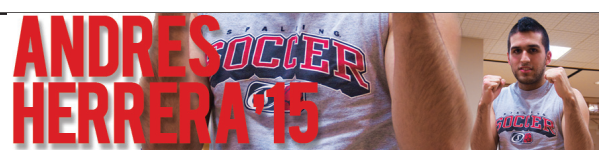


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# Next up: Mount Union

**BRANDAN ALFORD '12**  
SPORTS EDITOR

For the first time in ten years, Wabash's football team is headed to the quarter-finals of the NCAA division III Football Championships when it travels to Alliance, Ohio to face No. 2 Mount Union (12-0).

The No. 9 Little Giants (12-0) will face its toughest test of the year when it makes the six-and-a-half hour journey to face the Purple Raiders. Mount Union has won three of the last six Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowls for the Division III National Championship, and are no stranger to playing deep into December.

"We know this is going to be a difficult test for us this week," coach Erik Raeburn said. "But we are thankful that we played well enough this past week to have this opportunity to play against a program like Mount Union."

The Little Giants advanced to the quarterfinals with a thrilling come-from-behind 29-28 victory over North Central College. A slow start staked Wabash to a 21-0 halftime deficit, and a 28-7 hole after three quarters.

"Our guys know they will have to play their best to have a chance to win this



KELLY SULLIVAN | WABASH '15

The Wabash Football team has traveled a long road, coming together for a perfect regular season and two playoff wins. They will face No. 2 Mount Union in Alliance, Ohio, tomorrow afternoon.

game," Raeburn said. "But they know that if we play our best, I think we can beat anybody."

For the second consecutive week, the Little Giants will be facing one of the nation's top defensive units. Mount Union boasts the nation's top total defense, allowing only 179.08 yards per game. The unit is also the nation's top-ranked pass efficiency defense (68.08), scoring defense (7.33 points per game), and passing defense (109.50 yards per game). They are ranked third

in the nation in rush defense (69.58 yards per game), and fourth overall for turnover margin (+33).

"One of the things that they have been successful doing is that other teams are not able to run the ball, and then they get great pressure on the quarterback," Raeburn said. "Obviously we are going to have to pass the ball, but we need to do a better job running the ball if we are going to have a chance."

However, the Little Giants seem unfazed by the challenge that awaits Saturday.

"I feel like we have a lot of confidence coming out of the North Central game," quarterback Tyler Burke said. "Knowing the team we can be when we do things right, we have the most confidence in the world in ourselves."

"We feel like if we play like we did in that fourth quarter, that no team in the country can stop us."

Offensively, the Purple Raiders have an outstanding balanced attack, featuring a 1,000-yard rusher as well as a 1,000-yard passer. Junior quarterback Max Piloto has

thrown for 1,757 yards and 16 touchdowns on the season with only five interceptions. Piloto has completed 65 percent of his passes. On the ground, junior Jeremy Murray shoulders the load, having rushed for 1,399 yards and 18 touchdowns in only 243 attempts. Murray averages 116.6 yards per game and 5.8 yards per carry.

The Purple Raiders feature three receivers who have over 400 yards receiving on the season. Senior A.J. Claycomb has 41 receptions for 619 yards and two touchdowns this season. Junior Jasper Collins has 41 receptions and 576 yards while hauling in a team-leading ten touchdowns on the season; Junior Chris Denton rounds out the trio with 39 catches for 496 yards and six touchdowns.

As a former player and coach with the Purple Raiders, Raeburn is well aware of what a Mount Union team brings to the table.

"One of the reasons they have been so successful is that they seemingly have no weaknesses," Raeburn said.

"It's going to take a complete game effort, and everyone is going to have to play their best for us to have any success against that team."

## Comeback for the Ages

*Little Giants Stun North Central in Last Minute*

**BRANDAN ALFORD '12**  
SPORTS EDITOR

For three quarters last Saturday, North Central (Ill.) dominated the line of scrimmage and had a 28-7 lead over host Wabash in the second round of the NCAA Division III Football Championships.

Thankfully for Wabash, there were another 15 minutes to play, and the Little Giants had Tyler Burke under center.

Sparked by an unbelievable 199-yard, three-touchdown fourth quarter performance by the senior, Wabash erased a 21-point deficit and earned a hard-fought 29-28 victory.



COURTESY OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Wabash defensive backs Houston Hodges '15 (1) and Kyle Najar '12 (16) combine to bring down a North Central runner in last weekend's playoff game.

"To win a game against a team like that with the opportunity to go to the Elite Eight, that's emotional enough," coach Erik Raeburn said. "But the way it transpired, to win the way we did, it was an emotionally draining game."

"It's awesome for those players."

The end result seemed far from believable when the Little Giants went to the locker room down 21-0. They had been limited to 184 yards of total offense and had turned the ball over twice in their five first-half drives.

It seemed even less believable when Burke fumbled

on the first possession of the fourth quarter with the Little Giants down 28-7 with their playoff lives hanging in the balance.

However, a stiffened defense held North Central in check as the offense sprung to life in the final 15 minutes of the game.

"That was an incredible effort by our entire defense throughout that second half," Raeburn said.

Senior C.J. Gum's 15-tackle effort highlighted a defensive unit that forced North Central into two turnovers and three punts in its final five drives. The key stop, however, came early in the final period as freshman Cody Buresh forced a North Central fumble that was recovered by senior Kyle Najar.

"That was a great play by Cody and a real heads-up play by Kyle to get that recovery," Raeburn said. "For as much as North Central runs the ball, I'm not sure I have seen them fumble the ball once. So to force a turnover in that situation was huge. Our guys really stepped up and made a big play."

Buresh would finish with nine tackles, one sack, one forced fumble, and one pass breakup in the game.

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COURTESY OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Wabash quarterback Tyler Burke '12 led the Little Giants to a huge playoff victory against North Central (Ill.).

## Burke Steps up

**BRANDAN ALFORD '12**  
SPORTS EDITOR

It wasn't possible two years ago.

It certainly wasn't believable two weeks ago.

But thanks to the right arm, and unbelievable guts, of senior Tyler Burke, Wabash's football team finds itself in the Elite Eight of the NCAA Division III Football Championships.

Burke has certainly taken the road less traveled during his four col-

legiate years. After a freshman year in which he played both football and baseball for the Little Giants, the Kalamazoo, Mich. native decided to transfer to Western Michigan in order to pursue a program with the Air Force.

"With my career path, I really saw myself going into the Air Force and being a fighter pilot," Burke said. "I thought that was my calling."

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OH, 12 p.m.

Sunday, December 4  
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tion, MXI, 5 p.m.

Chamber Orchestra  
Concert, Salter Hall,  
7:30 p.m.

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Faculty Meeting, Lilly  
Library, 4:15 p.m.

"State of the Black Col-  
lege Student" Talk, MXI  
109, 7 p.m.

Senate Meeting, Lilly  
Library, 7 p.m.

Thursday, December 8  
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Pat White, 11:10 a.m.

"What Can I Do with a  
Major in Division II?"  
Talk, Detchon Interna-  
tional Hall, 7 p.m.

## Fighter Mentality Drives Herrera

SCOTT MORRISON '14  
STAFF WRITER

Freshman Andrés Herrera is a Little Giant with a UFC fighter's mentality that has spurred him to adjust to a whole new world this fall – that of Wabash.

Herrera hails from an almost completely different place than almost all of us are accustomed to. He and his family live in the Mexican city of Matamoros which is just across the Texas border. The area is a hot spot in the Mexican drug war. Every day he travelled to Brownsville, Texas for high school, and this daily journey along with his rough home city really exhibit the toughness and determination he has.

At age four, Herrera got his beginnings with boxing, which is a huge sport in Mexico. He has boxed ever since then but has also branched out into the martial art of tae kwon do and kickboxing, which is his favorite.

"Watching *Dragon Ball Z* as a kid made me want to fight, so that is how I started," Herrera said. "When I went to tae kwon do, I realized that I could mix the two

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KELLY SULLIVAN | WABASH '15

Andrés Herrera '15 grew up in a small town in Mexico spending time boxing and performing martial arts. At Wabash, he wants to make a kickboxing club for others like him to fight.

## Wellness Screening Set for December 6th

TYLER HARDCASTLE '15  
STAFF WRITER

As Dead Week approaches, health is often the last thing on Wabash students' minds. Papers, presentations and finals take precedent over well-being. To combat this the Wabash Wellness Committee will be

supporting wellness screening for Wabash College Students on December 6th from 10:30a.m. to 12:30p.m. in Fobes Lounge in the Sparks Center.

