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## WABASH RACKS UP FULBRIGHTS



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Patrick Stroud '14 (left), Sebastian Garren '14 (center), and Adam Barnes '14 (right) all received Fulbright Fellowships this year.

**PATRICK BRYANT '16 | STAFF WRITER** • After many years of not having a Wabash College student represented in the Fulbright scholars program, the College has announced in the past few months three students, Adam Barnes '14, Sebastian Garren '14, and Patrick Stroud '14, were named fellows. According to the its website, the Fulbright is “the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government.” It is named after the late-U.S. Senator J. William Fulbright.

Thanks in large part to the efforts of Assistant Professor of Psychology Eric Olofson, the chairman of the Graduate Fellowships Committee, efforts, made by the College to even a lopsided score with DePauw on Fulbright acceptances, finally appear to be paying dividends.

He's been on the committee since the 2010-2011 school year. Olofson said the committee has changed to become a very proactive committee from how it was back in 2010.

“If any student comes to us saying [they] want to apply for the Fulbright or [they] want to apply for the Rhodes or [they] want

to apply for anything, we'll spring into action.” Olofson said. “And, then, [the committee] never met again.”

As the committee has developed, it has gained support from the Schroeder Center for Career Development, alumnus Art Howe '82, and Director of Academic Support Services Julia Rosenberg. Until this next school year, the College was one of the few to not have a dedicated position devoted to researching and coordinating these types of post-graduate fellowships.

“Going forward the news is that the Dean has announced that [Library Acquisitions Manager] Susan Albrecht will be taking over as the half-time fellowships advisor and she's going to start this summer,” Olofson said.

For Barnes, pursuing a biology and Spanish double major, his opportunity to participate in a nine-month English Teaching Assistant program in Madrid will give him a two-fold opportunity. First, it will allow him to immerse himself in Spanish so to attain fluency, but treating this program as a gap year between attending medical school, he said he will have the opportunity

to expose himself to the socialized health-care system in Spain.

Barnes said in preparing his application, he received a lot of help from Assistant Professor of Political Science Alexandra Hoerl. A member of the committee, she will serve as chair when Olofson is on sabbatical next school year.

“As my advisor she was sort of the one that directed me,” Barnes said. “It was never really on my radar and I never was truly invested in the Fulbright, until last fall I realized I was applying to the Rhodes for the wrong reasons, and I would much more enjoy the Fulbright” he said. “But it was definitely through the help of Dr. Hoerl, who pushed me in that direction.”

Most recently, Stroud was the third to be named a Fulbright scholar, and will be in a similar English Teaching Assistant program in Madrid. With the goal of attending graduate school to become a Professor of History, Stroud said his program would allow him to work with programs like the Global Classrooms Model UN Program.

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## CARPENTER OUT AS HEAD BBALL COACH

**SCOTT MORRISON '14 |**

**EDITOR-IN-CHIEF** • Antoine Carpenter resigned as the Little Giants' head basketball coach Wednesday, according to Director of Sports Information and Sports Marketing Brent Harris.

Carpenter, a 2000 graduate of Wabash and former basketball player, served as assistant basketball coach under Mac Petty for four years before taking the head coach position before the 2011-2012 season.

During Carpenter's three seasons as head coach, the basketball team amassed a record of 35-42 (24-53 in the NCAC) including an 8-17 mark this past season. Carpenter's first season was the team's best as they finished 18-8 and fourth in the NCAC.

The College has a policy of not discussing personnel matters publicly.

Wabash College President Gregory Hess did make a statement wishing Carpenter the best of luck in the future.

“We are grateful for Coach Carpenter's seven years of service to his alma mater as an assistant and head basketball coach, and we wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors,” Hess said.

## SPEAKER AIMS AT JOURNALISM REFORM

**ADAM ALEXANDER '16 |**

**STAFF WRITER** • Professor Robert McChesney, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, presented an idea meant to fix what he believes to be a flawed form of American journalism on Wednesday night.

