



Stevenson Stands With Condemned

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Bryan Stevenson is 51 years old and has never had a drop of alcohol.

When he was 13, his grandmother asked him to promise never to drink. He promised and has abstained since. Stevenson looks back on that promise as a fundamental point in his self-conception—his identity.

Stevenson has successfully overturned over 65 death sentences of indigent defendants who were wrongly convicted and/or sentenced. Founder and Director of Alabama’s Equal Justice Initiative and a Professor of Clinical Law at NYU, Stevenson (the recipient of this year’s Peck Medal) delivered the College’s annual David W. Peck Lecture to a packed Lovell Lecture Hall this past Tuesday evening.

“I really enjoy being at a place where people seem to value identity,” Stevenson said. “because I’m one of these lawyers who also thinks that identity is really important. If you’re going to practice law you’ll have the opportunity to say things that can have an impact on the world around you. You’ll have an opportunity to do things—to stand up for people—to advocate for clients. And all of those tasks can be fairly straightforward, but I absolutely believe that if you create the right kind of identity, your capacity to do those things better will increase.”

In 1972, 300,000 Americans were incarcerated, and today, that number is 2.3 million. Alabama citizens permanently lose the right to vote after being convicted. Alabama’s black male population is now nearly as disenfranchised as it was before the Equal Voting Rights Act was passed in 1960. Forty-four million Americans, with family incomes below \$15,000 currently live below the poverty.

“Our criminal justice system treats you better if you’re rich and guilty than if you’re poor and innocent,” Stevenson said. “Wealth—not culpability—is, in my judgment, the dominant force that shapes outcomes.”

“So for me, it’s become necessary to say something about what this does. My work has been focused on standing with people who are condemned—people who are hated—people who are rejected—people who are despised—people who are accused of all kinds of things,” Stevenson said.” “And that work has really revealed for me some of the real challenges that we face in this country.”

The way poverty, race, and other factors shape judicial outcomes called Stevenson to action. His work focuses on four issues: poverty, race, segregation, and mass incarceration.

After striking down the death penalty in 1972 in *Furman v. Georgia*, the Supreme Court held 5-4 in *McCleskey v. Kemp* that Georgia’s death penalty was constitutional. And the majority ruled a certain amount of racial bias is “inevitable.”

“It absolutely devastated me,” Stevenson said. “I could not make sense of that. I cannot accept the Supreme Court’s judgment.” I cannot reconcile a commitment to equal justice under law with this doctrine of inevitability . . .”

One of Stevenson’s clients was a 14-year-old boy tried as an adult and convicted of murder for shooting his stepfather. The boy’s drunken stepfather constantly beat the boy’s mother. On the first night in jail, several men assaulted the boy. On the second night, several more men assaulted him. And on the third night, the boy had been raped so many times that he couldn’t remember the people who had abused him. And all of this because he was housed in an



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Bryan Stevenson, Professor of Clinical Law at NYU and Executive Director and Founder of the Equal Justice Initiative, spoke to a standing-room only crowd this past Tuesday. This year’s 38th Annual David W. Peck Lecture focused on identity, hope, and justice.

adult prison.

“I believe really simple things,” Stevenson said. “I believe that each person is more than the worst thing they have ever done. . . . And because of that, I stand with condemned people. I stand with hated people. I stand with rejected people. I stand

with people who have done some difficult and terrible things.”

Stevenson recounted another one of his clients who, the first time Stevenson visited him, just wanted a chocolate milkshake. Tied to a tree and abandoned by his parents

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Film Showing Breaks Silence

KYLE BENDER
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Almost 30 members of the Wabash community watched the Emmy winning documentary *Out in the Silence* Wednesday evening. The documentary details the struggles gay and lesbian individuals face on a daily basis, especially in small and rural towns.

Filmmaker Joe Wilson played a part in the screening, offering a short introduction and an extended question and answer session following the film. Wilson is traveling the country showing the documentary to colleges and organizations, hoping to raise awareness to the discrimination GLBT individuals are subjected to.

Sponsored by Wabash’s sh’OUT organization, the event helped raise awareness to members of both the Wabash and Crawfordsville communities. Several Crawfordsville residents, including a school board member, were in attendance.

The story, set in Oil City, Pennsylvania follows a young boy who was forced to drop out of school after being routinely harassed for verifying his homosexuality. The filmmakers document how the boy’s early struggles lead to growth in the conservative, small-town community when the school is forced to address the discrimination by instituting new policies and procedures to help combat the situation.

In the following Q&A session, Wilson spoke of how the Oil City commu-



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Filmmaker Joe Wilson brought his Emmy Award-winning documentary *Out in the Silence* to Wabash on Wednesday. It has traveled across the country to countless colleges and town halls to share a story about acceptance and homosexuality.

nity (where he grew up) actually embraced the film upon its release, creating a day to officially honor Wilson and his work.

“This film addresses how we work for change,” Wilson said. “Everything depends on relationships. The struggle for change and justice doesn’t work the same in rural settings as it does in urban environments. It’s much harder to engage in political and social discussions.”

“That’s why we’re using the film to create undergraduate activism. We want people who have opposing views to deal with one another in human

terms, not discrimination. Just as there is an American Family Association in the film, which works to fight our efforts, there is the same type of organization here in Indiana. These groups are politically active and hold power. The challenge remains to make sure the community, states, country, and even global are places where everyone has the same rights and responsibilities.”

Leon Back, president of sh’OUT and key organizer of the event, was impressed and honored to have Wilson visit the campus.

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Get Him to Greek Week Pan-Hel ‘11

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With a wafting fume of beer and the sweat of running freshmen, Pan-Hel is upon the hallowed grounds of Wabash College once again.

“Pan-Hel seems to be an event where Wabash can come together and celebrate surviving the winter and our shared identity as Wabash Men, and more specifically Greek Men at Wabash,” President of the Inter-Fraternity Council Jacob Moore ’11 said. “For the Greek community, this is our event, where we come together and truly compete solely between us.”