"It's a very stressful period on campus, these last two weeks of classes leading into finals, and we don't want the

campus community to forget about their wellness during this stressful period," said Joesph Haklin, Director of Athletics and Campus Wellness. To help with the usual influx of students to the nursing and counseling center the Wellness Committee holds this event in an effort to be proactive, making students more health conscious.

"We're trying to get people to stop by to get a read on their own health and get it in their minds that 'hey I should be aware of my nutrition and rest here as I go through this stressful period,'" said Haklin. The tests cover blood pressure, pulse, body fat percentage, BMI and hand strength.

"[Choosing the tests] really went into what's going to be simple, to get people through quickly, and give them some measures of things they should

have a good sense for," said Brian Anderson, Head Wrestling Coach and Director of Campus Wellness. The tests should take around five minutes, but give students useful results.

"[The test] it will have ranges on where the students should be. We're just trying to get information in their hands so they know where they are at," said Anderson. Students can take this information back to the Allen Center and make the changes that they want. The Allen Center offers multiple fitness classes as well as consultation with Casey Bradley, the school's personal fitness consultant. This is part of an ongoing Wellness program started on campus.

"Next semester, we're going to try to throw in an in-

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KELLY SULLIVAN | WABASH '15

Campus Wellness Director Joe Haklin '73 is teaming up with Wrestling Coach Brian Anderson to offer a wellness screening on December 6th.

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# Long Lines Mark Spring Registration

## Registrar's Office Weighing Online Class Sign-Up

JACOB BURNETT '15  
STAFF WRITER

Waking up at five forty five in the morning, I begrudgingly pulled myself out of bed to run to the registrar's office. My goal was to sign up for my five classes. However, little did I know students were already lining up at one in the morning. I saw tents, mattresses, and sleeping students. They lined the hallway. I took my spot in line which landed me on the second floor. Then I wondered why the registration process is the way it is.

"As long as I have been at Wabash, there has been a real interest in one on one and personal contact part of registration," Registrar Julie Olsen said. "That contact is an underpinning reason on where we are with registration. We also have added a lot of electronic services to the system like Ask Wally."

This year's registration for spring semester was hectic. Numerous factors contributed to this problem. The large freshman class contributed to a few problems. The students' anxieties to get into classes prompted many to get a jump start on getting in line. The transition from cultures and traditions to freshman tutorial and enduring questions added frustration to getting into spots for popular classes. Since sophomores have an open class spot, they take more spots in classes than they previously had. The economic downturn caused a decrease in faculty. Many of the teach-

ing spots have been filled, but some spots remain open. A few improvements could be made to alleviate the stress of registering for classes.

"Working with advisors, we want to make sure students are looking broadly," Olsen said. "The students can look at classes outside of 101. We also started collecting course listings into September and estimated how many seats we will need for certain sequential classes such as Bio 111 and 112. We could use more seats in higher demand classes such as Spanish and biology. However, that can affect the small class sizes we want."

Wabash does use the Alpha rotation to make the process more efficient. This method allows for a fair process that shortens the wait for students. The academic bulletin for 2011-2012 included the list of prerequisites needed to take a class. This year the Registrar's Office enforced the policy that involved getting the professor of the class to sign off if the student did not take the prerequisite course needed. This method allows for the students to take classes that they are prepared to take.

Another option for registering for classes is registering online. Many other colleges and universities have evaded long lines and other inconveniences by instituting online registration. Butler, Huntington, and other small universities and colleges have online registration regardless of their size.

"I don't know if it would be more

efficient," Olsen said. "It would take several cycles for online registration to settle in. We would also have to avoid it interfering with classes. A lot of things we have been doing may lead us in that direction."

Overall, this year's registration process was long and arduous. In the semesters to come, the lines will hopefully be shorter and the process more efficient. The problems associated

with the current process will diminish with the registrar's office's proposed solutions. In the future, we may see online registration. But for now, the registration process will remain the same. The staff at the Registrar's Office believes that registration for next year's fall semester will run more smoothly than this time. If not, online registration might become the new norm.



COREY EGLER | WABASH '15

Long morning lines at the Registrar's Office for undergrads registering for spring classes affected many students' attitudes about how Wabash runs registration.

## Enduring Questions Prepares for Second Run

TIM TAN '14  
STAFF WRITER

As freshmen power through the remaining few weeks of their first year, a whole semester's load of reading and writing is perhaps the last thing on their minds. But that is exactly what the new all-College course has in store for them next spring. Now in its second iteration, the freshman colloquium known to faculty and administrators as Enduring Questions has already been come to be known in common parlance by its initials "EQ."

Enduring Questions faculty committee co-chair and Professor of Religion Robert Royalty feels that in light of the extensive feedback that was gathered throughout the first iteration of the course, a major proportion of the course objectives were met. "A lot of the texts and films are being repeated, for several reasons,"

he said. "For one, we felt that a lot of them worked really well with students. Some, like Donne's poetry and the movie Blade Runner, didn't exactly receive the best student response, but this being the first test run, we thought we should at least try these several times before moving on to something else."

Beyond preserving some continuity, decisions were also made to provide more instructor choice, flexibility, and better pacing with fewer readings. Throughout the spring, freshmen took a battery of tests, parts of which were taken from the Wabash National Study and the National Survey of Student Engagement. One of the surveys, the Defining Issues Test, DIT2, attempts to measure literacy in philosophical and moral reasoning. Freshmen were split into two halves, one surveyed at the start and one surveyed

at the end of the course. Evaluative assessments of student responses to individual texts were also conducted regularly.

In an assessment report released September 2011, co-chairs Professors Bobby Horton and Robert Royalty diagnosed the survey findings and found that overall freshman response clustered around certain texts. When asked if specific texts should be repeated, students widely went with the memoir *The Color of Water* and Brazilian art house flick *City of God* over ones like Donne's Holy Sonnets and Montaigne's essays. Texts such as Steven Pinker's *The Blank Slate*, which students found challenging, found an even split. "Texts that receive mixed or strongly negative responses aren't necessarily the ones that we decide to cut," Royalty said. "The point here is that students are being engaged, and

provoked, which is far better than a weakly positive or neutral response. We also want to have a diversity of material in different media, from the earliest known recorded piece of literature, Gilgamesh, to a graphic novel like *Watchmen*. So no, we are not looking to design a Great Books course necessarily, but rather one that exposes students to the tools and the ethos that define the liberal arts."

There is much data proponents of Enduring Questions can cite about the success of the class. According to the results collated from various feedback instruments, students displayed "reliable differences of moderate magnitude" in sophisticated reasoning and personal interest in moral issues between the two major assessments, compared to score differences for entering classes from 2006 and 2007 as found across the

26 institutions in the Wabash National Study. Also noteworthy was the response for items such as "promoting racial understanding", "helping others who are in difficulty" and "volunteering in my community." Data from previous entering classes showed decreases in these areas, and less concern for social and political involvement. The 2011 Enduring Questions students, however, showed increases.

For most of the class of 2015, the successor to Cultures and Traditions has yet to capture their interest. Asked about his expectations for the course, J.D. Burns '15 said, "I've heard controversial things. I guess it will be interesting to expand on the critical reading and writing skills we've developed in tutorial, but I'm still apprehensive that I won't be impressed with some of the readings."

## Herrera

[boxing/kickboxing and the martial art]."

As he has progressed in the sport, Herrera has competed in state and national tournaments as well as paid fights in bars and at other events. He has compiled a very impressive 31-4 record in his kickboxing career, but has never actually competitively boxed. Kickboxing fights are generally three three minute rounds compared to the common Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) fights that are either three or five five minute rounds.

Herrera had to make a lot of adjustments when he came to Wabash this fall culturally, weather-wise, and school culture. Yet one of the biggest was not being able to fight here.

"Unfortunately, I don't get to do it here, but over winter break and summer I am going to get back into it," Herrera said. "I shadow box over in the gym sometimes, but it just isn't the same."

Herrera is able to still connect with his favorite past time by watching UFC fights on television, which he tries to do often.

"I really like the jiu jitsu aspect of the UFC fights, while my family likes the boxing," Herrera said. "Wrestling and boxing are like apples and oranges."

Along with leaving the fighting which he trained for three to four hours a day Monday through Saturday back home, Herrera has found the language, food, and weather to be among the toughest things to ad-

just to in Indiana. The first time he ever saw snow was guarding the Monon Bell during the first full week of November.

"It was really difficult for me to decide to come here because it is completely out of my comfort zone," Herrera said. "The border scene in Mexico/Texas is completely different from here."

Next semester, Herrera is contemplating trying to start a kickboxing club on campus to help him stay active.

"It is an all-male school. I think we should have some kind of fighting club," Herrera said, grinning as he spoke.

To start a type of club for martial arts, Herrera will have to seek approval from the Student Senate. In the meantime, he is going to continue to focus on his studies using the discipline he learned through his martial arts training.

