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Meixner Takes College Switch With Ease

ADAM ALEXANDER '16
STAFF WRITER

Brandon Meixner, though a brother of Wabash's chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, never graduated from the College. He does not even attend Wabash. But Meixner, a student who began his collegiate life as a member of the Class of 2013, is still a Little Giant. Meixner is a unique case in that he decided to go through the 3-2 Engineering Program with Wabash and Purdue University. Meixner decided on Wabash because he wanted to play baseball in college, but he also wanted to pursue a career in engineering. Wabash's 3-2 program allowed Meixner to do just that.

"Wabash was one of the only schools that I applied to where I would have a legitimate chance at getting playing time; and I knew that they had the 3-2 program as well, so I could also try and pursue engineering," Meixner said.

Meixner began his freshman year at Wabash planning to pursue a degree in chemistry, but after taking a year of chemistry classes decided to switch to a major in physics instead. At the same time, Meixner chose to quit baseball due to injuries and so that he could more easily manage his academic and fraternity responsibilities. Unfortunately, Meixner's decision to change his major meant that he was a year behind in his physics major. By the end of his junior year at Wabash, Meixner had only completed two years of the curriculum for his physics major.

"[I] realized that in order for me to finish my physics major by the end of my senior year, I would have to take more classes than are recommended," Meixner said. "This was going to be really hard for me to do since the classes are so difficult and I would have to complete most of them by the end of fall semester [of] my senior year so that I would be able to take Comps. I did not want to put myself through that and decided to just transfer out of Wabash and go to Purdue to obtain a Bachelor's Degree in engineering."

Meixner did not complete the 3-2 program at Wabash, but his future still looks bright.

"I knew that having two Bachelor's degrees, one from Wabash and one from Purdue, would be a great asset to me. See MEIXNER, Page 3



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Prior last week's baseball game, Goodrich Ballpark was officially dedicated in honor of the Goodrich family which was represented by John and Serona Goodrich and Jan Goodrich Gerson (pictured above).

Goodrich Ballpark Dedicated

PATRICK BRYANT '16
STAFF WRITER

Prior to the start of the Little Giants baseball game against John Carroll University last Saturday, the new Goodrich Ballpark was officially dedicated in honor of the eight members of the Goodrich family who have attended Wabash College since 1893 and as recently as 2010.

Representing the Goodrich family were John '67 and Serona Goodrich, and Jan Goodrich Gerson. The ballpark is a part of a \$6.2 million project devoted to "outdoor athletics and intramural facilities." The new Goodrich Ballpark is a big change compared to the old ballpark in Mud Hollow between the 1960s and early 2000s, Director of Athletics and Campus Wellness Joseph Haklin '73 said.

"As a guy who played, and there are many of us, in the Mud Hollow [baseball] field here, this is a real blessing," Haklin said. "It's a source of great pride for the alumni base."

Haklin said numbers show an increase in recruiting and an increased level of interest among prospective students and their families since the new field. Recruitment is something Haklin said the Goodrich family has played a part in as well.

"There have been several people over the years that they have basically brought to Wabash by being great am-

bassadors for the College," he said. "This is more than just a monetary commitment on the part of the family; they are truly committed to the College and bringing good Wabash men here."

Mr. Goodrich said he brought roughly 100 men to the College in the last 40 years. As far as bringing students to campus, he said the Goodrich family isn't done yet either in having family members at the College as the Goodrich's grandson, 8, will represent the fifth generation of the family by coming to Wabash.

One of the things that is very rewarding, and what he said was "breath-taking" in seeing the new facility, is the fact that Wabash facilities truly match the quality of the academics.

"You see this, and the Wabash facilities have come so far, and it matches the academics," he said. "The young men here now can play sports, they can be recognized academically, with their sports, their abilities, it's just great."

Head Baseball Coach Cory Stevens said the dedication of such a beautiful facility is especially gratifying for the baseball team and something the organization takes pride in. It also sends a message to prospective students of the College's commitment to student athletes.

"We are extremely thankful for the generosity of the Goodrich family and their loyalty to Wabash College,"

he said via e-mail. "Their thoughtful donation has helped create one of the premier collegiate baseball venues in the Midwest. The sense of pride and commitment our student-athletes have developed playing at Goodrich Ballpark over the last two years can never truly be measured. The Goodrich name, along with the many other loyal Wabash families who have given back to the College, will be synonymous with greatness for generations to come. The Wabash College baseball program is truly thankful."

Mr. Goodrich said his wife deserves praise for always coming along to Wabash events and being a part of his and his family's involvement in the all-male institution. That time, effort, and financial contribution were worth it and are valued, Mrs. Goodrich said.

"Of course, it's a wonderful feeling to know that we've been able to contribute," she said, "but we've been rewarded many times over by seeing the beautiful young men that have come from here and their accomplishments in the world."

Mr. Goodrich said if he could give advice to current Wabash students, it would be simply to give back to the school as it has given much to them.

"Grow up, be successful, and give back," he said. "That's what it is, that's what makes it work. Give your money, give your time, it's all worth it."

Wabash Web Story Vying for NCAA Honor

SCOTT MORRISON '14
NEWS EDITOR

March Madness is upon sports fans across the nation, leaving hoops experts scrambling to fill out brackets. With all of the bracket madness, there is another, much smaller, NCAA competition going on at the Division III level, and it involves Wabash.

The NCAA and Division III have been working together on an identity initiative. They concluded that one of the best ways to talk about how student athletes are involved with their communities would be to partner with an organization. The NCAA chose Special Olympics and then asked schools to publicize the work that their student-athletes do with Special Olympics.

Wabash's Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) has been busy at work this semester to keep different Little Giant athletic teams volunteering on Sundays with the Special Olympics. Those students took their volunteer work to heart, and Jocelyn Hopkinson '15 wrote a story covering the partnership for the Wabash College website.

Hopkinson is a sports writer for The Bachelor and also works with Director of Sports Information and Sports Marketing Brent Harris. "Brent came to me with the story to write, and he told me it was something to take the time to do it right," Hopkinson said. "That worked for me because I'm a pretty slow writer; Brent is on me a lot about getting the game stories finished faster. But I took my time on this one and it seems to have worked."

The entire experience has been new for Hopkinson. "I'm not used to it [having so much attention]," Hopkinson said. "People have been telling me good luck or I voted for you all week. Usually I am the one giving the press to people, so it's a little new for me."

Harris sent Hopkinson's story to the NCAA, and it is now one of the featured stories. See HOPKINSON, Page 3



HOPKINSON '15

Cook '66 Provides Local Expertise on Newly-Elected Pope Francis

GABE WATSON '13
MANAGING EDITOR

On March 13, Argentinian Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio took the name of Pope Francis to officially succeed Pope Benedict XVI as head of the Catholic Church. Bergoglio is the first Jesuit pope and the first to come from the Americas, but his choice of papal names is perhaps most telling about what the world can expect from him.

Francis's choice to honor Francis of Assisi, the 12th Century Catholic Saint, is interesting in that he is the first pope to do so, but it is important in what it indicates about his papacy.

In only his second week, Pope Francis has not yet sent out any encyclicals or decided his surrounding leadership positions. Rather, he has so far revealed priorities through symbolic actions. His first words as Pope, for instance, were a less formal greeting than is traditional for a pontiff.

He has also adopted plain white robes over colorful ones and chose a wooden cross over gold. These decisions are symbolic in that they lack administrative authority, but they

set a precedent for Francis's papacy and the Catholic Church in general.

Visiting Professor of Religion and History Bill Cook '66 says these actions tie in perfectly with the character of Saint Francis of Assisi. "Saint Francis is indicative of poverty, humility, and simplicity," he said. "Even [Pope Francis]'s first words gave a sense that this was, in the best sense of the word, a simple, humble, guy."

Benedict's addresses so far have confirmed this priority shift. He has already emphasized stewardship for the earth, a message around which Christians of all sects may be able to unite. Francis of Assisi is perhaps best known for his love of nature, and Pope Francis seems to be capitalizing on both the Saint's popularity and his reputation.

One part of that reputation is a devotion to working for the poor rather than building up the lavish church buildings and possessions for which the modern Catholic Church has become known.

