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## Honor Scholar Weekend Commences



ELIJAH SANDERS | WABASH '10

Students donate their time and energy to help prepare the College for the annual Honor Scholar Weekend.

### GARY JAMES WABASH '10

More than 350 prospective students from all over the country are slated to attend the 115th Annual Honor Scholarship Weekend this Friday and Saturday.

With the program quickly approaching, the Wabash community has come together to ensure the weekend progresses as smoothly as possible.

Honor Scholar attendees will begin arriving Thursday and Friday and will live in either independent or fraternity housing. According to Assistant Director of Admission Marc Welch, nearly fifty housing arrangements remained to be assigned as of Tuesday, but he was pleased with the willingness of students to share their living space.

"My goal for housing," said Welch, "is for everyone to have a place to put their head at night and for them to be happy with where they are and to understand that just because they were assigned to a place doesn't mean they have to live there for four years. Everyone I've worked with has been great. I really think that's what Wabash is all about. It's not just a fraternity event. It's not just an admissions event. It's everyone in the community."

The Wabash College Honor Scholarship Weekend is a tradition that began more than 100 years ago as a way to assist prospective and incoming students shoulder the cost of attending the College. The students compete for scholarships by taking tests in various subject areas. This year, the maximum award per student is \$20,000 per

year. Last year, students were awarded nearly \$3.5 million in scholarships.

Honor Scholar Weekend is one of the largest scholarship events in the country, and the students in attendance will be among the brightest seniors in the country as well. According to Senior Assistant Director of Admissions Jamie Watson, the majority of the students are from Indiana, but the states of California, Nevada, Florida, New York, New Jersey, Washington, Virginia, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arizona, Kentucky, Ohio, Oklahoma, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin will be represented as well.

Students will register in the Allen Center lobby Friday morning welcomed by President Patrick White, Student Body President Juan Carlos Venis '09, Independent Men's Association President Mitch Rivers '09, and Interfraternity Council President Jim Leuck '09.

On Friday afternoon, the students will take an English exam and an additional test in history, French, German, Latin, Greek, or Spanish. After the examination, they will attend academic sessions, followed by a banquet and tours of fraternities and residence halls.

The student will be tested in a math and science of their choosing Saturday morning. They will have the afternoon and evening to themselves to visit more residence facilities, watch sporting events, or attend other functions sponsored by various groups on campus.

To simplify the fraternity aspect of the weekend, the Interfraternity Council (IFC) has organized brochures, tours, and

## Senate Dismisses Gibson

### JOHN MCGAUGHEY WABASH '11

The Tuesday night before Spring Break Student Senate met and discussed an incident involving Senator Tyler Gibson '09, a member of the Constitution, Bylaws and Policy Review Committee (CBPR). Senator Gibson was alleged to have not only violated the bylaws of the Senate, but also that his actions raised questions on ethical grounds. President Juan Carlos Venis '09, who had appointed Senator Gibson to the Committee, dismissed the senator from the CBPR based on these indiscretions.

In the Senate session prior to that, Secretary of the Student

Senate Royce Gregerson '09, raised objections about the Wabash Conservative Union's (TWCU) compliance with the Student Organization Leadership Act (SOLA). SOLA was adopted in March 2007 under the direction and craftsmanship of Sean Clerget '09 (current editor-in-chief of the Phoenix, though not at the time). SOLA states that, "only students may be officers," and that officers are the leaders of an organization that, "at the very least, [...] include president and treasurer, but may also include those officers with similar status or officers that comprise an executive committee or board." [emphasis added]

In the February 2008 issue of The Phoenix (the publication put

out by TWCU), page 21 listed the "new members to the Wabash Conservative Union Board of Directors." It also stated that, "we are very excited about our new alumni directors." None of the names listed were current students, but alumni. In the Student Senate minutes from March 27, 2007, Sean Clerget is recorded as asserting that, "the Wabash Conservative Union will have no alumni leadership and will be completely student run." Secretary Gregerson is of the opinion the existence of a Board of Directors with alumni members is a violation of SOLA. Thus, the case was directed to the CBPR for review.

Once the matter had reached

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## Weekend

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a short explanation session during the welcome.

"The Wabash College Inter-Fraternity Council has published a brochure entitled 'Greek Life at Wabash College - A Guide for Students and Parents' that we sent out, with a welcoming letter from myself, to all the parents of students attending HSW," said IFC President Jim Leuck of Theta Delta Chi.

"We also published a booklet that has a promotional entry on each of the 10 national fraternities at Wabash and explanations for terms, like with the bidding process," Leuck said. "Both of those are going to be available at the IFC table during registration on Friday starting at 9:00 am. The main goal of IFC is to have a successful and well-organized beginning to the rush process that will end when classes start in the fall."

Current freshman are excited about this weekend as well, having their own Honor Scholar Weekend experience fresh in their minds. Some of them have even decided to host prospective themselves.

"Honor Scholars was very important in my decision to come to Wabash," said Adam Current. "I had been on a few visits, but never anything that offered quite the interaction with the students or just the amount of time spent on campus. I still remember buying my Wabash hat at the bookstore that Saturday-the instant I wanted to buy it I knew I had made my decision."

Independent Thomas Warn knew he would attend Wabash, but he still appreciated his Honor Scholar experience.

"I resided at the TKE House during Honor Scholar Weekend," he said. "They were all very hospitable and just made me feel welcomed to the campus. This is why I am hosting a student this year. I want to make him feel just as welcomed and comfortable on the campus as I was, when I was in his place, last year. Most of all I want to help him see how he can contribute to the Wabash community, should he join us next fall."



CHAD SIMPSON | WABASH '10

Student Body Vice-President John Moton '09 and President Juan Carlos Venis '09 talk to reps during senate.

## Letter to the Editor

## Dear Editor,

This is in response to your editorial on standing ovations at Chapel Talks. I agree with the general point of the editorial, that standing ovations should occur only when earned lest their overuse render them almost meaningless. However I take issue with the claim that Professor Barreto "received a standing ovation from faculty

most likely because he blamed the sexist single-sex environment for his leaving." I am quite confident that the faculty's standing was our way in that moment of honoring Bert Barreto for more than twenty years of outstanding teaching.

The talk Bert had just given was a moving personal history which not only demonstrated his teaching prowess but also

gave insight into his view of the world. There are doubtless hundreds of current and former students who strongly disagree with his position on Wabash's single-sex status and yet regard Bert as one of the best teachers they have ever had.

