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Students Outraged at Forced Resignations

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With such a diverse population of very different beliefs, backgrounds and political ideologies, it is rare that the Wabash student body speaks as one.

Tuesday night was an exception.

At the regular Student Senate meeting in the Goodrich Room of the Lilly Library, Chairman Pro-Tempore Sean Clerget '09 introduced a resolution to the Student Senate questioning the involvement of the administration in student-run clubs and organizations. The resolution noted that "it has come to light that administrators coerced members of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity to resign leadership positions in clubs of the Student Senate" and that "the administrators of Wabash College must explain their actions and cease and desist from interfering with the right of students of Wabash College to select the leaders of their student organizations."

The resolution was passed by a unanimous voice vote - no objection from any Senator was noted. The Bachelor applauds the efforts of Mr. Clerget and the Student Senate and joins in their call for an explanation.

Rumors have been swirling for a while, and some things need to be set straight at the beginning. It should be made clear that all Deltas have not been forced to quit leadership positions carte blanche - many are still in positions of leadership in other campus organizations. That fact, however, should not distract from the fact that forcing those few who were forced to resign to give up their positions necessitates at least a clear explanation.

While it may be understandable the administration take the action it did regarding the closure of the Delt house, we fail to see the connection between that incident and student organizations. Where does student leadership in non-fraternity related organizations connect with their ongoing investigation into the fraternity? If they have been accused of ungentlemanly behavior or charged with anything, how can students accept the administration's meddling in student organizations?

Furthermore, why is a leadership position in a Student Senate organization consequential in the eyes of the administration?

A Message Concerning the Bachelor Editorial



PATRICK MCALISTER
EDITOR IN CHIEF

For many weeks the Bachelor staff has worked diligently to cover the stories related to the death of Johnny Smith. We have attempted to ascertain how the student body felt about the culture of alcohol on campus and the Mandatory Chapel Talk; we've printed letters to the editor from angry alums, students and faculty; and we've closely reported on all of the decisions made in the aftermath of the tragedy at the Delt house. In our news coverage, we have attempted to get to the truth and have endeavored to uphold the journalist's gold standard of neutrality.

In our editorials, we have also endeavored for balance - outlining the differences in opinion between the administration and the student body. While others quickly chastised the Administration for closing the Delt house, we held our judgment; we wanted to give them the benefit of the doubt as not all the facts were known.

In the case of the forcing out Delt students from leadership positions, the editorial staff felt strongly enough to take the odd journalistic step of placing the staff editorial on the front page. We feel the prominence of the editorial reflects the level of concern the student body has towards the Administration's most recent actions.

We hope that our message - the message of the student voice of Wabash - is made very clear in this editorial and would call on the Administration to quickly redress the grievances of the students.



STEVE ABBOTT | WABASH '09

The Student Senate listens to Dean Raters earlier this year discuss an issue with them earlier this year. Earlier this week certain student leaders of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity were asked to resign from their leadership positions by the Administration. In response, the Senate unanimously approved a resolution expressing their anger towards the administration's move.

They certainly don't have the grave level of responsibility of a Fraternity President or a Residential Assistant. They aren't elected by students at large like the President and Vice President of the Student Body.

They are duly elected by the members of their respective groups. Barring clear ungentlemanly behavior or disapproval of their membership, they should remain in these positions for the duration of their term.

The resolution brings up an interesting point regarding student leadership selection for Senate funded organizations. In 2007, the Senate passed the Student Organization Leadership Act (SOLA) in response to alumni meddling in the leadership of a Sen-

ate sponsored group. Student representatives affirmed their resolve for independence when it comes to the selection of our leaders. Even pressure for resignation from an outside force violates the spirit of the act. The Senate is firm in this resolve.

Although many students disagree, one can at least understand the position of the administration regarding the closure of the Delt house, and even understand the reason why the information regarding the closure could not be made public. Forcing student leaders to resign from their positions doesn't follow any semblance of logic.

Many students continue to have deep feelings of mistrust and anger. Club members have privately expressed their disillu-

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sionment, outrage and bewilderment towards a coerced exit of those that they selected as their leaders. The administration should take serious note of the unusual action the Senate has taken, and heed their call.

For the past few weeks, the student body and the College at large have been encouraged to examine their actions and admit mistakes they have made.

The administration should not be above admitting their won.

Speaker Brings the FIRE to Discussion on Student's Rights

GARY JAMES '10
NEWS EDITOR

Amid rumors that college administrators have coerced Deltas to abdicate their leadership roles in student groups and disassociate with their former housemates, last night's talk by Adam Kissel proved timely.

The Wabash Conservative Union hosted a talk by Adam Kissel Wednesday night in Hays 104. The event, originally titled Identifying Though Reform on Campus, centered on several cases of administrative or institutional control of student or faculty speech. In lieu of recent events, the Conservative Union and Kissels decided to extend the talk to a forum on Student Rights.

Kissel is the Director of the Individual Rights Defense Program for the Foundation for Individual Rights and Education. He graduated from Harvard University and the University of Chicago, where he served as Student Liaison to the Board of Trustees and earned an A.M. from the Committee on Social Thought. Before joining FIRE, Kissel was a director of the Lehrman American Studies Center. He has authored more than 150 original articles, and he co-wrote a Faculty Rights Handbook in 2007 with his colleague Sharon Browne.

"I have been asked to speak about thought reform, when someone is pressuring you, in violation of your rights, to believe a certain way, act a certain way, or think a certain way that other-



ALEX MOSEMAN | WABASH '09

Adam Kissel discussed examples of violations of students' rights on other campuses. He said education is about improvement, not punishment.

wise you wouldn't have without the coercion," Kissel said. "I'm a student of rhetoric so pressuring and persuasion up to a certain point is a healthy part of academic discourse. But there is a certain point when it goes too far, and that's called thought reform, or indoctrination."

Kissel used the example of a student at Voldasta State University in Georgia, who was forced to remove all of his protests signs opposing a new parking garage he thought would be bad for the environment. When the student created

a Facebook group of what he thought the area would look like after the garage was built, he was withdrawn from school by the president because he referred to the garage as a memorial site. FIRE was able to get the student readmitted to the school.

He related his talk to Wabash by analyzing possible differences between a gentleman and a citizen. Kissel argued that codes like the Gentleman's Rule should not mean that administra-

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Survey Reveals Mixed Results

TREVOR COUNCELLER
STAFF WRITER

Wabash has always been known as being politically active and this year is no different. A recent survey conducted by Professor Hadley and his Political Science 111 course provides some striking insights into Wabash student and faculty political perspectives. Most interesting, perhaps, are the differences between faculty and students and the variance between students in different divisions.

According to the survey, slightly more than 50% of the student body is "VERY MUCH" interested in political campaigns. However, nearly 80% of faculty would count themselves "VERY MUCH" interested. One would wonder what could account for this difference. Signs point towards the National Center for Education Statistics, a US Government organization, which states that the more education one has received, the more likely one is to vote. Wabash exemplifies this trend: over 97% of faculty sampled, were registered to vote, versus 92% of the student body sampled. Further, nearly 97% of those 97% who registered said they were "certain" to vote, whereas only 70% of student body felt the same way. Admittedly, an additional 17% of students said they were likely or very likely to vote, but the numbers still pale in comparison to those of the faculty. These same national surveys also point out a shift in political preference as one becomes more educated.

Many have heard of the idea of the trend to "move left" as education increases. Although The Phoenix states otherwise, Wabash is no different from the rest of America: the faculty here lean left. Faculty were surveyed and asked to rate themselves on a scale of one to seven – one being extreme-

ly liberal and seven being extremely conservative. Slightly more than 2/3rds of Wabash's faculty (67.9%) sampled, categorized themselves somewhere between moderately liberal and extremely liberal, with the faculty average at 2.99, or "Moderately Liberal." An overwhelming majority (84.6%) would also vote for Obama.