"The discipline in martial art characterizes almost anything I do," Herrera said. "This year has been better than I thought it would be. I have been doing well in classes. I knew the work would be hard, but I have been handling it."

After Wabash, Herrera is considering going back to Mexico and attend a law school there, and possibly become a politician taking the fight to the drug war and other problems Mexico is facing.

"I have been so in touch and so interested in Mexican politics; I love it," Herrera said.

## Wellness

centive program to get more people to come over to the Allen Center," said Anderson. According to Haklin one program being planned for next is a weight loss program similar to *The Biggest Loser*. This will include incentives for those involved and will last through most of the second semester.

This screening is the first step in overall wellness is becoming more health aware. The test are easy, helpful and painless. Prizes will be offered for those who go to the screening. A raffle will be held and two participants will win \$100 gift certificates to The Beef House.

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# Wabash-Crawfordsville Relations

The Wabash community has been handed a great opportunity by the voters of Crawfordsville. Mayor-elect Todd Barton '00 will take office with the turning of the calendar year and Wabash College should capitalize on it.

The way we capitalize is not through breaks that the college can receive pertaining to ordinances, taxes, etc. The way to capitalize is by establishing a relationship with the city of Crawfordsville, its people, its businesses, and its organizations.

Let's face it, Wabash Day and the volunteer day during Freshman orientation should not be the only days

### STAFF EDITORIAL

Wabash students go out into the community to provide service.

The only relationships we have with businesses should not be solely dependent on our favorite restaurants to hit up on Sunday mornings after long Saturday nights.

And Wabash home games and the Community Fair should not be the only times we are intermingled with the citizens of Crawfordsville.

There are plenty of places to volunteer in this town. You could coach at the Boys and Girls Club,

help MUFFY or provide tutoring at local schools.

We could all follow the Theta Delt lead by getting restaurants and other businesses to team with the college, the student body or fraternities to raise money for charities or local organizations.

Regardless of how we do it, Wabash College, more specifically the student body, needs a better relationship with the city of Crawfordsville. Fraternity officers, RAs, student government leaders, club officers, athletes, and all others who can bring organizations together should begin to play a role in making this relation-

ship work.

An open line of communication needs to be established between the leaders on this campus and the Barton office come 2012. But the first step has to be taken by us.

It could be said with near absolute certainty that some people in Crawfordsville have a bad impression or feeling of distaste for the Wabash student body. It is our responsibility to change that. And now, this is our opportunity to change that.

# Time to Occupy a Desk, Get a Life

It has gone on long enough. The Occupy Everywhere We Can Become a Nuisance movement has run its course. Recent arrests in Los Angeles or closer to home—specifically in Bloomington—has become the climax of this story. It's time to Occupy a Desk. It's time to get a life.

Flawed from the beginning, the Occupiers have waged war, not only on the economic system on this country, but on individual businesses themselves. I'm not necessarily talking about the protests on Wall Street where I believe the protest was about the culture of Wall Street not individual companies. No, the best example is less than 100 miles down the road in Bloomington.

Headquartered in People's Park, the Occupy Bloomington movement has been granted special privileges by Mayor Mark Krizan. Krizan has agreed to look the other way on violations of city ordinances with people inhabiting the park during closed hours, 11 PM—5AM. This has allowed the Occupy Bloomington movement to create a base to wreak their havoc in the southern Indiana town of around 70,000.

To be fair to the Occupy Bloomington movement, before I explain the absurdity of their organization I should probably provide what they believe is positive about their presence, beyond their changing of the world into a place where no one works, we live in a commune, and get to sit and think all day.

They claim that they are taking care of the homeless population. How? By providing them with food and somewhere to sleep. (Remember how Mayor Krizan has let them stay in parks after closing? The Bloomington Police have tended, in

the past, to remove all people after closing, including the homeless.)

The movement has the following goal listed on its website:

"A better world. One not ruled by materialism, but by communalism. Where the goal is not to acquire stuff, but to build community. Where the pressure isn't to consume, but to minimize consumption. Where we don't have to work ourselves to the bone just to get by, but can pursue our intellectual curiosities at will."

Apparently in Bloomington, the means to that end is defecating on the doorsteps of local (small, non-chain) businesses, causing disturbances leading to arrests at an Indiana University job recruitment event, and a Woodstock-like atmosphere with alcohol and marijuana use heavily involved, reportedly. Some local business owners have reported a fear of backlash from their complaints to the city and police, worried that protesters will vandalize and destroy their buildings.

The Occupy Wall Street movement, which began as a protest for better jobs, better benefits and a better system seems to have turned into protesting people having jobs in general. About that, here is what the Occupy Bloomington website says: "Is this world possible? Maybe not." "Maybe" is an understatement.

The fact of the matter is that "We are the 99%" is a lie. The Occupiers are the small PART of the 99% that do not have jobs, do not like working, and hate the economic system that has made the United States the world's most powerful and richest nation for so long.



ALEX ROBBINS '13  
OPINION EDITOR

Worse, the Occupy movements have gone nearly unnoticed as what they really are, a punt on personal responsibility. Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels says in his book *Keeping the Republic: Saving America by Trusting Americans*, "Adulthood in citizenship...includes taking more responsibility for one's own life and for the success of one's community." The Occupy movement has been the forfeiture of responsibility for their own lives on the part of the protesters.

And even in the most "progressive," academia thinking city in the state, the lack of willingness to take personal responsibility and the ease with which protesters will blame others for their problems and cause havoc for business owners has gone too far for the citizens of Bloomington. Protesters are being met with resistance and a police force, albeit the Indiana University PD, not Bloomington PD has intervened. Bloomington officials claimed that they would not allow personal property to be invaded and would not turn their backs to unsafe behavior. It is time for them to keep their word and to clear People's Park.

## Food for Thought:

The raffle prize for attending the free health screening for blood pressure, pulse, body fat percentage, body mass index, and hand strength from the Wellness Center is a \$100 gift card to the Covington Beef House, the redeeming of which would probably adversely affect all of the mentioned test results.

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# On Drinking Cultures and Accuracy

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The late Andy Rooney, a beloved curmudgeonly commentator on everything from political turmoil to the idiosyncrasies of canned food labels, had a candid way of addressing issues that irked him. Reading through the November 11 issue of *The Bachelor*, I came across an issue that irked me in a most pernicious manner. This issue was exhibited in Mr. Floyd's article entitled "Drinking Culture Needs a Change." The article made some generalizations and misrepresentations that I feel honor-bound, as a recovering Anglophile who studied abroad in the United Kingdom, to address.

I begin by observing that, as Mr. Rooney once said, "People will generally accept facts as truth only if the facts agree with what they already believe." Let us take a critical eye to what has been presented as fact and ensure that it is accurate, rather than simply seeming to fit with our worldview.

First, the portrayal of the U.S. drinking age debate is absurdly reductive. While proponents of 18 and 21 as the drinking age are the most prominent participants, there are a variety of other viewpoints in this debate. It also perturbs me that we're willing to accept the assertion that "alcohol isn't going to be consumed responsibly. It's going to be chugged, ponged, bonged, or whatever other brilliant idea someone comes up with." While some people consume alcohol this way, we're given no reason to assume this is the general trend. The fact that some Wabash students, like me, eat too much and don't work out wouldn't be accepted as proof that most or all Wabash students live like this.

As for the disapproval of faculty members, I refuse to accept that the stellar faculty members of this institution think in mindless lockstep and all disapprove of anyone under 21 consuming an alcoholic beverage. Mr. Floyd's article states that there are responsible 18-year-olds, so how can we reconcile that admis-

sion with this promise of disapproval. Surely the faculty wouldn't categorically condemn someone for giving a responsible 18-year-old a drink. The article also claims that other than debating the age or health detriments, we don't talk about drinking; this is simply not correct. I can recall multiple conversations I've had about the convivial atmosphere of a cocktail party, intricacies of brewing and enjoying a good beer, or benefits of having a few drinks with friends. I do agree with Mr. Floyd that personal responsibility is a crucial element, but I reject the bland oversimplification that in the U.S. we lack that responsibility in drinking whereas the U.K. does not. While there is an enviable pub culture, the U.K. has just as many problems with binge drinking. Any club or bar on a typical weekend night will be full of kids that are intoxicated from bonging, chugging, ponging, and other -ings. A 2007 NHS study found that 24% of adults in the United Kingdom are "hazardous drinkers." A similar study conducted by the Institute of Alcohol

studies reported that 40% of drinking occasions in the U.K. were binges. Indeed, this report ranks the U.K. as having the second-largest amount of binge drinking, behind only Ireland in terms of European countries. Among males aged 18-24, 48% of Brits are classified as binge drinkers. This isn't an attack on the U.K.'s drinking culture; instead, I just want to point out that they share many of the same problems we do.