Sincerely,

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# Goldberg Speaks On “Liberal Fascism”

**ROB FENOGLIO**  
**NEWS EDITOR**

The Wabash Conservative Union presented Jonah Goldberg, editor-at-large of National Review Online, on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in Hays 104. Mr. Goldberg lectured on his new book, *Liberal Fascism*.

Mr. Goldberg is a contributing editor for National Review and contributing writer for the American Enterprise. He writes a nationally syndicated column for Tribune Media Services. Mr. Goldberg has written on politics and culture for numerous publications such as the New Yorker, the Wall Street Journal, and the New York Post.

President of the WCU Sean Clerget '09 was excited for Mr. Goldberg's lecture and expected the event to provide a unique perspective for attendees.

“Jonah Goldberg's new book *Liberal Fascism* has sparked some interesting reaction,” Clerget said. “It came to our attention when he wrote the cover story for a recent issue of National Review on the same topic.”

Mr. Goldberg's new book has drawn some criticism because of its content regarding the origin of fascism linked with conservatism. The book attempts to explain that these two are linked, but not in the way in which they are commonly thought to be.

Professor of Religion Dr. Stephen Webb '83 has had a strong affinity for Mr. Gold-

berg for some time and considers him to be a great writer and speaker.

“Jonah Goldberg is my favorite syndicated columnist,” Dr. Webb said. “His new book is a revision of the usual genealogy you get about the origins of fascism and its relationship to communism. Most historians and higher education types trace communism to liberalism and fascism to conservatism, to oversimplify and put it bluntly. Communism is seen as merely an exaggeration of liberalism, while fascism reveals conservatism's ugly impulse. This is completely wrong.”

Dr. Webb explained that communism and fascism are both species of totalitarianism, and both can be traced to basic liberal impulses to “impose a rational order on society in a utopian manner.” Authoritarian governments can be traced to conservatism, but authoritarianism is radically distinct from totalitarianism.

“The upshot of all of this is that liberals often call conservatives ‘fascists’ today,” Dr. Webb said, “but it is liberalism that is prone to fascism (defined as the attempt to change reality to make it fit preconceived ideals).”

Mr. Goldberg's views have caused a slight ruffle on campus, especially with Professor of English Warren Rosenberg.

“A college, by definition, should be open to the discussion of all ideas,” Rosenberg said. “It is difficult, though, to talk reasonably when people label those they do not agree with by using terms like ‘fas-

cist.’ That kind of labeling and name-calling just makes people defensive; it closes their ears, and minds, and hearts to the ideas of others.”

Given Professor Rosenberg's Jewish background, he said he gets very upset when he, “as a ‘liberal,’ whatever that means exactly,” is labeled a ‘fascist,’ a term he associates with Hitler, by anyone.” He said this makes him inclined not to listen and it makes him want to avoid interaction because he can get so angry he can't be himself.

“We should listen to each other, have heated debates when we need to, but we must try to respect each other,” Rosenberg said. “If we do not, if we shut the other person down through name-calling or other expressions of disrespect, we cannot really learn from each other—which is the point of all of us being here together at Wabash, isn't it?”

Mr. Goldberg is no stranger

**“Communism is seen as merely an exaggeration of liberalism, while fascism reveals conservatism's ugly impulse. This is completely wrong.”**

*Dr. Stephen Webb '83*

to controversy. Besides his controversial opinions concerning his pro-stance on colonization in places like Africa and his negative opinions concerning liberals' moral values and ethics, his biggest controversy involved the notorious Monica Lewinsky scandal.

His mother, Lucianne Goldberg, was involved in the Clinton-Lewinsky scandal, so he got his start as a pundit by

defending his mother who convinced Linda Tripp to record conversations with Lewinsky. Those tapes became the focal point of the Lewinsky scandal, and Mr. Goldberg was familiar with the tapes and the conversations his mother had with Linda Tripp because he served as a vice-president of his mother's literary agency. When the scandal surfaced and was made mainstream by the media, Mr. Goldberg defended his mother and Tripp during the ensuing media firestorm.

Mr. Clerget was positive the lecture would have good attendance and hoped that Mr. Goldberg could clear up the misconceptions relating to fascism and conservatism.

“Mr. Goldberg has said many times that he is not calling liberals ‘fascists’ in his book,” Clerget said. “He is also taking a fresh look at the history of fascism, and how it is thought of in American politics today.”

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Contact Gina Bowman at [bowman@wabash.edu](mailto:b Bowman@wabash.edu) or Jerry Bowie at [bowiej@wabash.edu](mailto:bowiej@wabash.edu) for more information.

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# Bachelor to Honor Scholars: Welcome!

First of all, the staff of the *Bachelor* would like to welcome all the high school seniors to our fair campus. This is the very big going-on for Wabash, for both you, the seniors, admissions, and the current students and faculty as well. This is the time for Wabash to put on its best face, reach out to outside people, and get some much-needed outside entertainment. Students are probably more familiar with the hypnotist's act by now than they were with most of Third Eye Blind's songbook.

But, this column is not directed at the current students here. This is for the honor scholars. As a crew of experienced Wabash men at this point (plus Rob), we feel there are some necessary pieces of advice that might not be immediately obvious to such ambitious young men as yourselves.

First of all, realize that current students are probably not going to be overly impressed with your resume. We all went to high school, too, once upon a time, and given that we landed at Wabash and have all done reasonably well if we're still here at this time of year; we also had impressive resumes in high school. This is one of the first times in your life where the saying "nobody cares about high school" applies.

Related to this, while this weekend is about you insofar as you are the one taking the tests, you are the one we've made special arrangements to house, you are the one that many living units have put on a front to attract. That said, don't get cocky. You get to spend a weekend here to try to figure out what

## The Issue:

Honor Scholar Weekend is here, bringing many high school seniors with it.