For comparison's sake, 40.9% of the student body fell in the liberal category but 43.4% considered themselves conservatives to some degree. The average here was 4.1 – moderate, with a conservative lean. The conservative preference shows: the student body as a whole was just under half as likely to vote for Obama (48.1%). It is clear the faculty and students are at odds politically; not to an extreme degree, but a substantial difference exists. It should be noted that a student body which considers itself moderate gives Obama a 10.4% lead in the election (48.1% for Obama vs. 37.7% for McCain.) Looking back, this seems to have played out nationally with Obama's victory.

Other interesting facts were revealed, as well. For instance, the differences among students by major found that 31.8% of students majoring in a Division 1 subject, the physical sciences, were "very interested" in campaigns. On the other hand, 55.1% of students in a Division 2 major, the fine arts, took this same position. Division 3 students, behavioral sciences, took the number up to 63.8%. These numbers paint a clear picture as to the differences between divisions: physical science students far and away took the least interest in the actual campaigns, fine arts students took some interest, but the social science students were clearly the most likely to stay tuned in to the election. One would wonder if a trend would continue to actual voting and this not true.

Students in Division 1 majors



STEVE ABBOTT | WABASH '09

Senior John Moton leads Sophomore Charlie Kelly and Junior Tom Wade as they travel around Crawfordsville to gather data on the 2008 election for one of Dr. Hadley's American politics courses.

were actually the most likely to vote, with 90.9% saying with some degree of confidence that they will vote. 87.7% of Division 2 students agreed, but, oddly, only 86.7% of Division 3 students planned on voting. Division 1 students counter-intuitively seem to be the most likely to vote: odd, given they are the least likely to follow the election closely.

Division 1 averaged a 3.84 on the one to seven scale: moderate leaning left. Division 2 and 3 both

go the opposite way with average ratings of 4.14 and 4.25, respectively. This means that both are moderate leaning conservative. However, all three groups selected Obama by a large margin, ranging from 8.7% for Division 3 students to 13.6% for Division 1.

Information on the link between education and voting likelihood can be found at <http://nces.ed.gov/fastFacts/display.asp?id=88>

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tors rule over students but that students rule over themselves; that gentlemen should be allowed to continually improve themselves.

"Education is part of becoming the best person, the best gentleman, the best human being that you can be," Kissel said. "So when you fall short it's just to be expected, especially if you're a freshman who just got here. Maybe you don't know even what a Gentleman is or what manliness is. In education, I think there

needs to be an awful lot of leeway to help you when you fall short to understand how you fall short and why you might want to act in a different way than the way you've acted."

Members of the Wabash Conservative Union were happy Kissel could come to the school and speak about a pertinent issue.

"Students are frustrated and what has come to light in recent weeks demonstrates the issue of student rights on campus is very real for us now," said Wabash Conservative Union President

Sean Clerget. "Adam Kissel coming to campus this week could not have been more appropriate. The change of topic was very important due to recent events on campus. Concerns about freedom of association both in living units and student clubs prompted the change. We wanted to allow a forum where students, faculty, staff, and administration could come and ask questions about what has been happening on campus, and about what their rights actually are."

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Adam Kissel, Director of Individual Rights Defense Program for FIRE


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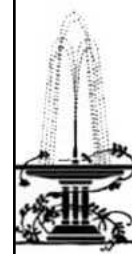
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Administration Violates SOLA; Student Senate Demands Answers

JOHN MCGAUGHEY '11
STAFF WRITER

In the past seven weeks, the student body has been perplexed and angered by the College's response to Johnny Smith's death. Delta Tau Delta's charter is no longer recognized by the school, the brotherhood of Delts has been scattered across campus and forbidden to go over to the 21 and older students' campus-owned houses, and now it seems that the administration is violating the Delts' right to lead in student-funded organizations.

The recent resignations of Travis Janeway as President of the Sphinx Club and Colin Ridenour as President of the Cooking Club provoked rumors that they, along with every other Delt who held a leadership position on campus, had been coerced into resignation by the senior administration. Senior Class Representative for Student Senate Sean Clerget '09 conducted an investigation after hearing these rumors.

"Every indication was that this was reached after talks with the administration, according to members of both clubs," Clerget said.

In light of his findings, Clerget proposed a resolution to the Student Senate Tuesday night, asking that the College "explain their actions and cease and desist from interfering with the right of students of Wabash College to select the leaders of their student organizations." Invoking the Student Organization Leadership Act (SOLA), passed by the Senate in spring 2007, Clerget claimed that the rights of these Delts had been violated and that the administration must answer to the students for their actions.

SOLA, which believes that students should maintain organization leadership, was adopted "in spirit of the Gentleman's Rule, which places self-governance at the core of college life." In Section Four, SOLA states that "The student members of an organization shall determine the process by which their officers are selected. The process must empower students alone to select the officers, and only students may be officers." Thus, according to SOLA, the administration has no power to affect the selection (and consequentially the removal) of student organization leadership. Several senators also argued that the College should have no power over clubs that are funded by students.

Clerget, who proposed SOLA in 2007, is convinced that student rights have been violated.

"The point of this [resolution], it demonstrates the voice of the student body, that we don't approve of these actions," Clerget said.

The Senate unanimously voted to pass the resolution, which will be delivered to the President of the College and his senior



STEVE ABBOTT | WABASH '09

(Left to Right) Seniors Royce Gregerson, John Moton and Juan Carlos Venis attend to the business of the Senate earlier this year. Gregerson, who is the Senate Secretary, sent an email of the resolution to the student body Tuesday evening after the meeting.

staff.

Student Body President Juan Carlos Venis '09 declared that the Senior Council would attempt to pass a similar resolution Thursday night.

"If we see fit, the Senior Council will pass a resolution in the same spirit, and perhaps the same language," Venis said. "We will also pass out that resolution to students and submit it to the administration."

Venis feels that the Senate's decision was sound.

"When we see our leadership limited, it raises questions, and students are aware that there is information not being shared," Venis said. "The Senate decided that the student body feels the administration shouldn't meddle in our clubs, especially since they are paid for and voted on by students."

Venis said he was proud of the efforts of the student body in responding to these issues and was pleased to have students come to a collective opinion, something to advocate for. Venis knows the Senate will do their best as representatives of the student body to share those opinions with the administration.

As with earlier talks, it is possible that administrators will prove evasive on this topic, but Venis remains confident.

"If they take our role seriously as gentlemen, and take the gentleman's rule seriously, then they will take our resolution seriously," Venis said.

Clerget echoed Venis' statements by saying that "whether or not they change their tactics, is an open question."

Student Body Vice President John Moton '09 was also pleased with the Senate's resolution, and he had declared earlier in the Senate session that he wanted the Senate to become more active in keeping the gentleman's rule alive. He was hopeful that the Senior Council would pass a similar resolution.

"At this point," Moton said, "the Senate hopes that the Senior Council will either pass the same resolution as the Senate or a similar piece on Thursday. A joint resolution is very possible dependent upon their decision on Thursday."

One question still open for discussion is whether the College has the power to carry out this action against students. "The College can do as it wishes," Moton said. "According to Student Senate Policy, and particularly the Clerget Act (Student Organization Leadership Act), students and only students can determine their leaders. The Senate hopes the College will respect our policies now and in the future with regard to student leadership."

The administration has not released any information to the student body concerning the resignations of the Delts in question. Dean Raters and President White were unavailable for comment. Dean Warner has stated that the administration plans to meet with student government soon.

Rumors have circulated that many more Delts have been coerced into resignation, but according to Clerget, only two have been investigated and all others are just "speculation."

No formal investigation has been conducted by a student organization to date, and the two Delts in question did not wish to comment on the matter.