There is much that our two cultures can learn from each other, cask-conditioned ales for a start. However, let's make sure that learning is accurate and not settle for the sort of platitudes that studying abroad is supposed to help combat.

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# Republican Circus is Back in Town

The Republican primary field has a new front-runner and the anti-Romney this time is Newt Gingrich. As I predicted several weeks ago to much laughter from some friends Newt would be the Republican leader. However, like I also said at the time I think once Newt has gotten his five minutes of fame as the Republican front runner as the anti-Romney his campaign will fade like all the others. But since Newt is at the top of this Republican primary Circus we might as well take a look at him.

Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, or as I like to refer to him Narcissistic Newt, because of his ability to always make about how intelligent he is or the amazing things he has done, has some interesting policy ideas and is easily one of the most qualified of the candidates to be President. Newt served in Congress for numerous years and then was political rival and foil as Speaker of the House opposite of President Clinton. Newt is also very intelligent and he can easily make arguments for ideas that will win over a crowd. However, for the amount of intelligence he has, Newt's biggest problem is Newt.

The amount of baggage Newt has is legendary. He was having his own sexual affairs as Speaker of the House while impeaching Clinton over the Monica affair. He was responsible for the government shutdown in the 1990s. He cheated on his wife that had cancer, which would usually disqualify one as the Republican nominee, and since then has had multiple wives. He also had a \$500,000 debt to Tiffany's. Not to mention he was a lobbyist, or as he claimed a historian, for Freddie Mac as well as a number of other groups after he retired as Speaker. And as a lobbyist/historian for these groups he has made over \$100 million.

The other problem for Newt is his own mouth. He has a tendency to have an issue with word vomit and will just argue for whatever idea that pops up into his head. Generally that is not a good when running for President. So far it has gotten him into hot water over his position on giving essentially amnesty to illegal immigrants and mentioning how he would not have been a lobbyist because he was making \$60,000 per 30 minute speech to a crowd of people whose average salary was \$35,000 a year.

So for any Democrats that are worried that we will have a President Gingrich, let me assure you that Newt will eventually put his foot in his mouth with a gaff. When that happens he will find himself at the bottom of the Republican field again with the other discarded clowns of Republican front runners past Bachman, Perry, Cain, Palin, and Trump. Unfortunately I am again certain that Romney will be the Republican Presidential nominee. But in the meantime the Republican circus will go on and Gingrich will have his fifteen minutes of fame with all the public attention and scrutiny and will eventually slip up and fall like the other candidates. The only problem is there is no one left to really pick up the anti-Romney mantle after Gingrich, except Perry with all his cash on hand in his campaign. For whatever reason the Republican field has written off John Huntsman. This makes little sense when he is the most credible candidate in the race. He is two time governor of Utah and unlike Romney he has not flip flopped on all his issues. Furthermore he was Ambassador of China and Singapore and has served under Presidents Reagan, George H.W. Bush, George W. Bush, and Barack Obama. He was also able to accomplish a lot as Governor and work across the isle for the



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betterment of Utah. He also has a credible grasp on economic, security, and foreign policy issues and is not a gaff machine. If republicans wanted to win the presidency this time they would vote for Huntsman.

If Huntsman was the front runner President Obama should be worried about being re-elected, but unless there is a third party candidate that runs for President, Obama has nothing to worry about in the rest of the Republican primary circus. None of the current anti-Romney Republicans are going to win because they are not credible enough. Huntsman who could win is not getting traction. And Romney's ability to flip flop is greater than John Kerry and that presidential race did not end well for Kerry.

In these serious trying times the Republicans should have a good strong credible candidate that can help move America forward. They should easily be able to win the presidency with unemployment at 9%. However, looking at the Republican primary circus it is hard to see how Obama can lose.

# Wabash Community Needs Conflict

Wabash lacks a lot of things, just like any other worthwhile institution. And we ought to make this clear as crystal, for any institution that claims perfection is not only lying to itself and those who pay attention to it, but it is also doing itself a great disservice insofar as it does not allow for progression, for a moving forward by which it might move into something else, something greater, something more beautiful. But I would like to draw attention to one particular thing that we lack, something we lack substantially: conflict.

Before you murmur your pursed lips into a frenzy, hear me out. Cohesion and merriment have their place in the Hallowed Halls of Old Wabash, but I fear that our lips, whether they be pursed or lax, rarely ever speak out against the blatant attacks on free thought we are submerged beneath on a regular basis. I venture to say that this is no longer a fear I maintain, but a deeply moving realization—one that moves me to detest trends that are shifting our perspectives some-

where dangerously ugly.

The shrouding of free thought has many methodologies, but I am most concerned with those certain blanket-restraints some call "politeness" or "courteousness." As the beings we are, politeness and courteousness are necessary in our domesticity and travelling lives. The Greeks, among other notions, had a sentiment of *xenia*, that guests ought to be treated with respect, given gifts, bedding to sleep and a sense of home in which they might thrive. This seems to be a good-natured act of human kindness, a shimmer in a murky pond of evil-natured acts of human indecency (these Ancients were often warring people, remember). But this is all irrelevant to the notions of "politeness" and "courteousness" to which I am referring.

So now it is clear that there is a difference between real politeness and this broken sense of "politeness." And there is a difference between real courteousness and this broken sense of "courteousness." Arguments have

been raised against political correctness and others have held similar sentiments as mine, but this is not something that should be raised in opposition to my stance, namely that we should purge ourselves of these new wave notions of politeness and courteousness and find a path back to the beautiful grace of an honest interpretation of these ideas. On campus, sparse are the dissenters, those brave persons who mow the lawn in contrary directions. We conjoin in spirit in weeks surrounding traditional sporting events, campus festivals, and we stand together in other organized fraternizations, but time and time again, we fall back into our reserved modes of acceptance and tend to shave with the grain.

Who do we blame for this lack of conflict? Where do we turn for advice as to how we might revitalize conflict at Wabash? It seems to me that forces outside of student control. Something keeps us from voicing our conflicting sentiments; something keeps us from progressing to truer understandings



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of politeness and courteousness. Is this something a sinister something? Is this a force that intends to keep us from progressing? Doubtful. This force is a hopeful, well-intentioned force. But if I may echo the words of the great thinker Ivan Illich, "To hell with good intentions."

It is our duty to remind ourselves daily that it is necessary to incite conflict, albeit friendly conflict, but conflict nonetheless. The beauty we lack as a result of the condemnation of well-spirited conflict damages us. We gaze at the stars and the consistent colors of the evening sky, and we lament, for we are being stifled, we are stifling ourselves, something is amiss in the state of Wabash.

## Battle of the War Games

### *Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3 Vs. Battlefield 3*

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For those who've been trapped in a cave or marooned on a desert island without 4G connection for the last couple of months, two of the most popular first person shooter series, *Call of Duty* and *Battlefield*, have put out their newest incarnations, *Modern Warfare 3* and *Battlefield 3* respectively. These two series have had a storied tradition of realistic World War II style combat and storylines, matching each other step for step as they foray into the genre of Modern-Day Shooter.

Now, with these two games coming out at roughly the same time, the line in the sand has been drawn. Diehard fans on both sides hurl insults at one another, contesting that their game is clearly the future of first person shooters, while lookers on stare in shock at the fanatical behavior of both sides.

In reality, it's hard to compare the two of these games. Although they take place at roughly the same time in a similar alternate reality, fight the same bad guys, and use the same technology, they are two totally dif-

ferent playing styles. In *Battlefield*, the team fighting is simply the most important. To win game styles like Rush and Conquest, the team has to be working together on all fronts. In *Modern Warfare*, one person can carry the entire team, even in team-heavy variants like Search and Destroy and Domination. Whichever play style fits the individual will be the one he or she likes more, so, instead of harping on those points, the campaign and various game modes, the multiplayer mechanics, and overall changes from the previous games will be judged.

When it comes to the single player campaign, *Modern Warfare* is simply more immersive. Oddly enough, *Battlefield*'s team style of playing gets a tad frustrating when working with the AI, and the story isn't as engaging. *MW3* capitalizes on using characters from *MW2* to push the story, as the hero from the previous game, Soap, starts the game off dying. The player already knows the characters well in *MW3*, instead of starting off fresh like *BF3*. Further, the ability to be Rambo in *MW3* lends itself to completing the campaign much more cleanly, giving

it the edge in story and play for campaign.

