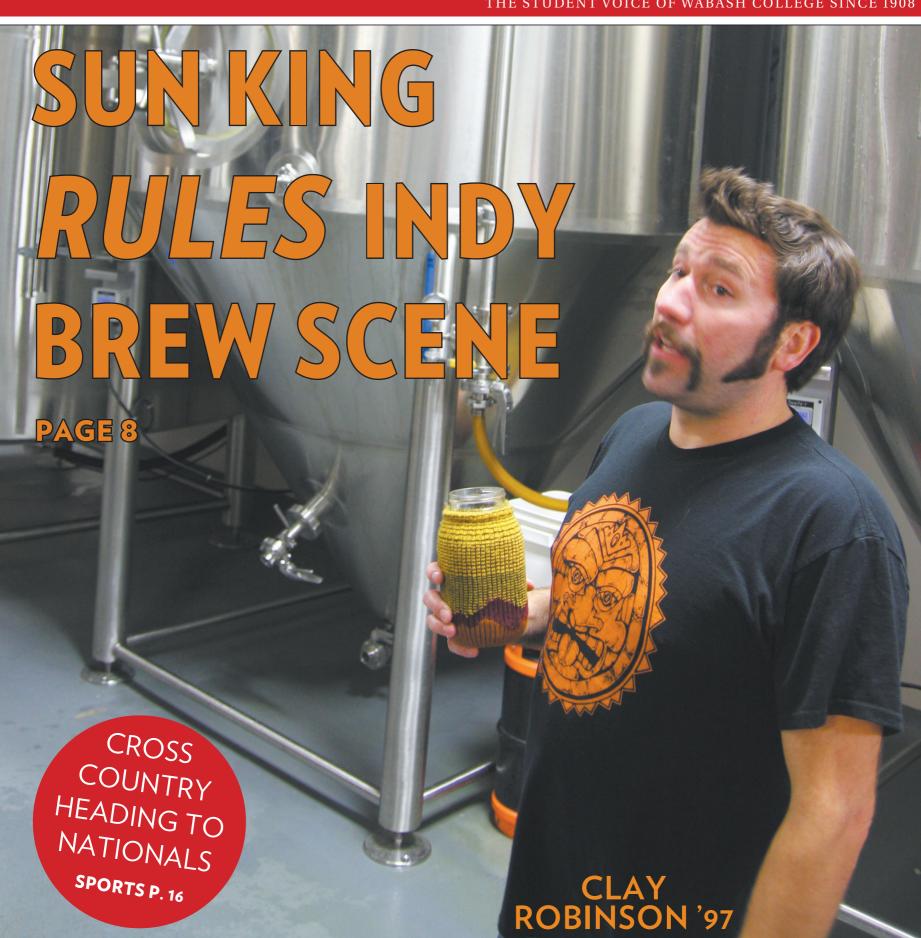
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HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

PAINT DRIVE DRAWS A WIDE PALLET

Students for Sustainability (SFS) organized a paint drive last week to properly dispose of



old paint that wasn't being used. Improper paint disposal poses a toxic danger to our environment. SFS President Tim Dunkel '15 said that over

116 gallons of liquid paint were collected from fraternities, living units, faculty, and staff. The club collected the paint at the chapel and took it to Walden Transport & Recycle.

NAJAR ARRIVES AT SEAL **TRAINING**

Kyle Najar '12 entered training for the SEALs Sunday, Nov. 17. He coached the football team's defense as an assistant the last two years and played for four years before that.



He helped guide the team to a 38-21 victory in the Monon Bell game his last day before training. For anyone that has met Najar, they know that he

fills the mold of a SEAL to a T; his attitude, build, and ideals parallel that of any successful military man.

DANNIES PROUD OF LOSING EFFORT

The DePauw University Tigers and its appropriately named newspaper The DePauw joyously celebrated a "moral victory" in sports. According to thedepauw.com, the fact that the



Tigers scored the most points in a Bell game since 2008 and still lost deserve a sense of victory. Unfortunately, they think the Bell has a home in Greencastle in 2014. We can't

wait to prove them wrong. Ding ding.

TROTT PUBLISHES BOOK ON COMMUNITY

Wabash, like other colleges, invests time into developing a sense of community for its students to participate in while they are on campus and after they graduate. BKT Assistant Professor of Philosophy Adriel Trott has published Aristotle on the Nature of Community focusing on Aristotle and his philosophical teachings on the importance of community.

FRESHMEN SOCCER PLAYERS EARN HONORS

Wabash College freshmen Riley Pelton '17 and Rodrigo Porres '17 have been selected as members of the 2013 All-North Coast Athletic Conference Men's Soccer team. Both players were named to the Honorable Mention squad. Keeping up with the number 17, both players played in 17 games; Pelton started in 16, and Porres started in all 17. Wabash soccer team.



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Tiger Zuo '15 and Micah Chowning '14 lead the Investment Club. Their club has greatly benefited from the young alumni speakers.

YOUNG ALUMNI OFFER UNIQUE **ECONOMICS PERSPECTIVE**

There is a reason why a school with no definite business or accounting program continually outperforms schools that offer such programs. There is a craft and care here that other schools are in major want of. Such craft and care are displayed through the young alumnus speaker series that the economics department is offering.

"We want to get recent economics major graduates to talk to potential economics majors about what they do and how they chose their particular job, and what they used from their

Wabash education," Professor of Economics Kay Widdows said.

Allowing young alumni to come back gives a valuable viewpoint.

"They give advice about what they wish they had done," Widdows said.



Widdows

"It's great because they have someone they can relate to, someone who's just getting started. They give the most relevant advice, and we want them to think about the variety of what they can do. These talks are being very well attended, and lots of great questions are being asked. We hope to bring two more next semester. We just really want them to start thinking about career services early.'

Trevor Counceller '12 gave a talk

this year, as did Kaleb Hemmelgarn '12. Hemmelgarn works for IOM Grain, a Portland based company that trades grain.

"It's a very niche market with a global clientele," Widdows said. "He's only one of nine employees. He actually turned down Lilly for IOM.

The Department of Economics was contacted by alumni who wanted to come in and speak to Economics 101 classes and put on a presentation called 'what is business?" that discusses a variety of business opportunities. The department is also expanding. A few representatives from the economics department will travel to Philadelphia to interview candidates. The position was made possible when the department received the endowed John W. Bachmann-Edward Jones Chair in Economics, which was awarded to Professor of Economics Frank Howland last year.

Howland echoes Widdows in the purpose of the young alum series.

"They learn about what sorts of things you can do with an economics degree," Howland said. "They learn what skills our students employ in their job, and not just in econ.

This is very beneficial for students who may be overwhelmed with choices, or to help them see the broad range of options if they should feel

"It gives them a better idea of what they can do with their liberal arts education after they graduate,' Howland said.

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FELLER ASCENDS TO DEAN OF THE COLLEGE

ADAM ALEXANDER '16 I COPY EDITOR • Following in the footsteps of giants, Professor of Chemistry Scott Feller will step into the role of Dean of the College.

