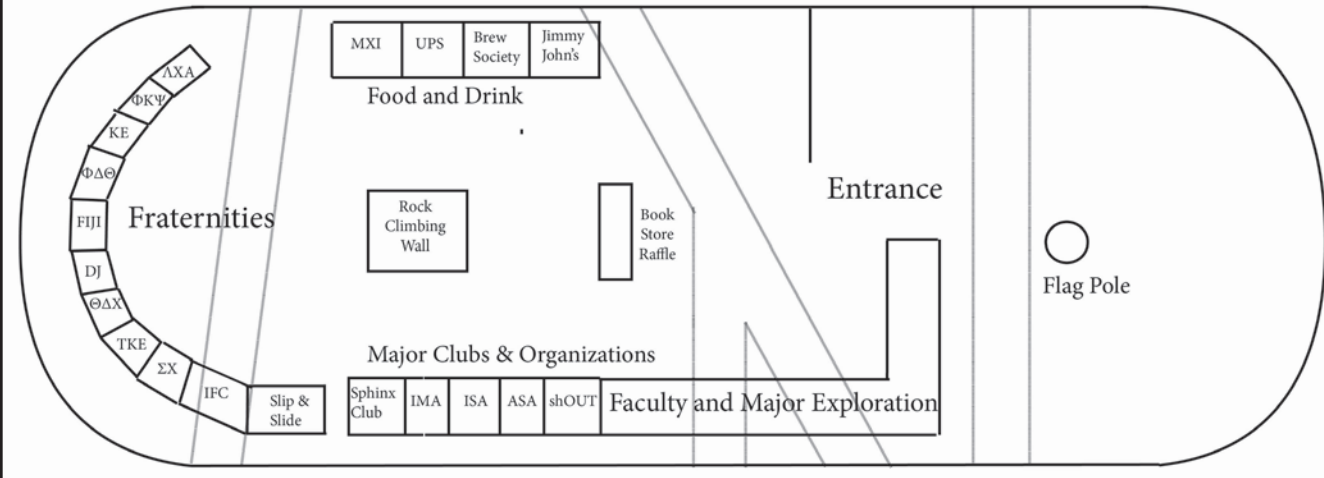


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On Saturday clubs from across campus will take to the mall to entertain and educate incoming students on their groups.

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Experiencing a variety of theatrical works from Broadway to downtown NYC playhouses. Cherry described the trip as an overall success, giving his students both a taste of theater from the viewers’ standpoint and an idea of the overall culture surrounding NYC theater. Cherry stated that his students “got a good sense of what it means to be in the theater profession and what it means to work in New York theater.”

In his course titled “Biology of Invertebrates,” Associate Professor of Biology Eric Wetzel gave his students the chance to observe invertebrate organisms in their natural habitat. Snorkeling off the coast of Belize, Wetzel believed the trip involved

“great weather, a great group of students, and a great location – the second largest living reef in the world.”

Biology major Wes Zimmerman ’14 described the trip in a similar fashion. Getting to experience organisms previously only studied from a textbook, while also bonding with fellow Wabash men was priceless for Zimmerman. “I wouldn’t change aspect of my immersion trip,” he said.

Beyond successfully applying the knowledge learned in class to the world outside of campus, these trips also helped expand the liberal arts education of the students involved. Mikek’s class stepped beyond the narrow scope of political science and economics by visiting the famous site of Napoleon’s defeat at Waterloo, all

the while asking important questions over European culture and its differences with that of the United States.

Cherry’s course also provided the students with fruitful, unexpected results. Having the chance to meet a few of Cherry’s colleagues from his time living and working in New York City, some Wallies successfully set up theater-focused internships with these colleagues.

The lasting impact of these and other immersion trips upon the participating students clearly displays the potential for success provided by a liberal arts education at Wabash. The application of classroom knowledge to the real world is one of many aspects of what it means to be a Wally.

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East of Eden Embodies Hope

John Stienbeck’s *East of Eden* has been on my reading list since I began the novel my junior year in high school and never finished reading it. I fell in love with Steinbeck when I began reading his work in high school. He composed much of his work into novellas and to someone just dipping his toes in the water of significant works of 20th century American literature, *Cannery Row*, *Sweet Thursday*, and *Of Mice and Men*, were exactly what my sophomore English instructor needed to turn an engaged student into a full blow literature addict. In part, I was motivated to read Steinbeck because our California Scholarship Federation chapter planned a trip to Monterey for that spring, and as part of the trip we would visit the National Steinbeck Center in Salinas. I wanted to have some means for engaging the museum, so I read almost every Steinbeck book our school library offered with the exception of his two best known works, *The Grapes of Wrath* and *East of Eden*. My senior year I read *The Grapes of Wrath* and felt I found my favorite novel. Steinbeck revealed to me a portrait of the depression, the cruelty of capitalism, and the beauty of the human goodness. *The Grapes of Wrath* was the first novel that ever made me cry; since then I’ve often wept when I’ve encountered Steinbeck-like stories. It seemed natural that at some point in pursuit of my undergraduate degree I should read *East of Eden* from a more mature