Pan-Hel, the annual Greek games of Wabash College, is a week filled with friendship and camaraderie amidst the competitions. The games will begin Tuesday, April 5 and conclude Friday, April 9 with the annual Bed Races. This event will act as a prelude to that night’s National Act: the Lupe Fiasco concert at 8 p.m.

“With Fiasco coming that evening, we are trying to make this a great event for all Wabash men to come out and enjoy some food and community before the concert,” Moore said.

The week will feature various games and competitions, including dodge ball, tug-of-war, and the keg toss. Kegs will be provided by the IFC for students 21 years of age or older with proof of identification. The beer will be free for students carrying an IFC mug, which will cost \$5. Underage students will be accommodated with burgers and grilling out.

“We will have the standard mugs again this year, rather than the cups that were given out last year,” Vice President

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Monday, April 4
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Salter Hall

Tuesday, April 5
The Write Stuff
11 a.m. MXI 109

Tuesday, April 5
Inter-Fraternity Council
Meeting 11:10 a.m.
Student Senate Room

Tuesday, April 5
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Meeting 7 p.m.
Goodrich Room

Tuesday, April 5
East Meets West:
Encounters Along the
Ancient "Silk Road"
8 - 9:30 p.m. Baxter
Hall Lovell Lecture Hall

Tuesday, April 3
APO Meeting 7 p.m.
Baxter Hall 101

Wednesday, April 6
Wamidan Concert
7:30 p.m. Salter Hall

Thursday, April 7
Chapel Talk: Professor
Michael Abbott '85
11:10 p.m. Chapel

Friday, April 8
National Act: Lupe
Fiasco 8 p.m.
Chadwick Court

Stevenson

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at the age of 13, the man was on death row and was severely mentally disabled. Before he walked into the jail, Stevenson noticed a truck outside with a bumper sticker that read: "If I'd have known it was going to be this bad, I'd have picked my own cotton." That truck belonged to the guard responsible for escorting Stevenson's client during the two-and-a-half hour drive back and forth from the jail. After one of the hearings, the guard stopped Stevenson on his way into the jail, grabbed his arm, and (referring to Stevenson's arguments in court that day) told him, "I was listening." After that hearing, the same guard who strip-searched Stevenson and heckled him for representing his client took a detour on the way back to the jail. The guard took Stevenson's client to a

Wendy's for a milkshake.

"I've come this afternoon because I really want to be a witness against that [indifference to problems]," Stevenson said. "I believe that, more than anything, we have got to be people who are hopeful. I hope Wabash graduates are people who value the utility of being hopeful about what we can achieve in a world that is struggling—in a world where there is inequality. In a world where there is bias. In a world where there is sometimes excess and abuse."

And it is in that world that Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science Scott Himself '85 said Stevenson teaches us to live.

"Wabash's mission statement calls upon us to live humanely in a difficult world," Himself said. "Bryan Stevenson does just that."



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President Pat White presented Stevenson with the David W. Peck Senior Medal for eminence in the law. Past honorees include David Kendall '66 who also attended Tuesday's lecture. Kendall and Stevenson have both worked as attorneys for the NAACP Defense Fund.

Congratulations to Joel Bustamante '11



Bachelor Managing Editor and Cavellife Editor Joel Bustamante's cartoon depicting the passing of the torch in North Korea will be featured as a runner up in this year's issue of the *Journal of the National Security Forum* at William Mitchell College of Law. Bustamante's cartoons have

also been featured on *collegethumbor.com*. He will attend Indiana University's Ernie Pyle School of Journalism next fall for graduate work in journalism.

Silence

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Leon Back, president of sh'OUT and key organizer of the event, was impressed and honored to have Wilson visit the campus.

"To have a speaker address the issues of small town America in response to a national debate is insightful and highly valu-

able," he said. "I only wish that the film would be viewed by a wider audience than those that came to the screening."

Numerous discussions continued following the Q&A session, creating an opportunity for people to ask Wilson additional question about his work.

Pan-Hel Week Events

Tuesday, April 5
4:30 p.m. Keg Toss

Wednesday, April 6
7 p.m. Dodgeball Tournament

Thursday, April 7
4:30 p.m. Tug o' War

Friday, April 8
4:30 Black Party / Bed Races
8 p.m. National Act: Lupe Fiasco



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Peck Dinner '11

Alumni & Students Honor Stevenson, Kendall



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The 38th Annual David W. Peck Dinner took place Tuesday evening. Grant Schmutte '11 won the Junior Peck Medal. Other award winners were Graham Youngs '11, Michael Nossett '11, Jake German '11, Michael Carper '13, and Riley Floyd '13.



Pan-Hel

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of the Inter-Fraternity Council Adam Becerra '12 said.

Each Greek house on campus participates in the yearly celebration of fraternity life, competing for house glory, fellowship, and camaraderie.

"Students tend to associate themselves as a member of 'this house' or 'that club' and they remain within the confines of these certain organizations and struggle to extend friendships to those outside of these areas," Becerra said. "We are all 'Wabash Men' and I hope people truly take that to heart this year at Pan-Hel."

While the focus of Pan-Hel's events is centered around the rivalries of Greek houses, Friday's events however, will not be limited to Greek students. The entire campus is invited to celebrate the spirit of the collegiate Wabash man.

"All Wallies are welcome to come and observe the festivities; we will have food and drinks available for guys to have a good time," Moore said. "This year's Pan-Hel



BACHELOR ARCHIVES

Next week marks the start of Pan-Hel week. The week's events are not limited to Greek students. The games begin on Tuesday and conclude on Friday with the annual Bed Races. Lupe Fiasco will perform on Friday at 8 p.m. in Chadwick Court.

will continue the traditions that have been developed here at Wabash."

For a complete schedule of the week's events, see page 2.

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America's Response to Non-Direct Threats

On Monday, President Obama announced to the nation the action to lend troops to the Libyan effort; the less-than-desirable record of threats, aggression and atrocities to Libyan nationals by the tyrannical leader, Qaddafi, has prompted America into movement, in order to “stop a massacre, and work ... to maintain the safety of civilians.”

