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Where Are They Now?

Rob Arnett '09

RYAN LUTZ '13
STAFF WRITER

Everyone knows that being a college athlete has to come to an end. It often comes faster than any of us realize. So what happens to the quarterback after he made that touch-down throw? What happened to the basketball player after he sank that game winning three? Where does the second baseman go after he hits a walk off homerun?

The Bachelor is beginning a series of "Where Are They Now?" stories about former standout Little Giant athletes who are excelling as alumni. The first alumnus *The Bachelor* has followed is Rob Arnett '09, a former Wabash wrestler.

Arnett was a force on the mat during his Wabash career, and since then he has continued to excel in both the work force and the octagon of mixed martial art fighting.

"I'm currently a team leader for Royal United Mortgage, and I assist my group of loan advisors in building their skill sets and help my clients with pursuing mortgage financing," Arnett said. "I compete in MMA as my after-work hobby. I'm fighting on the professional level, so some of my opponents have a much stronger portion of their day to dedicate towards training, but I'm confident in my skill sets and enjoy the dimension that it adds to my life."

Most fighters on the professional level train day in and day out. Some even train three times a day. Arnett has successfully balanced being in the mainstream workforce while competing in the MMA circuit.

"I don't fight full time but I do compete year round," Arnett said. "I actually have a pretty strong local fol-



COURTESY OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Rob Arnett '09, shown here wrestling for Wabash in 2008, was a heavyweight while in College and now balances his career as a loan advisor with pro UFC fighting.

lowing and I have my very own 'No Leftovers' [the slogan of his fans] sun glasses."

Of course, by not competing full time he is sacrificing time that could be spent training and getting his body in shape for fights. But Arnett also pursues other interests that help him perform in the octagon.

"I also compete in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu tournaments where I have run my record up to 20-0," Arnett said.

"Rob is definitely a man of contradictions," said Professor of English Tobey Herzog. "He was so low key in class with his interest in the subtle

emotions of literary characters in British Literature. And then when he got onto the mat he had this whole other persona and emotional intensity that was the exact opposite of him in the classroom".

Balancing work and MMA fighting is a lot to have on one's plate, so Arnett is an example of someone with a Wabash work ethic. By being able to juggle all these extra-curricular activities, Arnett says he owes a lot to his Alma Mater.

"Wabash helped me develop in a lot of ways," Arnett said. "Obviously, my wrestling evolved a great deal

during my time at Wabash, which has helped me with other forms of fighting. The way I analytically approach the sport and all of my different styles of training though is a direct result from the way I learned how to think at Wabash. I owe a lot to my experiences there and wouldn't trade them for anything."

Instead of just focusing on his nine-to-five job, Arnett wanted to continue challenging himself by turning pro and fighting against better opponents. In addition, it is a great way to forget about the stresses of work and everyday life.

"Realistically, MMA is my only outlet to put my skill sets to work on a big stage," Arnett said. "Being able to let out my aggression and to work a crowd makes for a good release from everyday life. It's what I enjoy doing."

"Rob also had an intriguing sense of humor," Herzog said. "He didn't draw attention to himself with it at all and yet, he is in a sport where you have to draw attention to yourself".

With his balancing act holding up right now, Arnett plans "on competing in the sport until it is no longer feasible for him to do so". So far the worst injury Arnett has received is cauliflower ear, largely leaving his workplace life unaffected. If he can continue to avoid injury Arnett could have a lengthy career in the octagon.

"I mainly just want to take tough fights and enjoy myself," Arnett said. "Ideally earning a berth on the Ultimate Fighter TV show would be a great experience that I think I would really enjoy. I'm just going to see where life takes me and try to keep knocking out the guy across from me," Arnett said.

Ransom Blends Teaching, Research

PETER ROBBINS '12
EDITOR IN CHIEF

While her new position at Wabash is Dr. Tami Ransom's first full-time professor employment, the new BKT Assistant Professor of Biology has done many hours of research and has plenty of experience teaching students.

"I just got my PhD. from the University of Virginia, and I was a T.A. there and taught some adjunct courses, especially in the summer," Ransom said.

Ransom was attracted to Wabash by some of its more prominent small college traits that particularly stood out to her.

"When I was first interviewed, I thought the all-male thing was a little different," Ransom said. "But I went back to UVA raving about Wabash. I was impressed by how involved the students were, by the importance of immersion trips here, and by the mutual investment between Wabash and its students."

Ransom showed interest

in the idea of leading an immersion trip herself.

"I'm teaching Advanced Ecology in the spring, and I've thought about maybe doing a trip for that," Ransom said. "I was a Peace Corps volunteer in Uganda, and I've talked with Dr. Wetzel about potentially doing a trip there, [like the one he did to Peru this summer], in the future."

Ransom has a love for traveling that she said coincides with her interest in biology and the liberal arts in general.

"I was a field technician, so I've traveled throughout Central America and Australia," Ransom said. "There are lots of ways to tie biology to economics, for example, and what's going on in the world."

Ransom is trained as a community ecologist, and she is excited to begin research in this region of Indiana.

"I study how species interact and how that affects forests, etc.," Ransom said. "I'm also interested in how invasive species interact with

native species. My Master's Degree work was on salamander communities, and my PhD. work focused on the effects of invasive earthworms on forest floor communities."

According to Ransom, Wabash is located at the right place at the right time to pursue her study of invasive earthworms very effectively.

"Most common earthworms you would find are not native to the USA," Ransom said. "Commonly they are from Europe, but there is also a species from Asia that is well established on the East Coast and is moving toward this part of the country. It's [strangely] called the Alabama Jumper. They have been bred because they are good composting worms."

Ransom's research has actually already begun at Wabash, though she's only been here for about a month.

"I have a student who is doing an independent study surveying earthworms in the area," Ransom said. "I can build off his results so I can formulate my research questions for the future. We



FRANCISCO HUERTA | WABASH '14

BKT Assistant Professor of Biology Tami Ransom will continue her Ph.D. research on invasive earthworms at Wabash.

are on the cusp of where native earthworms would be, since Crawfordsville is just north of the Ice Age line, so I expect to find very interesting results."

In her free time, Ransom, enjoys activities that have to do with biology, such as hiking, birding, and camping. She also enjoys snowboarding, but she knows she probably won't be able to do

much of that around here.

"I have two kids at home, so they take up most of my outside interest right now," Ransom said. "We've gone canoeing on Sugar Creek and seen some of the nearby state parks, so that has been cool."

This semester, Ransom is teaching Biology Senior Seminar (Bio 401), Ecology (Bio 213) and two Ecology labs.

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11:15 a.m.

Indianapolis Museum of Art Reception, 6 p.m.

Wysocki: Passionate Chemist

RYAN LUTZ '13
STAFF WRITER

The latest addition to the reputedly accessible faculty at Wabash is Dr. Laura Wysocki. The new BTK Assistant Professor of Chemistry has come to Crawfordsville from Virginia. Specializing in Organic Chemistry, Wysocki brings a fresh, new perspective to the field.

"I'm really passionate about the material I teach," Wysocki said. "I know that O-Chem is a lot of students' hardest class, which is why I see it as my mission to help students grasp the material." In her teaching career, Wysocki has always gone the extra mile to help her students learn the material. This is a critical quality to have as a chemistry professor.

"I try to put myself in the place of the students to make sure that the material is as accessible as possible," Wysocki said.

Her passion for her subject has been well received in the Wabash community, and it has helped her assimilate into the Wabash culture. Being a new professor on campus, she has come to know the Wabash way.