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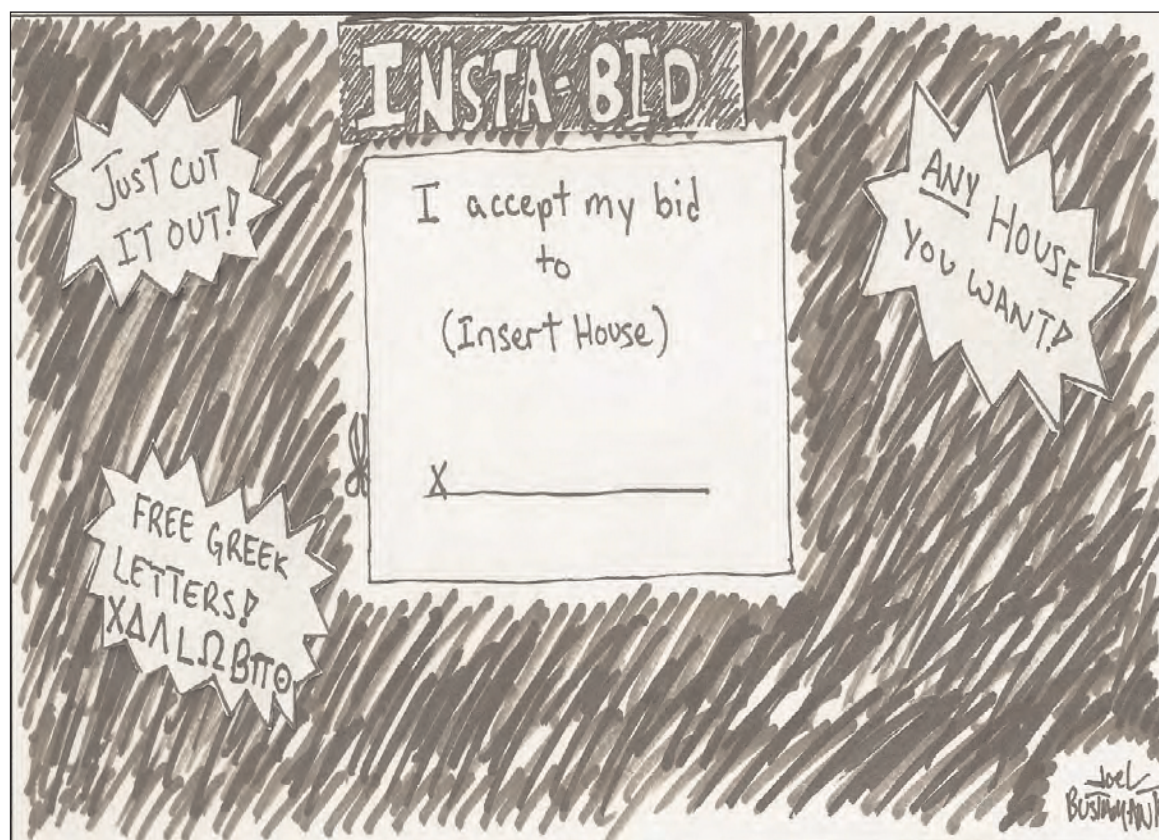
Most, if not all, of these seniors could use the advice of seasoned veterans like the *Bachelor* staff.

this place is about, try to show that you can cut it here, and try to figure out if this is for you.

Another bit of advice from your friendly newspaper staff is to check out all your options. Make sure to get as much information about living units as you can from multiple sources. It might be too late by the time you read this, but make sure to also visit as many booths in Chadwick as you can. You won't ever really know if a club will or won't interest you until you talk to somebody involved.

What's more, do as well as you can on the tests, but don't fret too much, either. These tests can determine how much scholarship money you receive, but chances are, you got a fairly decent deal on scholarships and grants before you got here. The tests are a part of the weekend, but the atmosphere is a bigger part. This is the first chance to figure out if Wabash is really for you, and many people will tell you that it definitely is not for everyone. Be honest with yourself while you are here.

Lastly, be sure to rush *Bachelor*. It's the best place on campus to get your opinion out to a more or less captive audience at least once a year, which is a better perk than you might think.



# The Treasure of the Honor Scholar Madre

Honor Scholarship Weekend is a lot like the 1948 film, *The Treasure of the Sierra Madre*.

There are a lot of guys panning for gold on the mountain. They might talk about looking into fraternities, getting acquainted with Wabash, and the rest of the stuff they're quoting out of the letters they've gotten about the event. Don't believe a word of it. They want gold! Gold!

And who wouldn't? If Dean Klein wanted to give me a few grand for my trouble, I'd still take it, and I've only got about three months left. I'm not asking for a few thousand, in cash – in non-sequential unmarked bills – deposited in escrow at a Swiss bank to be determined later, but I'm not saying I'm above taking it.

All levity aside, I'm directing my advice here to the hordes of high-school students about to beset Wabash. I'm going to use quotes from *The Treasure of the Sierra Madre* to help make my points. Why? Because I can, and –



PATRICK SMITH  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

though the prospective Wabash men will never know it – I have shown a longstanding pattern of ignoring what my readers would have me do.

"If I were you boys, I wouldn't talk or even think about women. T'aint good for your health."

The all-male 'thing.' Let's get it out of the way early.

Forget about it. I've been here going on four years, and I've never seen a bus full of women. If you're 18 years old, even in George W. Bush's America, and you think that treating women like cattle is a good idea, then you're a little slow-witted and college isn't likely your métier. Women come

here for parties. We are within an hour or so of three or four institutions with plenty of women. Going to Wabash won't get them to lower their standards, but you'll find that one out – sooner, I expect, rather than later.

There are female professors, administrators, and staff here. Wabash might not have any female students, but don't delude yourself into thinking that women are not a part of Wabash. They have been, in various capacities, since any of you were born. Wabash's all-male character is a nonstarter. If you decide to matriculate, then you should think long and hard about it to form your own opinion on the matter.

"Ah, as long as there's no find, the noble brotherhood will last but when the piles of gold begin to grow...that's when the trouble starts"

Wabash does have a 'noble brotherhood,' but it isn't perfect. Don't come here expecting to be best friends with everyone in your

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# Credit Where Credit's Due: One To DePauw

If there is one overarching complaint to be made of Wabash College, it is this: there is an obvious lack of notable guest speakers. Over the past four years, it has become increasingly evident that Wabash College puts little to no emphasis on hosting celebrity guest speakers. Occasionally, departments will sponsor a lecture by some relatively unknown author or professor. Rarely do these guest speakers have any household namesake value. Although they may be interesting, many are not nationally syndicated. However, departments cannot be blamed for the lack of illustrious names, because they must meet budgetary restrictions.