On Friday, Nov. 15, President Gregory Hess announced that Feller would become the new Dean of the College on July 1. The decision came after an internal search led by Hess to find the next second-in-command of the College.

"Some names came forward in terms of somebody who could be the next Dean of the College, and I think people were really looking for somebody who understood the College," Hess said. "They were looking for somebody who was an 'example.' Somebody who was a superb teacher-scholar. Somebody who knew the students. Somebody who really knew the creative side. Somebody who really demonstrated service to the institution."

Hess is confident that they found the perfect man for the job.

"I think they felt very lucky in getting Professor Feller because he is an example to all faculty, both in terms of his publishing and his teaching, his commitment, the great work he's done with students inside the classroom and outside the classroom in his labs," Hess said. "I think they also felt that he was



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Feller holds numerous positions on campus that have given him perspectives for his new position. He hopes to link many different communities on campus together.

somebody who knew a lot about personnel matters of the College, because obviously the Dean of the College has

to oversee personnel matters and he had been a division director. I think when you put all that together, that's why he very much rose to the top as the top candidate at Wabash for the Dean's job."

Hess also mentioned that there was uniform appreciation for Feller as someone who was ready to be Dean.

"[Feller] is known in liberal arts circles as being an incredibly competent individual, incredibly hard working, incredibly approaching – he is going to be a terrific Dean of the College," Hess said. "He's somebody that I can work with, somebody the faculty can work with, and somebody the students can work with. I think he's demonstrated his abilities fully."

Feller interviewed with the search committee on Nov. 11, and by Nov. 15, his selection was announced to the public.

"It was a very efficient process," Feller said. "It moved right along; I think that's President Hess' style."

Feller felt a myriad of reasons for applying for the position. He wanted to give back to the College because his colleagues have been very supportive of his scholarship. He also thought the position of Dean would be an interesting challenge – akin to the challenge of teaching physical chemistry and

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Q&A: DIMOS '83 ELECTED PRESIDENT OF INDIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

James Dimos '83 was recently elected President of the Indiana State Bar Association. Like many alumni, his journey from the hallowed halls of Wabash to his successful law career was shaped by the people of this college and the formative education he received here. Dimos, who practices law at Frost, Brown, Todd in Indianapolis, gives us a glimpse of this journey in his own words:

Q: What brought you to Wabash?

Dimos: "I became interested in Wabash through an alumnus, Dr. Randy Moore '79. He encouraged me to consider Wabash. [I] went to W nights and attended Honor Scholar Weekend. After that, I was hooked. The thing that stood out to me was the sense of camaraderie among the students and the school spirit. At the time, Admissions called Wabash the "Home of the Exceptional Man" and that spirit was everywhere. I felt Wabash would challenge me and it certainly did."

Q: What was your time like at Wabash?

Dimos: "I believe that I really grew up at Wabash and that it was one of the

major influences in shaping who I am today. I was a political science major with what was then known as an "area of concentration" in business. I was very involved on campus during my time as a student. I was a four-term member of the Student Senate. I also worked at the college radio station, which was a commercial station then. I have so many special memories of my time as a student, but perhaps the most treasured were those late nights sitting in a room with a group of guys talking about anything and everything."

Q: How did you get where you are now?

Dimos: "During the summers, I worked for Congressman Adam Benjamin. My original plan after graduation was to join his staff full time, work in Washington and perhaps go to law school at night or after a couple of years. Unfortunately, Rep. Benjamin passed away during my senior year. I decided then to go straight to law school and was admitted at Washington University at St. Louis. While at Washington University, I participated in the school's Congressional Clinic, which provided me the opportunity to work full time in Washington D.C. However,

I determined that I didn't have a longterm future working as a Congressional staffer. So, I accepted a job offer from my current law firm and have been here ever since."

Q: What does the President of the Indiana State Bar Association do?

Dimos: "As President, I serve as the CEO of the Association and its principal spokesperson. We are the largest organization of lawyers in the state and we are asked to weigh in on legislation, regulations, and proposed court rules. We also provide a wide variety of services and programs for lawyers and I provide insights to our Executive Director and staff as to how we can best serve Indiana's lawyers and the public."

Q: How do you use your Wabash education?

Dimos: "Wabash instilled in me a love of learning as well as the tools to do so. Throughout my career as a lawyer, I have handled matters [diverse as] construction, intellectual property, and mass disasters. In the course of those cases, I learned principles of architecture, engineering, software design, and countless other subjects. Without my Wabash education, I would have been hard pressed to properly represent my clients. While it wasn't the stated mission when I was a student, Wabash educated me to think critically, act responsibly, lead effectively, and live humanely. Wabash taught me the importance of giving back to the community and provided me with the sense of commitment to serve others."

Q: How do you stay connected to Wabash?

Dimos: "I have stayed involved in the College since my graduation. I have served as a President of the Indianapolis Association of Wabash Men and as President of the National Association of Wabash Men. I served on the House Corporation for Delta Tau Delta and also chaired the capital campaign committee for the renovation of the house (now Cole Hall)."

Dimos stays involved in the Indianapolis community through work with the International Violin Competition of Indianapolis, the Children's Bureau of Indianapolis, and Pike Youth Soccer Club. He volunteers with Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School, where his three children have attended.

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SPARKS ADAPTS TO WABASH WELLNESS INITIATIVE

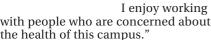
TAYLOR KENYON '15 | STAFF WRITER • At college, your mother is not here to clean your room or feed you; consequently, broccoli is no longer on the menu, and pizza is more the norm. Despite this release from regiment, many still continue to eat well and enjoy a healthy lifestyle. Campus caterer Bon Appetite aims to support those who make the healthy choice through

Ryan Horner '15 is a member of Wabash Wellness, a committee that promotes health and wellness on campus through a variety of events and

wellness focused options at the Sparks

campaigns.

"I'm an ESH worker for Wellness, mainly in charge of the website," Horner said. "I also sit in on staff meetings and discussions. While on one hand it's simply an ESH job, on the other hand



Ryan Horner '15

As a cross country runner for the College, wellness is of the essence for Horner's efficiency.

"Most of my personal wellness comes from running," Horner said.



Healthy eating represents a key characteristic to living a "wellness" lifestyle.

"We work on being 'athletes,' not just runners; this means that we need to be strong in a variety of ways, which makes us better runners. This includes weight lifting and drills."

Training is vital, yet nutrition plays a

role as well.

"While I no longer eat at Sparks because I am an off-campus independent, I was fortunate enough to hear from Bon Appetite's new chef at a Wellness meeting earlier this year,"

"It sounds like a serious effort is being made to think critically about the health and local food options for students at Sparks."