As for Multiplayer mechanics, *BF3* and *MW3* could not be any more different, as previously stated. The mechanics of both multiplayer systems remain relatively unchanged from the previous games in the series, with *BF3* favoring a class system with unlocks, and *MW3* favoring a weapon unlock system, allowing the player almost unlimited control over their class. When looking at both of them, *BF3* is the clearly superior multiplayer because it's so incredibly varied; no two games are ever the same. Although they take place on the same levels, the usage of exploding buildings and structures, varied vehicles and the static class system change the gameplay mechanic drastically for each play. Coupled with the heavy reliance on team cooperation, *BF3*'s multiplayer is always a new experience. *MW3* is incredibly static. There are many good changes; the noob tube was severely depowered and the perks are better balanced, but the games are without change. With the thought of replay-ability, *BF3* has the edge in

multiplayer.

One last game mode, called Spec-Ops in *MW3* and Co-op in *BF3*, pits the player and a confederate against the AI. A mix of multiplayer and single player, these campaigns are an interesting mix of special mixes that the player does with another friend. Taking a cue from games like *Army of Two*, these missions are amazingly enjoyable and an interesting mix up to the usual campaign mode. When it comes to a comparison, both games are amazingly elegant in these modes. Mixing up the usually boring campaign status quo, they both stride to have interesting missions, leading to a stalemate in this category.

It's a difficult judgment to pass, a lowly music columnist like myself, but the better game is *Battlefield 3*, due to overall playability. Some people like playing the same thing over and over again, and, if that's the case, *MW3* is the game for you, but for those who like variety, *Battlefield* is superior. With the ever changing dynamic of multiplayer games, one is never going to get bored with *BF3*.



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## Los Campesinos Makes Dark Humor Apparent

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*Los Campesinos*'s style has always been one of contradiction. With their first three albums, *Hold on Now*, *Youngster!* and *Romance is Boring*, the Cardiff based band played multi-layered, up-beat dance rock never hid the true emotion of the songs; they detailed a truly dark sensibility. With songs like "My Year in Lists off of *Youngster!*" where the lead singer and songwriter Gareth Campesinos! says "I cherish with fondness the day (before) I met you" mixed with jangly guitar and dance beats, it was easy to miss the dark tones of all of the other albums. Now, they're on the forefront of their sound's presentation.

The basic undertone of the songs hasn't changed. Gareth's uncomfortable ability to share anything he's been thinking about, moving off of the page to paint a picture of a truly mad man, is still the showcase of the lyrics. Darkness has always been with the Campesinos, and with *Hello Sadness*, that craft has been perfected. With an arsenal of irony and dark moods, the band has seemed to have changed without actually changing;

they've just amplified what they have been talking about for the last four albums and EPs.

*Hello Sadness* maintains the idea of tragedy and romance with a macabre sense of humor layered into the lyrics. Talking about cliché love and puppies, Gareth and Ellen laugh at their audience, the world, and themselves all the while composing dark anthems akin to Joy Division. This album stinks of the 80's goth movement. When listening to *Hello Sadness*, the eponymous single of the album, one could be easily tricked to thinking that it's an unreleased track from The Cure.

It's all so nostalgic and reminiscent of bands like The Cure and New Order, so much so, that they've started to lose what was so fun and interesting about them when they debuted in 2008. Plain old sadness is boring; it's been done before. Emo bands were cool for twenty minutes back in 2004; nobody likes music that drones on about the same old sadness. Bands like *Los Campesinos* talked about tragedy with a mask, donning the robes of the jaded hipster, singing about irony all the while dancing; it was fun and it made the listener consider the lyrics more deeply. With *Hello Sadness*, the



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*Los Campesinos*' newest release amplifies their use of lyrical dark humor.

lack of cool up-beat tunes makes it too simple to deeply consider.

It's too obvious that they're a group

of sad people, which isn't inherently See 'Campesinos' on Page 7

# MLB Forces More Competition

*Offseason Changes in League Bring New Aspects to Competition*

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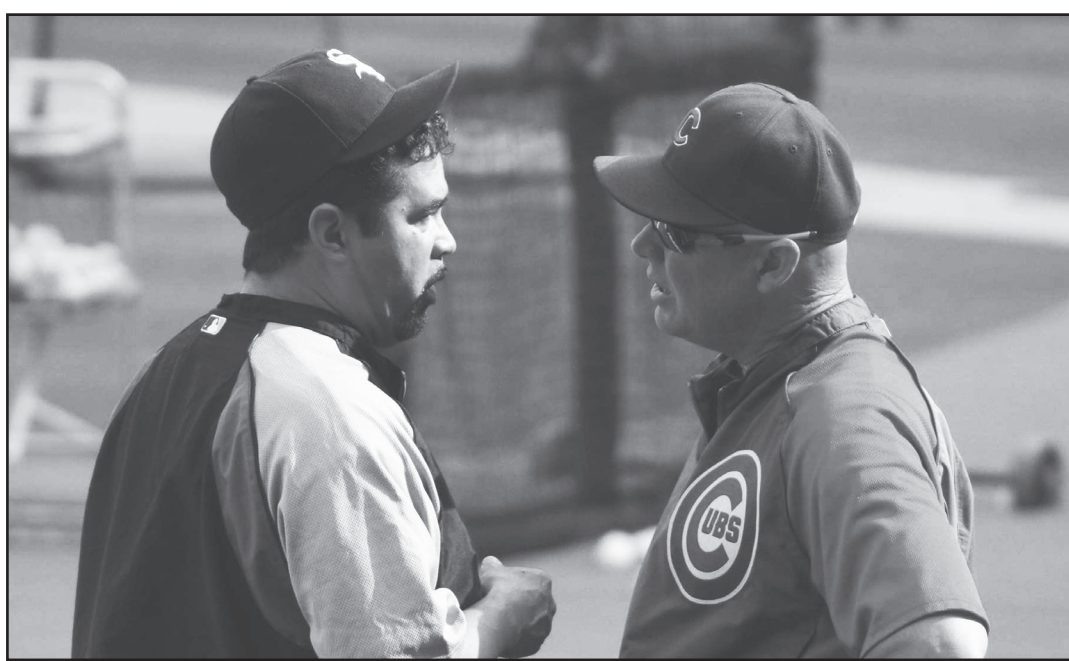
The General Managers meetings of Major League Baseball brought about changes that will challenge the patience of traditionalists. The Houston Astros will move into the American League West in 2013; interleague play will be played throughout the regular season starting in 2013; and a one-game wild card playoff could start either in the upcoming season or in 2013.

Major League Baseball addressed the issue of change through their policy on interleague play: "Breaking tradition always brings about controversy and the matter of baseball records is no exception." The changes listed above may draw controversy, but they are beneficial to bring more competition into the Major Leagues.

The Houston Astros' move to the AL West resulted from the team changing ownership. Major League Baseball offered the team's new owner a 70 million dollar discount if he decided to move the Astros over to the AL. The Astros' move will even the amount of teams per league 15; each division now has five teams.

The controversy about the Astros' move is that they have a well-known history as a National League team. Also, the team will have to adjust to the Pacific Time zone.

The Rangers and Astros will be able to expand upon their rivalry (the Lone Star Series) into an intradivision rivalry. The teams will be play-



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Making interleague play season-long will add more rivalry games throughout the league, such as the White Sox and Cubs in the Crosstown Classic.

ing a maximum of 18 games against each other during the regular season.

The two teams would get meet more anyhow because the 2013 season marks the beginning of season-long interleague play. The two teams usually play each other six times in interleague play, but that will end in the 2013 season.

Interleague play has been played during the months of May and June since it was first introduced in 1997. Now, it is possible that the Phillies could play the Yankees at Yankee Stadium on the last day of the season.

With interleague play being expanded, managers will face a challenge, especially in the American League, where managers are used to using a designated hitter. AL managers will have to become fluent with the double switch. There

will be more emphasis on establishing stronger bullpens in the AL to accommodate the increased presence of the double switch. Managers will have to decide whether or not to pull their pitcher out of the game to score a run or two later in ballgames.

NL managers have less to worry about since all they have to do is insert a designated hitter in the pitcher's slot in the line-up. The only issue they would have is changing their line-up cards to suit their designated hitter. For instance, they could bat a bench player with a powerful bat and subpar defense fifth in the order rather than ninth, where the pitcher usually bats. In addition, defensive replacements could see more time in the field, because position players who have poor defensive skills can fill-in as DH.

Making interleague play

season-long could add more competition to the game. As mentioned above, managers and players need to adapt to where games are being played; AL pitchers have to bat; NL teams have an opportunity to use a DH more often – the rules of baseball become more universal throughout the league, consequently.

Interleague play has a history of bring in more fans. Most rivalries are based around interleague play, such as the White Sox and the Cubs, the Twins and the Brewers, and the Angels and Dodgers. These sets of rivals will face each other more in 2013.

