



# Could Facebook Cost You a Job?

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WABASH '12

The Internet revolution of social networking sites such as MySpace and Facebook has created and built upon more than a virtual link to new and old friends. It has also increasingly become a medium through which one is judged by college admissions officers, as well as employers.

Scott Crawford, Director of the Schroeder Center for Career Development, believes the new informa-

tion gathering method to be an extremely relevant development for students, who he said should be cautious and creative.

It is not necessarily the fact that underage drinking or other party shenanigans matter to the colleges or employers. Crawford candidly admitted that college students in his time did the same things as college students now. Rather, it has more to do with the candidate's judgment in placing pictures or information of said events onto the Internet.

Rumors abound of students who have been explicitly rejected for

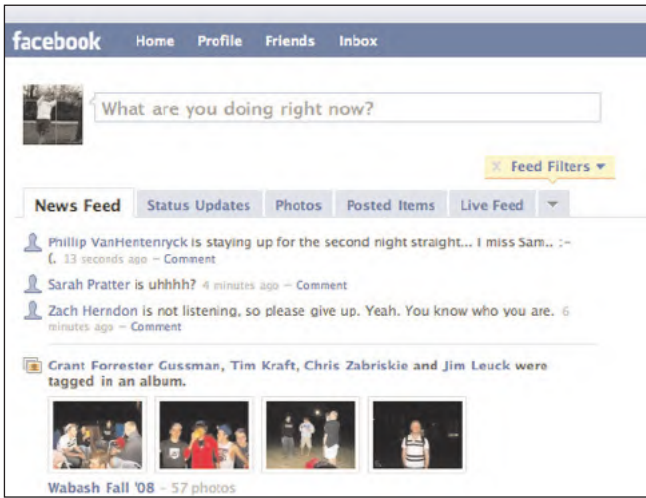
Facebook photo albums of drunken escapades, and these rumors have become

"Students must realize that whatever they post on the web is fair game," Crawford said.

"Most employers and grad schools feel that if you are in search mode, it is your job to make sure what they may find out about you is positive. "Many employers and grad school do look at candidate's Facebook and also Google candidates as well

According to CareerBuilder.com,

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# College Builds Relationship with Chinese University

JACOB STUMP  
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For nine days in late October, President White, Deans Phillips and Emmick, and Professors Blix and Widdows will be 20 hours away by plane, stationed on the other side of the world – literally.

"Actually, we're trying to decide who will be in charge," President White said, mindful of what, with so much executive power overseas, could turn into just the right situation for a coup. "But it's not like we're trekking across Mongolia. We'll be in touch."

Far from Mongolia, the group will fly to Beijing, China to meet, among other representatives, the president and vice-president of Fudan University, a prestigious university in Shanghai best known for finance and economics. On



the table are plans to finalize discussions started last November to begin student and faculty exchanges with Fudan as early as May 2009. The exchange could bring a Chinese professor from Fudan to Wabash to teach Mandarin, the official language of China, by next school year.

"It just seems the right thing to do," Professor Blix said, commenting on the strong interest in Asia tangible at the College since the '60s. "The College has always had a commitment to East Asia, although, in its own ways, it has waxed and waned over the years."

This year, as the President and crew make business cards with Chinese characters on the back, that commitment seems to be waxing. Facilitated by Wabash alum and trustee

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# Students Active in 2008 Races

AJ HUDSON  
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WABASH '12

With the most diverse choice of candidates to choose from since the birth of our country - whether you vote Republican or Democrat - history will be made this year. Perhaps it is this historic moment, or it could be that the citizens of U n i t e d States are ready for a change, or it could just be the publicity for the current campaign, but either way there is more involvement than ever before. We can even see the fervor and passion right here at Wabash College.

According to the New York Times, this single year in politics has entailed more gross worth, both in money and volunteer service, than any year before it. Citizen involvement on both sides of the party lines has been admirable, and a great deal of those volun-

teers have been of those same ages (18-24) that had the lowest turnout rate the last time Americans lined up at the polls.

Wabash students, whether they have read them or not, have received multiple emails from other students urging them to not only vote, but to volunteer, raising awareness and understanding about this year's historic election.

For those who have read through their overstuffed inboxes, the names Gary James '10, Clint Sievers '12 and Patrick McAlister '10, are household names. But for those interested enough to take a closer look, the amount of student involvement on our campus is astounding, and goes beyond the obvious student political leaders.

Bachelor reporters came across the names of twenty-five Little Giants who were leaders in their political beliefs, and who are openly and actively moving



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ONE HAPPY FAMILY: Mr. and Mrs. Benitez, who have been married since September of 2006, welcomed their son Aiden into the world in May of 2007.

# Student, Employee, Husband, and Daddy

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NEWS EDITOR

The pressures of being a college student can be heavy. And the academic, athletic, extracurricular, and financial challenges can be daunting, especially at a college with a high level of student engagement. But imagine what life is like for students who balance more than just school.

For two years, Anthony Benitez '09 has not only managed his responsibilities as a student but his duties as a father and a husband. The 21-year-old senior psychology major has been married to Sarah Salas of Dallas, Texas, since September 1, 2006, the beginning of his sophomore year.

He has been a father since May 2007. Benitez' son, Aiden, is 16-months-old. Benitez lives off-campus with his family. He doesn't have much free time, but, when he isn't working or studying, he is spending time with his family. Sarah works full time, goes to school full time, and is a full time mom as well. Although they struggle to find babysitters sometimes, the Benitez said they have learned to deal with it all.

"It's different," Benitez said of his balancing act. "I don't have time to mess around, and I spend a lot of time with my son. I have to time manage, which means I have to study whenever I'm at school in the mornings. It's very challenging, especially when both are going to school. We have less time for each other than we would like. But it's great to come home and see your son. It's very motivating and unique. Before I had my son, yes I had good grades. But after the birth of my son, I've made the dean's list both semesters."

Benitez wakes up around 5:15 A.M. most mornings to prepare for the day. He works in the Allen Center from 6 A.M. to 8 A.M. He does much of his homework there. He then goes to his classes, runs errands, writes papers, and studies for classes and the LSATs until 4:30 P.M., when he makes his way back to his Scott Street residence.

"When I come home, my wife usually goes to

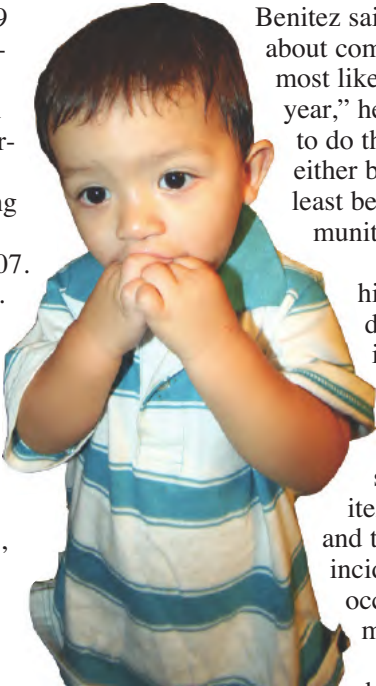
school, and I take care of my son," Benitez said of his wife Sarah, who is studying education. "[Aiden and I] go out; we play soccer; we go out for ice cream. We watch movies (like) *The Lion King*. We read Dr. Seuss. I read to him in Spanish. Sarah reads to him in English. Then whenever my wife comes back is whenever me and her spend time together. Aiden falls asleep by then."

The history and Spanish minor is also preparing for his October law school exams. But recently, Benitez said he has been thinking seriously about community organizing. "I think I am most likely going to do social work for one year," he said. "I guess Obama motivated me to do that. I guess it's vital for me to do that either before or after law school. I have to at least be a tool to work in the Hispanic community."

Benitez said social work interests him because he knows of the prejudices present in the world, even in Irving, the Dallas suburb where he was raised. He recalled an incident told to him by his mother, when a police officer singled her out in a grocery store and asked if she was legal. Benitez said his mom stood up for herself, and the policeman backed down. But the incidences of inequality and prejudice occur everywhere and not just for minorities, he said.

"A lot of concerns that Hispanics have, African-Americans have, minorities have, and people who have with low incomes," he said. "I just want to bring all those people together. I think I was blessed with my family. They always valued education. And I think education is something extremely valuable, and, now that I have it, I can go out there and motivate people that were in my position at once."

Benitez said he wanted to reach out to people who were struggling, much like his family and fraternity brothers helped him and his family. Sarah's parents offered her a secretarial position with their tree service business back in Texas. She is able to work from home, study for school, and stay home with Aiden. Before they moved into their house, Mr. and Mrs. Benitez lived in the Theta Delta Chi house



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# Lifehouse Choice Sparks Debate

JOHN MCGAUGHEY  
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Lifehouse, an alternative rock band from Southern California, has been selected as the National Act for spring 2009.

National Act, Wabash's largest entertainment event held each semester, has been in place for many years and has taken many forms, including famous comedians, bands, solo artists, and pseudo casino nights.

In accordance with last year's precedent, the spring concert will be preceded by a three part National Act in the fall: Casino Night, which was held last Saturday; Lavell Crawford, a runner-up in Last Comic Standing who will be coming October 15; and the First Annual Wabash Talent Contest. The purpose of the three-prong Fall Act is to save money for a larger Spring Act.

Lifehouse, which was formed in 1999, is most famous for their single, "Hanging by a Moment," on their first album, No Name Face. Since 1999, the band has experienced varying degrees of success.

There have been mixed reviews about this selection. According to many students, the selection of Lifehouse is a "joke," and it won't compare to last year's Spring Act, the famous band Third Eye Blind.

Sophomore Tim Kraft said Lifehouse is essentially a one hit wonder.

"I think [Lifehouse] is an absurd choice," he said. "Nine out of ten people you ask would not be able to name any other song of theirs other than 'Hanging by a Moment.'"

Also, the complaint has been

made in printed form, with the article "Lifehouse: \$100 Per Ticket" by Bachelor Opinion Editor Brent Kent '09. This piece even states that the selection of Lifehouse "castrates Wally Wabash."

However, other students remain positive, hoping that the concert will help bring girls to campus, at a time when visiting other schools is a limited option as finals and exams loom on the horizon.

