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## Lilly Scholar Candidates on Campus

SPENCER PETERS '14  
STAFF WRITER

The weather may finally be too warm for Wabash College to be hit with a wave of letter-jacket wearing high school seniors, but that doesn't mean there won't be any on campus. This weekend marks the opportunity of a lifetime for 30 high school seniors as they all vie for one of three mythical full-rides to Wabash College. The Eli Lilly Scholarship provides full tuition and room and board for the selected students. The scholarship is valued around \$170,000.

Now that they've been invited to campus, what do the finalists do during their time here? "[They] arrive on Thursday for a formal dinner with committee members and some current Wabash students who are former finalists," Associate Director of Admissions Jaime Watson said. "Interviews and class visits are on Friday with a cookout at Caleb Mills' house on Friday evening." The weekend then ends on Saturday afternoon after a reading exercise coupled with a discussion, judged by the committee members.

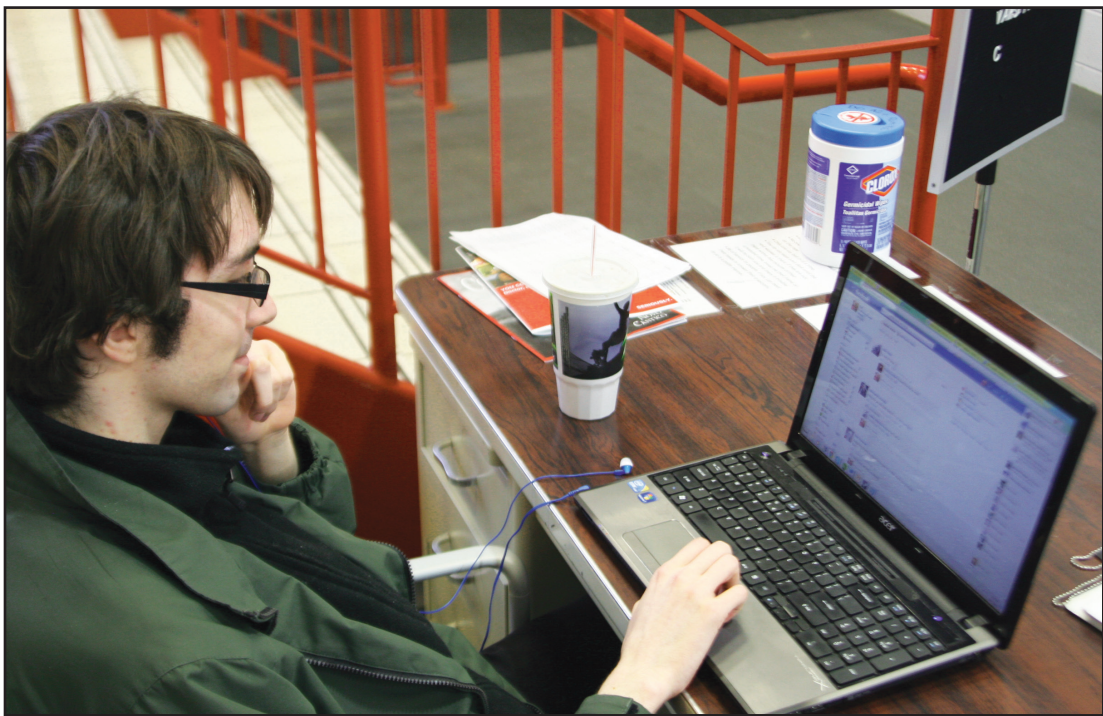
This year's finalists come to Wabash from far and wide. "[They are] from Crawfordsville to South Africa: Chicago, Los Angeles, Kentucky, Georgia, Massachusetts and several are from Indiana," Watson said. The geographically diverse group of finalists will be judged this weekend by three committees consisting of different figures in the college.

Professors, Admissions Directors, and Deans will all be involved in the selection process and man the committees. However, Lilly Winner Francisco Huerta '14 thinks that the committees should be a little different. "It would be interesting to see if including a current Wabash student on each of the three groups would be of any benefit," Huerta said. "This would be a huge plus on day two, short story discussion, in my opinion."

The committees, devoid of current Wabash students for now, will have a difficult decision in front of them. After participating in interviews, dinner and group discussions, the judges will vote and scholarships will be given out. But according to Dr. Walter Novak, a Lilly Selection Committee member, each judge has a different set of values to look for in each finalist. "Not each judge has the same set of qualities he or she is looking for," Novak said. So one can imagine there will be some involved discussion over each finalist and their performance this weekend.

So what is the weekend like from the eyes of a finalist? "I felt like I was wanted here; that I was accepted," Lilly finalist Scott Purucker '14. "It was a little bit nerve wracking considering what was on the line, but besides that they made us feel comfortable." Huerta recalls his favorite event from the weekend when he was a finalist.

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COREY EGLER | WABASH '15

Some jobs around campus, especially in the Allen Center, raise questions about how valuable the work is at times. Often times students simply surf Facebook or do homework.

## Honest Work?

SCOTT MORRISON '14  
NEWS EDITOR

If some students work physical labor for ESH, research for a professor, or write stories under deadline for the College's website to earn ESH, should they view guys sitting in the Allen Center or other areas on campus studying and collecting ESH with disgust or envy?

Employment Self-Help (ESH) is an ever-changing form of student aid. On any given day hundreds of students work ESH jobs, but the word 'work' can be loosely interpreted.

Ethan Wilson '13 works ESH as a member of the grounds crew on campus and also works part-time as a de-

livery man for Jimmy Johns. He chose his campus job because it was different and provided a chance to really accomplish something visible. "I enjoy my job," Wilson said. "The reason I do it is because it is something that I know and it gets me out of the classroom and outside doing things. To me, it is frustrating when you are working and see someone that you know out on the mall who has one of those jobs [that involves less work] and they want to comment on what you are doing."

The bottom line is most students have ESH - 765 students received an ESH package this semester, and 621 of those have used at

least part of their package.

"One of the tensions here has been that we have packaged more ESH over the years and students, because of the recession among other important reasons, have needed to utilize said ESH," Dean of Students Michael Raters said. "We have all got a job to do to make certain we are instilling the education of our students. If the message that gets sent to a student that is on the clock at nine is that when you go into your workplace at nine that that is the time to log on to Facebook or take a nap, that isn't going to cut it in the real world and it isn't going

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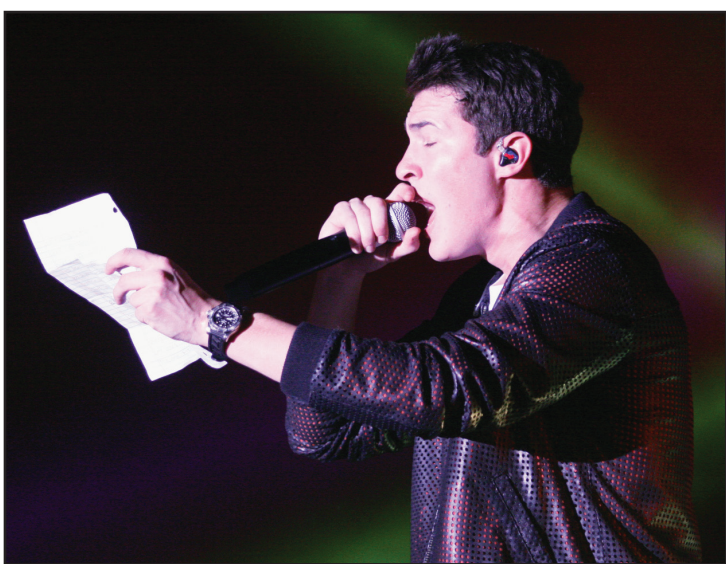
## Timeflies Draws Large Audience

FRITZ COUTCHIE '15  
STAFF WRITER

Music duo Timeflies performed in Chadwick Court on April 5.

Prior to the concert the Senior Council Activities Committee set a goal of selling 500 tickets online. In total 462 tickets were sold, and an additional 347 Wabash students went to the concert. Revenue generated was \$8,567.

Chadwick was prepared in the usual fashion; the stage facing the door at the rear of the gymnasium. Timeflies brought an interesting construct, the set included a raised DJ booth covered in programmable-LED panels and the Timeflies clock logo as a backdrop, the rest of the stage was black. The concert featured an array of light-



KELLY SULLIVAN | WABASH '15

Cal Shapiro raised a loud ovation when he free styled.

ing and smoke intended to energize the crowd. Although 809 people were in attendance, the crowd appeared to be sparse. Only the back quarter of the

gym held visitors. Band merchandise was sold near the entrance of Chadwick Court.

Timeflies played for slightly

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## Jitney Explores Inner City Life in Pittsburgh

SAMUEL VAUGHT '16  
STAFF WRITER

Pittsburgh of the 1970s comes to campus next week with the theater department's production of Jitney. The final play of the year opens Wednesday in Ball Theater for a four-performance run.

Jitney is part of August Wilson's Pittsburgh Cycle, a series of ten plays dedicated to the African American experience in the city throughout the twentieth century. First produced in 1982, the play follows the workings of a gypsy cab station in the heart of the city. Jitney (unlicensed) drivers flow in and out of the station with stories of their lives and interact with Becker, the station owner. The plot is complicated when Booster, Becker's estranged son, returns to the station after his release from prison. Booster tries to reconnect with a father he has not seen or heard from in years.

Professor of Theater and director of Jitney Dwight Watson

believes that this is where the emotional power of the play arises. "The play is a moving story about their relationship and how it takes various turns," he said. "Outside forces spark struggles within the characters."

Set in downtown Pittsburgh, the play touches on themes of urban renewal and the encroachment of planning and development on the lives and work of the jitney drivers. This mindset was difficult for the actors to understand until their trip to Pittsburgh earlier this month. The cast did a public reading of the play at the August Wilson Center for African American Culture, which celebrates the life and works of the re-

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Griffin '13



KELLY SULLIVAN | WABASH '15

DJ Young plays Doub and Tyler Griffin plays Turnbo, two older gentlemen in the play. They are the two veteran jitney drivers who work for Becker, performed by Ed Evans.

## White Heading to Millikin

JOHN DYKSTRA '13  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

President Patrick White announced Wednesday afternoon to the Wabash community that he accepted a position as interim president of Millikin University in Decatur, Ill.

Millikin University confirmed the hiring through a press release.

White will start his duties as interim president on July 1. He will hold the position for 12 to 18 months as Millikin University goes through the process of hiring its 15th president.

"Growing up in Dixon, Ill., I have known about Millikin

and its excellence all my life," White said in Millikin's press release. "I am grateful for this opportunity to work with faculty, staff, alumni, students, and the Board of Trustees to move Millikin University forward during this time of transition."

White announced that he would step down as Wabash's president last May. He will complete his seventh year as president of the College this June, before Dr. Gregory Hess assumes his duties as Wabash's new president on July 1.

BOBBY THOMPSON '14  
STAFF WRITER

The Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) will be looking to finish Pan-Hel week with a bang as they introduce a new event to campus this Saturday, April 15th.

Sets on the Beach is a beach volleyball tournament that will consist of 12 women's teams and 12 men's teams. The event will take place Saturday morning with registration starting at 9:15 a.m. and lasting until 9:45 a.m. at Sigma Chi.