Rather than the College estab-

lishing a speaker series, the responsibility is dished out to students to organize such events. Conceivably, this is a practice in self-reliance and independence. In reality, this is nothing more than stinginess. Every major speaker to visit this campus in the last ten years has been paid with student activity fees and is credited to students' efforts. Students pay an exorbitant activity fee, which in turn goes to help fund speakers and other club activities.

In the case of *The Wabash Commentary*, alumni and outside organizations fundraised and, along with student contributions, to bring such names as Ann Coulter, William F. Buckley Jr., and John Ashcroft to our Chapel steps.



Although this writer is right-leaning, it would be laudable to sponsor a sharp-tongued leftist on campus (that isn't Professor Morillo). Where are the Gore Vidals of America? Not at Wabash.

One must give credit where credit is due. DePauw has an incredibly impressive speaker series. They sponsor talks from

some of the most powerful world leaders in modern era. The Ubben Lecture series has brought some of the most impressive names to the backwoods of Indiana. Most recently, Tony Blair visited the campus.

Other namesakes include Margaret Thatcher, Mikhail Gorbachev, Benazir Bhutto, Barbara Bush, Bob Woodward, David McCullough, Ralph Nader, Ross Perot, Colin Powell, and (a personal favorite of mine) Allan Bloom. And the series isn't just geared towards those interested in politics. Peyton Manning, Spike Lee, Mike Krzyzewski, and Jesse Jackson have also visited DePauw's campus.

So, what gives? Perhaps the

College is just waiting for some deep-pocketed alumni to step up and take a swing at this one. Yet with our current endowment, one would think that getting at least one important speaker to campus a year would not be such an impossible feat.

It seems that the buck is continuously passed on, from the upper administrative echelon to the students, and then to the alumni. It would be naive to think a crusade like this would not be expensive. Yet the argument that we don't have enough money simply won't work. Not with this lot.

If we are going to continue to be competitive in the Monon rivalry, we must compete in more arenas than sports stadiums.

## Treasure

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class, every other student, and every single person associated with the College. It won't happen, and you'll become a misanthrope long before you should (i.e., Comps week). Wabash is a family, and there is a special bond – not perfect amity.

Look at it like this: Do you like every relative you have? Probably not. You might have an Uncle Morty, whose staunch anti-Communism once ruined a Labor Day cookout. Maybe you've got a Cousin Lester whose love of wrasslin' has ruined more than one family wake. Perhaps it's Aunt June with her never-ending litany of salacious relationship details and marital woes who's made Scrooge's view of Christmas more reasonable.

If you don't have such relatives, then you soon will.

Wabash is made up of ordinary human beings, and we have to work to get along and not let the mid-Winter 'Crawfordsville crazies' drive us to various acts not unfamiliar to those who have read *Lord of the Flies*. If you work hard and choose your companions carefully, then you'll have friends without whom Wabash just wouldn't seem 'right.' It goes without saying that those friendships will get you through rough

times and last a lifetime. It seems corny, but slap my knees and call me Aunt Jenny if it isn't true.

"Conscience. What a thing. If you believe you got a conscience it'll pester you to death. But if you don't believe you got one, what could it do t'ya? Makes me sick, all this talking and fussing about nonsense."

You're going to hear a lot, if you haven't already, about the Gentleman's Rule. Let me put it like this: The Gentleman's Rule is an old-timey hillbilly (or, son of the soil, for the P.C. crowd) with a 'smellhound' named Zeke and a double-barreled 12-gauge 'boomstick' called Ol' Blue.

Bear with me.

If you stay inside the lines, you can have a lot of fun – swapping tall tales, drinking White Lightning (make sure it burns blue, and if it's good, then it should go down like water), and playing spoons in the jugband each Friday night. If you cross the old fellow, though, then you'll find out that Ol' Blue is in pretty good working order. What I'm trying to say is that you should take the Gentleman's Rule seriously, but don't let it become a burden. Learn your limits and stay inside them. In a little while, assuming the process works, you won't even have to apply the test consciously. If the

process doesn't work, then make sure you know where Dean Bambray's office is.

How about this, if I've confused you: Don't do anything about which you wouldn't tell your grandfather? If your grandfather doesn't have what psychologists call 'good boundaries,' then go by this: Don't do anything about which you wouldn't tell Professor Placher. He seems like a pretty good moral arbiter for my purposes.

"A thousand men, say, go searchin' for gold. After six months, one of them's lucky: one out of a thousand. His find represents not only his own labor, but that of nine hundred and ninety-nine others to boot. That's six thousand months, five hundred years, scramblin' over a mountain, goin' hungry and thirsty. An ounce of gold, mister, is worth what it is because of the human labor that went into the findin' and the gettin' of it."

Wabash will give you at least as much as you put into your time with her. The more you give, though, the more you'll get back. Do not come here thinking that mere admittance is enough. Do not think that a scholarship and a bid to a fraternity are enough. You have to be prepared to give to Wabash: your time, your energy,

and your desire to learn.

The value of a Wabash degree is not that you were graduated with an A.B. from a small, all-male Midwestern liberal-arts college. A Wabash degree will not save you from hard work, struggle, and the occasional defeat. There are, to be fair, Wabash men who would not have prospered if they had gone somewhere else and some who would have had they gone anywhere else. Wabash can be a wonderful beginning to a life successful in all regards, but it only serves as such when you make the effort to create that beginning for your own life.

In other words, you need to decide whether Wabash is the place for you. Ignore the Admissions stuff, Wabash students, and – really – even your parents. They might be paying for it, but – let's be realistic – you're taking the tests and passing the classes. If Wabash doesn't seem like the place for you, then you'll know. It's not a 24-hour party, and it isn't a monastery. If you want one or the other, you had better prepare for some disappointment.

As my time at Wabash draws nigh, I have come to think that Wabash doesn't impart some sort of special character to her loyal sons. What she does, though, is provide an opportunity for her

sons to reveal their own special characters. Some men will find aptitudes for art, politics, literature, or even economics. Maybe they would have anyway, and maybe they wouldn't. I don't really know.

What I do know is that Wabash is hard, but she offers recompense for your sacrifices.

I am reminded of a line of Richard Nixon, given at his 1974 farewell address to the White House staff, "the greatness comes not when things go always good for you, but the greatness comes when you are really tested, when you take some knocks, some disappointments, when sadness comes, because only if you have been in the deepest valley can you ever know how magnificent it is to be at the highest mountain."