"One thing that really impressed me here was the students," Wysocki said. "They are motivated, excited and they have a lot of school spirit. I really love the College's atmosphere".

She spoke of some students who were not even chemistry majors or minors who went up and introduced themselves to her. Simple



IAN BAUMGARDNER | WABASH '14

BTK Assistant Professor of Chemistry Laura Wysocki helps Mark Osnowitz '12 work through one of her organic chemistry problems. Dr. Wysocki hopes to bring enthusiasm to her chemistry classes.

little actions like these speak volumes about Wabash men, and Wysocki has appreciated every bit of it.

"She takes great trouble in making sure I know what is going on and that we are on the same page no matter what we are doing," Peter Santa Maria '13 said.

"I'm really looking forward to getting to know my students better," Wysocki said. "I want to help them become the men they want to be. You just want to have a part in helping these boys become young men."

As of now Wysocki is only teaching Chemistry classes and labs, but she does have plans to branch out in the future. Even though she has only been here a short time, students are taking notice of

her passion for Wabash.

"I can already tell she is concerned with getting to know Wabash, its traditions and its students," Santa Maria said. "She really enjoys hearing about Chapel Sing and other traditions like that. I might even be able to convince her to partake in it this year".

Wysocki is also an avid sports fan. She completed part of her education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and she was used to the large sporting event atmosphere. Naturally, she plans to be at the football games, but what she is really looking forward to is basketball season.

"I see them practicing for the upcoming season and I get all excited," Wysocki

said.

Seeing the stripes that the Sphinx Club wears reminded her of her Wisconsin days. "Our student section actually wore them for home football games," Wysocki said. "Of course they didn't have the white pots like the Sphinx Club."

Even though she is new to the college, Wysocki is largely impressed with the way things are run here. From students welcoming her to the college to the school spirit shown here, she has grown to like this place. With her outgoing and engaging personality, Wysocki could become a favorite professor in the not too distant future.

Parking Lot Project Faces Setbacks

KENNY FARRIS '12
NEWS EDITOR

Recently, construction on the new parking lot on the site of the old FIJI has overcome a few unexpected problems the project has unearthed.

"With several issues that have come up, (the project) has taken significantly longer than anticipated," Director of Campus Services David Morgan said. "Our goal is to be completed with the paving and striping by Homecoming."

Morgan cited three main problems the construction team of Rhodes Construction, various subcontractors, and Campus Services faced in building the new parking lot.

"While installing a curb on the south side of the lot, workers hit part of an old fuel storage tank," Morgan said.

Found within the property of the old FIJI house, the tank contained oil that had leaked into the soil through punctures in the metal tank. Morgan said the old FIJI house had not used the tank for any purposes for decades.

Morgan notified the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) to make sure the team followed regulations in solving the problem. Regulations required the team to remove the tank as well as any contaminated soil from the leak.

"We tried to cooperate as

much as possible with IDEM regulations," Morgan said.

"Properly removing the tank and soil as well as refilling the hole represents a large additional cost for the College."

Around the same time the team discovered the old fuel tank, the team saw that fiber optic cables connected to the house at 214 West Jefferson Street needed to be moved. The cables on the west side of the lot were buried too shallowly for safe construction of the parking lot.

"It was a small move that took some time," Morgan said. "The cables moved about four feet to the west and a little deeper than they were before."

Most recently, the city of

Crawfordsville intervened in the project. City officials requested to enlarge the storm drains underneath the parking lot and the sidewalk on Jefferson Street.

"The redesign process led to about a two week delay," Morgan said. "The designers had to rework their models, then the construction team had to rework their schedules, and subcontractors had to be hired. All of this took up time from the parking lot construction."

The construction team placed new structures for the storm drains and storm water collection system this week. The team must cover the structures before paving and striping can begin.

"We plan to lay asphalt mid-week next week," Morgan said. "It's a two to three day process to lay, coat, and stripe the lot. Of course, the project can be delayed by rain."

No official date has been set for opening the parking lot for student, faculty, and staff use.

The new parking lot construction is designed to help eliminate the fire safety hazard posed by cars parking on the east side of the Mall. Until the project is completed, student and faculty cars will still have to park in this area.

"The east side of the mall serves about 18-20 spaces," Morgan said. "We can guarantee at least 34 spaces in the new parking lot, and parking will still be allowed in front of the Chapel."



KELLY SULLIVAN | WABASH '15

The parking lot that will take the place formerly occupied by the old FIJI house has run into a number of obstacles that have significantly slowed its completion. Director of Campus Services David Morgan says the lot will be completed come Homecoming Weekend.

9/11: Wabash Reflects

KENNY FARRIS '12 NEWS EDITOR

September 11, 2011.

Across our nation, memorial services paid tribute to those lost in New York City, Washington D.C., and Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Beams from the World Trade Center crisscrossed the country in remembrance of the horrific destruction of that day. Speeches called for continued national unity, praised the American spirit, and vowed never to forget

Brian David '12

Brian David remembers his location on 9/11 exactly.

"I was in my 6th grade class, and the principal went over the loud speaker at 10:16 am and announced there was a terrorist attack on the twin towers," David said.

That announcement began a string of memories that the New Jersey native still remembers clearly today. David's home in New Milford, New Jersey, lies across the Hudson River from Manhattan, and his family and neighborhood had integral connections to the tragedies of that day.

New Milford, a town of 20,000, lost 47 people in the attack. For a week after the attack, smoke rose from Lower Manhattan, blocking David's views of the entire New York City skyline near his home. David watched other buildings within the World Trade Center complex collapse in the following days after 9/11.

David's mom worked for 12 years on the 82nd floor of World Trade Center II before 9/11. In the two weeks after the attacks, David's parents went to nearly 20 funerals for friends who were 9/11 victims. David and his family didn't hear from a friend who served as a Port Authority rescuer until five days after 9/11.

"When you see so many people lose loved ones from a terrorist attack, you can actually see what the attack did," David said. "I felt it physically."

Adam Christensen '03

"I remember being struck by how thoughtful the interviewees were in their responses. Even now, their words only two days after the attack reflect starkly against the violent backlash toward Muslim culture and American protectionist rhetoric voiced since 09/11."

IAN BAUMGARDNER | WABASH '14

Above: Crawfordsville native Greg Hess, who designed the Indianapolis 9/11 Memorial.

"our Pearl Harbor".

Aside from the same day in 2002, last Sunday's ten-year anniversary served as the most profound public reflection of that day. The New York Times exemplified such reflection in its 40 page special issue on the various issues of 9/11. Their coverage invoked memories and provoked reflections through an intimate voice to that day: the voice of New Yorkers.

While Wabash College's connection with 9/11 may be less direct for the majority of

our family, the day still resonates in the consciousness of many from our generation. We remember more details about that day than most days of our lifetime: where we were, what we thought, and how we reacted to the shocking visuals on television. We might interpret a low-flying plane over an urban area differently after that day.

Yet even as a flashpoint of a young generation, some people might think very little about 9/11. They might think of it only through reference

to Osama Bin Laden, or in the origin of two wars involving predominantly Muslim countries. Some don't even think about the day at all.

For some members of the Wabash family, the stories of that fateful day continuously emerge in their daily lives. *The Bachelor* retells their stories today not only in an effort to preserve the history of that day, but also to see how 9/11 has impacted our College. Who and where has it influenced most?

Each student rung in by

Matthew Kip Chase '03

"As I reflect back on September 11, 2001, I can't help but remember how fortunate I and many others were to be a part of such a strong community as Wabash. There was so much uncertainty from the attacks and not many people could answer why it happened and if we could stop it from happening again.

