

Coroner: Accute Alcohol Poisoning

Montgomery County Coroner Darren Foreman has ruled Johnny Smith's cause of death to be acute alcohol poisoning.

Delta Tau Delta Fraternity members found Smith early Sunday morning October 5. He was a freshman, from Tucson, Arizona, and pledged at the Delta Tau Delta house. The coroner noted his time of death was 3:00 a.m. and the manner of death was accidental.

Foreman said an autopsy was performed and toxicology tests were completed. "There will be no other information released regarding this case at this time," Foreman said in his news release.

The autopsy was performed at the Terra Haute Regional Hospital by Dr. R. Kohr.

Investigations are ongoing by the College and the Delta Tau Delta International. All chapter activities have been suspended by the College and national fraternity leadership.



Wallys: 'We're not different'

PATRICK MCALISTER
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Much has been written about alcohol consumption on college campuses. Some universities conduct annual surveys of student opinions on consumption.

In order to ascertain student views of the alcohol culture on campus, the *Bachelor* developed a survey to get at the core of this important issue. The entire staff came up with a long list of potential ques-

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tions and those selections were whittled down to the ten presented to the student body by me.

We decided to make the survey anonymous, so students could be liberal about their comments without fear of repercussion. We only asked students to identify their class year.

The response we received was very encouraging. We had 394 respondents.

In order to discourage repeated submissions of the survey, each IP address was limited to one entry. The class breakdown also is encouraging as 23.4% of the respondents were Seniors, 24.4% were Juniors, 25.2% were Sophomores and 27% were Freshmen.

Although by no means scientific, with the excellent response rate and the relatively even distribution of answers across class years, we feel the survey measures the student voice regarding alcohol culture at Wabash.

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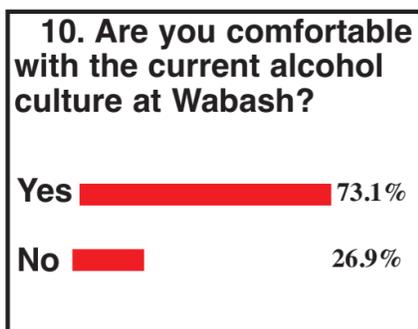
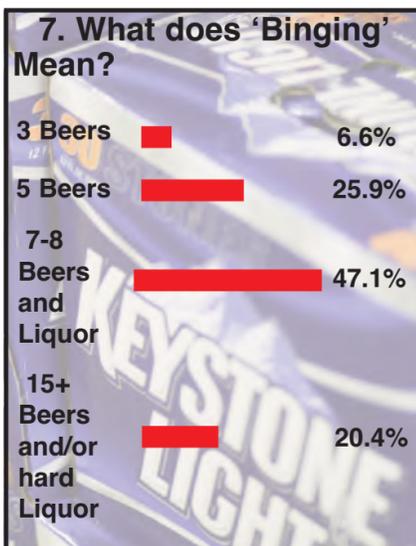
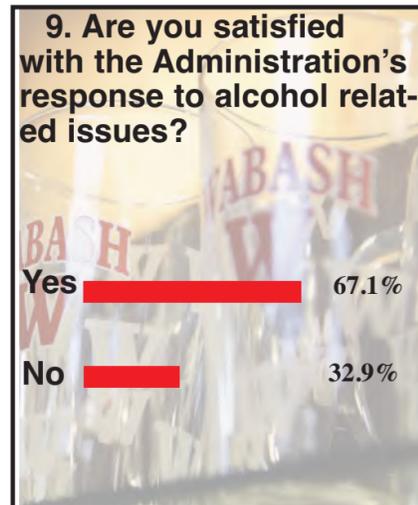
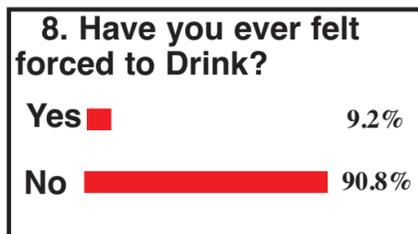
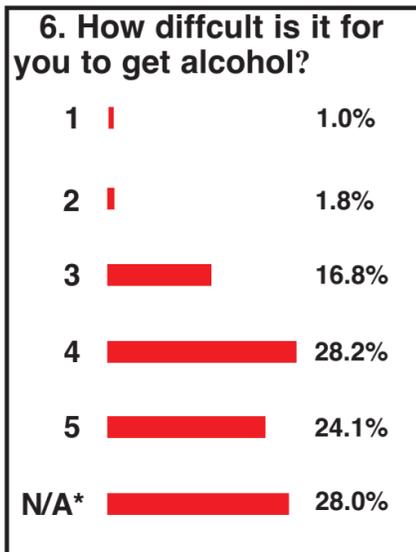
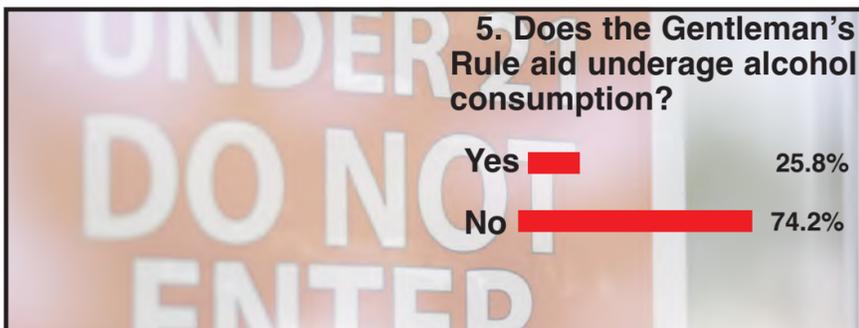
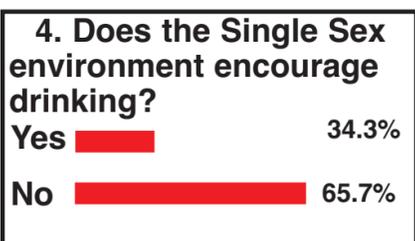
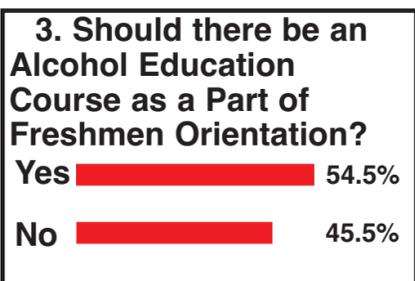
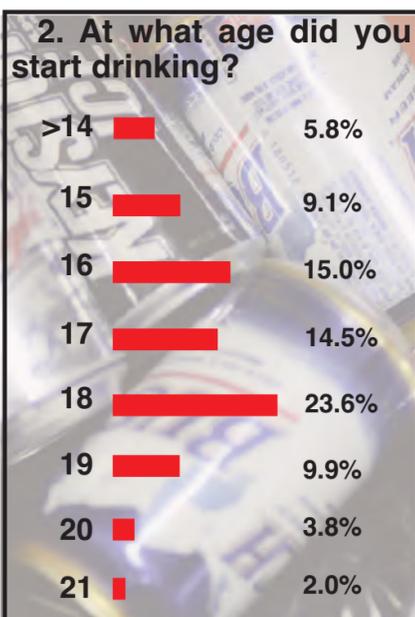
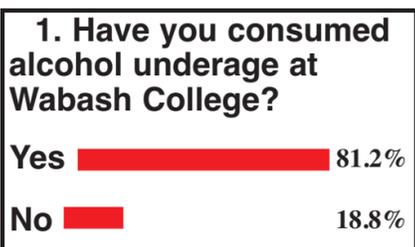


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ELIJAH SANDERS | WABASH '10

Trustee Chairman Steve Bowen '68 discusses housing issue among other things with *Bachelor* Editor in Chief Patrick McAlister. This was the first time in many years, the *Bachelor* had the opportunity of talking with the chairman.

Board Chair: Dorms, Student Center Next

PATRICK MCALISTER
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Chairman of the Wabash College Board of Trustees Steve Bowen '68 believes new residence halls and a new student center are just as important as fraternity houses and athletic fields.

Ten years ago the board decided to invest \$35 million to build, re-build and refurbish the nine College owned fraternity houses. Bowen said that at the time, improving fraternity houses was imperative.

"When we undertook the fraternity partnership initiative," Bowen said, "we were faced with deteriorating houses. The fraternities, at the time we started this, were a huge percentage of the student population. I think this year we had a surprisingly high number of incoming freshmen pledging. Back in those days, that was just par for the course. Since that was such an important part of our housing stock, we decided we need to address that."

Even when the Board made the strategic decision to do construction on fraternity houses, they knew that addressing independent living units had to be an imperative down the road.

"We've always known," he said, "from the time we spent the first fraternity dollar

that we would have to do something equitable as far as the independent men are concerned."

"We had our master planners here at the meeting," he said, "and they were talking about things we can do- where new dorms might go, how they might be configured. There's been a lot of planning work done. Can I give you a timetable? Certainly not with this market and everything else. But it is something the board feels very strongly about."

Bowen also noted that the Board felt it was important to have a vibrant Campus discussion of what type of student center students' want. He emphasized the importance of having a place where fraternity and independent men alike can come and use the space.

Even before the construction of a new student center or new residence halls, the Board is committed to building new athletic facilities. Bowen said the project, which will include turfing the football field, creating new practice fields, as well as new a baseball stadium and soccer fields, was something the Board was planning on doing even before the advent of the Strategic Plan.

"We have been planning to address athletic fields for some time," he said. "The condi-

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Alcohol Survey Comments

Question 3: Should Alcohol Education be a part of Freshman Orientation?

"It seems to me that the real problem is that kids come to school not having knowledge about alcohol especially knowing what their limit is...it would be difficult to stop drinking altogether as we see on other campuses that do have alcohol policies but if freshman are educated they can make better decisions when and if they do drink."

"I would hope that other students on campus would fulfill this need. I think that the last two accidents, while tragic, are rare, and should not be treated as a call to arms against alcohol on campus."

"Not necessary. The Gentleman's Rule encompasses following applicable alcohol laws, and if it were only enforced, underage drinking would be reduced."

"Teaching under classmen is not the answer; educate upper classmen on how to be role models."

"Yes, as long as alcohol continues to be such an integral part of the culture. Hell, we have diversity classes, don't we?"

"Not only is there an extensive question and answer session during Gentleman's rule orientation that tends to deal almost exclusively with alcohol on campus, but to make a mandatory alcohol education course would dilute the power of the message that the Gentleman's Rule sends to the incoming Men of Wabash."