"I'm pleased to have students come to a collective opinion, something to advocate for. We will do our best as representatives of the student body to share these opinions with the administration."

President Juan Carlos Venis '09



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Students: Time to Intervene

Sir-

Currently I am a graduate student at Western Kentucky University working on my degree in Folklore. Right now I am taking a class called “Public Folklore” which deals with the challenges and issues public folklorists face in America today. Earlier this year we read a book by David Whisnant titled All That is Native and Fine: The Politics of Culture in an American Region.

You may wonder what this has to do with anything. Perhaps a brief explanation of what the book is about will clear this up. Whisnant’s book follows the exploits of several people in the early 20th century as they intervene in Appalachian culture. What they find, culturally speaking, is not what they were looking for, so their interventions take the form of creating a culture they think is suitably appropriate for rural Appalachian America. This means taking away all of the Appalachians’ current culture, tradition, and ideas, and instead giving them their idea of “traditional.”

Does this sound familiar to anyone vaguely aware of what is going at Wabash College right now? Gentlemen, faculty, and alumni, I encourage you, now more than ever, to be aware of the slogan “Wabash Always Fights!” You have somehow found yourself in the midst of a cultural intervention. For whatever reasons the current Administration has deemed your culture not worthy, not fit to deal with problems, not able to decide things for itself. I cannot say why this is, and seemingly the Administration will not say either. The only way to make sure your culture is not destroyed by their ideas of what they think is “appropriate” is to fight back.

David Whisnant reminds us that as folklorists the fact we must remember is, “The question is not whether we shall intervene, but how and with what effects, amid what particular set of historical, cultural, and political circumstances, and in the service of what values and vision” (1988:233). Perhaps you as students should be asking yourself this question as well. Clearly the Administration has seen fit to intervene. Yet they are intervening to tell you not to preserve your culture but to destroy it. When the Gentlemen’s Rule no longer requires the Administration to justify its actions, when it tells you students not to be boisterous in expressing your feelings toward a certain school to the south, but to take what you get and like it, I cannot help but wonder what they see that you do not.

I will leave you with one last pearl of wisdom from Whisnant regarding cultural intervention, and one last piece of advice. First, the pearl, “Thus to note that many cultural intervention efforts ‘fail’--that the intervenors do not persevere individually, or that some of their institutions do not last --is too facile. Even when institutions pass from the scene, attitudes, and assumptions remain, styles and designs persist, myths retain credibility” (254). If students don’t start justifying their culture as Wabash men they will forever be touched by the lingering stench of those who see that culture as inherently wrong. Remember, Wabash College is the most special place in the country, not because of where it’s going, but because of where it’s been. Conserve your culture at all costs, before it comes to the point you have to use the phrase “Back when Wabash was a great place...”

WABASH ALWAYS FIGHTS!

Matthew Ripley
Class of 2006

Administration Made Right Decision

Sir-

When I was a sophomore, there used to be a Student Senate sponsored event called a Pony Keg race.

Each fraternity would field a team of six drinkers, arm them with a pony keg, and would compete on the Mall to see who could finish their keg first. One of my pledge brothers tried to singlehandedly win the contest on his own, drinking at least five full pitchers of beer himself in little under half an hour. He staggered around yelling that real men don't puke, and was cheered on by the crowd as he binged on each successive pitcher. When we carried him back to the house, he promptly collapsed in the shower and his breathing became somewhat labored. We ended up having to give him some medicine to make him throw up, which he proceeded to do for nearly half an hour. At the time, this incident became part of house lore. Looking back at it, we should have realized that our brother came very close to meeting the same fate as your classmate.

I don't say this to air my fraternity's dirty laundry, I am telling you this to remind you guys that there's often a real close edge from being mind numbingly drunk and actually dying. That day, my chapter could very well have faced the same legal issues and personal tragedy that the former Delts are currently dealing with. Suffice to say, no one in my chapter really had the maturity or wisdom to really think of such matters at the time the pony keg race began.

I know that a lot of you want to rage at the system and act as if the college has somehow done all of you a tremendous injustice. I can't help but wonder if all the facts were revealed by the college to the student body, that a fair number of you still wouldn't feel that the Delt chapter bore any responsibility anyway. Take a step back from the emotions that you are undoubtedly feeling and put yourself in the shoes of the college, or more importantly, in the shoes of that young man's family. There is no logical way you can argue that the college had any other choice of a resolution than the one that they chose. You might think that alcohol laws are inconveniences, but once someone dies, you can't pretend that Wabash tradition somehow trumps the law of the land.

I know that this is harsh having to hear this, but being a Gentleman means that you have to accept responsibility. Frankly, what I'm seeing is far too many Wabash men trying to abscond from that.

Peter Miesel
Class of 1991

Alumnus Applauds Discussion

Sir-

If the term “blue book” resonates with the reader, then let me say at the outset my typical exam output rarely filled more than one. To those not so familiar with it, I think you catch my drift. Long story short, I will be brief.

To those who believe the college administration rushed to judgment, I can only say I have no reason to believe at this moment their decision was predicated on any basis other than an objective analysis of factual information. No suggestion to the contrary has been offered by critics to date.

To those who feel “betrayed” by the administration’s decision, I suggest they reconsider their understanding of that term. Betrayal implies a deliberate attempt to deceive or break faith. No such accusation has been offered by critics to date.

Kudos to Dr. Stephen Webb for his defense of the Gentlemen’s Rule. I have over the years believed it vulnerable to questionable interpretation in the face of changing mores and cultural influences. And I confess to harboring these doubts today. But I also firmly believe in the wisdom he imparts that we are best served when we police ourselves.

Kudos to Krzysztof Wojciechowski for admitting his own failures and those of his classmates to practice the Gentleman’s Rule. Many alumni who have preceded him (myself included) will willingly admit to their own personal failures and acknowledge that, but for the grace of God, we could have experienced the fate of Johnny Smith.

Kudos to Zachary Westrick for sharing his genuine concern for the college we all hold dear. While I don’t share his conclusions, I share his perception of the unique experience we all share as members of the Wabash family.

Finally, kudos to Brent Kent. His words reflect a value my parents representing the “Greatest Generation” taught me: with privilege comes responsibility. Reflecting on the circumstances which introduced him to Wabash, he states, “I was also given a responsibility....we have an obligation to protect the

integrity of this college and to pass on to the generation that follows us something just as special and just as hopeful as we received it. This burden does not belong solely to those who manage it. It belongs to us and to our sons who will fill these sacred halls when we are gone.” If all students wholeheartedly embraced Mr. Kent’s values, perhaps Johnny Smith would still be among us. Isn’t that what all of us really want?

Mike Gregory ‘70
Co-Class Agent

Disciplinary Review Board Needed

Sir-

Is it time for Wabash to consider instituting a disciplinary review board?

In my almost thirty years teaching at Wabash I have been uncomfortable with what I see as the disparity between the great freedom inherent in The Gentleman’s Rule, a freedom I respect and embrace, and the relatively narrow and untransparent procedures of enforcing that rule that lie in the hands of the Dean of Students. While the Dean of Students is and should be the last word when it comes to disciplinary sanctions, I have always believed that if Wabash had a disciplinary review board, like a number of other colleges and universities have, there would be greater understanding of what constituted a breach of the Gentleman’s Rule, and more clarity in why particular disciplinary actions were taken.

Such a board, which would be made of perhaps two students, two staff members, and two faculty representatives, elected on a rotating basis by their respective constituencies, would hear cases that may be deemed as controversial, and then recommend action or inaction to the Dean of Students. Periodically, the board would publicize its decisions and recommendations, with as much anonymity as possible, to the campus community.