This latest military approach makes sense for a country living in the shadow of Iraq. Instead of an overly broad machismo and “go-it-alone” swagger, America chose to follow consensus; for this next conflict America pledged herself only as a “supporting role” amongst a broad NATO coalition, headed by Canada, England and Italy. In addition, the force consciously limited its operations and scope so that it only aims to “halt the onslaught of innocent civilians” and “establish a no-fly zone.”

At home, pundits and papers have begun analyzing the “Obama Doctrine” to war—acting when American “interests and values are in direct threat,” despite that its citizens are not—and debating on whether the policy departs from, improves upon or reengages the Bush I, Clinton or Bush II versions.

As a corollary, the *Bachelor* wonders: if America chooses to, in fact, keep asserting its identity as the “anchor of global security and advocate for human freedom,” then, similarly, must we not consider the next exit on the freeway of regime change—Bahrain?

This past Monday, Biden spoke with the Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad Al-Khalifa and marked the firm U.S. support for the people's marches of freedom. The tensions in

The Issue:

American and NATO forces move into Libya to protect values.

Our Stance:

How important is it to protect our values abroad? Should we go elsewhere also?

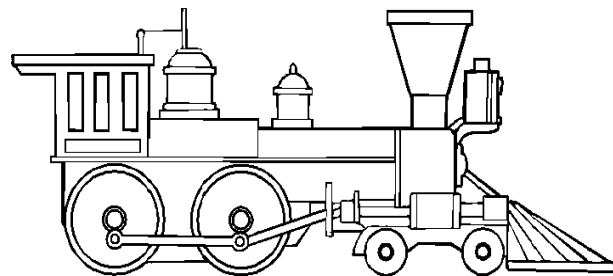
the Gulf country have grown steadily since the onset of unrest in the Arab world and, recently, have been met with military excessive counter resistance by Bahrain and Saudi Arabia. Two weeks ago, Obama called King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia and King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa of Bahrain to express concern over the latter's worsening violence and the former's growing involvement in protecting the regime; at the same time, several international NGOs released multiple reports of human rights violations, including forced disappearances, extra-judicial killings, and interference of medical services.

With Libya, America set a precedent for acting on non-direct threats. Will we continue the trend of American intervention—even if we are backed by coalitions—wherever human freedom is violated? If so, where and when can we stop doing so; Bahrain doesn't have Qaddafi, yet violations still abound.

Allow the *Bachelor* to restate its position: we neither advocate war nor pacifism, but we do advocate keeping American policy as congruent as possible and as justified as possible if it is going to be interventionist.



“...if America chooses to, in fact, keep asserting its identity as the ‘anchor of global security and advocate for human freedom’ then must we not consider the next exit on the freeway of regime—Bahrain?”



Planes, Trains, and Automobiles

When Washington starts handing out money, it can be difficult to stop. This is especially true in the case of subsidies. Consider the decades of subsidies the government has showered on the corn ethanol industry. Ethanol was supposed to free the United States from its dependence on foreign oil and produce fewer carbon emissions in the process. It's doing very little of the former and even less of the latter. The industry continues to be heavily subsidized despite these failures. Corn ethanol doesn't deserve nearly the level of taxpayer support.

In an earlier column this semester, I suggested that a train line from Crawfordsville to Chicago could really help our town. The train line would cut travel time in half, and the town would become less dependent on struggling manufacturing jobs.

The idea sounds absurd. I realize the idea sounds absurd. I meant for the idea to sound absurd.

Yet all over Europe, infrastructures heavily reliant on public transportation abound. My collection of ticket stubs from rail travel for my mother's scrapbook might be too large for each to be included, and I've only kept those from Britain. I decided to keep only one bus ticket receipt from each location I've visited even though I rode those bus routes multiple times.



KENNY FARRIS '12
ABROAD
COLUMNIST

These public transportation and long distance travel systems often don't make sense to an American who, for example, is not from New York City or doesn't fly much. With this in mind, I've recorded a short list of recommendations and warnings to help Wabash men navigate the public transportation systems of Europe. (Sophomores going abroad to Europe next year, save this.)

Trains: All major cities in Europe are connected by passenger train lines. With gas prices in England fluttering around \$8 a gallon, trains often help more citizens commute to high-paying jobs from lower cost areas. Trains also eliminate travel time to places that may require a tank of gas and a half day to reach.

For train travel, I recommend buying a youth railcard. Most countries in Europe allow various forms of a youth railcard,

which requires a decent initial cost but almost always pays itself off after a semester of fare savings. In Britain, a youth railcard typically saves 30% off normal fares. Also, book online as much as possible, as booking at a station typically costs more unnecessarily.

Air Travel: If you want to travel outside your country of study, you will most likely come into contact with Ryanair. Nearly always Ryanair offers the cheapest flights to a large selection of European cities: you can fly Ryanair to London, Poland, or a Spring Break trip to the Canary Islands. Sounds great, right?

I warn you, Ryanair is the epitome of the company with hidden fees. Booking online costs the equivalent of \$10 each way. Changing the dates from the original booking leads to a fee of £50, 50 , or 50 of whatever currency of your country of booking. Checking bags can double the cost of a one way fare. And if you try to stuff everything into a carry-on bag, make sure that bag “fits comfortably?” into a 55cm x 40cm x 20cm box and weighs no more than 10 kg (about 22 pounds). If it doesn't fit, the airline will make you pay or actually refuse your bag onto the plane. Expect their non-union flight attendants to check dimensions and weight your bag right before boarding.

Buses: While not as common for long distance travel as trains and air travel, bus-

es can save you lots of money when navigating through a major city. Avoid the long taxi queue and high prices at the doors of most airports by waiting for a cheaper bus fare that takes you to the city center. Learn the bus routes to the places you want to visit; large cities like London and Dublin have routes marked as numbers on front, back, and/or sides of buses. If you pay in cash, be ready to pay in exact change.

If you're interested in visiting places fairly far away from the city, regional bus routes often can be the final step towards reaching your destination. Visit the website of the region or country you'd like to visit, and find the link to bus routes, timetables, and fares. Simple planning like this eliminates unnecessary hassles and anxieties.

I'd consider these other important pieces of advice.

If you're studying in England or plan on visiting London more than once, buy an Oyster card for the London Underground. A single ticket costs £5, and most trips within the city center costs about £3.50 round trip.