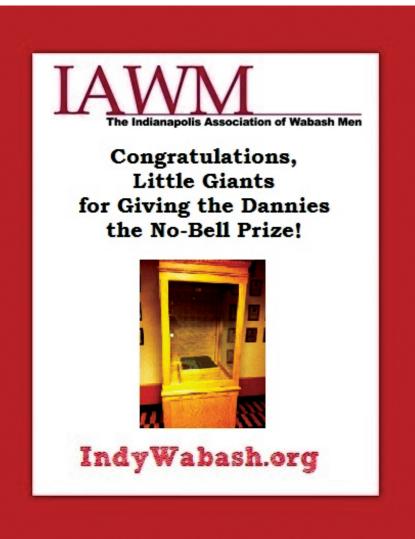
HORNER '15

said Horner. "From what I heard, it sounds like a serious effort is being made to think critically about the health and local food options for students at Sparks."

Head Chef Jason Anderson designs the menu for Bon Appetite's offerings and undertakes the challenge of making healthier options more approachable to those who usually prefer the

"Shifting the food toward wellness is a challenge, because people don't always want or like the things that

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are best for them," Anderson said. "Sometimes there is a negative connotation with things that are good for us; so it is up to chefs to make the items more attractive and exciting.

"Bon Appétit has a culture of cooking healthy and responsibly," Anderson said. "We have programs such as In Balance and For Your Well Being that provide healthy options that are well-balanced, low sodium, Haklin fresh and the prop-



er portion size. We stress quality over quantity."

Caliber food is Anderson's strategy when designing new dishes.

"I enjoy the use of grains, seeds (quinoa) and legumes in the menu items I write as well as the freshest in season and local ingredients possible,' Anderson said. "Using items at there freshest and peak of season as well as cooking them with care yields the most nutritional value for our guests. Using olive oil and herbs and spices to add depth to the food rather than salt or saturated fats is a healthier alternative to flavor development and adds flare to the dish."

Director of Athletics and Campus Wellness Joseph Haklin finds the health proposal a necessary one.

"We asked Jason Anderson to come back and give a presentation to the group [Wabash Wellness] to let us know what the new initiative detailed," Haklin said. "So, he gave us an informative explanation about what they're trying to accomplish over there, which has a unanimous endorsement of the Wabash Wellness committee. We are very pleased to hear of some of the new practices Jason has established over there in the interest of better health and better wellness for the students. A substantial portion of our population eats there. We have been very impressed with what he has done there so far and the plans [moving forward], because sometimes guys get in a rut and are there everyday. It's hard to get excited about eating over there everyday, and yet they have provided choices for the students in a non-dictatorial way. They are merely provided opportunities for guys to eat healthier.

Rest, eat well, and exercise. These are Haklin's tips to achieve a healthy life. In addition, Wabash Wellness has future events that may further your wellness. Campus health screenings will be available on Dec. 4 by St. Francis.

Despite all these healthy options, yes pizza and other foods will still be on the menu. Bon Appetite's chefs stress that wellness options are on the menu to help those achieve a healthy lifestyle, but they are not your mothers. No one is forcing broccoli or other health foods down your throat. In the Wabash way, we are responsible for ourselves.

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Enduring Questions. Feller looks forward to working with people - particularly with the faculty who he will oversee.

"I don't see myself as the primary idea generator; I'd like to see myself as an idea-enabler," Feller said. "If I had one particular plan, it would be to try to leverage the dreams and the hopes of the faculty and staff that we have here now, and try to figure out how to make their ideas move forward in a way that makes for a better student experience.'

But Feller does not plan to become invisible to the student body.

"I've always prided myself on my interactions with students outside of the classroom, so I hope I can continue those types of interactions," Feller said. "You can draw enthusiasm for the job from the students that we work with."

Feller plans to continue his research projects with Wabash students. He also will be helping Associate Professor of Physics and Department Chair James Brown teach a freshman tutorial next fall. Feller believes that there are many ways that the Dean of the College can interact with students.

"I would like to figure out ways to have informal conversations with students like I do in my office now," Feller said. "Maybe Center Hall isn't the best place to have those discussions, but you know, maybe it will happen at the library over a cup of coffee or at the Sparks Center over lunch. I'm going to try to look for ways that I can continue

to connect with students and find out what they're thinking about - what are the ways that they'd like to see the Wabash College academic program

Feller hopes to highlight interactions between faculty and students as well. Hess believes that this enthusiasm will be instrumental in making Feller a successful Dean.

"It's always important that the Dean be upbeat," Hess said. "There are a lot of things to do. The pile of stuff you have to work on never gets smaller, so you need somebody who really sets their sights high, digs in, and knows that no matter what job you complete today, there's a new one tomorrow. You connect that with all of [Feller's] accomplishments and all of his abilities, and the sky is the limit for Scott.'

Feller stressed that he hopes to return to the chemistry classroom one day.

"I see this as taking a break from teaching - not leaving teaching," Feller said. "My plan is to return as a faculty member once I'm done. I hope I can establish a tradition where other faculty members can develop leadership potential so that we can make a seamless transition to a new Dean down the road.'

Feller is excited for the future of Wabash and hopes to capitalize on the enthusiasm at the College.

"There's a lot of enthusiasm at the College right now," Feller said. "I think President Hess is a person who brings a lot of enthusiasm, and I picture Wabash College moving forward in interesting and exciting ways."



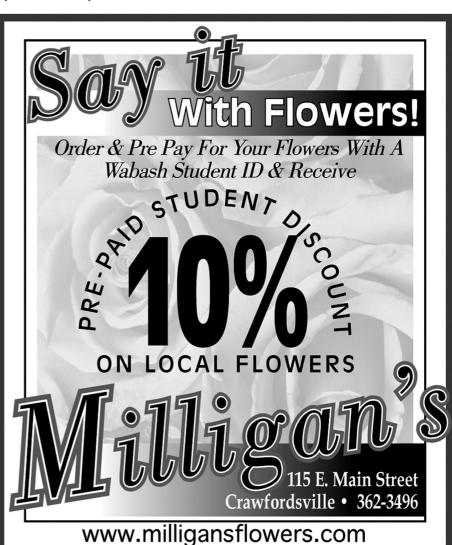
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OPINION

DATA-DRIVEN INSTRUCTION AND HIGH-STAKES TESTING: RACE TO NOWHERE

lot of talk in education over the last 30 years has revolved around the notions of accountability and transparency as the solutions to education's problems. While on their faces these are profoundly simple and effective ideologies, the hitch is that nobody seems able to agree on what these two things should look like in their practice.

In the American school system, accountability and transparency have taken the form of data-driven instruction-or the use of statistical measures of student academic achievement to assess the 'value' of teachers, methods, and schools. The thinking is that hard data demands accountability and that fixed numbers can't be manipulated. Data on student achievement is obtained through state and nationwide tests, and that data is then heavily used in the evaluation process for teachers and schools. Because of this, data-driven instruction and the tests that are associated with it are often referred to more generally as high-stakes

High-stakes testing is on the rise nationally, in large part due to a 2009 piece of federal legislation, Race to the Top. Under the statute, states can compete for federal funding based on their compliance with federal recommendations to implement and promote performance-based standards; charter schools; improved evaluations of teacher and principal effectiveness; the use of data to improve instruction; and demonstration of significant progress in closing the achievement gap. Those in favor of Race to the Top see it as a means of setting an incentive at the federal level for best practices; whereas those opposed see it as yet another hasty adoption of an unproven 'cure-all' for education.