I am suggesting that only controversial or particularly difficult cases be brought before this board, because I believe that the majority of breaches of the Gentleman’s Rule are delt with in different venues, through conversations between the parties involved, or in a variety of interactions among students, staff, faculty, and administrators. This is one of the strengths of the rule. A recent example was an all-campus e-mail that a number of the members of the community no-doubt found un-gentlemanly. Clearly they made their feelings known to the sender, and in about 10 minutes an apology e-mail was sent out, indicating that the sender grasped and accepted, on some level, that a boundary line was crossed. There may be some informal follow-up conversations, but in essence this case is closed.

But there are a range of possible situations when the exact nature of the infraction may be very clear to some but not clear to others. These could include things published in campus publications, things said in or out of classes, things done at various campus events. “Is this or is this not a breach of the Gentleman’s Rule”? As they say on Law and Order, “let the jury decide.” The jury system is one of the defining and crowning elements of our democracy. It does not put justice solely in the hands of one authority figure, but allows for a jury of our peers to evaluate guilt or innocence and recommend punishment.

I hope we as a community might discuss this idea and, if it turns out to be seen as reasonable, we can, together, shape it to best fit Wabash. When I presented this proposal to one of my classes, we had a good discussion, with many supporting ideas presented, along with some cautionary ones. One student thought Wabash was just too small to have such a board, arguing that we could not retain anonymity in cases. This may be true, but I hope, and think we can, achieve a balance between privacy and transparency. I really hope we can, because the system that has been in place for so many years, does not , in my view, allow for full active and responsible participation by students (and other members of the community) in governing themselves, and is, therefore, not ultimately consistent with the mission statement of the College to “lead effectively and act responsibly.”

Sincerely,
Warren Rosenberg
English Department

Freshman Epic in Mississippi

This story is completely irrelevant to anything and almost any person on campus. My senior seminar paper has robbed me of any creativity energy and will be my excuse for any bad articles/bad lay-outs I may or may not publish from now until Monday, December 14 (when I turn my paper in to Dr. Butler!). This is my disclaimer.

In the fall of 2005, I was a freshman and I was in Ground Zero, Hurricane Katrina. To the upperclassmen, who are now alumni, I was “Shoes”—don’t ask me why—I was one of the youngest and an easy target for their boredom. Lately I have decided that since most of this cast has graduated, it would not be right not to share this story before I followed them out of this place. This is a story about a night so emotional that it hasn’t been officially retold.

It was around 11PM when we stopped at gas station in Kentucky. Shannon our replacement bus driver climbed on the bus, Mountain Dew in hand, unlit cigarette in mouth, and enough bags under his eyes to suggest he hadn’t slept in a week. Shannon looked exactly like Kip from Napoleon Dynamite and would be driving us the rest of the way to Mississippi, where families of many of our Wabash brothers had lost their homes.

The drive south itself might have given us a clue to the kind of journey we were partaking. Shannon must have fallen asleep at the wheel six or seven times, jerking upright every time we hit the median or an animal.

When we eventually reached the evacuated town of Pass Christian, we were greeted with check points, barbed wire, and uniformed military police. The destruction was incredible. We had watched with the rest of the world as the levees broke, as American citizens were lifted off their rooftops by helicopters or died on overpasses. But the horror of those news casts did not compare to what we saw on the ground. Nothing could have prepared us, as evidence of the dead silence as the bus meandered through unrecognizable neighborhoods to the beach where we pitched tents.

We made camp with AmeriCorps and would begin work on a sort of Navy shanty town built to house homeless victims. A field of



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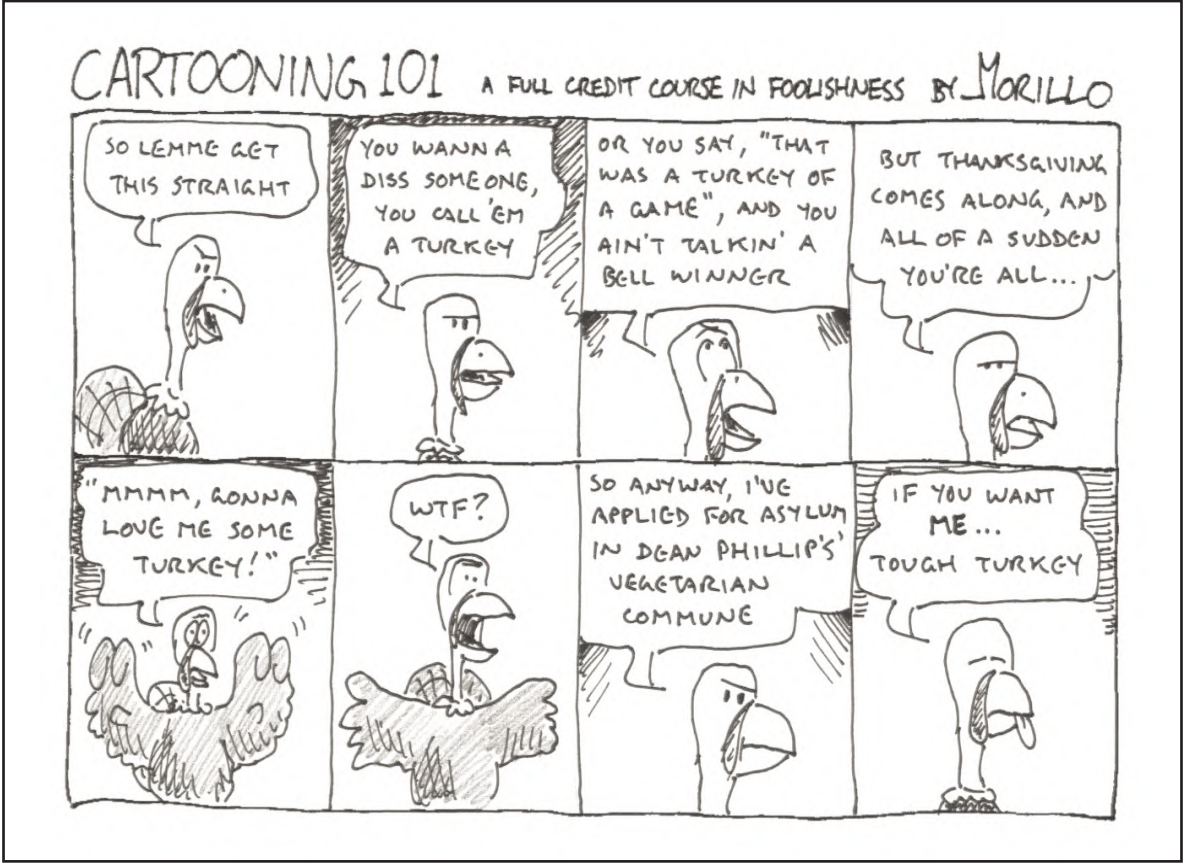
green canvas tents in neat rows of fifteen by thirty, all with gravel lawns, meant to house hundreds and equipped with only four cold showers, the Navy camp was now the epicenter of Pass Christian. It was where the humanitarian groups and survivors converged and what we’d call home for the next four to five days.

We spent the next days learning more about governmental failure than actually making a contribution to the people of Pass Christian. It is no wonder AmeriCorps was judged not worth its budget and partially dismantled by the Bush Administration.

The first revolt was led by our faithful bus driver who upon seeing the destruction was inspired to stay with us. “I’m not doing this anymore,” he said to the guy with the clipboard who, surrounded by desperate destruction, told us to—again—reorganize the stack of wood from shortest to longest. The same stack of wood would later be shipped and unloaded in a county junk yard to rot in the weeds, away from needy hands. Most of us were angry and left. We snubbed AmeriCorps projects and instead offered our assistance to anyone we met on the street. In doing so, we accomplished a lot more for the locals and were able to offer much needed conversation to survivors..