I guess my point is this: Get to know Wabash. Meet the current students and professors. Take your tests, and hope to come away with sweet, delicious money. Explore living options and organizations. (Like the *Bachelor*, hint-hint-hint.) What you really need to do, though, is take some time and consider whether you have a place at Wabash. We'll welcome you either way, but – at least in this life – you have to do what's best for you if you want the best outcome for yourself.



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# Semi-Pro: *Mom Probably Bribed the Coach for a Start*

Will Ferrell has made a career out of playing the same guy over and over again. The premises are different from film to film, but he's always the same self-important imbecile in each of them, delivering all his lines with the same pompous pseudo-gravitas. Most people seem to find this character pretty funny, so it's not necessarily a bad thing; he's never said that he's out to shake up the American comedy or anything.

Your mileage may vary, but it's certainly sensible to keep giving the people what they want as the long as they want it. The catch is that this makes Ferrell entirely dependent on the skill of the screenwriter. With a strong script, he soars (insofar as the man can); with a weak script, his delivery laboriously drags out a chuckle or two before the whole film plummets into an exquisite sort of torture. Semi-Pro is decidedly in the latter category.

I had intended to see an entirely different film, but a projector malfunction left me with this latest Ferrell vehicle as the only alternative. Because I love you so, and because they were going to take away my expense account if I skipped another deadline, I took this cinematic bullet. Unfortunately, I have trouble imparting the wisdom of



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my experience, because I cannot for the life of me recall a single pertinent fact about the film.

Not because I didn't pay attention, mind you. The details of the plot involve Ferrell as has-been soul crooner Jackie Moon, having spent all of his royalties buying a bottom-tier ABA team so that he can be a power-forward. When the NBA/ABA merger stipulates that only four teams will make the transfer, Moon schemes to improve his team's ranking and popularity and zany hijinx ensue or whatever; I guarantee that I just put more effort into that two-sentence synopsis than the writers did in the entire script.

No, it's only a problem when I try to think qualitatively about the film. I don't seem to have any impressions of it other than a mild sort of revulsion. I see the film in my head as a saggy grey lump squatting on a featureless expanse, yielding to the touch and undulating in a most

unpleasant manner, covered with a greasy iridescent sheen. Not a thing that inspires torrents of abuse, but hardly something you want to stand next to.

There are a few bright spots in the lightless, joyless chasm that is this film. Andrew Daly and Will Arnett's vituperative color commentators are pretty consistently entertaining, and Andre Benjamin has a surprising comedic deftness. But noting high points in this movie is like taking comfort in all the weight you'll lose from necrotizing fasciitis. The writing is atrociously bad, the funniest concepts are transparently recycled from other Ferrell films, and the investment of the actors is best described as "paycheck."

The film is a breathtaking failure, and its contribution to posterity consists in total of eight dollars I'll get back and two hours I never will. I know, unfortunately, that this movie will probably make enough on star power to encourage its creators to continue, so it's a labor of love to keep you fine fellows from wasting your brief, brief existence on this bland bit of awfulness. And if you do like it, I'm sure we can have you forcibly trepanned and send your quality of life way, way up.

## Vigil Honoring Iraq War Veterans

*Please join the Wabash community on March 19 at the Chapel steps to remember those who have died in service to this country on the fifth anniversary of the declaration of War in Iraq. There will be some discussion and this is a non-partisan event so please do not bring any campaign materials..*

## Meet The Staff



PATRICK MCALISTER  
STUFF EDITOR

### What do you do in your off-time, other than political wonkery?

I enjoy reading emails on the !conservative listserve

### Tonya Harding or Smokin' Joe Frazier?

Tonya Harding. Fighting's ok as long as it is with weapons.

### Do you enjoy Gilbert Gottfried or Bobcat Goldthwait?

What a horrible choice. Gottfried's voice makes me want to club baby seals.

### Paul Lynde: Misunderstood Genius?

I'm not a big fan of *Hollywood Squares*. It is a stupid, stupid game.

### Barack Obama: America's Savior or the Manchurian Candidate?

America's savior. He's second only to Jonah Goldberg.

### Who would win in a fight? Mr. T or Margaret Thatcher?

Thatcher, of course. Mr. T isn't even scary by comparison.

### What did you do over Spring Break?

Nothing. I heard Colin Rudnik had a good time.



FEBRUARY 21, 2008

# Goldberg Comes Back to 'Bash



**Above:** Kyle Cassidy and Jonah Goldberg pose for a picture before the lecture.



**Left:** Goldberg delivers his talk to a crowd in Hays Hall.

Photos By:  
Clayton Craig '08



# Defending *Liberal Fascism*



**Above Left:** Goldberg tells it how it is at Wednesday Night's Lecture

**Above Right:** Junio Tyler Gibson introduces the night's speaker, Goldberg

**Left:** Hays 104 was filled with the curious and devout.



# Honor Scholarship Weekend Agenda

<b>9:00-9:15 AM</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Allen Athletic Center (Allen)</b>	<b>8:00-8:45 AM</b>	Breakfast Buffet	Ball and Baxter Lobbies
	Parents' Reception	Allen - Class of '98 Lounge	<b>9:00-10:30 AM</b>	<b>Math Exam</b>	
<b>9:30-10:30 AM</b>	Campus Tours	Allen - Bowerman Lobby		Last Name...A-J	<b>FAC, Ball Theater</b>
	Parent Panels	Allen- 134 A		Last Name...K-O	<b>FAC, Salter Hall</b>
<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	<b>The Pioneer Chapel</b>		Last Name...P-Ri	<b>Baxter Hall, 202</b>
	<i>Dr. Patrick White, Wabash College President</i>			Last Name...Ro-S	<b>Baxter Hall, 101</b>
	<i>Juan Carlos Venis, Student Body President</i>			Last Name...T-Z	<b>FAC,M120</b>
	<i>Mitch Rivers, Independent Men's Association President</i>		<b>11:00-12:00 PM</b>	<b>Science Exam</b>	
	<i>Jim Leuck, Interfraternity Council President</i>			Biology	<b>FAC, Ball Theater</b>
<b>12:30 PM</b>	Student: Lunch	Host Living Unit		Chemistry	<b>Baxter Hall, 101</b>
	Parents: Faculty/Staff Lunch	Allen - Chadwick Court		Physics	<b>FAC, Salter Hall</b>
<b>1:30-3:00 PM</b>	<b>English Exam</b>		<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>Honor Scholarship Lunch</b>	<b>Allen - Chadwick Court</b>
	Last Name...A-J	<b>FAC - Salter Hall</b>	<b>12:30 PM</b>	Free time	
	Last Name...K-Z	<b>FAC - Ball Theater</b>		Wabash Relays	
<b>3:30-4:30 PM</b>	<b>History Exam</b>	<b>FAC - Ball Theater</b>		Baseball vs/ Robert Morris	
	<b>Foreign Language Exam</b>			Coaches available in Allen Center	
	French	<b>Goodrich 101</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	Dinner	Host Living Unit
	German	<b>Detchon Center, Computer Lab</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	Dale K, comedian, hypnotist	The Pioneer Chapel
	Latin and Greek	<b>Detchon Center, 112</b>	<b>8:30 PM</b>	Fraternity Houses	
	Spanish...A-J	<b>Hays 003</b>			
	K-Z	<b>Lily Computer Lab</b>			
<b>4:45-5:15 PM</b>	Academic Session 1				
<b>5:15-5:45 PM</b>	Academic Session 2				
<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Honor Scholarship Banquet</b>	<b>Allen - Chadwick Court</b>			
<b>7:00-9:00 PM</b>	Tours of Fraternities and Residence Halls				
<b>8:00 PM</b>	Honor Scholarship Concert	FAC, Salter Hall			
<b>9:00-11:00 PM</b>	Fraternity Houses Open (Fraternity Rush Begins)				