Proponents of high-stakes testing hail standardized tests as a reliable, objective, and non-discriminatory measure of student achievement, especially when compared to the other option—subjective, teacher-graded assessments. They say that tests provide meaningful feedback to teachers about what is and isn't working, which is already sought after by teachers for professional development purposes. The tests also provide meaningful compare points within states that increase district accountability to



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taxpayers, parents, and students. The biggest argument made by proponents, though, is that objections to high-stakes testing are not against the usefulness of standardized tests. Objections are only to how the results of the tests are used and what individual tests are measuring. They note physicians, lawyers, real-estate brokers and pilots all take high-stakes tests to ensure they have the necessary knowledge for their profession.

Opponents of high-stakes testing say that tests as-is are neither fair nor objective, and that overall they've done more harm to public education than good. While it's true the tests do not discriminate in the questions they ask students, they are not an accurate barometer of academic success. Tests have notoriously low standards, and they unfairly hold teachers too accountable for bad scores. The fact standardized assessments test only a fraction of the courses children should be taking in school has led to an overall narrowing of school curriculum, which is bad for students' development as critically-thinking adults. Advocates say the focus on essential content and skills make sure students have the foundations needed to learn, but opponents say there's more to education than reading and math. The evaluative weight assigned to testing data also encourages teachers and school leaders to cheat the system for their own gain.

Unfortunately, both sides are more or less right. High-stakes testing could be an incredibly valuable tool, but like most things, it lacks true accountability and transparency. Those in favor of it are afraid to admit it might not yet be perfected, and those opposed are afraid to admit that if properly implemented, statistics and hard accountability might really be the answer.

TAKE TIME TO OBSERVE THE WORLD AROUND YOU

n his trip to campus a few weeks ago, visiting author George Saunders said something in a creative writing class that set my mind to turning. In the days since his visit, I've had his words beating a pattern on the inside of my skull, and I think they ought to be shared.

First, I owe you all a little back-ground information: George Saunders is a bestselling author whose work has recently taken off and garnered quite a bit of attention. His most recent book (Tenth of December) is also a finalist for the National Book Award. In short, George Saunders has become popular in a short amount of time.

During his visit with the class, Saunders was asked about the newfound fame he's experienced in the past year. After reflecting for a moment, he spoke about the attention that his writing was receiving and the effect it had on his personal life

While I don't have access to a direct quote, I can remember the gist of what he said (and you'll have



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to put a small amount of faith in my recollection skills). Saunders said that he went through a month-long period during which he spent a large portion of every day shipping around the West Coast to take part in radio and television interviews and answer questions about his life. For the entirety of the thirty days, he spent his time thinking about his own experiences and his own method in order to answer the questions he was asked.

The problem, he said, is that a writer's job is to turn his eyes out to

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the world. A writer is an observer. The ironic part about his thirty-day glance at fame was that it wasn't conducive to further success (which is why the fame occurred in the first place); according to Saunders, he had improved at writing by noticing and studying the outside world, but his interviewers were asking him to think about himself.

I think that Saunders' words have been wedged into the spare space of my brain over the last two weeks for two reasons. First, his words suggest an inherent problem with the treatment of celebrities. Second, his words offer up a nugget of advice to the average Wabash man.

Especially in America, the media constantly burrows into the personal lives of our celebrities. This includes snapping pictures, researching personal details, and conducting interviews centered on the celebrity. This isn't groundbreaking news, but it sends an overwhelming message to our celebrities: there is something special about the details of your private life that has lead to your success.

For celebrities that rose to fame

through the success of their art or work, this process can change their focus. By changing their focus, their fame becomes the reason that their craft suffers. If we, as a society, really wanted to promote their art or give them an environment that would lead to further success, we would stop forcing them to turn their gaze inwards and allow them to become students of the world

What can Wabash students learn from Saunders' words? In the past, I've preached about the necessity for Wabash men to constantly reevaluate and analyze their reasoning. I've always believed that we should spend large amounts of time caring looking inward

Saunders' words, however, suggest a different route: while I think he would agree that self-evaluation is necessary, Saunders seems to believe that constant observation of the outside world is vital too. Saunders' specific craft (writing) requires paying strict attention to worldly details, but I think we can all learn something about the systems we exist in, the world we

inhabit, and even (paradoxically)

wards at times.

ourselves by turning our focus out-

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SPIRITUAL PERSPECTIVES

THANKSGIVING TRADITIONS

hen I think about our spiritual lives outside the context of religion, I immediately think of family. The rituals and traditions of our childhood homes are often ingrained so deeply within us that we cannot separate ourselves from them, even if we try. The "holiday season" is a time when these traditions play out with great frequency. In one week, most of the students on this campus will be home, surrounded by family and friends, celebrating our national day of Thanksgiving, a holiday as family-oriented as they come.

I want to pause here, of course, to remind us all of those fellow students who will not be partaking in a celebration like the one I described above. Some students live thousands of miles away from their parents, and can't make the journey home. Others may not have the ideal home life of a Norman Rockwell painting, or may not have much family at all. With this in mind, we should keep each other in our thoughts as we all go our separate ways for Thanksgiving break. Let us remember those also, who do share in the material bounty of this country. I would never presume to write about an experience that we all share; instead, I want to think about the Thanksgiving that I know many of our students will be having next week, and why it is such a spiritual experience.

What makes a home a spiritual place? What makes a holiday a spiritual event? We've all heard clichés such as the oft quoted "home is where the heart is," but is this really true? I would argue that the proximity to family and loved ones is what makes a true home. If I am separated from those I love, I don't feel much at home, no matter how much my heart is in tune with theirs. I spent last Thanksgiving break in northern England with Dr. Widdows' freshman tutorial class. We celebrated Thanksgiving with other American students at Harlaxton College in Grantham, and had a wonderful evening filled with food, good cheer, and friends. However, something was tugging at me all day, knowing that I was missing my family Thanksgiving feast for the first time, well, ever. No stories from my Uncle Sid. None of my Aunt Deb's mac and cheese. No laughing with my cousins over a plate of mashed potatoes and turkey. I felt spiritually deflated,



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THE PROBLEM:

Sometimes we find ourselves asking whether or not home is truly where the heart is.

THE SOLUTION:

By taking time to recognize and appreciate the gifts and people around us. Then, we will have a better spiritual sense of others and ourselves.

despite being surrounded by some of the most beautiful countryside in England.