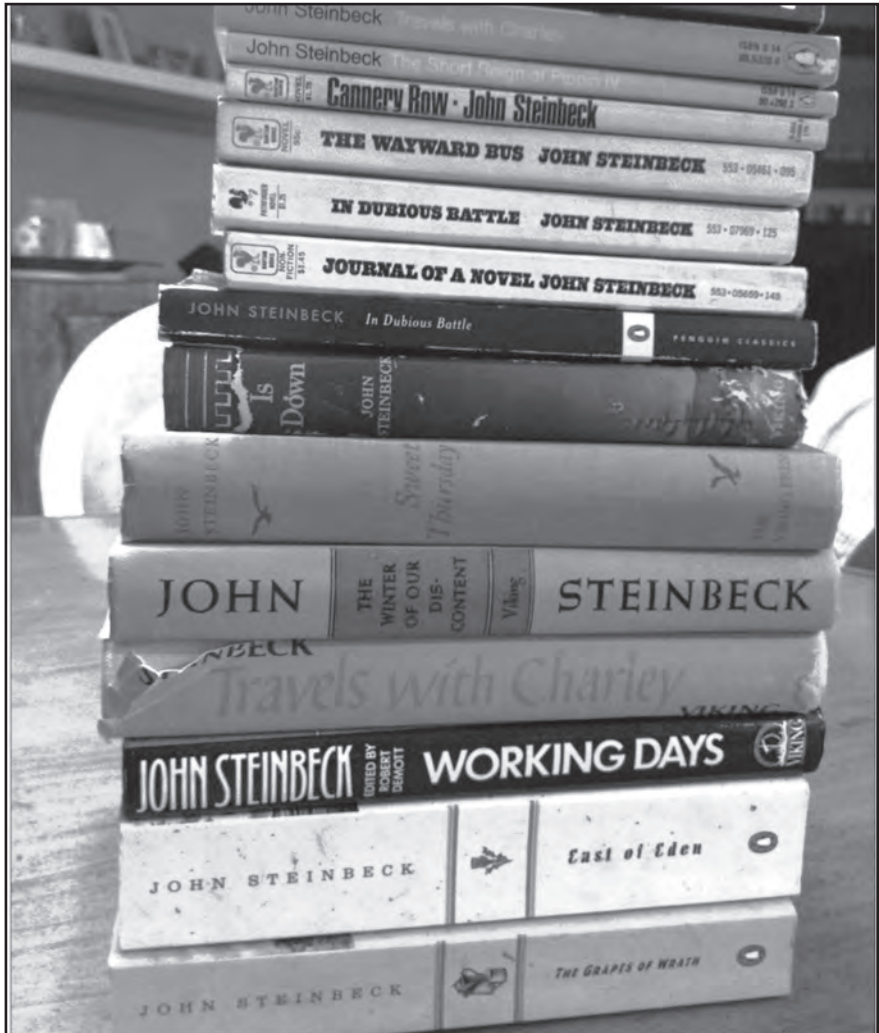
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point of view. Dr. Rosenberg presented me with the appropriate opportunity as an independent project in his Masculinity and Film course. In what Steinbeck calls, “the only book I have ever written,” Steinbeck interweaves the narrative of the Trask and Hamilton families that come to own unprofitable lands in the Salinas Valley. Relevant to Steinbeck’s narrative is a play between poverty and wealth, which provokes serious consideration of our definition of prosperity. However, what I find especially provoking in Steinbeck’s work is his philosophical prose on the nature of good and evil as it pertains to masculinity. Often this topic is narrated through the servant of the Trask family named Lee. Lee more than often compensates for the Adam Trask’s complete ignorance of his role as the single father of twin boys, while also serving as Adam’s closest confidant and friend. One of Lee’s remarkable characteristics is that, despite his poverty and servant status, he transcends even the wealthiest men in the Salinas Valley in his wisdom and intelligence. After Samuel Hamilton and Adam Trask partake in a conversation on the

story of Cain and Able from which the novel takes its name, Lee is so deeply provoked by the story that he takes to studying the work in Hebrew. After ten years of study, Lee discovers that King James Version of the story translates the final verse of “‘If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? And if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.’” At the words ‘thou shalt,’ Lee finds a promise that man should be ruled by his desires and, like Cain, these desires will always be ridden with evil. However, Lee discovers that an alternative translation from Hebrew changes the final ‘thou shalt’ into ‘thou mayest.’ As a result Lee finds hope that a man may aspire to things greater than his desires. When asked why Lee endeavors to study these stories so thoroughly despite his other obligations, Lee says in *East of Eden*, “I take my two pipes in the afternoon, no more and no less, like the elders. And I feel that I am a man. And I feel that a man is a very important thing—maybe more important than a star. This is not theology. I have no bent toward the gods. But I have a new love for that glittering instrument, the human soul. It is a lovely and unique this in the universe. It is always attacked and never destroyed.” While one may certainly question Steinbeck’s unwavering faith in the good and his loath of evil, I find an incredible amount of hope in reading these words. Perhaps a man is more

complex than what Steinbeck presents, but, nonetheless, I think Steinbeck is onto some measure of truth. Man, with all his vices and shortcomings, is ultimately called by some pursuit of what is good. As young men, I think these are important ques-

tions to ponder. Perhaps it will be two pipes on the porch outside your living unit with a companion is time enough to consider what is good in a man? But for me and many others, perhaps it will be two pipes a day.



A stack of the wonderful novels John Steinbeck wrote.

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Imagination Adds to Wabash Education

Over my wonderfully boring spring break, I had the good fortune of spending some time in a used bookstore, and I stumbled upon an incredibly interesting work of fiction. The book was an alternative history novel of the Victorian period, in which the entire time period heads in a new direction because of a single chance invention. While I know that the average reader of *The Bachelor* cares less about alternative history than Michael Vick cares about the newest PETA legislation, I think Wabash has an almost unique relationship with “what if” questions. In talking to active alumni, current students, and faculty, a common recurring theme is that our time at Wabash serves to open student’s eyes to a stark reality. Apparently we leave after four years with a much clearer view of what we have done, what we are capable of, and how we stand in relation to others. It’s been said that the rigors of lab reports, final papers, and comprehensive exams have an enlightening effect on students, which causes them to see in simpler black and white terms. I was told that Wabash would let me see the world as it actually exists behind the political, social, and moral curtains that we hang. If this is true, where do “if” statements lie in out education? If Wabash is a place that educates men to live in reality and see things as they actually are, then can fantasy and imagination play any role in that training? While departments like the natural sciences and math are based on recorded events and