The true epic came the night of the community football game. Scientologists, Volunteer Firefighters, and other relief workers from around the country were leaving Shanty Town to cheer on the local team whose school and field had been destroyed. Our group excitedly boarded the bus assuming Shannon knew where he was going. He didn’t. It did not help that there were no road signs, street or traffic lights, or in many cases roads in these abandoned ghost towns.

An hour or so later we were completely lost. We were in an evacuated city dodging houses and over turned cars on the streets.



At one point, Shannon was trying to back the bus off of a collapsed bridge, but was hindered by a house in the road. I remember sitting on the back of the bus with Brock Johnson '07 and Tim Rickard '08 while Shannon put it in reverse and eased her back. We looked out the window and realized we were literally hanging over the Gulf. Students yelled and in the nick of time Shannon gunned it forward. No one knew

“Shannon survived for two days on a PowerAde and half of a bag of Combos.”

where we were and we had no working cell phones; thank God, another tragedy was averted.

Minutes after the bridge episode, everyone was slammed forward in their seats. The bus is stopped, Shannon was frozen, a bloody woman stood in the middle of the road waving her arms in the beam of the head lights. Everyone ran off the bus to her aid.

On the side of the road was a smashed SUV, not at all uncommon in the aftermath of the hurricane, but the headlights illuminating a shattered house made for an eerie landscape in the ghost town. There were fluids running down the undercarriage which now faced the road, and there were

people inside. Without much time to think, a couple of students climbed on top and one lowered himself in through the driver side door to turn off the engine.

It was a couple, and the scene was tragic. There is blood and the cab reeks of alcohol. While a student struggled to get the keys that are jammed in the ignition, the driver miraculously woke up and obviously confused said, “What the hell are you doing to my car?” He reached up from the passenger window where he laid on top of his wife and turned over the engine while the student yelled for him to stop, fearing a fire.

Suddenly, another stranger appeared out of nowhere yelling “Get them out” in broken English. Other students tried in Spanish to stop him from kicking in the windshield; the student inside faced an undeployed airbag. As if things could not get any worse, the rest of the students outside were approached by a drunk, old. He was hostile and in a scuffle that lasted a few minutes, he tried to attack some students but was held back.

After what felt like an hour, a Red Cross Ambulance appeared out of nowhere and we boarded the bus without giving a statement or even looking back. Everyone was shaken and no one spoke. We thought it was over but could not have been more wrong.

Fifteen minutes in to the trip back, we were still lost—when the bus stalled. We found ourselves in a “Sonic’s” parking lot in an

unknown, evacuated town, again without a working phone. There was nothing to do but wait.

Eventually someone was contacted on the bus radio and we were ferried back to camp. However, Shannon decided to go down with his ship. At that point we were so happy to be safe and back at camp that we forgot about Shannon. For two days no one heard from Shannon and we assumed his Lafayette based company had sent someone to pick him up. We were wrong again.

When the day came for us to leave Mississippi, we stacked our bags on the side of the road where Shannon dropped us off on the first day, and a stranger appeared with our old bus. Shannon survived for two days on a PowerAde and half of a bag of Combos he found on the bus. His epic would last much longer than ours and include a rescue by the American Red Cross, but eventually we were reunited with our faithful, though not skillful, friend.

On the long ride home, we all sat in silence writing to *The Bachelor*, the school website, or our what have you, but no one mentioned this story. It was certainly something I thought about, but maybe everyone felt the same way I did; it was too much to relive that soon. Regardless, we were the first Wabash group to enter the Gulf; the youngest in that group are now graduating, and I would feel some guilt if the story were to disappear with our seniors this May.

And More From Our House Cartoonist, Joel Bustamante '11





Wabash: Colognes Matter Too

I have always considered good style as something that appeals to all the senses, so this week I want to help you find the right smell to go with your look. Cologne is a key, but it is often a misused (or not used at all) accessory to good style. Your smell can add an extra edge to your look and help attract women to you. So for those of you still waiting for your first kiss, maybe you just need a little fragrance and the ladies will come running!

Now cologne is not a complete miracle worker. The first step to smelling good is deodorant. It is my hope that you have discovered this by now, but I will continue to offer my insight on the matter anyway. When it comes to deodorants, I suggest you avoid scented deodorant, as it may not mix well with your cologne. I would also suggest an unscented soap or body wash for the same reason. Also, don't forget to protect your clothes. Use a deodorant that won't stain your undergarments or shirts.

As for fragrance, a man with a little - the key words here are "a little" - scent on is hot! Cologne should always be subtle, never overwhelming. Always put on less than you think you will need. The best time to apply your cologne is after a shower and



KEVIN BILLUPS
STYLE 101

before you've put on your shirt. Spray the cologne into the air and walk into it. If you're already dressed, the back of your neck and wrist areas are your next best bet, since they naturally diffuse more scent than the rest of your body. If you need an extra dose, you might want to apply it at your inner elbows, behind the knees, and the inside of your ankles. That's all. Do not perfume-spam yourself! Never apply cologne on your clothes, as the smell will diffuse faster and will stain your clothes. One thing to keep in mind is that the hotter it gets, the more intense the scents from your cologne will be, especially when combined with your sweat. Go lighter in the summer, and heavier in the winter. Oilier skins tend to amplify scents a bit, so if that applies to you, then be extra careful not to overdo it.

It would be impossible for me

to tell you how to choose cologne. Choosing a fragrance is so very personal that the only way to find the perfect cologne is to go try out the millions of options out there. Upscale fragrance counters love to handout samples of their latest cologne on strips of paper. Although this is a great sales technique, keep in mind that scents smell very different on paper than they do on your skin. The best way to test cologne is to spray a small amount on the inside of your wrist, wait a few minutes, and take a quick whiff. This is how the cologne will actually smell on you.

It used to be that men's colognes consisted of the same musky scents, but now there are many options for guys to choose from. Personally I think the best way to go about choosing cologne is to pick one that compliments your personality. Fresh colognes have a nice green and citrus smell to them and compliment guys who are intensely goal-oriented while being quite easy-going. A fresh cologne I use myself is Giorgio Armani's Acqua Di Gio. If you have a stronger wild side, aromatic colognes contain fruity and spicy scents that help accentuate sophisticated styles with a playful edge. My favorite aromatic



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Billups lines up some of his favorite colognes.

colognes are the classic Dolce & Gabbana Pour Homme and Calvin Klein's Eternity. For mature personalities, another option is "woody colognes", which are often slightly heavier and muskier wood scents with mossy and oriental compliments. These types of colognes work great for men who are natural leaders and like to nurture and listen to those around them. Cartier and Burberry offer several different types of woody smelling colognes that are great for daytime and evening.

If you like a scent you notice on someone else, you should ask him about it. It seems awkward, but I've done it several times and usually ended up getting the

same fragrance for myself. Do keep in mind that one scent on one person will not smell exactly the same on someone else, due to body chemistry and body oils and whatnot. That aside, if you like it, ask about it.

Now that you are in on the delicate art of cologne, I challenge you to find your perfect fragrance. Once you find it, you won't be able to live without it...kind of like Pringles. Take your girlfriend, head to the mall, and have her help you test out fragrances. It is my hope each of you find a cologne that works for you and we will be one step closer to a beautifully fragrant campus! Class dismissed!

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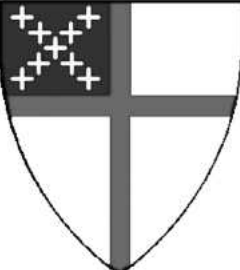
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Reformation Comes to Crawfordsville

The Adult Education series for 2008 and 2009 will open with a presentation by Douglas Thorpe, Prof. of English at Seattle Pacific University and author of Rapture of the Deep, and active conservationist who has worked with St. Marks Cathedral Episcopal community on spirituality and the wilderness, an ethic of stewardship toward nature.