After registration belly flop contest winner, Patrick Bondi '15, will sing The National Anthem in his U.S.A. speedo in the Sigma Chi parking lot.

Matches will start at 10:00am taking place at the court behind Sigma Chi as well as two temporary courts behind the tennis center. The competition will be styled similar to the NCAA tournament and will continue until there is one winner for each gender.

In case of rain, the IFC has also purchased three indoor nets to move the event to the Knowing Fieldhouse if need be.

Sets on the Beach was created to benefit the Crawfordsville Animal Shelter. All donations and some proceeds will be given to the shelter. IFC President Sky King '15 said there will be kittens and puppies to play with from the shelter. The puppies

and kittens will be available for walks.

The IFC will be selling shirts and mugs commemorating the event. Shirts come in pink and blue and will be sold for ten dollars, mugs will be five dollars. There will be beer kegs available for students over 21. Students must purchase a cup to receive alcohol. Drinks will be limited to four per person. There will also be plenty of food available. Jimmy Johns will be distributing free samples and there will also be burgers being grilled by the Sphinx Club Rhynes.

Student attendance would be much appreciated whether or not students are participating in the volleyball tournament.

## Sets on the Beach Saturday

Schedule:

Registration Start	9:15-9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
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Information:

- Matches will be held at the volleyball court behind Sigma Chi and two temporary courts behind the tennis center.
- Kittens and puppies will be at the event to play with.



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Friday, April 12

Lilly Award Program

Pan Hel Bed Races 3 p.m. Wabash College Mall

Saturday, April 13

Lilly Award Program

Sets on the Beach 9:30 a.m. Sigma Chi Volleyball Court

Monday, April 15

Earth Week: Sustainable Careers 7 p.m. Goodrich 104

Tuesday, April 16

IFC Meeting 11:10 a.m. Sparks Center Student Center Room

Student Senate Meeting 7 p.m.

Jazz Ensemble Concert 7:30 p.m. Salter Concert Hall

Wednesday, April 17

Religious Chapel 10 a.m. Tuttle Chapel

APO Meeting 7 p.m. Baxter 101

Theater Production: *Jitney* 8 p.m. Ball Theater

Thursday, April 18

Chapel Talk: Senior Speak 11:15 a.m.

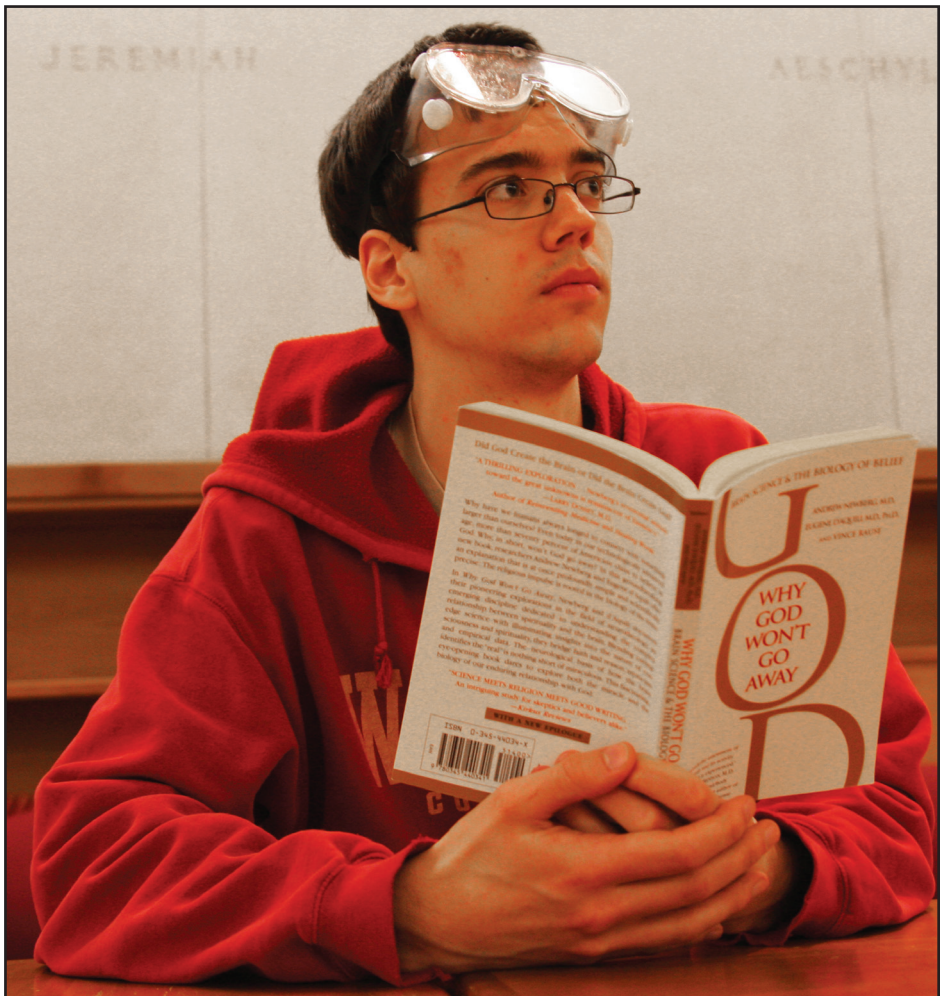
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Hoerr Develops Through Liberal Arts

ADAM ALEXANDER '16  
COPY EDITOR

Jordan Hoerr '13 has had an interesting experience at Wabash. Starting as a math major with a chemistry minor, he switched to a chemistry major and math minor, and then changed his math minor for a psych minor, and then made yet another change to add a minor in economics. Hoerr has certainly made the most of his time. Hoerr became interested in Wabash when his stepfather told him about it. He visited the campus and liked the experience, but, like many, he had some reservations. "I was a little concerned with the all-male thing," Hoerr said. "One of my concerns was that 'oh if I go to an all-male college, they'll just be a bunch of bros and will do manly things like chest bumping and fraternity stuff,' and that stuff is not for me." Hoerr quickly discovered the advantages of a single-sex education, specifically in having fewer distractions. Associate Professor of Psychology Robert Horton is Hoerr's advisor, having had him in his freshman tutorial. Horton knew early that Hoerr would leave an impression on Wabash. "Jordan is an excellent student," Horton said. "He is just naturally intelligent." Horton emphasized that although Hoerr is intelligent, he is humble about it. He still puts a lot of work into all of his classes to get good grades. "He works hard, and he is really interested in things," Horton said. "He is very curious about ideas; he is curious about people. He is just a genuinely curious guy who is willing to explore different intellectual areas, explore different countries, and explore different activities - a real scholar. Someone you would want as your doctor or medical researcher." Hoerr plans to attend medical school

at the University of Illinois after he graduates from Wabash. This past summer, he had a medical internship in China. His duties were screening children for cardiovascular problems. Hoerr listened to their heartbeats, and if he heard anything irregular, he forwarded them to the supervising doctor. With this experience in mind, he is looking forward to medical school. "It sounds like a really noble thing, and it's interesting," Hoerr said. "I think medicine is going to be a useful way for me to express my own mind. I know I really enjoyed going to my doctor when I was growing up, and I could see myself doing what he was doing from an early age." Horton believes that Wabash was one of the best colleges Hoerr could have chosen. "[Wabash is] a place where, if you're willing to put in the work, that you get the opportunity," Horton said. "And Jordan came in with that excitement of being more than just a medical student. And a place like this really facilitates that and is a great place to have those diverse interests come to fruition." Horton told a story of Hoerr visiting him in his office when he was preparing for his son's birthday party. Hoerr noticed that Horton was preparing a large, time consuming project for a dinosaur bone excavation, and he offered to help him out. Sure enough, the next day, Jordan helped Horton glue together the activity for his kid's birthday party. "That's sort of the kind of kid that Jordan is," Horton said. "He's this phenomenal intellectual mind in chemistry, and he's also the kind of kid who will show up to help me glue pieces of paper on top of fake dinosaur bones to make a birthday present for my son." While perhaps not a naturally gifted athlete, Hoerr does work hard and participates with the track team. When



IAN BAUMGARDNER | WABASH '14  
Jordan Hoerr '13 has utilized his liberal arts education by traveling to China for a medical internship and helping the track team's pole vaulters.

the team needed somebody to work with pole vaulters, Hoerr decided he would study pole vaulting just to help the team out. He was willing to learn something about a sport he had never competed in. While he is ready to move on to the next part of his life, Hoerr will look fondly on his time at Wabash. "The best part about Wabash is the growth that I've seen in myself," Hoerr said. "[I have grown] by being able to think more holistically, more uni-

versally, and being able to understand myself that way as well as other people and the rest of the world that way. I'm not going to say I'm enlightened by any means, but I think I'm able to step outside of myself much more now." Hoerr looks forward to medical school as another opportunity to grow. "There's still a lot for me to experience," Hoerr said. "I'm just excited about the possibilities of what kinds of growth I could see in myself moving on."

Lilly

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"My best memory from the weekend was getting to hang out with my future classmates," Huerta said. "Over those few days I met and hung out with Spencer Peters, Scott Morrison, and

Derrick Li." But the weekend wasn't a one and done sort of thing in terms of friendships for Huerta. "Today I consider them some of my closest friends at Wabash, and it's all because of the great time we had that weekend." This weekend may just be another

weekend for the Wabash men preparing for finals, finishing papers or trying to scale that mountain of homework; however it means a great deal to the thirty lucky young men on campus. "If it weren't for the Lilly Scholarship, I would not be able to afford a

Wabash education," Huerta praised. So if you see a student on campus this week that you don't recognize, perhaps wish them luck; as someday they may be one of your best friends.

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# Costakis Mixes Studies with Hobbies

TAYLOR KENYON '15  
STAFF WRITER

From the tearing of rubber by a drag car to the toss of a ball, locomotion and friction dominate the world in which we live. Willy Costakis '13, a physics major and chemistry minor from Merrillville said he looks forward to possibly studying mechanical or chemical engineering in the near future at Purdue University.

Costakis envisions a future of overcoming friction, whether it is in the form of graduate school applications, cars, or even the movement of a rugby ball.

Costakis matured from adolescence by working on cars. "I first started working on cars when I was fourteen or fifteen," said Costakis. "I kind of got into it and took it from there. I built this one car from the ground up and I'm still working on it. It's an '89 fox-body Mustang. It obviously never ends but I'm almost done with that [project]. I'm working on it every summer when I get a chance." Yet Costakis did not start this endeavor alone.

"I guess my grandfather has always been the older type to work on everything," said Costakis. "He had a little bit of a background in cars."

"One of the girls I dated in high school, her dad was big into cars. I had always wanted to get involved with cars so in high school I took an automotive class and I worked with her dad on a Corvette we built together. Once I got into mechanics I made my way into advanced auto mechanics."

Costakis' hobby expanded into an academic ambition; it affected his thinking style. "I've wanted to do mechanical engineering for a while so I started in the 3-2 engineering program; physics was the best way to get to it because they are so closely related," said Costakis. "Physics has been so interesting, in the beginning it was hard, so I decided I wanted to go with it."