"However, reflecting back on it now and having spent time watching the recent ceremonies to remember the day and the victims I think about how the attacks continue to shape and influence our society and culture because many of us who were students at Wabash then, have now gone on to marry and have children. That day will shape the lessons I try to get my two boys to learn. My hope is that they'll learn how essential it is, more than ever, to be a critical thinker and to be courageous with their lives, even in the face of uncertainty and ambiguity.

"I don't think we'll ever forget what happened that day but I hope we continue to strive to be better people because we've lived through it."



Drs. Crystal Benedicks and James Cherry

Professor Crystal Benedicks was on a bus to Flushing, New York when the second plane sailed into the World Trade Center. The BKT Professor of English was en route to teach a writing class at CUNY – Queens College. "Like everybody says it was a perfect day," she said. "I looked up, and I saw the towers on fire. And nobody knew what was going on. It was very hard to use cell phones, because the cell phone tower was on top of the buildings."

Despite the outages, Benedicks reached her husband, BKT Professor of Theater James Cherry, who began relaying information to her based on what he and millions around the world were witnessing unfold on live television. Benedicks eventually hitched a ride back home with one of her students, and the pair spent the rest of the day transfixed by the media coverage as more information

trickled in.

"New Yorkers aren't necessarily rude, but everyone is kind of living in their own world," said Cherry. "So one thing that happened was that sort of changed. There was an intense sense of grief, but also community. People remembered to ask each other how they were doing. The next question was, did you know anyone?"

Ten years later, both professors are leading Freshmen Tutorials that coincide with the 10th anniversary of the World Trade Center attacks, in an attempt to look back on a decade without the two lofty shadows.

"Even though it's been a decade, it's really only been a second," said Benedicks. "Culturally speaking, it happened a nanosecond ago. Not only are people producing art about 9/11, we're producing art about how to produce art about 9/11."

The course included a visit to downtown Indianapolis to witness the unveiling of the Project 9/11 In-

dianapolis memorial, a public sculpture project conceived by Crawfordsville native and first responder Greg Hess. Hess spoke to their tutorial sections about the experience. He brought a breathtaking compendium of 9/11 artifacts, painting with words, photos, and a remnant of the wreckage a testament to the nearness to death and darkness that he experienced as part of Indiana Task Force 1. INTF-1 was one of the first rescue teams to arrive and stayed for eight days at the site.

"One of the reasons we wanted to do this class was to ask, so how different are we really, ten years later?" said Benedicks. "And we imagine the answer will be more than we may think. The difference in the ways the news media works, the way we use certain words like 'hero' or 'terror' and the implication that has on public rhetoric, the vast effects on citizenship literacy, some of which are actually positive."

Drury Yearns to Teach

JACOB BURNETT '15 STAFF WRITER

Sara Drury is a professor who, if she isn't busy teaching, you might find outside or immersed in studying the rhetoric of war and peace. She has a yearning to teach, and she has an affinity for Rhetoric.

"I was very interested in politics, great speeches, and things like that as an undergraduate and began taking courses in Rhetoric. I became fascinated with it, and I had great undergraduate mentors," Drury said. "I became so interested that I went to grad school after I worked with one of my two undergraduate mentors. He and I worked on a project about the 1960 great debates. Through working on this project, I became really excited about this in grad school, researching, doing my own researching, and of course teaching."

Drury attended Boston College and received her B.A in Political Science and Communications. She then attended Penn State and received her M.A and Ph.D. in Communications in Arts

and Sciences with a focus on rhetoric. Drury didn't immediately investigate rhetoric, but took more of a journey through different courses to get her there. She originally thought that political science was the route for her, but Rhetoric was able to answer the research questions she had. Drury has done research on the quality and character of political discourse in the United States.

"Most recently, my research has focused on the issues of political discourse and on war and peace," Drury said. "From an institutional perspective, I have looked at national security and presidential discourse. From a social movement perspective, I have looked at anti-war movements."

She wrote her dissertation on how presidents communicated the concepts of national security during the Cold War. Her Master's thesis and some other research were on the Catholic Worker Movement and anti-war discourse which spoke to the U.S. public and lawmakers. The Catholic Worker Movement also established a case for pacifism within the Catholic Church.

Drury interestingly found that the Catholic Worker Movement had a hard time during World War II because they were promoting pacifism during a time when the Allies were fighting a "just war".

These conflicting viewpoints caused many members to drop, but the remaining members retained their beliefs.

While in college, besides the immense amount of research and studies, she found her love for teaching.

"I was involved in coaching high school speech and debate, and really came to understand that I loved teaching," Drury said. "I am excited to be at a place like Wabash because teaching is valued by the College, valued by the students, and valued by my colleagues. From the first interview and experience, I was so excited about the commitment here to liberal arts education."

Drury is an avid supporter of liberal arts education. She firmly believes in the advantages of an education that produces a well-rounded individual. Wabash appealed to her interests and has confirmed her beliefs in a liberal



FRANCISCO HUERTA | WABASH '14

New BKT Assistant Professor of Rhetoric Sara Drury brings a wealth of educational and outside experience to Wabash.

arts education.

This multitude of information isn't all that defines Professor Drury.

"I have a wonderful close, large, fun family," Drury said. "I am a huge Buffalo sports fan of the Buffalo Bills and Buffalo Sabres. I like running, but I hesitate to call myself a runner because I am not a very good runner. I really like outdoor activities: biking, hiking, and kayaking. I also like cooking especially with local, in-season ingredi-

ents."

Professor Drury is adding new perspectives in the Rhetoric department. She is enthusiastically enjoying her first year at Wabash. Drury has many interesting qualities as both a person and a teacher that contribute to the unique, strong student-teacher interaction here. Hopefully throughout her years at Wabash, Drury will continue to integrate her rhetorical interests and personal assets with the Wabash community.

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Believing is Benefiting

STAFF EDITORIAL

Wabash is an intimidating place. In fact, one could almost go so far as to say it has cult-like qualities.

Perhaps the lack of female students on campus makes our small community more tightly knit as we rally together to cheer for our sports teams. We often hear from DePauw students and alumni, for example, that we care so much more about the Monon Bell game than they do. They say it's because that's all we have to get excited about, whereas no matter the score, they will have girls at their parties.

But objectively, Wabash is kind of

a cult.

No one wears anything but the sacred scarlet to a sporting event, especially against a particularly rival opponent.

We have short, to-the-point chants like "Wabash Always Fights!" and "Hard Hat D."

We have a little idol named Wally on our state-issued license plates and roaming the sidelines on Saturdays.

We have ritual leaders in goofy outfits who lead us in cheer, but who can only do so after first surviving a semester of training.

We are obsessed with tradition.

We convene weekly to hear a member of our community instruct us about how to lead our lives and be

better men.

Once a year, the newest Little Giant candidates must prove their worth by singing our song before we accept them as one of our own.

Any student who would walk under the arch next to the Sparks Center would be subject to glares and stares of disbelief, having neglected the honor our ancestors worked so hard to deserve.

We are run exclusively by a board of our own alumni, for no one else would know which way to steer our ship.

We have a creed which defines the ideal man, the way we all should be, the Gentleman.

We've actually been convinced, in

a modern society where women have proven again and again that they are equal to men, that we are better off without women as our peers.

We relish that we are different.

And the most important element of our cult: we buy into it. We believe that Wabash will truly make us men, and that we receive a better education and educational experience than other institutions around us.

You might not like it at first, but somehow it works. Any one of these elements could feasibly be meaningless. We are all just so afraid that the day we choose to change one of our holy rituals, the consequences will be catastrophic.