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observations, others like theater and English rely heavily on created worlds that have never existed. Since Wabash’s apparent purpose is so

heavily involved in teaching students to interact with the “real world,” surely the fact-based departments and majors are more important. Yet, I’d like to outline my reasons for believing that the “what if” departments are just as important as the departments based on empirical data. What exactly occurs when a student and teacher engage a piece of fiction? Using their experience of reality as a background, they step into a fictional realm and compare the differences between the two worlds. In the case of an



The Wabash Theater Department presented “Picasso at the Lapin” in the fall of 2012. What can fiction add to our understanding of facts?

alternative history, a single “what if” moment (what if John F. Kennedy hadn’t been assassinated, or what if Picasso and Einstein had met at a bar that they both frequented?) then leads to a completely new set of experiences. Each time we encounter a sentence that begins with if, we immediately enter a possible future and begin to speculate. In other words, interacting with a piece of fiction is like taking a model of the universe in your hand and tweaking it. Some pieces of fiction are slight tweaks (like modern day detective novels) or drastic tweaks (like science fiction novels with different alien species). To many people, this seems to stray from the goal of teaching men to see the world in a clearer, realistic fashion. However, the most important phase of the student’s fiction engagement is next. After observing the slight adjustment of the fictional world, the student watches a cascade of cause and effect relationships unfold. A single event interacts with other events and characters, and the student is exposed to the direct effects of actions on the surrounding world. In this manner, a student’s interaction with fiction and fictional worlds embodies a tool that allows us to see the hidden causal relationships that govern our reality. This means that the departments based in imagination and fiction are adding a vital portion to each man’s liberal arts education at Wabash.

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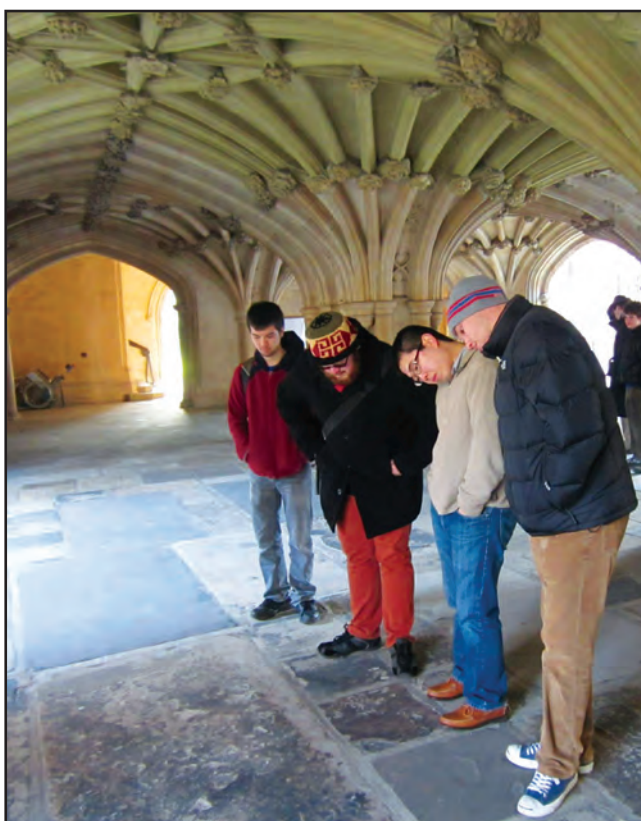
How can we differentiate between acceptance and tolerance?

Attention

Senior Council will be sponsoring Wally World for current and prospective students Sat. March 16 from 2-5 pm on the Mall if weather permits. If not, it will be held in Knowling Fieldhouse.

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Immersion trips are an important part of a Wabash education. The College funds a variety of immersion trips each semester to provide students with a hands-on educational experience. This spring, students and professors travelled to Belize; London, England; New York City, New York; and various locations in the European Union.

Hacked Games and Women

Fathers are Making their own Options when it comes to Female Protagonists

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There's always been a basic rule, a condition of modern internet culture, that there are no girls on the internet, and this extends, naturally, into the online gaming community. As a member of such a community, it was well known that they were clearly not there. As a former *World of Warcraft* raider, I knew there to be few women. In a raiding guild, we would talk to one another as we raided. The actions were complex and the boss battles fierce, so communication was necessary. But, it was there that I met "Fuglygretchen."

She was one of our hunters, a top damage dealer, and a woman. Gretchen was her power word, real name, and she changed the way I understood the community as a young man.

Women take up roughly 47 percent of gamers, online and off, but the perceived idea of women not existing on the internet and in online gaming is still incredibly prevalent. But, with this new statistic in mind, the scene is changing. Bear in mind, the industry is still not marketing games to women and, when they do, it's not very tact (I get that *Cooking Mama* was meant for a female class). So women waded into the field of men, through the marketing directly to 14 year old boys and came out the other side, dissatisfied.

It's apparent that the market is put towards young boys. Lara Croft, the original strong female character, was heralded, and will continue to be heralded, as a wonderful portrayal as a woman in gaming. But, with a lack of agency and an over sexualized nature, even Lara falls short of a real world portrayal. Women have been forced to fend for themselves, carving out niches from nothingness.

This week, a man, a father, and computer programmer, recognizing the apparent lack of female lead characters in video games, made a ROM hack of the original *Donkey Kong* where Pauline, not Jumpman, is the hero, and she is sent to save him, not the other way around. *Donkey Kong* was Nintendo's arcade hit where a proto-Mario Jumpman, jumped over barrels to save Pauline, a proto-Princess Peach.

He made this ROM hack seeing this apparent lack of female characters for his young daughter, who wanted to play the game. She became distraught, not able to play as a female character. The fix was simple, as the game doesn't have much to it.