Costakis continued through his physics major despite its difficulty; furthermore, he embraced his major by doing physics presentations for others. "We do the [annual] demo show where we break

a bunch of stuff and get out of control and then we have the Heptathlon which is the physics of sports," said Costakis. "We do our part as physics students. [We] bring the students out and introduce them to a little physics."

Yet it is the Heptathlon where physics hits home for Costakis. The physics of sports is something he applies almost each and every day. Three years ago, Costakis joined the Wabash College Rugby Team. "I came out sophomore year and just became addicted; so, I decided to stay with it and I kept going at it," said Costakis. "That was the first time I had ever played. I kind of just walked out there and realized I liked playing it and went with it."

Rugby mirrors Costakis' experience with physics: hard, yet worth the effort. "It's hard to pick up, but once you do it starts clicking. That was one cool thing that I had no idea what was going on and I kept trying to pick it up as much as I could at practice. You just don't know what's going on [until] the very first game. But I play



KELLY SULLIVAN | WABASH '15

Willy Costakis started playing rugby during his sophomore year. He plans on going to graduate school for chemical or mechanical engineering.

the scrum-half which is kind of like the quarter back if you want to describe it in American football terms. I get the ball out, I move the big guys around, and get it to the back."

Costakis has been a strong asset to the successful Wabash team. Three years ago, before Costakis joined, Wabash won state and just last year Wabash made the first part of nationals.

Costakis plans on working in the field of physics or mechanical engineering in the near future. In the meantime, he will pass the rugby ball off to continue to fight friction.

## Jitney

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owned playwright. After meeting with the director of the center, the actors toured the hill district of Pittsburgh, where Jitney is set. The experience helped the cast better understand the material they are presenting.

"One of the most powerful and rewarding experiences came as we sat and listened to the stories of the Jitney drivers just a few feet away from Wilson's birthplace," Tyler Griffin '13 said. "They were the adhesive to a struggling, but incredibly strong and resilient community."

The challenge for the cast over the last few weeks has been to apply what they learned in Pittsburgh to their own individual performances. AJ Clark '16, who plays Booster,

knows that it has helped him. "The trip enriched my appreciation of August Wilson and his literature," he said. "I better understood his background and style by visiting many of the places he's been to."

Griffin echoes this sentiment. "Few actors actually get to see their scripts awaken from their performative slumber and become a reality," he said. "The streets, the voices spoke volumes to not only our character development, but to our personal growth."

Jitney, as a play about the 1970s, is set in a crucial period of transition for the African American community in cities like Pittsburgh. The racial themes of the play tie into the experiences of the 1950s and 60s, yet look toward the more progressive 1980s. Wilson rewrote a large portion

of Jitney in mid-1990s.

Nearly two decades of reflection may have helped him re-craft the way he

sets the stage for the last two plays of his cycle. Surprisingly, Jitney is the only play in the Pittsburgh Cycle never to be produced on Broadway.

However, it did win the Olivier Award for Best New Play (the UK's Tony Award) after a successful run in London in 2001.

The play runs April 17-20. Free tickets are now available from the Fine Arts Center Box Office.



Watson

## Timeflies

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over an hour, and played most of the songs on their first album and latest Extended Play. "Detonate" and "Swoon" were obvious crowd pleasers, but the crowd was lost during the performance of "For You". Between songs the artists made anti-DePauw jokes and complimented the culture of Wabash.

The duo also performed many tracks from their "Timeflies Tuesday" sessions. The largest reaction from the fans occurred when Cal Shapiro, the group's rapper, performed a freestyle rap. The rap included topics that were created beforehand, relevant to Wabash College. The list included subjects that intentionally pushed the boundaries of what is considered appropriate.

Shapiro looked at the list for nearly 15 seconds before beginning his three-minute freestyle

rap. During those three minutes, he effortlessly and seamlessly connected hatred for IU, a shout-out to coach House and love for Jonny Provolone's.

Timeflies also showed unparalleled professionalism in comparison to recent acts. Rob Resnick, the group's producer, called for adjustments from the sound crew during every song. Unfortunately, the acoustics in Chadwick Court diminished the effects of these audio-audibles, and the sound quality of the performance.

Student reactions were mixed after the concert. David Newhart '15 said he was disappointed in the concert.

"[Shapiro's] freestyle was the best part, but he didn't really seem like he made a good effort on the other songs. Nothing really amazed me," Newhart said.

Conversely Andrew Dettmer '15 was pleasantly surprised.

"I thought it was really good, the problem was, that for the crowd size we needed a smaller space. But that is an issue we run in to with every act," Dettmer said.

Perhaps the biggest concern with the Timeflies National Act is that the majority of viewers were not Wabash College students. The Senior Council nearly met their goal of 500 online ticket sales through commendable efforts. However, the amount of Wabash students in attendance fell woefully short.

Before the concert, President of the Student Body Jeremy Wentzel '14 promised that "principled decisions" would be made about the nature of National Act regardless of how Timeflies was received.

## ESH

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to cut it here. Clearly we always have improvements to make in that regard."

ESH coordinator Steve Barnes sent out an e-mail to faculty and staff early on in the semester reminding supervisors to make sure their students were logging hours correctly and were working the hours they claimed. To Barnes and many other administrators, ESH serves as an important learning tool for students in addition to its use as financial aid.

But what about those jobs where students mostly sit and study? "This is an educational part of the process in terms of ESH, learning how to be responsible at a job and treat it as an internship so you're getting ready for when you enter the real world and you have that first job," Barnes said.

For many, it is tough to imagine that there are enough jobs for six to seven hundred students on campus. Such a demand for jobs could result in students logging hours for jobs with little to no work required.

The Bachelor staff started observations, particularly in the Allen Center, during the fall semester noting dates and the number of students seemingly just doing homework. On many days it was not unusual to see seven, eight, or nine students doing homework in the coach's office lobby. An-

other noticeable area was the towel room on the lower level.

Such a situation could violate the principles of the Gentleman's Rule as well as NCAA regulations.

ESH supervisors, specifically in the Allen Center, have made an effort to ensure more guys are working and not simply collecting a paycheck for sitting around. "We try to provide as many opportunities for guys to earn their money as much as we can," Director of Athletics Joe Haklin said. "Whether that entails doing something every minute of the day, well that's probably not going to happen. We are trying to make those meaningful jobs as much as we can, but there are more students who want work then there are jobs available."

Haklin does not see the situation as grim and insists his department has stepped up efforts to make every job meaningful.

"We are trying to have good standards and sound standards, but I would be lying to you if I told you every job that we have in and around the athletic department is keeping guys active and busy every minute of the day," Haklin said. "That's probably not happening. We do have to have certain areas covered by human beings. This year, guys are taking their responsibilities much more seriously. In general, do we need to continue to show improvement in that? I would say so,

but I don't really think we are on the edge or verge of NCAA violations or anything."

Barnes took over the ESH coordination position four years ago and since that transition much has changed in ESH. "From when I first took over to where we are now, everyone has a much better understanding of what ESH is and how ESH is involved in the College, how it can be used appropriately and how it can be used from an educational standpoint and from a financial aid standpoint," Barnes said.

A few areas Haklin specifically cited as having improved since last year are the fitness center and the administrative assistants in the athletics offices. Workers in the fitness center have been more diligent in wiping down machines, monitoring use, and reporting broken machinery than in previous years. Additionally, Administrative Assistant to the Athletic Department Sue Dobbs-Schneider has done an extensive job of mapping out what is required of guys for different jobs around the Allen Center.

"Can the whole institution including what we are doing here (in the Allen Center) do a better job in terms of providing the entry level work experience and making it more meaningful for the typical student, we probably could," Haklin said,

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This brief article is about to posit a significant claim, yet it is a claim that must be posited. Gay, bisexual, and questioning Wabash Men need to come out of the closet in an effort to cease the continuous disrespect toward the tireless efforts that straight members of the Wabash Community have poured into accepting and understanding their close friends of a different sexual orientation.

The impulse to remain in the closet is cancerous to a campus which is actively embracing openness and acceptance of gay, bisexual, and questioning diversity among students. The more students remain in the closet as opposed to coming out, the more closed mindedness will slowly creep back. This, my dear friends, is an issue of campus unity.

As this article unfolds, I seek to be frank and I do not seek to speak on behalf of gay, bisexual, and questioning students, but rather speak to them. I seek to shed light on the valiant strides being made among straight Wabash brothers through the active cause of acceptance and welcome. Through this, I hope the reader is informed on how silence regarding sexual orientation has the potential to slowly reverse or desensitize the active acceptance among Wabash men for their gay, bisexual, and questioning brothers.

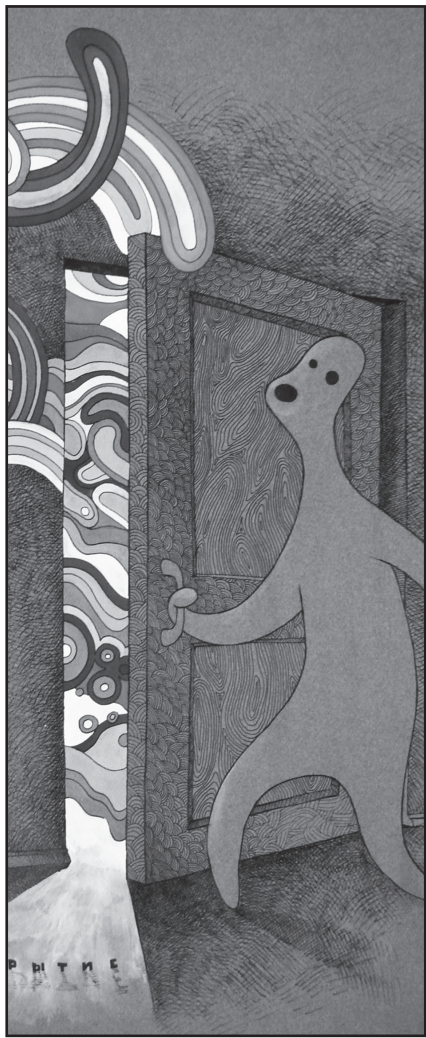
Perhaps an illustration is needed. Imagine a student that seeks to intellectually connect with a faculty

member who studies philosophy. The student spends a significant amount of time reading the works of Aristotle, in order to at least keep up in a future conversation with the faculty member. After a couple weeks of finding the time to read, contemplate, and research perspectives on Aristotle (in the midst of a busy Wabash schedule), the student feels prepared to meet with the faculty member. Confidently and with high hopes, the student walks over to Center Hall to his esteemed professor's office hours. As the student is welcomed in, he states, "Professor, I know our class is on Plato, but I've been doing some reading on Aristotle, and I'd love to hear your perspectives if you have the time." In response the professor states, "I have no interest in talking about Aristotle."

In this illustration, replace Aristotle with a conversation of sexual orientation. Replace the eager student with a straight ally at Wabash, and replace the professor with a student in the closet. In more cases than not, the aforementioned example represents the reality of many Wabash students in the closet, and their allies. In this example the student feels that his professor, while perhaps not an expert, knows his professor has been exposed to the works of Aristotle. Yet, the student knowingly looks beyond the professor's qualifications regarding Aristotle, perhaps because the most important aspect of discussing Aristotle is to learn and diversify his mind. The student seeks a perspective, not necessarily a Nobel-winning thesis.