Just drink the kool-aid.

Rick Perry, the Romney Alternative

KENNY FARRIS '12
NEWS EDITOR

This Presidential cycle's Republican primaries have gained a more glaring spotlight with the emergence of the Tea Party in the 2010 Congressional elections. After losing control of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate in 2006 and the Presidency in 2008, the Tea Party formed a grassroots movement within the Republican Party that has brought enthusiasm and life to what was a struggling party at the Federal level. Surprising victories over Democratic candidates, such as Scott Brown's victory for Ted Kennedy's Senate seat in Massachusetts, inspired the national movement toward the loftier goal of winning back the Presidency.

Many followers in this movement have gravitated toward Rick Perry, the Governor of Texas who upon declaring his candidacy in August rose to the top of three opinion polls of Republican voters. Perry upended Mitt Romney, the former governor of Massachusetts, and Michele Bachman, a U.S. Representative from Iowa. Perry and Romney have emerged as the favorites for the Republican nomination for President, and each will look to battle each other in a series of debates and campaign stops before the first primaries. We argue that Rick Perry will make a better Presidential candidate for Republicans than Mitt Romney for two main reasons: Perry is the most electable Republican candidate against Democrats, and Perry possess the Tea Party momentum that we believe will be crucial in the general election. This article will also respond to some counter-arguments our team will likely face in the debate.

First, Gov. Perry has shown himself to stand by moderate positions that work well in a general election. As shown by the debate on September 12th, Gov. Perry was willing to proclaim as his candidacy views his actions as Texas governor taken in response to illegal immigration concerns. For example, Perry defended his action as governor to allow children of illegal immigrants to pay in-state tuition at Texas public universities. In the debate he pronounced the policy as inclusionary, saying, "It doesn't make any difference what the sound of your last name is, that's the American way". Such inclusionary views bode well for his general election chances, as exclusionary views such as building a border fence are most likely to dissuade a Hispanic voter, a demographic that identifies more with the Democratic Party but also were shown in a 2002 Pew Research Study to not be

"ideologically committed to either of the major parties". Gov. Perry's treatment of the illegal immigration issue contrasts strongly against Romney's treatment of the health care issue during the primary season. Romney, who passed a health care reform bill during his time as Massachusetts's governor that was partially funded by federal subsidies, has spent time trying to differentiate the Massachusetts program from President Obama's administration on the federal level. By not spending time answering questions comparing the Massachusetts program with many similar features of President Obama's program, Gov. Perry gives himself the ability to win a primary election while maintaining his moderate stance on immigration for the general election.

Gov. Perry can uphold his moderate positions such as immigration because he possesses Tea Party momentum, which will bring crucial fundraising during the general election. Within a month of declaring his bid for the Republican presidential nomination, Gov. Perry became the front-runner in the nationally recognized Gallup poll, the Democratic firm Public Policy Polling, and a poll of Republican primary voters by The Economist, three polls using different methodologies to reach the same result.

While it can be disputed how much influence the Tea Party holds over the entire Republican Party, the Tea Party's vocal presence in early primary battles as well as how much coverage the party received in the 2010 Congressional elections have caused many candidates to begin appearing at Tea Party rallies. In particular Romney, who found himself 21 points below Perry in a poll of GOP-leaning independents who support the Tea Party, has begun attending rallies such as last week's South Carolina rally hosted by Sen. Jim DeMint. At such events, Romney has been met with protests (particularly about his health care law in Massachusetts), while Perry has been viewed without the ridicule stemming from his past record on a currently volatile issue.

The 2012 Presidential election can be viewed not only as a judgment on certain issues like health care and the economy but also as the first wholly national opportunity for Tea Party supporters to influence an election, and it is only sensible that the Republican candidate with the most Tea Party support during the primaries will gain the most potential benefit in the general election.

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Overreaction by Students

After weeks of complaints from students over the notorious, supposedly tyrannical new printing regime, IT Director Brad Weaver came before this week's convention of the Student Senate to field questions. While always remaining civil, inquiries from senators on behalf of the student body were distinctly critical. While my good friend Mr. Dyer was perfectly justified last week in his critique of the implementation and announcement of the new plan, I believe that the extenuated groaning from the student body at large has been an over-reaction.

From the very beginning, response to the \$25 limit on free printing for students has been negative, and understandably so. At Wabash, we expect our tuition to cover just about everything. Within days, there were slips of paper under every keyboard in the library computer lab which said, in handwritten letters, something to the effect of "Please e-mail Brad Weaver with complaints over the new printing quota." And, more trustily than delivery from the US Postal Service, an e-mail war promptly ensued. Granted, notification of the quota was abrupt and rationale was fuzzy.

But listening to the cross-examination of Mr. Weaver Tuesday night convinced me of the necessity of an action of this kind. The figure of 1.1 million (the number of sheets



Reed Hepburn '12
OPINION
Columnist

printed last school-year) has been tossed around frequently throughout this debate, but Mr. Weaver last night put that number in more palpable terms--an amount of paper that when stacked flat on the ground would tower over the mall, standing four times the height of the chapel. This figure also means the college spent upwards of \$50k on printing. Some may say that IT's explanation of their reasons for capping printing was unclear or even deceptive, but these facts alone point to two glaring issues-- environmental and fiscal responsibility.

Yes, printing is necessary, and for some of us, a lot of printing is necessary, myself being a prime offender as an English major also guilty of minoring in Political Science. But we've all made those thoughtless mistakes of printing before updat-

ing the date on a paper or changing that typo we forgot about, and have found ourselves printing the fifteen-pager twice. And I don't know about the rest of you, but I never once printed duplex until this year (I have no idea why, now that it occurs to me).

Even if you are skeptical of the gravity of our personal impact on the environment (which is a respectable and overly-persecuted doubt), no one can deny the direness of our financial situation. We can all think of a professor that the college has had to let go in the past few years (especially we seniors), and many of us still nurse a soft spot for the late and great C&T, which was eliminated largely for financial reasons. Many of us also know people whose hopes of studying abroad were left unfulfilled due to budget cuts which now only allow that experience for thirty percent of students, down from sixty in years past. Yes, it will be inconvenient to shell out another \$25 for those one-hundred-and-some students who manage to exceed the original limit, but let's be honest with ourselves: do you really need that handle of Captain all that badly?

Keep Your Word, Mr. President

It is time for the President of the United States to keep his word.

Here we are in September 2011, approaching the end of the third year of the Obama presidency, yet, we are not better off as a country than we were in January 2009.

The President told us that the \$787 Billion stimulus package, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, would keep the unemployment rates under 8%.

The last time the unemployment rate was under 8%? January 2009. The President's response to the failed package? A joke on June 13, 2011 that "shovel ready was not as shovel ready as we expected."

During his State of the Union address on January 25, 2011, the President claimed, "We are poised for progress. Two years after the worst recession most of us have ever known, the stock market has come roaring back. Corporate profits are up. The economy is growing again."

On August 4, less than eight months later, the stock market suffered losses for the ninth consecutive day, the longest such streak since January 1978 during Jimmy Carter's Presidency. Those nine losing days totaled 513 lost points. Four days later, the Dow lost 634 points in one trading day.

Referring to the recent debt ceiling problems facing the country, Obama stated, "I've got to say, I'm very amused when I start hearing comments about, 'well, the President needs to show more leadership on this. Let me tell you something, I've been here.'"

The President may have been there, but what was he doing? A debt deal was struck, but all it did was kick the proverbial can down the road a little

farther. Basically, the President showed no leadership in that situation.