The people and places that remind me of home form the backbone of my spirituality, and I would conjecture they do the same for other Wabash students. There is a peace of mind that comes with the familiar, the safe, and the expected. It is from this fount that all our spiritual health flows, and it shows itself if the traditions we acquire as we grow older and those we begin anew when we start our own families. Thanksgiving is a time to take stock of what is really important in our lives. We must decide what we value before we can truly appreciate it. My hope for the students, faculty, and staff of Wabash College is that we all take the time to recognize what and who needs to be appreciated. Whom haven't I told, "I love you" in a while? Who do we need to thank for our blessings in life? We could all simply start with our lifegiving, sacrificial parents.

If we are successful at this task, or if we even try, I believe we will become more spiritually in tune with not only our families, but ourselves. We understand ourselves better when we recognize and appreciate from where have come. And for this spiritual heritage, I give thanks.

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SCOTT MORRISON I EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • Brewing beer is a hot, sweaty, sticky, and dirty job. But it is also delicious, and for Clay Robinson '97, brewing beer provides a creative and personal satisfaction that no other career can.

"There really is something about making beer and creating a product and not only a product, but a product that people really genuinely enjoy and love," Robinson said. "A month into my first brewing job, the beers that I had had a hand in brewing started to come on tap, and I still remember this guy. It was three in the afternoon and he came in and just looked really frustrated. The waitress came over and talked to him for a minute, and he never broke a smile until she brought him his beer. When she brought him his beer, he just sipped it, took a sigh of relief and kicked back. I was like 'I did that. That guy has no idea who I am but I made that feeling happen.'"

Robinson, his father Omar, Andy Fagg, Dave Colt, and Steve Koers are the five owners of Sun King Brewery located in downtown Indianapolis, which has boomed along with the entire microbrewery industry. Sun King will be five years old this July, and for Robinson, the journey has been unbelievable.

From Bus Boy to Brewmaster

When Robinson graduated from Wabash with a rhetoric degree and an area of concentration in business, he had no idea what he wanted to do with his life. After a six week trip traveling through Europe, Robinson took a job at Roscoe's Tacos

in Greenwood.

"So my first job out of college was washing dishes at a Mexican restaurant," Robinson said. "My parents were super proud. But during the first day he [Roscoe] quickly realized that I was not your average dish washer, so I think it took two days for him to ask me to work full time and become a manager."

Robinson was no stranger to the restaurant business when he started at Roscoe's. He worked at Joe's Bar and Grill, a local establishment in

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Crawfordsville when he was a student at Wabash.

"Joe believed that if you worked a good, honest day's work, you got a beer at the end of the day," Robinson said. "He had six or eight beers on draft that were all imports, and then he had a bunch of bottles that were micros and imports and craft beers. I would pick a different beer at the end of a night and drink different beer so that is kind of where my love of beer started while I was at Wabash College."

After a short time at Roscoe's, Robinson realized he wanted the higher pay that would come with waiting tables in downtown Indianapolis. He chose Rock Bottom because it had no regulations on cutting hair or facial hair.

Within a few months of waiting tables, Robinson started beer training which involved the brewer showing him the entire process of how beer is made. Robinson worked days and would have a beer with the brewer

and a few others after his shift, soaking up information and discussing future plans. "One day after

work he [the brewer] just said 'have you ever thought about making beer for a living?' and I said 'I didn't know it was

a job that someone like me could have until I met you.'" Robinson said. "He said, 'yeah I think you would be good at it – you have a really good head on your shoulders, you have a good work ethic, so if you would be interested let me know.'"

After four years at Rock Bottom, Robinson left, cashed in his first 401 K, and started working construction jobs part time. Robinson was nearly out of money at the end of 2005 when his current partner Dave called him and told him a brewer was needed



PHOTO BY COREY EGLER'1

Sun King has expanded their facility twice over the last four years to their current 27,000 sq. ft. from their original 13,000 sq. ft. They are planning another expansion this winter,

at the RAM Restaurant and Brewery downtown.

It was in 2006, over beers again, that the idea that would change Robinson's career path was born. "Dave and I began talking about what we would do if we could open our own brewery," Robinson said. "That whole thing kind of grew until somewhere along the way I got approached by a couple of people with money who wanted to open a brewery. I realized if I helped them open a brewery, I would be opening their brewery and not my brewery."

Dave and Robinson worked so well together that in the summer of 2008, the two quit their jobs at the Ram, Robinson cashed in his 401 K, and Sun King was born.

One Name, One Essence

Robinson and the other owners of Sun King focus their efforts on fresh seasonal beers. While they do brew a big three – Osiris, Sun Light, and Wee Mac, which are their biggest sellers, the guys have the most fun constantly changing things up.

"When Dave and I were at the Ram and Rock Bottom respectively, we had to make six beers day in and day out that were always the same beer," Robinson said. "Like once every month we got to make a new seasonal beer, and the seasonal beers were where it was really fun. Brewing is honestly very monotonous."

Colt and Robinson did not want to compromise their love of seasonal beers, so they searched for a name that would reflect the seasonality. The problem was finding a name which had not been taken along with a web domain, social media handle, and trademark. "You come up with a name that you think is really cool and you go on the Internet and look for it and you see some guys in Idaho already own a brewery named that," Robinson said.

Solstice was the first name Robinson thought up, but after some market research asking bar patrons what they thought of the name; Robinson found not enough people knew what solstice meant. So the two joked they had become too esoteric, and kept searching for the name which could represent their aims.

One day, Colt struck gold. "He said he had it," Robinson said. "The sun is at the center of our solar system; it gives life to everything that makes beer, and really all life. And it is really the whole point behind the seasons. Everything inevitably relates back to the sun, and so it is king – therefore Sun King."







PHOTOS BY COREY EGLER '15

Top left, Robinson shows off some of Sun King's core ingredients. Top right, the guys taste for the World Beer Cup. Bottom, Sun King's tasting room, which features both seasonal and year-round beers.

Robinson was skeptical, believing Sun King would be a great name for a brewery in Southern California or Phoenix, AZ, but not central Indiana. "Dave drug me to the window of the brewhouse of the Ram, pointed to the sky, and he said, 'what's that?'" Robinson said. "I said, 'you mean the ball of light peaking through the clouds?' He said, 'yes Clay, it is the sun; the sun shines everywhere. Even on us lowly Hoosiers.'"

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Robinson cannot believe how fast the four years at Sun King have passed and how much growth the brewery has experienced, but they aren't done. Sun King will produce 23,000 barrels of beer by the end of this year and plan on brewing near 30,000 barrels next year.

If they reach that goal, Sun King will be producing half of the beer they are legally allowed to in Indiana.

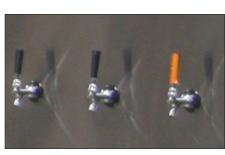
"Indy is our home, and we want to sell as much beer in Indiana as we can," Robinson said. "So we are gradually working towards that and making sure as we grow we maintain the flexibility in our brewing system to continue to make seasonals."