Another large focus Pope Francis's namesake suggests but that his symbolic actions have not yet con-

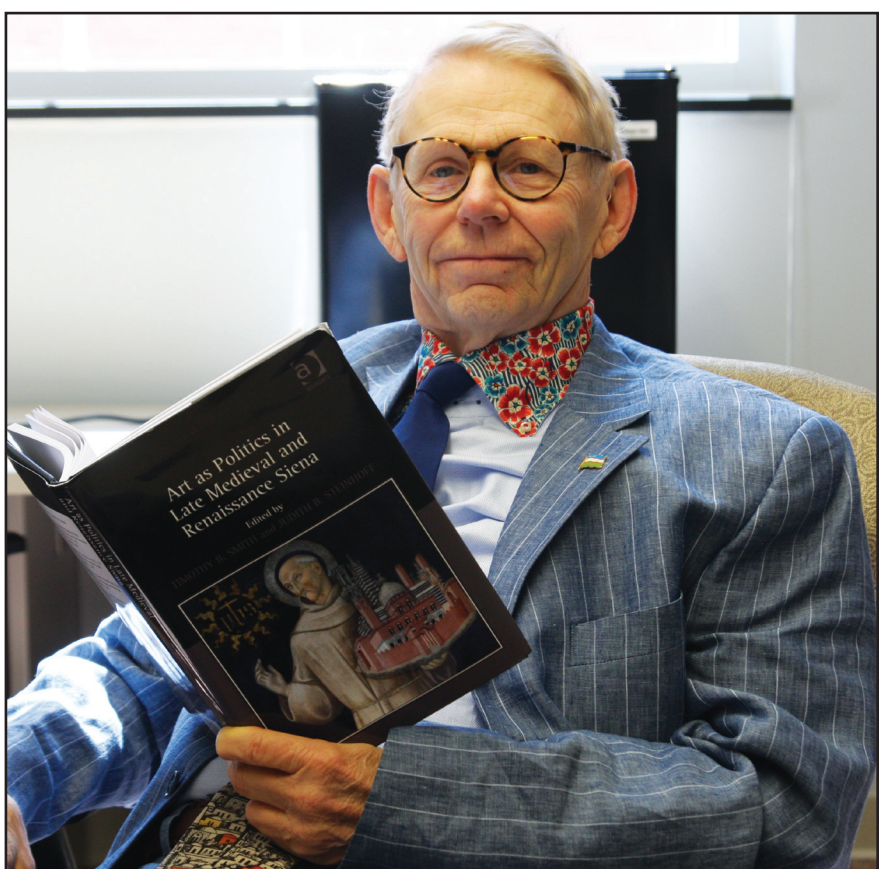
firmed is an attempt to work with the Muslim world. Francis of Assisi once went to visit the fifth crusade to meet with the sultan, and the two supposedly were able to communicate with respect rather than violence.

"Francis indicated that he learned about his faith by meeting with him," said Cook. "He was able to Christianize a Muslim way of talking about God."

The last two popes have met with Muslim leaders, but in 2006 Benedict quoted from a document that referred to Mohammed in ways that were taken as offensive, and the relationship was damaged. "Francis has a new start," said Cook. "He probably has little experience with Muslims [because he is from Argentina], but he seems to have the respect."

This emphasis on interfaith dialogue is another one behind which many Christians can unite. "Simply the fact that over half the world is Christian or Muslim means it is impossible to have peace without these groups getting along," said Cook. "They don't have to agree, but they have to get along."

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IAN BAUMGARDNER | WABASH '14

Visiting Professor of Religion and History Bill Cook '66 is a renowned expert on Saint Francis of Assisi. Argentinian Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio is the first pope to honor St. Francis of Assisi by taking on the papal name Francis. Many consider this as a telling move about the new pope.

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National Act: Ralphie May - Comedian 8 p.m.
Allen Athletics and Recreation Center Chadwick Court

Sunday, March 24
Glee Club Campus Concert 4 p.m. Salter Concert Hall

Monday, March 25
Matt Tanney Talk 7:30 p.m. Baxter Hall Lovell Lecture Room

Tuesday, March 26
IFC Meeting 11:10 a.m.

Student Senate Meeting 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 27
Wednesday Religious Chapel in Tuttle Chapel 10 a.m.

APO Meeting 7 p.m. Baxter 101

Thursday, March 28
Chapel Talk: Prof. Eric Freeze 11:15 a.m.

Talk by Ken Turchi '80 12 p.m. Baxter 114

Sports Jeopardy Night 7 p.m. Goodrich 104

Glee Club Returns, Prepares for Concert

TYLER HARDCASTLE '15
STAFF WRITER

Early on the first morning of spring break, the Glee Club set out for Pennsylvania.

The group arrived late that night to begin their week-long tour, which would include performances, planned and unplanned, as well as general sight-seeing and networking. The Glee Club will be sharing their experiences with the Wabash community this Sunday at a performance in Salter Hall at 4 p.m.

"We schedule this [campus performance] after the tour because we're at the top of our game at this point," Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Glee Club Richard Bowen said. "Even though Glee Club regularly rehearses twice a week for about two hours, a lot of the guys don't really get to know each other very well. That is to say they get to know the guys immediately around them but if they didn't really know someone before they came into Glee Club, those connections don't really get made. On tour they do."

Sam Vaught '16 certainly saw this on what was his first Glee Club trip.

"I realized how much of a bonding experience tour is. When you travel, live, and perform with a small group for an entire week, you develop relationships at a level that is hard to copy

in the four hours of normal Glee Club rehearsal a week," Vaught said. "I feel more integrated into the group - the freshman feeling is starting to wear off."

The tour certainly kept the members on a strict schedule and all but forced them to interact. After arriving at the sight of the following day's first concert, a Methodist church in the suburbs of Pittsburgh, the Glee Club split into small groups and went back to the houses of various church members to spend the night.

"That's always a good experience on both sides, the guys enjoy doing that, it gives them an opportunity to meet folks and the hosts were very enthusiastic as well," Bowen said.

After homemade meals and tours of Pittsburgh from their hosts, the Glee Club returned to the church the next morning for the tour's debut concert. Following the concert they drove on to Philadelphia to a hotel that was within walking distance of the next couples days' concerts and events.

"Tuesday morning they did a concert at the National Constitution Center in the independence mall area," Bowen said. "After the program, we were able to view the exhibits, available in the center as well, the guys had a good time walking around there and sort of posing with the delegates [statues] and taking pictures."

Later that day the group had the



PHOTO COURTESY OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
The Glee Club spent spring break travelling to Pittsburgh and Philadelphia performing at a variety of venues from a Methodist Church to the National Constitution Center. The group will perform this Sunday at 4 p.m. in Salter Hall.

opportunity to visit the Liberty Bell and sing the national anthem around the bell. Breaking with their patriotic theme, the group performed at several retirement communities in the area, performed an impromptu concert at the hotel, and visited the Philadelphia Art Museum to cap off their time in the city.

After a couple more stops, the tour came to the home of Fred Wampler '57 and his wife Laura, who helped the plan and set up much of the

Glee Club's time in Philadelphia.

The Glee Club's performance will be at 4 p.m. in Salter Hall this Sunday the 24th and will feature pictures of their tour provided by Professor of Chemistry Emeritus John Zimmerman - who accompanied the Glee Club on the tour - a song highlighting the names of the more than 40 places that the Glee Club has visited in the last ten years and a musical salute to President White.

Pope

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Poverty, humility, simplicity, and respectful inter-faith dialogue are high goals, especially so soon into this new papal rule. But if these are ideals Pope Francis fosters, the Catholic community may follow suit. His rule presents the opportunity for a paradigm shift in a church that risks becoming outdated for much of the Western world.

Francis of Assisi is generally beloved by both Christians and non-Christians alike. While Pope Francis may not win over many non-Catholics with his staunch stand against same-sex marriage and other social issues many consider common sense, he may be able to connect with the world on other levels.

Wally World Attempts to Draw Prospects



COREY EGLER | WABASH '15
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Vosel '15 Wins Architectural Honors

JOHN DYKSTRA '13
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

John Vosel '15 is officially the architect of a future, permanent addition to Evansville's Bicentennial Park.

The Indiana State Bar Association's Leadership Development Academy announced last Thursday evening in Salter Hall that Vosel's design for a monument honoring Indiana's longest-standing Supreme Court Justice Randall T. Shepard won the Shepard Public Art Project competition.

Vosel and Mark Shaylor '14 were the two finalists of the statewide competition. They created their designs as part of an art course they took last semester on site-specific sculpture with Professor of Art Dr. Douglas Calisch. The committee responsible for

"I hope that all of you will be able to see in your mind's eye how this place might empower you to be great citizens who help your fellow citizens see a brighter future."

--Chief Justice Shepard



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selecting the winning design judged based on how the designs complied with the request for proposals, artistic merit, elements of design, the level of maintain-

ability and resistance to vandalism, safety, the degree to which the art is interactive, and technical feasibility.

Calisch's students performed a wide range of research on Chief Justice Shepard, Evansville, and the Indiana Supreme Court before they made their designs.

"This was a new challenge for all of us, and the students in the class executed strong designs—maybe because the situation was real and the criteria mattered," Calisch said. "We spent a lot of time relating the visual design to the history, purpose, and placement of the monument."

Vosel's design took the shape of a handprint.

"I knew Randall T. Shepard really likes children and wanted children to be able to interact with the monument," Vosel said. "The hand is actually a form of a painted children's hand. It has rounded edges and a smooth

texture for kids to safely run around."

Casey Kannenberg, Chair of the Steering Committee for the Shepard Public Art Project, expressed his satisfaction with Vosel and Shaylor's designs.

"Quite simply, John and Mark had the best concepts," Kannenberg said. "We were pretty amazed at what they were able to put together based on the criteria that we had come up with. We thought it would be difficult to create a design that both honors Chief Justice Shepard and is safe for children to interact with. John and Mark responded the best in terms of vision and execution of their ideas."

Chief Justice Shepard, who is an honorary alumnus of the College and Evansville native, attended the naming of the winning design and praised the College for its emphasis on enlivening one's imagination and living humanely.