The one-game wild card playoff stands as the most controversial issue of this winter in baseball. Some analysts support; others do not.

One argument in favor of it is the fact that teams will have to work harder in order

to win their divisions. If one of the wild card teams has a dominant pitcher, they could easily win the playoff game and send the other wild card team home for the season.

An argument against implementing a wild card round is that one game is not enough to determine whether or not a team advances to the Division Series. An all-around better team could be eliminated if they are facing a top-grade starter on the opposing wild card team.

Should this round of the playoffs have been added this season, the Boston Red Sox and Atlanta Braves may have made the playoffs, and the Cardinals may not have won the World Series.

With the wild card round of the playoffs being added, there will be ten teams total that make it into October, which is one-third of MLB teams.

The Houston Astros' shift into the AL West enabled Major League Baseball to even out each league and division. The expansion of interleague play results from the Astros' move and will increase the competitive aspect of the game by making managers more fluent with double switches and DHs. AL and NL teams become more equal as a result. The one-game wild card playoff encourages teams to win their division, because one game could end their playoff run. These moves part ways with baseball traditions, but benefit the game by creating more opportunities for competition.

## Movember a Success

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"Half of all men in the US will develop cancer during their lifetimes", according to the American Cancer Society. In addition, almost one in four deaths in America is due to cancer. Chances are that you know someone who suffers from cancer or who has passed from the disease. Despite the frequency of cancer in our lives, the subject is rarely talked about. Poor lifestyle choices, such as smoking, that raise the chances of cancer continue routinely. Although some believe that mustaches could help, last month, members of the Wabash community grew their facial hair to raise cancer awareness. The awareness campaign is known as Movember. The campaign hopes that awareness will lead to better lifestyle choices.

"If we get only five guys to stop smoking this month, great -- it's a win," wrote Jim Amidon, Director of Public Affairs and Marketing at Wabash College and cancer survivor. "At twenty, you don't think anything will ever kill you. But your actions in your twenties can and do have an impact on the rest of your life." Chair leaders and cancer survivors Amidon '87 and Tom Runge '71 drove the campaign at Wabash. How did this campaign work?

At the beginning of November this year, participants started with a clean-shaven face. They grew mustaches as the month continued

while asking for sponsorship. According to the charity's website, [www.us.movember.com](http://www.us.movember.com), participants "effectively become walking, talking billboards for the thirty days of November. Through their actions and words they raise awareness by prompting private and public conversation around the often ignored issue of men's health."

Wabash's involvement was substantial. Wabash Always Fights, the college's team, held ninety-six members according to the team's webpage. Team captain Michael Raters wrote at mid-November about the astonishing participation against competing schools: "Wabash Men accepted the challenge to both raise men's cancer awareness and to compete with our Men's College brethren from Hampden-Sydney and Morehouse Colleges. We appear to be dominating the participation competition."

Despite the large participation, Movember members are looking to enlarge the campaign for next year. In addition to more mustaches, "We want to figure out a way to get women on campus involved and to improve fundraising," said member Tyler Wade '12.

Movember will be back next November. This year Movember was a success. Members hope next year will be even bigger. Hopefully, with the raised awareness, members of the Wabash community will make better lifestyle choices. Maybe a mustache can be a cure.

## Campesinos

bad, but it isn't Los Campesinos! *Sadness* and open sorrow was always too easy to them, and it made the songs much more interesting to listen to. Trying to sift through the lyrics and separate the melodies was difficult, but satisfying. Bands that tout their simplistic, one track sadness just aren't as interesting. It's not to say that Los Campesinos! has completely lost their ability to be interesting, but it just isn't the same as the first few

albums they put out.

On that same cloth, the mellow feel of *Hello Sadness* is good, but not their sound. Mellowness isn't a bad thing, bands have become very marketable by switching to a more mellow sound, but it's not what made them so good in *Youngster* and *Romance is Boring*. Fun and upbeat were what the audience came to expect, and, without it, they seem to fade into the tapestry of Indie Pop. What used to be

such a unique sound is a little blander, and monotonous.

Regardless of the many stated problems with the album, *Hello Sadness* is still undoubtedly Los Campesinos!. The multi-layered sound, the earnest usage of many instruments, the multiple vocalists, and the interesting lyrics are all still intact, making this album a must buy for any fan of their work, even if it is only to see what has changed.

## Be Smart About Shopping for the Holidays

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'Tis the season, the time for giving and get-togethers, and it is often hard to decide whom to buy for and how much to spend.

This holiday season capitalize on less expensive items, so that presents can be bought for everyone on the gift list. Stray away from the malls and electronics stores this year. Set price limits on gift spending and find fun or humorous alternatives to the standard gifts to be exchanged.

A white elephant gift exchange is a way of spending an afternoon and swapping presents in an enjoyable manner without having to spend a large amount of money to give in a formal setting. For all exchanges, a maximum price should be set for each gift bought. The other advantage to gift swapping in this setting is that only one gift has to be bought, rather than buying for a group of friends.

A more serious, yet no more expensive, gift idea is homemade food. A dessert made from scratch is perhaps more meaningful than anything bought due to the time committed to the preparation of the gift. For most college kids food is a wonderful gift because it is easily storable, useful and most treats take too much time to make.

Because time is often the most important commodity in one's life, providing a service as a present for the holidays is both a thoughtful and helpful way celebrate the holidays. Time consuming tasks such as, cleaning out the inside of a car, painting a fence or cleaning a yard show through the time, rather than the money spent.

A personalized CD is a material item that can be very thoughtful and inexpensive if the music is previously owned. A CD can broaden the musical taste of the recipient and if the tracks are well selected, the CD can be enjoyed numerous times.

The most important part of deciding what to give is to center the gift on the recipient's interests. If this is done well, any gift, no matter how expensive or inexpensive it is, will please the recipient.

Gifts should only be given to those that are very close, deemed very deserving, or to those that are expecting to exchange gifts. This will help avoid a situation that has only one party giving a gift and the other not having an appropriate response. This is also the reason to limit spending on gifts. An extravagant gift should only be given in appropriate settings, so that a similar situation does not occur.

# Hoops Brings Home Title

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With the football team's success and Thanksgiving Recess, the basketball team's start to their season has been somewhat overshadowed. Thankfully, they happen to be on a pretty good start too.

The Little Giants picked up their first two wins against Calumet College of St. Joseph and against St. Francis two weeks ago and this past weekend won DePauw's Mike Rokicki Community vs. Cancer Challenge.

In the championship game on Sunday, Wabash shot 75% from the field in the second half and held DePauw to a mere 47 points.

Through their first four games, Wabash is averaging 69 points a game and only giving up 55 points. They have also lit up the field too, shooting 49% from the field and making seven three pointers a game.

Senior forward Derek Bailey has been please with his team's performance thus far, but knows that there is room for improvement. "Our defense has been really impressive,"



Senior guard Brian Shelbourne (11) goes up for a layup during Wabash's opening weekend. Freshman Kasey Oetting (15) looks on.

Bailey said, "we're moving the ball well on offense and getting stops."

One of those areas for improve-

ment is in the rebounding department.

The Little Giants are only out-rebounding their opponents by three

rebounds a game. "Everyone needs to hit the boards harder and we cannot be losing those rebounds, we need to get more opportunities to score."

This weekend marks the beginning of North Coast Athletic Conference play when Wabash travels to Granville, Ohio to take on Denison University. The Little Giants have struggled in the past against the Big Red, especially on the road. The last Wabash victory in Livingston Gymnasium came in 2009.

Bailey thinks the Little Giants will be ready this time around. "We haven't played well there in the past," Bailey said, "but we are looking forward to stepping up our game a come out with a strong start in the NCAC."

In the preseason coach's poll Wabash was picked to finish fourth in the NCAC behind Wooster, Wittenberg, and Ohio Wesleyan.

Both Wooster and Wittenberg were ranked in this week's d3hoops.com Top 25. Wabash also received votes in the poll.

Saturday's game at Denison tips off at 3:00pm.

## Swimming Looks Ahead to Calvin Invitational

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**STAFF WRITER**

With the loss of two All-Americans the swim team looked like it was headed for a rebuilding year. Instead the team has created a new identity for itself and has moved from a two man team, to an 18 man roster.

"In some ways I think it is better not having them on the team" Coach Barnes said, "they were almost looked at as supermen, and now instead of saying 'oh lets lean on Evan or David' its become more of a team effort."

One thing that the coaching staff has been preaching to the swimmers is that they need to be malleable. And the team has responded in tremendous fashion.

"Every week we have a different person step up for us in a meet" Barnes said.