Sun King runs on simple principles, focused on producing the freshest beer possible and growing the Indiana community. No beer stays in the brewery's coolers for more than a few weeks, and Sun King has a deal with all of its distributors to keep Sun King beers cold in stores, because beer deteriorates three times faster when

not cold.

Robinson also loves the fact that Sun King has been able to provide jobs for 43 people in four years. "There are over 40 people here day in and day out, which this is what they love," Robinson said. "It is where they want to come, they are happy to be here."

At the end of the day, Robinson goes home from a company with a unique style which allows him to be himself. "In a roundabout way, in the 15 years since I graduated college, I managed to create a job where I get paid to be me," Robinson said. "We have created this environment where people love to come to work and you do something you care about, and at the end of the day, you get a delicious beer for doing it."



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SUNLIGHT CREAM ALE

Sun King's top selling beer. It boasts a smooth malt profile and a crisp, clean finish.

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OSIRIS

An assertively hopped west coast style pale ale. It is Sun King's second highest seller.

ABV: 5.6% || IBU: 50

WEE MAC

Sun King's third-highest seller, and the last of their three year-round beers. It is a Scottish-style ale with a hazelnut character and rich toffee undertones.

ABV: 5.3% || IBU: 23

MOONLIGHT SERANADE

A seasonal brew in the Sun King Tasting Room: an Oatmeal Stout rich in chocolate flavor, created using oats provided by Silverthorn Farm in Rossville, IN, and toasted at Cafe Patachou.

ABV: 5.0% || IBU: 38

WEE MUCKLE

Literally, this is Wee Mac on steroids. The same recipe as Wee Mac in half of the liquid. It is a large, malt-balanced ale with huge toffee flavors and hints of port-like character.

ABV: 9.0% || IBU: 30

MALUS PIE

Sun King's homage to tart apple pie in a glass. Made with local crab apples and oatmeal and cinnamon. A creamy texture with great character. Look for it between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

A WALLY'S GUIDE TO GOING BACK HOME FOR THANKSGIVING BREAK

MICHAEL WITCZAK '14 | STAFF WRITER • Anyone who wants to completely remove himself from the outside world will find Wabash a welcomed safe haven. The Wabash campus is like a bubble filled with Latin translations, lab experiments and literature analysis, and leaving our bubble too abruptly runs the risk of severe circulatory shock. It takes time to adapt to new surroundings; we have to let our bodies ease back in to the outside world. For those students on campus with less experience going back home for extended breaks, I've come up with a few pointers that should help make your adjustment a little smoother.

When you arrive at Thanksgiving dinner, be prepared for some questions about Wabash. Your aunts, uncles, cousins, and pretty much anyone outside of your immediate family will want to know what in the world you were thinking during the college selection process. They will have spent roughly three minutes racking their brains for potential reasons that justify attending a small, all male school in Crawfordsville, Ind., and they will come up with nothing on their own. This consistency, however, allows us to prepare for these situations.

After everyone has arrived and said their hellos, the family will settle down. People will begin bustling around the kitchen to put the finishing touches on Thanksgiving dinner, and (assuming you will be celebrating Thanksgiving in the United States) football will be on T.V. This quiet time is ideal for small talk, which means we become vulnerable.

"So," your aunt will say, "how is your semester going so far?" This question is standard for all college students, but don't let it fool you. It's best to keep your answer fairly short. Mention how you have been working hard, maybe make a quick joke about not getting a lot of sleep, and move on. Her next question will be about your major.

"Have you decided on a major?" she'll ask next. Beware: this question is a trap. Unless you answer with accounting, business or some sort of science, she will think that you will absolutely never be employed. But, if you ask me, this moment provides the average Wabash student with a chance to have little bit of fun.

"I am a philosophy major," I always reply bluntly. Then, sensing her look of shock and horror caused by the realization that her nephew is destined to be homeless, I always tell them my minor, as if to reassure them that I will be employable.

"But," I'll continue in the midst of their quiet horror, "I'm a theater minor." This, of course, only adds to her now affirmed belief that the 21st century job market will never, ever, in a million-billion years, hire anybody that didn't major in marketing or computer programming. But aunts and uncles don't usually just come out and tell their nephews that their lives will be horrible.

Your aunt will respond, hesitantly, with something along the lines of "So... what do you plan on doing with that?" Answering this question might be difficult at first. When I was younger, I tried to explain that I didn't really know what career path I wanted to pursue - I just want to become educated now and will figure that stuff out later. But, this strategy does not work. In fact, nothing works. No matter how hard you try and convince people that your major in classics will prove useful in life, they will just think you're really, really stupid.

Your best bet is to just have fun with



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When attending your family's Thanksgiving dinner, your stress level will rise. Avoid all out warfare with those pesky aunts, uncles, and cousins who interrogate you about Wabash.

it. My answers usually sound something like, "With today's economy, I figured I could just roam around America, writing philosophy, and counting on the good will of the people to feed, cloth, and house me."

"If that doesn't work", I add, "I'll just write and direct plays. The theater industry in Indiana is really booming, because you can live very comfortably these days without making hardly any money."

At this point, your aunt won't be able to tell if you are kidding or not. She will still think that you won't get a job, but her confusion will halt the questioning. Take this opportunity to steer the conversation a different direction. Ask about her job or her opinions about politics, anything that isn't related to how screwed your future is for majoring in the humanities.

The proof is in the pudding. When you are thirty, successful and happy, your reasons for attending Wabash will make themselves obvious. So just stuff your face with turkey wearing a confident smile, because we all know the joke is on the person who doesn't see the value in the liberal arts, not us.

BOWERY ENERGIZES CRAWFORDSVILLE

DAVID R. MYLES '14 I
CAVELIFE EDITOR • Too often,
Wabash College suffers from
Montgomery County's rural reputation. The solitude of the cornfield force-field that surrounds
Crawfordsville can be a selling point for focused students and wise parents. Many residents, however, thirst for more food choices, more social stimulations, more everything. The
Bowery and ManCave in downtown
Crawfordsville are attempting to fill

Approaching its one-year anniversary, The Bowery and ManCave has become a hub for artistic expression and community outreach. The Bowery's half of the building serves coffee and food, while the ManCave portion sells quality (and rather hipster) clothing accessories, books, and writing supplies.

"I had this thought in mind, not a full blown clothing store, but a gift store," Bowery owner Jacob Hurt said. "More accessories that you aren't likely to find in Crawfordsville."

Recently, The Bowery began hosting monthly artistic events, with two music-focused nights along with "Story Matters," an open-mic poetry and prose event. The latest "Story Matters" was November 8th, with Nik Jones '14, Reed Hepburn '12, and Dr. Eric Freeze reading original works.

"The best thing [Story Matters] offers is an opportunity for artistic expression

that's not really prevalent in a rural area," Jones said. "Big cities have... whole art districts, and there aren't many places to get your art out here."

Hurt, a community development consultant, is using his professional skills to develop Crawfordsville, with The Bowery as his main tool. Right now, Hurt is hosting invite-only "creative conversations" aimed at identifying Crawfordsville's weak spots.