Booking return trips often costs less than two one-way bookings.

Be polite with locals, as sometimes you just might be rewarded with a recommendation or cheaper travel.

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Keep Corn Ethanol Subsidies Away!

When Washington starts handing out money, it can be difficult to stop. This is especially true in the case of subsidies. Consider the decades of subsidies the government has showered on the corn ethanol industry. Ethanol was supposed to free the United States from its dependence on foreign oil and produce fewer carbon emissions in the process. It's doing very little of the former and even less of the latter. The industry continues to be heavily subsidized despite these failures. Corn ethanol doesn't deserve nearly the level of taxpayer support it is receiving. Given the current fiscal crisis, it is the perfect time to discontinue these expensive subsidies.

The federal government gives companies that combine corn ethanol with gasoline a 45-cent tax subsidy for every gallon of corn ethanol added to gasoline. This subsidy costs the taxpayers \$6 billion each year. But there are also many additional costs that the American people must contend with. Ethanol is much less efficient than gasoline. It contains about 68 percent of the combustible energy that gasoline does. So ethanol reduces fuel economy, which ultimately means that consumers have to buy more fuel to travel the same distance. If that isn't bad enough, ethanol fuel may also lead to damaged car parts. AAA has said that higher ethanol blends contribute to damaged exhaust systems, fuel pumps and catalytic converters.

Because of these factors, ethanol usage increases the cost of living for all Americans who own cars. But it also increases the cost of living even for those who do not own cars. Corn ethanol subsidies artificially raise the price of corn, and all the products made from corn. For example, many animal feeds contain a large amount of ground corn. Increased corn prices cause animal feed prices to increase as well. This makes raising animals such as cows and pigs



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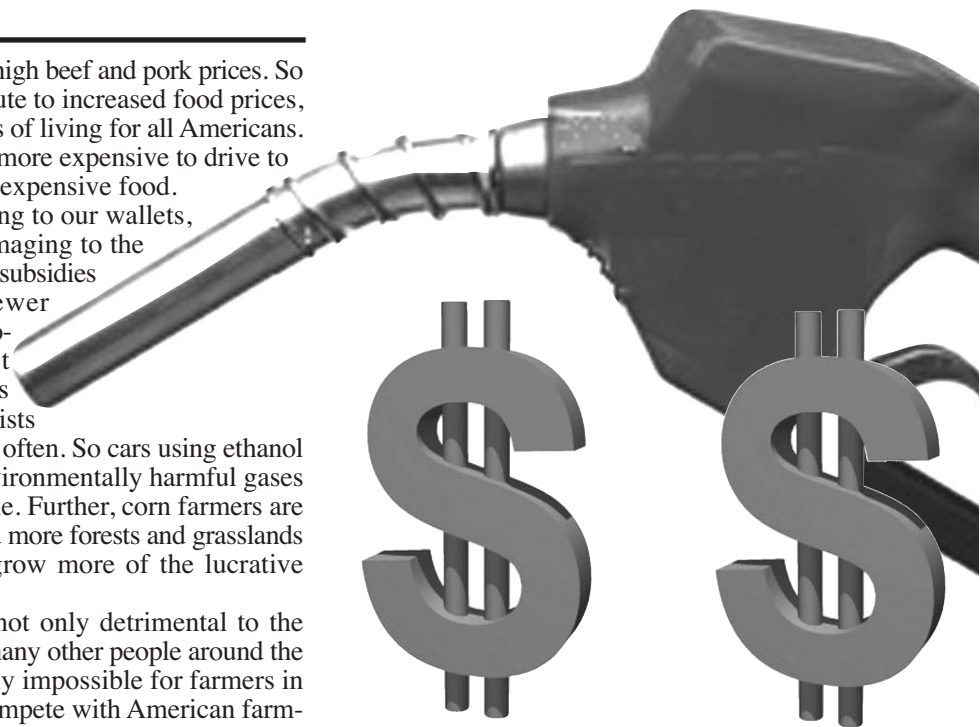
more expensive, which causes high beef and pork prices. So corn ethanol subsidies contribute to increased food prices, which further increase the costs of living for all Americans. In short, the subsidies make it more expensive to drive to the grocery store to buy more expensive food.

In addition to being damaging to our wallets, corn ethanol subsidies are damaging to the environment. Supporters of the subsidies claim that cars will emit fewer harmful gases because less gasoline is being burned. But because the ethanol blends decrease fuel efficiency, motorists have to fill their tanks up more often. So cars using ethanol fuel will emit just as many environmentally harmful gases as cars that use regular gasoline. Further, corn farmers are needlessly converting more and more forests and grasslands into farm fields in order to grow more of the lucrative crop.

Corn ethanol subsidies are not only detrimental to the American people, but also to many other people around the world. Subsidies make it nearly impossible for farmers in poorer parts of the world to compete with American farm-

ers. This perpetuates the poverty in much of the third world.

Why should the federal government give so much favor to farmers at the expense of so many other people? It is nothing more than corporate welfare. It is time to end the practice of politicians shamelessly buying Midwestern votes with subsidies.



Ethanol Facts

"It takes 1.5 gallons of E-85 to drive as many miles as one gallon of gasoline."

"Spills of pure ethanol or gasoline containing ethanol ... can create a benzene plume up to 150% larger than a spill from a non-ethanol fuel."



"Ethanol cannot be shipped by pipeline because of its high affinity for...distribution costs and hurdles for gasoline blenders."

"Ethanol is listed as known human carcinogen by the International Agency for Research on Cancer."

Time for a Spirituality Audit!

Does Wabash College do enough to support students of faith? Religious faith is important to many—perhaps most—Wabash students, and there are various student religious groups that prove that point. Wabash also has a long history of connection to the Christian tradition. The college was founded by Presbyterian pastors, and for much of its history a course in Christian morality was required for graduation. Nonetheless, in recent years the College has kept its distance from the spiritual life of its students. Students are free to be religious, but they are not given much official encouragement or support, other than the fact that religious groups can receive funding from the Student Senate like other clubs.