Another testament to the teams new found unity is their swimmer of the week award. It is an award that recognizes someone who exemplifies all the traits of a Wabash Swimmer. Currently no one has won it twice. Proving that this year's team may not have super star talent, but they do have an insane amount of depth.

"We like to tell kids that if you were swim captain of your high school team and have other leadership experience, why wait two years to use it? That's what this team has done well; everyone is being vocal and becoming comfortable in their roles. It's really fostering a tight nit team."

From top to bottom the swim team has become a highly adaptable unit. This in turn has made them a stronger team in the pool.

"One thing that I can attribute that to is the

fact that we have really stepped up the intensity in practice" Barnes said.

Last year the team started putting a lot of emphasis on power training. This includes power in the pool as well as power lifting in the weight room.

"We are doing a lot of lifts that really help build athleticism" Barnes said. Additionally the team has started doing a lot more 'race pace' workout during practice, so they can simulate an actual competition.

"I would say that the guys are looking a lot more athletic in the pool" Barnes said, "the flip side of that is they are really worn out."

This puts Coach Barnes in an interesting position with the Calvin Invitational right around the corner. Does he rest them up now in preparation for national competition? Or does he keep on them and save the serious tapering for the Conference meet?

"Right now a lot of our returners are swimming very well and are ahead of their times from last year. It will be a learning process for the freshman though because we will all find out where they are supposed to be and give them a taste of a high level competition."

The team is looking to have multiple guys PR this weekend and is even hoping to set some school records. Two of those people are David Phillips and Aaron Troyer who could possibly be looking at making a national cut time at the Calvin Invite.

"A lot of guys this year are exceeding expectations and never being satisfied with their results. I've been very impressed with this team's dedication to the program" Barnes said.

## Cross Country Takes Sixteenth at Nationals

**BRANDAN ALFORD '12**  
**SPORTS EDITOR**

The Wabash Cross Country team capped a fantastic fall with a 16th-place finish at the NCAA Division III Championships on Nov. 19 at Lake Breeze Golf Course in Winneconne, Wis.

Senior Kevin McCarthy highlighted the team's performance with a school-record time of 24:15. That finish was good enough to make McCarthy an All-American. That award added to an already outstanding senior season in which McCarthy won the individual NCAC title earlier in the month.

Classmate Brian David was the second finisher for the Little Giants, in 61st-place while sophomore Dalton Boyer also posted a top-100 finish, crossing the line in 87th-place.

Freshman Jared Burris posted a 196th-place finish, and took alot out of the national-meet experience.

"I learned that my classmates and I still have a great deal of work left to do in order to be one of the top teams in the nation."

However, seeing McCarthy's top finish certainly serves as motivation for Burris and his fellow underclassmen.

"He is a tough competitor and he deserved what he accomplished because of all the hard work I saw him put in every day," Burris said. "He needs to know that my classmates and I will be gunning for that time in a couple of years, though."

Other finishers for the Red Pack were senior Kenny Farris in 203rd place and freshman Billy McManus, who finished in 268th place.

The grind of a national meet was apparent to Farris throughout the race.

"The National meet often feels like a big flow of people all running right around the same pace," Farris said. "If you can stay or move up through the flow, you'll have a good day."

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## Little Giants Earn First-Round Win over Blue Boys

**BRANDAN ALFORD '12**  
**SPORTS EDITOR**

Much of this season, Wabash has relied on a strong, balanced running attack to carry its offense. When the Little Giants took the field against Illinois College in the first round of the NCAA Division III playoffs, it used that formula to success in a 38-20 home win.

Vann Hunt and Tyler Holmes spear-headed the ground game that churned out 266 yards and three touchdowns. Hunt had 90 yards on 20 carries while Holmes finished with 97 yards and two touchdowns on 21 carries.

The Little Giants jumped out to a 38-0 lead through three quarters and dominated the line of scrimmage against a team which

was playing in the first playoff game in program history.

Chase Belton went 11-19 passing for 135 yards and two touchdowns on the afternoon while also rushing for 13 yards and a touchdown on seven carries.

Wes Chamblee had five catches for 95 yards and a touchdown while Jonathan Horn hauled in three receptions for 38 yards and a score of his own.

Defensively, the Little Giants were led by Jonathon Koop, who had seven total tackles to go with a pair of pass breakups. Freshman Denzel Wilkins had six total tackles while C.J. Gum, Cody Buresh, and A.J. Akinribade all had five tackles apiece.

The win moved the Little Giants to 11-0 on the season.

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# Raeburn No Stranger to Mount Union

**BRANDAN ALFORD '12**  
**SPORTS EDITOR**

Wabash head coach Erik Raeburn knows that when his Little Giants line up against Mount Union this Saturday in the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division III Football Championships that it will be facing one of the nation's most storied programs.

He knows this better than most. For ten years, Raeburn was an integral member of the Purple Raider program, four as a player and six more as an assistant coach. However, his relationship to the program goes even deeper.

The Mount Union head coach, Larry Kehres, is Raeburn's uncle, former coach, and former boss. This will be the first time that Raeburn has faced his alma mater during his coaching career.

"Going there, and lining up against the team in purple and white, it is going to be strange, I'm sure," Raeburn said.

Raeburn was a four-year player under Kehres before accepting a position on the coaching staff. He was an assistant under Kehres for six years (1994-1999). During that time, the Purple Raiders won six conference titles and three consecutive national

titles in the middle of that stretch.

"I'm sure it will be a little strange," Raeburn said. "I'm not sure what kind of emotions I will have, but once the game starts, it will be fine. We know it will be a difficult test."

Plenty of the members on this year's Mount Union coaching staff will certainly be familiar faces for Raeburn. His cousin, Vince Kehres (Larry's son), is the current defensive coordinator for the Purple Raiders. Also, Raeburn coached alongside Jeff Wojtowicz (Defensive backs) and Paul Gulling (Wide receivers) during his time in Alliance.

"There are also a lot of their younger coaches who were players during my time as a coach there," Raeburn added.

He even had a chance to work with some of their coaches this summer.

"A few of their younger guys, I had the chance to coach with Team USA, and those were great guys to work with," Raeburn said. "I'm pretty familiar with most of them."

When asked if it will be a good family reunion for him this Saturday, Raeburn responded quite bluntly.

"I don't know. We'll see," Raeburn said. "It will be good if we win.



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Head coach Erik Raeburn is a former player and coach for Mount Union under his uncle, Larry Kehres. He will be visiting Alliance as an opponent for the first time.

"I know my wife, and kids, and my mom will be rooting for us. I told my wife to keep an eye on the rest of the family to see who is rooting

for Wabash and who is rooting for Mount Union because Christmas is right around the corner."

# Freshman Quartet Making Impact

**BRANDAN ALFORD '12**  
**SPORTS EDITOR**

For many of the players on Wabash's defensive unit, this has been their first taste of playoff football. For four freshmen, everything has been a first. Linebackers A.J. Akinribade, Cody Buresh, Denzel Wilkins, and cornerback Houston Hodges have played huge roles on a defense this year which has been the backbone of the Little Giants for much of the season.

And they will be counted on again Saturday when Wabash travels to No. 2 Mount Union in the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division III Football

Championships.

The Little Giant defense has featured several experienced, veteran upperclassmen this year, but the four first-year players have certainly had their impact on one of the NCAC's toughest defenses.

The fact that the quintet has made such an early impact in their careers hasn't entirely surprised coach Erik Raeburn.

"Those guys have been fantastic all year," Raeburn said. "We knew when we were recruiting them, that these guys were going to be a part of a special class."

"To play at that level as freshmen,

is pretty amazing."

Akinribade, Buresh, and Wilkins have given the Little Giants impressive depth at the linebacker position, especially after sophomore Nate Scola went down with a knee injury earlier this year.

Akinribade, Buresh, and Hodges were all honored by the NCAC following the regular season.

"Those three all received some all-conference honors, and Denzel, in my opinion, should have received some conference honors," Raeburn said.

Akinribade was named the to All-NCAC First-team and was also awarded as the Top Newcomer in the conference. He is currently third on the team with 61 tackles and had 14.5 tackles for loss, six of which are sacks. He also has one forced fumble and five quarterback hurries.

Buresh received second-team honors by the conference. He is the Little Giants second-leading tackler currently with 67 total tackles. Buresh has accumulated 8.5 tackles for loss this season, including 3.5 sacks. He has intercepted one pass while tallying five pass breakups. Buresh has forced one fumble while recovering two others.

Hodges has been a starter since day one for the Little Giants at cornerback, starting opposite of his brother, Austin. Hodges earned All-NCAC Honorable Mention this year. In his first season at Wabash, Hodges has developed a reputation as a big-hitter from the secondary. He has 24 total tackles on the season, including 2.5 tackles for loss and a sack. He has recorded a pair of interceptions to



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Freshman Cody Buresh was named second-team All-NCAC this season.

go with eight pass breakups. Hodges also has forced and recovered a fumble this season.