"It is the parents' responsibility to ingrain good judgment into their child BEFORE they come to college. The alcohol course would likely only add stress to an already emotionally taxing experience (ie leaving home and going to college)."

"If we are going to continue to condone underage drinking, at least educate students as to responsible drinking."

"Alcohol education isn't enough. There needs to be penalties for underage drinking at Wabash. It's unacceptable. Although it's a "tradition" or an "un-written rule" that underage students can drink, this need to change for the sake/reputation of the college."

"Schools around the country need to accept that students ARE going to drink PERIOD. Anything else is simple naivety and is costing us. Knowing that the students are going to drink here and everywhere else around the country, an education course is critical so that students' lack of knowledge is no longer the cause of any tragedies."

"The Gentleman's Rule is inclusive of this."

"If people would man up and drink with some responsibility we wouldn't have this conversation. Drink like a man, not like a boy."

4. Does single sex environment encourage drinking?

"Drinking happens everywhere."

"You have no women on this campus, there male bonding is the only way to make friends here. One of the most common ways to hang out is watch sports while drinking beer after a day of classes."

"Although I started drinking at Wabash, I did not drink DUE to Wabash. I made the decision myself."

"Drinking for minors is on every campus and Wabash does not encourage it in any way."

"There is nothing really enjoyable to do but drink or get high when there are no girls to interact."

"It has as there has been little for Wabash men to do on the weekends. I believe the college is in a transitional process where this won't be the case anymore. Functions like TGIF, PanHel, etc. encourage drinking within the Wabash culture, but it will not be the same after recent events."

"What else is there to do with 900 guys around?"

"I would think the necessity to mix with the opposite sex (girls in our case) would encourage even more drinking = liquid courage."

"I do believe that the single sex environment affords us more liberties, but I do not think the single sex nature "encourages" drinking. College is about exploration, drinking tends to be a part of that for many people."

"Have you ever been IU? People drink hard everywhere."

"There is nothing to do here but smoke and drink and if you don't do that you do not enjoy yourself. I fortunately do not fall into those pressures because my character and morals matter to my family and me."

"I think the 'college' environment encourages drinking. The all-male aspect of Wabash has nothing to do with it in my opinion."

"It may something to do with drinking. But as far as being pressured to drink was more pressured to drink at parties in high school then I ever have been at Wabash. Drinking is very much prevalent in a masculine world. The choice of drink at all American sporting events is beer. Besides, let's face it, TGIF is an obvious example of our Single Sex Traditionalists upholding the tradition of drinking regularly and a lot."

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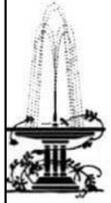
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SCAC Explains Lifehouse Choice

SCAC reps explain why Lifehouse was chosen for this year's National Act

JOHN MCGAUGHEY
WABASH '10

With most of the student population dissatisfied with the choice of Lifehouse as the 2009 Spring National Act, the Senior Council Activities Committee addressed Student Senate Tuesday night, explaining the selection process for National Act.

Attending were SCAC co-chairs Will Hoffmann '10, Chris Hawes '09, and faculty advisor Coach John House.

Hoffman said the process begins a year in advance. They have to set a date, find the cost, find when a band is traveling near the College, and cover production costs.

After these initial steps, the SCAC is left with four to five options. The agent takes it from there, booking the selection for the following year. However, the first choice cannot always be accommodated, which happened to be the case with this year's choice.

"I think that Lifehouse was actually our fourth best choice," said Hawes. Unfortunately, for some, this fourth best choice became their best choice once all of the aforementioned factors were taken into place.

Hoffman explained that the SCAC wanted a large fall National Act as well, but once they booked Lifehouse the SCAC wanted two acts: Lifehouse and someone else. But the prices starting going up, so that option fell through.

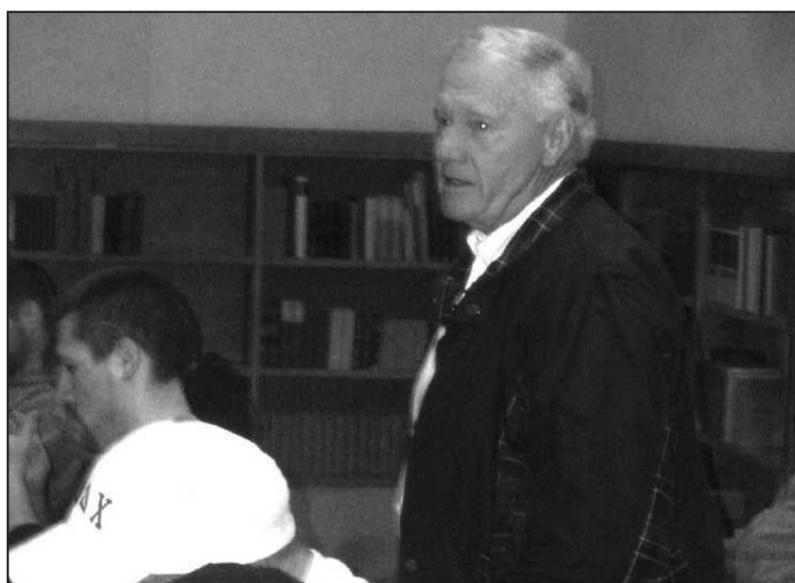
House explained that there had been great success with the National Act in the past citing a wide range of musical acts from rap (The Roots), to alternative (Ben Folds), and pop (Hootie and the Blowfish). House then humorously explained the female angle with the selection of Lifehouse as this year's National Act.

"We always tell these incoming freshmen that there are women here," Hoffman said. "Well, let's walk the talk. Let's get some females here."

House then explained that the agent for SCAC would be on campus Saturday, and he asked permission of the Senate to ask the agent to get Ben Folds and the Senate agreed.

House made sure to mention that Ben Folds was the "biggest act" Wabash has ever had and that it would seem like a great idea to try to book him again for next year.

Senators then recommended that other venues could be suggested, such as



CHAD SIMPSON | WABASH '10

SCAC Faculty Advisor John House speaks before Senate Tuesday night about how and why the SCAC chose Lifehouse as the Spring National Act.

"We have to work around the schedule of the basketball team when we're deciding on the act. That's another hindrance."

SCAC Faculty Advisor John House

Knowing Fieldhouse, to accommodate more people and thus have higher ticket revenue.

However, according to the SCAC, the administration currently only allows Chadwick as a venue.

"That's another hindrance," House said. "We have to work around the schedule of the basketball team when we're deciding on the act."

Senators also raised the question about a bigger National Act in the fall. The SCAC said that because of the beginning of basketball season and the ongoing football season, it was much better for the bigger National Act to be

held in the spring.

When questioned about the approval process, the SCAC replied that its method was informal and involved word of mouth. However, Hoffman stated that it was not yet finalized.

Student Body President Juan Carlos Venis then reminded the Senate that it was their jobs as representatives to spread the word.

Coach House then reminded everyone that his door is always open for anyone who has questions or comments regarding the SCAC.

"We appreciate your empathy, and your input," House said.

Bowen

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-tion of the football field is a problem - we spend a lot of money every other year restoring the grass. The baseball diamond is inadequate. It's hurt our recruiting - We've gotten player feedback to that effect. We felt that we needed to upgrade our athletic facilities."

Bowen noted the funding for the fields was never a problem. Although they could have borrowed the sum to do the improvements or launched a capital campaign to get the funding, enough alums had expressed interest in contributing to the updates that derivation of funding from other sources wouldn't be necessary.

"In an order of magnitude, (the improvements) are relatively small dollars," he said. "We decided we could get to that because we've had people tell us they'd like to contribute - a baseball player alum, for example, might like to make a contribution to a new baseball field."

Bowen also said any future fundraising would not be encumbered by the athletic field improvements.

"We don't think this gets in the way of a capital campaign at all," he said. "We could have gone out and borrowed this money and taken care of what we thought was an immediate problem."

Impending construction was not the only item of great discussion on campus. The death of freshman Johnny Smith sparked great campus discussion regarding the future of the college. Bowen had no comment, except to say that he supports the efforts of President White and the administration. His sentiments echoed those that were communicated in the President's Tuesday mandatory Chapel.

"We have a Gentleman's Rule, and at the very least that means obeying the law," Bowen said. "I think that's clear and fundamental."

Bowen said one of the most valuable aspects of the Board meetings is the interaction the Trustees get with students. He noted the board is always trying to find new ways to interact with students.

"Last year we started what we hoped would be a tradition," he said. "We had

dinner with the juniors the night of the January meeting. I assume we'll plan to have dinner with the juniors this year. We wanted to get input from people that were going to be here to see the follow up."

"There are trustees who come down early. We have a number of trustees that have funded immersion trips, scholarships and internships. Those trustees come down frequently the Thursday night before the weekend meeting to take students to dinner."

Bowen noted the board is committed to meeting when students are on campus. They'll even change the meeting date to accommodate this desire.

"This meeting was originally scheduled next weekend," he said. "Because it was in the middle of fall break, we didn't want to be here when students weren't on campus. That's why we're meeting this weekend."

"I think trustees have gone out a lot on a one on one basis and talked with students. We are interested in more formal ways of interaction."

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A House in Disorder

Nine months ago on January 22nd 2008, a formal request was made to Wabash College requesting a copy of the federally mandated Daily Criminal Activity Log. The log, required of private and public institutions alike under the Jeanne Cleary Campus Security Act, is a public record of crimes reported to campus security and must be made available to students, staff, or anyone else inquiring within 48 hours of a request. The log is sent annually to the Department of Education (DOE) which lists crime statistics for every school on its website.

Wabash College missed the 48-hour deadline, which is considered a violation of federal laws—twice. In fact, at the time of the investigation, the college did not know about the details of the law or if even if the college was maintaining the criminal activity log.

The consequences for not having a log are serious. The Secretary of the DOE is required to report Wabash College to Congress. In addition, for each infraction a fine of up to \$27,700 is levied against the schools federal student loans — that is to say each infraction is about \$30,000 a school cannot give out in federal student loans the following year. Eastern Michigan was fined over \$350,000 for its violations of the Cleary Act. The loans cannot be replaced by the college general fund, meaning at a school the size of Wabash, every single infraction would dramatically reduce the size of the incoming freshmen class.

The investigative report on the issue was originally meant to run in *The Phoenix* in February of this year, but staff writers and editors of the publication generously agreed to grant the college a reprieve and give them the opportunity to fix a very serious problem. However nine months later in the beginning of October, another request for the Daily Log

The Issue:

The school was dismissive to students investigations in to possible violations of federal law.