Wabash students are free to pursue religion, but should the College try to be so free from religion? In the first half of the twentieth century, there was a chaplain at Wabash, whose title later changed to Director of Religious Instruction. Since the sixties, the College has steadily pursued a secular course. Religion thrives on campus, but the initiative must come from the students. This is a good thing, in a way, since student responsibility is what Wabash is all about. In another way, however, it might be time to assess the College's relationship to students of faith.

We assess everything around here, so why not religion? I propose a spiritual audit for the College. We need to know how important faith is for our students and how they perceive the religious environment at Wabash. We need to know if there are spiritual needs that are not being met at Wabash, and how we can best go about meeting them.

For skeptics reading this, I want to bring to your attention a national study on spirituality in higher education. The Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA began a seven year study in 2003. This was the first national longitudinal study of the spiritual lives of college students. Its finding should be the subject of discussion and debate at every college in America.

Why worry about students and spirituality. The study concluded: "Assisting students' spiritual growth will help create a new generation who are more caring, more globally aware, and more committed to social justice than previous generations, while also enabling students to respond to the many stresses and tensions of our rapidly changing technological society with a



PROF. STEPHEN
WEBB, '83
GUEST
COLUMNIST

greater sense of equanimity."

The study followed more than 14,000 students from more than 130 colleges and universities. The authors measured spiritual qualities like charitable involvement, equanimity, and an ethic of caring as well as more specifically religious qualities like religious commitment, religious skepticism, and religious struggle. They found that, while religious engagement declines slightly for students in college, their spiritual qualities grow substantially. Students who showed the greatest degree of growth were actively encouraged by their professors to explore questions of meaning and purpose. Not surprisingly, students who maintained their religious commitments in college also demonstrated less alcohol consumption and partying.

The College has spent a lot of time assessing fraternity life, athletic facilities, and faculty salaries. What about religion? Larger colleges have campus ministries and various chaplaincies representing most denominations, while even smaller schools often have an office of religious affairs or, like Butler University, a Volunteer Center that helps to connect students to charitable and spiritual activities. Butler also has a Center for Religious Life located in a home affectionately known as the Blue House. This house is the home of the Butler Center for Faith and Vocation, which runs many programs related to religion and spirituality. Wabash has become increasingly secular in the years I have taught here. Perhaps it is time to pause and take the spiritual measure of our community, to see where we have been and what we can do differently in the future. Perhaps it is time for a spirituality audit.

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Ten-Year-Old to be Taken Down

Smug prodigy not welcome here anymore, sources say

JONATHON "SQUIGGLES" HAGGERDY '14

NOTED LOSER

Ten-year-old child prodigy Max McBlainson '11 is to be taken down a notch after class today.

"Oh, we're gonna get him good," Average College Student Fred Williamson '11 said. "Let's see him solve a punch to the face."

Animosity towards McBlainson began after students reported him "acting like a smartass" and "being a total dick about school or whatever."

"He just kept asking all of these questions that were all like, man, I don't even know," Marc Jacobi '13 said. "I'm just here for the credit, man, I don't need this."

Much of his classmate's hostility apparently comes from his inability to participate in activities that his much older classmates partake in, that and he's just a complete jerk. As a ten-year-old, McBlainson refuses to attend a single TGIF, as well as completely ignores the festivities of Pan-Hel.

"A bunch of late teenagers running around in shopping carts?" McBlainson inquired. "No thank you."

Third-string quarterback Tritch Tannebaum noted comments like that as being a reason for McBlainson's forthcoming beat down.

"See what I mean? Just go with it, man," Tannebaum said. "Look! Now he's reading on the mall when we try to play Ultimate Frisbee. That son of a b*tch."

Professors, too, have expressed concern over such a young, brash jack*ss attending the revered institution.

"Look, I don't care if you're ten or a twenty, you don't stand up and disprove a theory that I wrote back in the day when we had to squint our eyes really tightly because

we didn't have microscopes," Biology Professor Matt Brotowsken said. "And then to claim that my whole life was simply an inferiority to the budding star that is McBlainson? Get out of town."

McBlainson gained national notoriety when he chose Wabash simply so he "wouldn't get the cooties."

Said McBlainson, "No girls? That sounds as awesome as my newly proposed theory on how gravity is relative to the essential equations prophesized by the original quota—" before he was abruptly cut off for talking like a total d-bag.

Despite students' best efforts to have him transferred to a school that would accept the kind of "not needed b/s that he keeps spitting," legal ramifications have prevented the act from carrying through. It appears that a certain document prohibits such an act, and is signed by both President Patrick White and McBlainson (whose signature is apparently in crayon).

Even the Pacifist Society seemed to be at odds with the alleged "prodigy." Current Pacifist Society President Matt Brodeo '11 felt that fists might not be enough for McBlainson to "get the message."

"It's like he thinks he's that kid from Jerry Maguire," Brodeo said. "Well, my baseball bat says otherwise."

Any student who feels that he may deserve a whack or two to keep the so-called "talent" on the ground where he belongs may come to the front of Baxter Hall at the end of McBlainson's last class, "RHE-208: Intro to Pretending I Have Friends." Students are encouraged to bring a weapon of some sort, as the density of McBlainson's skull will double as an instrument for the Senior Seminar Biology lab later that week.



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Max McBlainson's '11 yearbook photo, looking like the total nimrod everyone knows he is.

DePauw to Turn to Toilets

Oddly uncontroversial move to remove all urinals from every bathroom gains strong support

CODY LABORSONSTEIN '12

HATED COMMUNIST/FAMILY FRIEND

This past Thursday afternoon at the Board of Trustee meeting of DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, voted to replace all campus urinals with actual toilets passed unanimously. This decision was made in conjunction with the current campaign efforts of our rivals to the south to "make campus better suited for our student's daily lives."

The motion came from the floor after a recently published survey discovered 97.4% of all DePauw students "squat to pee" (SurveyMonkey.com) The profound results sent the Board of Trustees into heavy conversation Thursday and occupied the majority of the time in the meeting.

"We just could not decide what the best possible action for our students was at first," Trustee member and former Vice President of the United States Dan Quayle says, "in the end, the move to an all-toilet campus will enable our students to live less stressful lives."