Speaking of kicking the can down the road, 870 days have now passed since the Federal government last passed a budget. Now, while you might think that this is simply a problem between Democrats and Republicans in Congress and it has nothing to do with President Obama, think again.

After the Senate failed to pass the Ryan budget, Republicans brought the Obama budget to the Senate floor. The result on the motion to proceed was astonishing: 0-97. No member of the United States Senate thought the Obama budget to be worth of even being debated. Sure sounds like great leadership to me.

"Leaders at a certain point rise to the occasion. Leaders are going to lead."

In April, Obama's Secretary of the Treasury claimed that the United States was at "no risk" of losing its AAA credit rating. After the debacle of the debt talks, Standard and Poor's dropped the United States credit rating. To make things even better, the S&P announced that the passing of "Cut, Cap, and Balance," a piece of legislation brought forth by House Republicans and supported by many Senate Republicans would have prevented the credit downgrade.

President Obama adamantly opposed "Cut, Cap, and Balance," claiming that he would immediately veto it if it reached his desk.

Then, this week, we learned that the poverty rate in the United States rose to 15.1%., the highest rate since the early 1980s.

Tuesday, the New York 9th Congressional district, which has a three to one ratio of registered Democrats to registered Republicans elected



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Opinion
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a Republican Congressman for the first time since 1923 in what was viewed as a referendum on President Obama and his policies. The result could not be clearer: It is time for the President to keep his word.

What word would that be?

"I will be held accountable... If I don't have this done in three years, there will be a one term proposition."

It is time for the President to admit that he does not have it done and three years are almost up. After the 2010 midterm elections and the special elections since then, it can certainly be recognized that the American people are not happy with Obama or his policies. He should honor his word and call it quits after one term. There would be more honor in that than in attempting to gain another four years, which would be filled with more negative economic consequences and lack of leadership.

For the rest of us, it is time not only to put our faith in hope and change—hope that a new president is elected and change that might get our AAA credit rating back—and vote President Obama out of office.

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Game Day Traditions

KYLE BENDER '12
STAFF WRITER

There is a t-shirt sold in the Bookstore that reads on the back, "There is nothing like Game Day at Wabash." Hundreds of Little Giants would agree with the statement. There really is nothing like a football Game Day at Wabash College and the many traditions that go along with the day-long event.

For many, tailgating begins at the break of dawn as parents and long-time supporters arrive in cars and RVs packed with snacks and beverages that will help nourish them throughout the day. Some fraternities also organize cook outs, always parking cars in the best locations the night before to beat the early risers.

The Sphinx Club Rhynies play a very active role on Game Day, rising early to drive to the grocery store and purchase several hundred dollars worth of food to feed any Wabash fan who wants a hamburger before the game. The Rhynies set up several grills directly behind the home bleachers, always taking donations for a worthy philanthropic cause.

Fans arrive early at Hollett Little Giant Stadium to mark their favorite seat with scarlet blankets. Mothers and girlfriends come with decorative signs, showing support for their favorite player. Dads anxiously pace the bleachers prior to kickoff, talking amongst themselves, anxious to see if their sons perform up to their high expectations.

The team is always out on the field early during warm-ups with music blaring from the press box - music that can be heard across all of campus, often waking their classmates who decided to sleep in for a few hours prior to kickoff.

Just before kickoff, the senior captains of the football team walk hand in hand to midfield of Sewell Field to meet with the opposing team's leaders. By this time, the stadium is full with several thousand anxious fans, ready for their Little Giants to begin battle.

Once the pregame proceedings are complete, the captains return to the opening entrance of the grandstands, where the rest of the team waits. As

part of team tradition, the senior captains lead the Wabash Football Chant to their teammates, who repeat the chant in unison.

Do yourself a favor and go to YouTube and listen to the chant. Get as close to the entrance as you can on Saturday and listen to the words the men say. Nothing will get you more ready for a Wabash football game, and as the team runs through the entrance onto the field, the look in their eyes says the same.

Following kickoff, Sphinx Club members line the track with megaphones while standing on crates to peer onto the field behind the 100+ football players on the sidelines. Rhynies conduct cheers, build pyramids, and look for anything that could possibly help ignite the Little Giant crowd. Keep an eye out for one trying to sprint with the Wabash flag all the way around the track, only to collapse with exhaustion in the last 100 meters.

Every time the Little Giants score, Sphinx Club members do the number of pushups for the total score while the entire crowd sings "Old Wabash." During many of the games, the score reaches 40 points and beyond, so it is always fun to see which club members need to hit the weight room.

Fraternity freshmen also participate in the game day activities, working as pledge classes to mark the line of scrimmage on the track. Often times, they help the Rhynies cheer and compile a multi-person game of dominoes that is always fun to watch.

At halftime, as the teams head into the locker room for mid-game adjustments, the playing field is invaded with young future Wallies, who bring their own footballs and try to play their own game before their heroes return to the field.

There are many personalities who add to the game day atmosphere, some who have even brought traditions of their own. President White can always be seen at midfield, wearing his Wabash hat and cheering the team to victory. Dean Raters stands on the track with his two sons, Justin and Joel, who have seen more Wabash football games in their young lives than they could ever count. Professors come out in droves to support the students they see in class every day. Sports Infor-



COREY EGLER | WABASH '15

Sphinx Club member Daniel Lesch '12 prepares food for an upcoming game.

mation Director Brent Harris is everywhere all at once, making sure every last detail is complete so that the game continues without problems.

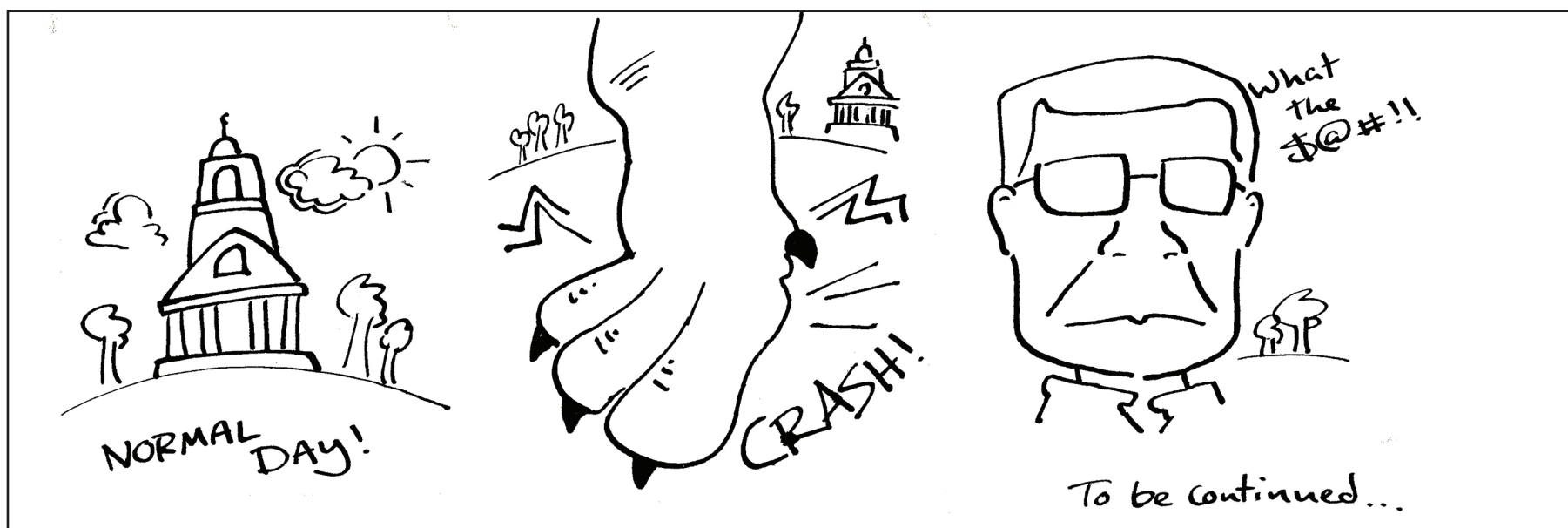
The small but mighty Pep Band helps jazz up the crowd and provides accompaniment to "Old Wabash," which seems to be sung every few minutes by the crowd. Public address announcer Tyler Wade '12 has developed his trademark, "And that's another Wabash College FIRST DOWN," which also gets repeated by fans. Dedicated football manager Rudy Altergott '13 can always be seen on top of the Allen Center, filming the game's proceedings for the coaching staff.