"I love Dr. Pat White's phrase about enlivening your imaginations and imagining what life might be with the benefit of a Wabash education," Shepard said. "The answer is in some ways demonstrated by what John and Mark have done and what the Leadership Academy has made possible, which is to enrich the civic life of the community by allowing the creative talents of the best of us be vis-



COREY EGLER | WABASH '15

John Vosel '15 pictured above shaking hands with Chief Justice Shepard. Vosel's design won the Shepard Public Art Project competition.

ible to lift up our spirits and to cause us to think through what we might leave with our fellow human beings.

"I hope that all of you will be able to see in your mind's eye how this place might empower you to be great citizens who help your fellow citizens see a brighter future."

President White related Shaylor and Vosel's work to the collaboration of the fine arts and liberal arts.

"I am proud of John and Mark, because this is art in the real world," White said. "These men have created

it, and they have had to use their understanding of history, culture, politics, law, and the impact of Chief Justice Shepard's career to make a design."

Vosel received a \$2,000 scholarship, and Shaylor received a \$500 scholarship for their designs.

Kannenberg said Chief Justice Shepard's monument will be completely constructed either by the end of the year or early next year. Vosel will work with the fabricators for the construction project.

Meixner

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and one from Purdue, would look great on my resume, but it was just going to be too hard for me to complete on time," Meixner said. "Fortunately, most of the classes that I took in chemistry, physics, and math transferred to Purdue and counted towards my engineering curriculum."

Meixner now attends Purdue and is pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering. Meixner said that his decision to attend Purdue was easy due to his prior knowledge of the school as well as the in-state tuition he had been offered. However, because Wabash College is not a school specializing in engineering, Meixner will not graduate for another two or three years.

Even though his college years have not been what he imagined, Meixner still encourages that students participate in the 3-2 program.

"I think that it is a very good program for Wabash students to try and

pursue if they are wanting to go into engineering," Meixner said. "Having two degrees from two prestigious schools looks great on a resume and would make for a very marketable and well-rounded job candidate."

Meixner sees himself as the exception to the norm of what to expect from the 3-2 program.

"If I were to have started my Wabash career as a physics major, I most likely would be completing the 3-2 program," Meixner said. "But since the way my decisions played out, it was not very feasible for me to finish in a reasonable amount of time."

Even with his unfortunate collegiate experiences, Meixner does not regret his time spent at Wabash.

"I think that my experiences at Wabash have helped shape me into the person I am today," Meixner said. "I learned so much in my three years there that I don't think I would have learned if I were to go to a bigger state school instead."

Hopkinson

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three finalists to be named story of the month. The other two pieces are from Pacific Lutheran University and Wartburg College. The story which receives the most votes will be promoted on the NCAA Division III website and that school's local Special Olympics will receive 500 dollars.

The work of the SAAC with the Montgomery County Special Olympics as well as Hopkinson's story to promote the partnership are two more examples of the liberal arts experiences Wabash provides its students.

"It's just another example of what Wabash College says it does," Harris said. "And that is that it uses a liberal arts education to provide a whole life experience. Look at the mission statement and you see it wrapped up not only in Jocelyn's

story but what the student athletes are doing with the SAAC program."

If you haven't yet, you can read and vote for Hopkinson's piece at www.ncaa.org/D3SpecialOlympics. Hopkinson's story is currently 800 votes ahead of Pacific Lutheran's story, and voting will end March 25.

"I'll be disappointed if I don't win, but more for the Special Olympics of Montgomery County because the winnings go to the Special Olympics for that county or city," Hopkinson said.

The SAAC as well as the NAWM the NCAC have all promoted the story, but Harris echoes Hopkinson's sentiments about wanting more votes.

"It is great experience for Jocelyn; it's a great reward for his good work over the year to be recognized at this level, but the end of the day piece is that it is good promotion for Special Olympics," Harris said.

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A Modest Proposal

Guns Require New Perspectives

JOSE HERRERA '13
OPINION COLUMNIST

Recently, there has been much political deadlock over some of the issues concerning gun violence, especially in the wake of the Sandy Hook massacre. As a recent chapel talk given by Dr. Rhoades... it only took 20 minutes to kill these kids! Pro-gun advocates say that legislation for gun control infringes on the constitutional right of citizens and their ability to ward off a possibly tyrannous American government while pro-control advocates believe that “assault style weapons” are tools of war and that restrictions are needed to make massacres less convenient. Ultimately, there is a belief that the current situation needs to be changed in order to prevent future events like the one at Sandy Hook.

Now, the United States has the highest gun rate ownership and gun related murders per year of any industrialized state, with 8,583 murders, and about 89 guns for every 100 Americans in 2012. The number two country with as many guns as the U.S. is Yemen, at a respectable 54.8 per 100 people. Essentially, well over half of all murders involve firearms, two thirds of which are in metropolitan areas that disproportionately affect minorities.

Considering the statistics provided above, I think it is important we should streamline some issues. The first issue is that of the murder rate. These statistics make the United States look bad. With so many guns in circulation, we should be ashamed that Central Latin American countries still kill more people per capita than we do. What I am saying here is that we are losing our competitive ability to kill innocent people. Therefore, I propose that we speed the process up with a couple of simple yet effective methods:

1. Let’s give the police in large metropolitan areas drug arrest quotas, ones that disproportionately target minorities so that they can be shipped off to jails, become trapped in the downward spiral created in this country’s industrial-complex so that they have no chance

at achieving a career, and then turn to gangs where, hopefully, they can illegally buy legally-purchased handguns to kill each other.

2. Let’s make the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives completely irrelevant by pushing the patriots of the National Rifle Association to lobby for true American values: censorship . By preventing gun records from going public, and by not requiring gun vendors to take inventories or creating a national gun-ownership registry and database, we can effectively establish the values that created this country. We must ignore the immortal words of NRA Chief Wayne LaPierre, that “the only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun” by continuing to flood dangerous Americans with easily accessible guns. Hopefully there are enough bad guys with guns to go on rampages before the good guys take them out...like Adam Lanza, James Holmes, Jacob Tyler Roberts, William Spengler, Seung-Hui Cho and Jovan Belcher with well over fifty combined murders... just to name a few.

3. We need to make sure we ignore education reform to provide guns with people that will responsibly pick up the gun murder rate. The best example to follow is that of public schools across the nation: to a propensity for creating dropouts. If you don’t see how this leads to higher murder rates, see proposal 1.

The only other option is to round up the 8,583 people killed by firearms each year and put them in one village, preferably in Arizona (really, anywhere in the south would do). We then need to separate out the people based on what weapon they were killed with in order to make it statistically accurate. Since shooting a gun has become part of American identity, we will randomly select patriots – much like jury duty – to shoot each person with their statistically-assigned weapon. Those that fail or refuse to shoot people will be fined heavily and will have to perform a wretched community service, like feeding the poor. Ideally, we would want to use hollow points for whatever gun this servant of freedom will be using, and we would



An AK-47 in its glory.

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Guns, guns, guns. There are many debates surrounding gun laws, violence, and the second amendment. Is there a right answer?

and make sure that there is a shot to the head and to the heart – the last thing we need is for those shot to survive and sue us. Plus, the survival of one person who is statistically supposed to die could consequently make our whole project invalid; another person would have to be a ‘selected’ victim.

Who would these selected people be? The system would have to be fair and random or else public backlash could mount. At the same time, it must be statistically accurate. In order to get over this hurdle, we could implement a sort of draft based on race, ethnicity, sex and income in each state. Then there will be a random draw in each region that will correspond with each person killed with a firearm. Considering that inner cities will have an over representation of minorities, there might be some issues there. If dissent grows too strong, a political compromise could be achieved – we could institute a five thirds compromise so that it can extend to all minorities, not just one. That way, the spirit of our project will remain the same and minorities will not be overly representative in this pool. This might hurt the integrity of our project, but it will only be used as a last resort.

Once the pools of people are selected, they will be flown to a predetermined village (coach class-- these are tough economic times!). We must make sure that this event is televised. Preferably some sort of pay-per view. The proceeds could then go funding this particular program and some sort of popular charitable organization, like PETA. If each person is shot and killed in a little over a second, this event would last only about three hours or so. To further sell

the entertainment purposes of this and push up profit margins, we could give some background information of the victims on a website so that the public can be made aware of those selected. We could also have a replay option so that those witnessing can see the true lethality of weapons at 5000 frames per second. It must be mentioned that those selected are humans after all and because there is a group that is of an opinion that this country’s would be better left castrated (weaponless), some compassion should be shown towards the selectees. After our draft of selectees are chosen, they will be volunteered to donate their blood until the day of the event, which, if things go as planned, they will hardly feel a thing and be more than glad to perform their duty.

So many dead bodies in one area could potentially harm vegetation or create an unpleasant smell, so it would be imperative that the bodies be burned quickly after the event or that they be filled in one mass grave. Considering that those selected are citizens of this country with loving families and friends, the corpses will be posthumously beheaded and sent to their loved ones. Then, as we surely would have fulfilled this country insatiable appetite for gun violence in one orgasmic sitting, our murder rate would be fulfilled, the Second Amendment would be intact, and people will be able to go on with their lives without being peppered about those annoying mass murders every night on the news. Or, we could have a reasonable conversation followed up with rational legislation about the role of guns and their effect on our society.