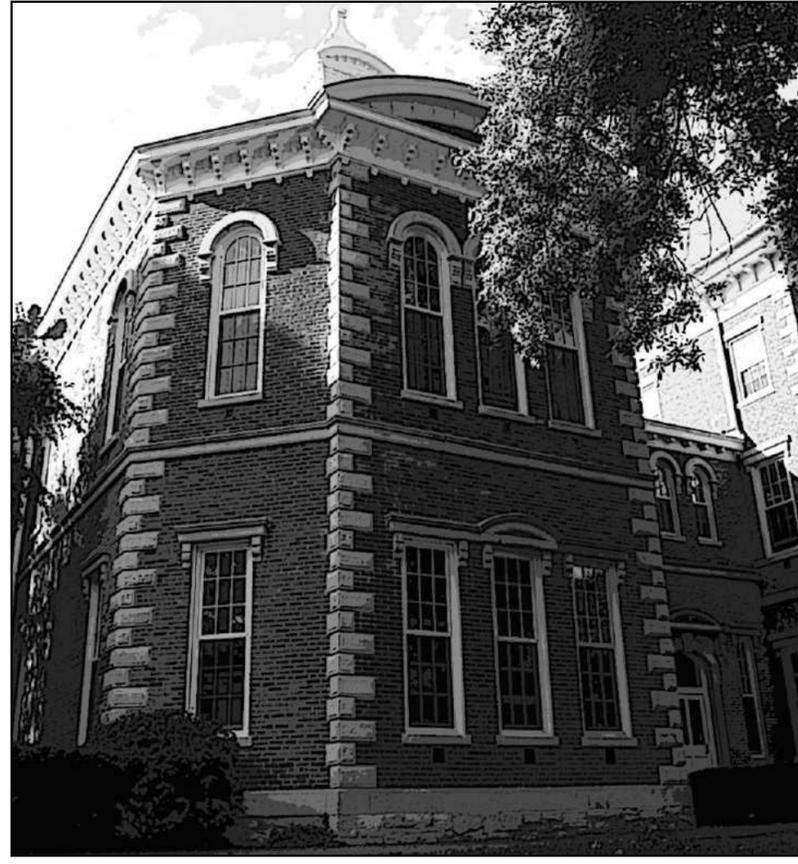
Our Stance:

The Gentlemen's Rule applies to everyone, and the students aren't the only ones who need to take an objective look. Stop studying everything to death and avoiding decisions.

was made and, in the 48th hour of the request, it was obvious that the school had made no effort to mitigate the problem brought to their attention well over half a year earlier, another violation of federal law.

Perhaps just as concerning as possible violations and indolence is the dismissive response to the student investigation. After the school's non-compliance became obvious last spring and a reprieve was granted, a copy of the federal law and a DOE compliance guide was courteously sent to the college to aid in correcting the issue. But unfortunately, when asked what actions the school had taken to solve the non-compliance, *The Bachelor* was informed that after meeting about the issue the college could not decide which staff member would be responsible for maintaining such a log. The issue, therefore, was not addressed again.

The Associate Dean of Students receives Incident Reports from Campus Security on a semi-regular basis that detail crimes and other incidents they have dealt with on campus. The Incident Reports give the names of individuals and a specific detail of criminal events. As a whole, they do not constitute a



BRENT KENT | WABASH '09

Daily Log since they are not available to the public, are not maintained as a log, are not organized or detailed as the Cleary Act mandates, and contain sensitive information about students that is, in itself, a federal violation to make public.

Not only is it unrealistic that the Dean's Office will "white-out" three years of Incident Reports to meet any crime log requests, but they have already proven they cannot. They had already failed to provide the non-existent Daily Log on two separate occasions; the second of which was after being warned twice and given a nine-month reprieve. That is already two separate federal violations, regardless of if they actually had the questionably existent log.

Luckily for the college, after further pressure from *The Bachelor*, a de facto log of incident reports maintained on an excel spreadsheet in the Campus Services Office was produced. Though it was not maintained

for the public—or even known to exist by the powers that be—the document itself satisfies federal law if made to the general public.

Though it seems the college has very narrowly avoided inspection by DOE comptrollers and investigative reports from *The Bachelor* and *Phoenix*, the dismissive nature by which the school addressed—or did not address—student inquiries is particularly concerning.

The only facts one can string together from this nine month debacle and the schools evasive maneuvering is a) the school did not know it had to be in compliance with certain federal laws b) that a sympathetic *Phoenix* staff decided to let the school address the problem instead of publicizing it c) that for nine months after the incident and the reprieve the school did nothing to address student concerns d) they are in compliance, barely and by complete accident.

Letters to the Editor

Alumni Respond to Tragedy

Sir-

We think about the depth and diversity of vital experiences contained between our first homecoming weekend and some point ten, twenty years after our graduation and we mourn the early death of Johnny Dupree Smith, a man we did not know, but with whom we are interlaced by a strand of filial commitment to the College. His death is a tragedy, aimless and avoidable, made more tragic because it was aimless and avoidable. And though we realize how grievously deficient our sentiment must be, we extend our sympathy to his family for their loss.

In the wake of this tragedy, we think it natural and necessary for the College to examine itself, by which we mean something more than just investigating the details of this event, though that too is appropriate. We mean asking potentially uncomfortable questions about the culpability of campus culture in Johnny's death. Is the tacit 'work hard, play hard' motto somehow responsible? Is the conventionally permissive disposition towards alcohol somehow responsible? Are there lacunae in The Gentlemen's Rule surrounding partying, peer pressure, and personal responsibility?

Our intention here is neither to cen-

sure nor moralize the actions and attitudes of either current students or the administration. And we are not calling for either emendations to or the annulment of The Gentlemen's Rule. We believe it is this rule, equal parts pragmatic and profound, that makes the College distinct, because it is this rule that attracts the young men, the 'Wabash men,' who appreciate the autonomy and obligations of self-governance. But youthfulness means that this rule is initially understood intuitively; only later is its full value made manifest in the fabric of the graduates' lives. This rule is not invalidated by failures to live up to it through the occasional imprudence, indiscretion, and ignorance exhibited by most Wabash students (including us) during their campus tenure. Indeed, we believe that this process of maturing into The Gentlemen's Rule is one of the most significant and successful components of a Wabash education.

We are reminding readers, then, of the continued need for an open and honest conversation, assiduously and calmly conducted, about the foundational character of the College, its definitions and its consequences. There is good precedent at Wabash for conscientiously thinking about who we are.

We believe that appending to that already strong, pre-existing conversation a thoughtful discussion of the role of alcohol on campus can only strengthen our self-awareness. We envision a conversation similar to, and possibly simultaneous with, those held during freshman orientation about the definitions and consequences of masculinity, being male, and studying at an all-men institution. What does alcohol mean to our community? In what ways is it tied to our history and our rituals? In what ways is it yoked to masculinity? How can we balance our autonomy with our obligations?

Unfortunately, Johnny cannot participate in this conversation with us. But his current, future, and former classmates, along with staff, faculty, and administration, can, and, we believe, should, if for no other reason than to prevent a repeat of this tragedy, but perhaps with an eye towards better articulation and better understanding of the role of alcohol and brotherhood in the campus culture. President White's letter from 15 October is a positive beginning. We believe that at this moment, in the wake of his death, we can decide the texture of our response, whether to proceed from outraged hurt, with an eye towards mending, or from circumspect hurt, with an eye towards mending. Unavoidably, hurt exists in all our choices. What changes is the quality of

our healing.

Loyal sons,

- Matthew Busse, '00
- Mark Cevallos, '99
- Dave Coates, '99
- Eric Dieter, '99
- Jack Fenimore, '99
- Peter Fenimore, '06
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Think Before You Drink

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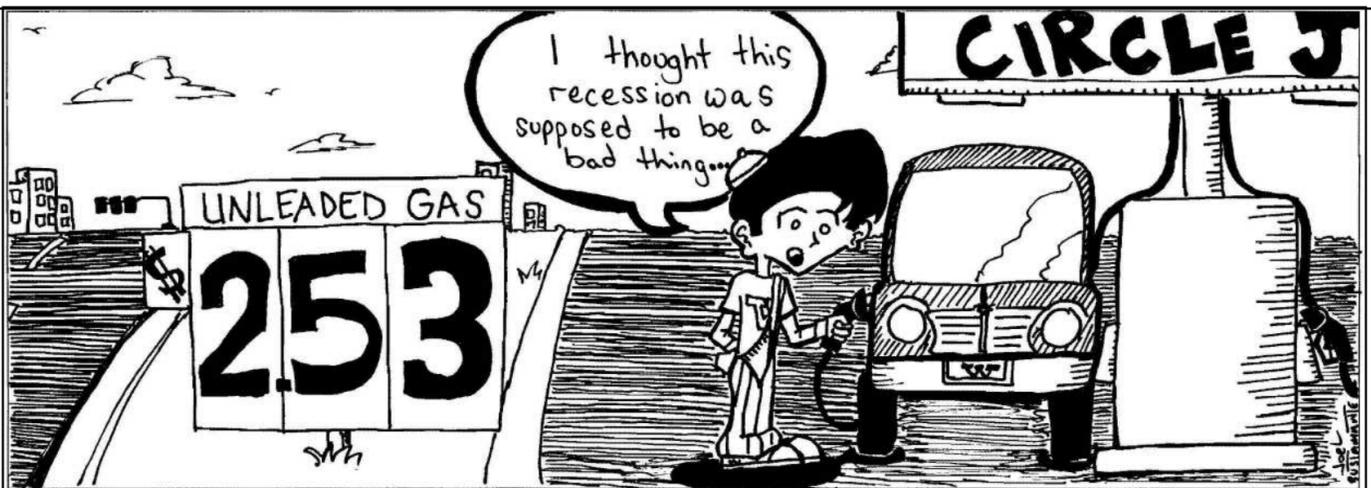
I would request, pray, hope that all of you look at your self 'si nside and out when you start to over drink that next time with your fellow brothers.

Today, I attended a funeral in Tucson AZ for Johnny Smith. Though I had never met Johnny I did know his father. The look on both parents faces is such I will never soon forget. In my life I have experienced plenty of sorry and this ranks right up there.

Eighteen year young men do not go off to college to be gone weeks later.

Guys, think and think again about your choices when you continue to drink too much.

Tom DeSisto, '55
Tucson, AZ



Advice from Franklin Pierce of the Style World

CAMPBELL ROBBINS
WABASH '09

It's no secret that the country is currently struggling through one of the worst economic crises since the Great Depression. Wall Street is suffering. Main Street is suffering. Hell, I bet even Picabo Street is suffering. Thus, there is no better time than now for me to offer my own fashion advice, which I promise you will save you some serious moolah. Now, whether or not you'll be able to pick up girls or impress bosses at job interviews is an entirely different matter, but that shouldn't worry most of you because these days, it's all about keeping as much green in your pockets as possible.