Quite similarly, the straight ally

at Wabash recognizes that his good friend may happen to be gay, bisexual, or questioning, so he wants to reach out. In response to his outreach, he is disregarded or shut down. Yet, the original reason the straight ally approaches (or continues to approach) his closeted friend is not to



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Coming out can be difficult, but it is needed for change.

find a completely put-together human being. No- like the eager student, the straight ally only seeks a sense of honesty and self-confidence in his friend, not perfection. Like the professor, the gay/bisexual/questioning student might want to avoid discussing the matter completely. The professor avoids the eager student, and similarly the student in the closet avoids those who care the most- his dearest friends who have sought to learn about, address, and welcome Wabash brothers of a different sexual orientation.

The moral of the story is this: if the professor refuses to talk about Aristotle, then the student no longer remains eager to learn about Aristotle. If conversation regarding sexual orientation is silenced by those who are gay, bisexual, or questioning, there is no reason for straight Wabash brothers to continuously invest emotional well-being and time in hopes that their dearest friends muster up enough courage to simply come out of the closet.

And before my brothers in the closet say that it's not simple to come out of the closet these days, I implore they take a look at the changing realities of this great Wabash community and nation at-large. I implore they reflect on the difficult realities of the increasingly distant past. Life is hard, but difficult decisions are made easier when the people around you are immensely supportive.

Friends, it's time to break down the barriers that have been created over such a small issue. Through

outlets like Wabash Confessions, students in the closet have sought to remain behind electronic barriers instead of simply talking with fraternity brothers and dear friends.

Fraternity life at Wabash has changed for the better regarding diversity of perspective on sexual orientation. Yet, if no members of the house feel courageous enough to be open about a small detail in their life- how can a true brotherhood exist? How can the future brothers of the house feel comfortable if the brothers of today habitually victimize themselves through anonymous social media outlets?

For independent brothers of the Wabash community- how have our gay, bisexual, and questioning friends obtained a notion that sexual orientation can be figured out on their own? Have we abandoned all forms of community, and if not, how can we facilitate acceptance of a GLBTQ culture in independent life?

I ask my gay, bisexual, and questioning brothers of the Wabash Community to come out and accept the acceptance of your dearest straight friends on this campus. I ask that you seek help with Jamie Douglas in the Wabash Counseling Center. To my straight Wabash brothers- thank you for your continued and noble efforts to make every environment at Wabash College inclusive for all. Keep up the great work, and never settle for less.

Reflecting Back: A Wabash Student Perspective

International Students Globalize Insight

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Hello? We are here!

When you complain about the following things: small liberal arts college, all-male, living in a small and boring town like Crawfordsville, maybe it's time for you to realize that, in reality, Wabash could mean much more to you than it does right now. Part of the meaning that has frequently been in the periphery of people's focus is Wabash's diversity, specifically, its international students.

The United States attracts the most international students from around the world, with a population of 764,321. The number has skyrocketed and is still rapidly increasing. The Institute of International Education has reported that there are 31% more international students than there were a decade ago and the rate is likely to rise in the coming years. According to the U.S. News Report, China has contributed the most students that, in all, account for a quarter of international students from all over the world that attend U.S. colleges and graduate schools, followed by India and Korea.

The U.S. is blessed to have such a diverse environment in higher education that facilitates students' forming a global perspective. International students also find it ideal to study in the United States compared to other countries because they feel more welcome and recognized here. Domestic students started to value diversity as an important factor when they were

making college decisions.

However, on the flip side, things are different for American students. In the countries mentioned above (China, India, and Korea), international students from Western countries are not printed on brochures and diversity is not as embraced as it is in the United States. American students might have difficulty adapting to the new culture when they study abroad in those cultures. China, India and Korea, along with several other Asian countries, tend

to be more conservative than the US, with some East Asian countries being collectivistic rather than individualistic. As a result, cultural and personal differences are more likely to be excluded than tolerated. Growing up in American culture, students studying abroad in Asian countries might have a hard time adjusting themselves in the new environment.

Another issue that comes in tandem with the growing international population is immigration. Like it or not, a portion of international

students find a job and stay in the U.S. after graduation. For most guys who don't plan to venture themselves in a weird foreign country and choose to start their career in the U.S., chances are that they will end up working with, or worse, for a foreign person. If you have a foreign coworker, you could probably get by with ignoring him or even making fun of him. But if your boss is a foreigner, it would be wise if you think about learning that person's culture.

Wabash educates men to be responsible citizens. Wabash wants its students to succeed. In a globalizing world, that entails that Wabash men know how to treat diverse cultures and distinct opinions. It is part of what "act responsibly and live humanely" means.

But it sounds like a big project that takes a lifetime to accomplish, you say. Well, take a look around. On campus, there are people who can harness you with a global perspective; strip off your stereotypes and prejudices. These students are native speakers in the foreign language you are taking and connections you can make if you want to teach English abroad. More importantly, these people are our brothers, who just happen to have broken English, a weird accent, and sometimes inappropriate social behavior.

So, maybe if we fully embrace every aspect of the community and explore the resources completely, Wabash could be a totally different place. The same goes for both domestic and international students.



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How can we as a community start to create a more welcoming atmosphere for all students?

Attention:  
Thank you to the Wabash Wrestling Team for helping set-up and tear-down the National Act stage!



# Pastafarianism at Wabash... *Lacks Religious Tolerance*

For the sake of Dr. Hollander's sanity, I will go ahead and lay my thesis/definition I will defend outright: A religion is the practice of certain beliefs and customs. You can not be a part of a religion if you have no beliefs or customs.

The whole idea of Pastafarianism is ironic. It's in the definition of religion: "a specific fundamental set of beliefs and practices generally agreed upon by a number of persons or sects". Christianity. Buddhism. Taoism. Judaism. Islam all fit the bill; Pastafarianism does not.

First off, I went to the website. Dug through propaganda of "reject religion" and "what is your world view!" (by the way, you cannot just make up a world view and say you see things through it; that's nonsense). I finally found what, fundamentally, at the heart of their religion, Pastafarianism believes.

Which is nothing. They believe nothing at all. Their website describes it as, "By design, the only dogma allowed in the Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster is the rejection of dogma." How can you have a religion based on the idea of nothing? Well, don't worry secular students; I didn't stop there. I actually read on. Believe it or not, this guy has a point. The founder goes on about how religions have served as functions in society, and people are a part of religions that they did not themselves accept, etc. We live in a society that promotes community among people, and religions are the vessels for that, no matter which ones are/are not true. Valid point. Yet, just because you have an understandable view of the world we live in does not make a fake religion you put online any more valid. I understand the point of 'how do I know whether there was a flying spaghetti monster that created the universe'. I do not know. But religions are not just founded upon fancy. Even Joseph Smith had some divine dream, and Scientology founder has some science behind his beliefs. This whole thing is ironic because Pastafarianism wants to accept divinity in something, while at the same time telling us we do not know what it is. It's ironic because it mocks itself.

That is taking an attempted unbiased look at the whole thing. This whole Pastafarianism thing is just another mock of any belief in religion, divinity, whatever. I sat in the Student Senate meeting (back when I participated...) when this Secular Students Society of America or something like that asked to be recognized by the student body. And surprise surprise, I was the only one who voted no. Because I knew something like this would happen. Atheists everywhere seem to find their role in the world of religion as the protestors and demonstrators, and it looks like we finally have our own.



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We are Wabash Men. The proper way to have a discourse on religion, divinity, who we are, etc. is not in the participation of a made up ritual (there is no "sacrificial dinner" dedicated to some flying spaghetti monster, hate to rain on your parade). It is through critical thinking. Have an open forum for discussion or something! Have a mock debate on the existence of the flying spaghetti monster some night. Have a joint meeting with Wabash Christian Men or the Muslim group (sorry, I don't know your official name) to discuss the topics that you disagree on. But when you want to act like you are holding some sacrificial event open to the public over something that inherently doesn't believe in itself (get it, there's the irony), you had to expect the backlash that you received.

I write an article like this in the name of religious tolerance, because clearly those putting on the event have some distaste for established religions. I am quite fond of the idea of religious tolerance. But breaking garlic bread in the name of a spaghetti monster that you do not even believe in (again, the irony) is just ludicrous.



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What do you think is the role of Pastafarianism at Wabash and in our culture?

# *Embraces Religious Role*

Recent events have led me to believe that my cherished Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster is misunderstood. I am here to spread the good news of His Noodliness, who loves each and every one of you very much, and hopefully clear up any misunderstanding about Him and His loyal followers.

In 2005, the prophet Bobby Henderson sent an open letter to the Kansas State Board of Education to show the flaws inherent in "teaching the controversy" of Intelligent Design in public school classrooms. As he pointed out, "there are multiple theories of Intelligent Design. I and many others around the world are of the strong belief that the universe was created by a Flying Spaghetti Monster."

This is what we call satire, folks. It is aimed at creating a shift in perspective. To a religious person entrenched in his or her beliefs, it can be difficult to realize that, in a science classroom, the burden of proof lies on the presenter of any given hypothesis. To many non-Christians, the idea of Yahweh creating the universe is as ridiculous as a Flying Spaghetti Monster.

If we need evidence to believe in a Flying Spaghetti Monster, surely equivalent evidence is needed for any other proposed mechanism behind Creation. I would also assert that honest, sincere satire is as legitimate of a basis for religion as anything else.

And the parody's context cannot be ignored. The idea was born out of the public science classroom, where hypotheses simply must be empirically supported if they are to



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be taught. With this very necessary stipulation, there is as much evidence for His Noodliness's role in Creation as there is of the Abrahamic deity's.

But enough about parody. Evident throughout the criticism is a beautiful message. Pastafarians are a group united by two things: the benevolence of His Noodliness and love. The Flying Spaghetti Monster does not discriminate, and neither does his church.

Pastafarianism's satirical side is aimed at other religions' interference with science and the education thereof, but it serves a very real role as a religious group. Any faith structure should be a source of love and community, and any religion that neglects these misses its own point and proves that something like Pastafarianism is needed.

Of course it is a silly religion. It is silly because it takes its members more seriously than itself. Here are two of The Eight "I'd Really Rather You Didn't's" from the Gospel of the Flying Spaghetti Monster:

1) I'd really rather you didn't act like a sanctimonious holier-than-thou ass when describing my noodly goodness. If some people don't believe in me, that's okay. Really, I'm not that vain. Besides, this isn't about them so don't change the subject.

And another:

6) I'd really rather you didn't build multi million-dollar synagogues / churches / temples / mosques / shrines to my noodly goodness when the money could be better spent (take your pick):

I. Ending poverty

II. Curing diseases

III. Living in peace, loving with passion, and lowering the cost of cable

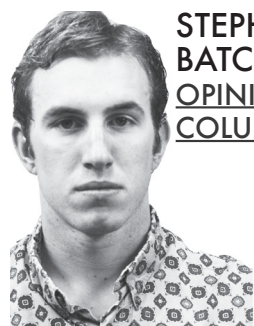
You have to admit, those are pretty good rules. Pastafarianism isn't a perfect religion, but it has entirely noble aims. And if anyone finds themselves pondering these issues today, the Secular Student Alliance welcomes you to our Pastafarian service at 5:00pm today in the Pioneer Chapel. All are welcome.