Externships Can Evolve into Internships

This short opinion will address the discussion around the externship opportunities at Wabash. Over winter break, I had the chance to work with Jeff Been ’82 at the Legal Aid Society of Louisville. I worked there for three days. I did many little things like calling previous clients, working with social media, and organizing files. Sounds boring, right? Wrong. I had a great time. Due to my superb work, Jeff offered me a full 8-week internship this summer,

It showed me the real world of law. It’s not always “Law and Order”. You have to do the dirty work. But, I also get to sit in on client



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interviews, visit court, and do other paralegal-like duties. I can’t wait.

Legal Aid aims to serve people in poverty. Regardless of your political ideology, it is obvious that poor people don’t always have legitimate legal representation. Legal Aid wants to change that gap. With the high

number of lawyer alumni Wabash pumps out, the number of alumni in the public sector is relatively low. My Legal Aid experience has somewhat confirmed my interest in working in the public sector.

Jeff also offered me valuable advice on choosing law schools and jobs. So, I received job experience and advice from a person in the field, who has first-hand experience in law and law school. This opportunity will allow me to meet other lawyers working in Louisville and learn from their individual experiences as well.

The externship or job shadow experiences can lead to full-fledged

internships or jobs. I highly suggest finding experiences that interest you either through individual searches or with Career Services. Find something that you think represent where you will end up after Wabash. You might find that it’s not the job for you, and that is extremely important. If you don’t enjoy what you do, why do it? External justification, such as a high paycheck, greatly reduces internal justification, like enjoying what you do. Don’t wake up when you are forty and feel empty.

It’s important to build great relationships with people you work with as well. Hopefully, you actually like

the people you work with. That will make your work that easier to execute. Jeff and I got along extremely well. The atmosphere was welcoming and encouraged constructive criticism and good work.

Wabash is correct when they say internships are important. They give students real world skills that you can’t gain in a classroom. You should take advantage of these experiences now before it’s second semester senior year and you don’t have any idea what to do.

Attention

This year’s first National Act, comedian Ralphie May, will be on Saturday, March 23 at 8:00 p.m. in Chadwick Court. Tickets are 10 dollars for guests. Wabash students gain free admission with their student I.D.

Religion Adds to Society

Last week The Progressive Secular Humanist Examiner shared a quote by Carl Sagan on their Facebook page: “In science it often happens that scientists say, ‘You know, that’s a really good argument; my position is mistaken,’ and then they would actually change their minds and you would never hear that old view from them again. They really do it. It doesn’t happen as often as it should, because scientists are human and change is sometimes painful, but it happens every day. I cannot recall the last time something like that happened in politics or Religion.” Despite being a student of Religion, this has been one of the more challenging discussions I have engaged thus far in my undergraduate experience. Does Religion contribute or hinder the progress of human society?

Carl Sagan, a renowned astronomer, is known especially for his progressive popularization of science. A search for Carl Sagan on YouTube yields a number of videos where Mr. Sagan asks his audience to consider the Earth for what it is, “a pale blue dot” so small in the universe that it is almost unimaginable to consider it having a greater significance than all other matter floating through our universe. The creatures that inhabit this dot, he admits, are arrogant. The creatures that inhabit this dot, many of them, think that they are significant and loved by a certain creator. If only they knew exactly how finite they were, there would be no means for the superfluous strife that often Religion and politics lead us toward. God, of every faith, does not exist. Because God is not a tangible presence in the universe nor do any spiritual powers have an influence over human affairs, men and women should look toward themselves as the soul solution to the



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problems and calamities of this world and arrogant believers in religious institutions should admit their dogmas false and pursue justice at appropriate measures for rational causes.

Sagan, coolly and collectively reminds us all that science is the nearest measure of an objective truth in the universe. Sagan attempts to declare that because there is no God, mankind should look introspectively for sustainable solutions to the current crisis faced by humanity. In the scope of the universe, our planet does not matter at all and as creatures of this planet, we should tend to our own affairs with the humility and respect towards our partners in this condition. Religious thought and practice is a dividing principle among humans and therefore a hindrance to the stewardship that our earth and species require. A quick look through a survey of world history can show how tensions between religious ideologies led to devastating violence. Even listening to 30 minutes of a daily news program or opening your favorite newspaper can demonstrate Sagan’s point; religion divides and devastates humanity when it would be for the benefit of our pale blue dot to put away the battles between our fictional deities.

As a student of Religion and a person of



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To put a name to his face, this is Carl Sagan. He perpetuates a progressive popularization of science. Is their room for science and religion in our culture?

Europe Differs From America

I was lucky enough to go on the Spring Break Immersion Trip with my Economics and Politics of the European Union class. What an experience. Truly an opportunity I will never forget. As a self-proclaimed and well-documented full-blooded American, I was very enthusiastic to go on this journey. What is it these “Europeans” think they have that is so great? Ok, the beer is great. But other than that, I mean come on. Like the scene from Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby, America brought the world Chinese food, Pizza, and the Chimichangus. In spite of all this ignorant patriotism that I dearly cling too, I went over there with an open mind. And boy was I surprised.

1. The first thing I liked about Europe was how it was quiet and everyone minded their own business. No one yelled loudly on this or her cell phones. Everyone waited patiently in line. I didn’t have to smile at every person I walked by without feeling like an idiot. America as a whole is just a noisy place, and you do not realize it until everyone shuts up. Europeans just seemed more courteous too. Traffic laws were strictly followed, and people were very willing to help or point you in the right direction. More than once a local saw our confused tourist look trying to find our train, and they always pointed us in the right direction. There was just a sense of trust and humanism pervasive that I had never experienced before. We could not pay with a credit card at



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dinner one night, and the owner just told us to come back tomorrow. A 250 euro bill, just trusted to be brought a day late. Crazy.

2. The second thing I really liked was the public transportation system/how everything was in walking distance. The only time I stepped into anything with emissions was a taxi from the Frankfurt

airport to our hostel and a bus from the train station to the Waterloo battle site and back. We walked at least 25 miles, not one of which was regrettable. You see so much more and feel in touch with the city and the people.

3. The food. They do not really care about the whole “lets make everything cheaper and sacrifice our health for it” trend that America is into. Bradke, Hannon, and I had an Italian dinner hand made for us. It was done in less than 30 minutes. Some of the best spaghetti I ever had. The Flemish stew I had in Brugge was pretty awesome as well. Even though the portions are smaller, that’s fine be-



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A picture of the scenery in Brugge, Belgium. It has many similar but also different cultural characteristics from America.

cause it tastes so good and wholesome you really don’t need anymore. The German feast we had in Frankfurt was as large as it was tasty. European food puts American food to shame that is for sure.

4. The beer. Enough said. Oh, and for all those curious, as much as it surprised myself even, Belgian over German.

5. The women are simply better dressed and take care of themselves more than American women. When a European woman wants to attract a male partner, apparently she buys some nice clothes, rides her bike around a few more miles for extra exercise, and simply converses with men at bars for hours (this was studied thoroughly, obviously). When an American woman wants to attract a male partner, apparently she buys some scantily clad clothes and goes to the raunchiest clubs to dance and hopefully sex the man to attraction (this was studied thoroughly, obviously). You be the judge. I enjoyed European women’s company personally.

Don’t get me wrong, America does a lot of things right themselves. Europe is surrounded by water, but God forbid you get a drink of it. Also you pretty much have to be fluent in 3 languages to have any kind of intra-European interaction. In the end, I was pleasantly surprised with Europe, and if you ever get the chance to go there, through Wabash or not, I would highly recommend it.

Pistorius Case Begs Questions



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OPINION
COLUMNIST

In the weeks since the Valentines Day shooting, the “Blade-Runner” Oscar Pistorius has suffered an incredible fall from grace.

Pistorius is the first double amputee to have participated in the Summer Olympics, where he reached the semifinals of the 400-meter dash and anchored South Africa’s 4x400 meter relay.

During that time, the majority of the media hype surrounding the Blade-Runner was positive. Many articles and stories surfaced that detailed his adjustment as a child to amputee life and his charity toward other disabled individuals.

In fact, one of the most common pictures during Pistorius coverage showed him at the track racing a double amputee, pigtailed little girl on new carbon-fiber prostheses and letting her win. At the time, he seemed out of reach to the naysayers.

However, much like Tiger Woods, Kobe Bryant, and Michael Phelps, new information about the “fastest man on no legs” has recently reared its head.

In the early hours of February 14th, Pistorius’ killed his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp, a South African model, in his house after he fired four shots into the bathroom.

During the ensuing media craze and murder charges, the Blade-Runner has claimed that he fired into his bathroom because he assumed the noises were an intruder. The prosecution, however, has produced witnesses that claim to have heard heated arguments from the home earlier in the night.

While the murder trial will likely take months to sort out, the obvious winners in the case have been the international media outlets.

In the single month since the Pistorius name has become sullied, stories and details about his past life have been leaking out at an alarming rate. It seems the Blade-Runner might be less “victim” and more “vicious.”

Recently, the European and American media outlets have reprimanded the South African media for protecting their national hero by turning a blind eye to some of his more interesting actions. Many believe that Pistorius’ public relations team has worked a little too closely with the media to keep these stories from the public.