On November 9th, Dr. William Cook, W66, Visiting Scholar of Religion at, Wabash College and nationally known author of 5 courses for the Teaching Company. A recipient of several teaching awards from the University of New York at Genesco, where he holds the rank of Professor. Dr. Cook will offer a survey of people, movements and history of the 16th Century that set the groundwork of the Reformation.

On November 16th, Father Todd Kleffman will focus on the founding of the Episcopal Church as a part of the widespread fragmentation that identified religion in the western world. He will talk about Henry VIII's disagreements with Rome and the eventual split that resulted in the Anglica church going its own way.

On November 24, Drs. Helen and Marc Hudson will discuss the literature of the Reformation, the thoughtful reflections of the writers of prose and poetry of the 16th century.

November 30 will be an advent program by Kathy Gary

December 7th, Elizabeth Morton, BKT Asst. Prof. of Art History at Wabash College will present a program on the art of the Reformation.

December 14th Dr. Larry Bennett, will present Christmas music of the Reformation in Britain.

Wabash Reacts to Obama’s Win

IAN BONHOTAL ‘12
STAFF WRITER

President-Elect Barack Obama’s recent November 4th victory meant far more to his black supporters than merely the end of an eight year Republican reign over the White House. Obama’s successful election meant cause for hope, it meant that change is indeed possible for America, and it meant that the nation, as a whole, had finally overcome one more barrier on the road to racial equality.

For Assistant Director of the Malcolm X Institute Amina McIntyre, the election of Obama to the nation’s highest office was like living in a dream; it was so good, it didn’t feel real.

“Words really cannot express my excitement over the fact that Obama was elected,” McIntyre said. “I truly wake up and pinch myself, thinking, ‘Did this really happen?’ Given the history of this country, this is a truly remarkable move, and presents a different kind of statement to the world about how we are moving forward.”

According to McIntyre, race played a key role in this year’s election, both positively and negatively. As outrageous as the fact is, racism is still rampant in America and, subsequently, the fact that Obama is a black American undeniably lost him votes. However, thanks to his victory, the issue has once again come to the forefront of the country’s conscious.

“This is the most racial issues have been discussed in any election,” McIntyre said. “Obama crossed many racial barriers; just look at pictures or videos of people in his crowd demographically versus people in a crowd of McCain supporters. On top of that, there are many videos of people talking about ‘Niggers should not be in the White House,’ and other very racially inappropriate things—t-shirts, the

whole nine yards. But on the other hand, I think this is a very significant shift that will bring more conversation [regarding race].”

Wabash Senior Emmanuel Harper, though, had an entirely different take on the situation. Race was a major factor while the campaign fresh, but voters soon overcame notions of race.

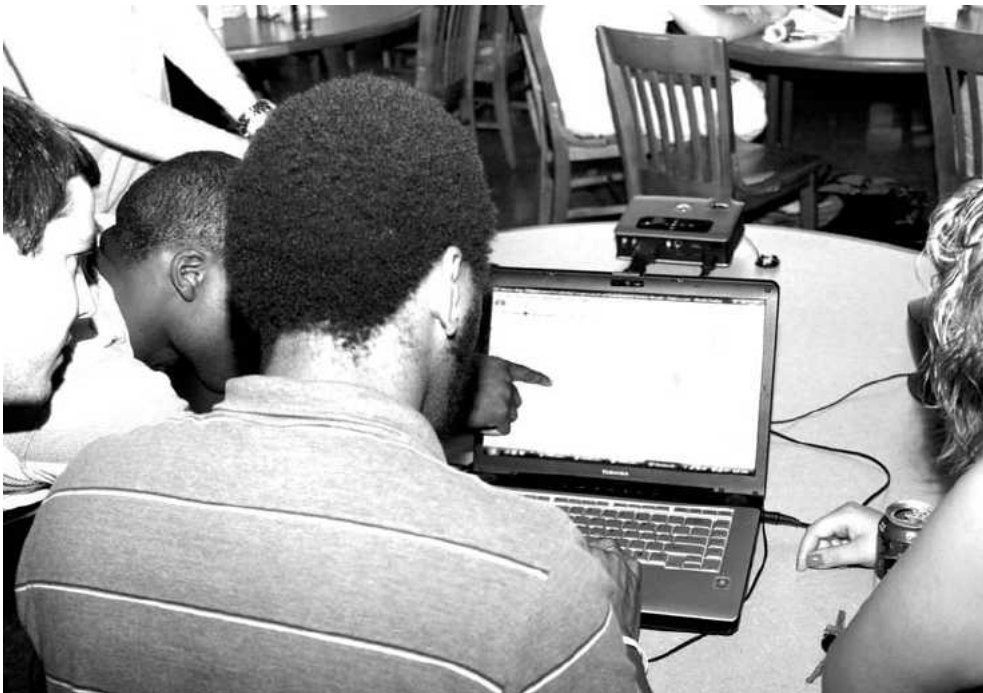
“I tended to think of race in this campaign as cigarette smoke—when first exposed to it you are caught off guard, but the longer you stay around it, the less it affects your ability to recognize [the smoke],” Harper said. “Race in this campaign was brought up early in the primary season, but as political process moved forward, its presence was surreptitious and made many dull to the race-bating that was going on during the campaign.”

Both McIntyre and Harper agreed on a realistic approach to Obama’s presidency. Being the first black president ever to be elected in the United States, the victory carries with it both a great opportunity and a great burden.

“For people who hold prejudices,” Harper said, “Obama making a mistake or blunder will reinforce old ideas of race. But being the first black president, Obama does have to be near perfect. To those with the old style of thinking, his success will be his alone but his failures will be his and consequently any up-and-coming black politician.”

McIntyre said, regarding Obama’s ‘Change’ campaign, “I’m realistic. I like the idea, but I don’t think we should be surprised if it takes a while. I’m more concerned that Obama won’t live to have the opportunity. Knowing how the US is and the fact that they had to have security on him so early in a campaign makes me very sad.”

President-Elect Obama represents another of America’s triumphs over racial inequality, in the same vein as those that



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Senior Emmanuel Harper mans the computer at the Wabash Election Party in Sparks Center as students and community members looked for more information than the cable news station’s provided.

occurred during the momentous Civil Rights Movement of the 1960’s. That said, America has yet ahead of her far more to do in terms of the elimination of racial schemas than has been done thus far.

“We haven’t conquered race issues; I think that is important to remember,” McIntyre said. “It’s just like when the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was passed and Affirmative Action was created, when all of a sudden people thought that racism was over. It wasn’t and still isn’t.”

Whatever the case may be, there is cause for hope in America; hope that, with the election two weeks ago, the American people as a whole will continue to support the systematic elimination of prejudice, and by continuing, as Harper put it, “Race toward a better, more equal society.”

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Football Looks to Rebound at Case



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Junior quarterback Matt Hudson scrambles from a couple of Case Western defenders in last year's playoff win. Hudson was outstanding, throwing for 300 yards and five touchdowns against the Spartans

After 36-14 Bell Game loss, the Little Giants shift their focus to the first round of the playoffs

CHUCK SUMMERS '10
SPORTS EDITOR

After an embarrassing 36-14 loss to DePauw in the 115th Monon Bell Classic, the Little Giants look to rebound quickly in their round one playoff game against Case Western Reserve.

The primary concern for the Little Giants will be eliminating the types of mistakes that characterized the Bell Game loss. Junior quarterback Matt Hudson threw four interceptions in a 25-43, 262 yard performance, three of which led directly to first-half touchdowns for DePauw.

"You just cannot turn the ball over against a good team," said head football coach Erik Raeburn. "I don't think they did anything different or anything we didn't expect, we just turned the ball over four times, and I think that killed us."