This isn't the first case of these kinds of modifications where another father, Mike Hoye, modified a copy of *The Legend of Zelda: The Wind Waker* to change all of the male pronouns to female for his daughter so she could play as a now female Link.

These gender bends and moves towards female normality indicate the new shift towards their rising demographic. To ignore women, as a demographic, is not only financially irresponsible, but also indicative of the conditions of gaming as a whole. These two fathers, realizing that women play the role of object in most of the most classic games, didn't want their daughters to think that would need to be relegated to the victim.

These men, and these women, are now shifting the sands of something hegemonic, and it's a refreshing change from the norm. As a society of gentlemen, we should champion these rogue programmers, make some ROM hacks ourselves, and move towards a more open and equal society. Maybe the man can be saved, for once.



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Top: The most recent update to the original Donkey Kong game on the DS. Bottom: Samus Aran, the original strong female character.



What Your "Likes" Say About You

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Like snowflakes, no two people's Internet experience is the same. Personalization has become commonplace. Cookies have made it possible for third parties to tailor advertisements and news to site visitors' preferences and can even control what prices are paid for goods and services.

The Internet has become a series of individual bubbles. Youtube.com has used cookies to create a personalized list of recommended videos. There are news sites that organize the placement of major news stories based on what stories the reader has previously read. Online music streaming sites can create personal stations that correspond to the listener's preferences. Although these practices can create a better experience for the Internet user, there are downsides.

Too much personalization can limit the scope of information that one is exposed to while on the Internet. If all news sources ordered their stories

based on the interests of the viewing individual, the individual may have little knowledge of most of the newsworthy events that have recently occurred. Also, the more personalized an experience online becomes, knowledge about the Internet surfer can be gained without his/her knowledge. This knowledge can be used by advertisers and third parties to determine what the user will see in the future.

Data is becoming easier to collect about individual personalities. A new algorithm to determine personality traits based on what a user has "liked" on Facebook takes this data collection to a new level. This algorithm can be used to predict (with astonishing accuracy) Facebook users' sexual orientation, ethnicity, religious and political views, personality traits, intelligence, happiness, use of addictive substances, parental separation, age, and gender.

In a study of 58,000 Facebook profiles, the algorithm accurately predicted race with 95% accuracy and sexuality of males with 88% ac-

curacy. The latter may be surprising because only 5% of males who self-identified as gay "Like" Facebook pages associated with homosexuality-related topics. Instead, most of the data gathered on sexuality was done by examining which movies, music, and television shows the Facebook user "Like". Links between Facebook pages and personality traits are often surprising; for instance, intelligence was associated with tagging curly fries with a "Like." Incidentally, "Liking" Tyler Perry's page was associated with lower intelligence.

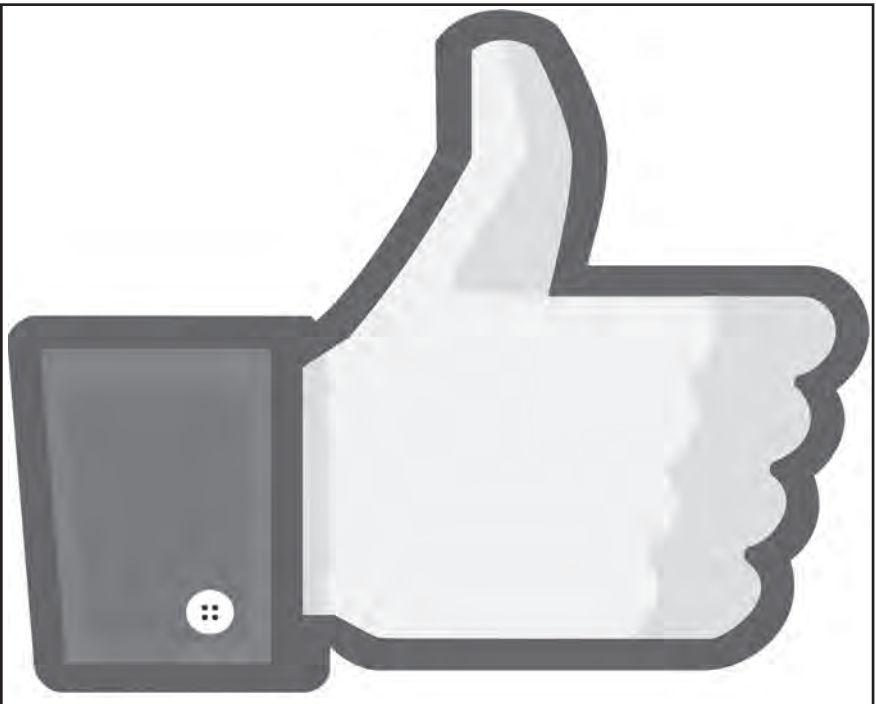
These results may allow for greater personalization, especially if Facebook expands its search features in the future. This data is easier and faster to collect than tracking what pages an Internet user visits and analyzing his/her patterns.

It may pose a greater security risk as well. The original study, conducted by Michal Kosinskia, David Stillwell, and Thore Graepel, suggests that this may be done without a Facebook user's consent or knowledge. The

research paper postulates that the results of the algorithm's prediction of a user's personality could be disastrous if made public. If a man was predicted to be a homosexual in a repressive society, his life may be in danger.

There is no perfect way to be shielded from data collection, and it is not necessarily a negative. Understand what is logged online is generally permanent. So "Liking" pages as a joke may influence what is advertised or what is seen on the Internet in the near future.

Next time you have the chance to learn the secret (that will presumably allow you to lose a massive amount of weight) discovered by a Crawfordsville stay-at-home mother, wonder what else the advertiser knows about you. The advertisements will only get more specific. Think about how you contributed to the data that a company has. The internet is a necessary tool, projecting the right image through "Likes" and searches will provide a rewarding, personal internet experience.