For instance, since the shooting, the South African soccer player Marc Batchelor has come out with information that an intoxicated Oscar Pistorius had once threatened to fight Batchelor because Pistorius thought his girlfriend was cheating on him. He also noted that the Blade-Runner was almost always armed in public, and had a personality like “a trip switch.”

However, those aren’t the only details that have surfaced. Early in 2012, Pistorius was at an outdoor café with boxing friend Kevin Lerena when the gun he was handling went off. The details of the incident are unclear since it received minimal media attention and no police report was filed.

Perhaps the most disturbing revelation involves a 2009 wreck in which the boat Pistorius was driving crashed and he required an airlift and surgery. The wreck itself made headlines, but when empty alcohol bottles were found in the boat the details were barely mentioned in the news.

While the Blade-Runner’s recent fall from grace has brought to light his troubled past, it has also raised questions about the responsibility of the media.

In America we frequently comment that we know too much about our celebrities. On the other hand, countries like South Africa can go too far in their support of natural heroes.

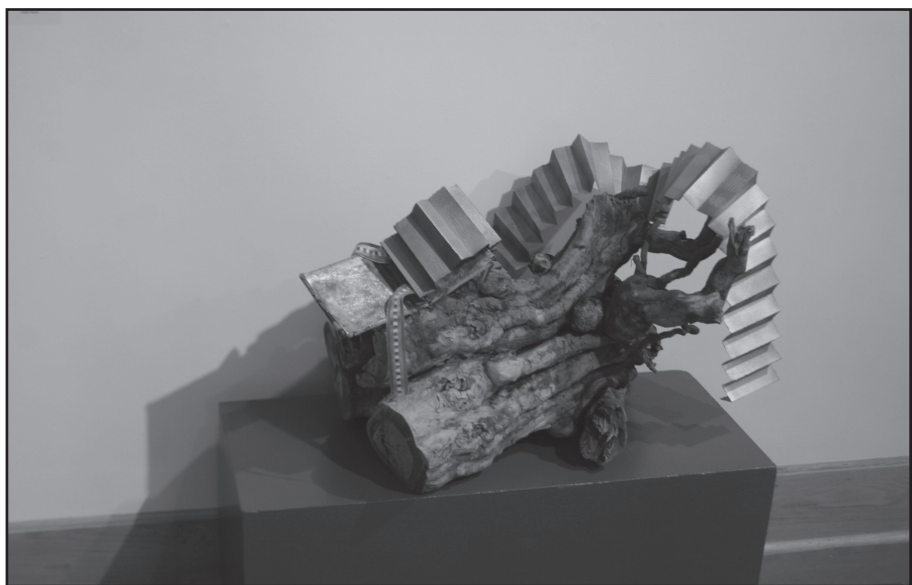
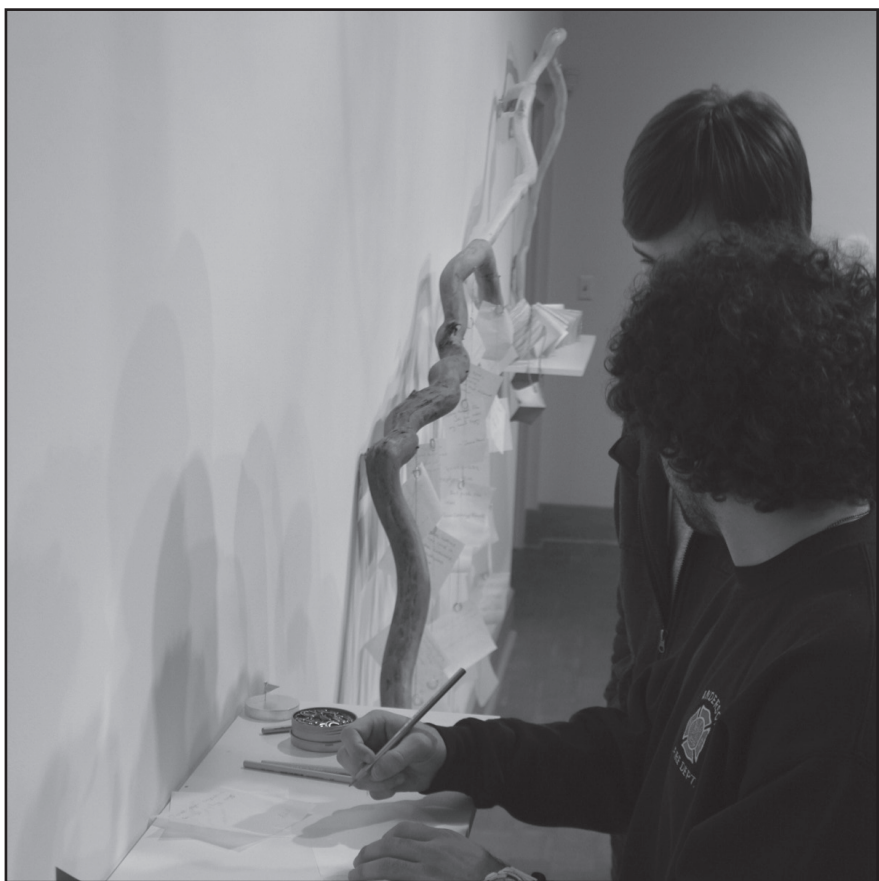
This raises an interesting dilemma: should the media of troubled nations promote national pride in “heroes” to the point of excluding negative personal details, or is there a responsibility to provide these details as public knowledge? In the information age, I believe that we tend to lean towards the latter.

Rossi Exhibit Now on Display

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The Eric Dean Gallery in the Fine Arts Center is now playing host to Stefani M. Rossi's new display, *Circuitous Center*. Rossi is a visiting professor of art and the display will now be open until April 15th. Admission, like everything else in the Fine Arts Center is completely free and open concurrently with the Fine Arts Center.

The display, swirled in burned wood and but metal, itself is intricate and well put together thematically, which speaks truly to the artist's talent and definition. A mélange of different media, the display does well to be interactive with the audience, while inviting them to put their own spin on the pieces. I hardly understand art and I'm not a detailed study of the media, so I'll allow pictures to speak louder than words. Also, remember that the pieces are available in color, so take an opportunity to investigate them for yourself.



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New Pope Francis Carries Perilous Past

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PIETY COLUMNIST

Not even a week into his papacy, Jorge Mario Bergoglio, now known as Pope Francis I, the first Pope to adopt the name Francis, the first Jesuit Pope in Church history and the first Pope from the Americas, already has several allegations of criminal behavior against him. This came as a shock, given that from the onset of this papacy Pope Francis went above and beyond to publicly depict himself as an honest, humble and "down-to-earth" pope through gestures such

as paying for his hotel bill and an agenda centered on service to the poor. Yet, currently, several parties have come forth claiming that Bergoglio had essentially blackballed two leftist Jesuit priests who were under his direction during the 1970s.

Where did such heinous charges come from? Bergoglio was apparently involved in Argentina's "Dirty War" of the 1970's, in which state terrorism dominated the nation. During this period, advocates for a right-wing government waged urban and rural guerilla warfare against anyone

who they perceived as left-wing, including left-wing guerillas, political groups and anyone they saw as "socialist." According to the allegations, Bergoglio failed to protect two leftist priests in his Jesuit order, Orlando Yorio and Francisco Jalics, who in 1976 were kidnapped by soldiers and imprisoned for five months. The question that remains in the aftermath of this event is this: did Bergoglio simply turn a blind eye to this atrocity, or was there a nexus between Bergoglio and the rightist forces?

According to esteemed Argentine journalist Horacio Verbitsky in his book "The Silence," Bergoglio had lifted church protection for the two left-wing priests in his order, thereby tacitly sanctioning their arrest. Bergoglio's supporters, however, especially Vatican spokesman Fr. Federico Lombardi, insist that there is insufficient evidence to support this claim. Lombardi also claimed not only that these allegations are "slandorous and defamatory," but also are the work of "anti-clerical left-wing elements to attack the Church [that] must be decisively rejected."

The story becomes even further shrouded in mystery when one considers that in 2010, when Bergoglio was called forth to testify as a witness in the trial of eighteen military officials who were in charge of the Naval Mechanics School, where detainees during the Dirty War (including Yorio and Jalics) were taken and tortured, he declined. This refusal to openly testify could be a signal of ei-



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Pope Francis, seen above, is the first example of the a New World pope. He's already fallen into the same trap as almost any other catholic official.

ther of the aforementioned possibilities of Bergoglio's involvement in the Dirty War, or it could indicate that Bergoglio genuinely believed that he had nothing of value to offer the trial.

Whatever the case may be, it is also necessary to ask this question: why is this information coming forth now, not even a full week into Francis' papacy? Why was this information not brought to the public's attention prior to his ascendancy as the Vicar of Christ? The reason is that Bergoglio was not the frontrunner for the election after Ratzinger's resignation. Prior to Bergoglio, it was Cardinal Angelo Scola, the Archbishop of

Milan, who was the frontrunner for the Papal election. Yet, hours before the conclave, anti-mafia investigators, prompted by allegations of conspiracy and corruption within Scola's diocese, corresponded with local Italian newspapers-therby unearthing a scandal that caused the would-be next pope to fall into obscurity. From there, Bergoglio, who was apparently well-favored even prior to Scola's downfall, swooped in and won the election.