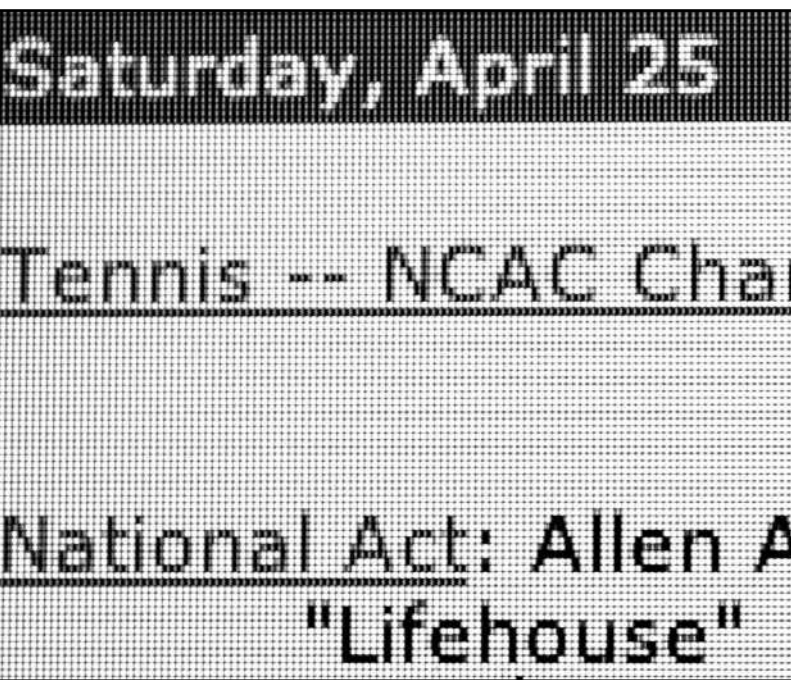
"I want people to realize how difficult selecting the National Act is," said Chris Hawes '09, Senior Council Activities Committee (SCAC) co-chair. "It's much more than paying the band and picking one you like."

SCAC Advisor Coach Stephen House explained all the "variables" in choosing National Acts.

"I feel like we explain this every year," House said. "But there are a lot of variables. We don't just randomly pick a selection. We have to catch the band when its tour comes our way, and these bands are used to big venues. We have to find groups on their way up or down the fame scale, in order to afford them. For instance, Jimmy Buffet costs \$250,000. Larry the Cable Guy costs nearly the same. Rascal Flatts is entirely out of our budget. Most students don't realize that."

In addition to paying the band, which is arbitrated by a talent agent out of Indianapolis, House explained that many other costs come into effect.

"Lifehouse costs about \$70,000," he said, "but that isn't everything. There are still production costs. There is lighting, and we have to set up the stage. We have to pay hospitality and catering to whatever band comes to play. We



ON POINT OR OFF TARGET: SCAC officials explain the complexities and constraints of choosing National Act bands, while some students fume over the Lifehouse selection.

have to hire security. And then when it is said and done, we tear the stage down again. The total cost of production can be over \$20,000."

As if those weren't enough hurdles to leap over, there is still the problem of scheduling and location. The Pioneer Chapel can hold comedians and other acts, but bands have to play in Chadwick court. This means that the SCAC has to schedule around the basketball team's season, which can extend into early March.

SCAC co-chairs Hawes and Will Hoffman '10 invite students to send in their suggestions. Many complaints are raised about the final selection some years, but the SCAC and House hope that in the

future students will help be part of the solution and not contribute to the problem.

A new addition has also been made to the Spring Act, tying it to the Act in the fall. The Wabash Annual Talent Contest, which will be held for the first time in Ball Theater on November 1, will host three categories: instrumental, vocal, and variety talents. The winner of the show will be selected as one of two opening acts for Lifehouse in the spring.

Lifehouse will be playing in Chadwick Court on April 25. Students will get in free with their ID cards and guests will have to pay a fee of 20 dollars. They will bring one opening act in addition to the winner of the Wabash Talent Show.

## Campaigns

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mountains for the politics that they believe in.

Mike Sullivan, a recent Hanover graduate and the regional director for the Mitch Daniels campaign, attended the college Republicans callout meeting earlier in the month. He is an avid Republican. He stressed how much a few strong-willed people could do. "It is on the backs of our volunteers, and passionate College Republicans that campaigns [like these] are won," he said.

Despite having contrary political views, Democrats that were interviewed stressed the same points. Sal Espino TKE '12 actually ran the Obama campaign in his home town, near the Dallas/Fort Worth areas. Senaor Obama won the caucuses in that state. Espino encouraged students to get involved.

"There's nothing like name recognition," Espino said. "If you don't know who you are voting for, then you are voting blindly. It's through small points like that in which we change the world."

Student leaders of both the Democratic and Republican parties stance stressed how important it was to speak out on what you believe in, and inform those who don't know, what it is that this election is about.

Sean Clerget '09 has worked on campaigns for Governor Mitch Daniels and presidential candidate John McCain. He stressed his personal reasons to help out with the campaigns, which rang in unison with other volunteers: the low

voter turnout in our age group and the apathy of his peers.

"We have a great chance to make history right now," said the Beta brother. "And everyone should vote, regardless of party."

Despite the passionate involvement of students in this coming election, and the great likelihood that the American youth will line up at the polls in greater numbers than ever, there is still a great sense of apathy displayed throughout a large number of out youth.

Miles Ashton '12 says that he, his family, and a great deal of his friends "are not going to vote" because they know it will not make a difference.

"We live in Illinois," said Ashton, who is a pledge at TKE. "So Obama will win our electoral votes whether I like it or not."



BRENT KENT | WABASH '09

GET INVOLVED: Students are getting deeply involved in political campaigns first time in a long time. Wallies are working in the Republican and Democratic Headquarters in Downtown Crawfordsville.

Some students seem to feel that they have no voice, no power and are not going to vote because of that. Active Republican worker and senior Brent Kent

"What they don't realize is that if they don't vote then they are right; they have no voice," he said. "It's a self-fulfilling prophecy, and I don't think you're entitled to

complain about not being heard if you don't vote."

Come November 4th we will see whether apathy has again held our tongue or if the passion and fervor of this year's election has made the same difference in voter turnout as it has in youth involvement.

"We have a great chance to make history right now. And everyone should vote, regardless of party."

Sean Clerget, Wabash '09

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# Chinese Student Population on the Rise

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Wabash College is a diverse place home to students from countries around the world, including Vietnam, Lithuania, Bangladesh, Scotland, Ethiopia, etc. This year, there are fifteen international students in the class of 2012, and ten of them are from China; this is in contrast to the class of 2011, which has only two students from China.

The question is why did so many come from China this fall?

“China is more open,” said David Clapp, Director of International Studies. “More students are applying to come here, and they have excellent records. China is changing, and it is more open to the rest of the world.”

According to Clapp, the best selling point of America to Chinese students is higher education. Lijie “Jackson” Ding '11, a sophomore from Beijing, China, agrees with those sentiments.

“In China we have good fundamental education,” Ding said, “but college education is not that good.”

“The U.S education system is very different from China’s,” said freshman Yangnan “Paul” Liu '12, from Chengdu, “and I really wanted to have a good study abroad experience.”

Bihui “Will” Liu '11, another fresh-

man from Harbin, China, came to Wabash to enroll in the 3-2 engineering program. According to Clapp, Wabash is delighted to have these students.

“They have a neat spirit about them,” Clapp said. “They’re friendly, happy, and smart; they work hard, and they’re simply just a delightful group.”

It is interesting that so many Chinese students came in one year, but as Clapp says, “It’s not like there was a conspiracy or something and one student said to his buddies, ‘Come on, let’s study in America.’ All ten students are from different cities in China and they just happened to come here the same year.”

The students may be leaving their home for an entirely new culture, but they seem to be adjusting well.

“I really enjoying living here,” Bihui said.

“Well, I like the weather here,” Hao said. “What’s more, people at Wabash are very friendly and helpful, so I enjoy life here very much.”

“I love Wabash and I love my fraternity, FIJI,” Yangnan said. “People here are so friendly and the professors are so approachable. Moreover, I experience brotherhood in my fraternity, which makes me love it here more.”

Chinese students from previous years, including Ding and Xingcheng “Merlin” Liu '10, are pleased to see so many students from China in the class of 2012.

“I believe this is a good thing that



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enhances the diversity of our small but tight Wabash community,” said Merlin, who is also a Chengdu native. “More than the identity of international students who learn and prepare their careers at Wabash, Chinese students are invisible bridges across the Pacific Ocean. We immerse ourselves in the various experiences of American culture as well as transmit Chinese cultures to people around us. In a larger view, I believe we are the tiny parts of globalization.”

Most of the Chinese students (with the exception of Bihui) plan to receive four years of education here and all of them

plan to visit home during winter and/or summer breaks. For those who stay on campus during breaks, local families have volunteered to give them a place to eat and socialize during the more tedious parts of the year. In addition, the Office of International Students offers a picnic and an outing at an Indianapolis Indians game at the beginning of each school year.

“This gives a feeling for living in the States,” Clapp said. “The important thing is that it gives them a feel for what Americans are really like, and the host families are carefully chosen. And there is food involved.”

## China

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Peter Kennedy '68, the College’s relationship with Fudan began with a meeting last November in NYC, which was quickly followed by a second meeting in February. Beijing will mark the third meeting of Wabash and Fudan.

“We don’t know what’s going to come of it,” Professor Widdows said. “When you work with the Chinese, a lot is done behind the scenes, and generally, when you’re at a meeting, it’s pro forma. A lot of tea gets drunk, but not a lot of work

gets done.”

While tea might show up more than written contracts in Beijing, the group’s goals are definite. Firstly, the College wants to begin sending students and faculty to Shanghai, as early as next summer. Part of the role of Professors Blix and Widdows while on ground in China will be to gauge the opportunities available for immersion trips and study abroad experiences.

“We want to have a closer look and make sure these classes are classes we’d like our students to take,” Widdows said. “Also, we want to look at how they teach Chi-

nese as a second language.”

Observing Fudan’s teaching of Chinese is crucial. The College hopes to bring a professor from Fudan to teach Mandarin at Wabash as early as next fall, a study that, according to President White and Professors Blix and Widdows, is long overdue on campus. “If we could get Mandarin going at this College, that would just be marvelous,” Blix said.

With China increasingly becoming a powerful economic and political player internationally, Mandarin would be a boost to any economics or political science major’s repertoire. However, President White sees more advantage to incorporating the East into the offerings of our curriculum than just the chance of a future business deal.

“It’s important for us to recognize,” White said, “that if our only context for liberal education looks to the Western tradition and not to the Eastern tradition, then we may not be doing what we need to be doing.”