Our interview with Mr. Quayle was cut short due to occupied stalls in the campus bathroom and what must have been an unquenchable need to urinate exactly at that moment (there were, in fact, three open urinals at the time of his departure).

The campus improvement project aims to have all urinals removed by the end of April to allow the graduating senior men at least two to three weeks of a more sophisticated manner of expelling urine from their bladders. When asked about his thoughts on the initiative, senior and two-time d3football.com All-American, who caught only three passes in the Monon Bell game last fall, Alex Koors told reporters,

"It really is an inconvenience. I go into a bathroom between classes and both stalls are occupied, five urinals are unused, and a line of about 15 men extends out the bathroom door."

The lack of toilets in men's restrooms seems to actually be interfering with classroom time. Further, he told reporters, "...at the Monon Bell game this year, our locker room at Wabash had only 1 stall in it. The dejected and worn out look you saw on our faces, as if we had peed our pants, was not a response to Wabash's masculine crowd of screaming mustached men, but simply that we were left with no option but to pee our pants."

When asked why the football team could not have "manned-up" and simply used the urinals, Koors simply scoffed and gave us no reply.

Upon further investigation by our staff on DePauw's campus, we discovered a line of 22 men extending out of one bathroom shortly after 10:00AM on Friday morning



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The already existing bathroom stalls in the Men's restroom will continue to be expanded by a number of grants and recently rescinded scholarship money.

following the vote. This line took 47 minutes before the last man had been able to use the restroom. Such a fiasco left several students in pain, others in angry, and many more scampering away from the academic building to visit the toilets in their living units.

With such a problem interfering not only socially but academically, it begs the question how such a matter had managed to go unaddressed for such a long time?

The planned replacements will actually save DePauw money in the long run due to a cut back in custodial work on unused urinals. Head of Campus Improvement and

President of DePauw, Mr. Brian W. Casey, told reporters Friday, "We still clean the unused urinals. By removing them entirely, we will save wasted cleaner and labor costs on already clean surfaces."

All in all, the plan seems a thorough means to improve student life, cut costs, and enable DePauw students to spend more time in the classroom.



All-American Efforts

RYAN LUTZ '13
STAFF WRITER

In Knoxville, Tennessee at the NCAA Swimming National Championships two of Wabash College's premier swimmers set school records and became the team's first all-Americans since 2007.

Both David Birrer and Evan Rhinesmith placed 13th nationally, setting two school records in the process. These two swimmers got their program back on the right track and set the standard for future Wabash swimmers.

"Both of them have given the program a national face and set an example of work ethic, set multiple school records" Coach Barnes said.

"It was by far the craziest thing I have ever been a part of," Rhinesmith said, "the atmosphere really picked up on the last day."

"I went in knowing it was going to be the fastest National meet they have had so far. But there was no doubt that they were going to swim well and become an All-American," Barnes said.

The meet met Barnes' expectations as both Rhinesmith and Birrer broke school records. Birrer broke the old Wabash record in the 200 fly, and Rhinesmith broke his own school record in the 100 breaststroke. Their efforts

earned them All-American honors.

Birrer and Rhinesmith put a tremendous amount of work in their four years here at Wabash College, and it ended in All-American status for both of them. They raised the bar for the program and gaining some national attention while doing it. The sense of urgency that comes with an athlete's senior year was one of the factors that helped both Birrer and Rhinesmith work harder than before to achieve success.

"I think it was kind of surreal. I didn't really grasp it at first. It has been such a long year of training and working out that it didn't really sink in at first. It was definitely worth it. Even though I didn't meet the goals I set out for, just knowing that we set a new standard for all of the future classes is more than enough," Rhinesmith said.

Every athlete knows one day there will not be a next competition to prepare for. All that sacrifice, hard work and dedication has to amount to something. It amounts to more for a select few athletes who cross the line between good and great. Achieving All-American status, both Rhinesmith and Birrer saw their work amount to something.

"I'm not sure how I feel. I'm sure that all of the senior athletes that have had to stop with the sports they love feel the same way. It's been a huge commitment for our lives, but the feeling right after is too surreal to even fully grasp what happened once it's over," Rhinesmith said.

Even though their careers are over they went out on a

good note, it is not every year that the swim team has two All-Americans. That alone gives the program something to build on with recruiting and goal setting in the years to come.

"Hopefully this is just a foundation for the program," Rhinesmith said.

This past season there have been morning workouts, Saturday practices, and a training camp over Christmas break: plenty of opportunities for demons of doubt to creep in. There are even more opportunities for burnout to occur. With all these chances to slip up, both Birrer and Rhinesmith kept continually working towards their goal of becoming an All-American.

"You just have to stay on the grind, because you don't realize how fast everything goes by," Rhinesmith said.

Both of the seniors did that throughout the season and provided insight and inspiration for the rest of the individuals on the team.

In their final athletic competition of their collegiate careers, both Rhinesmith and Birrer left their mark on Wabash swimming, leaving behind them a program full of promise and upside.

"They are outstanding young men, and while their careers might have ended what they have done outside of the pool will help them be successful in their everyday lives" Barnes said.

Little Giants Run Away With Honors

KYLE BENDER '12
STAFF WRITER

In a fashion similar to MLB teams during Spring Training sessions, the Wabash Track and Field team employed a "split squad" approach this past weekend.

The Little Giants sent competitors both to the Rhodes Invitational in Memphis, Tenn. and to the Yellow Jacket Open in Cedarville, Ohio.

The strategy proved successful, as the program was notified Tuesday that Wabash swept the NCAC Track and Field Athletes of the Week.

Junior Kevin McCarthy added another honor to his already long list of accomplishments. McCarthy was named NCAC Distance Runner of the Week after posting a provisional time for nationals in the 3000-meter steeplechase. McCarthy won the event at the Rhodes Invite in a time of 9:21.05 in just his second time ever competing in the event.

Freshman Charles Smothers won the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.25, the second best time posted in the NCAC all season. Smothers was named NCAC Sprinter of the Week after edging out 34 runners at the Rhodes Invite.