However this turns out in the end, 2013 will certainly be a year to remember for the Vatican.



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A memorial march in honor of Argentina's Dirty War.

Ralphie May a Bit Promising

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COMEDY COLUMNIST

As the first National Act of this semester Ralphie May will be performing at 7PM in Chadwick Court. Ralphie May is a comedian who reached national attention after taking second place in the first season of Last Comic Standing, a televised comedy contest. Since then, he has released an album and four Comedy Central Specials.

As a foreword, I must admit that I do not appreciate much of Ralphie May's comedic styling. With that said, I will attempt to give an unbiased preview of his performance.

Perhaps the biggest benefit to hosting Ralphie May, or a comedian in general, is that Chadwick's gymnasium acoustics cannot ruin an otherwise good performance. Because Macklemore & Ryan Lewis will be performing that night at Purdue University's Elliot Hall of Music, Ralphie May may only attract a relatively small crowd.

His delivery is akin to a drunkard in a room of people trying to address a crowd. There is often shouting, his vocabulary is obscene and his speech lacks basic refinement. He continually asks the crowd rhetori-



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After a break out performance in Last Comic Standing, he started his meteoric rise to utter obscurity.

ing adversary of childhood obesity.

He also delivers surprisingly poignant political commentaries in the guise of crude humor during many of his routines. To May, there is no question of equality; he senses a gap in the quality of life between the majority and many minority groups. May is disgusted with the amount of institutional prejudice there is against minority groups, such as the proposed Arizona immigration law and the seeming discrimination within the legal system.

May stresses equality in many of his specials by presenting comedic commentaries of every ethnicity, race, sexual preference and religion. It will be hard for the largely homogenous Wabash crowd to connect with many of these jokes and those who are sensitive to the plight of others may find them offensive.

May is a paradox. On stage he is known to appear childish, and relaxed, behind the curtain he is considered one of the hardest working comedians in the industry. He aims to affect change and promote equality though potentially offensive jokes. He is a health advo-

cate, yet weighs over 300 pounds.

Ralphie May's performance can go one of two ways, if he performs his political and social commentaries, his performance may spark greater discussion about current political and social issues. If May performs some of his older, base material his performance will be credited one in a series of disappointing National Acts.

Understand his comedy before seeing the performance. Enter with a mind open to his ideas but understand that it will be a show meant for adult audiences. Some jokes will be misogynistic, others racially insensitive, and he will swear. None of these things should take away from his messages; they were expected when the students of Wabash College voted to bring Ralphie May as a National Act.

So for those readers who are over 21 years of age, have a couple of drinks and come to see Ralphie May perform this Saturday Night.

Wabash Students are free with a Wabash ID. Guests are 10 dollars at the door.



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From the cut of this poster, his comedy might be a touch liberal.

The Morbid Reality of Crime in Ohio

Recent Teenage Felons Brings Bad Publicity to the Buckeye State

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A common chant here at Wabash is "Ohio Sucks". Playing Wooster, Ohio Wesleyan, Oberlin, and Kenyon will do that, not knowing the basic conditions of those schools makes us more willing to mock them for their natural "Ohio-ness". Does any know anything about these schools otherwise? The movie Liberal Arts was shot at Kenyon, Ohio Wesleyan is Methodist and I think the guy that wrote The Color of Water was from Oberlin, but, outside of that, there is not much to be known about these liberal arts schools. So, "Ohio Sucks", and, yes, it is a mocking cheer, but it's not done in any real maliciousness, I assume. We hate Depauw, but these schools? They really aren't that important to us. But this week, it was a really bad time to live in the Buckeye State.

Two very real and very malicious cases went on trial in Ohio this week, one, the Stubenville rape case and the other of a school shooting, The state of Ohio versus T.J. Lane. What is completely shocking about these two cases is that minors performed all of them. In the Stubenville rape case, it was two teenagers, Trent Mays, 17 and Ma'lik Richardson, 16, and in the school shooting, T.J. Lane was 17 when it happened.

For those who've been completely been able to avoid the media surge about this case, the Stubenville rape case detailed the rape of a 14-year-old girl, whose name has been released in the past but I will not do the same in the name of integrity and ethics. The girl went to a series of parties in Stubenville, Ohio, was fed drinks and made beyond the point of intoxication and almost to being completely comatose, and then brutally raped by these two young men. The events of that night are detailed on Twitter as people found out slowly of what happened, through court acquired text messages, and, in one disturbing instance, a cell phone video of another young

man talking about how she was being raped, while doing nothing to help.

The young men were found guilty of the rape and distribution of child pornography (they took pictures of her after wards and sent them out, which is truly disgusting) and sentenced to a meager 5 years in juvenile detention. The school tried to cover it up. The community stood up for them because of their bright football futures. CNN lamented the boy's ended lives. It was all truly disgusting to read, as these boys brutally raped a young girl then laughed about it over pictures sent. It's sad, it's horrifying, but it's also completely expected.

In the other case, T.J. Lane shot four of his fellow students in their school's cafeteria in February, killing three and paralyzing another. The case is like many recent school shootings, which are becoming increasingly more prevalent, where the media swarmed over his motives and past, with allegations of insanity and bullying. In court he was calm and cool, and, when asked to give a final statement he said some truly horrifying words, "The hand that pulled the trigger that killed your sons now masturbates to the memory. F*** all of you".

I'm at a complete loss for this case. Cold blooded and vicious, he didn't care about the victims or basically anything. He finished his final words by giving the audience the finger and showing that he was wearing the shirt he wore to kill them in. A white t-shirt with the word "Killer" written on it in black marker, he made a completely mockery of the count and the victims.

So yes, Ohio may suck, but remember that they've had a bad couple of moths next time we're playing them. Tone it down a bit.



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Top: The Stubenville Rapists, in court.

Bottom: T.J. Lane before his final performance in court.



The Future of Sci-Fi, Cyberpunk

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FRINGE COLUMNIST

There have been many books and films written in the "cyberpunk" genre. This genre has to deal with man's usage, development, and perception of technology. There is an especially compelling example of the future of cybernetic warfare presented in three staples of modern entertainment. These are William Gibson's novel Neuromancer, as well as the film Johnny Mnemonic (based on a short story Gibson wrote), and the Wachowski brother's film, The Matrix.

In Gibson's novel, we are placed in a world where neural implants are used to connect people to the Web. This allows them to physically transport their conscious energies into the computer systems of the world and carry out complex heists and raids throughout the Internet. It is set in a world run by corporations, where industrial espionage is key to the economy of the world. It presents characters who deal with the Internet on a personal basis, almost treating it as if it were an extra appendage.

In the film Johnny Mnemonic, this pattern of thought is continued. In the film we meet a courier, aptly named Johnny, who is destined to carry a large amount of data that has been smuggled away from another company by critics of that company's policies and workings. As it turns out, he doesn't carry these files as paper documents, but as a digital download directly into a hard drive. The hard drive just happens to be his brain. He is a highly-trained, well-paid, and efficient flash drive with legs. Throughout the film, he is surrounded by a society that is "jacked-in" to the web.

Also, in the film, an idea is presented that those who have become too addicted to technology and implants acquire a disease known as "the Black Shakes" or Nerve Attenuation Syndrome. This is a strong disease which leads to a total shut down and eventual death of the person who has it. It is fictional, but it does present an interesting problem which is later resolved. If our nerves can't handle the implants, can we ever survive?

Finally, we run into the classic film The Matrix. In this film, we see a man who is literally stuck in the simulation finally breaking free. The computers have overtaken our mind, and AI has become our master. In effect, we are no more than a fuel source, yet we can break free. There are some who realize that the system isn't real, thereby proving that a perfect system just can't exist. Within the Matrix, there are other "sentient programs". These are called Agents. These are the computers way of fighting the "infection" that is free humanity. This leads to another interesting scenario. Will we reach a point where our knowledge of AI is such that we create one that comes to rule us outright?

These are interesting questions to ponder about our future with technology. Also, science fiction is a credible avenue to explore these ideas. In fact, over the past several years of science fiction's existence, many things mentioned in the genre have become science fact. Arthur C. Clarke had an idea of the Internet. Heinlein had ideas of flat screen televisions. Gibson and others were integral in the idea of Virtual Reality. It is important to remember that our interactions with technology greatly affect us all. There are inherent dangers with pressing too far too fast. We must ask ourselves. Are we truly ready to press on in the area of cybernetics, or are we destined to repeat the path that science fiction has warned us about for years?

Little Giants Take Two Opening Weekend

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Wabash baseball split its opening weekend at Goodrich Ballpark last week. The Little Giants won two games against John Carol University and Dominican University and lost two against Franklin College and Dominican. Wabash fell to Manchester University Tuesday evening. The Little Giants (4-7) needed 13 innings to decide the outcome of their second and final game against Dominican University Sunday afternoon. Trey Fankhauser '14 scored the game-winning RBI in the bottom of the thirteenth inning for the Wabash victory, 6-5. Fankhauser



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Widup threw a no-hitter through six innings at Tuesday's contest.

also registered the game-tying run in the bottom of the ninth after he replaced an injured Montana Timmons earlier in the game. "I didn't have much time to warm up but I came in there real excited," Fankhauser said. "My eyes started getting a little big (in the last at bat) and luckily I got the walk. Their pitcher wasn't throwing hard by any means so I was waiting back for my pitch. He threw a ball and made it easy on me." Jimmy Maxwell '15 keyed the Little Giant victory in with an outstanding pitching performance on the mound. He entered the game in the tenth and dished out four innings of no-hit baseball for his first career win.