One way to further look to the Eastern tradition in Wabash classrooms is to equip professors with the firsthand experiences and knowledge necessary to give students an impression of the Orient. Over the last fifteen years, there has

been a renaissance of Chinese literature, an international rebirth of Confucianism, the establishment and rapid growth of the Chinese middle class, and a fundamental shift in the Chinese government. To bring this into the classroom, the College hopes to send faculty to Fudan over the summer. From improving the C&T module on China to establishing an exchange similar to the Ecuador Program, the effects of such a faculty immersion would be felt campus-wide – not to mention representing the liberal arts to China.

“As I understand it, Fudan is interested in starting a liberal arts college,” Blix said. “The idea of the liberal arts is foreign to the Chinese education system, and they’re fascinated by it.”

Known for their strict and memorization-based pedagogy, the liberal arts are largely a novelty in China, as, due to its rapid growth, it has lately focused almost exclusively on narrow and trade-based education. Now with enough wealth to relax some from industry, the liberal arts are gaining ground.

“It’s the notion of a luxury good,” Widdows said, “something that you consume more of as you get wealthy. China can now afford to not narrowly train people for vocations.”

And Fudan wants to be first in line for bringing the liberal arts to China. While, if things go as planned, Fudan will send a professor to Wabash to teach Mandarin, that professor will also be working in conjunction with Wabash’s Center of Inquiry in the Liberal Arts to learn why and how liberal arts education functions as it does. Wabash,



then, will be Fudan’s case study for the liberal arts. In the spirit of the liberal arts, the Wabash delegation is educating themselves and taking lessons from Professor Blix on how to navigate Chinese culture, including tips on handshakes – “it should be natural, not like a firm Texas handshake,” Blix said – and briefing on the Chinese way of negotiating. They will also be reading a selection from the Confucian Analects chosen by Professor Blix and becoming acquainted with the pronunciation of “pinyin,” the transliteration of Chinese characters into Roman letters.

“We’re playing it by ear,” Blix said. “Like a good Confucian official, we shall rise to whatever occasion we are called to.”



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President White and his wife will be members of the delegation.



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Well, it's official. The improvements alluded to by President White in the Back to Campus issue of the *Bachelor* will become a reality. The College is not improving upon the clear problems with Independent housing, nor is it tackling the question of what to do with the not-a-student-center-yet-not-a-cafeteria Sparks Center.

Nope. They are 'improving' Wabash athletic facilities. Instead of tackling the issues of greater importance to students first, the college has chosen to launch a \$6.2 million dollar campaign to re-turf the football field, build a new baseball field, a new soccer 'stadium', and create synthetic practice fields that would also serve intramural competitions.

It should be noted that the *Bachelor* staff is in no way against building new sports facilities. Wabash is a campus of athletes. With virtually 1/9 of the campus on the football team and the majority of students having played sports in

high school, having top of the line athletic facilities is something that Wabash men greatly appreciate. It functions as an essential appeal to many that come to study; it also serves as a good conduit for alums to continue to be a part of their beloved alma mater.

The latter would appear to be a reason why improving athletic facilities took precedence over creating a new student center or building new residential living units for Independent students. Since sports are central to a Wabash man's memory of their time at the College (who doesn't remember their first Bell game?), it is much easier to fundraise for them. These pinnacle events – homecoming, Bell Week, etc – are laced with great emotion for both players and fans alike and serve as benchmarks of any college career.

This level of emotional connection cannot be the same with living units or student centers. Paradoxically it is in these places that prob-

ably close to 400 current students spend most of their time. These are living spaces – where students eat, socialize, study, live. These structures most likely won't be remembered in the defining moments of a college career like events that take place on a sports field, but they will be places that will inform a student's overall satisfaction with their collegiate experience.

The Wabash community has historically not been doing a good job remembering that. Other collegiate institutions build student living centers and residence halls that reflect a modern student lifestyle. Many Independent alums of the class of 1978 could walk into dorm rooms in Morris, Wolcott or Martindale to find not much has

changed in 20 years.

The same can be said about Sparks Center. Excluding the TV on the wall, the place where Independents get their meals seems forever reaching into the past – the hall doesn't even have air conditioning. As feeding Independent students is its main function, using the building in the typical ways of a 'student center' is not a practical proposition.

Raising money for a new student's center and new residential halls will be much more difficult than raising funds for sporting facilities. The former two will be

much more costly than the latter. No student center or residence hall could be built for \$6.8 million.

The *Bachelor* staff is pleased that we are building top of the line athletic facilities that will serve both varsity and intramural sports – both things men of Wabash take seriously. Nonetheless it is vitally important the administration never deviate from its strategic goal of improve student living conditions through new residence halls and student center. These buildings may not be the easiest to fundraise for, but they certainly are some of the most important.



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## Letters to the Editor

### *Pep Band Missing from Football Games*

Sir-

Something Was Missing at the Football Game. I am an alumnus living outside the area and only get to a couple of games a year. As the Chicago game started Saturday, there was a decent crowd, the Sphinx Club members and pledges and the fraternity pledges were leading cheers from the track area, and the team was marching down the field. Then came the first TD and the extra point kick. The crowd was on their feet cheering and ready to belt out a rousing "Dear Old Wabash" – but where was the

pep band to get them going?

The Sphinx Club guys shouted out the words and got us started, but the enthusiasm could have been several points higher had there been some drums, some brass, and maybe even some woodwinds thrown into the mix! Has the pep band gone the way of the past? Aren't there some drummers, trumpeters, saxophonists, cymbalists and others with the desire to stir up the crowd? Something was missing....and at least by this alumnus, it was sorely missed. Was it just this game....or is it gone?

Earl Houck '67

### *Thank you, Wabash Community*

Sir-

When the freshmen arrived in late August, I was one of the people charged with leading a conversation with a couple of advising groups about what it means to become a member of the Wabash community. We chatted about our culture, our traditions, and the Gentleman's Rule. Moreover, I hoped the students would understand that they had not entered college, but had joined a family – with all the responsibilities that involves.

Members of families look out for one another, and at Wabash we try to do the

same.

That's why I was so gratified by the outpouring of support for long-time food service employee Bill Melvin. Bill was diagnosed with a terrible form of cancer not long ago, and the folks from Bon Appetit and Campus Services wanted to reach out to help in some way. We had a cookout on the mall last week with all of the food and drinks donated by Bon Appetit – in itself a huge gesture. The Wabash family stepped up with monetary donations in an equally big way.

At some point today, Wabash will present Bill Melvin and his family with a check for

more than \$2,200 to help offset some of Bill's enormous medical bills. Thanks, Wabash, for demonstrating in such a meaningful way the values we hold dear.

On behalf of Bill's family, Bon Appetit, Campus Services, and the Sphinx Club, I thank you.

Jim Amidon '87

Director of Public Affairs

### *Wabash Fraternity Alumnus Addresses Independent Housing Problems*

Sir-

Wolcott and Morris are over 50 years old now. Martindale has nearly reached the half-century mark. With the fraternity renovations nearly complete, it's time for Wabash to consider a bold new strategy for independent housing going forward.

There are two vital threads that historically have come together to bond the student body. The first is a vertical integration, where underclassmen live and interact with upperclassmen on a regular basis. Fraternity men have always had that. The second is a horizontal integration, where students get to know fellow students of the same class across living units. That line was critically damaged for all when freshman class activities ended 40 years ago.

The monstrosity known as Martindale Hall has held both of these important threads back for independents for far too long and Wolcott and Morris have done the same by making it too easy for too many Wabash men to isolate themselves away in single dorms. The next generation of independent housing must be different.

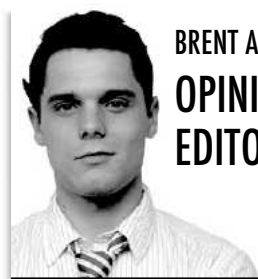
Before the first dorms opened in 1954, independents lived together in much smaller campus-owned housing in situations that brought them closer to their fraternity counterparts. For a short time, an IMA representative even had a seat on the IFC. The trustees should take a lesson from history in this case and move to change independent life from large scale to small scale going forward.

A series of new campus dorms/houses of perhaps 30 each, complete with some larger rooms that will incentivize independent upperclassmen to stay on campus and a number of smaller rooms for freshmen, will serve to institutionalize the type of residential and academic community that should thrive here. Such living units could conceivably have kitchen facilities and a large room for meetings and social events.

As for what should be done with the old buildings, in my humble opinion, it's best to place them in the history books and try to build a better future for all students.

Ross Dillard '07

## New Residence Halls Should Take Priority



BRENT A. KENT  
OPINION  
EDITOR

Wabash athletes have cause to rejoice. The school has just announced a \$6.2 million campaign to build three synthetic fields and new soccer and baseball stadiums, among other things. According to the website, the college wants new facilities to compliment our recent indoor renovations and to help insure Wabash men are competitive on and off the field, providing "the best place for Wabash men to excel."

Unfortunately for some, the construction of the new baseball diamond and press box will be located on top of the current Independent houses on Jensen Street by the practice foot ball field. Not

surprisingly, the plans for these new fields will not include plans to replace the Independent houses they demolish.