## Sunday March 16

Breakfast in Living Unit  
Students Depart



**Left:** Students file the folders handed out to attendees of Honor Scholar Weekend.

**Right:** Students help the College prepare for Honor Scholar Weekend by organizing documents for the attendees' folders.

Photos by Elijah Sanders '10





## Senate

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cerning him. The Union is an extra factor, and at best, consequential.

**Bachelor:** Do you believe that the Wabash Conservative Union was in accordance with SOLA?

**Gibson:** I'm good friends with Sean Clerget, the editor-in-chief of the Phoenix. He wrote SOLA, so he has a deep understanding that I took from him. SOLA was created to remove outside influence, and I believe that the Wabash Conservative Union upholds SOLA with its non-interference policy and bylaws.

**Bachelor:** Do you have any remarks about your absence during the Senate session in which

you were dismissed from the CBPR?

**Gibson:** I chose to allow things to unfold and defer to the President. I knew what was coming. I believed that my presence in the chamber would have caused controversy, whereas my absence made the decision simple.

**Bachelor:** Any final remarks?

**Gibson:** I want to stress that the meeting I called was completely focused on Zajac. I don't want to be seen as trying to protect my club. Also, I believe President Venis' decision was correct. I overstepped my bounds. I think that Aaron Bonar is perfectly capable, and more so than others, to be on the CBPR.



ELIJAH SANDERS | WABASH '10

Students organize papers in preparation for Honor Scholar Weekend.



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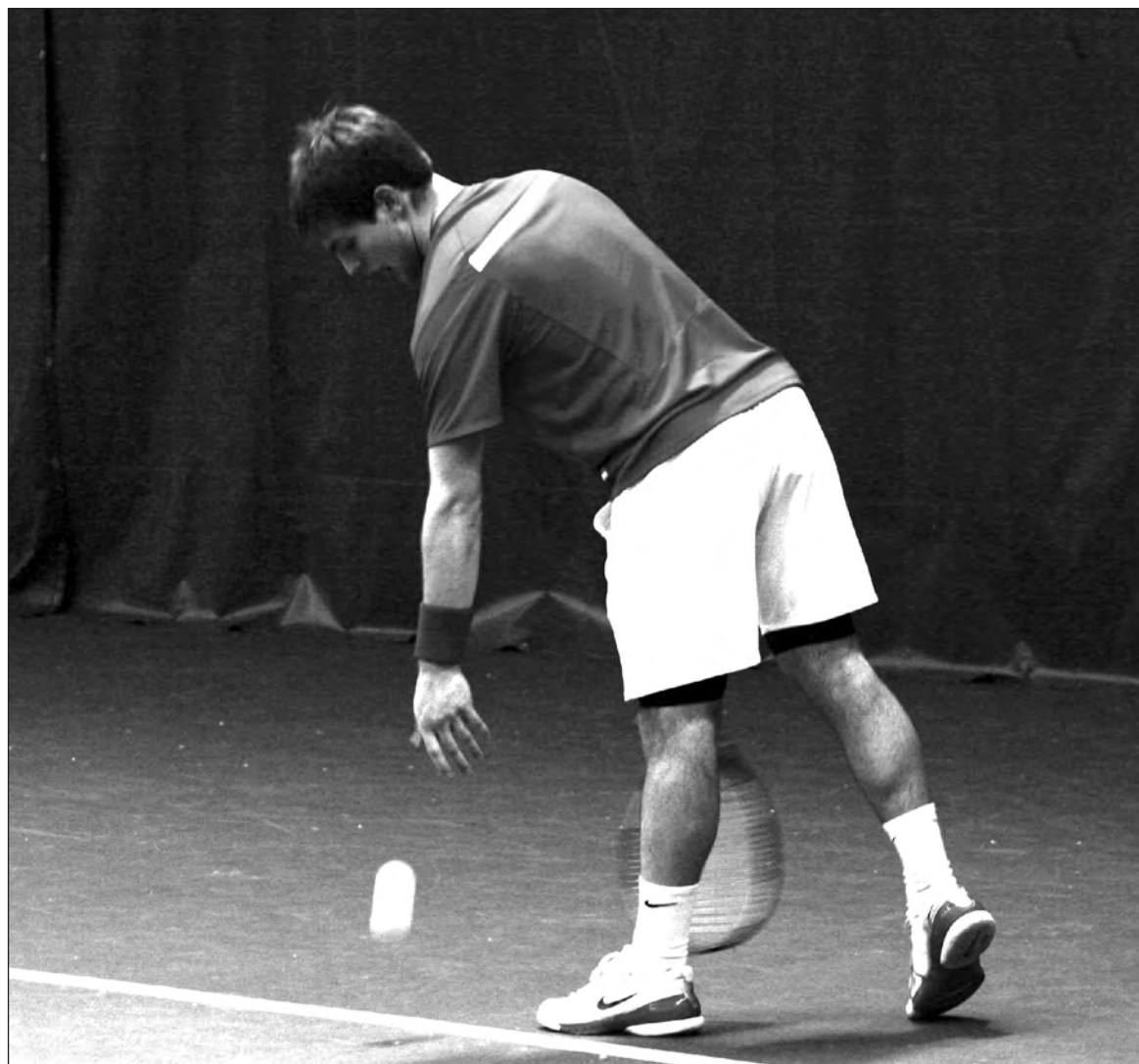
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**Left:** Ryan Tennyson (with bandana) and Will Pelak ready themselves for service in a match against Ohio Wesleyan. The pair would defeat the Bishop's Taimour Khan and Daniel Thangarajah by a score of 8-2.