And as Bobby, the modern prophet, says, "If [Pastafarianism] is a joke, it's a joke where to understand the punchline you must be conscious of underlying truth."

# Gendercide Encompasses Women's Rights

Last week Religion and Ethics Newsweekly featured a report on the gender imbalance in India. The report notes that "For every 1,000 male babies born, there are just 914 females—far fewer in some regions." Biologically, the birth ratio of male babies to female babies tends to favor men at approximately 105 to 100 on a global average. These statistics are ultimately balanced by the reality that male babies generally are at a higher likelihood of infant mortality. Gender imbalance in India and much of southern Asia, ironically, seems to accompany several phenomena: the development of ultrasound technology, the economic development of India, and increased levels of education for Indian women. India, unlike China, has no laws limiting family size to one child and there are even laws in place that prevent the abortion of fetuses for the purpose of gender selection. Ultimately, gender imbalance in India is the result of a combination of the technological development and culture.

Culturally, the preference of males over females is firmly established in Indian society. Ranjana Kumari, a researcher for the Center for Social Research during an interview said, "Only boys can look after the parents, they are the only ones who can perform the last rites. They are the only ones who will continue the family lineage. If all that is there then why will anybody want to have a girl child? And also on the top of that you have to pay a dowry." Despite the fact that dowries were outlawed in India



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nearly 50 years ago, the practice still is maintained in some circles for religious purposes. While this may be a misinterpretation of Hindu scriptures, the reality remains that the preference of males to females is on some level aligned with religious traditions. Yet, the experience of individual women is more telling of the tension this preference creates. Religion and Ethics Newsweekly's report includes an interview with Poojah, a 22 year old mother of three, who was thrown out of her husband's home for bearing three female children.

Structurally, advances in technology only aid in the practice of Indian gender values. A 2010 article in *The Economist*, titled "Gendercide," reports that, "The spread of fetal-imaging technology has not only skewed the sex ratio but also explains what would otherwise be something of a puzzle: sexual disparities tend to rise with income and education, which you would not expect if "backward thinking" was all that mattered." The article also recognizes the practicality and affordability of ultrasound technology; "An ultrasound scan costs about \$12, which is within the scope

of many—perhaps most—Chinese and Indian families. In one hospital in Punjab the only girls born after a round of ultrasound scans had been mistakenly identified as boys, or else had a male twin." Despite laws prohibiting the abortion of fetuses in India if gender selecting is believed to be the grounds for abortion, motivations are easily disguised and often ignored.

But still the question remains, with the improvements made for education of women in India and the growth of the Indian economy over the past 20 years, why has the gender imbalance only worsened? Economist, Amartya Sen, notes the same pattern accompanying the economic growth of China's economy, dating back to 1979. Economic growth has resulted in an affirmation of traditional preferences of male offspring over female offspring. Women's survival prospects in China have deteriorated, despite reforms to aid their plight at gender equality, because "the new system's more traditional arrangement of work responsibilities," has resulted in lost opportunity for "gainful employment" of women. This in fact is not a matter of forced regime policy, but rather an observation that as the employment market grew in China, women remained in their established domestic roles rather than finding employment, ultimately giving women a level of independence from their spouses on which to push toward equality. Where women had the political support of equalization to men, their remaining domesticated



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There are many reasons for the declining female population in certain countries.

contributes to the traditional desire for families to have men who cannot only carry on traditional Chinese cultural values, but find a place in a Chinese work force that ostracizes women.

Forget about the biological consequences of gender imbalance. Underneath all of the population control rhetoric are the voices of Indian women, who, though having legal rights equal to men, are still very much oppressed by their culture. On December 16, 2012, a 23 year old Indian woman was brutally gang raped and murdered on a bus in New Delhi. In this incident the woman was dragged to the back of a public bus beaten with a tire iron and raped by six men as the bus continued on its route. The woman was later thrown from the bus and left to perish with her intestines physically ripped out

of her body by one of her attackers. The woman received some medical treatment, but eventually died. This particular case has drawn the attention of global media to the condition of women in India. Certainly it cannot be ignored that gender selecting is not only a reflection of traditional preferences of males over females, but very much a reflection of a culture where women are disposable and denied equal rights. Rhetoric that examines only the biological consequences of gender imbalance ignores the more immediate issue at hand, the devastating inequality between sexes in India. Gender imbalance in India is not a matter for observation, but at its core a clear statement of injustice, inhumanity, and an issue of women's rights.



# Thatcher Dies at 87

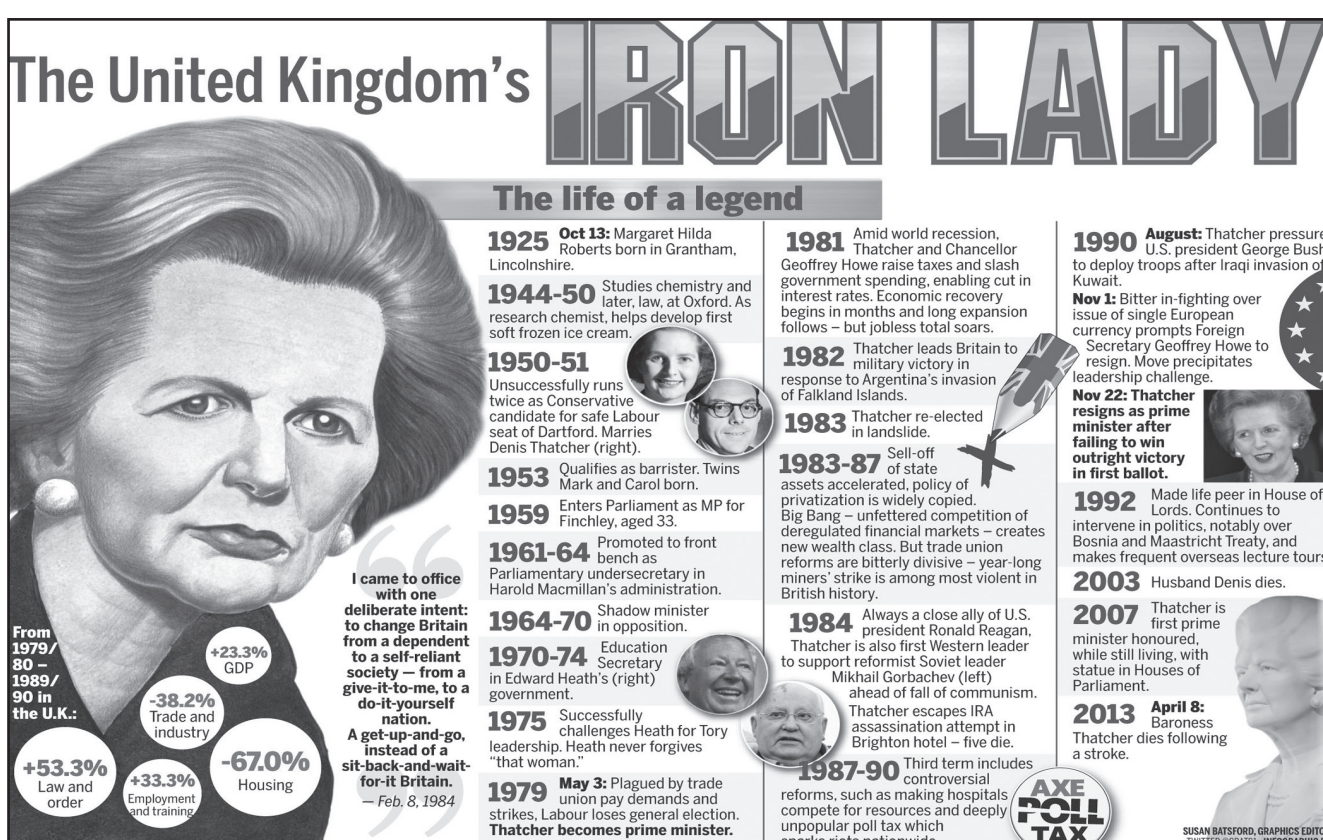
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Margaret Thatcher died Monday, 8 April in London after a stroke at the age of 87. The former prime minister of Great Britain was the first female PM of Britain and the only Prime minister of the 20th century to be elected to three consecutive terms. The “Iron Lady”, as she was dubbed, had been in failing health for quite some time before this, spending most of her time in the Ritz London due to its proximity to her hospital. Thatcher was anything if not polarizing though. Although the idea of an executive serving more than two terms is a distant memory here, and it would appear to be indicative of the executive’s popular, Thatcher is a very polarizing figure.

Known for her real lack of concessions when it came to politics, she was a hard-line conservative during the height of the Cold War. Conservatism was very hot at the time in the West as every country tried to separate themselves from the Soviet Union. She was elected in 1979 and she was in of-



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Top: An infographic on the iron lady  
Bottom: Thatcher herself.



fice for 11 years, but, even with these multiple re-elections, Great Britain is still divided on the issue of Thatcher.

The Labour Party, the rough equivalent to the Democrats here in America (but, you know, actually Liberal) still has many people who are bitter about her treatment of workers and the underclass throughout the 80's. In an emulation of the riots of the late 80's that would pop up occasionally and very violently, parties of Thatcher's death started springing up around parts of London on Monday.

There have been very controversial leaders in the U.S., but I don't think there have been massive death parties in their celebration.

Officials in the Labour party, Thatcher's known opponents, were more than willing to show their disdain for the former Prime Minister.

British MP George Galloway tweeted, “Thatcher described Nelson Mandela as a Terrorist. I was there. I was her lips move. May she burn in the hell-fires”. He would later say that he was referring to an Elvis Costello song, but the sentiment is still rather powerful.

But the Thatcher hate wasn't restricted to the U.K. Members of the African National Congress, the political organization that opposed Apartheid, shot out tweets about Thatcher and her hateful politics towards them in the 80's as they were struggling to get equal rights.

As the U.K. was so readily involved in global affairs and politics, considering their standard as an imperial power, so too follow her issues as a global leader. She aggressed Bush Sr. into the first Gulf War. She made concessions in Canada. But she also

raised the national GDP and cut government spending. She raised personal training of workers and employment rates while destroying unions and crushing the rights of workers.

She was truly an intriguing character, moving forward Britain's personal goals and maybe bringing them back a few steps socially. There were many more people mourning her death than partying, to be sure, and many more people calling for respect in her opposition.

So regardless of what you think of her politics, she clearly commanded great respect as the first female Prime Minister of Great Britain, who came in during a volatile time and helped her country return to prosperity. May she rest in peace.

# Olofson Talk Follows Logic

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Last Monday night, Assistant Professor of Psychology from our very own Wabash College Eric Olofson gave a presentation discussing research concerning whether or not the sexual orientation of parents (Gay Males, Lesbians or Heterosexuals) had any significant effect on child development. The body of research from which Dr. Olofson pulled the data for his presentation contained studies conducted over the past four decades that measured outcomes in child development ranging from sexual orientation, gender role behavior, mental and behavioral disorders, stability of relationships with parents and peers, child abuse, and more.