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This icon may be able to determine your sexuality, IQ, ethnicity, and gender. The average person has 170 "Likes" on their Facebook profile. They soon may become important to a persons internet experience.



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Its hard to believe that enjoying these movies may be associated with a low IQ. Motorcycles are another "Likable" thing associated with a low IQ. Internet advertisers may be able to use this information to target potential buyers in the future.

Five Officers Killed In Srinigar

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Earlier last Wednesday, armed militants opened fire on a local police camp for the Central Reserve Police Force in Srinigar, Kashmir, killing five police officers and wounding several other police and three civilians. The attack was apparently perpetrated by four armed men, two of which are now dead and the other two currently at large. The two attackers who were killed, according to home secretary R. K. Singh, "appeared not to be local boys, but from across the border" (Singh was referring to Pakistan in this statement). Omar Abdullah, the chief minister for the Jammu and Kashmir regions identified the attack as a "suicide attack."

In an online interview with Greater Kashmir, the Kashmir militant group Hizbul Mujahideen claimed responsibility for the attack. Hizbul Mujahideen (which in Arabic means "party of holy warriors") was founded by Ahsan Dar in 1989 and currently is the largest militant group operating in the Kashmir region. The current leader of the group is identified by the alias Sayeed Salahudeen and runs the group's terrorist operations outside the Kashmir region in Pakistan.

During the course of the attack, the four militants opened fire on the camp, carrying their ammunition in sports kits and hurling grenades at police personnel on the camp grounds (according to an unnamed army official who, on the scene, corresponded with news network Times Now). The attack startled children who were playing cricket on the nearby school playground and awoke Indian journalist Azhar Qadri, who apparently resides approximately five hundred feet from the camp in Beminia. According to Qadri, he awoke to the sounds of "sporadic shooting for about 20-25 minutes...and the thuds [that] sounded like grenades." Fortunately, the nearby school was closed for the day and no students or faculty were injured during the attack. According to the principle of the school, Tanzim Wahidi, there was "no loss to property or life" on the school grounds.

What is the significance of this event? This attack has been the first suicide attack in the Kashmir region since January 2010 and, as expressed by the inspector general police in Kashmir Abdul Ghani Mir, was "an attack on the peace of Kashmir." The Kashmir region, ever since the formation of Pakistan in 1947, has always been a hotly contested region, intensely desired by both India and Pakistan. Other than the Indo-Pakistan war of 1971, which originated from East Pakistan (now Bangladesh), the Kashmir region has either been the direct or indirect cause of every major conflict between these two states. Three wars have been fought over this region, one in 1947, one in 1965, and a rather limited conflict in 1999. The Kashmir and Jammu regions have also been the source of ongoing skirmishes and military stand-offs between these two states ever since the end of the first Indo-Pakistan war.

Keeping this violent history in mind, it is important to note that this attack was not prompted by any recent action committed by either the Indian government or any Indian groups or sects. This attack, instead, was almost entirely sporadic on the part of Hizbul Mujahideen and for that reason is a good indicator that, even in the contemporary context, Kashmir remains a hotly desired region.

Whatever direction this conflict takes, it is important to keep an eye on this region. Given the rich and violent history that surrounds this region and considering that these two states are both major players on the global stage, this event holds serious implications for the future.

New Look At Concussions Necessary

NHL, NFL's Takes on Mental Health Need to Change

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The NHL's promising start this year has been overshadowed by traumatic head injuries to several star players. In the past three weeks 11 players suffered from a concussion, most notably reigning most valuable player Evgeni Malkin of the Pittsburgh Penguins. The increase of head injuries has thrust the issue of mental health back into the spotlight, not only for hockey, but other major sports as well.

Concussions are seen in every contact sport, but the NHL handles it in an archaic way—especially when compared to the NFL. For example, the NHL doesn't require clubs to disclose the specific nature of a player's

injury. They just can't give out false or misleading information. So a team would be well within their right to label a player who received a concussion as having an upper body injury.

However, the NHL does have Rule 48, which penalizes hits to the head by players, unless "the opponent put himself in a vulnerable position immediately before or simultaneously with the hit or the head contact." The rule also appears fairly lenient on concussions. Raffi Torres, one of the dirtier players in the NHL, was only suspended eight games for a hit that knocked out an opponent and required that player to be carted off in a stretcher.

The NHL has also adopted a sideline test for diagnosing concussions.

The NFL also has sideline test that can be implemented on a player that has suffered a blow to the head. The NFL even plans to have independent neurological consultants on the sidelines. Many experts say that the sideline tests are unreliable for a variety of reasons. Especially since some concussion victims don't show symptoms until days after the incident.

In a statement to the New York Times Dr. Paul S. Echlin, a concussion specialist and researcher in Ontario, who has done two recent studies on concussions in the NHL said, "These on the spot concussion tests are a step in the right direction, but they still have problems to work out. When it comes to evaluating concussions, all of those sideline-screening tests really have no reliability. If you see it happen and you see the reaction, then you don't let the player go back in. That's the worst thing you can do, exposing a player to a second or third hit can be extremely dangerous."

The NFL has mandated a rule stating that a player will be removed from the game if he reports symptoms or shows signs of loss of consciousness or any other common signs of a head injury. However, determining if someone has a concussion is highly subjective and can't be simplified to checking off items on a checklist. Doing effective sideline diagnosis is complicated, which is why it's always best to err on the side of safety, but there are several obstacles to that practice.

The culture of professional sports is the biggest hurdle to get over if head injuries are to be given the proper treatment. The NFL has the most recent example of why players hide concussions from trainers and doctors. Alex Smith of the San



Phoenix Coyotes defenseman Raffi Torres was suspended eight games for an illegal hit delivered to Chicago Blackhawks winger Marian Hossa (in stretcher above).