**Right:** Pelak prepares to serve in the same match. Pelak and Tennyson have gone 2-1 as a pair, and this match helping Wabash to an 8-1 match victory over Ohio Wesleyan. Wabash is currently 4-7 on the year, but 2-1 in the conference.

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## Tennis

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hockey game where they saw a few celebrities, including Maria Sharapova. On their day off, the guys spent the afternoon soaking up the rays on Laguna Beach.

The tennis team is currently 4-7, which is about what was expected from the young team.

"Four of our top six guys are freshmen this season, and we have no seniors. We've started how I expected we'd start given the tough schedule. We lost to Wheaton, and I had hoped to win one in California," said Hutchison.

Apart from juniors Jay Horey, Sean Clerget, and Ryan Waldon, most of the team is comprised of a very talented freshman class led by Will Pelak and Luke Bielawski.

With such a promising young team, Wabash could very conceivably be fighting for conference for at least the next four years. It will be exciting to see how the young talent develops.

Wabash has already had some big victories this season, beating Wooster for the first time in Coach Hutchison's career at Wabash. The Little Giants also defeated top twenty regionally ranked Transylvania earlier in

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*Jason Hutchinson, Head*

*Tennis Coach*

the season.

"The effort of the team has been good. Everyone is striving to achieve the team goals we set before the season. It is exciting to see a new team fighting for conference," said Hutchison.

Despite the slow start, the Little Giants are picked to finish third in the NCAC behind Kenyon and Denison. The tennis team will be back in action this weekend, traveling to Iowa to face Luther College and Wartburg. Looking ahead, the Denison match is scheduled for March 21 at Collett Tennis Center.

If you are going to make it to one match this season, the Denison match would be an excellent match to attend. It promises to be one of the biggest matches of the year, and the Sphinx Club will be tailgating during the match.

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## Lambert

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debt for what he did for me."

"He's done everything he could do as a coach for me and has just changed and influenced my running career for the better," he continued. "I don't think I would have been near what I have done the past few years if he hadn't come back to campus."

Busch, a 1997 graduate of Wabash, began as an assistant coach for both cross country and track. He is now the head cross country coach and the distance coach for the track team. According to Lambert, when Busch came, the cross country team transformed dramatically.

"The whole mentality of the team changed when he came," Lambert said. "The training changed — we started running every day. I've run every day for 2.5 years because he told me that was what it took to be good. The work ethic and mentality that he brought definitely helped change the team for the better."

"All the guys that were here [before Bush] were serious, and we thought we were working hard, but when he showed up he taught us what it actually meant to work hard and get better," Lambert continued. "His coming definitely changed everyone for the better and got the program back on track."

For Lambert, the victory at DePauw and upcoming trip to Nationals represented a major highlight in a running season hampered with injury.

"I didn't have the greatest winter," Lambert said. "I was

hurt coming out of cross country, and my mileage was way down. I didn't start to the work out regimen until I got back on campus. I was definitely behind where I was a year before."

"Coach Bush and my training partner Hugh Jackson got me through some of the hard workouts at the beginning," he continued. "Luckily I was able to get my health better."

"Running 1:52 and breaking the school record is definitely something I needed to do," he added. "It says loads about the guys I train with and the type of training I do and the mindset Coach Bush had. He told me in January 'Don't worry; you'll be where you need to be in March.' So we all just believed and worked hard."

Getting prepared for a race is sometimes difficult, according to Lambert. However, working through the routine is an important step to getting ready for a race.

"The night before," Lambert said, "I like to eat pizza, watch a movie, and just kind of relax and get a good night's sleep. We usually warm up about 45 minutes before — I usually listen to Metallica songs to get fired up, although this season I've gone to Audioslave and Rage Against the Machine."

"After that I just get loose and stretch out and by that point I've got some butterflies," he continued. "A little nervous energy's good."

"I'll get through all of that — then just run fast," he added, "Run real fast."



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# Lambert Heads to Nationals

*Senior earns trip with second-best 800 time in the country*

**PATRICK MCALISTER**  
**STUFF EDITOR**

For runners like Geoff Lambert '08, school and conference records, as well as personal best times, provide them with quantifiable evidence of their improvements over time – however small they actually are.

“Two hundredths of a second,” said the cross country and track and field runner. “That’s not a lot, but it’s enough.”

Lambert’s time of 1:52.70 in the 800-meter run last Friday at the Depauw Indoor Last

**“It says loads about the guys I train with and the type of training I do and the mindset Coach Bush had.”**

*Geoff Lambert, Wabash '08*

Change Qualifier was not only the second fastest time in all of Division III indoor track this season, it broke the school and conference record set by Lambert last year – a time of 1:52.72. This was more than enough to propel Lambert into the NCAA National Championship meet this Friday and Saturday at Ohio Northern University.

“I came across the line at DePauw Friday night and I looked up,” Lambert said, “and they have a big scoreboard and it said it right on there. I threw up a big smile and got a hug from Coach Bush. That was a real good moment – I’m happy that happened.”

For Lambert, however, a trip to nationals is almost a routine. This will be his fifth trip to Track and Field Nationals.

“I’ve gone twice indoor [track and field] and twice outdoor [track and field],” Lambert said. “It’s kind of traumatizing the first time because

you’re not used to it, but I’ve gotten used to it.”

Lambert, who was barely edged out at Nationals last year, will get a second change against the man who beat him last year, Jimmy O’Brien of Ohio Northern. For both O’Brien and Lambert, this year may prove to be the more difficult than last years at Rose-Hulman.

“This weekend is a fast 800,” Lambert said. “It’s a lot faster than last year. I got a little better than last year, but it’s going to be a lot different. I know Friday night in the preliminaries no one is going to hold anything back, so you’re going to have to basically run it like a final. Right now it’s really all I’m thinking about – running well Friday night and making the final.”