Out of this vast corpus of data, the result was almost always the same: result-null data, meaning that there was no significant difference between outcomes in childhood development between children of heterosexual parents and children of Gay Male Father or Lesbian parents. The only discrepancies between this almost totally unanimous result was that in one longitudinal study in which subjects were interviewed periodically between the ages of 10-23, subjects with same-sex parents who identified as heterosexual showed a greater tendency to sexually/erotically experiment with the same sex in college, and another study suggested that children of lesbian parents experienced greater connection to their peers in school. It should be noted in that in the former study, by the time the heterosexual subjects who had experimented in college had reached the age of 23, they were all were firm in their convictions about their heterosexual identity.

Prior to diving into the meat of his presentation, however, Dr. Olofson iterated two crucial caveats: the first being an assumption that if child development is a central concern in the national discussion on Gay Rights, then we should value data regarding child development in relation to gay parenting, and the second being that this data may not even be brought into consideration during the legal process of these issues.

Joining Dr. Olofson at the end of his talk in order to provide a personal dimension to the presentation was Wabash College Associate Professor of History and gay parent Michelle Rhoades. Dr. Rhoades provided both her perspective as a historian as well as her perspective as a gay parent in a homophobic culture, and how these two perspectives originally made her uncomfortable with the topic of the presentation. As a historian who has done research in cultural and gender history in Europe, she is aware of how often “scientific research” merely reflects what the majority of the population wishes to hear (specifically, she cited the development of racial hygiene institutions across Europe during the early twentieth centuries and how their supposedly empirically derived data reflected Europe's culturally ingrained anti-Semitism). “As a historian, I just want to know what the motivations behind this research are,” she stated at the end of this part of her presentation.

She then proceeded to tell her story of the legal hoops she and her partner had to undergo in order to ensure that they could have legal custody over their son in the state of Indiana, and how whenever she visits her father and step-mother in Arizona with her son, she feels strongly concerned since the adoption agreement is null and void as soon as she steps off of the plane.

All in all, the presentation concluded, on both the empirical and the personal fronts, that whether or not children are raised by gay or straight parents is irrelevant as far as outcomes that the children will experience during their development are concerned. In the words of Dr. Olofson at the end of his slide show, “The kids will be just fine.”

# Mad Men Premiere Satisfies

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This past Sunday marked the return of AMC's brilliant and critically acclaimed television series, Mad Men. We last saw the Sterling Cooper Draper Pryce gang in the middle of 1967, with Don having just been propositioned by a woman at a bar. Would Don continue to remain faithful to his lovely new wife Megan, or would he fall back into his womanizing ways?

We pick back up during Christmas 1967, with Don and Megan enjoying the comforts of Waikiki Beach, Hawaii, on SCDP's dime no less. Aside from a brief voice-over of Don reading from Dante's Inferno (and who else would think The Inferno is a beach read other than Don Draper?), we do not hear a word out of Don's mouth for the first eight minutes of the episode. Megan speaks, as does the hotel manager who is desperately trying to ensure that Don is prepared for his upcoming pitch to the Sheraton hotel executives. The rather slow and languishing pace of this opening continues throughout the two-hour premiere, but not in a bad way. As the camera follows and zooms in on Don, we notice little idiosyncrasies,

minor facial fluctuations that tell the audience how he is really feeling at the moment. These pans of people and emotions forces the audience to draw connections between specific events and actions, that otherwise may go unnoticed if one is simply trying to comprehend spoken dialogue.

The title of this episode is “The Doorway.” Considering the genius that is creator Matthew Weiner, it is very difficult to tell which doorway he is speaking of. At first one imagines the entrance into Hell that Dante faces. Could this be then a reference to Don's inevitable entrance into a more tortured existence? Roger Sterling, who we left last season divorced for the second time and with a love child, is currently in therapeutic analysis, a practice he once condemned as a fad for housewives, seeking answers. After a wholly enlightening and life changing LSD trip last season, Roger is now more contemplative than ever. He mentions to his analyst that he feels like life is just a series of doors. You enter one, go through another, and before you know it you've boxed yourself in. He worries whether life has a purpose, and, if it does, is it merely a matter of decisions (or doorways) that will in-



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Jon Hamm, known for his portrayal as Dom Draper, sitting in a pool of water.

evitably leave us alone and unhappy? Considering the turbulent months in store for the characters, as they react to events such as the assassinations of MLK Jr. and RFK and the riot at the Democratic National Convention, it would not be too much to assume that Weiner is leading us into hellish depths, that will provide many doorways for his characters to choose from.

There is very little of Joan Harris in this episode, which seemed odd considering her ascendance to minority partner was such a dramatic plot line at the end of last season. Yet in what we do see, Joan is confident and gorgeous as always, embracing her new found role as Queen of SCDP. Peggy Olsen certainly gets her due in last Sunday's episode. Now basically the “Don Draper” of rival ad agency Cutler, Gleason, and Chaough, Peggy is more confident than ever. She is able to go toe-to-toe with clients, demoralize her workers in a positive way,

and still have that midnight epiphany that saves the account. This is finally a Peggy I can get onboard with, and I cannot wait to see how her character evolves this season. Furthermore, Betty, Don's ex-wife, does show some development as a parent. In taking in a recently orphaned friend of Sally's, Betty shows a genuine kindness and concern for the girl. Here's to hoping that this changes continues, and Betty finally finds some enduring happiness.

As I mentioned earlier, this was a two-hour premiere, making it nearly impossible to summarize and encompass every necessary or riveting plot point. The full premiere is available online at amctv.com for a limited time, and be on the lookout for a certain Freaks and Geeks star to turn the tables on everyone. Then watch the new episode this Sunday on AMC at 10/9 central,



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Dom trying to keep his cool under fire.



# Timeflies Generic Pop at Best

*The Scotch Tape*, Timefiles Debut Record, Shows lack of Real Depth

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Borrowing from the dance-pop trend popular as of late, Timeflies' debut record, *The Scotch Tape*, feels hackneyed, even if it fills its intended purpose as nothing more than party music. Gravitation toward cookie-cutter electro-pop is one unfortunate downfall. Tired, auto-tuned vocals are another. Admittedly, both pieces fit together with a loud, satisfying snap, making transitions smooth and unobtrusive, but the Boston's duo's vice is just that: little to no variation from track to track. For an album filled with 50-minutes of what *Vanity Fair* has tagged the work of "musical masterminds," the end result is generic and cliché at best.

Part of this widespread music's appeal, however, is familiarity across a collective body of work. Since pop's inception, and particularly with today's mainstream industry, similar chord progressions and straightforward, basic refrains successfully car-

ter to the human mind's craving for repetition. Naturally, the music runs the risk of sounding derivative, recycling substance with a goal of being easy on the ears with a hooky chorus or relatable lyrical riff-raff about another night at the club. Yet Timeflies know that. They cleverly accommodate to their potential fans by feeling like an acquaintance one has met over and over and over and profit from a tried and true formula.

Indeed, Timeflies move ahead with that idea from the outset, and *The Scotch Tape* kicks off with "Detonate's" pseudo-epic, quarter note-pulsing beat that recalls countless artists predating the act. In fact, much of the record appears this way, with very few new and fresh concepts spread out across the track listing, but a chip tune-esque build beginning "Everything I Do" suggests experimentation and potential for the two-piece's sophomore full-length. Another piece deviating from the Timeflies norm, "Switchblade," introduces electrify-

ing dubstep into the mix, but, like "Everything I Do," the idea does not appear again on the record. Instead, the duo sticks to simplistic, safe melodies that continue to bolster their fan base and expand accessibility; appealing to a broader audience each time they release a new album.

In short, Timeflies succeed by playing by the rulebook. Most, if not all, musical content found on *The Scotch Tape* has been done to death in one way or another, of course, with some attempts better than others. Plagiaristic as pop is from hit to hit, the duo is undeniably good at what they do, and even more impressive is their "patented" app in the iTunes store that promotes their music efficiently and without shame. At the same time, an overproduced passion hides behind the music but not without dollar signs in Resnick and Shapiro's eyes. In a way, that is too bad because a creative force like this can often yield sweet results.



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Timeflies Tuesday is known for their melange of sounds, but we're generally unimpressed. It's bland and uninspired.

Top: A picture from their concert here, being, you know, marginal.

Left: Their LP, *The Scotch Tape*

Right: A picture of the Band in question. Yes, they may be conventionally attractive, but that doesn't foster talent.



## Enigmatic Fish Found Near Antarctic Coast

KEVIN KENNEDY '16  
FISH COLUMNIST

Deep in the Southern Ocean, near the Antarctic coast, a fish was found that has developed a most interesting mutation. This fish is, for those interested, a member of the Channichthyidae family, and it is called the ocellated icefish. This icefish has no hemoglobin in its blood and as a result, its blood is clear.

Hemoglobin is a metallic blood component used to transport oxygen in the blood. It is extremely effective, binding 4 oxygen molecules at a time per 1 molecule of hemoglobin. It is responsible for 98% of all oxygen transport in the blood of most mammals. Now however, with continued research performed upon this fish, the lack of hemoglobin is starting to shake things up in the world of biology, especially deep-sea biology.

This particular deep-sea fish is extremely strange in that it has clear blood. The oxygen needed for the organism to live, instead of being transported by hemoglobin, is dissolved into the plasma completely. This is believed to be due to the low temperature environment in the creature's habitat. Fish usually carry some form of hemoglobin as a primary oxygen transporter in the blood, and to find

one that has no hemoglobin is something that is totally new. As a result of having no hemoglobin (which is responsible for blood coloration) the clear blood is an interesting effect.

Instead of a typical oxygenation system, the combination of direct oxygen infusion into the plasma of the fish, as well as a strong musculature assisting, leads to an extremely efficient circulatory system. The heart is much larger than most fish, and pumps blood at a rate five times greater than most fish according to an article published by Popular Science Magazine. Also, the fish has a relatively low metabolism. This makes up for the loss in efficiency the fish suffers due to hemoglobin.

Continued study of this fish could lead to great strides in the understanding of blood oxygen transportation and regulation in the systems of organisms. An organism in which such an essential molecule as hemoglobin is absent is extremely intriguing. This is something new and exciting in the world of biology. It could very well lead to amazing strides in how to treat blood oxygenation disorders or any number of things. I look forward to seeing what kind of advancements come out of this.



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The fish in question. It looks seemingly normal, on the outside.

## Update: Four NFL Players To Come Out, Maybe

ALEX TOTTEN '13  
NFL COLUMNIST

There were murmurs and up- roars in the sports community last we checked on the player who had talked about coming out. Some people were talking about how it won't affect the community. There were some who thought that it would change the game, but it slipped back into the background without the alleged player not coming out as of yet. Now, according to Brandon Ayanbadejo, the NFL's most well-known gay rights activist, there are more players, up to four, ready and willing to come out at the same time.

"We're in talks with a handful of players who are considering it. There

are up to four players being talked to right now and they're trying to be organized so they can come out on the day together. It would make a major splash and take the pressure off one guy. It would be a monumental day if a handful or a few guys come out," said Ayanbadejo via the Atlantic Wire.

It is unknown if what Ayanbadejo said was true or if these men will actually come out but it makes sense that they're waiting. There is a real possibility that these guys aren't on a team as of yet or they worry that they might not make it to the final cut of the team's roster. So they wait, not knowing what their future is.