Francisco 49ers was the starting quarterback before his concussion. After the injury Smith decided not to rush back into the game for the sake of his health. Then Colin Kaepernick started the rest of the season for the niners. He effectively lost his starting job and is now on the trading block. Before his concussion Smith was one of the top quarterbacks in the league with one of the top QB ratings. Now, he is essentially jobless.

The thing that needs to be realized is that there will always be injuries in both sports. They're contact sports played by big men, moving at tremendous speeds. However, both leagues

need to instill the idea that a player should never try to play through a concussion or come back too soon from one. After all, it's not a broken arm or leg, but essentially a broken brain. And the ramifications of severe head trauma never bode well in old age.

It's a fine line between reasonable reform and maintaining the integrity of the game. Undoubtedly, it is a hard call to make, but there is some middle ground to be found. And the mental health of our professional athletes depends on it.



Patriots' running back Stevan Ridley (22) braced for a hit by Ravens' safety Bernard Pollard (31). Ridley was knocked momentarily unconscious.

On the Road, Gaining Traction

Tennis Team Finishes 2-2, Prepares for Outdoor Season

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It wasn't all sunshine in Florida for the Wabash tennis team. The tennis squad had to battle cold and rainy weather for most of its annual spring break trip to Orlando, Florida, in its first outdoor matches of the year. The trip featured competition against some of the toughest opponents Wabash will see all year and the results were mixed. The team finished the three-day competition with an even record of 2-2 and an overall 7-6 record.

"This year, it was a little different as the weather in Orlando was windy and chilly the first few days," Head Coach Jason Hutchison said. "Our first match on Monday morning was against a tough Coe College team and the temperature was 38 degrees. As the week went on, the days were much warmer and the play got a little better."

Wabash lost only four matches in its two victories. In the matches Wabash won, none of the losses came from its doubles groupings. Wabash

swept Berry College 9-0 before narrowly defeating Clark University in a 5-4 decision. Team scoring in Wabash's victories was identical to the margin of loss, losing 9-0 to Coe College before falling in the last match against Ohio Northern University in a gut-wrenching 5-4 loss. Mark Troiano '15 and Daniel Delgado '14 led Wabash's doubles teams with a convincing 3-1 record.

Phil Kubisz '14 won three individual matches and partnered with Ian Leonard '13 for a 2-2 doubles record. The experience was more than just about the results of the matches for Kubisz.

"Playing tennis this break was eye opening on two different levels; it was another look at competition around the country and we were able to work during this period that is defined as a break," he said.

The trip also created many opportunities for team success off the courts.

"The team is always changing as the lineup does, and this year's team is the most connected I have seen yet," Kubisz said.

Hutchison acknowledged intentional team bonding as an important aspect in developing the group as a whole.

"This trip is not only designed to get some matches outside heading into our conference stretch of matches, but also used for building team chemistry" he said.

The team ate each meal together and did not go anywhere without being accompanied by a teammate.

Hutchison is content with the quality of interaction the team had and amount of time players had to get to know each other better.

"I am pretty sure the team had a nice time and it gave me a chance to see where we need to go and what we need to work on for the rest of the season," he said.

Traveling and competing in Florida had an impact on Kubisz and the whole team. "The spring break trip is one of the points in the year that we all most look forward to; it drives us academically knowing we will have such privileges for a vacation every spring," he said. "We worked hard and played hard, the time we had allowed us to shed some light on the backgrounds of where we come from and help us further mesh as a team."

The tennis team is primed and ready moving forward to the outdoor season. Wabash tennis starts the spring season Saturday with a home match against Hanover College at 9 a.m. before playing host to Cornerstone University at 4 p.m. "The Hanover match will be a mixture of working on things that we saw over spring break that should be improved as well as the first step in a hopeful and positive new direction with the tennis season," Kubisz said.

While the trip to Orlando was not entirely sunny, the team carries a renewed sense of purpose going into their first home outdoor match of the year.

This Weekend in Wabash Sports

Saturday:

Tennis	vs Hanover	9 a.m.
Baseball	vs John Carrol	10 a.m.
Baseball	vs Dominican	4 p.m.
Tennis	vs Cornerstone	4 p.m.
Track	Cancelled	

Sunday:

Baseball	vs Dominican	2 p.m.
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Above and below are shots from the tennis team's trip to Florida.



IAN LEONARD | WABASH '13
The tennis team (pictured above) spent the break in Florida to compete in its first outdoor matches of the year.

Tennis Star Leaves Venezuela At Young Age

Venezuelan Native Uses Tennis to Break Language Barrier

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Wabash's campus is fortunate to have a variety of students with unique backgrounds. Whether the students hail from rural Indiana or half way around the globe, many have stories to tell. Daniel Delgado '14 has one of the more interesting stories. Delgado is a member of the Wabash Tennis team and has spent most the season playing number two singles and number one doubles. In sixteen singles matches, Delgado has a 10-6 record and holds an 8-7 record in doubles play. He has served as a



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Delgado has been praised for his athletic ability and competitive fire.

stalwart on the court for the Little Giants dating back to his freshman season, consistently playing number two singles for the past three years. This steadiness has not been lost on Head Coach Jason Hutchison. "Daniel is a very athletically talented tennis player and uses that to his advantage during matches," Coach Hutchison said. "He has good speed and strength and we work hard at practice implementing those assets into his game. He has a great personality and a lot of fire, which makes him a pleasure to be around. He is very competitive and I think that translates to the younger guys on the team.