"We're bringing together a younger demographic that doesn't necessarily have a voice in the community or in organizations and going 'Okay, what can we do to make this community appealing to 22 to 42 year olds,' but there really is no age group," Hurt said.

In order to accomplish a lofty goal,

Hurt knows that a distinct community presence is essential, which is where the open mic nights come in.

"We always kind of knew once we opened [the Bowery] that we wanted to tap into a kind of creative vibe, and we always knew we wanted to do the music thing," Hurt said. "Story Matters is once a month, Music Night, when we feature an artist, is one night a month, and Song Matters, which is our open mic night, is once a month."

Slowly but surely, Hurt's vision of a big-city escape in the middle of Crawfordsville is taking shape.

"We knew we had a demographic in mind, and we've hit that," Hurt said "The question is, how big is that demographic and how do we expand it?"

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'ONE, FIVE, TEN, EVERYONE'

TALENT, DEPTH RETURNS FOR 2013-2014 | ITTI F GIANTS WRESTLING

DEREK ANDRE '16 I STAFF WRITER The mantra "one, five, ten, everyone" has been deemed the saying for this year's Little Giant Wrestling team. At the end of the season, the team hopes that those four words will mean more than just words on paper.

One, five, ten, everyone breaks down into four parts, each outlining a goal for the season that the Little Giants feel they can accomplish. The one is their goal to be first in the nation in team GPA. The five signifies their goal to have five wrestlers make the all-American team. Ten stands for their goal to finish in the top-ten in the nation once the season is over. And everyone is simply the desire to have everyone on the team and in the Wabash community play a role in their success. For the Little Giants, achiev-

"Out of all the teams I've been on, this one is the most closely knit."

MARK MYERS '16

ing these goals has become a total group effort.

'We have a really good team atmosphere right now," Tommy Poynter 15 said. "Everybody's working hard. Everybody knows the goals. Everybody's working for those goals and we're reminding each other of one, five, ten, everyone and that we have to do everything we can now to do well in March."

Wabash will take to the mat this season as the fourteenth ranked team in

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Ethan Farmer '16 with the pin last year. The Little Giants are ranked 14th in the nation.

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race," Boyer said.
"It keeps you sharp
and you know
what needs to
be done. [Sports
Psychologist] Chris
Karr '82 always
talks about having
your butterflies fly
in formation."
Course familiar-



Burris '15

ity will help ease

Little Giant nerves Saturday as Hanover College will serve as host for the national meet. During training camp way back in the dog days of August, the Red Pack scouted the southern Indiana course.

"It's a deceptively tough course," Burris said. "It's not really hilly, but there's some slight, longer hills that you run over continuously. We may or may not have our best times of the year, but we're just focused on our places."

Busch's focus on his team's placing has not trumped the broader perspective. He appreciates Wabash's steady climb to a national contender.

"It's always a luxury to be at the national championships and be disappointed," Busch said. "There are only 32 teams in the country that go to the national championship."

The race will start at 12:30 a.m. Saturday from Hanover, Ind.



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Boyer (center) finished second Saturday in the regional championships with a time of 25:14.7. McManus (right) crossed the finish line third for the Little Giants at 25:36.6.

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

11/22

Swim vs. Patrick Woehnker Invite - 7 p.m.

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Wrestling @ Concordia Open - 9 a.m. Swim vs. Patrick Woehnker Invite - 10:30 a.m. XC @ NCAA Championships - 12:30 p.m. Basketball vs. Albion - 3 p.m.

11/26

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Basketball @ Rose Hulman - 7:30 p.m.

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Basketball vs. Wittenberg - 7:30 p.m.

12/5

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SWIMMING PREPARES FOR HOME INVITE

EARLY-SEASON INVITE CHALLENGES SWIM TEAM WITH STIFF COMPETITION

JUSTIN MILLER '17

STAFF WRITER • The members of the Little Giant Swim team will have to wait a little longer before journeying home for Thanksgiving break. Instead, the team will host the Patrick Woehnker Invitational Friday and Saturday.

Head Coach Brent Noble sees the invitational as a good change of pace for the team.

"We're going to do some off events," he said. "It'll be a chance for them to do some events they don't do as often but occasionally do in practice.

"A lot of the team will be swimming maybe one or two of their focus events and one or two of their off events."

By providing such an unusual opportunity in a meet, the weekend's invitational will provide some surprise swims.

WABASH: 89 DEPAUW: 181

NEXT UP: WOEHNKER INVITE



Adams '15

"It would be great to have somebody to throw up a great time in an event," Noble said. "The idea is then maybe we'll focus more on that event,"

More than just the opportunity

to swim different events has the team excited. The invitational is a great gateway into Thanksgiving break and the excitement inherent there.

"[The meet]'s at home, so that's fun, and it'll be a nice atmosphere because everyone is away from classes," Noble said. "We're relaxed and don't have as much weighing on us. We're excited to race."

Carter Adams '15 resounded Coach Noble's thoughts that the invitational



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Carter Adams '15 took second place at DePauw in the 100 meter butterfly with a 53.47.

has the swim team energized.

"It's a fun meet," Adams said. "It's a little less stressful because you're not swimming your best events and you just get to go out and have fun."

The invitational isn't just about having fun, though. Tough competition from all five participants will push the Little Giants.

"It's a really competitive meet,"

Adams said. "[The invitational] is to get up, get going, and race somebody else focusing on conference and nationals."

Coach Noble, too, sees the invitational as highly competitive and good preparation for down the road.

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WABASH TO PLAY FOOTBALL POWER

ALL-MALE INSTITUTIONS
WILL BATTLE IN NONCONFERENCE GAMES
NEXT TWO SEASONS

SETH HENSLEY '14 I STAFF WRITER • The 2014-2015 Wabash Football season will yield a very exciting week one matchup. Hampden-Sydney College has been added to the schedule for the next two years. Hampden Sydney will bring a strong and proud athletic tradition, each year contending for conference titles and playoff berths. Next year's matchup will be played in Crawfordsville and the following year it will be played at Hampden Sydney.

With the contract with Hanover College expiring after this year Wabash had to fill the open slot.

"Alumni had expressed interest to me about exploring a matchup with Hampden Sydney," Athletic Director Joe Haklin '73 said.

Seeing the potential positive media attention and recognizing the similar qualities the two schools share the schools signed the two year contract.

Usually, when contracting with schools to play one another geographical proximity is at the forefront of the college's concern. However, both schools understood that this matchup would be much more than just a football game.



Amidon '87

just a football game, justifying the extra travel.

Both schools are looking to make this game more of an event than the average Saturday afternoon game produces. Haklin explained that there has been talk about a potential gathering of the two teams the night before the contest.

"We have thought about having a 'Stag' type dinner with a keynote speaker on that Friday night."

The motive behind any kind of Friday night event is for the schools to learn from each other and to provide an opportunity for both schools to share in their experiences. While at the same time allowing for the schools to adopt qualities from each other that would benefit education on either campus.