Wilkins, who has seen increased playing time late in the season, has 39 total tackles this season. He also has a sack to go with a pair of interceptions.

While the defensive unit is certainly anchored by seniors like C.J. Gum, Kyle Najar, and Luke Zinsmaster, as well as juniors Jonathon Koop and Austin Hodges, the future certainly looks bright on the defensive side of the ball.

These four standout freshmen will be facing their stiffest test to date when the Little Giants travel to Alliance, Ohio this weekend to face No. 1 Mount Union.



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Freshman A.J. Akinribade was named the NCAC's Newcomer of the year as well as being named to the All-NCAC First-Time at linebacker.

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## Cross Country

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Farris was equally impressed with his classmate's All-American performance.

"I'm so proud of Kevin," Farris said. "I've run with him for coming up on four years now, and to see him succeed is absolutely great.

"I've seen him put in the miles as well as put in service to Wabash and the world around him, and I believe the team, and particularly the seniors, all are invested in his life."

McManus has high hopes for next season, even as they try to replace McCarthy's presence at the front of the pack, as well as the graduation of David and Farris.

"I think we will surprise a lot of people in how well we do next year," McManus said. "I know a lot of us freshmen are much more motivated to work as hard as possible in the summer.

Farris agrees with McManus on what this team can accomplish.

"This team has a ton of potential for next year," Farris said. "I'm really enthusiastic about what our freshmen can do as a collective. All of them have shown glimpses that they're capable to run collectively at a national level.

While a 16th-place finish wasn't quite what the Little Giants had hoped for, the loss of senior Donovan White is one that can not be underscored.

White was an experienced veteran who certainly could have provided a scoring time at both the regional and national meets.

Many of the Red Pack can be seen this winter and spring in distance competitions for the track team during the indoor and outdoor seasons.

# Burke

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“My first thought was to go to Purdue and just drive there from Wabash every other day, but they didn’t end up approving that, so I transferred to Western Michigan.”

Once he was gone, though, he realized that the pull back to Wabash wasn’t one he could entirely ignore.

“I came back to all the football games that season, and I really realized that this is the place for me,” Burke said. “Honestly, it may not be the typical thing to do, but I was really happy to have the opportunity to do that and to find out that Wabash really is my home.”

Head coach Erik Raeburn certainly noticed Burke’s presence in the stands.

“It seemed like he was at every one of our games that fall,” Raeburn said, “so I sort of knew he was having some second thoughts.

“We were certainly glad to have him back, and he has worked hard and been a great teammate.”

In his first season back, Burke split time with Chase Belton for much of the year, making appearances in nine games, including Wabash’s record-setting 47-0 victory over DePauw in the Monon Bell game.

He passed for 1,016 yards and nine touchdowns while rushing for 250 yards and three more scores.

However, this year, Burke only saw action in four regular-season games, attempting only six passes while rushing eight times.



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Senior Tyler Burke threw for 199 yards and three touchdowns in the fourth quarter of last week’s win.

It was a frustrating reality for a senior season.

“That was extremely tough,” Burke said. “It was one of the hardest things I have ever had to go through in my life. It is what you learn here at Wabash, though; there are things bigger than you.

“To be on a team that is setting records, being a part of that team is still greater than anything I have done.”

It would have been easy for Burke to take the season for granted, not prepare every week as if he were going to play, or quit altogether. But that is not what he did, and Raeburn is certainly grateful for that.

“It seems like there are so many selfish guys out there, that if they get beat out for a position, they hang it up,” Raeburn said. “Tyler totally wasn’t one of those guys, thankfully for us. He was unselfish enough, that despite his own personal disappointment, he hung in there for the other guys in the team and worked hard every day in practice.

“He did the preparation leading up to all of the games, knowing that he probably wasn’t going to get in there. So when he finally does get a chance, against one of the nation’s toughest defenses, he was ready.”

When Belton was ruled out for the second-round matchup against North Central, Burke got the call at quarterback, his first start since Nov. 6 of last year against Wittenberg, a 34-17 loss.

The rust certainly showed in the first quarter as Burke opened the game with no completion in his first three attempts, including two interceptions.

“I knew after those first three passes that my reads were going to have to be quick and that I was going to have to get rid of the ball in a hurry,” Burke said. “Those guys were quick and they knew

how to break on the ball.”

After three quarters, the Little Giants trailed 28-7, having only totaled 184 yards of total offense. Burke had only completed 10-23 passes for 112 yards and had one touchdown to go with two interceptions.

But what he did in the fourth quarter will be the only thing most anyone will remember.

After opening the quarter by fumbling on the first drive, Burke embarked on a comeback for the ages. After being physically punished for the game’s entirety, Burke drove Wabash on three consecutive touchdown drives.

The third touchdown of the quarter, with 52 seconds remaining, brought Wabash to within 28-27. And with the season, and his college career on the line, Burke was given the opportunity to win the game with a two-point conversion.

“I wasn’t quite sure how many snaps I had left in me, with the pain I was feeling,” Burke said. “At that point, it’s the playoffs, it’s a big-time game, and in those situations you have to make big-time decisions, so I give credit to coach Raeburn for making that call and having faith in our offense.”

That decision and faith paid off, as Brady Young hauled in a Burke pass, off a tip by James Kraus. It completed one of the greatest, most exciting comebacks in recent memory, giving Wabash a 29-28 victory and a berth in this week’s quarterfinals.

And it was all made possible by a quarterback who, four weeks ago, was relegated to a sideline signal-caller.

“I think we are going to be telling the Tyler Burke story for quite some time around here,” Raeburn said.

And what a great story it is.



COURTESY OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Burke took quite a few hits Saturday against North Central, as seen here after delivering a pass.

# Comeback

That turnover, which came directly after Wabash’s first touchdown of the quarter, helped get Wabash’s offense right back on the field. And it didn’t take long to get back into the endzone as the Little Giants drove 69 yards in ten plays in only 2:39 to cut the lead to 28-21 with 8:48 remaining in the game.

The defense would step up again on the ensuing drive, forcing the necessary three-and-out to get the ball back.

Down seven with 3:51 to go, the Little Giants started the drive from their own 33-yard line. Three plays into the drive, things were again looking bleak, as Burke and the offense faced a fourth-and-14 with the game on the line. And again, Burke came up big with a 16-yard run to keep the drive alive.

Nine plays later, Burke found

sophomore Jeff Bell in the endzone for his only catch of the day with 52 seconds remaining, bringing the score to 28-27.

However, Raeburn wouldn’t be settling for the extra point and overtime.

The fourth-year head coach was going for the win, although it would be a while before that play would be run.

North Central called a timeout to set their defense, only to be called for offsides prior to the snap. The Little Giants would then call a timeout of their own.

“It seemed like it was seven minutes between the touchdown and when we finally snapped the ball for the two-point conversion,” Burke said. “That’s a lot of time to think about it.”

The dramatics of the play were well worth the wait as Burke rolled

to his right, throwing to sophomore James Kraus, who was unable to corral the ball, but the deflection went right to senior Brady Young, giving Wabash a one-point lead.

Burke finished 24-49 passing for 311 yards and four touchdowns. He received big-time efforts from the senior duo of Jonathan Horn and Wes Chamblee at the receiver position. Horn finished with 152 yards and a touchdown on 13 receptions while Chamblee had nine catches for 147 yards and two scores.

The game was sealed when Austin Hodges intercepted Tyler Dicken’s pass with eight seconds remaining.

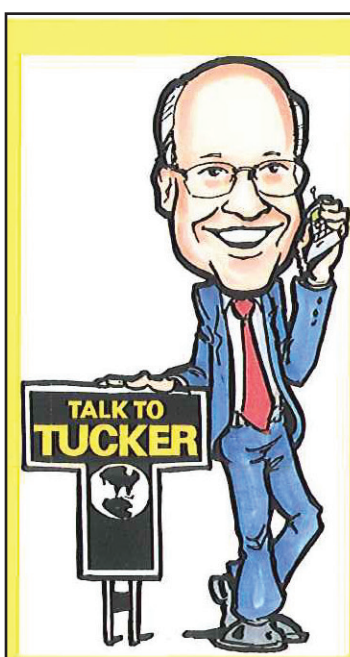
“That’s an awesome win for our players,” Raeburn said. “They will be able to talk about that win for a long, long time. I’m sure it will be special to them for as long as they live.

“It will certainly be special to me.”

# This Week in Wabash

Friday Wrestling	Little State**
Saturday Football	@ Mount Union*
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