The Wabash College Game Day football experience is a family affair, one that intertwines the entire student body, both current and alumni. Regardless of the final score, this family always ends the game with a rousing rendition of "Old Wabash" with members of the football team. After the game, players stay on the field to mingle with classmates and family members, who are eager to share the day's success.

There really is nothing like Game Day at Wabash. Thankfully, another season of Little Giant home football games begins tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. against Ohio Wesleyan.

I can't wait.

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Bush Continues 90s Music Restoration

English Alternative Band Releases First Album in 10 Years

JOHN DYKSTRA '13
CAVELIFE EDITOR

Vocalist and rhythm guitarist Gavin Rossdale's dreams have come true. His English alternative band Bush has been restored and released its first album since the band disbanded in 2002. The band's most recent work *Sea of Memories* is its best since their debut album *Sixteen Stone*.

Bush revisits the sound that gave them success in the early 90s on a few occasions. The band accomplishes what they initially tried to do on their junior album *Science of Things* by experimenting with its sound. However, they have drifted away from the post-grunge genre, producing songs that will bring in lovers of industrial/electronica, pop, and early 80s music. "*Sea of Memories*" is a suiting title for this album, because Rossdale truly used the past decade to evaluate his earlier works to create this more energetic and radio-friendly album.

"The Mirror of Signs" warmly greets listeners with its spaced-out drum patterns, exotic synthesizers, and progressive basslines, which set the stage for crunchy guitar riffs. Rossdale showcases his trademark raspy voice, which conjoins with occasionally unsettling synthesizer scales.

The album's second single "The Sound of Winter" emulates the sound of fellow English band R.E.M. The band uses synthesizers to give the song a rave-like vibe. Here, Rossdale parts ways with his grungy voice and adopts more soothing vocals enhanced by an echo effect. This song

highlights the band's evolution from a typical 90s post-grunge band into an industrial alternative band.

"All Night Doctors" and "Be Still My Love" are the outliers of the album; the band incorporates classical instruments, namely the piano and violin. The piano piece in "All Night Doctors" is confronted by distorted guitar riffs that create a sense of urgency; whereas, the violin is used in "Be Still My Love" to generate a dark, brooding tone often found on the band's fourth studio album *Golden State*. Rossdale's trademark voice sets the pace for both of these "slower paced songs."

The album's first single "The Afterlife" also praises the band's versatility. Much like "The Sound of Winter," it appears the band was influenced by a classic rock band. Rossdale's lyrics are short and direct, and are occasionally stretched with high-pitched sounds that make this song a frontrunner of the album.

Hands down, the album's most interesting material is "Baby Come Home." The band revisits their former outlook and intertwines it with dynamic synthesizers. Introduced by edgy synthesizers, this song is captivating from start to finish. Although the lyrics and instrumental stature conflict at times, the band's creativity is showcased, successfully providing an unorthodox way to present the departure of a loved one. Rossdale gives his vocal effort in this piece, gearing between energetic bursts of confrontational and desperate tones.

The band teases its fan base in "She's



Bush released its first album in ten years on September 13. The band is set to support their new album on tour this fall with bands Chevelle and Filter.

a Stallion" by opening with a dark instrumental similar to Razorblade Suitcase's "Straight, No Chaser." As much as I would like to say this is an all-around amazing album, "She's a Stallion" is a disappointment. The lyrics are repetitive, Rossdale is incoherent, and, worst of all, the band undercuts the sound that gave them fame.

Generation X undoubtedly influences "Red Light". The lyrics seem as though they are written to a parent, apologizing for living a fast lifestyle, without any sense of moral wrongness. The song begins with a resonating drum pattern, which is met by an instrumental outburst that is similar to U2. Rossdale's voice and the instrumental stature do not match the connotations implied in the song's lyrics, but that is clearly intentional, emphasizing the essence of embracing one's mistakes to grow and develop.

Overall, Bush will win over the hearts of critics with *Sea of Memories*. The band overcomes the skepticism often associated with a band returning to the music scene after almost a decade of inactivity. Corey Britz's basslines definitely suit the new album's direction and the bass' presence is more apparent than on earlier albums. Above all, Rossdale has fine-tuned his music style by leading the band in a more industrial/electronica direction. *Sea of Memories* will make the charts with its friendly, energetic tunes. This album serves 2011 by adding to the restoration of 90s music. Needless to say, the 90s are back with a shifted sense of style and Bush accounts for that. *Sea of Memories* could possibly be the best alternative album made in 2011, even triumphing over new material by Foo Fighters and Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Warrior Brings Family Issues Into the Ring

TIM TAN '14
STAFF WRITER

In order to fully enjoy *Warrior*, one has to compel oneself to burn Nick Nolte's last appearance as an alcoholic father out of their memory. Yes, we're talking about his confusingly shaggy performance as The Absorbing Man. The central pathos in the mixed-martial arts drama from director Gavin O'Connor *Warrior* may draw from a lot of things and have huge biblical overtones but it is definitely not all Oedipal subtext. The only thing that's not subtle about O'Connor's deft study in fraternal reconciliation is the copious product placement, so be forewarned, Dana White haters.

With a cast of relative unknowns, *Warrior* is effective in portraying the universality of family turmoil and heartache that is at the core of the movie's one-two punch. Tom Hardy (of Rocknrolla fame) and Joel Edgerton play the Conlon brothers, whose paths diverged early in adolescence. Hardy conveys the brittle strength of younger brother Tommy well, saddled as he is with the duty of having to witness his mother's untimely death. Understandably, he takes her



Tom Hardy (left) and Joel Edgerton (right) square off in the movie's final scene.

maiden name and joins the Marines.

Big brother Brendan, played by Edgerton, stays behind with abusive dad and wrestling coach Paddy, falls in love, marries, and manages to eke out a passable semblance of suburban idyll. O'Connor ups the stakes with a topical treatment of recessionary real-estate woes and a daughter with medical bills. Debt, war and recession – the barbarians at the gates – are not the focus of the plot necessarily, but provide a jarring update to an otherwise ordinary story of sibling rivalry. O'Connor also skillfully

contrasts the canny, glossy world of professional MMA with the blue-collar neighborhoods of Pittsburgh. And Jennifer Morrison, from TV's *House*, injects some life into a stock role/plot device (disapproving wife).

There are times when the symbolic weight of *Warrior* seems to be too unwieldy to bear, such as when the elder Conlon goes insane in a hotel bedroom reciting *Moby Dick* after breaking his 1,000 days of sobriety. But those moments simply underscore, like Melville's tale of obsessive individuation, the relentless

drum of fate that each character, and each fighter in the ring, dances to. There are unexpected turns too, but these are equally grim – the scene where dad Paddy begs to meet his granddaughters but is quietly left whimpering on the street is truly depressing.