As anticipated this game should bring positive publicity to both schools. Jim Amidon '87, Wabash's Senior Director of Communications and Marketing, expressed his excitement.

"We hope to garner some good national media attention," he said. "There's the obvious 'Stag Bowl' story line, but we're also going to get an early season look at two teams that could easily make the playoffs next year."

As Amidon expressed not only will we garner national attention, but it will be a good test for the football program as well.

Haklin also articulated a hope for all male education as a whole.

"Both schools anticipate secondary positive impacts from playing this game," he said. "We want to highlight the advantages of an all male education."

Thus, emphasizes a desire to reach out to people who are unaware of the benefits and all male education can

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"We have high hopes for engag-

ing alumni in a part of the country where we've not traditionally competed in athletics," Amidon said. "The game allows Wabash to excite Alumni in that part of the country. As mentioned earlier, this matchup was partly motivated



Haklin '73

by involved Wabash graduates."

There are still a lot of logistics to figure out in regards to how this game/event will function. At the very least this game will celebrate the traditions of both schools and all male education as a whole.

In regards to the effects on the football program it will be a challenge just for the fact that Hampden Sydney is a high quality opponent. In 2015-2016, it will challenge the football players in their ability to travel long distances and still perform at their highest level.

FROM WRESTLING, P. 12

the nation. After a year which saw the Little Giants find themselves within the top-thirty and witness two wrestlers go to the national meet, the high rankings do not come as much of a surprise. That is not to say, however, that any on the wrestling team are taking success for granted this year.

"To see that we're ranked as high as we are is a good eye opener for us,' Mark Myers '16 said. "It shows us that we can achieve [our goals], but it's just a first step of getting to where we need to be. We know rankings don't mean too much, and it's really what you do on the mat that matters. But it's nice

to have that extra boost of confidence."

Individually, Wabash returns talent across the board, with many wrestlers receiving pre-season accolades. Tim Locksmith '16 came in at the ninth spot in the preseason



rankings for the 141 lbs weight class. Austin O'Neal '14 is a top-twenty pick at 197 lbs. Connor Lefever '16, Poynter, and Myers were all given honorable mention rankings in the pre-season

The strongest returning talent for the Little Giants is undoubtedly Reece Lefever '16. Lefever is coming off of a freshman year in which he finished seventh place nationally and ended the year with a 35-5 record. Lefever, who was an all-American a season ago, has been ranked in the third spot for the 157 lbs weight class. While Lefever admits the ranking is important, his focus remains on the mat.

'[Being ranked] means something to me, but it's not a major thing," Lefever said. "I've still got to go out there and compete and do everything."

The season looks promising for the Little Giants. With the wealth of talent they possess and the experience that returns to the team, the Little Giants appear to be poised to complete their goals of one, five, and ten. If and when they complete these goals, they will do so with everyone involved.

"Everybody's on the same page [for achieving the goals]," Myers said. "If someone's having an off day, other people come up and pick them up. It doesn't matter who it is. Whether it's one of the seniors having an off day or a freshman, everybody holds everybody accountable for things. Everybody's looking out for each other. Out of all the teams I've been on, this is one of the most closely knit."

The wrestling team will kick off their season this weekend when they travel to Wisconsin to compete in the Concordia Open. The meet will start at 9 a.m.

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"We're relaxed and don't have as much weighing on us. We're excited to race."

COACH NOBLE

"It's a good chance to swim some events and see some competition that we haven't," he said. "DePauw will be here. U of Indy will be here; they're a Division II team with scholarships and a lot of fast swimmers. Olivet and Nazarene will be here; they both have a lot of scholarship swimmers in NAIA.

"It will be a competitive meet. We'll beat some teams, and we'll race for some event wins.'

The Patrick Woehnker Invitational begins Friday at 7 p.m. with two swimming events and all the weekend's diving events in the Class of 1950 Natatorium. The meet then resumes Saturday at 10:30 a.m. with the remainder of the swimming



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NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS NEXT CHALLENGE FOR THE RED PACK

JOCELYN HOPKINSON '15

I SPORTS EDITOR• The 2012 NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships proved to be too much for a youthful Wabash squad. The overwhelming pressure of last year's championships caused the Little Giants to finish 28th out of 32 teams. However, with six of the top seven runners returning for the 2013 NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships, the Little Giants have replaced their nervousness and youth with confidence and experience.

"We know we're going to do well

because we have all this momentum," Dalton Boyer '14 said. "Ever since camp, we've been building momentum. We beat Calvin at Notre Dame - that was big for our psyche. Brooks we did okay, then a conference champi-



Boyer '14

onship and regional championship. The ball is rolling and we're doing really well right now. It's like the final chapter of such a great season."

Individually, Boyer is rolling. He led Wabash in its last five meets and emerged as the team's superstar runner. His second-place finishes in the NCAC Championships and Great Lakes



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The 2013 Great Lakes Regional Champions. Wabash will race in the national meet Saturday.

Regional Championships guided the Little Giants to titles in each meet. The regional title was Wabash's first in 17 years - 2013 host Calvin College had won every title since.

"It's been a long eight years, and the last three I told the guys (prior to Saturday's regional meet) we were running for second," Coach Roger Busch admitted. "Second place is an automatic qualifier for nationals and we did not have a chance to win. Then I told them now we do.'

Boyer only finished four seconds slower than the first-place runner, and a couple of in-race decisions may have made the difference.

"We kind of maintained the same

distance throughout the race after he had a little bit of a surge," Boyer said. "I thought I could catch back up, but didn't start gaining on him until the last 400-800 meters. I was still pretty proud of my performance that day.

Despite Boyer's success, Wabash's depth is its greatest strength. Boyer, Jarred Burris '15, Billy McManus '15, Adam Togami '16, Nick Boyce '15, and Fabian House '16 each earned All-Region honors. Mason McKinney '17 earned the NCAC Newcomer of the Year award.

"This easily our best group in my eight years as far as overall team depth," Busch said. "And Dalton is running at a level that will put him right

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there to possibly squeak into the top 35. If he can do that and our gap time remains 30 seconds, that's the recipe for being in the top 10 [as a team], maybe a little higher."

If Boyer cracks the top 35, he will earn All-American honors.

Busch took responsibility for the low finish in last year's championships and identified his team's short comings.

We were disappointed — I take all the blame for that," Busch said. "The guys just weren't mentally ready to race at a high level like that to understand that race goes out hard, then maintains, and finish really hard."

Boyer, McManus, Boyce, and Burris will compete in their third national championship. Their experience will only help.

"Last year, we kind of struggled with our identity as a team," Burris said. 'We found it now not only in success running, but the culture of the team. We made plenty of mistakes that race, and I think we've realized a lot of

Boyer will embrace the pre-race nerves in spite of his experience—they actually help him.

"The anxiety is not in the way you always need anxiety going into a

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