Nor do any current funding campaigns address the problem of Independent overcrowding, the dilapidated buildings, or make a similar commitment to Independent students to provide places for

them to excel in "all aspects of their lives." Not coincidentally, many alumni both fraternity and Independent have been wondering what will be done to improve "the Independent problem" now that fraternity renovations are nearing completion. In fact, appearing in this week's *Bachelor* is a Letter to the Editor about Independent housing

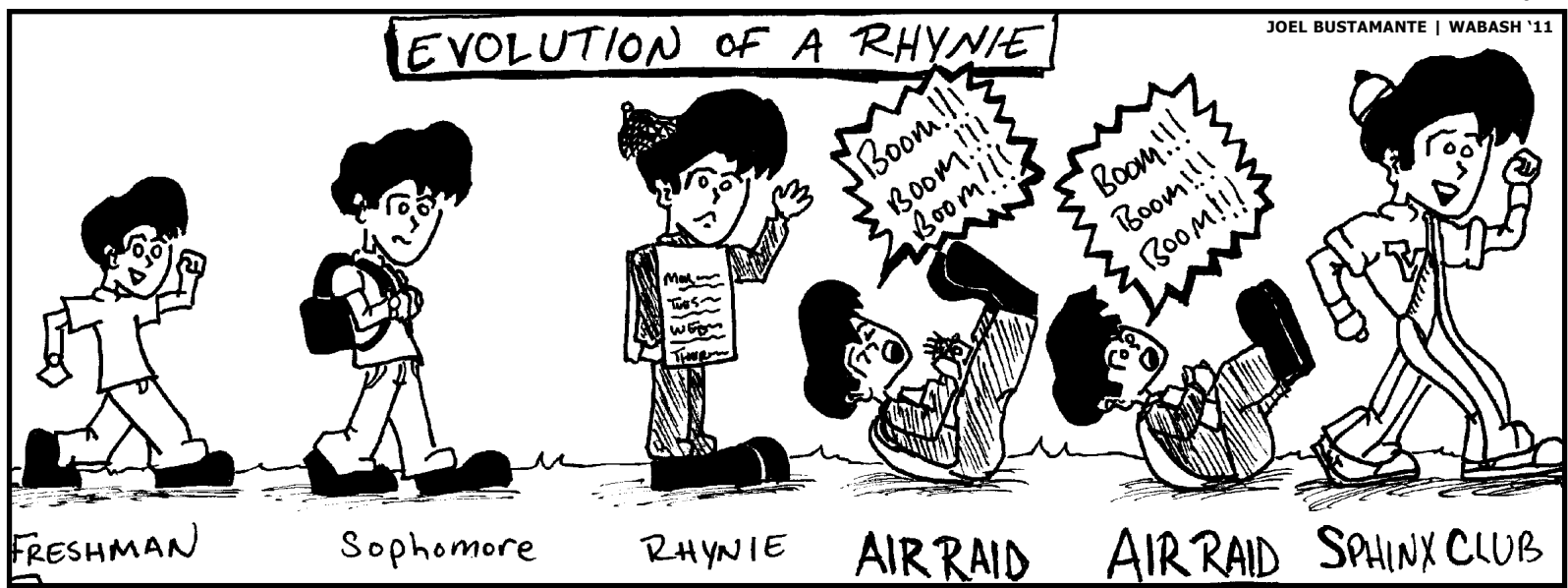
from recent graduate Ross Dillard '07.

Commitments are frustrating. Ask senior and former IMA president Shawn Crane who said, "Three years ago they told us Martindale was going to be remodeled before we got back as sophomores. Now I'm a senior!" Junior Adam added on the Moodle discussion

board, "Are you surprised? I don't expect we will see independent renovations for a long time to come."

Why aren't we seeing the same kind of urgency to replace our half-century old dormitories as we see in getting astro-turf practice fields? Many students sit at the same desk

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# You Colossal Idiots

ROYCE GREGERSON  
BRENT KENT  
WABASH '09

Despite the fact that every fraternity pledge was required to be in attendance, the message of the recent series of Chapel talks on the Gentleman’s Rule seems to have escaped some of them. While everyone makes mistakes, and as the Deans and the President recently reminded us, that’s part of the idea of the Rule, one particularly notable altercation at last Saturday’s football game is worthy of public examination.

A mother of a current Wabash student was seated in the bleaches in the section her son’s fraternity normally occupies. However, they were told by pledges from a different fraternity who had been tasked with reserving a rather large section of bleachers for the actives of their fraternity and their parents to leave. The pledges even taped off the area the mother was sitting in. This little conflict could have been worked out respectfully and peaceably, but the pledges in question had other ideas.

At some point the little situation became a screaming match and one pledge was heard, probably by a significant part of the stands, yelling, “You’re all bitches!” While another asked one of the mothers, “Bitch, you want to come fight me for it?” To make matters worse, an upperclassmen in the stands above yelled down, “Gentleman’s Rule!” to which the pledge’s response was, “Come down here and fight me!” Shortly after the police had to get involved.

That this is involved ungentlemanly conduct does not need to be argued and we do not print it here to do so. Rather, we raise the issue here because there are several lessons for the greater Wabash community from the incident.

Upperclassmen should realize that there are freshmen among us who still do not realize what the Gentleman’s Rule is all about. They had multiple discussions and presentations during their orientation and there has been the past three weeks of Chapel talks, but one month into school some guys just don’t get it.

To some degree that’s to be expected, because really living the Rule takes a life of practice.

However, a failure so significant and so public should be a reminder to everyone how much work there is to do. Upperclassmen must take on the duty of really teaching the Rule.

Freshmen should realize the work they need to do in supporting their brothers of the Class of 2012 in making the Gentleman’s Rule a more significant part of their lives. As President White told you in his Ringing In speech, your greatest teachers here will be your classmates. That is an obligation to learn, but also to teach. Never let pass an opportunity to refocus on preserving our Rule.

Fraternity upperclassmen should especially remember the importance of inculcating a respect for and adherence to the Rule in their pledges. This incident is a poor reflection not only on the house to which the pledge in question belongs but on the entire Greek system. The women at whom the offensive comments were directed happened to be mothers of other fraternity men, and so they understand there is more to the Greek system than offensive language at football games. But what if they

weren’t, and what about everyone else at that football game who heard that language?

Though it wasn’t announced ahead of time this past weekend saw a lot of activity on campus. Despite being a gloomy day, the stands were pretty much full. In addition to the Class Agent Forum, when representatives of each graduated class are brought back to campus, three houses had alumni events. As at every football game, there were not only students and alumni but wives, sisters, grandmothers, etc. Sporting events are not private student functions. They are very public and our conduct at them reflects on us personally, our houses, and the campus as a whole.

As we said above, freshmen and all students are bound to make mistakes. It’s part of being human. But this wasn’t a freshman mistake. This was a character failure. Telling someone’s mother that “You’re all bitches” isn’t something to laugh off. These guys have been here a month and they think they own the place? Something is seriously wrong here.

Perhaps the moms involved let go some profanities of their

own. That’s the way that some people have been telling the story. But it doesn’t really matter. What other people who are not governed by the Gentleman’s Rule do is not a determinant of what is gentlemanly conduct for us. Wabash men should be, and are, held to a higher standard.

This incident should be a learning opportunity. Notice we aren’t using any names; we aren’t trying to ruin anyone’s reputation on the Wabash campus. Let us simply let this serve as another needed reminder to the Wabash community that there is always more work to do to make the Gentleman’s Rule a reality on the Wabash campus.

“Upperclassmen should realize that there are freshmen among us who do not realize what the Gentleman’s Rule is all about.”

## Residence Halls

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their dads studied at forty years ago and the only improvement in Independent housing, College Hall, was a fraternity hand-me-down that came to us only at the convenience of fraternity building projects.

Fraternities are of course, entitled to their new buildings which they have helped pay for, but why has the school denied Independent alumni requests to establish an Independent Giving Fund? Perhaps the school should re-evaluate why this summer’s giving campaign resulted in such low Independent alumni contributions.

Is it far-fetched to assume that when you historically disenfranchise a population of students you can expect them to feel a bit jaded upon graduation? Something I heard repeated over and over during last year’s Senior Giving Campaign was the reluctance of Independents to give back to a school that has made them feel left out.

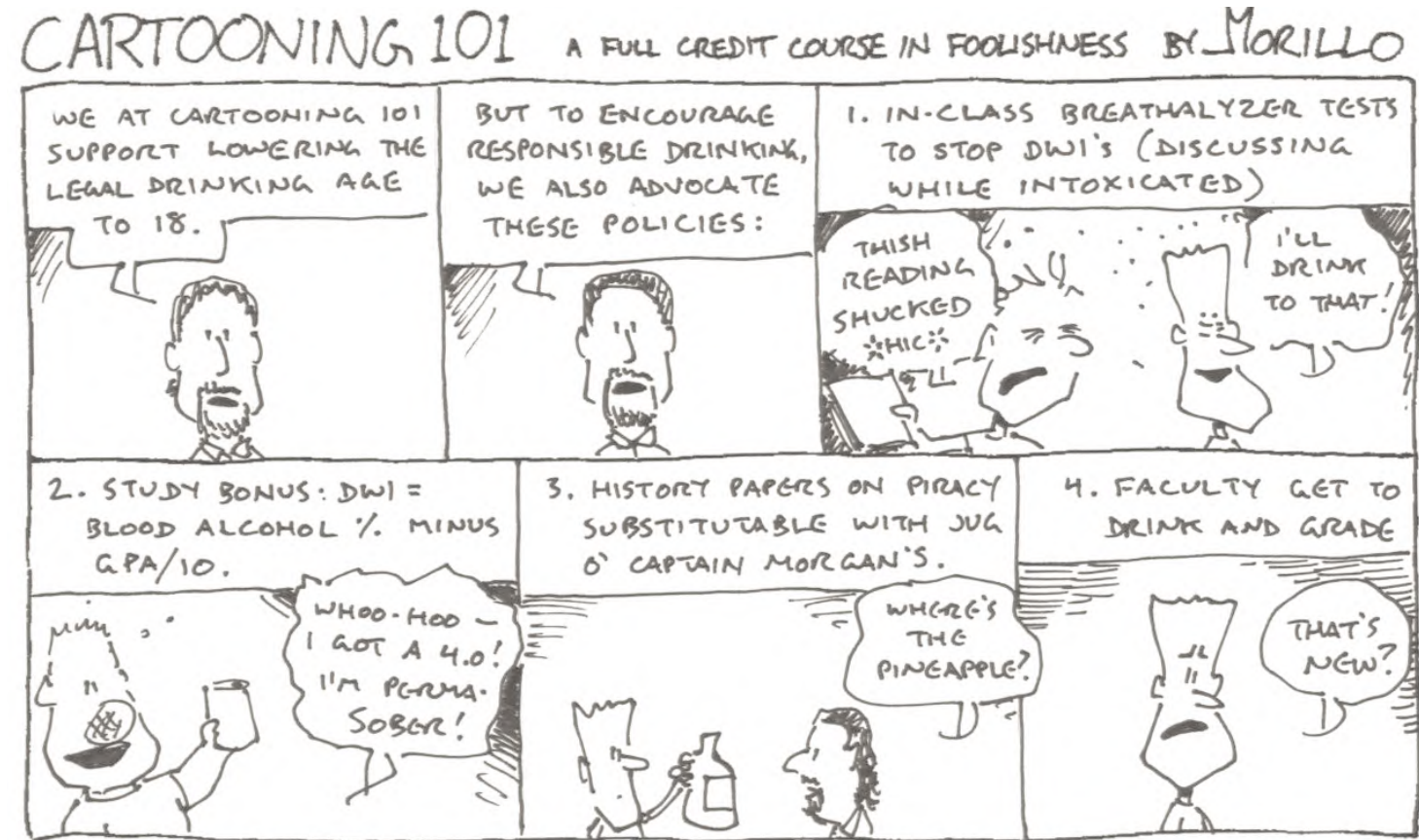
Alumnus Josh Bellis ‘08 would remind us that independents have come a long way in our struggle for some sort of campus equality, but we apparently aren’t there yet. Many students forget that Bellis and other alumni had to fight to allow independents to participate in Homecoming. In fact, this year’s Independent seniors were the first permitted to participate in Chapel Sing and other traditions that Wabash Men have celebrated for decades. But even now when our alumni come back for Homecoming they have no

where to go and you can catch them walking around like they are lost. In years past we tried to host a “Welcome Back” for them, but we lacked any sort of network in which to reach them.