My contributions to the world of fashion are roughly on par with Franklin Pierce's contributions to the American presidency. There are reasons why our 14th president is never featured on A&E biographies and why the college is not inviting a series of renowned Pierce scholars (if there are any) to give lectures on his life like it is with Abe Lincoln, and there are likewise reasons why I've never been completed on my fashion sense at any point in my life. I'm the typical red-

meat eating, sports-loving Midwestern male, thus I hate conventional fashion. I refuse to read Esquire magazine despite the many great articles they have on a wide-range of subjects merely because they have sections on male grooming and wardrobe. I'm sorry, I just don't care nor do I want to see what George Clooney wears for a night-on-the town as opposed to a picnic in the Tuscan countryside, or what mixture of gels and conditioners I need to use to get hair that shines just like Antonio Banderas'. As a brief side note, I find however that I don't cancel my subscription to Sports Illustrated despite their yearly devotion to a whole issue of fashion, specifically female swimwear. I really don't know why, but I actually wait in anticipation for the swimsuit issue's arrival every February. Oddly enough, it's the only issue that I collect and store. I digress though, so let's get back on the topic at hand.

Desperate times often call for desperate measures, and I'm here and more than ready to answer that call. So, without further ado, here are some essential tips, free of charge, from the original Franklin Pierce of fashion:

Fragrance: Don't get the wrong idea here. I'm not recommending that everyone stop showering and adopt the fra-

grance that results from this neglect. Indeed, by fragrance, I mean cologne. Not the kind of preppy, Laguna Beach smell that asphyxiates you upon entrance into an Abercrombie or American Eagle store, however. Rather, I refer to the cologne you can get in many gas-station restrooms for just a few quarters. Some people call these fragrances "knock-offs" or "cheap imitations", but what do THEY know? Save a DEA-trained sniffing dog, no one can really tell the difference. If, for some reason, you do desire the original, over-priced Italian designer fragrance, just do what I did for each of the three high-school proms I attended. Go to a mall, find the sample bottle of a fragrance you like, and just spray it on. That way, you don't have to pay at all! Remember, my method is all about saving money, and that's exactly what you'll be able to do here.

Footwear: In my opinion, here at Wabash, one only needs, at most, two pairs of footwear. One would be athletic shoes/sneakers, the other would be slippers, moccasins or something of that ilk. How many of you are aware that Dr.Scholl's makes shoes? If you weren't, you are now, and my pair was only \$10! You wanna talk about savings, well it doesn't get better than that!



PATRICK MCCALISTER | WABASH '10

Sports Editor Chuck Summers '10 models his "Frank Pierce Fashion" while panhandling outside of *The Bachelor* office.

Air Jordan's be damned!

Haircare: Two options here: 1) cut you hair real short so you don't have to do anything to keep it from going wild, or 2) wear a hat (preferred). I'd strongly discourage French berets though.

Shirts/Upper Torso: As freshman, we're given three or four different free shirts by the college or alumni groups (i.e. the Sugar Creek Association of Wabash Men). Hang on to these shirts. I certainly have for all four years, and they make up the basis for my clothing articles in this category.

Pants: Whatever's comfortable. I myself like jogging pants, even though the last I time I jogged was sophomore year in high school for P.E.

So there you have it. Take these tips to heart, and in no time, you'll find that you'll have saved up a nice sum of money, which can then go to the more essential things in life, like expensive steak dinners and Yankees tickets. The Fashion Maestro has now left the building.

Wabash College Is Always Tardy

ROB BLOSS
WABASH '09

I had the pleasure Monday evening to attend two Wabash functions. The first, which was the catalyst for this article, was a 7:00 lecture by Dr. Brown on the nature of the Christian civic community in the first couple of centuries AD. The second function attended was the British Parliamentary Debate. Both of these were relatively well intended, or at least eventually.

It is the need for this qualifier of "eventually" that I found myself very frustrated and even angry. All too often I find my peers arriving late to class. However, such a decision only reflects negatively on their character and arguably their living unit, thus I have not gotten

bent out of shape. However, Monday evening I was utterly embarrassed by both my fellow students and professors, one of which I highly respect, as I witnessed the worst example of tardiness in my history here at Wabash.

Nearly twenty people of the crowd of roughly seventy were late and six of those were more than five minutes late. Two of which I assumed, based off of the philosophy they espouse, would have been there early. I grew angry at this display of tardiness because it reflects poorly on me as a Wabash Man and reflects poorly on the Wabash community as a whole; both of which I have great pride in and love for.

I do not seek to propound to you an absolute right or wrong about the action of being tardy, despite the fact I value punctuality, rather I

implore you to remember that you are always representing someone when you act.

In this specific case Wabash men were poorly represented. Likewise a certain organization on campus should be duly embarrassed by its leadership as it represented one third of those six who were ridiculously tardy, yet I digress.

Gentlemen, I use this term loosely, what I am really asking is that you examine your actions and or lack thereof in light of whom or what you represent. You are not the only person at stake when you choose to arrive tardy to a function. The larger concern however is that while tardiness is a major problem at Wabash, I believe it is really only a symptom of a selfish self-serving attitude that has plagued our campus.

We at Wabash have become too concerned with ourselves and not concerned enough with our community. Yes I know we just had a great Wabash Day and maybe comparatively to other campuses we are exemplary, however we are not other campuses and we deserve to hold ourselves to a higher standard. The reality is that just as in a church, here at Wabash 90% of our reputation is coming from 10% of our population. Yes, maybe that is an over statement, but honestly 30% of those present were late. In that same lecture eight people fell asleep at various points.

I view my one, two, or three allowed absences in a class as a means for me to have an out if I get sick or am just feeling miserable, not as an excuse to miss class for the heck of it. I am tired of my

peers lack luster dedication to the classroom. This same lack luster dedication is responsible for people RSVP for an event and then not showing up. The list of like problems goes on and on.

We at Wabash do not merely need to be the best in the world; we must be the best Wabash Men we can be. I must shamefully say that as of the last month or two I have been greatly disappointed in my fellow man. So please examine yourself and the school you represent. It is time for us to up our game and be the Wabash Men we signed up to be. Maybe choosing to be on time is the simple, yet necessary place to start. To borrow a phrase from Professor Blix, please over the next couple of weeks begin to "warm the cockles of my heart once again."

Midterms Are Out: Bon Apetit is Failing

ALEX INGRAM
WABASH '10

In the past year, Independents have gone past the thrice-daily complaining and subversive comments to executive staff at the Spark's Center to finally staging a respectful boycott (misidentified countless times by the Bachelor and yearbook staff, among others, mind you). But what has Bon Apetit done to work more closely with the student body? A review of the first-half semester's performance provides a clear answer: Nothing.

Let's start with the most salient issue: Bon Apetit's consistently failing attempt at contemporary gastro-fare. From blueberry, peach, and cream of pumpkin soups to tofu jambalaya, and everything inbetween, students' already limited options are dwindling. Needless to say, this is a college campus of nearly 1000 midwestern beef and corn-fed Midwesterners, and you're cooking like countless head-in-the-culinary-clouds, first-eliminated contestants of Top Chef.

Coming in a close second is the proposed Bon Apetit healthy initiative; a point subconsciously beaten into our starving minds every time we glance at center pieces that often look more appetizing than the daily Asian stir-fry. So let's just cut to the chase: Bon Apetit's food is the antithesis of health food.

Countless times students walk to dinner to find their two dinner options are pastas and starches, i.e. some of the worst foods you can eat in the evening. And it doesn't stop there.

Students are always greeted with more dessert options (poorly executed, mass produced, or both, I might add) than actual food options to begin with. And the list goes on: the always popular eat-this-and-feel-lethargic-for-hours action station, the endless supply

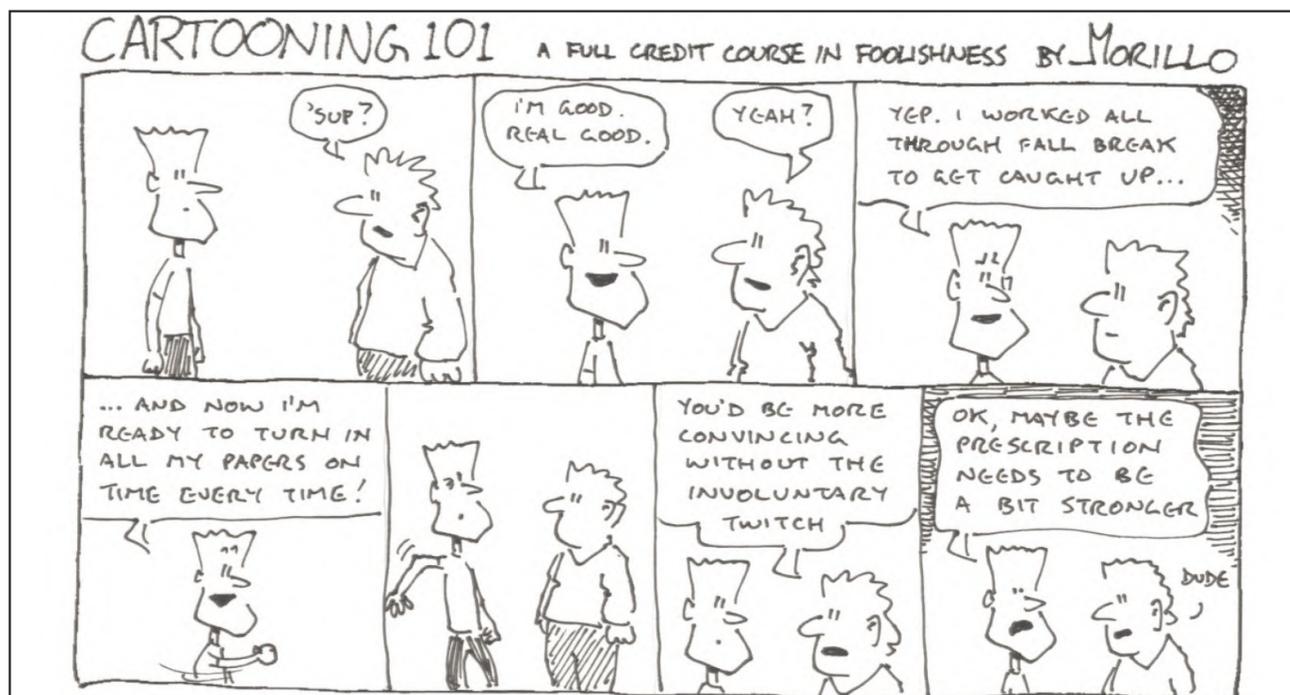
of sugary children serials, and an amazing absence of anything not contaminated by vegetable oil. Essentially, Bon Apetit makes it nearly impossible for the health-minded independent to enjoy a reasonable meal short of putting down a stack of turkey, a plate of spinach, any whole grain in sight, and a handful of mixed nuts.