He is working hard on his leadership abilities, beginning to learn that his attitude is a reflection of the teams." While he has played well for the Little Giants in his time here, this is not what separates him from most Wabash men. Delgado, who has spent most of his life living in Indianapolis, is not originally from Indiana's capitol. For that matter, he is not originally from the United States. Instead, Delgado was born in Venezuela. Although he is originally from Venezuela, Delgado remembers little of his native land as he immigrated to the United States at the age of two. Now a U.S. Citizen, Delgado has grown up in the state of Indiana. Since leaving Venezuela at such a young age, Delgado has yet to return to the South American country. "My parents don't really want me to go back yet because of the President," Delgado said. "But he just died so we'll see about that." Having a family that spoke Spanish around the house, Delgado grew up speaking Spanish until he started attending school at the age of six. It was then that he started learning to speak English; he spoke English while at school and switched to Spanish at home. Delgado, who is now a Spanish major and English minor, feels that this was an excellent opportunity he had while growing up. "It's definitely an advantage that I had mainly that I was learning two languages at once," Delgado said. "Not many people have that opportunity. They speak English in class and at home and you have one hour period where you speak Spanish. I was spend-



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Delgado was born in Venezuela and grew up speaking Spanish at home and in school until age six. He is reaping the benefits from speaking two languages as a child.

ing half the day speaking Spanish and half the day speaking English and I've tried to use that to my advantage." While the language barrier was difficult for Delgado initially he acknowledged the fact that he was a better person because of it. One of the ways that he overcame the barrier was through sports, namely tennis. Tennis has been good to Delgado over the past three seasons. Having played at a very high level, he continues to compete at a steady level this season. Delgado, along with his tennis teammates, have their goals set for this season and

are well on their way to achieving them heading into the second half. "Our main goals are to beat Wittenberg and get another chance at Oberlin" Delgado said. "We got upset when we lost to Oberlin and Wittenberg got the best of us last year. I feel like we are the better team and we can do it." Wittenberg travels to Crawfordsville on April 6 for a match against Wabash at 9 a.m. The Little Giants are not scheduled to face Oberlin in the spring season.

Golf Returns From Arizona With Guarded Confidence

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The golf team traveled south in order to enjoy practicing in some warmer weather last week for its spring break. Members of the team flew to Phoenix, Arizona in order to prepare for the upcoming season and relax. The team was forced to choose its top six athletes based on performance to take the trip, as is tradition. Scott Morrison '14, Seth Hensley '14, Nick Sommer '15, Logan Burdick '15, James Kennedy '15, and Jackson Stevens '15 earned spots on the trip's roster. This is a young crew, but several of the six made the trip last year as well. Players have spent the offseason working out and doing specific stretches in order to prepare their bodies for the upcoming spring season. "The core and lower body exercises we've been doing will be beneficial to our golf game, and will help with our endurance in the tournaments," Hensley said. Cabin fever rose among the players, who've swung clubs and worked out inside all winter. The beautiful Arizona weather gave them the opportunity to play rounds outside—an opportunity the weather of Crawfordsville, Indiana hasn't provided too many times since the fall. Rain on the first day of arrival

didn't deter the Little Giants from having a good time. Instead of hitting the links, the team decided to go bowling. Though it couldn't go golfing, it built team unity indoors. The team competed against Mesa Community College in the middle of the week like it has in the past. Most of the team played well in the outing at Dobson Ranch and the team ended up shooting a 307. "We were happy with that score, but we should be able to shoot that consistently this spring, and hopefully improve," Sommer said. The team played on five different courses during its time in Phoenix including Wigwam, Ocotillo, and Desert Forest. Playing on different courses allowed players to gain experience on different types of terrain, which will aid in their formidability during the season. Hensley had a hole to remember one day of the trip. While playing hole seven, a 153-yard hole on Ocotillo's "Blue" golf course, he hit a hole in one. "To quote Billy Madison, 'That was so much easier than putting, I should try to get the ball in the hole in one shot every time!'" Hensley joked about the shot. The shot was the second of its kind for the Hensley, who hit a hole in one his freshman year at Anderson University's home course.

Hensley is looking forward to the season, both individually and as a member of the team. "I've worked quite a bit on the mental game in the offseason as well as my short-game, and I'm excited to see how it helps my game this spring season," he said. "We're really looking to improve this season and win some tournaments and play well like we did in Arizona." While in Arizona the team had the opportunity to interact with numerous Wabash alumni. One day it met with a group of alums for lunch, and another day it ate dinner at Mike Rapier's '89 home, a former Wabash golfer. "Taking the trip allowed us to play rounds together, help each other with form, and get to know the other guys on the team better," Sommer said. The team's next outing isn't until April when it travels to the Crooked Stick Golf Club for the Big Four Classic against Butler, DePauw, and Hanover. It will be at that meet that the team will get a grasp of their postseason picture..



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Burdick (pictured above) shoots for par during the team's spring break trip.



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Strasbaugh, Lefever Make Nationals

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The Little Giant Wrestling team, ranked 29th in the nation most recent National Wrestling Coaches Association poll, was one of 12 teams that participated in the Midwest Regional on Saturday, March 2nd at Elmhurst College in Chicago. The new national qualifying tournament, which featured six of the top 30 teams, was stacked with tough competition. Wabash finished sixth as a team with a few outstanding performances from both upper and underclassmen. Reece Lefever '15 and senior Jake Strausbaugh '13 qualified for the national tournament by finishing in the top three of their respective weight classes. Strausbaugh entered the tournament as the number two-seed at 149 pounds. The senior from Or-



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Reece Lefever '15 will compete in his first national meet this weekend. The sophomore transferred from Indiana Tech last year.

ville, OH picked up a decisive win in his opening bout, but dropped a tight 4-2 decision to third-seeded, Ben Strobel of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in the semi-finals. Strausbaugh bounced back in the consolation bracket with a victory in his first match and secured his trip to the national tournament by recording a pin in the final period of his third place match with top-seeded Gage Pederson of Olivet. His victory over Pederson not only secured his second trip to nationals in his career, but it also tied him for first place on Wabash Wrestling's all-time-wins list. Dr. Chris Healy '05 and Strausbaugh currently share the number one spot with 159 victories each. Lefever entered his first Midwest Regional as the number three-seed at 157 pounds. The sophomore from Fort Wayne, IN put together three straight wins, placing him in the finals

against Trine University's Elias Larson, a returning two-time All-American and top-ranked wrestler in the nation. Lefever lost his finals match 9-1. His twin brother Conner Lefever just missed qualifying at 174 pounds. He dropped a 6-3 decision to Trine's Ryan Pieper in the third-place match. Senior Austin O'Neal and freshman Tim Locksmith also wrestled well for the Little Giants. Each placed fifth in his weight class, 184 and 133 pounds, respectively. Freshman Michael Venezia finished sixth at 141 pounds. "All in all the team performed very well at the regional," Head Coach Brain Anderson said. "Obviously we wanted more and are never going to be satisfied until we get all 10 guys out to nationals. "We made a few mistakes that cost us qualifying more to nationals, but we competed hard and we are still a fairly young team."