It seems an easy solution to these prob-

lems would be to-at the very least-make the long overdue renovations to the dorms and off-campus houses that we already have, establish a giving fund to encourage more Independent alumni to give, and to all ow Independents themselves to reach out to our

seemingly forgotten forefathers. Change won’t come before the end of my tenure here, but I can guarantee it will come before I write open up my checkbook to any “general fund.”



# The World In 2012: Barack Osama

When Barack Obama was given the Democratic Nomination to run for the White House, he caused one of the biggest stirs in the history of the United States. Not only was he the first black man running for the presidency on one of the major political party tickets, but he had the popularity that none could top. Here is what the world would look like in 2012 if Barack Obama was elected President of the United States...

Obama’s campaign ran with the idea of “Change,” and boy, were there some changes when he made into the oval office. There were many questions raised throughout the campaign about Obama’s true religion. Was he Christian or Muslim? He reassured everyone he was a devout Christian, but in a couple interviews and press events he accidentally said he visited all 57 states in the U.S. (there are 57 Islamic states) and that McCain never brought up his Muslim faith, which he then corrected as his Catholic faith. These were red flags to some, but the majority of the country never caught them. How wrong we were to ignore these signs.

Three years after Obama was elected into office, he banned Christianity and demanded that



ROB  
FENOGLIO  
MANAGING  
EDITOR

all Americans convert to the Muslim faith. Millions saw this coming, but the rest of America was caught off guard. Many claimed Obama was the second coming of Christ, but it may in fact be that he was indeed the Anti-Christ. Furthermore, Obama added another seven states within the United States to help it match the 57 states of Islam. Obama said he wanted to change America, and change he did. We should have expected it – his middle name was Hussein afterall.

One of the biggest things the McCain campaign harped on Obama for was his plan to “teach sex to kindergartners.” However, Obama claimed this was to educate America’s youth on the dangers of sexual predators. Unfortunately, the McCain campaign was 100% correct on this accusation. Obama’s plan went into full effect throughout the nation after just a few months in office. At

the time, children in fourth, fifth, and sixth grade were also being taught how to have sex, and within a two years the number of sexually active pre-teens skyrocketed and the pregnancy rate grew so much, abortion clinics had their doors nearly knocked down by millions of Juno MacGuffs holding their cheeseburger phones.

McCain’s famous add mocking Obama as the world’s biggest celebrity caused a huge uproar and even a mock ad by Paris Hilton. Well, McCain was right about that too. Obama was consistently photographed by the paparazzi hanging out at all the hotspots in Washington with Paris Hilton, Lindsay Lohan, and Britney Spears. Obama loved going to the clubs with his new pals and Michelle Obama was said to have been especially close with Lohan. Furthermore, Obama was a frequent on the cover of supermarket tabloids and was even caught getting out of his car without wearing underwear underneath his shorts – a situation that happened to all three of the aforementioned young women the Obamas partied with.

In the end, Barack Osama, I mean Obama, will turn the country into the unofficial 58th Islam



state and turn our kindergartners and pre-teens into sex hungry zombies. Essentially, our country will be completely destroyed from the inside out and for once the Evangelical zealots will be

entirely correct. Perhaps that is even worse than what Obama could do to our country.

Don’t forget to register to vote for your candidate by Oct. 6.



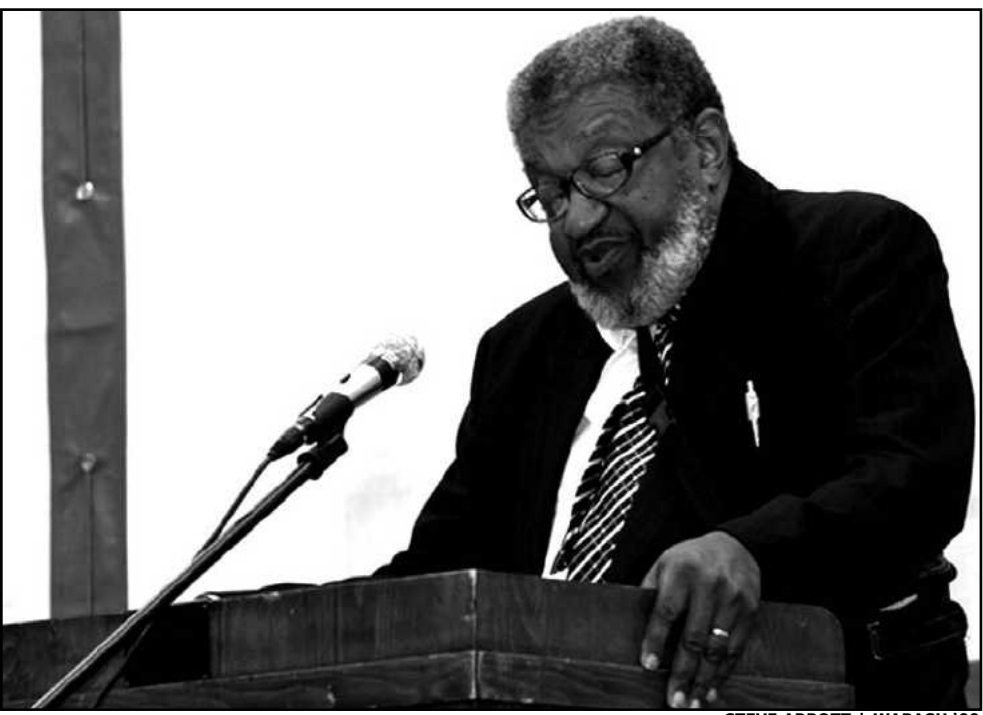
# MXI Celebrates First Black Grad

*Students, Faculty, Staff and Alumni gather to remember John Evans, class of 1908*

**GARY JAMES**  
**NEWS EDITOR**

Current students and alumni of the Malcolm X Institute of Black Studies commemorated the centennial of the graduation of John Evan '08, the first black student to graduate Wabash, last weekend. The weekend's activities were part of a larger MXI Alumni Weekend, which allowed former students to see how campus has changed, see one another, and see meet new students. MXIBS members and administrators have been preparing for the Weekend since last semester. The mailings went out in May. The second wave went out in mid-summer. In early September, they used the phone-a-thon room in the Chapel basement to call alumni who had not RS VP'd. Assistant Director Amina McIntye said a lot of planning went into organizing the events, but she thought it was successful. "I think it was successful but there is always something to improve on," McIntye said. "I would like to see more alumni coming back and be more available to the campus and to do lectures. I also think it's

important for people to know that Wabash College had an active role in trying to educate African-American males." Alumni arrived Friday evening, signed in, and remained for a Meet and Mingle with current students in the MXI building. The next day's activities included a breakfast with President Patrick White and Gary Phillips. Representatives from Admissions, Advancement, Athletics, and Career Services briefed MXI alumni on campus updates. After the Director's Lunch, alumni attended the Wabash vs. University of Chicago football game. The signature event of the entire weekend was the John Evans Program, in which alumnus and trustee Bob Wedgeworth '59 delivered the keynote address. Students, alumni, and administrators were in attendance. The weekend closed with a social that night, and a farewell breakfast Sunday morning. Dr. Finley Campbell, one of the Founders of the Institute and one of the very first full-time black faculty member, gave his assessment of the weekend. "I thought [the weekend] had some very powerful moments," said the retired English Professor and former Wabash fac-

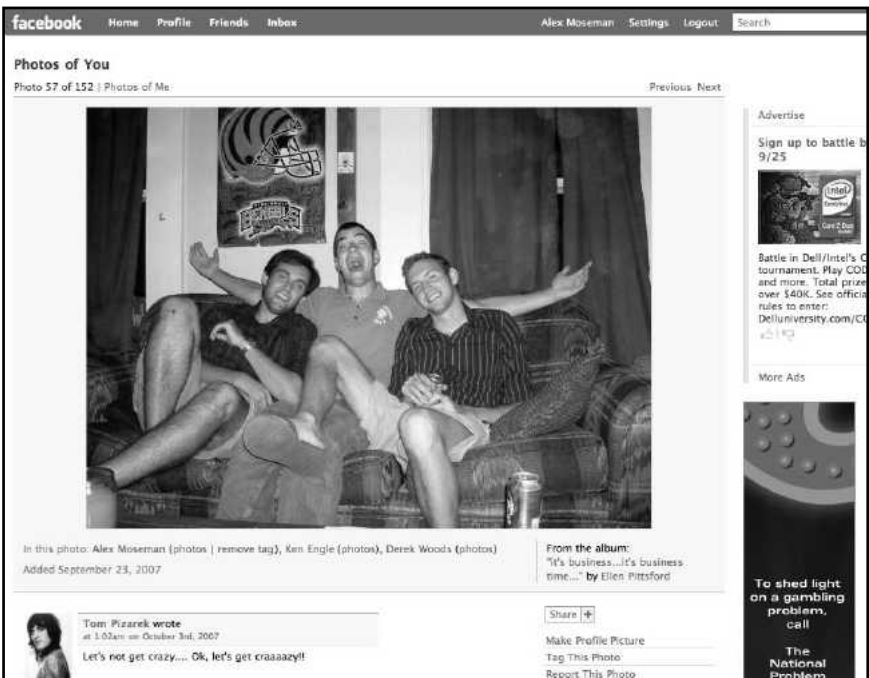


LIVING LEGEND: Former English Professor Finley Campbell was a co-founder of the MXI.

ulty member. "I had not seen the new buildings. I helped look at the earlier drawings. It's great to be able to be apart of that. I also liked the interaction between the administration and the institute. Also, getting a chance to meet the youth. I liked the smoothness. The organization of the events seemed very well done. "The weakness that I saw was there was not enough white students. I wish they could have heard those stories. I also wish there were more faculty present. So when I take everything into account, I give [the weekend] a solid A-."