To be fair though, Bon Apetit is unflinchingly consistent when it comes to one aspect of our health: a totalitarian control of our portion

sizes. It would seem intuitively obvious that a school ranked 12th in the Nation by Forbes would be populated by students fully capable of deciding how much they can eat. Apparently Bon Apetit doesn't see eye to eye with students on this issue. Too often students ask for a second hamburger, more than one yozzo, or heaven forbid, more than two ounces (literally) of the always rare lean protein meal option, and are met with a stiff no or, in the rarest occasions, a concession fol-

lowed by a dismissive head shake.

Gosh I could go on for days, but lucky for you, my space is limited to 500 words. So what am I asking? Well seriously considering criticism and input from the independent student body would be an unprecedented start. But considering your monopoly over food services, I won't get my hopes up; I'll just feel all the more justified every time I walk away with milk, apples, cranberry juice, and green tea outside of meal hours.



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Alcohol Survey Comments

Question 8: Have you ever felt forced to drink?

"When we have social games and stuff in the house, you can have root beer or beer. It's usually about a half and half ratio and nobody gives you trouble on which choice you make."

"Quite the contrary. People have gone out of the way to provide me with alcohol free alternatives."

"The pressure is tremendous."

"I have experienced naught but respect from my independent brethren. No one forces alcohol upon me, and respects my choice to obey the drinking age limit."

"You feel uncool when you aren't drinking while all your friends do. That's how most of the freshmen feel."

"I had guys my freshman year who saw that I didn't drink a lot. These guys were good friends of mine and they made it their goal for the year to get me drunk. They wouldn't pester me and tease or act condescending because I didn't drink much. When I drank, it was a conscious decision on my part to partake. No one can make anyone do anything. Peer pressure is no excuse. Ultimately, the choice is up to the individual."

"People encourage me all the time to drink, saying that it will make things more fun and enjoyable when everyone else is partying."

"No, but I am surrounded by fellow non-drinkers in my fraternity. Fraternity Social Chairs, Party Planners, etc. should be coming up with activities and alternatives that can be enjoyed whether or not you drink."

"A gentleman thinks for himself and thoroughly considers the ramifications and possible consequences of his actions."

9. Are you satisfied with the Administration's response to alcohol related issues?

"I wish they would be more stern, to be honest. I understand the investigation is still ongoing, but a stronger stand needs to be made."

"It seems as if more than 50% of the campus has consumed alcohol underage, and yet nobody to my knowledge has ever been punished in any way for it. This is a crime. It should have been punished."

"The administration can not do much to stop the alcohol related issues on campus. Alcohol related issues are better handled by peers and individuals. Did prohibition stop the entire country from drinking? Not at all. Alcohol related issues will always exist, whether we are in an environment that is supposedly full of nothing but gentlemen or not."

"They are scared of it. It is pitiful."

"The administration cannot control/supervise student life outside of school. We should be responsible and held to our own accord."

"Until this week, they didn't seem to care when it came to alcohol issues. They have turned a blind eye to the problem for way too long."

"I respect that the administration places responsibility in the hands of the students, it is a respectable and at times risky predicament. I do not however believe that everyone is deserving of that respect, judging by actions taken. Most things done on campus in this regard by the students are responsible, but I believe that there are places that the Administration must place a hand in: like stopping inadvertently funding alcohol for frats and parties."

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China Trip Cancelled

GALIB SHISHIR
WABASH '12

The much-anticipated China Trip to Fudan University was scheduled to take place this week, but the trip had to stay put.

"We were supposed to leave on Tuesday and return after a week from Thursday," said Dr. David S. Blix, Associate Professor of Religion. "In my personal opinion it will not affect the relationship. I hesitate to make stereotypes but certainly a strong value in traditional Chinese culture is family and proper regard for family relationships and propriety and I think our colleagues at Fudan will certainly understand the importance of dealing with the unfortunate death of Johnny Smith."

"Also as I understand it is the decision of the administration that the presence of President White here on campus to engage with on-going conversation with family and students and so forth and so on is a good idea," added Professor Blix.

For certain reasons the Wabash community felt the trickle of disappointment, as what could have been a remarkable journey for the college was no longer happening. Professor Blix, one of the delegates for this important mission, has answered the questions that surfaced due to this decision.

"It's provisionally cancelled and at this point we have no firm plans for the future," Blix said, when asked whether the plan had been completely put to rest. He hinted that spring break could be a likely possibility with sufficient time for traveling, meeting alumni, sightseeing in Shanghai and also visiting Beijing.

"Now at this point it is completely unofficial, and it's tentative," he said. "It has been proposed by the Dean and he also have to work out the arrangements with Fudan and colleagues at Fudan."

To present a lucid picture, Professor Blix gave a succinct prelude to the development of interest in deepening the relationship with China.

"The ground work for the trip was laid last year," he said. "President White and Dean Gary A. Phillips met some alumni and trustees who are very interested in seeing Wabash develop connections with East Asia and strengthening Wabash's East Asian offerings."

He also emphasized how Wabash has come to develop a strong connection with China and its culture over the years.



CHAD SIMPSON | WABASH '09

Philosophy Professor David Blix noted that his counterparts at Fudan University in Shanghai, China would "...understand the importance of campus leadership of dealing with the unfortunate death of Johnny Smith."

"One of the trustees has an associate who is an alumnus of Fudan University in Shanghai," Blix said. "He began to make arrangements and there were, as I understand, emails and messages exchanged back and forth between Wabash and this alumnus and his colleges and eventually a connection is established with Fudan University."

The whole setup probably reached its pinnacle last semester and things reached a point where the next step was to send an official delegation from the college to Fudan. That delegation consisted of President White and his wife, Chris, Dean Gary A. Phillips and his wife, Alice, Dean Joe Emnick who is the Dean of advancement, and then two faculty, Professor Widdows, Associate Professor Economics and Department chair and Professor Blix him-

self.

"We were hoping to setup some exchange programs whereby Wabash students could possibly go to Fudan, Wabash faculty could go to Fudan maybe not during the school year but at least during the summer," Blix said. "And hopefully some faculty from Fudan could come to Wabash at various points. We have several areas of the college where there is a strong interest in working with China. There are courses in Econ department and I teach Chinese religion and philosophy myself."

The trip still remains under the guidance of doubt. However, Dr. Blix wants the entire college community to know that, "there is a very strong commitment to making the trip."

Alcohol Survey Results

Question 11: Are you comfortable with the current alcohol culture at Wabash?

"It's surprising to what extent underage drinking is not even addressed as an issue. As for drinking in general, there are those who simply decide not to, but there are others who brag about their drunkenness. No major student event takes place on campus without some corresponding drinking (ie Homecoming, Monon Bell, Pan Hel, Close of rush). Maybe as a result of living in a fraternity, I see the extreme of it, but there is a certain anti-intellectual and hyper-masculine culture in fraternities that promotes getting (drunk)."

"I do what I want so what ever is going to happen around here doesn't affect me."

"In fact, our reputation for knowing "how" to drink is one of many points of pride for me and many other Wabash Men. The reputation is one that often precedes students and alumni."

"How can we be happy when there is a death second year in a row by the consumption of alcohol?????"

"No alcohol. Period. A man's life is more important than the tradition of drinking at Wabash."

"Things need to change, but they will need to change from within. Students need to crack down on their peers and if they can't, the Administration must crack down on everyone. This includes alums and professors who are just as guilty in encouraging alcohol use as "normal" at Wabash."

"Less beer pong, more red wine. Less party atmosphere, more civilized, intellectual gatherings in the manner of French salons. Fewer barbaroi, more gentlemen."

"It has worked for the entire life of the college. Some stupid mistake by a freshman shouldn't make the college crack down. Maybe the students should start to be more responsible for their own actions, not the college."

"The 'culture' is based on allowing us to make our own decisions, which is what Wabash does. I hope this information helps. Whomever this may concern, I would be willing to take an active role in helping resolve any more questions by the student body."

"If anything is done to change the current situation, it will only backfire. People will look at "Two deaths in two years" and say that something needs to change. But two non-related accidents that happened by chance are just that, chance. You can flip a coin 100 times and get heads every time. It's not probable, but it is possible. It's this type of misunderstanding that gets fine institutions like Wabash and the Delt house closed."

"Our obsession with alcohol must come to an end. Though drinking is not wrong when done in a responsible manner, we have behaved very irresponsibly, and now, two of our brothers have paid with their lives. We need to wake up and embrace the Gentleman's Rule by being responsible, even with alcohol."

"I am very comfortable with the current alcohol culture at Wabash. Students are expected to act like Gentleman, they are to hold each other as well as themselves accountable. This personal responsibility that permeates through campus is what differentiates Wabash Men from students at other schools. If this culture were to change the entire identity of our school would be compromised."

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Mandatory Talk Furthers Debate

*Some Students Satisfied;
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**GARY JAMES
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BACHELOR STAFF

President Patrick White's mandatory Chapel talk last Tuesday has evoked mixed reactions from students.

In a speech White said would help students "learn from this horrible tragedy," he expressed his impassioned concern for Johnny Smith's family, fraternity brothers, and the entire student body. White defended the Gentleman's Rule vigorously, but he acknowledged more needed to be done to address the problem of excess drinking. Although light on specifics, White proposed a series of conversations with student, parents, and alumni.

For some students, White's remarks struck a harmonious chord. Most fraternity presidents and some resident assistants signaled their approval of the president's address. They thought it was both measured and appropriate. For many of them, their chief concern was the preservation of the Gentleman's Rule.



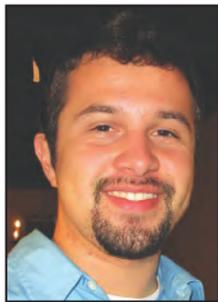
BROCK GRAHAM '09

"[The speech] was good," said Martindale Resident Assistant Brock Graham '09. "I think it was necessary to call the mandatory chapel, and I agree with what he said. We need to get back to what the gentleman's rule means. And I'm glad he didn't do anything specific right away."