But there's a swirl of information coming in and out of this stage,

where Ayanbadejo may have gotten ahead of himself, "No, actually, what it is, is [sic] there are organizations I'm in contact with, and there are individuals I'm in contact with and collectively we know of some gay players. And these players, some of them are anonymous, some of them we know who they are, but their identity is super secret and nobody wants to reveal who they are, and some of them don't want to reveal who they are, rightfully so because it's entirely up to them what they are going to do.

What we want to facilitate is getting them all together so they can lean on each other, so they can have a support group. And potentially it's possible, it's fathomable, that they could possibly do something together, break a story together," said Ayanbadejo to Anderson Cooper on Anderson Cooper 360.

So, what do we know? Almost nothing. The story keeps changing week form week, where it might be a group, or an organization or an ethereal number or something else entirely.

But the number really isn't important, but this spectacle is. It's tragic that, under alleged equal protections against discrimination, these NFL players worry about losing their jobs, which they very well could. There's something to be learned from these talks because they're indicative of the state of the NFL and the country, where it may be illegal to fire these gentlemen because they are gay, but it will happen anyway.

Hopefully, these men can find the time to come out eventually, but I'm not holding my breath with these changing numbers and different statements flying around.



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The constantly changing story coming out of Ayanbadejo shows the volatile nature of sexuality in the NFL. Today it's four, tomorrow eight, next week, nobody,



# NFL Litigations Have Long Road Ahead

RYAN LUTZ '13  
SPORTS EDITOR

In the United States District Court the NFL found itself facing dozens of lawyers representing more than 4,000 former football players and their spouses. The disgruntled players were attempting to sue the league for negligence and fraud. The players claimed that the league knew about the long-term dangers of head trauma, but hid them in their quest for glorified violence. The NFL does have a good track record of being able to throw retired players claims out of court. However, with this latest assault on the league things may not turn out as planned. Both sides have some of the top litigators in the nation—two of who have argued before the Supreme Court. Needless to say, when you have a Supreme Court-esque showdown at the district court level there is an incredible amount at stake. The entire process will most likely take years, as whatever decision the judge makes will be appealed. And the length of the case will be a critical issue because most of the players filing claims wont be around in ten years to find out the final verdict. Regardless of the way the ruling turns out, this court case will shift the paradigm of how people view and approach football in our

country. Finally, people may realize that the men we see on the field are also human, and have as many idiosyncrasies as the rest of us. Furthermore, we might understand that the violent sport turns some of our best athletes into crippled, haggard and wheelchair bound fifty year-olds. It really shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone that the modern version of gladiatorial combat ended badly for most combatants, but former football players still possess hauntingly tragic stories of their lives after football. The players argued that the NFL is supposed to assume the role of guarantor of player safety, which it has done to an extent with equipment standards and rule changes. On the other hand, the league argued that it was a workplace safety issue in an industry where conditions were subject to collective bargaining. Oral arguments for both sides have been heard as of Tuesday, and now the process moves to Judge Anita B. Brody. She has the option to throw out the entire case, or let parts of it proceed. She also could pick plaintiffs to pick several cases to be tried as tests. When it comes to concussions in the NFL there are numerous attributing factors, one of them being the social pressure to play through an injury. For example, Alex Smith of the San Francisco 49ers sat out one



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Vicious hits like the one above have left thousands of ex-NFL players with severe mental issues after their careers ended.

game after a concussion to protect his long-term health, and he permanently lost his starting spot to a back up. Before any sort of real progress can be made toward concussions that pressure needs to be combated. However, the NFL could do something to, at the very least, show some higher level of compassion towards the suffering families. The anecdotal horror stories from hundreds of former NFL players are enough

to soften the hardest of hearts. And there were 4,000 of them standing in that courtroom for oral arguments. Looking at the big picture, the long-term effects of head to head injuries could possibly lead to the downfall of football in the United States. After all, with the publicity of this case fewer and fewer parents will want their kids playing football. And that trend looks like it will be continuing as generations progress. Even now we can see

numerous rule changes coming into play that will shift the way football is played. First the defense wasn't allowed to hit a defenseless receiver, now a running back can't lower his head when going into contact. Violent hits will become a thing of the past, and as upsetting that can be for die-hard football fans, it should have happened a long time ago.

## Golf Shakes Up Approach

BEN BRADSHAW '15  
STAFF WRITER

With warm weather on the horizon at last, the golf team is looking forward to a busy final month. In their first outing since spring break, the team didn't do as well as they'd hoped, but the Little Giants will have plenty of opportunities to redeem themselves. After taking a spring break trip to sunny Arizona in early March, the team was greeted with nasty weather throughout the rest of the month. The team was unable to practice outside most of the time, instead resorting to using the golf simulator in the armory. Coach Mac Petty noted that this period frustrating for he and the athletes, but that other teams were in the same boat. "Last week when it fi-



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The golf team is still optimistic about the conference meet.

nally got nice out we had some great practices; we worked on the range, and practiced chipping and putting. We thought we were prepared for the weekend, but didn't play as well as we would've liked to," Coach Petty said. The team competed in the Hanover Golf Invite this past weekend. A team score of 318 placed Wabash in 4th place out of 11 teams after the first day of competition. Individuals such as James Kennedy '15 and Seth Hensley '14 performed well on Saturday, scoring 75 and 77, respectively. However, only one Little Giant, Jackson Stevens, managed to improve his score. On Sunday, the team scored a 328, falling to 7th place out of 11 teams. "It was frustrating for us to play so poorly as a team on Sunday; we know we're a much better team that our score indicated," Nick Sommer '15 said. Both the team and Coach Petty had high expectations heading into the weekend's matches. "It's discouraging, because we're a team that has the ability to shoot in the 310 range. We played inconsistent, like we often did in this past fall season," Coach Petty said. The team will look to correct this inconsistency in its play over the course of the next week and will have plenty of opportunities to do so. The team will travel to Terre Haute on Wednesday evening to face Rose-Hulman, one of the teams that surpassed the Little Giants last Sunday. After leading the Rose-Hulman athletes on Saturday, the Little Giants ended up 13 strokes behind them on Sunday. Coach Petty noted that his athletes must have much better match play on Wednesday

to keep the Giant-Engineer traveling trophy in Wabash's hands. "If we play well at [Rose-Hulman], that will give us more confidence going into Thursday's match, where we will be playing at one of the hardest courses in the state," Sommer said. The Little Giants will compete on Thursday night in the Big Four Classic at Crooked Stick Golf Course. Crooked Stick Golf Club, which hosted the BMW Championship last fall, is located just outside of Carmel, Indiana. Hanover, Rose-Hulman, and D-I Butler make up the other three teams that will compete in the classic. Though the past week's weather has been nice, weather could be a factor on Thursday evening with thunderstorms in the forecast. Coach Petty will make the final roster decision after Wednesday's match against Rose-Hulman in order to chose the best team to compete on Thursday. This weekend the team will compete in a large tournament in Terre Haute that is hosted by Rose-Hulman. Eleven teams will be competing in the tournament, many of whom the Little Giants have seen in action before. The tournament is large enough that most if not all Wabash golfers will be able to compete. "We're playing with many teams we've played already; our goal is to finish in the top three teams and to score lower than we have been as a team," Coach Petty said. The golf team has numerous opportunities to improve their scores and consistency. "It will be a long week, but we are all in shape and ready to go; we have high expectations because we know our true potential," Sommer said.

### This Weekend in Wabash Sports Friday:

Tennis at Hope TBD

### Saturday:

Golf at Rose-Hulman TBD

Baseball vs DePauw 12 p.m.

Track at Franklin 12:30 p.m.

Baseball vs DePauw 3 p.m.

### Sunday:

Golf at Rose-Hulman TBD

Baseball vs DePauw 12 p.m.

Baseball vs DePauw 3 p.m.

### Wednesday:

Baseball at Anderson 4 p.m.

Tennis vs DePauw 4:30 p.m.

### Thursday:

Baseball at Rose-Hulman 7 p.m.

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# Johansen '15 Adds Golf to Repertoire

## Five-Sport Athlete Takes Up College Golf



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Scotty Johansen '15 demonstrates his athleticism on the golf course.

DEREK ANDRE '16  
STAFF WRITER

It's not an uncommon story to hear of a high school athlete who plays two or three sports and then gets recruited to play one in college. Although more rare, there are athletes who played four sports in high school or maybe he plays two sports in college. What is almost unheard of, however, is a high school athlete who competes in five sports in his senior year of high and then switches to a sixth sport once he starts his freshman year of college. This rarity was the case for Scotty Johansen '15. Johansen, who attended South Vermillion High School in Clinton, Indiana, was a member of the football, basketball, baseball, soccer, and bowling teams during his senior of high school. He was a starter in all five sports, a captain in three of them (soccer, baseball and bowling), and All-Conference in two sports (soccer and baseball). Johansen also holds the South Vermillion High School record for stolen bases in a season with 28. Needless to say, all five sports were significant to Johansen, but his love was baseball. "I played baseball ever since I was about four and I was always playing it year long, so I would

have to say it was my favorite sport," Johansen said. "Baseball was also probably my best sport so that didn't hurt either." When Johansen started making the college search, his first choice was to attend Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Indiana. Although his heart was largely set, his high school athletic director, who is also Andy Walsh's '14 father, convinced him to take a visit to Wabash. Like so many Wabash men, Johansen came to the fall Top Ten visit day and discovered that he actually liked Wabash. It was then on Honor Scholar Weekend that Johansen made the decision. "I came here and just fell in love with the place," Johansen said. "Everything is small, everyone is so tight knit here, I just fell in love with the place." Once he arrived at Wabash, Johansen decided it was time for a change. Instead of trying to continue with one the sports that he played while he was still in high school, Johansen thought it might



Johansen '15

be good to take a new avenue. For Johansen, that new avenue came in the form of the Wabash College Golf Team. Johansen attributes much of his desire to switch to a new sport with a simple lack of desire to continue with the old five. "I got bored with the whole baseball thing," Johansen said. "I had always wanted to play golf in high school but I really couldn't because my baseball coach wouldn't let me and there were just too many conflicts. So I just kind of thought this is a new chapter in my life, I might as well start something new." In starting something new, Johansen became a part of the Wabash golf team, and immediate saw his choice pay off for him. In his first season as a part of the golf team, Johansen competed in nine events, claimed two top-15 finishes and fired a season-low round of 76. Johansen's success has continued into his Sophomore year. In the fall season, Johansen entered five events and claimed the first top-five of his career. Heading into this weekend's Rose-Hulman Invitational at Rea Park Golf Course in Terre Haute, Indiana, Johansen is playing very sold golf. He will be looking to continue this streak of quality play into the weekend. He showed consistency in his

first meet of the spring season. Johansen shot a two-round total of 170 at the Hanover Invitational. In each round, he shot an 85. Johansen has come a long way from his five sport days at South Vermillion High School. Where he used to be a multiple sport athlete, now he focuses on golf, a sport he couldn't even play in high school. And while there may be times that he misses his baseball days, Johansen is here to stay on the Wabash golf team. The team's next meet is scheduled for Saturday at the Rose-Hulman Invitational.