After DePauw jumped to a quick 23-0 first-half lead, Wabash was forced to abandon the running game, allowing the Tiger defense to focus on the

pass.

"[The Bell Game] simply accentuates things we already knew," Hudson said. "We cannot turn the ball over, and we have to be balanced. By turning the ball over and throwing much more than running, we should have lost to Wittenberg. Those things caught up to us against DePauw, and the result was evident. When we're not balanced on offense, and I make poor decisions with the ball, we're probably not going to like the result."

The Little Giants made a rally in the third quarter, bringing the game to 30-14 on a Hudson scramble for a touchdown and a touchdown from junior running back Evan Sobecki that was set up by a fumble recovery on a sack by senior linebacker Rich Lehman. But the Tigers crushed any remaining hope for a comeback when they shut down Hudson on a fourth-down bootleg play on the DePauw nine yard line late in the game.

Defensively, the Little Giants were picked apart by

DePauw quarterback Spud Dick, who went 24-29 for 227 yards and two touchdowns. Freshman running back Jon Ellis had a great game for the Tigers on the ground, rushing for 100 yards and a touchdown.

It doesn't look like things will get too much easier for the defense this week against Case Western. The Spartans are led by senior quarterback Dan Whelan, who has completed 62 percent of his passes for 1973 yards and 17 touchdowns this season. He is also elusive on his feet, averaging around 30 yards a game. Like Wabash, a lot of different people get touches in the running game. Greg Meyer, Billy Deitman, and Derek Bush all combine for 115.8 yards per game.

The Little Giants feel confident that the DePauw loss does not mean they will need to change their approach for this week; it just comes down to executing and getting back to the things they do well.

"A large part [of the DePauw loss] was execution," Raeburn

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Tough Loss Raises Some Tough Questions

Almost a week after one of the coldest, hardest to watch, and downright depressing games I've ever sat through, I feel like it's time to move on. As hard as it may be, it's time to stop lamenting the fact that the Bell will again be hidden in some security-rigged glass case somewhere on DePauw's campus this year, and move on to what this loss means in regards to our football season (which is still going on, by the way).

Perhaps the more pressing matter is what this loss shows about the team's goal to take "the next step" as a football program and be able to compete with the nation's best; a goal that, until Saturday, seemed closer than ever before.

The first issue that comes up is the same thing the Dannies talked about all last week- our softer-than-a-downy-pillow schedule. After Saturday, their arguments seem to have some more validity.

It's a difficult point to ignore- we've beaten our NCAC opponents a combined 325-88, and for many of those teams, it could have been much, much worse. The NCAC is just not a good football conference. It's that simple. Academically, it's excellent. It's the best conference nationally in swimming. But football? The whole conference has basically become two or three football programs competing against a bunch of JV pretenders, with the conference championship coming down to Wabash vs. Wittenberg every year.

So it begs the question- if the Little Giants want to compete with the big boys on a national level, are they going to be able to while playing in the NCAC? After all, you don't learn how to drive in the Indy 500 by driving bumper cars at your local carnival. Likewise, you don't learn how to make it to the national championship game by destroying Oberlin and Hiram by a combined 116 points.

I know you can't just up-and-leave a conference



CHUCK SUMMERS
SPORTS
EDITOR

on a whim, but if Wabash is really going to take that next step, I think a more competitive conference will be a necessary change.

Another issue this game raises is the effectiveness of Wabash's cover-two defense against good teams. Wabash has a good pass rush, but if the offense adjusts by running quick, three-step drop, dink-and-dunk passes all game (like DePauw) then the rush is never going to get there. When that's the case, Wabash just has to be able to man up, otherwise they will continue to get eaten alive. Can the Wabash defensive backs play some man coverage? If not, they need to get someone who can.

Do not mistake this as a call-out to the DB's. DePauw just recognized that Wabash plays pretty much exclusively zone, and exploited it all game, like other teams have in the last couple of years. To play with the national powers, the ability to switch up coverage and play man-to-man is a must. If the current DB's

can't run man (which I find hard to believe), then recruiting some corners who can is something the program will need to focus on.

This year, the Little Giants took a step towards their goal of becoming a national contender by making a commitment to the run and achieving balance on offense. To take the next step, the team will need to find that balance on defense.

Even though the Dannies have the Bell, they are enjoying its company at home in Greencastle while Wabash moves on to the postseason. These questions about recruiting and the difficulty of Wabash's schedule are not questions Coach Raeburn should be thinking about as they prepare for Case Western. But as soon the Little Giants take their final snap this year, those things need to be answered if Wabash is going to take the next step as a program.

"After all, you don't prepare for the Indy 500 by driving bumper cars at your local carnival."

Chuck Summers,
Wabash '10

Rugby Keeps Monon Keg at Wabash

BRANDAN ALFORD
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Last Friday night's performance at Depauw University was exactly what the Little Giant Rugby team had hoped for. With their 7-0 road victory over the host Dannies, the rugby squad

"The intensity of the rivalry was so high and the atmosphere was amazing."

Charles Niblick

Wabash '12

ensured that the Keg would remain in Crawfordsville for at least another year.

On a cold, rainy night in Greencastle, Wabash was able to control field position for most of the contest. The seven point margin truly wasn't indicative of the game, with Wabash possessing the ball in Depauw's side for long stretches of game time. Junior Will Hoffman provided the game's lone score in the first half, extending Wabash's hold on the keg for a fourth consecutive year, including all three years of his Wabash career.

The popularity of the Keg Game was shown in full force, as Wabash traveled its fan base well,

with several hundred Wallies making the trip down US-231 to support the team, and they were not disappointed with the product on the field. The experience was something to remember, especially for freshman Charles Niblick. "The experience of starting in my first Keg game was the best experience ever," said Niblick, who started at Lock in the DePauw game. "The intensity of the rivalry was so high and the atmosphere was amazing."

The sloppy field conditions forced a change of strategy for the Wallies. "Short passes and giving it to the forwards a lot,"

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Einterz Headed to Nationals

BRANDAN ALFORD '12
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As the weather continues to get colder and colder, Seth Einterz is just starting to heat up. The Wabash sophomore runner put up a strong time in the Great Lakes Regional at Otterbein College on Saturday, November 14.

His mark of 25:30:12 was good enough for a 17th place finish in the regional, qualifying him for an at-large bid in Saturday's upcoming Division III National Championships at Hanover College, in Hanover, Indiana.

The finish Einterz had was good enough for second place among all Indiana runners at the Great Lakes Regional. Einterz has begun to peak at the perfect time of the season, with his per-

formance at Otterbein bettering his previous season-best time by a full minute.

Einterz, who missed early portions of this year's season due to a bout with mononucleosis, led the pack of Little Giants that posted the best finish in school history at the National Regional (6th).

The team also posted the best finish among Indiana teams in the meet, finishing five spots ahead of rival DePauw (11th).

Einterz's effort was flanked by two strong performances by seniors in the last meet in their careers. Hugh Jackson and Sam Compton-Craig put Wabash in position to potentially qualify as a team, finishing 41st and 47th, respectively.

The postseason success the Little Giants have seen this fall, including a third place finish in the NCAC meet, brings with it

optimism for a team returning all but two runners from this year's squad. Along with Einterz, who will return for his junior year next season, the Little Giants will be looking for repeat performances of strong freshmen campaigns by Kevin McCarthy, Colin Dunlap, and Donovan White to complement next year's senior class of Micah Milliman and Graham Johnson.

Saturday's upcoming final in Hanover will be at a track that is Einterz is no stranger to. Earlier in the season, Wabash ran the Pre-National meet at Hanover back in October, finishing 13th, with Einterz placing 35th in a time of 26:38 in one of his first meets since returning from illness. Einterz will look to build off of that experience as he prepares for the upcoming Finals.