But onto the fights. These are filmed with blunt finesse, each a symphony of force and mass, as they are an expiation of familial grief. Masculinity too, is front and center: specifically the fact that there is no greater bond between men than when they are engaged in the process of beating each other ragged. More so than other sports besides boxing, MMA captures this punishing impulse of the male psyche most viscerally. The stakes go beyond mere prize money, or championship belts. As Joyce Carol Oates puts it, one plays football or baseball; one does not play boxing. Add fathers, brothers, and sons, and all that good archetypal soup that goes with it to the mix and stir.

So has O'Connor managed to give MMA the gravitas and legitimacy it has long desired? Or did the director of *Miracle* simply recreate Genesis in the octagon? You decide.

Bob Knight at Wabash

Legendary Basketball Coach to Speak on Chadwick Court Sunday Night

JOHN DYKSTRA '13
CAVELIFE EDITOR

Legendary college basketball coach Bob Knight will be speaking at Wabash Sunday at 7:30 P.M. on Chadwick Court. Commonly viewed as a controversial figure, Knight's lecture will provide an insight to his coaching career.

Brian Shelbourne '12, Chairman of the Senior Council Activities Committee, said, "I think Bob Knight's menacing reputation will bring in a lot of people. Many people know him for his blowups and him throwing a chair onto the basketball court. Also, he is the legendary basketball coach of Indiana University, so he is well-known in this area.

"We can hold about a thousand people in Chadwick, and I think we will be close to capacity Sun-

day night."

A native of Ohio, Knight graduated from Ohio State and played for the Buckeyes' 1960 NCAA Championship team. He was also a part of the team when they won Big Ten titles in 1960, 1961, and 1962.

Knight holds the record for most wins as an NCAA basketball coach. He was the youngest coach to win 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, and 800 games and is the only coach who won over 900. Knight was head coach at Army for six seasons, Indiana University for twenty-nine years, and Texas Tech for six-and-a-half seasons. He started his career at Army in 1965 and ended at Texas Tech in 2008.

Senior Council worked hand-in-hand with Student Senate to fund Knight's lecture. The bookstore has been selling tickets for the event since early September. Tickets are selling at thirty dollars each

for faculty and the community; children age twelve and under get in for free. Students are required to bring their student ID to enter. Revenue from tickets will go back to Student Senate, Shelbourne said.

Knight's lecture will not interfere with this year's National Act. Shelbourne said the ticket fees and left over money from last semester's National Act, along with this semester's student activity fees made Knight's lecture affordable.

"In a way, having Bob Knight on campus is like a mini National Act," Shelbourne said. "We have sold hundreds of tickets already and will be advertising the event in local papers. Tickets will also be sold at the front door the day of the event."

Knight's lecture is part of his Midwest tour. A meet-and-greet session will take place before the lecture at 6:30 P.M. in an Allen Center classroom.

Running Game Powers Wabash

TYLER WADE '12
STAFF WRITER

One thing was certain in talking to the Little Giant coaching staff before the season started, Wabash was looking to do a better job of running the football. On Saturday in their season and North Coast Athletic Conference opener, the football team did just that. Little Giant running backs Vann Hunt, Tyler Holmes, and Derek Rowe combined for 246 yards of rushing and two touchdowns to propel Wabash to victory over The College of Wooster 19-7.

The Fighting Scots came into Saturday's contest having already played one game, a loss to Baldwin-Wallace and Head Coach Erik Raeburn was happy that the Little Giants' disadvantage in practice time was not an issue in the final outcome. "Wooster had opened up ten days before that so they had a game under their belt," Raeburn said, "and most teams make a huge improvement between their first and second games so I was happy we found a way to win."

In the first half of the contest, Raeburn's fears looked like realities as Wabash quarterback Chase Belton threw an interception on the first drive of the game and Wooster recovered a fumble from running back Robert Flagg in their end zone to take an early 7-0 lead. The Little Giants responded in kind, marching down the field behind strong runs from Rowe and Belton before Rowe dashed in for a touchdown. Sophomore kicker Ian MacDougall's extra point attempt was no good, which left Wooster with a 7-6 lead. The two teams would trade possessions for the rest of the first half, hitting the locker rooms at halftime locked in a defensive juggernaut.

The spark Wabash needed came on their first defensive series of the second half when freshmen defensive back Houston Hodges intercepted a pass from Scot quarterback Richard Barnes. After the turnover the Little Giants rammed the ball down the throats of Wooster defenders and took a 12-7 lead after Belton's pass to wide receiver Jonathan



IAN BAUMGARDNER | WABASH '14

Sophomore Tyler Holmes' fourth-quarter touchdown sealed Wabash's season-opening win Saturday.

Horn. Horn tallied 134 yards of total offense and was named the NCAC Offensive Player of the Week.

Defensive Coordinator B.J. Hammer's unit held strong throughout the contest, forcing three turnovers. Victory was sealed in the fourth quarter, after Wabash forced the Scots to punt they took some more time off the clock and put seven more points up on the scoreboard thanks to an eight yard run by sophomore running back Tyler Holmes. This time MacDougall's kick was good and Wabash led the ball game 19-7 with just over

five minutes remaining in the contest.

After another defensive stop and a bizarre hour long lightning delay, Wabash came away with a 19-7 victory to put itself on top of the NCAC standings before this weekend's contest against Ohio Wesleyan. While Raeburn was pleased with his team's performance, especially with the defense and the running game, he acknowledges that there is still work to be done. "I was really happy with how we played defensively," Raeburn said, "and I was pleased overall with our offense."

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COURTESY OF WABASH LACROSSE

Senior Tyler Presley secures the ball for Wabash in a match last spring.

Lacrosse Gaining Attention at Wabash

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STAFF WRITER

There was a callout meeting on campus this week for a sport that will probably never make the College's athletic web-page anytime soon.

For the past 12 years, the Lacrosse Club has been student organized and competed in contests across the Midwest, receiving almost all of its financial support from the Student Senate.

However, activity within the Administration, Admission, and Athletic offices send new indications that the club might be moving closer toward varsity status at the College.

Over 30 students, along with assistant football coach Ryan Larsen and Admissions Representative Tim Cheek '10, met in the Allen Center classrooms late Monday evening to begin plans for the upcoming season. Larsen will serve as the team's head coach, while Cheek and Dave Rosborough '10 have been added as assistants.

The team will play three home games in the fall against Butler, Eastern Illinois, and DePauw and plan to add more games to an already busy spring schedule.

Club members hope that the addition of a full-time coaching staff will help take the program to a higher level. In past seasons, game and practice decisions were made by elected leaders of the club.

"Coach Larsen has played lacrosse both at the high school and college levels for some quality teams," sophomore defender John Decker said. "I think he will bring much-needed experience and a zest for the game to our coaching staff. Tim Cheek and Dave Rosborough both played here at Wabash and are very eager to help the program succeed."

With the addition of DePauw, the North Coast Athletic Conference now has six varsity lacrosse programs among its ranks. Some Wabash supporters feel that adding lacrosse to the College's athletic department will make the Little Giants more competitive in the All-Sports competition, as well as adding another dynamic to the student body. Lacrosse is most popular in the Northeastern and Mid-Atlantic states, regions the Admissions office has made clear they hope to recruit more heavily in the coming years.

"There has been a lot of talk about adding lacrosse, even before I got here," first-year athletic director Joe Haklin '73 said. "My job is to study this question very thoroughly. I intend to investigate programs that have undergone this process, and visit with them and try to get some hard numbers, in terms of a budget standpoint."