Wabash blew a 4-2 lead in the bottom of the ninth by allowing three runs due to a struggling defense, reminiscent Saturday's loss to Dominican, 4-3. However, Wabash stayed true to its motto and fought its way through the marathon. The Saturday split brought some good and bad with it. The team received outstanding pitching from starters JT Miller '14 and Chris Widup '13, but only split their two games. Miller led Wabash to a 5-1 victory over John Carroll University (9-4) before errors doomed Widup's stellar outing against Dominican University, 4-3. "We have to make the routine plays," Coach Cory Stevens said after his team's frustrating loss. "We had the one bad inning and where we few plays we didn't convert into outs and once those things snowball, the other team gets momentum and anything can happen." Widup carried a no hitter into the sixth inning, but the defense unraveled behind him with 3 errors in the inning. The Stars tied the game at 3 and pushed another unearned run across the plate in the seventh. Wabash couldn't answer in the bottom of the seventh and the game was called due to darkness. "I've been pitching long enough to know there's going to be errors," Widup said. "If you get mad on the mound, you don't want your teammates to see that. You want them to keep their confidence. I have the utmost confidence in them so we'll bounce back from it." Miller's strong effort, on the



IAN BAUMGARDNER | WABASH '14

The pitching for the Little Giants is strong when compared to years past.

other hand, rewarded him with his first victory on the season. Wabash needed a strong pitching performance from him after Friday's lop-sided defeat to Franklin College and the staff ace delivered. Miller completed 9 stellar innings with 10 strikeouts and only 8 hits in the Little Giants victory. "Obviously we didn't get the outcome we wanted yesterday so the leaders took upon themselves to step up," Miller said. "We just talked as a team after the game because we needed to refocus. We felt there had been a little bit of a lull but not this morning." Miller threw 91 strikes on 120 pitches and baffled Blue Streak hitters into their first scoreless game of the season. Everyone contributed to the Little Giant offense in the first game. The only starting batter not to register a hit was Tyler Hampton, but he knocked in 2 RBI after he scored a run yesterday. "I thought we did a great job of putting the ball in play and forcing them to make plays," Stevens said. "I still think we left some runs on the board and we can get a little more aggressive with two strikes. But we put the ball in play up and down the lineup and that's why we came out with five runs." Wabash continues the home stand this weekend. Wilmington College pays a visit for double headers set to start at 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Track Prepares for Outdoor Season

BEN BRADSHAW '16
STAFF WRITER

The track team had a decent showing during its indoor season, fueled by the phenomenal efforts of members such as Jake Waterman '13 and Ronnie Posthauer '15, who both did fantastic at Nationals earlier this month. As warmer weather approaches, the team looks to turn up the heat on the track as well. Last weekend's inclement weather resulted in the cancellation of the J. Owen Huntsman Relays at Wabash. Despite the weather, the team refused to let the cold weather force them to take the day off. Instead, the team spent the day participating in hard workouts in place of the meet. Last year's mild winter provided an excellent opportunity for the team to begin training outdoors early in the year. Unfortunately, the team hasn't been so lucky this year. The athletes trained both inside and outside the past several weeks, depending on which part of the team they compete for. The throwers and distance runners have practiced outside almost entirely, whereas the sprinters and hurdlers have been cautious in their ventures outdoors due to the high possibility of injuries occurring. The coming weeks will bring good competition that will challenge the Little Giant athletes in outdoor track. Venues such as Indiana Wesleyan, Hanover, and Bellarmine provide various levels of competitions for the athletes. Weather will most likely be a factor, so the team will have to be



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Billy Rosson will spearhead the senior class as they prepare for their final season.

careful with their short-distance athletes. On the first weekend of April, the team will travel to Hanover, where they will face competition roughly the same caliber of that of the NCAC. After that, they'll head to Bellarmine, where they'll face strong competition. If the weather is right at Bellarmine, Coach Clyde Morgan believes the team will run fast times and find success at this meet even though the competition will be tough. Different teams fair better in different environments. Coach Morgan believes that the Little Giant track team will fare well during its outdoor season. "I think this team is more of an outdoor team because we are very

strong in our distance and throwing events, and our sprinters and hurdlers are larger guys who will run better on a longer track," Coach Morgan said. The team is relatively young, and many freshman stepped up more than expected during the indoor season. Among others, newcomers Adam Togami '16, Matt Dickerson '16, Adam Wadlington '16, Fabian House '16, and Chris Stazinski '16 made an impact in the indoor season and look to continue their success. Waterman will look to continue carry his indoor dominance over into the outdoor season, where he will look to defend his national title in the 800-meter run. If the weather remains cold, injury prevention for the athletes will be increasingly important. Currently several members of the team are injured or recovering from injuries so that they'll be able to compete this outdoor season. These athletes include Evan Groninger '13, Vann Hunt '13, Alfred Sambo '15, and Anthony Stella '16. The team looks forward to the approaching outdoor season, and will hopefully be greeted with some decent weather in the coming weeks. Coach Morgan noted that the team underachieved during the indoor season, especially towards the end of the season, but looks forward to seeing the athletes compete at a higher level during the outdoor season. "Our goals remain relatively the same as indoor season. We want to stay healthy, win Conference, and get as many guys to Nationals as possible," Morgan said.



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Zack Vega will be one of the many returners for track this year.

This Weekend in Wabash Sports		
Saturday:		
Tennis	at Albion	9 a.m.
Track	at Indiana Wesleyan	10 a.m.
Baseball	vs Wilmington	1 p.m.
Baseball	vs Wilmington	4 p.m.
Sunday:		
Baseball	vs Wilmington	1 p.m.
Baseball	vs Wilmington	4 p.m.

Little Giant Weekly Scoreboard		
Friday:		
Baseball	vs Franklin	L 13-4
Saturday:		
Baseball	vs John Carol	W 5-1
Baseball	vs Dominican	L 4-3
Tennis	vs Hanover	W 9-0
Tennis	vs Cornerstone	W 6-3
Sunday:		
Baseball	vs Dominican	W 6-5
Tuesday:		
Baseball	vs Manchester	W 15-14

Come Out To Rugby's Round Robin Tournament Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

Boehm Heals From Rotator Cuff Injury

DEREK ANDRE '16
STAFF WRITER

The words ‘rotator cuff’ often strike fear into athletes. The ACL is only discussed when there is a problem, much in the same way the rotator cuff is only brought up when it gets torn. For many athletes, an injury such as a torn rotator cuff seems like a far off nightmare, something that only happens to other people. For Adam Boehm

Boehm '15, this injury was a stark reality. For Boehm, the injury occurred during his junior year of high school prior to the start of the season. In-



Adam Boehm '15

stead of having surgery immediately, Boehm put the surgery off. He continued to pitch on the injured arm for the final two year of his high school career, a career that culminated in a state championship his senior year. It was then that Boehm decided to have surgery on his shoulder.

“I had the surgery in the summer after my senior year of high school,” Boehm said. “We won the state championship my senior year of high school and two weeks later I had the rotator cuff surgery. So I went from one of the best highs of my life to one of the biggest lows.”

The subsequent rehab was difficult for Boehm. Not only did he have the usual rehab issues such as pain and soreness, he also had to worry about whether he would ever be able to pitch again. Following the surgery, Boehm had hoped that he would be able to pitch for the Little Giants in the spring of his freshman year, but a second surgery made that impossible.

“There was a chance I would have been able to play last year,” Boehm said, “But most likely I would have been out for the season and that’s what happened. That was discouraging. I came into Wabash thinking I was going to be able to play and then being out for the whole year and having to have a second surgery was very discouraging.”

Things did start to turn around for Boehm after the second surgery. The second surgery, which took place the day after finals last summer, was not as invasive as the first surgery had been. As such, it required a shorter rehab than the first and allowed Boehm to be able to start throwing after only a couple of months. Boehm was unable to compete in any games during fall baseball this season, but was able to work out with the team, something he could not do his freshman year. Luckily for Boehm, his struggle to get back to the mound was not lost on Head Coach Cory Stevens.

“Following Adam’s surgery, he worked tirelessly to put himself in a position to contribute as a Wabash baseball player,” Coach Stevens said. “When he was unable to contribute on the field last year and this fall, he did everything in his power to make the program and his teammates better, which included attending every practice and team function.”

Three years after he initially injured his shoulder, Boehm made his collegiate debut on the mound during an early season game against Oglethorpe University. The right-hander threw two strong innings for the Little Giants. He allowed only one hit while striking out three Oglethorpe batters and walked one man. For Boehm, this outing was far too long in the making. And the best part was his dad was there to witness it.

“I got to throw for the first time since high school a few weeks ago on our spring break trip and that was pretty awesome,” Boehm said. “We

played a double header in Nashville on Sunday and then on Monday we had games in Atlanta. Both my parents were able to go to the Nashville game then my dad drove my mom all the way home from Nashville, slept for three hours, and then turned around and drove all the way to Atlanta.”