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Sophomore cross country runner Seth Einterz runs in the 2007 Wabash Hokum Karem. Einterz qualified for Nationals this year at Regionals

A Wabash Dynasty? Some Say Yes

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In 1884, the Wabash football team defeated Butler 4-0 in the first college football game in Indiana, and the team's success has been consistent, undeniable, and even remarkable ever since. Wabash boasts the sixth winningest football program in Division III history, and is in the top 25 in all-time winning percentage among many programs that have played far fewer games.

The football program's proud success has lived on recently. The Little Giants have won the NCAC the past four years, going undefeated in the conference in three of them. In fact, the Wabash football team has not finished worse than third since joining the NCAC in 2000 and has won five total conference titles.

With all of this success, especially of late, one must wonder if Wabash football has become a dynasty of sorts in the NCAC, and perhaps even in Division III football in general. While this may seem reasonable considering the school's storied football past, sports buffs take the "D" word very seriously. "Dynasty" is to the sports world as "geno-

cide" is to the UN: it is a nearly impossible status to attain.

After all, many are even reluctant to give the title to the New England Patriots of the last decade. The team has won three of the last seven Super Bowls and was one freak play away from cementing themselves as the best team in NFL history last season, yet their claim as a dynasty is still highly disputed. Doubters say the Patriots cheated, citing dirty play by Rodney Harrison (and others), as well as Bill Belichick's video camera tactics, as evidence. While Patriot-haters, including yours truly, may have a legitimate argument, just about any successful team faces similar naysayers.

Those who would refute the Little Giants' claim to dynasty status would cite the last two Monon Bell games and the absence of a modern national championship trophy in the Allen Center. Also, Wabash has to compete for "dynastyhood" with two football programs which have dominated Division III in recent years: Mount Union and Wisconsin-Whitewater. Therefore, to call Wabash a modern dynasty would be to put them in the same rank as those two powerhouses, which seems unreasonable to many.

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Wabash Defensive Backs Coach

However, there are some members of the Wabash football program who believe that the dynasty label is not too far-fetched. "It's a legitimate claim to call the program a dynasty," said Wabash defensive backs coach Mike Warren.

With Wabash's recent dominance in conference, it's hard to argue with Warren that the team is, at the very least, a dynasty within their conference. After all, the Little Giants have compiled a 52-11 all-time NCAC record, which is nothing short of superb.

Warren believes the continued excellence of the football team starts with the college administration. "The alumni

and the administration care deeply about all our programs, and not just sports," Warren said. "When you care about the programs you work hard to bring in people who believe in and understand Wabash. We've surrounded ourselves with people who want to get there."

He also credited the students with much of the team's achievement. "Success breeds success, which brings more quality players every year," Warren said. "Also, Wabash students are dedicated, hard-working men who know what to do to accomplish a task."

Warren has experienced the success of Wabash football on different levels. He was on the team all four years as a member of the class of 1993, coached for a year after graduating, and followed the team's success as a fan and alumnus until this season when he returned as DB coach.

"It's been extremely gratifying to be a part of the team's success," Warren said. "It has been an excellent opportunity and I have thoroughly enjoyed it."

Until this season, the man at the helm of Wabash's dominance in the NCAC was Chris Creighton, who is now the coach at Drake University in

Des Moines. He left Wabash after arguably his best season as a coach, having led the team deep into the playoffs before falling to Wisconsin-Whitewater.

First-year Head Coach Erik Raeburn has led the team to another dominant season, and is a clear example of what Warren meant when he cited "people who believe in and understand Wabash" and "people who want to get there."

"Coach Raeburn has been great for continuing the success of the program," said Warren. "He's a perfect fit for this team."

So, as this season nears its end and the team prepares for another postseason run, it is safe to say that the Little Giants have built a Little Dynasty. While they have yet to win a national championship in the tough playoff system, they are still the kings of the NCAC hill and a tough opponent for anybody.

Despite all its success, Warren was convinced that the team was not satisfied and will continue to try to improve. This belief stemmed from what Warren expressed as a fundamental characteristic of Wabash as an institution. "Wabash men don't settle," said Warren. "We want to be the best."

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The Wabash fans go crazy during the Bell Game. Despite the freezing temperatures, the Delts continued their tradition of spelling out "Wabash Always Fights" with painted bodies

Case

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said. "[This week] we're just trying to do all the things we've been doing so far this season. At this point in the year, you are who you are. The only real adjustment is that you can't dress as many people in the play-offs, so guys will need to step up and help out on special teams who might not usually and other guys will have to take more reps this week and be ready in a backup role because we lose some depth."

Offensively, Wabash will look to get back to the running game, which was able to put up only 94 yards against DePauw. The Spartans defense allowed just 276.2 total yards per game in the regular season.

Junior linebacker Jeff Brown leads a fast and opportunistic Spartan defense with 79 tackles, 14.5 tackles for loss, three sacks, and two interceptions. Junior defensive back Bobby Bott leads the team with seven of the Spartans' 16 interceptions on the year.

Hudson will also have to keep his head on a swivel for freshman Dale English, who has 8.5 sacks and 13 tackles for loss in his first season. The Spartans have 27 sacks total on the year.

Last year, the Little Giants were led by Hudson's 300 yard, five touchdown performance en route to a 38-23 win against Case Western. They will look to have a repeat performance this year. The winner of the game will move on to face the winner of Wheaton vs. Trine.

Rugby

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it to the forwards a lot," Niblick said. The strategy seemed to pay off, "[it] created offensive opportunities to move the ball down the field and work in DePauw's territory."

Although the final margin was only seven points, Junior Will Hoffman felt like that score was not indicative of the way the game went. "I definitely feel like we could have scored several more times on them, but this was a great win," said Hoffman, President and Captain of the rugby squad. "For this to be our

biggest game of the year, and with how solid of a team they have, to come away with a win on their home field was awesome. It really shows where our program is headed." When asked how it felt to score the winning try, Hoffman humbly deferred to his teammates, "It was really great to get the score. However, I was really just the beneficiary of the work the whole group did. We played really well as a team, and scoring early was big for us, especially with the weather the way it was."

After a solid fall season, the rugby squad will

pick up action again in the spring. The fall season consisted mostly of single matches against central Indiana teams. However, the tentative spring schedule looks to include more tournament play with matches featuring opponents outside of the normal region. The team plans to participate in tournaments in Chicago and possibly New York, where 50 national teams will compete. "We are trying to expand the clubs we play in order to really gauge our program's development. Move the program into more of a regional aspect."

Swimming vs. DePauw

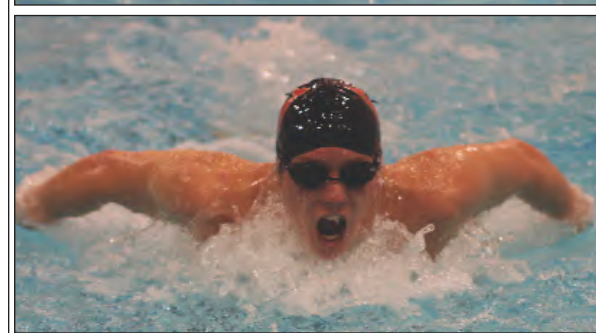


ALEX MOSEMAN | WABASH '11

Photos from the Wabash-DePauw swim meet last Wednesday. Wabash fell just short of the Tigers, 153-141. Their last home meet of the season, the Patrick Woenker Invitational, is this weekend.

Top left: Junior Elijah Sanders swims the 1000 free. Sanders took third in the event, just behind fellow Little Giant Chad Woods.

Top Right: Junior Steve Zajac gets prepared to take off before a backstroke event.



Bottom left: Freshman Logan Falley swims the 500 butterfly. Falley placed second in the event, as well as third in the 200 free.



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