Haklin does have experience when it comes to adding new athletic teams. In his previous position as athletic director at Marian University, football and bowling were added

Soccer Looking To Build Momentum

BRANDAN ALFORD '12
SPORTS EDITOR

With a senior-laden team expecting big things out of this fall's season, it was a pair of freshmen who helped get the Little Giant soccer team back on track this past weekend.

After suffering back-to-back defeats at home, Wabash (2-2-1) earned a 1-0 victory over former conference foe Earlham on Saturday. Losses to Chicago and Rose Human had derailed the team's strong start. But freshman Blake Jennings' goal was all Wabash would need to right the ship against the Quakers.

On Wednesday, the Little Giants kept the momentum going as they earned a 3-1 victory over Hanover. Once again, Jennings was in the middle of the offensive attack, scoring in the match's final minute to secure the victory.

"I've been impressed with this year's freshman class," said coach Roberto Giannini. "I'm impressed with the way they train, the way they are receptive to coaching, how humble they are, and how ready they are to learn."

Coming off a 3-6 conference record a year ago, building momentum in the non-conference schedule is a focus for Giannini's squad.

"Building that momentum is extremely important," Giannini said, "more this year than in years before. With the players we have

involved, this is a good squad.

"We have three games before we go on the road to play Oberlin. Hopefully in those three games we can see some good results in build some confidence going into the NCAC schedule."

That match against Oberlin will be an important one on several levels. Not only will it be the Little Giants' first conference match, but it will also be the first road contest of the season. With the new soccer facility in place, Wabash is in the middle of a nine-match homestand to begin the season.

While freshmen have certainly splashed onto the scene in a big way this year, this team will likely go as the senior class goes.

The 11-man senior class is full of players who have been major contributors for much of their Wabash career.

Forward Femi Oluyedon had started 44 matches going into this season, having amassed 16 goals and nine assists.

Fellow frontman Austin Jennings has logged 42 starts in his career, netting 18 goals, adding two in the early going this season.

Allan Swan leads the group with 55 starts to his career tally entering his senior season while Ian Kelly and Dylan Andrew also have over 40 starts to their resume.

What that all adds up to is a group with immense talent and experience,

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COURTESY OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Senior Pat West sends in a cross during this past weekend's action.



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Freshman Kyle Gooding fights for possession with a Rose Hulman defender.

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which brings with it an immense level of expectations.

"I don't want to put too much pressure on those guys," Giannini said, "but everyone expects something from them. The school expects something from them, I expect something from them, and they should expect something from themselves."

"It is their last hurrah, the last season of their collegiate careers, and they have to set the tone."

Giannini may not want to apply too much pressure to his senior class, but he certainly has expectations for the group, both on and off the field this year.

"I'm pushing for those guys to have leadership roles. Seniors have one of three roles on a

team. They can either play, play and lead, or lead. There is no room for any other role."

With it being the last hurrah for a group which has had so much talent and expectations, Giannini is glad to see them get the opportunity to play in the new soccer complex, something the program had hoped to accomplish two years earlier.

"I tried to schedule as many home games as I could this year," Giannini said. "With this year's seniors going out, they were a group who was recruited with the intention of having a new facility."

"I thought it was important to allow them to play as many games as possible in the new facility in their final season. We have nine more home games, and we hope to build a real home-field advantage in those games."

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One area of concern for Little Giant fans will be penalties. Wabash was flagged ten times for 99 yards in their contest with Wooster. While Raeburn believes some of the penalties are products of untimely aggression, he does hope to cut down pre-snap and post-whistle penalties, "We made too many penalties. Those are things that you hope you can get to eliminate and cut down on as the season unfolds."

They will have to prepare for a team this week that looks quite a bit different than Battling Bishop teams of years past. For years Head Coach Mike Hollway employed the Wing-T offense that relied heavily on a series of traps and pulls to help propel a successful running game. The new-look Bishops threw the ball 59 times last week in a loss to Wittenberg University and only gained 30 yards rushing on 19 rushing attempts.

Raeburn expects to adjust the game plan to accord for Ohio Wesleyan's new offensive procliv-

ities, "We're going to have to pick our spots to go after them to try and force them to make bad decisions," Raeburn said, "I can't remember the last time we played someone who passed the ball 58 times before we played them so it will test our coverage skills. I think our defensive guys are anxious to get out there and see how they can do."

Saturday's contest is also Community Day for the Wabash football program. Fans from the Montgomery County area are invited to attend Saturday's contest free of charge and the football team is hosting a youth clinic for K through sixth graders at 5:30 on Friday night. Raeburn says his team really loves spending time with kids from the community, "Crawfordsville has been very supportive of our football program and I feel like we owe them some community service. So we love having all the people from town to come out to the games, cheer us on and support us so this is our small way of showing our appreciation."



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Sophomore Nate Scola applies pressure on the Wooster quarterback.

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under his watch. However, Haklin believes the situation at hand is much different than what he undertook at Marian. At the time, Marian was attempting to double the size of its student body and saw athletics, especially football, as a means of bringing more students to campus.

"Some schools add sports to drive enrollment, but that's not the case here," Haklin said. "Wabash is doing just fine attracting quality students. It comes down to the ques-

tion of what are we adding by increasing the number of sports at the College. That might be a more diverse student body.

"As athletic director, it is my job to figure this question out. We are working to get more information and hard data. I can guarantee you that we will do more than talk about it."

If the College does decide to begin the process of adding lacrosse, don't expect it to happen overnight.

Haklin explained that data must first be presented to various departments across

campus, beginning with the senior administration staff. Eventually the decision would come before the Board of Trustees, who would have the final decision on the matter.

"There is a lot of expense when it comes to starting up a sport," Haklin said. "We want to know how much it will cost to outfit a team and what travel costs could look like. Wabash prides itself on being competitive and good at everything we do. I wouldn't want to be the guy who started lacrosse and have it be mired in mediocrity."

We want to see what it is going to take to be competitive."

Members of the Lacrosse Club are cautiously optimistic about the whispers across campus concerning their sport.

"Should Wabash College have lacrosse as a varsity sport? That's not up to me, or anyone else on the team to decide," Decker said. "Our main focus is to be the best club team we can be right now. If the school were to announce that lacrosse was going varsity, obviously we'd be excited but we can't focus on that right now."

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Football Action at Wooster



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Junior running back Derek Rowe finds a seam up the middle against Wooster this past Saturday. Rowe finished with 58 yards and a touchdown on eight carries.



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(Clockwise from left) Rowe fights for yardage against the Wooster defense; Senior Wes Chamblee looks in a pass across the middle; sophomore Nate Scola forces a fumble by Wooster's Robert Flagg.



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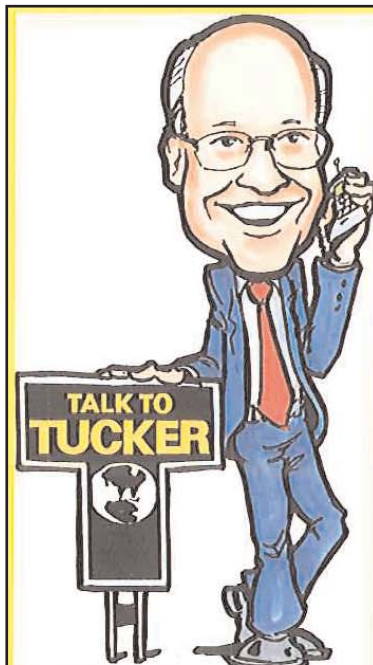
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