Graham was not alone in his evaluation. Student Body President and Off-Campus Resident Assistant Juan Carlos Venis '09 said White was right to focus on the underlying campus culture than dwell on specific resolution at this time.

"I was pleased with the message regarding our culture and what the Gentleman's Rule should be about," Venis said. "It was obvious to me that this is a struggle for the administration. It's a grave situation, and the loss of a student on such a small campus needs to be understood."

Graham and Venis' comments were echoed by other students, but there were also those for whom White's speech fell flat.



JUAN VENIS '09

Junior Tony Scheetz said he and other students expected more from White.



TONY SCHEETZ '10

"I think we all had the notion that he would say something of gravity, but he really didn't say anything significant" Scheetz said. "He didn't say anything matter of fact. There really wasn't a major declaration made."

Head RA Dan Denormandie appreciated President White's delivery, but he felt much was left unsaid.

"I thought President White gave a great speech," Denormandie said. "He conveyed his sadness and resolve, as well as that of the entire school, very well. Ultimately, however, I thought we would get more out of it. Not a sense of closure, by any means, but more of a sense of direction. After I left, I still had the same feelings as going in. 'Where do we go from here?'"

Junior Matt Hudson pushed the point even further.

"I did not find President White's chapel talk to be very productive towards the future of our college," he said. "Obviously the sensitivity of Johnny Smith's death needed to be respected, however simply reminding us of the wording of the Gentleman's Rule and telling that he loved us was not conducive to making this a learning experience."

"The administration has stated that part of being a gentleman and a responsible citizen entails obeying the law, but there's reluctance to tell the students what that means, when many of the behaviors we're concerned about are taken care of by the law. If the conversations that the President is going to start are for manners, etiquette and like behaviors, then that sounds terrific to me."

"It's sickening how disrespectful many of our students are in class, on campus, and especially in Crawfordsville. But, it is ridiculous to hesitate to allow campus leaders to police actions that are illegal when they otherwise state that we should."

College Hall RA Cody Johnson said he could see both sides.

"At first I thought that he didn't say enough but after thinking about it I've realized that there isn't much more that he can say right now. I think more than con-

versation needs to place. Everyone needs to be held accountable for their actions and everyone seriously needs to consider what the Gentleman's Rule means to them. Now would be as good a time as any to start making a change."

FJI President Steven Stambaugh & Sigma Chi President Jeff Austen said they understand students' desire for more action, but what needs to be understood that the speech was only a prelude to future actions. The real key to resolution, they said, was in student action.

"I'm happy that the Gentleman's rule is intact," Stambaugh said. "And I think it's all about responsibility. I was afraid he would act to quickly. I think there does need to be some structure in drinking education. A lot of people thought there would be a big turnover. I think what was done was right, but this may only be a preface. Upperclassmen have a responsibility. Who else can we look up to?"

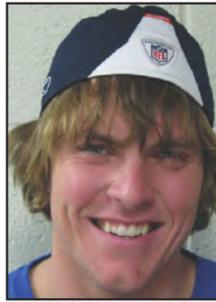
Austen agreed.

"I believe that his chapel speech foreshadows that certain policies will change for Wabash College in the next few months" he said. "And the mandatory chapel was his polite way of preparing the campus for those changes. Instead of declaring marshall law, President White is giving the students a say in what we should change, and what will change."

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Jeff Austen, Sigma Chi President

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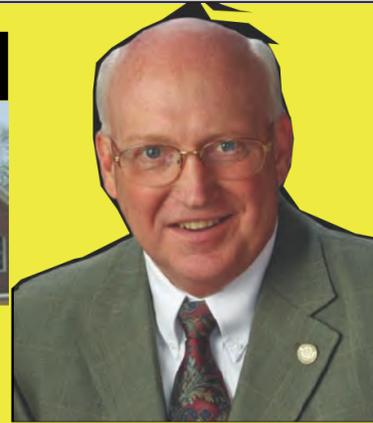


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Little Giants' Defense Dominates Tigers

Last-minute field goal gives Wabash 13-10 win over Wittenberg

CHUCK SUMMERS
SPORTS EDITOR

In this year's edition of the perennial battle between North Coast Athletic Conference powers Wabash and Wittenberg, the Little Giants were able to pull out a 13-10 victory despite being shut down offensively for the first time this year.

The Wabash defense was stellar, holding the Tigers to 184 total yards and keeping the game close for the heroics of sophomore kicker Spencer Whitehead, who nailed a 41-yard field goal with four seconds to go to seal the Little Giant win.

The win brings Wabash's record to 6-0 and puts the Little Giants in perfect position to defend their NCAC championship.

The defense's excellent performance was led by sophomore linebacker Bryan Watson and senior defensive lineman Jared Lange. Watson had 11 total tackles and recovered a key fumble, forced by Lange, in the final minutes of the game. Lange's seven tackle, two sack performance was enough to earn him NCAC Defensive Player of the Week honors.

"Our defense was able to bail us out all game," said junior quarterback Matt Hudson, who struggled all game with 291 yards and three intercep-

tions. "There's no doubt our defense wanted that win more than them. They're the reason we're 6-0 instead of 5-1."

Head Coach Erik Raeburn said the defense's success started at the line of scrimmage. "The D-linemen were animals all game," Raeburn said. "That allowed our linebackers and defensive backs to run around and make plays."

On the other side of the ball, Wittenberg's defense stifled Wabash's running game, holding the Little Giants to 33 yards, by far their lowest total this year.

"We didn't control the line of scrimmage," Raeburn said. "We were dominated up front, which hadn't happened all year."

Wabash's inability to find the balance they had throughout the year allowed the Tiger defense to key on the passing game and put incredible pressure on Hudson.

"I felt helpless out there," Hudson said. "Their defense was real fast. We became predictable, and they were able to tee-off on the passing game. They brought a lot of guys, and got pressure. And I made some poor, poor decisions."

One player Wittenberg was unable to shut down was sophomore receiver Kody Lemond, who had 10 catches for 149 yards and a touchdown, bringing his total to 13 this season. Lemond was clutch as well, hauling in the tying touchdown



DREW CASEY | WABASH '12

A Wabash defensive lineman gets a hit on the Wittenberg quarterback just as he gets rid of the ball. The Little Giant defense held the Tigers to 184 total yards in their 13-10 win over their conference rivals

pass as well as the one that set up Whitehead's game-winning field goal.

"[Lemond] appears to be one of those guys who, even when

the offense isn't clicking, is still getting open and making things happen," Hudson said.

"It's unbelievable what he's been able to do this year. And

he's a great blocker, an unselfish player, and a humble guy. He works hard, and good things come to guys like that."

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Freshman midfielder Femi Oluyedun passes the ball off to fellow freshman Dylan Andrew in a game against Millikin earlier this season.

Oluyedun Balances Soccer, Schoolwork

DREW PARRISH
WABASH '10

Freshman Femi Oluyedun is no stranger to the small, private school atmosphere. He attended International High School in Indianapolis during his prep years, where there are only 120 students in the entire school. In addition to that, the focus on international learning there has given Oluyedun

"Being an international school, the school focuses a lot on language, which is why I'm fluent in Spanish," said Femi.

During his time at International High School, Femi had the opportunity to travel to Mexico for two weeks and really be immersed in the culture.

"The immersion trip and staying with a family in Mexico for

two weeks really helped me understand the culture better," said Oluyedun. "It's one thing to learn about the culture in the classroom, but when you actually are around it for 24/7, it really helps."

Why Wabash? Oluyedun said he came to Wabash simply because the advantages outweigh the disadvantages. He also liked the small size, coming from a school of 120 students. Before attending International High, Femi went to Westfield, which is a school of about 1,600 students.

"My decision to come to Wabash really came down to advantages over disadvantages," Oluyedun said. "You know you are always going to be taken care of through the great alums. Also, the tradition here. We have so many traditions, like the Bell

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The Forgotten Football Players, Until It's All On the Line

In the world of electrifying runs, jaw-dropping catches and brutal hits known as football, rarely is our attention drawn to the enigmatic position of place kicker.

Off to the side, booting kicks into the net while the others run around and knock each other silly, kickers tend to slip from our consciousness. Until your team finds itself in a close game down the stretch, of course. And then all the focus is on them.

In no other position is so much pressure placed on one single player. One kick can change the course of a career, a season, or even a franchise.

Former Colts kicker Mike Vanderjagt showed us how one bad (or in this case, heinously terrible) kick can send you from the NFL to the CFL in no time.

Meanwhile, current Colts kicker Adam Vinatieri showed us how one great kick can make a goofy, short guy in a helmet into a city hero.

And as the movie *Ace Ventura*



CHUCK SUMMERS
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ra: *Pet Detective* showed us, one bad kick can lead a promising young athlete down a spiraling path of deception, murder, and dolphin theft. (Ok, so that last one is entirely fictional. But there's no way I'd be able to write a column on kickers without at least one Ray Finkle reference)

This week, Spencer Whitehead allowed us to see one of those great kicks, one that ensured a victory in Wabash's toughest game this season and puts Wabash in perfect position to win their third-consecutive NCAC title.

And this gave me the rare opportunity to take a real look at

Wabash's kicker. Or in this case, kickers.

See, Wabash uses a two-kicker system, which is almost unheard of in football at any level. Whitehead shares kicks with senior Drew Oehler, who has been perfect in his three attempts this season.

Head coach Erik Raeburn and the coaching staff decided to approach this year's kicking situation as they would with any other position.

"We want to create competition," Raeburn said. "We thought one of the guys would emerge and really take over the position, but they've both been great. If we have two linebackers that are even, we would rotate those guys. So those guys have been even, we rotate them."

And so far, so good. Oehler specializes in shorter kicks, where he has been perfectly accurate, and Whitehead, who struggled early in the season, showed Saturday he can bomb it

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Sophomore kicker Spencer Whitehead blasts a 41-yard field goal with just four seconds on the clock to break the 10-10 tie and lead the Little Giants to another road victory. Whitehead is 2-5 in field goals this season.



Bicycling More Than Mere Transport

SAM PRELLWITZ
WABASH '10

As children we were taught to look both ways before crossing the street. In light of increased bicycling around campus, perhaps it would be wise to heed this advice before crossing the Mall. Bicycles have recently become more prevalent on campus. Why? The answer is not easy to pinpoint. Some would say bicycling simply offers a faster mode of transportation, and they would be right. But the bicycle is far more than a faster mode of transportation. To place it in a single word, the bicycle is above all else about style.