## Facebook

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26 percent of all employers use the Internet to research candidates, and 63 percent of these employers have chosen not to hire candidates based on their discoveries. Crawford recently spoke with Greg Jania, a Wabash alum who chose not to hire a candidate for what was on his Facebook. The candidate was rejected "strictly because of his main Facebook picture, which featured him dressed in a really bizarre outfit," Crawford said. Many students believe ethics come into play at this point. It's one thing not to hire a candidate for obvious underage drinking or drug use, but quite another to extend these practices to personal choices, for instance a student's political, religious, or sexual preferences. "I believe that it is a very sticky situation," said freshman Kristijonas "Chris" Paltanavicius. "On the one hand, I think Facebook could be used to determine the integrity of the person they are hiring. On the other hand, it is very difficult to separate personal preferences of the employers and their decision making. I think it is wrong for a strongly opinionated employer to make a decision based on, maybe, someone's views, but it is tricky not to." But the news is not all bad. Some students are also able to utilize the



web in a positive manner, benefiting their future careers and impressing employers or grad schools. Crawford had several tips on how to turn Internet personas 180 degrees from a liability to an asset. 1. Start posting positive information on blogs and websites using your given name. 2. Re-create your Facebook page as a job/grad school search tool. Detail your positive points implicitly through your quotes, groups, or pictures. 3. Join LinkedIn (www.linkedin.com), which is a

widely used career networking tool; a sort of Facebook for professionals. 4. Students are also able to change privacy settings on Facebook, keeping a profile hidden unless the viewer has been added to a friend list. The Internet has gradually become an irreplaceable tool for gathering information, sharing opinions, and even creating or building friendships. Perhaps now it has inevitably invaded the employer-employee or admissions-student relationship.

## Family

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for a few weeks. Benitez said his brothers not only voted unanimously to allow them stay there, but they – and their girlfriends - helped make the transition from Texas much easier for Sarah. The act of kindness is something he said they will never forget. "Our families do live in Texas and we do not have any family out here to help us much but we have learned to stand on our own feet," Sarah said. "I would not change our lives for anything in the world. I truly believe with our hard work and dedication to everything that we set our minds to, will pay off." **Ken's Liquor Store**  
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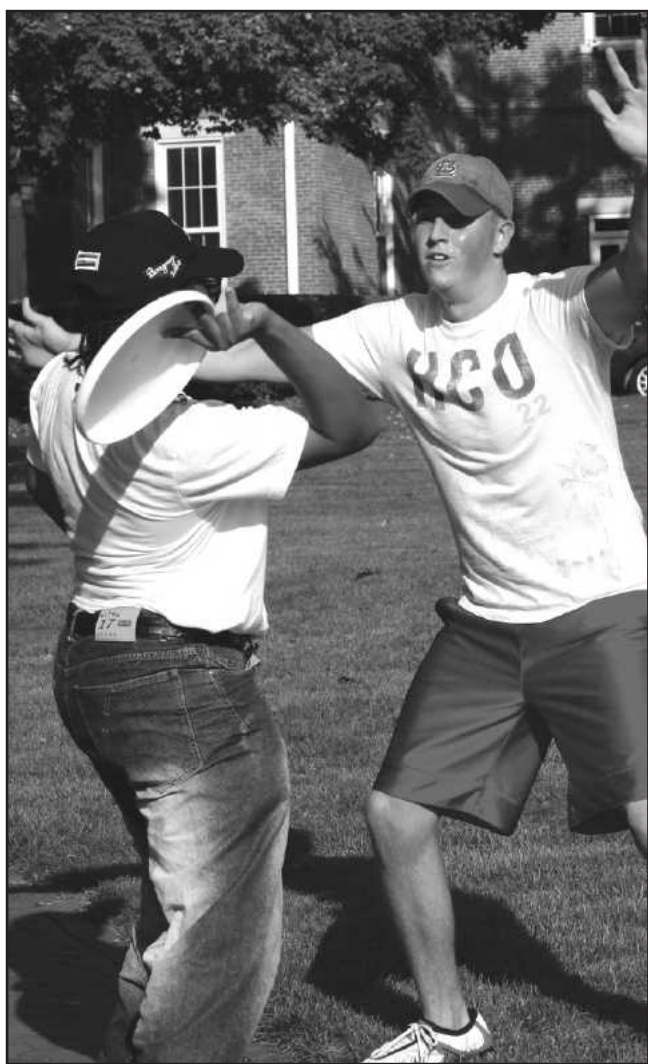
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# Wabash Student Life



Top Left: Allias Corn '11 shuffling cards during Casino Night on Saturday.

Top Center: Caleb Mast '09 with a blocker playing some friendly basketball.

Top Right: While playing ultimate frisbee on the mall, Kwame Jackson '12 is trying to throw the frisbee past Drew Parrish '10.

Bottom Left: On Freshmen Saturday, Richard Hogue '09 takes time to feed a squirrel a peanut.



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# Wrestling Team Plays Ultimate Football



Top Left to Right: Grayson Stone '12, Jake Moore '12, Stephen Mosier'09

Right: Grayson Stone '12 and Tony Conway '12 attempt to block Jared Tribbett '09 on the mall.

While in pre-season, the wrestling team plays ultimate football as a conditioning activity every Friday.



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# Offense Firing On all Cylinders

CHUCK SUMMERS  
SPORTS EDITOR

*Hudson & co. putting up huge numbers so far this season*

Despite a new system and new faces at receiver and running back, the Little Giant offense has opened the season at a blistering pace, averaging 491 yards and 45 points in their first two games against Denison and the University of Chicago.

Leading the assault has been junior quarterback Matt Hudson, who followed his 391 yard, six touchdown performance in the team's opener with a 269 yard, two touchdown game against the University of Chicago on Saturday. Head Football Coach Erik Raeburn said it's Hudson's decision-making abilities that separate him from the average quarterback.

"The best quality he has is his decision making," Raeburn said. "That's the most important thing. He doesn't take chances with the ball. Plus, he's very accurate so those things help him with his success."

Hudson has been able to put up these kinds of numbers despite having an almost entirely new receiving corps. One of these new receivers is sophomore Kody Lemond, who's come on strong with 285 yards and three touchdowns in his first two starts. Lemond said it's also Hudson's personality off the field that helps



STEVE ABBOTT | WABASH '09

In their first home game of the season, The Little Giants scored huge against the University of Chicago, President White's alma mater.



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*Beyond the Playing Field*

## Teaching Christian Messages through Sports

*Two athletes spend summer working for Kids Across America*

BRANDON ALFORD  
WABASH '12

As Sophomore Chris Beedie sat through a plane ride with 21 fellow Little Giants on their way to Africa this past spring for a missions trip, he thought he had signed up for just one volunteer opportunity. Little did he know, he would commit to some more giving for that following summer. After some persuasion by fellow football player Josh Gangloff, Beedie agreed to participate in this past summer's Kid's Across America camp for inner-city youth.

Joining Beedie would be fellow football player DJ Singfield. Singfield, after a freshman year here at Wabash, thought nothing could replicate the Wally experience. However, Kid's Across America seemed to achieve just that, "I felt like there would

never be an experience comparable to the 'Wabash Experience,'" Singfield said. "KAA was just that plus more."

Kid's Across America is a Christian-based camp in Golden, Missouri. The camp's aim is to use sports to spread the message of faith. "Sports open doors of communication," Beedie said. "The counselors and kids may come from different backgrounds, but sports are a universal language."

The camp's participants, many of whom come from lower-income families, are sponsored by a family or company for the duration of their stay.

This means the kids, whose ages range from ten to 18, pay little to nothing to attend. When the kids arrive, they are taught one very important lesson, Singfield said, "The purpose was to show kids from the inner city that you can live a life glo-

rifying to God and still have fun."

Beedie describes himself as someone who was "not very pro-active [regarding volunteering] through high school." However, that seems to have disappeared since he arrived on campus, giving up his spring and summer breaks for philanthropic efforts. "It really taught me how many ways you can help someone every single day," Beedie said. Beedie and Singfield were two of numerous counselors who devoted weeks to helping 1000+ kids learn Christianity through the power of sports. "There was a lot of work... not a whole lot of time for 'you'," Beedie said. "But that was a part of the camp's message: God 1st, others 2nd, you 3rd."

For Singfield, the opportunity to use sports to teach the power of God was one he couldn't

**"We (counselors) learned just as much, if not more, than the kids did. A 13-year-old can teach so much."**

*Chris Beedie, Wabash '11*

miss. "I was also really pumped to be used by God to help others and to be a positive role model to youth," Singfield said. "Every sport and activity we did was centered around Christ."

The kid's may have learned plenty about God, sports, and how the two so commonly intertwine themselves, but they weren't the only ones. "We [counselors] learned just as much, if not more than the kids did," Beedie said. "A 13-year old can teach so much." Beedie went on to explain that there were numerous "teaching

moments" throughout the camp, for camper and counselor alike.

The camp, founded in 1978, has three age brackets: 10-12; 13-14; and 15-18. The camps are divided into eight-day weeks. Each camper will attend one of these "weeks." There are three weeks in a term, and three terms for the counselors and organizers to work. For those Wallies interested in participating in next summer's K.A.A., there will be a callout by representatives from Wabash later on in the school year. Whoever shows up to these callouts will most certainly see Beedie and Singfield, as both expect to return next year to what the camp calls: "The best summer of your life." Asked his opinion of the overall experience, Singfield said, "Words will never be able to describe how awesome camp was. Hopefully there are a lot of guys interested in going next year. It's a part of me that I hold near and dear to my heart."



STEVE ABBOTT | WABASH '09

Kerr replaces Kyle Dunaway as both Assistant Swim Coach and Career Services Intern

## Meet Mike Kerr, "Swim-tern"

PETER ROBBINS  
WABASH '12

If you are on the Wabash swim team, you probably already know the new assistant coach, Mike Kerr. But for those who don't don a Speedo, swim cap and goggles every day after classes, here is an introduction.

Kerr is originally from Lansdale, PA, just outside of Philadelphia, and is a fervent Eagles fan.

Despite the Terrell Owens fiasco during the 2005 season (which undoubtedly set him back emotionally), he graduated last spring from Clarion University.