The Little Giants will have a host of talented wrestlers returning next year. The team loses only a few starters to graduation. "Seven of our ten starters are either freshmen or sophomores," Anderson said. "We've put together a very solid season with a young team." But while the season ended at the conclusion of the regional tournament, Strausbaugh and Lefever ramped up the training over the last two weeks in preparation for the national tournament. "Jake and I stayed over spring break with a couple of teammates to train with us," Lefever said. "We had some pretty tough practices over break." While both wrestlers are excited to still be wrestling at this point in the season, neither one is surprised by their success. Neither are the coaches. "[Qualifying for the national tournament] is very exciting and it's what everyone expected to do," Anderson said.



COURTESY OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
Jake Strausbaugh '13 returns to nationals for the first time since his freshman year. He is one win shy of owning Wabash's all-time-wins record.

Both wrestlers are used to wrestling this level of competition. Strausbaugh was a national qualifier at 141 pounds during his freshman campaign and just missed qualifying each of the last two seasons. "The last two years were very hard to take, knowing we had one of the best 149 pounders in the country and we couldn't prove it at nationals," Anderson said. "I'm just glad that he gets a chance to go out on top in his senior year." While this is Lefever's first trip to the NCAA Division III National Tournament, he is no stranger to wrestling on the national stage. Last season he wrestled at the NAIA National Tournament for Indiana Tech. But Lefever noted that the change from NAIA to Division III has been noticeable. "This year has been different from last year in many ways," Lefever said. "Instead of going to open tournaments

like my team did last year, we wrestled in a lot of dual meet tournaments. I like the dual tournaments because it involved the team aspect of wrestling instead of wrestling just individually." Lefever and Strausbaugh have helped push each other this season, which helps explain why both have been so dominant against their opponents. "They typically don't drill together, but push each other in live all the time," Anderson said. "When you have guys as good as they are battling each other, only great things will come from it." Strausbaugh and Lefever hope that great things happen this weekend in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The first session of the two-day Division III National Tournament begins in the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena Friday, March 15, at 11 a.m. The last session begins at 7 p.m. on March 16.

Waterman

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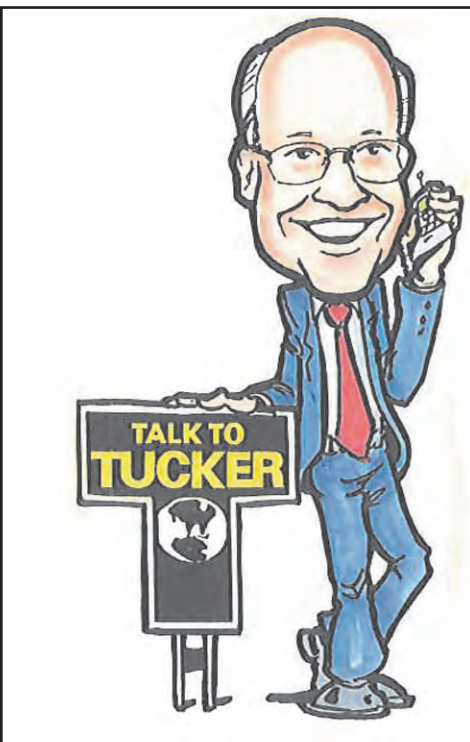
say 'Hey Coach, I missed the workout that day,'" Busch said. "He doesn't miss many days now, but he'll admit it when he does. A lot of times, younger athletes don't tell you they missed a day and that can drastically change their training regimen. Jake is really honest about that and it makes it much easier to coach him." Spring break also proved crucial in Waterman's championship run. He focused on his mental approach to the race and staying healthy. "We got in a quality session here on Tuesday (over break), but at that point, you want to keep him healthy and positive," Busch said. "You don't him to get the flu with the change in weather; the key that last week is to stay healthy." With Waterman graduating this spring, the national-title torch may be passed to Posthauer. Posthauer qualified for the finals heat for the first time in his career after making the preliminaries as a freshman. He posted a time of 8.22, one tenth of a second slower than his personal best. "I had the intensity," Posthauer said. "I had everything going for me. I didn't get the time I wanted

in the finals but I was just a little bit off. I'm happy I got here and fifth place in the nation is not bad." Head Coach Clyde Morgan echoed the feel-good sentiment. "My palms are sweaty I'm so excited for him," Morgan said. "He did what got him here; he came in fourth or fifth and he finished fifth. For a sophomore, he just held himself together." Waterman and Posthauer will have little time to celebrate their successes; they joined the outdoor team in practice this week. The team will host the J. Owen Huntsman Relays this Saturday on Huntsman track at 12:00 p.m. Its first meet is scheduled for the following Saturday at Rhodes College.

"I want my legacy to be more about the attitude a person should take as a competitive runner instead of flashy trophies."
--Jake Waterman '13



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Waterman sits in front of the Knowling Fieldhouse Record Board with his first-place trophy. None of the Wabash greats on the board won multiple national titles. He will have a chance to defend his 2012 outdoor title this spring.



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