Coach Stevens said Boehm’s story is as good as a movie script has been a long road back to the mound for Adam Boehm '15. What started as a torn rotator cuff morphed into two surgeries, two rehabs, and an ultimate vindication on a mound in central Georgia. The road Boehm has been down was tough, but it hasn’t changed the way he pitches.

“My mindset when I go into any game is just to throw strikes, keep the ball low and help my team out,” Boehm said. “ I don’t think about mechanics or any pain I have in my shoulder. Once I get out on the mound, it just feels like home.”

Little Giants Come Up Big On Honor Scholar Weekend



COURTESY OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Strausbaugh capped off his senior season at Nationals last weekend. He ended up tying the record for most career wins.



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Waterman will look to continue his momentum into the outdoor track season, and build a cohesive team in the process.



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McLachlan helped the baseball team win one of its contest last weekend.



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Posthauer Hurdles ‘Fast, But Not Too Fast’

JOCELYN HOPKINSON ‘15
STAFF WRITER

Every athlete deals with injuries in his career but some injuries are more catastrophic than others. Football players tear ACL's, baseball players tear rotator cuffs. Sometimes players make full recovery and other times their careers end suddenly. Ronnie Posthauer's '15 career made the recovery. "I tore a back muscle my freshman year in high school," the track star said. "I tweaked the injury again last year when I was weight lifting. Doctors looked at it and found a bulging disk. They told me I should stop running but I tried this steroid and it actually healed me up pretty quick." Posthauer healed and then some. He hurdled his way to two national championship appearances in two healthy track seasons. Posthauer reached outdoor finals for the 110-meter hurdles last spring and placed fifth for the 60-meter hurdles in the indoor championships two weeks ago. "We had to be really careful with this back and we kind of did the same deal in outdoor (last year)," Coach Clyde Morgan said. "That's why I was really impressed he made the national meet in outdoor last year. We altered his lifting and running routine somewhat and he still succeeded." Morgan—a former hurdler himself—works specifically with Posthauer and the hurdle group. He said the group is more than just Posthauer. Nathan Mueller '15, Matt Dickerson '16, and Adam Wadlington '16 battle Posthauer each day in practice. "They have a rule that says 'If

someone beats me, he better be in red,'" Morgan said. "They're real competitive but they also coach each other up. The guys constantly check things like each other's trail legs and see if they're leading with their knees." But the competitiveness proved to be too intense. Posthauer and Mueller worried too much about each other and not the hurdles. It even reached the point where they would be angry when the other won and Morgan had to intervene. "Coach called us out on it and told us to stop worrying so much about beating each other," Posthauer said. "We talked about it this year and turned it into a positive thing—rather than trying to beat each other, we push each other and we're happy when the other guy does well." "It wasn't personal—we were both used to being the alpha male in high school and wanted that spot again," Mueller added. "It took us a while to understand it wasn't about being the top hurdler and we needed to think more about the team." Posthauer and Mueller never let the rivalry infect other teammates and they are on good terms now. "He helps me focus up—I don't do the best focusing—and always reminds me what we're here to do," Mueller said. "We want to get it to the point where we're in nationals together. Ultimately that's our goal." Posthauer has expanded his leadership roll beyond the hurdlers. "He's just coming out of his shell as a leader to the rest of the team," Morgan said. "Being injured last year, he wouldn't talk since he couldn't



COURTESY OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Ronnie Posthauer has come back from his injury in stellar form, ready for a strong outdoor season. After earning All-American honors in indoor, the bar has been set even higher for the outdoor season.

produce. But now, he's leading by example and is a lot more vocal." The Ladoga, IN native did not have to look far for Wabash. Posthauer has brothers who spent time here and he also made the 20 minute drive northwest to attend one of Morgan's camps as a high school athlete. It was at this camp when Morgan made his biggest sell to Posthauer. "He's got this big thing, dorsal flexion of the foot when I hurdle," Posthauer explained. "When I pull both feet up, it helps step off quicker. It also gave me more power in between to sprint faster; it's all about increasing power rather than having that limp foot." Posthauer said this little trick shaved a full second and a half off his high-school time. He still searches ways to get faster, but not too fast. "Some of our hurdlers have to slow down," Morgan said. "Ronnie is fast but not too fast and that helps him. It's easier for him to keep his rhythm and hit his marks." This concept seems backwards, but Posthauer elaborated. "I've always focused on form ... getting over them low and staying on the ground as much as possible," he said. "A lot of guys get stuck in a rhythm between hurdles. Even though they might be faster than me, I'm able to sprint in between hurdles and chase down guys." Now Posthauer is ready to chase down the outdoor championship. Injuries behind him, it is Posthauer's turn to follow in Kevin McCarthy's '12 and Jake Waterman's '13 footsteps and win national championships. "It's not about rewards and rankings for him anymore," Morgan said. "It's about winning. It's a great to say that about a sophomore, but that's what it comes down to now."

Lefever Seventh at Nationals, Strausbaugh Era Ends

DANIEL SANDBERG '13
STAFF WRITER

A sixth place finish at the Midwest Regional ended the seasons of a majority of the Little Giant wrestlers. Sophomore Reece Lefever and senior Jake Strausbaugh, however, stretched their seasons an additional two weeks by qualifying for the NCAA DIII Wrestling Championship Tournament. Both wrestlers competed in the tournament this past weekend in Cedar Falls, Iowa. They were two of the 180 wrestlers from around the country competing across ten different weight classes. Lefever qualified for the tournament by placing second in the Midwest Regional. Though it was only his first time qualifying for the tournament, the sophomore transfer from Indiana Tech had a lofty goal to become a national champion. While he failed to meet that goal, he was able to garner All-America honors with a seventh place finish. Lefever entered the tournament as the six seed in the stacked 157-pound weight class. He dropped a very close 3-2 decision in his opening bout but battled back, handily winning three straight matches in the consolation bracket before dropping a 4-0 bout to third-seeded Cole Welter of Wartburg. The loss put him in the seventh place match against Trine's Elias Larson. Larson was unable to compete because of an injury sustained in a previous match and Lefever received a medical forfeit victory. While Lefever walks away without the title he wanted, he heads into the off-season knowing that he is more than capable of achieving his goal next year. "I was right there in the match with the guy who won it," Lefever said. "I know that I have what it takes to compete and win at this level." "The biggest positive is that he has felt it now," Head Coach Brian Anderson said. "As



COURTESY OF NANCY LEFEVER

Reece Lefever (above) with coaches Brian Anderson (Left) and Danny Irwin (Right).

a sophomore, to get there and earn a spot on the podium is huge. This tournament will help him mentally for the future because knows he can compete with the top guys in the nation." Lefever's hard work on the mat and in the classroom was recognized last weekend as well. Along with becoming Wabash's eleventh All-American wrestler, the sophomore was named to the National Wrestling Coaches Association Scholar Team. His twin bother, Conner Lefever, also received Scholar All-American designations from the coaches' group. "Reece and Conner are the kind of guys who work hard, put in the time, and do all the little things right," Anderson said. "Reece's success in his first year in the program shows the other young guys that they don't have to wait until they are a junior or senior to make a push for the podium. He also is a great example of how you

can get it done on the mat and in the classroom." The wrestling team was also recognized by the NWCA for academic excellence. Last season, the team was recognized for its performance in the classroom. This season, it made strides to become one of the top performing teams academically. The team's 3.53 GPA was third in the country behind Williams College (3.54) and Olivet College (3.67). "It is a prestigious award," Anderson said. "It says a lot of things: these are guys are not only hardworking wrestlers, but hard working students as well. We are proud of what our guys have been able to accomplish both on the mat and in the classroom." Lefever's success on the mat and the team's success in the classroom demonstrate the team's potential for a bright future. Coach Anderson is happy with how well the

young team handled themselves this season. "We put together a great season that could be a great launching pad for an even more successful season next year," Anderson said. "The success in the classroom this year was outstanding. Next year our goals are to be the smartest team in the country and bring home a team trophy from the national tournament." Anderson is excited for what the future holds, but he realizes that the program will be a lot different without the return of the senior class. "We losing a great group of seniors who have contributed a lot to this program over their four years," Anderson said. The biggest change to the lineup will come from the loss of Jake Strausbaugh. The four-year starter at 141/149 pounds proved to be one of the greatest wrestlers in the program's history. The national tournament marked an end to Strausbaugh's career. The senior dropped his opening bout and then lost a heartbreaking 9-7 decision in the consolation bracket. Strausbaugh will leave Wabash as a two-time national qualifier and one of the school's most dominate wrestlers. His 159 career wins is tied for the all-time record with former Wabash great Chris Healey '05. "Wrestling opened the door for me to be able to attend Wabash," Strausbaugh said. "Wrestling has been a part of my life from the time I was born. It's pretty cool to look back and see all of the things I've accomplished over the years I've been competing. Wabash has been a big part of that success." The wrestling team and college will clearly miss Strausbaugh. "It is hard to see him leave," Anderson said. "It isn't just about the wins. He is a good kid and he has been a pillar lineup since his first day here. It is going to be hard when get to 149 pounds next season and he isn't there warming up for us."

Good Luck This Weekend, Baseball!

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