Finally, newcomer Daniel Ambrosio '12 traveled with most of the field athletes to Cedarville, Ohio for the Yellow Jacket Open. Ambrosio received NCAC Field Athlete of the Week honors after winning the javelin throw. His throw of 53.6 meters was the second-farthest in the NCAC all year.

"Coach Morgan and Coach House encouraged me to consider joining the team to throw the javelin," Ambrosio said. "I participated in track in high school and always thought javelin would be fun to try. I am continuing to get better and gain experience with every practice and meet."

"My goal is to help my teammates as much as I can. I am very pleased not only with my field teammates,

but the team as a whole. Our goal is to bring as many guys as we can to conference by hitting the means."

For a close-knit team that is attempting to build off its first-ever NCAC Indoor Track and Field Championship, this outdoor team will need the help of role players such as Ambrosio and others who help round out a track team's biggest asset - depth. Several, including Ambrosio, have crossed over using athleticism from other sports to compete in new events.

"My experience with the track team has been amazing," Ambrosio said. "I am surrounded by a large group of guys that continually work hard day in and day out and I admire the team's spirit and dedication. Our support and encouragement for one another is very important and we take a lot of pride in our hard work and success."

The Little Giants return to action Saturday at DePauw University for the DePauw Invitational.



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Kevin McCarthy's performance earned him distance honors.

Swart Leads Baseball in Split With Wooster



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Junior Andrew Swart took home Pitcher of the Week honors after his complete game victory over Wooster on Saturday.

BRANDAN ALFORD '12
SPORTS EDITOR

In order to be the best, you have to beat the best. Junior Andrew Swart did just that this past weekend, knocking off conference-favorite Wooster in a performance that earned the right-hander NCAC Pitcher of the Week honors.

Scattering three hits in a complete-game effort, Swart allowed only a single earned run in Wabash's 5-2 victory over the Scots on Saturday. After allowing single runs in the

second and third innings, Swart settled in, striking out a season-high nine batters while going the game's final three innings without allowing a hit in the Little Giants' 5-2 win. The performance was equally impressive because of who Swart was up against. Not only was he throwing against the conference's most dynamic lineup historically, but he was also facing off against all-American Justin McDowell.

"Swart went up against McDowell and got the win," junior John Holm said. "We feel like he didn't get the kind of recognition he deserved last year, and this was a great way to show that for him to come out and outpitch an all-American."

With the Little Giants trailing 2-0 in the third, first baseman John Holm blasted his third home run on the young season, scoring Brian Lares and bringing the Little Giants (8-13 overall, 1-1 NCAC) back even with Wooster.

"That was definitely a momentum-shifter," Holm said. "It really got everyone into the game. From that point on, everything seemed to go our way. You could see the momentum shift."

The game remained all square until the bottom of the fifth inning. After the Little Giants' first two batters were retired in the frame, back-to-back free passes set up junior Chris Deig with runners on first and second base.

Deig would single through the left side, scoring Holm with the eventual game-winning run. Sophomore Montana Timmons followed Deig with a single of his own that would plate senior Tanner Coggins as well as Deig for more than enough run support for Swart.

The win improved Swart's record to 3-2 on the season. The Little Giant ace carries an impressive 2.09 ERA through his first eight appearances of the season, while striking out 32 in 38 2/3 innings pitched.

"Having Swart on the mound is always a big boost for us," Holm said. "We feel like, if we can get a run or two that may be all we need to get a win from him. Wooster scored two on us early, but once we tied it at two, we knew he wasn't going to allow another run."

The win was a big one for the Little Giants as the Scots are once again the perennial favorite to take home the NCAC title this spring.

"Getting a win over Wooster is huge," Holm said. "They were the preseason number one pick, and are a great program all-around. They are the team to beat in the NCAC, so it was great to see that they are beatable."

However, Wabash was unable to complete the two-game sweep of Wooster, falling in game two, 5-1.

Moving forward, Wabash will play host to four conference games this weekend with Oberlin visiting on Saturday before Ohio Wesleyan comes to Crawfordsville on Sunday.

With the conference schedule front-loaded with home games, Holm and his teammates realize the importance to get wins early and often at the brand new baseball complex.

"Winning the weekend is always our expectation, to go 3-1," Holm said. "But I don't see a reason why we can't win all four. We have great pitching, and our hitting is improving. We are going to be at home, so anything less than winning all four would be a failure."

"Winning at home is huge. To have home wins when we do go on the road is going to play a huge role in whether we are able to make a run this season."

The Little Giants will have four opportunities to get those wins this weekend.

This past Sunday's games against Wittenberg, which were canceled, have been postponed to April 17 and will be played at Wabash as scheduled.



Minaret to be Added to Chapel Because, Hey, Why Not?

400 foot structure to be added “slightly to the left”

JULIAS ORANGE ’13
WINNING

After emerging from Sunday Service held on the steps of the Wabash Center, the college administration announced the campus’ latest physical modification: a forty-foot minaret to accompany the Chapel’s already existing steeple.

“Let’s be honest, the Pioneer Chapel has needed a makeover for some time,” President Patrick White said during the press conference. “And it just so happens that our reports also indicate that the best way to teach about religion and religious equality is to make significant, sweeping changes and inform students later about how important and necessary they absolutely are.”

Planned to tower several feet slightly to the left of the original steeple, the minaret will stand out as testament to the growing Muslim community in Crawfordsville and begin the College’s newly instated “Can’t We All Just Get Along?” campaign, which was also kick started on Sunday.

The Dean for Advancement, Emmick Joe, went on to speak about the campaign’s more significant unstated goals.

“First off, we feel that we’ve got that Chinese connection down. Now, we’re off to conquer the Middle East—meaning we need to entice more Muslim Students.”

Continued Emmick: “Who’s ready to make ESH hours?”

The Dean went on, explaining the crucial role the construction will have for the College economy and revitalization at large.

“Sparks and the Allen Center are just not cutting it when it comes to ESH hours. We can create at least fourteen part-time jobs to put up this minaret,” Emmick said to the large crowd of excited (if not indifferent) students—most of who appeared to be wearing Conservative Union Polos.

In addition, Emmick discussed the possibilities of adding a golden dome to the Armory, and converting all the lanterns on campus into silver Menorahs.