*"I got bored with the whole baseball thing. I had always wanted to play golf in high school . . ."*

--Johansen '15

# Track Makes National Noise

DAN SANDBERG '13  
STAFF WRITER

The Wabash Track and Field team continued to make progress on the national scale. It is now ranked 18th in the US Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Poll. Joel Whittington '15 is just one of many of the Little Giants making national noise. The sophomore from Terre Haute recorded a 54.11 in the 400-meter hurdles. The time was the ninth fastest in Division III this season. Whittington also helped the 1600-meter relay team earn national recognition. Whittington's sophomore classmate Nick Boyce also had a tremendous showing in the 3000-meter steeplechase. The Indianapolis native won the event with a time of 9:46.96. Boyce was one of four Wabash competitors to finish the top six in the event. Freshman Adam Togami, sophomore Zach Mahone and freshman Matt Avanti also earned top six finishes. The 4x400-meter relay team has continued its success from the indoor season. Earlier in the season the team, which consists the aforementioned Whittington, sophomore Joey Conti, and seniors Chet Riddle and John Haley, boasted the fastest time in the nation. But as the season has progressed, other teams have challenged the Little Giants. "We are getting better, but other teams are getting better also," Coach Morgan said. "We still have a lot of work to do, but they are on pace to do something special." Other teams have



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Joel Whittington '15 and the rest of the 4x4 team are off to a fast start.

since bested the Little Giant's time in the event, including the returning national champions from Rowan. However, the team has continued to chip away time and recorded a 3:15.94 finish at last weekend's Invitational. The time is the third-quickest recorded in Division III this season. Matt Knox nearly set a new school record for pole vault in last Saturday's invitational. The senior from Indianapolis will have a few more chances to break the record, but his 15'5 performance did give him some national recognition. It is currently tied for the eight-best recorded vault this season. Sophomore Ronnie Posthauer

continues to build off of his performance during the Indoor Track and Field season. "[Being an All-American] is a huge confidence builder and you can see he it is affecting him positively. He has a taste of high-level competition. The Indoor All-American finished third overall in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 14.87. His 14.51 time in a previous race still gives him the second-fastest Division III time of the season. The Little Giants will travel to Franklin College this weekend to participate in the first annual Indiana Division III Championship Track and Field meet.

## Little Giant Weekly Scoreboard

### Saturday:

Tennis	vs Wittenberg	L 7-2
Golf	at Hanover	7th Place
Track	at Bellarmine	No Score
Baseball	at Wooster	L 4-0
Baseball	at Wooster	L 5-2
Tennis	vs Marian	L 7-2

### Monday:

Baseball	vs Anderson	W 7-6
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### Tuesday:

Tennis	at Illinois Wesleyan	W 7-2
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### Wednesday:

Golf	at Rose-Hulman	W 7-5
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# Wabash Rallies for “Walk” Off

JOCELYN HOPKINSON '15  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Wabash rallied in the bottom of the ninth Monday evening for a 7-6 victory over Anderson University. Tyler Owensby '15 drew a bases-loaded walk for the game-winning RBI in the back-and-forth affair. The win comes on the heels of a weekend in which Wabash only scored two runs in two games at the College of Wooster. “Throughout the weekend, we were putting guys in scoring position, but we didn’t come up with the hit we needed them and we got that today,” Coach Cory Stevens said. “Guys

came through with runners on second and third and we scored some runs.” Owensby echoed his coach’s thoughts.

“I’ve been putting the ball in play a lot lately and lining it at people pretty hard,” Owensby said. “It was nice to see a few go through to get some RBI. Batting in the four- and five-holes most of the year, you definitely get a chance at a lot of RBI and it’s nice to capitalize on those.”

Luke Holm '14 started on the mound for the Little Giants. He delivered five solid innings with six strikeouts and just one earned run.

“I thought he (Luke) did a great job of dealing with adversity, es-

pecially that inning where we had some errors in the field and they scored some unearned runs,” Stevens said. “He just kept going back to the mound and focusing on the next hitter. He wasn’t focused on what was happening in the field.”

Stevens referred to the tumultuous top of the fifth inning for Wabash. The Ravens scored three unearned runs with two outs to retake the lead, 4-3.

Wabash tied the game again in the bottom of the sixth on a Tyler Hampton '15 RBI single. Owensby regained the lead for the Little Giants in the seventh with a run-scoring single.

Anderson responded in the eighth when Jacob Craft connected on his second solo shot of the game.

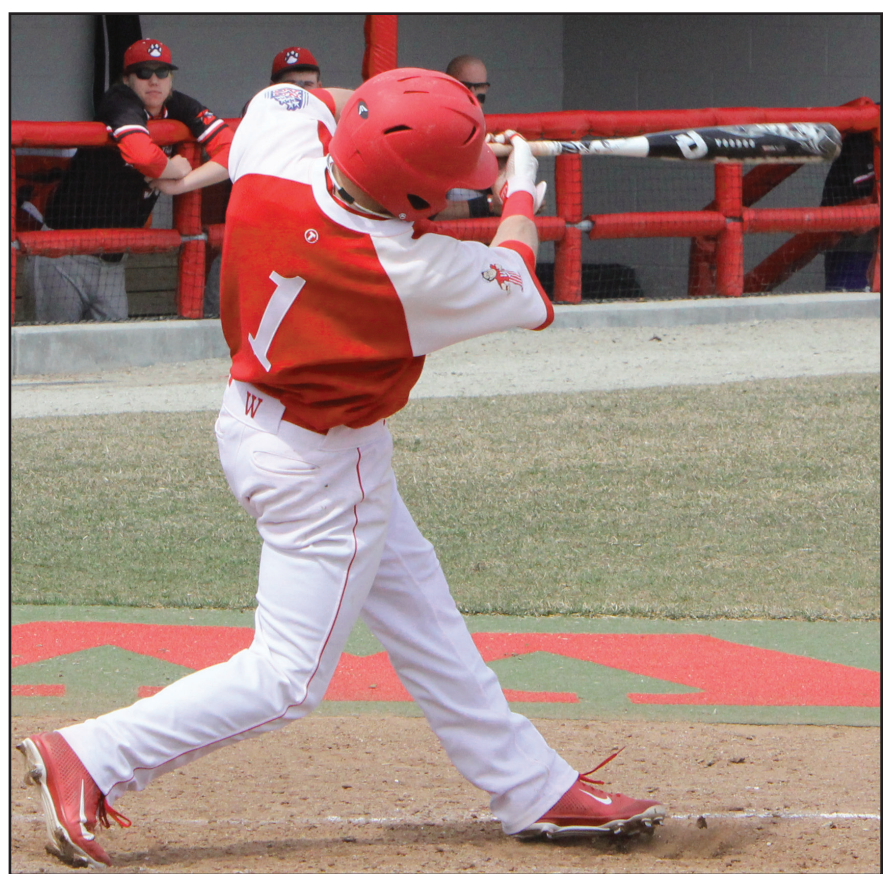
Owensby responded again after Anderson intentionally walked Andrew Rodgers '15 to load the bases in the bottom of the ninth.

“Every time I step up to bat I try to have the same approach,” Owensby said. “I try to lay off the breaking balls early in the count—batting four and five hole you get a lot of those—and bang the fastballs as soon as I get them.”

Owensby went 2-for-4 with 4 RBI and a run on the evening. Robby Hechinger '13 extended his hit streak to 11 games with a 2-for-4 outing. Hechinger has now reached base in 17 consecutive games.

Clint Scarborough '15 also logged a 2-for-4 day at the plate with one RBI.

Freshman Chad Gindelberger made only his sixth start of the season



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Robby Hechinger '13 (above) has an 11-game hit streak going into this weekend's showdown.

and batted in the two hole. He did his job getting on base going 2-for-3 with 3 runs, including the game winner.

Gindelberger started in right field for the injured Montana Timmons '13, who has been ruled out for the year due to a lower leg injury.

“Our thing is ‘Next man up,’ but I don’t think it is one guy’s responsibility to fill that spot,” Hechinger said. “Obviously it is a big

responsibility to fill, but I think as a team we as a team can fill it.”

A conference showdown with DePauw awaits the Wabash baseball team.

“We feel like every team in the West right now could beat anybody on a given day including us, so we need to step up and win the series,” Stevens said.

First pitch for both Saturday’s and Sunday’s games is scheduled for 12 p.m. at Goodrich Ballpark.



COREY EGLER | WABASH '15  
David Oliger '16 (17) and Lucas Stippler '15 turn a double play earlier in the season against Wittenberg.

# Tennis Drops First Conference Match

FABIAN HOUSE '16  
STAFF WRITER

The Wabash tennis team’s streak of four unbeaten matches came to a sudden halt Saturday when it fell 7-2 to NCAC foe Wittenberg Tigers and 7-2 to NAIA opponent Marian University. The losses come at a crucial time as the team prepares for the conference tour-

nament. Wittenberg was the first conference loss. The next few weeks will be tough with three conference rivals and two of the matchups against perennial powerhouses DePauw and Denison

“I got to see our team play both very well and not great throughout the day,” Coach Hutchison said. A few of the highlights of the day came from sophomore Mark Troiano, whose addition to the team this year has given a big boost to the tennis squad.

Troiano won his singles matches, clinching number-two singles 6-2, 5-7, 10-4 in the first match before moving up to number-one singles against Marian for straight-sets 7-5, 7-5 victory. He also won his number-one doubles matches with partner Wade Miller '14 scoring an 8-4 victory against Wittenberg and a 9-7 win against Marian. “He [Troiano] is really starting to peak at the right time” Hutchison said, “We just need everyone else to do so as well.”

Wabash has experienced a couple setbacks preventing it from peaking at the right time. Wabash played shorthanded without Daniel Delgado '14. Part of the difficulty may rest in the fact that some of the players are recovering from injuries sustained. Miller’s '14 injury kept him from competing at number-one singles against Marian.

Even with minor setbacks the tennis team maintains a 12-8 overall record which is the second best in the NCAC’s West Division Conference standings. The physical limitation of some players has opened the door for other members of the team.

“It was really good to give my freshmen a chance to compete against Marian,” Hutchison said, “They have been working hard in practice and deserved the opportunity.” These freshmen include Drew Sawyer, Chase Bramlet, and Nick Minuado.

Sawyer played at number-three doubles with partner Nate Koelper '14 and number-five singles in the Marian match. “It was a lot of fun playing this weekend,” Sawyer said. “Unfortunately I did not play as well as I would have liked, but it was good to get out there and get some experience when it really mattered,” Sawyer said.

While Sawyer did not win one of his doubles or singles matches, he played for the first time with Koelper and combined for a season-high, four-game victory in their match against Marian. Bramlet debuted in singles play as number six and managed to win one match before falling 6-0, 6-1 to Wittenberg. He then moved up to number four singles in the ensuing match. Minuado played one match against Marian.

Wabash followed its weekend performance with a 7-2 victory Tuesday against Illinois Wesleyan. Sawyer earned his first career victory at number five singles. Koelper and Leonard combined for an 8-1 win at number two doubles.

Sawyer found new motivation with the extra playing time. “I learned that I have a lot of hard work in front of me to get where I want to be,” he said.

The team plays today at Hope College.



COREY EGLER | WABASH '15  
Mark Troiano '15 won both his singles and doubles matches against Wittenberg and Marian last Saturday.



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Wade Miller '14 helped garner doubles victories Saturday in both matches.

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