Picking a bike is often a very difficult process, but once you find the right one, the relationship could last forever. For example, ask Steven Becker '10, who recently purchased a classic ten-speed, steel-frame bike with down tube shifters and a retro teal color to boot, how he chose his ride. "Personally, I picked my bike because I liked the color and its looks," Becker said, "but once I rode the bike I knew not only was it the right choice, it was the only bike in the world for me, like a woman - true love."

With the perfect bike, a whole new world can open up to the Wabash man. One thing the bike has allowed me to do is escape the

Wabash campus without the hassle of a car. There's little that can compare to riding through the streets of Crawfordsville, weaving between cars, people, and potholes. You can strap a bag on your back and take off to many local destinations. Some of my favorites are Moon Dance Café, Crawford's (a small, local grocery store on Market Street) and the colorful streets of Crawfordsville. There are few things that can grant peace and quiet meditation like riding neighborhood streets in the evening dusk, or cruising into the sunset on Sugar Creek trail with a few friends, enjoying easy conversation. The bicycle, though very practical, can be a means by which to enjoy these surroundings in an alternative way.

Aside from the more classical bikes, such as the one Becker enjoys riding, there are many different kinds of bikes. There are cruisers, Wal-Mart bikes, mountain bikes, road bikes, fixies, single speeds, hybrids, cyclo-cross, recumbent bikes, and many more. I will highlight four of these.

First is the mountain bike. The mountain bike is a very practical, all-purpose bike that can be used around campus without much maintenance. The bike provides thick tires and smaller wheels, which allows for a more stable and easy ride. It also

allows you to cut through the lovely grass sections of campus when running late for a lecture at the Fine Arts Center.

Secondly, the road bike, characterized by its skinny tires and curvy handlebars, is a speed demon and prefers pavement to grass or dirt. It's a great bike if you are interested in exploring the back roads just outside of town, which provide beautiful scenery, especially in autumn.

Thirdly, the hybrid is a combination of the previous two. This bike allows you slightly faster riding on the road than the mountain bike and more terrain options than the road bike. It's an ideal commuter if you're interested in lower maintenance and still getting to a location in a timely fashion.

The last bike is a recent trend nationally as well as here on campus. This is the "fixie." The fixed gear bike, as it is formally known, is a bike with only one gear and has no ability to coast. The pedals are directly correspondent to the wheel - if you're moving, then you're pedaling, and if you're not pedaling, your wheel must have stopped moving. These bikes are commonly found without brakes, therefore making stopping a process of locking up your legs to lock up the back wheel and skid to a stop. These bikes can be very dangerous, especially to a new rider,



CHAD SIMPSON | WABASH '10

Two bicycles per rack is usually two fewer than most racks on campus hold during weekday afternoons. With fall here, bicycles have become as prevalent as sweatpants on campus.

but they can also be thrilling and offer a literal connection to the bike that no other type of bike can offer. The fixie is, in many circles, the epitome of biker style.

If you're interested in picking up a thrill of this past time, I've a few suggestions that can be helpful in the beginning processes. There are two locations in town that offer a variety of bicycles. The first location is Rotten Robby's, located just off of 231 before it crosses Sugar Creek. Rotten Robby's offers new and used bikes with reasonable prices. The second bike

shop is located on Wabash Avenue, heading west, approximately two miles from campus. Follow Wabash Avenue around a few slight twists, then keep your eyes open for rows of bicycles lined up and down the driveway of a house on your right. This is the creation of an older gentleman who fixes up used bicycles and sells them out of his home. It is a great local place to find a "classic" bike, but you would be hard-pressed to find anything of gleaming silver typical of a Wal-Mart selection. This, however, is a good thing.

Either way, if you've found that special bike and are enjoying endless hours perusing the colors of fall, make sure to take care of your precious beauty. Be careful not to experience what Steve Abbott '09 experienced. "I used to have a bike," Abbott said. "It had a cushion seat and 27 speeds, until it was stolen by a Wally. Then I found it, and then it got stolen by a townie, and then I didn't find it." Do take a lesson from this bike-deprived Wabash man - protect your bike by locking it whenever you leave it.



DREW CASEY | WABASH '12

New History Prof, Multilingual

STEVEN HENKE
WABASH '12

Most teachers prefer to teach what they know. But Visiting Professor of History Andrew Lear likes "to teach whatever comes by."

With such a wide range of experience, Lear brings many talents to Wabash. He has served as a fiction editor for Random House and an interpreter for VIPs. He has helped teach a wide array of classes, from ESL in New York City to Helen Vendler's Poems, Poets, and Poetry class at Harvard. He's lived in over a dozen different cities.

Lear's first major academic job was teaching English at the University of Rome. Despite the job's stability,

the work frustrated Lear. He returned to Harvard for five years and taught Italian, French, and several miscellaneous courses.

Harvard afforded Lear the academic flexibility unavailable in his undergraduate years. Lear audited several classes and noticed that his natural preferences all pointed towards classical history. Urging from colleagues prompted him to earn his PhD at UCLA.

Since then, Lear's life has been a whirlwind of activity in the academic realm. He's taught at New York University, Colombia, Florida State, and DePauw. He comes to Wabash recommended by Dr. Morillo, his Harvard roommate, and interested in the pedagogical

benefits in the College's all-male student body. After his year at Wabash College is over, he's "totally open" with regard to his teaching plans.

Lear has been an avid supporter of humanity classes in core curriculum. He enjoys teaching a Cultures and Traditions class. Lear's greatest work has been on masculinity in ancient Greece. *Images of Ancient Greek Pederasty: Boys Were their Gods* explores the presence of adult-adolescent homosexual relationships in the ancient world. He looks to complete a much larger work on the history of masculinity in ancient Greece and teach a corresponding course here at Wabash in the spring semester.

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Quarantined in the Dark

I'm a film nerd, as you may have figured out by now, and I'm also something of a zombie nut. Despite that, I had never before last Thursday seen a horror film, zombie-filled or otherwise, in theaters. Whether I've seen a zombie flick in the flickering dark is still up to question, but, thanks to *Quarantine*, I have lost that particular bit of cultural virginity.

Quarantine, an American remake of the Spanish horror film *[REC]*, is an interesting amalgam of recent trends in horror cinema. It takes the shaky cam vogue of *Cloverfield* and *Diary of the Dead*, the theme of apocalyptic pathology from *28 Days Later*, and, of course, is a remake of a foreign movie which itself adapted these trends. Unlike *The Ring*, *The Grudge*, *Pulse*, *One Missed Call*, *The Eye*, the upcoming *The Orphanage* or *Let the Right One In*, however, *Quarantine* is a nearly shot-for-shot copy of *[REC]*. The changes are all in the dialogue, costuming, sound design and, of course, casting, but that's just another list to keep me from getting to the actual review.

The conceit of *Quarantine* is that the film is found footage - specifically, the footage from a newsman's camera. Angela (Jennifer Carpenter) is a cheery reporter doing an interest piece on the night shift at a Los Angeles fire station. Filmed by cameraman Scott (Steve Harris), she joins firemen Jake and Fletcher (Jay Hernandez and Johnathon Schaech) on a call to a medical emergency at a local apartment. A woman, it seems, was heard screaming and is now silent. Along with two police officers (Andrew Fiscella and Columbus Short), the firemen break down the woman's door to find her standing covered with blood and wheezing through a mouth full of foam. After a period of disturbing calm, she savagely attacks and bites one of the police officers before being tackled by fireman Fletcher.

The others quickly radio for help and carry the bitten officer downstairs only to find that the doors have been boarded up from the outside. The building is being placed under quarantine, as



JAMES MOREY
THE MALE
GAZE

cell phones are jammed, the power is cut, and armed figures seal every possible exit. The authority figures within the building gather everyone in the building together in the lobby, and, before long, the reason for the quarantine becomes horribly clear as the bite victims lose coherent speech, ignore their injuries and, eventually, viciously attack the other survivors.

Quarantine's central concept is perfect for horror: Isolation from the outside world, an unknown disease with horrible consequences, and knowledge of inevitable infection and violent death are all terrifying thoughts. Combining all that with a new angle on the found footage trope means that *Quarantine* really

should work, and it very nearly does. In fact, I can find very little to say against the film except that it never really clicked for me.

At least for the first two acts. The last half hour demonstrates a masterful control of suspense and attains a genuinely unsettling atmosphere. Getting to that point, though, is a bit of a slog, largely due to a few repeated missteps. Although I'm thankful that the violence is unusually understated for a modern horror film, it lacks the unpleasant weight to be genuinely unnerving. Internal consistency is another problem, as the disease at the center of the film seems to be governed by the rules of horror filmmaking more than anything else. At the start of the film, victims take quite a while to turn. By the end, bites can effect a change in a matter of seconds. Although this does help a bit with tempo, the loss of believability hurts the human impact of the movie.

Similarly, consistency of character is lacking. The personal arc of a few key individuals runs into

a few major oddities, where the actions of a moment are, again, seemingly decided by a need to up the scares. Speaking of the film's frights, the mix of atmosphere and shocks for the first hour in the building don't blend nearly so well as the could. There is suspense to be had, but contemplation of the situation is forced aside by anticipation of the next shock. In addition, the audience is too often allowed to relax for a moment as the film betrays the tension with a clear stopping point.

All that being said, however, *Quarantine* is still one of the better recent American horror films, and the third act is, again, well worth seeing. If you're a horror fan, you would do well to look into this different take on the genre, and non-fans who want to see a well-made horror movie for a change should give *Quarantine* a shot, too. *Quarantine* takes elements from some of the more interesting trends in cinema today, and it avoids the worst of the modern R-rated horror movement. For that alone, I can recommend it whole-heartedly.

Banjo-Kazooie Ranks High On "Super 64"

ADAM PHIPPS
WABASH '11

The lull in the gaming world is slowly fading away, as long-awaited titles begin to hit the shelves in late October and early November. It's still a long way off until the hot holiday releases, but between then and now will come the recent release of the action RPG *Fable 2*, the coming release of first-person shooter *Fallout 3*, and the exciting third-person shooter sequel *Gears of War 2*. However, those are all set to open after this week. I am instead stuck with pirate-based strategy games, an unwise revival of *NFL Blitz*, and a Cesar Millan dog-simulation title you don't want to know about. That being said, it's time for another "Super 64" article, delving into the comical cult classic adventure of a faithful bear and a

cynical bird, Banjo-Kazooie.