Some of the staff and faculty expressed concern about the purported changes on the steps of the actual Chapel.

“So long as everybody here is cool and doesn’t do anything stupid, I won’t have to break out Ol’ Betty,” Campus’ Security Extraordinaire J.D. Woods said. “I just don’t want any panicking or high school shenanigans.”

Several students similarly shared their disapproval for the minaret.

“I mean, the college wants to make the minaret out of gold and bejewel the entire thing. In addition to the obvious religious problems that creates, I thought we just took a endowment hit?” President of the Muslim Student’s Association Mike Brown-snovitch ’13 said.



JAMES VANDER BERN ’14

A loose, conceptual (and possibly blurry) rendition of the proposed minaret.

Get Off of My Nuts *Squirrels are People, too*

Hello Wabash.

It’s me, the squirrel staring back at you as you trek across the mall.

The soft, adorable squirrel that you know is plotting your end.

Because we are.

For the past six years of my life, I’ve watched as you rush hurriedly to your large brick monoliths, your buildings of untold knowledge, your prisons. Meanwhile, I’ve been securing the most precious resource this world has ever produced: food.

That’s right, Wabash. As you race back and forth, we find the most precious nuts this fine land has produced and keep them far out of your reach. We bury them inches underground, where no human can venture. *Inches*. Go ahead, try to get at that. I dare you. *I freaking dare you*.

Oh by the way, all that food you throw away totally goes to my pals and me. You don’t like lasagna? Well, **THE HELL WITH YOU**, cause I sure do. “Oh no, coconut tofu,” you say. Well to us you might as well be saying, “Here, righteous and superior Squirrel Army. Get bigger and take us over, please.”

Next time, go ahead. Don’t finish that ice cream cone. My buddy Ricky will be quick to grab it and gnaw away, staring into your eyes with a glare that says, “There’s nothing wrong with this.”

And I’ll be the one on your shoulder, whispering into your ear that you just need to accept it.



CPT RAYMOND
J. SHAMTON
SQUIRREL

Accept the fact that during those cold, wintery months when you don’t see us that much, we’re secretly plotting your end. For too long you’ve exercised the fact that you are simply larger than us. That your towering and fairly terrifying height grants you some sort of superiority.

I got one question for you, chump. Can you climb up a tree *like it ain’t no thing*? Didn’t think so.

Heck, sometimes I run up a tree *just because I can*. Of course, I have to run back down the opposite side, or else it will have all been for nothing.

I mean, have you even seen how fast I can run away? Can your tiny human brains comprehend how fast that my adorable paws move? No, no they can’t. Because I, the squirrel, am so much smarter than you.

Have you ever noticed a seemingly random branch falling, or a snap of a twig as you walk through our woods? Has that sound frightened you, grasping your very soul and shaking it to the core? That sound, my dear “friend,” is simply a warning. You’re in my house, baby. And I like my house sans-you.

Perhaps this has all slipped your mind. Maybe you’ve gone on, bopping your head to your Justin Biebers and Miley Cyruses. But surely you’ve looked up to the towering branches of our lair. No doubt you’ve stared at us as we go about our daily routine. Calmly nibbling or chasing after some she-squirrel action. Staring back at you with our beady eyes. Staring *defly into your very soul*.

So the next time you see of us, remember that we’re watching you. We’ve seen all. And, if you have any letters, please send them to the attic of the Theta Delt house.

Athletic Director Becomes ESH Position

T.J. FREEDOM ’11
NUDIST EXTRAORDINAIRRE

The black hole left in the Athletics Department has been met with severe recourse. Many have tried to claim the position, but none have proven worthy, often tagged with high salary requests or the occasional need for unlimited access to the luxurious spas of the Allen Center. Furthermore, despite weeklong searches and constant Craigslist ads, not a single legitimate candidate has been presented. Yet, one option has never been considered. Until now.

The position of Athletic Director will be Muncie native, Matt Chakowski ’14.

“I just filled out the ESH [Employment Self-Help] form on the website and got an email,” Chakowski said. “I guess I wasn’t really that surprised; I do play Intramurals.”

Aside from the obvious qualifications, Chakowski brings numerous other strengths to the table. He starred as the Chakowski family darts captain, and reportedly taught his little brother how to juggle. Furthermore, he was recruited to play football at DePauw, but chose to pursue a future that would actually mean something in the down the road.

“Given my extensive background in various forms of athletics, including but not limited to my multiple March Madness brackets, I believe Wabash has clearly made the right choice,” Chakowski said. “Let’s keep the Bell! Or whatever it is we play for; I’m not really that involved at school.”

Chakowski was first to apply for the position on Wabash Works! which was posted two weeks earlier. Due to the low traffic of the website, however, the application remained largely unnoticed to the student population.

“Yeah, I saw it on the site,” Harold Grubbers ’12 said. “I figured I’d just fill out the form later or whatever. Guess I’ll just have to apply for a resident Spanish professorship instead.”

The decision to turn the salary position into an ESH job came from Student Senate, who spent four months on one simple question to begin the process of the transformation.

“In the eyes of the Student Body, every and all possible position should definitely be held by students,” Vice President of the Stu-



JAMES VANDER BERN ’14

Matt Chakowski ’14 stands proudly.

dent Body Tyler Wade ’12 said. “That means everything: Janitors, professors, librarians; heck, I bet we could even handle the Business Office if we have to.”

Even President Patrick White’s position seemed to be in jeopardy.

“I mean, if we ever need to fill that kind of a job, look no further than right here,” Wade said.

The desire to keep Wabash students in high-ranking positions comes from the notion that Wallies deserve to represent their school over other extremely qualified candidates.

“Sure, it’s nice to get some new blood every now and again,” Class Representative Samuel Stanston ’13 said. “But you’re telling me that I don’t know how this school runs? Try telling a newcomer what air raids are. I dare you.”

But not all seem to be in favor of the decision. Tom Clemens ’11 feels that upper classmen should have also been given a chance.

“You’re saying that just because I’m quote/unquote graduating that means that I can’t still do ESH? That’s *ridiculous*,” Clemens said.