There, he was a decorated swimmer who earned nine all-American honors and qualified for the NCAA Division Two Nationals three times.

Kerr is staying involved in swimming as a coach here at Wabash, and is looking forward to the upcoming season, as he said the athletes have displayed dedication by coming to captain-led morning practices.

"We have some promising freshmen", Kerr said, "and our returning swimmers seem ready to start the season."

Kerr came to Wabash following an internship in Florida this summer. After a few interviews

over the phone, Kerr visited the College and really liked it. "I'm coming from a small campus as well", Kerr said, "There are a lot more students at Clarion but the campus is about the same size as Wabash's."

In addition to being on the swim team staff, Kerr works in Career Services as the Internship Coordinator. He urged all Wabash students to come see him in the near future, and advised all of us to be proactive about our futures and to seriously consider internships.

"A Bachelor's degree is not enough anymore in a lot of careers, and internships and fellow-

ships can really spice up a resume", Kerr said.

So stop in to the Schroeder Center for Career Development any time and talk to him about an internship. Surely, Kerr would even be delighted to talk about Rocky Balboa or Vince Papale (from Invincible with Mark Wahlberg).

After all, he could show you how to properly execute a flip turn in the 400 meter IM, as well as help to find you jobs and open the doors to your future, so it would be in one's best interest to get to know him.





STEVE ABBOTT | WABASH '09

Alma Juarez has been warmly welcomed by Wabash professors and students, whom she describes as approachable and respectable. A Fulbright Scholar, Ms Juarez comes to Crawfordsville after graduating from the University of Puebla.

## Intern Finding Home at Wabash

ADAM PHIPPS  
WABASH '11

Despite her willingness to try different foods, Ms. Alma Juarez has yet to develop a taste for Wabash cuisine.

"After almost one month," Juarez said, "I am still trying to get used to the food here."

Ms. Juarez is one of the Spanish language interns at Wabash. She grew up in a small town near Tlaxcala, Mexico. She graduated from the University of Puebla with a bachelor's degree in English teaching.

This is Ms. Juarez's second stay in the United States, though this experience is much different. "I've never been to a col-

lege like this one," she said, referring to the all-male student body of Wabash. Ms. Juarez teaches a Spanish tutorial hour, in which the students practice the language in a more communal, modern way than is usually adopted in the classroom.

Ms. Juarez is a Fulbright Scholar, a member of a very competitive

internship program for foreign language teaching assistants to study outside of their country and in the United States. She was assigned to Wabash after undergoing a long application process, receiving one of seven scholarships offered in her area.

This visit to the States is Ms. Juarez's first time travelling alone. The independ-

ence of her trip allows her to be self-confident in her abilities and in her achievements. "It helps me know I can do this by myself."

The role of family in the U.S. is drastically different compared to that in Mexico, Ms. Juarez said. She lived with her extended family during her university studies, and so commuted frequently. "You have to travel every day," she said, whereas here students remain away from home for months at a time.

Despite these differences, Ms. Juarez is enjoying life at Wabash. One aspect of the College she finds especially interesting is the friendly environment. She feels that the students as a whole are approachable and respectable, and that the professors here embody the same feeling of unity. "People are willing to answer my questions," she said.

Ms. Juarez is already involved in many activities on campus. "I have many things I can do," she said; the yoga class held in the Allen Athletic Center is one of those activities. She was also invited to join Unidos Por Sangre, a campus Latino organization that seeks to bring awareness to the culture and history of Wabash's growing number of Hispanic students. Ms. Juarez also looks forward to the

upcoming Salsa class, which will be held soon.

Ms. Juarez is also bonding with the other modern language interns at Wabash. "We are really having a good time together." A recent trip to Chicago by Ms. Juarez and the interns brought them to a concert starring a Mexican singer. "It was funny to show the other interns what songs she sang," she said, when explaining how her fellow colleagues had difficulty understanding the singer's lyrics.

Teaching each other their respective languages is another fun aspect of living together with the interns, according to Ms. Juarez. She said it is very interesting to speak Spanish with Ms. Vilma Santana, the Argentina modern language intern. The language is the same, but the different accents and words used by each show a marked difference in the two cultures.

Ms. Juarez plans on returning to Mexico after her stay at Wabash. There, she will continue teaching English, while studying for her master's degree. Though the return to better dining will be a relief for her, she will hopefully not forget the helpful community of the united brotherhood at Wabash.

JACOB STUMP  
FEATURES EDITOR

Among those professors who left the College this year are LaFollete Distinguished Professor in the Humanities William C. Placher '70 and philosophy professor Cheryl Hughes, last year's winner of the McLain-McTurnan-Arnold Award for Excellence in Teaching. And Dean of the College Gary Phillips sees no reason to worry.

"I believe unquestionably that it's worthwhile", Phillips said, commenting on what he saw as both etymologically and historically linked to the Judeo-Christian tradition of the Sabbath: the sabbatical, a stretch of time during which fulltime faculty are relieved of their classroom duties so to research and recharge.

Ten to fifteen Wabash professors leave the College each year on sabbatical. Eligible every six years, professors can elect to be away for either a semester at full pay or one year at half pay. However, those gone a full year often receive funding from the Center of Inquiry in the Liberal Arts or other research-based institutions, which exchange stipends for data and academic presentations.

"The sabbatical is a way of acknowledging the patterns of work that are peculiar to the Academy require a calendar that is peculiar to the Academy," Phillips said, "because in no other business do you find this concept of 'six years on, one year off.' It's that period of time where faculty who have worked for a stretch of time go through the crop rotation period, letting the ground lie fallow."

However, as Dean Phillips went on to note, faculty on sabbatical are by no means inactive. He should know – faculty intending to leave the College on sabbatical must submit to him a proposal for how they will spend their time away. Dean Phillips and the division chairs then review the proposals, weighing whether to allow or amend them. "We either say, 'Yes, a great plan, we expect a report at the end of it', or, 'This looks like too much to do – refocus it', or, 'We don't think this is a worthwhile

project and thus we do not support it.'" The last response does not happen often – since Dean Phillips came to Wabash in 2006, the College has not refused a sabbatical proposal.

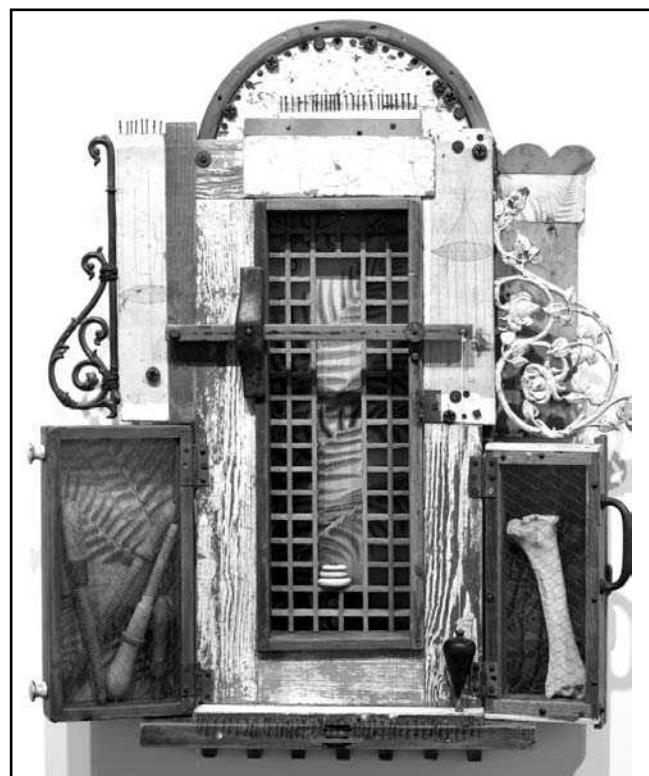
That is probably for a good reason. After six years of being weighed upon by the demands of up to 20 meetings a week, hours spent grading papers and meeting with students, instructing in and outside of the classroom, and individual scholarship, professors need "the luxury of time", Phillips said, "which is the highest priority need here."

Professor of Art Douglas Calisch, whose sabbatical last year culminated in the art now on display in the Eric Dean Gallery, agreed. "By the time that seventh year rolls around, if you're a good teacher, you're pretty burned out. You've been giving and giving and giving of yourself for six years: open door policy, here in the evenings – whatever it takes to educate the students in the best way you think you can."

However, depending on the outcome of ongoing discussions in the Strategic Plan, new professors might not have to wait quite so long to take their first sabbatical. Like-minded institutions to Wabash are increasingly offering a "pre-sabbatical" to professors soon after they gain tenure-track placement. Intended to mirror the relationship of a master working with an apprentice, professors on pre-sabbatical would likely work with colleagues in the teaching department or shadow colleagues teaching C&T or a freshman tutorial. By observing tenured professors who exemplify the Wabash teaching philosophy, new professors would more quickly acclimate to all-male liberal arts education.

"The type of teaching that we have at Wabash doesn't happen when you come out of grad school", Phillips said. "In fact, what usually happens is the opposite. You have to learn, you have to apprentice, and what better way to do it than to put people in a place to give them time where that becomes part of the work that they do."

What the College shouldn't do, Phillips explained, is what most top-tier universities do: expect pre-sabbatical



CHAD SIMPSON | WABASH '10

One sculptural construction from Professor Calisch's exhibit, "Lost and Found, Again."

time to be spent on articles, books, or other personal scholarship. "What happens then is you take that person even further out of the teaching stream. They're disconnected even further from that incremental buildup of experience, which is central to becoming a good teacher." Phillips said this would only "ratchet up the expectation that what makes you fit to be here as a teacher is that you publish a certain amount. At Wabash, we don't have a book or article quota – people have to demonstrate by their day-in and day-out life of the mind that they have the commitment to make this a life-long enterprise."

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# Looking for a Purpose



JAMES MOREY  
THE MALE GAZE

Crawfordsville Capri has failed me - and, by extension, you - by not showing *Ghost Town*, the film that I had intended to review this week. I am prepared to forgive the theater, however, and I hope that it will in turn welcome me back with open doors and cheap popcorn when next I sally forth to watch a Crawfordsville-friendly film. Should GKC Capri continue to hide the treasures of modern cinema from me, I may be forced to abandon our lovely surroundings for the silver-er pastures of Lafayette.

Mind you, I have no intention of wasting this week. I'm going to do my best to articulate what it is I like about the movies that I like, and what, exactly, I'm trying to do with this column.