The evil witch Gruntilda has discovered her unnaturally hideous looks and decides to steal someone else's beauty. Setting her sights on Banjo's sister Tootie, the sorceress swoops down on her broomstick, captures the young bear, and places her in a wacky machine that will switch the two's physiques. So Banjo must set out to save his sister. The not-so-enthusiastic Kazooie accompanies him. From their quiet home near Spiral Mountain, they must venture into the depths of Gruntilda's lair, completing jigsaw puzzles and collecting musical notes to advance. The dialogue is comical, the cartoon setting is enticing, and the adventure is memorable. Banjo-Kazooie proves noteworthy by its development, in-game development, and over-arching

design.

As a platformer, it's hard to distinguish Banjo-Kazooie's style from other titles previously released for the system. Within the game exists nine levels, and each level contains a basic set of items necessary to proceed further. 100 musical notes and ten jigsaw puzzle pieces - referred to as Jiggies - open the next level. The emancipation of five hidden Jinjos, a race enslaved by Gruntilda, can be collected in each world. Mumbo tokens provide the player with the means to pay the shaman Mumbo Jumbo for his magical spells that transform the player into different animals. The game's layout is classic 3D-platformer; what sets it apart is its defined representation of that layout.

This defined aspect is portrayed in the overworld that holds the vast differ-

ences of each world on the same common plane. Gruntilda's Lair is essentially the only dungeon the player must play through to complete the game; however, in order to do that, one must visit each of the nine worlds to collect the necessary Notes to proceed through the evil witch's magically locked doors. But the overworld provides a much more encompassing and detailed adventure in itself. The worlds are unlocked with the correct number of Jiggies, but only when a player finds the corresponding level's puzzle. With a total 100 Jiggies in the game, the remaining ten are hidden amidst the massive labyrinth. As the layout of the maze is slowly uncovered, the levels begin to affect the overworld directly; a switch or ability found in a later level opens up a previously inaccessible area in the lair. Finally, a

network of "cauldrons" provides the player with a reliable warp system, later on able to quickly move from one part of the maze to another.

As progression through this overworld occurs, a definite sense of growth and development springs up in a variety of forms. Banjo and Kazooie each start with basic moves, taught to them by their mole companion Bottles. The player then continues to search for Bottles' molehills in each level to learn a new move that helps the player both collect more Jiggies and progress farther in the overworld. Not only is the character's competence actively developed in the platformer, but also the player's. Starting off, the worlds begin compact and small; collecting all the necessary items takes little time and low skill. However, the difficulty seems to increase at

just the right speed for the player to compete, and then some. Since all 100 notes in each world must be collected in one life to count, the collection goes from routine to tentatively nerve-wracking, requiring the utmost precision later on.

Banjo-Kazooie's cartoon environment and simplistic style is surprisingly intriguing, as the game manages to take a common structure and presents it almost flawlessly. Though it diminishes in favor against the namesake of Mario, it holds its own overall as a necessary contribution to the genre. Fun to play and quite a thrilling adventure - defeating Gruntilda at the end proves more than satisfying - any player of the Nintendo 64 must give this game a go. It does not disappoint, and therefore finds its own place upon the golden shelf of great 64 titles.

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“Offseason” Loose Term for Wabash Athletes Dominates

BRANDAN ALFORD
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“Offseason.” Merriam-Webster’s dictionary defines the word as, “the time during which an athlete is not training or competing.”

Not too many Wabash athletes know this definition to hold true.

Whether it is the football team meeting at six in the morning every Monday through Friday this winter and spring, or the baseball team practicing 4 times a week with lifting the other three days, Wabash athletes never have a true “offseason.” Every single team in Wabash’s ten program athletic department will be dedicating a large portion, if not all, of their year for that three month period where all that hard work will pay off.

“The time you put in during the offseason can go a long way to determining the outcome of your season,” said sophomore golfer Jake German. “Hard work in the offseason can be the difference in a top three finish in Conference or a finish in the middle of the pack.”

Golf, however, is a different animal, in terms of seasons, than the other nine sports in Wabash’s athletic department. Rather than the normal three month season, golf has both a fall and spring season. In an effort to stay in shape and keep momentum between seasons, Coach Petty’s golfers have a lifting and stretching routine they will subscribe to throughout the winter months three to four times a week.

Another Little Giant group of athletes that truly knows no offseason are those that run both track and cross country. There are eleven such athletes that will run cross

country in the fall, followed by an indoor winter track season, and a spring outdoor track season to follow. Among those eleven, six are freshman. The adjustment to Wabash academics is one that is long and trying; attempting to add athletics to the schedule, as so many Wabash men do, only compounds the problem. The struggle for all Wabash athletes, and all collegiate student-athletes for that matter, is to find the right balance to get it all done. “Coming to Wabash College, academics are obviously your first priority, with athletics being second,” German said. “Having an offseason program, which makes athletics a year-round commitment, really forces you to learn time management.”

For a freshman trying to keep up with his academics and adjust to college athletics, it can be quite a learning experience. “When you go from high school, where you may have some type of light offseason program, to Wabash, it definitely wakes you up to the expectation level of a Wabash athlete; but it can be a good thing as well. Learning what is expected of you as a student-athlete has helped me develop a routine that works for me,” said freshman baseball player Mark Deprez. “Time management has been really important.”

Whether it is baseball, basketball, swimming, wrestling, or tennis players working out this fall; or the football, golf, soccer, or track team preparing this winter for next year, be assured, there are Little Giants hard at work: in the classroom, in the weight room, and on the field, emphasizing the “Always” in the school’s motto—“Wabash Always Fights.”

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The Little Giants will return home to face another tough NCAC opponent this week against Wooster, who is 5-1 and a perfect 3-0 in the NCAC this season. The Scots are led by quarterback Austin Holter, who leads the team in rushing and passing yards with 455 yards and two touchdowns on the ground as well as 1,198 yards and nine

touchdowns through the air. “[Holter] is fantastic,” Raeburn said. “He’s a dual-threat guy; he can beat you with his feet or his arm. It’s super dangerous when someone can do that.”

Wooster, like Wittenberg, also boasts an impressive defense. The Scots lead the NCAC with 16 turnovers this season, and have the conference’s top-ranked scoring

defense, allowing just 12.17 points per game.

Their defense is led by junior linebacker Matt DeGrand who has 73 total tackles, and junior defensive back Brian Swan, who leads the team with 4 interceptions.

The game will be played at Byron P. Hollett Stadium Saturday at 1:00 pm.

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from long range, even under pressure. Together, the two are 5-8 on the season and have been improving every week.

But doesn’t having another kicker looking over your shoulder mess with your psyche as a kicker, the one position where psyche might play the biggest role? Maybe on some other team at some other school, but not here, according to Oehler and Whitehead.

“We both support each other on and off the field,” Whitehead said. “I think [sharing kicking duties] is a good thing.”

Oehler added, “This team really is family at its best. We’re out here competing, but each person is trying to lift the other ones up.”

They said that knowing they are supported by each other and the rest of the team helps with maybe the most crucial aspect to kicking—confidence.

“There’s a lot of power with kicking in its one play and the kicker has a huge contribution

on that play,” Oehler said. “It’s hard to get that, but everyone here has a surprisingly refreshing understanding of our position.”

Raeburn believes Whitehead’s incredible game winner will have a great effect on the young kicker’s confidence.

“He’s never going to kick in a more pressure situation than that,” Raeburn said. “It ought to give him a lot of confidence.”

So how did these guys end up spending their Saturday afternoons kicking an oblong-shaped ball around? Each has a story as different as their kicking styles.

Whitehead represents the more traditional kicker story. A lifelong soccer player, Whitehead decided to give field goal kicking a try his sophomore year of high school when his team needed a kicker. He found out he was pretty good at it, and has been playing the American version of football ever since.

Oehler, on the other hand, is a football player through-and-

through. A straight-on (also known as “toe-bashing”) kicker, Oehler won a kicking competition in a second grade pee-wee ball and never looked back. But don’t consider him your stereotypical, “I-might-get-hurt-by-celebrating-too-hard” kicker. The one thing he said he doesn’t like about his position? “Not getting to hit,” Oehler said. “I miss contact.”

So whether the Little Giants have needed a short field goal to widen the gap or even a long-range kick to win the game, they have been able to rely on their kicker-by-committee system. And though Whitehead was the hero on Saturday, this week its back to business as usual, off to the side, practicing kicks and waiting for another opportunity to make a difference for his team. But its this individuality that makes the position unique.

“I don’t think there’s any other position like it, any position with the same philosophy,” Oehler said. “I like being set apart a little bit.”

Balances

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Game, that I wanted to be a part of.”

Oluyedun has turned into your typical college student in the short time he has been at Wabash. The freshman Chemistry major spends the majority of his days in the library and on the pitch. He spends about five hours a day doing homework in the library. However, when he is not in the library, he is just hanging out with friends, playing video games, and watching movies. He also really enjoys racquetball and ping-pong.

“I really like playing ping-pong,” Oluyedun said. “I have

three brothers, and we always have really big ping-pong matches.”

One of the first things Femi noticed upon arriving at Wabash was the faster paced curriculum. There is a noticeable difference from the typical high school workload compared to Wabash’s challenging curriculum.

“I think you’re babied in high school a little bit,” Oluyedun said. “You don’t have to work nearly as hard to get the grades in high school as you do here. So, I guess if I had to give advice on how to be successful, I’d say be ready to work. Stay on top of your studies and

don’t fall behind, but try to enjoy yourself.”

Femi has certainly enjoyed his time at Wabash so far, but he has also kept up in his classes. Academics are still a high priority. Oluyedun attributes a lot of his study habits to head soccer coach, Roberto Giannini.

“Soccer really helped me organize my time,” Oluyedun said. “Coach Giannini scheduled our days in preseason, and that has really helped me stay on task. I find that I can schedule my days better during the soccer season than I can in the offseason.”

Not only has soccer helped

him budget his time, it has also helped him make friends quickly.

“It took me no more than a week to make friends with my teammates,” Oluyedun said. “There are 31 soccer players on the roster, and those were my first 31 friends. Then they introduce you to their friends, and you begin to build a network. So, I found making friends at Wabash to be very easy. Wabash has so much to offer, too. At first, I wasn’t sure about the all guys thing, but after awhile, I kinda’ liked it. And just because Wabash is in Crawfordsville doesn’t mean it’s boring. There’s always

something going on. We have homecoming, and the Bell Game coming up, so I don’t find Wabash to be boring at all.”

As the soccer season draws to a close with three conference games left, Oluyedun will have more time to spend on his studies and hanging out with his friends. But for now, he is focused on soccer. Oluyedun is preparing to travel to Ohio-Wesleyan on October 25 for the team’s last road game. After that, Wabash has two more conference games at home against Earlham and Oberlin.

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