With multiple conference championships and five con-




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Senior Geoff Lambert takes off in a crowd at the DePauw Invitational. Lambert’s time of 1:52.70 in the 800 meter run earned him a trip to Nationals

secutive trips to both indoor and outdoor track and field nationals, it is important to understand how Lambert became so prolific. He attributes most of his success to one person.

“Roger Bush came on campus my sophomore year,” Lambert said. “He’s a big reason for everything that has happened. I owe him a great

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# Strong Final Run for Basketball

**CHUCK SUMMERS**  
**SPORTS EDITOR**

An emotional final stretch for the Wabash Basketball team led to an NCAC runner-up and an impressive 18-10 record.

The highlight of the NCAC tournament came in the semi-finals, where the Little Giants got an emotional 87-63 win at Wooster.

"For me, it was exhilarating," said Head Coach Mac Petty. Senior point guard Earl Rooks said the Wooster win is his best Wabash basketball memory. "It was the only time we beat them in my career, and we did it at Wooster," Rooks said.

Wabash shot 54% from the field and 50% from three-point range.

Unfortunately for the Little Giants, the same energy and shooting efficiency could not be carried over into the NCAC championship against Ohio Wesleyan, where Wabash lost 79-82. "It's not that we weren't up," Petty said. "Ohio Wesleyan

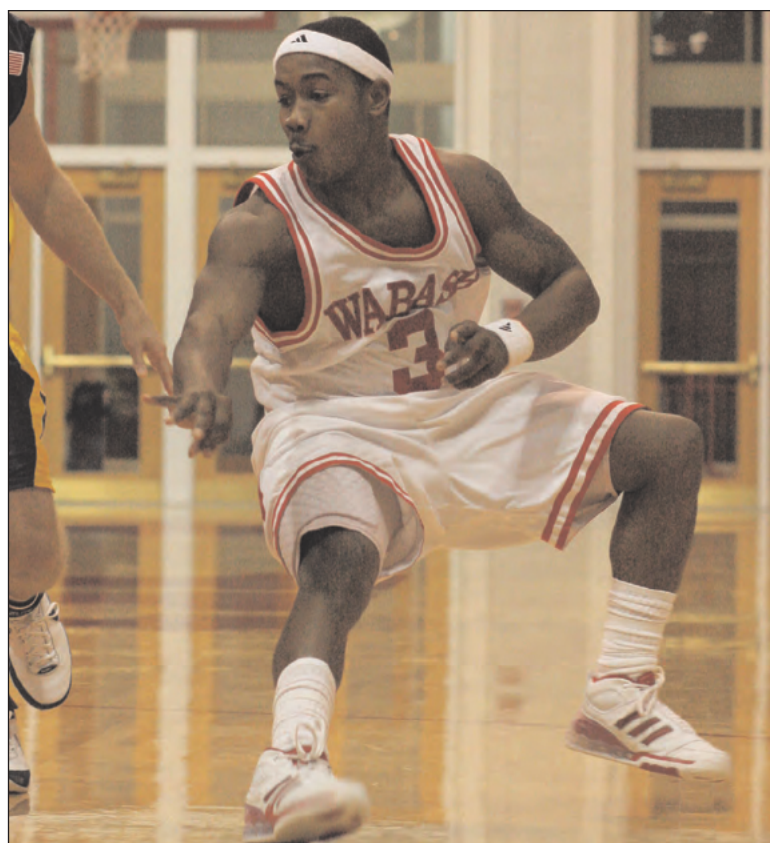


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Senior Earl Rooks dishes off the ball in a regular season home game

shot extremely well. They shot against us the way we shot

against Wooster."

Petty also pointed to little mistakes like missed lay-ups as reasons for the tough loss. But the Little Giants did achieve their goal of making it to the NCAC finals. "I think we did what we set out to do," Petty said. "we would have liked to continue to play, but I'm happy for our players, especially our seniors."

Rooks said the key to the team's impressive final run was simply putting everything together. "We showed flashes all through the season, but we weren't really consistent," Rooks said. "We really came together."

Petty was also impressed with the team's turnover ratio and shooting down the stretch, two things he said they will continue to improve in the off-season. "If we have guys come back and improve on these things, we'll be a good basketball team that other teams in the conference will have to look out for."

A number of Little Giants

had post-season awards, including All-NCAC honors for seniors Andrew Zimmer and Gary Simkus and honorable mention for sophomore Aaron Brock. "It shows we were a team with a lot of weapons," Petty said.

Wabash will be losing a huge chunk of their offense with the departure of seniors Simkus, Zimmer, and Rooks, who combined for 29.7 points per game. "I hate losing the three seniors," Petty said. "I told the team they would be letting (the seniors) down if we didn't build on what they did."

But the team is encouraged by the returning talent, including Brock, who had a 21 point game against Wooster, and freshman Wes Smith, who averaged 10.9 points per game in his first collegiate season. The key will be improving on the success the Little Giants experienced this year.

"That's what successful teams do," Petty said. "They build on their success from the previous year."

# Tennis Travels to California

**DREW PARRISH**  
**WABASH '10**

The young Wabash tennis team just completed its spring trip to California last week.

Wabash dropped all four matches to tough competition. The Little Giants started their trip losing to the University of Mary Washington, which is ranked eighth nationally, 1-8. The Little Giants then faced the number thirty nationally ranked Pomona Pitzer College, losing 3-6 in a tough fought match.

Wabash then faced fifth ranked Claremont Mudd-Scripps, losing 1-8. The last match of the trip was against Whittier, which Wabash lost 3-6

in a close match. Junior team-captain Jay Horrey and freshman Will Pelak accounted for all three Little Giant points.

"The spring trip was great, even though the competition was extremely difficult. We had some opportunities to beat Whittier in the last match, but unfortunately came up short. It was good to see the level of competition, though. We can see where we need to go," said Head Coach Jason Hutchison.

Of course, no spring trip would be complete without seeing some of the local attractions. The team got to visit Hollywood and see the Walk of Stars and travel Beverly Hills. They also attended a Los Angeles Kings

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CHAD SIMPSON  
| WABASH '10

Luke Robbins (on the left side) and Ryan Waldon (on the right side) wait for a serve in some doubles action at the Collett Tennis Center. The Little Giants are 4-7 and 2-1 in conference so far this year.