I have two little measures that I use to judge every film I see. First, how long into the movie did I first check the time? Second, how much of the movie did I actively dislike? I honestly have no systematic tendencies beyond that: I doubt that I'll write about any two films from a substantially similar angle this year.

So, to the measures: The time-check measure is fairly simple. As a general rule, the longer it takes me to check the time while watching something, the better. There are exceptions, of course - I checked my watch several times during the opening shot of *Aguirre, the Wrath of God*, which I thought was a great film. In most cases, though, I love to be so engaged by a movie that I stop caring about the outside world or such petty concerns as whether I need to be somewhere else.

Any film that holds my eyes away from the nearest timepiece through the start of the credits is likely one that has made a great impression on me, whether good or bad. An excellent example is *Burn After Reading*, which, to anticipate your question, I have asked to marry me. At the very end of the film, I was vaguely aware that things were wrapping up, and that the running time had done its thing, but I didn't actually check the time until I had left the building.

My second standard is probably more consistently relevant to whether I think a film is good or not. This is probably best explained by example: Through the whole running time of *Iron Man*, I found only ten seconds that I disliked, and those were the 10 seconds of Gwyneth Paltrow failing miserably at appearing frightened. I loved *Iron Man*. On the other hand, I have disliked the writing, editing, production design, acting, cinematography, and sound design of every *Saw* film to date. When I review *Saw V*, it will be with very low

expectations, because it has been very hard to find anything in the previous four films that's actually likable.

After I've thought about whether a movie has kept my attention and how much of it failed to excite me, my mind can wander off in any direction. If my imagination or sense of justice, adventure, or horror was excited, I'll write about that. If I had a few hours of mindless fun, I'll write about that. Ultimately, this column will tell you whether or not I felt that seeing a certain movie was a waste of time.

So, I'm certainly not advocating some grand theory of film criticism based on sundry metrics and numbered charts. I'm just a dude who likes movies and wants others to see the best of what's out there.

If you have any recommendations of upcoming movies or have a favorite classic film that you'd like to recommend, let me know at [moreyj@wabash.edu](mailto:moreyj@wabash.edu). I'll do my best to make my thoughts on it interesting.



EDWARD DAVIS | WABASH '10

# Fierce Style on the Cheap



KEVIN BILLUPS  
STYLE 101

Wabash, I have been taking style notes over the past couple weeks, and I am glad to report that I have seen improvement! Aside from the usual campus tragedies, I have noticed a general improvement in the campus look. Tears come to my eyes when I think about how many color coordinated outfits I've seen lately...I'm so proud!

I really think you guys are ready for the next part of our quest for stylistic excellence, so I am going to let you in on some of my tips for shopping on a budget. In the world of style, shopping is always encouraged, but there is no need to go broke trying to look good (believe me, I've been there!). There are plenty of ways to look great without spending an arm and a leg. For example, the outfit I'm wearing in the picture only cost me \$45, including shoes! How did I do it? Well Wabash, let me show you the way to frugal fabulousness.

The most important thing you can do when shopping for clothes is to invest in classics. Most clothing available for men is classically styled, so you wear some of your clothes for several years and not look outdated. When you shop, try to fill your wardrobe with timeless staples instead of trends. This way you will get the most out of your clothing. Button downs, ties, polos, a watch, a blazer, jeans, a hoodie, an overcoat, tee shirts, and a black belt are some staples every man should have. If you don't have these, you are in a state of fashion emergency. Fix it!

Next, you need to learn the art of mixing and matching. If you invest in staple clothing items, you can mix and match to keep your look fresh. For example you can wear a colorful polo underneath your blazer, with dark jeans. You can also wear a white dress shirt underneath a zip-up hoodie with light casual jeans and sneakers. Learning to mix up your wardrobe will give you a chance to be creative with your style without spending a dime!

When it comes time to actually buying new clothes, there are several ways to get the look you want for less.

First, get in the habit of shopping out of season. Experienced shoppers know to look for short sleeves in November and sweaters in April. While you won't find the absolute best selection, you will find quality items marked down anywhere from 75-90% off. Shopping out of season is the easiest way to always get a deal on the style you like. You can also get the best deals by shopping clearance. Every clothing store has a clearance rack, but its usually hidden in the back of the store. Stores like GAP, American Eagle, Buckle, and Old Navy usually start clearance items with at least a 50% markdown. Next time you go shopping, don't be an amateur by getting distracted with the stuff in the front of the store, head straight to the back!

Lastly, I will give you my best kept, money saving, style maximizing secret. How could I get an entire

outfit for a mere \$45? Well, everything I'm wearing came from Target. Superstores like Target, Walmart, Sears, and Khols actually have incredibly stylish clothes for an incredibly low price. These companies are picking up brands inspired by popular celebrity looks to create a gloriously happy union between fashion and affordability. While I enjoy stores like Express Men or Banana Republic, it is surprising the similar styles I have found at the Walmart here in Crawfordsville.

So Gents, your homework until next class is to expand your wardrobe, even if its just with one item. After you go out to Kroger to get beer for the weekend, stop by Goodwill and see what you can find. Next time you are at Walmart, stop by Menswear and check out their clothing lines. Remember, keep an eye out for those clearance racks! Class dismissed!

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# Some Senior Advice: Go to the Football Games!

**P. CAMPBELL ROBBINS**  
**WABASH '09**

*Before I begin with this week's column, I feel it necessary to return to my column last week and apologize for a remark I made about Senator John McCain. I made light of the fact that Mr. McCain can't lift his arms very high, and thus couldn't possibly challenge Barack Obama in a one-on-one basketball game. Though I meant it purely in jest, I nevertheless failed to realize, until my youngest though wiser brother brought it to my attention, that the reason Mr. McCain can't move his arms up and down with ease is that he was often forced to hang from ceilings with his arms fully raised during his five years as a P.O.W.. I have the utmost respect and gratitude for the courage Mr. McCain demonstrated in the face of such cruel torture, and therefore I sincerely apologize to anyone who was offended by my remark.*

To put it simply, there's something special about a Saturday afternoon spent at Hollett Stadium watching the Little Giants battle it out on the

gridiron. Being the son of an alum, I've had the good fortune of attending games from a very young age.

I would tag along with my dad each October when he would return to campus for Homecoming, and I remember how amazed I always was to see the multitude of alumni present at the football game. In fact, I believe that I first fell in love with Wabash at those Homecoming games. Timidly sitting at my dad's side in the stands, I was always in awe of how many of his friends and fraternity brothers had also returned, and the mutual joy they shared in being able to catch up with one another.

I would look all around the Home sideline, and it didn't take me long to realize that there was no other place where such a strong representation of the Wabash community was present. The past, present and future of the college were all in attendance at those games, as alums of all ages, current students, and future students came together to enjoy each other's company and root on the Little Giants.

Once I became a student myself, I unfortunately, for some inexplicable reason, for-

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*P. Campbell Robbins, Wabash '09*

got how special Saturday afternoons in autumn are at Wabash. Apart from the Monon Bell contests, I doubt that I attended more than two games during my freshman and sophomore years here. I could always hear the roars of the crowd from my nearby dorm room on game days, but for some reason they weren't enough to pull me away from whatever I was doing, which was usually just lying in bed and hopelessly gazing at a poster of Keira Knightley, dreaming of our future life together. A bit psychotic, I know.

When my younger brother

arrived as a freshman last year, I decided to put Keira aside and go to the first home game of the year, mainly to see how he was getting along. Once I set foot on the track and headed toward the home stands, though, I instantly remembered how special a Wabash football game is. As campy and Nicholas Sparks-ish as it may sound, the wonderful memories of past games with my father in my youth began to rush back into my head. Surprisingly for me, I saw that tons of alums were present at the game, despite the fact that it wasn't Homecoming or anything. I ran into a few of my dad's friends from his days here and sat with some guys I didn't know who have now become some of my best friends here. I made sure from that moment on that I would attend each and every home game I could.

Being about as shy and reserved as they come, I really benefited personally from being amongst throngs of other Wabash men of all ages. In those packed stands, I couldn't avoid being drawn into a conversation with those seated around me, whether it be a professor, a friendly and interested alum, or a fellow student. It is

for this reason more than any other that I regret not attending games by first two years here.

Some of you freshmen must attend games as part of your pledgship requirements, which is great. I strongly urge all others who aren't under any such obligation to nonetheless attend these games. I especially urge those of you who still find yourselves struggling to fit in and develop friendships to do so. I can empathize fully with your situation, and I wish more than anything that I could go back to my freshman year and do it all over again, because then I would realize how helpful these games can be in developing the wonderful feeling that you are a part of this great community.

So if you haven't yet done so, make sure to free your schedule and attend the next game at Hollett Stadium. At the very least, you'll witness a superb performance by our top 10 ranked Little Giants, but on top of this, you might very well develop a friendship with a fellow Wabash man that will make your experience here all the better. Start attending now, so you don't have to look back on your early years here with any regret.

## Offense

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with the offense's success.

"One great thing that goes unnoticed is that he's a likable guy," Lemond said. "The guys support and respect Matt, so that helps us to rally around him when we take the field."

Raeburn and Lemond were also quick to point out that much of Hudson's success is due to the offensive line's ability to keep him upright.

"The offensive line has definitely been a huge reason for our success in both games," Lemond said. "They're not giving up a lot of sacks, and their run blocking has been great."

The unit actually earned the team's player of the game award this week for their performance against the University of Chicago.

This week, the passing game was also accompanied by an impressive running attack. Senior running back Bobby Kimp led the way with 74 yards and a touchdown. Sophomore

Derrick Yoder contributed 53 yards and a touchdown, while Hudson, Adam Pilli, Brock Graham, and Andrew Rode also contributed a combined 63 yards, giving the team 184 total on the day.

"(Kimp and Yoder) both ran hard," Raeburn said. "The success we've had in the passing game also helped with that. Their linebackers were worried about getting back into their zones and the safeties were staying back for the pass. There was a good combination of good blocking up front, running hard, and a good passing game."

The defense has also looked impressive in the first two games, holding their opponents to an average of 260.5 yards and 17 points per game. Sophomore linebacker Bryan Watson has led the defense with 13 total tackles, including 3.5 tackles for loss. Watson and sophomore defensive back Dan Ryan Wood also have one interception each.



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Sophomore receiver Kody Lemond sheds a tackle after a catch against the University of Chicago. Lemond had seven catches for 108 yards

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