McChesney lamented that good journalists have been reduced into monetizing what they do in an online age. He said this was dangerous and it does not work. McChesney said that the field of journalism has been reduced to what he called “the billionaire option,” where journalists must rely

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# HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY  
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

## PORTER RECEIVES COMEBACK REWARD

On Oct. 20, 2012, CP Porter '14 was involved in a collision during a football game against the College of Wooster. He suffered a serious debilitating injury: a fractured and dislocated hip, and it ended his season. He underwent several surgeries and months of rehabilitation. Against these odds, Porter returned to the gridiron this past August, scoring in the first game of the season. For his return, he earned the Brady Sports Achievement Award that was established by the Methodist Sports Medicine Research and Education Foundation and is sponsored by ATI Physical Therapy. He surely is Some Little Giant.

## BOYS AND GIRLS: TRACK IS THE BEST DII TEAM IN INDIANA

The Little Giants won the Indiana DII Track Championships last weekend. Not only did they take the men's title, they had the highest overall score — men and women points combined. Of course, Wabash has some sort of disadvantage in this category compared to other schools. Surprise, we don't have a female track and field team.

## INDY ELEVEN REPS LEW WALLACE

The Indy Eleven, the new minor league soccer team in Indy is named after General Lew Wallace's Eleventh Infantry Division from the Civil War. Their logo is even the statue that is in downtown Crawfordsville outside of the courthouse. I wonder if Lew would have been into soccer.

## SUNBURNS & SNOW FALL

Bright, red sunburns accompanied the beach volleyball extravaganza that is Sets on the Beach. The sun graced the time with its presence. However, Monday night into Tuesday morning the campus experienced snow. On this rare occasion, Wabash students that were kissed by the sun got to walk in the snow. This drastic weather change definitely was one for the books.

## END OF TAX SEASON

Tax season came to a close this past Tuesday. The 2013 tax year was a busy year for the IRS as they started accepting filings late due to the government shut-down. According to New York Times many paid tax preparers at firms across the nation spoke with clients about the potential impacts of the Affordable Care Act on the 2014 tax year. Next year will be the first year that non-exempt taxpayers will face a penalty for being uninsured.

# WABASH DRINKS RESPONSIBLY?

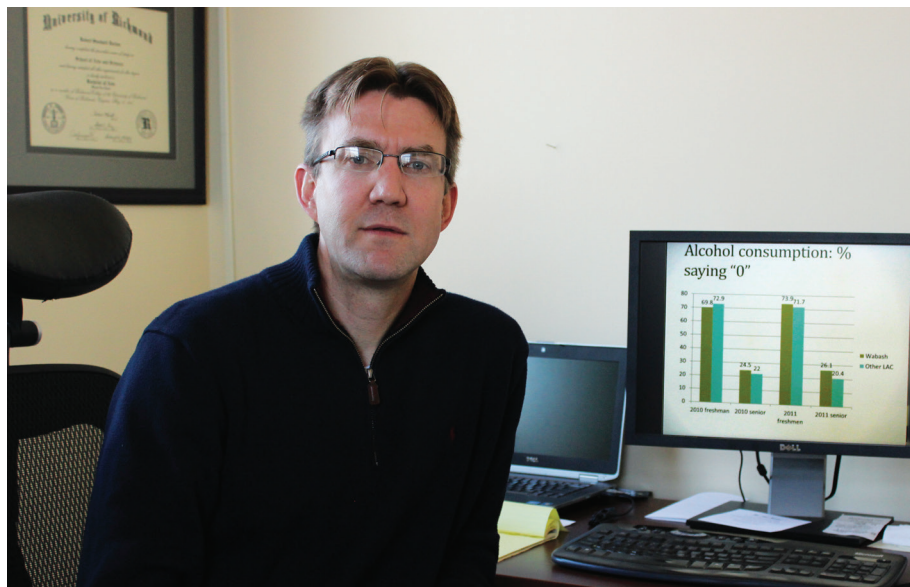


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Associate Professor of Psychology Robert Horton displays some of the research he shared with his class. Information is collected from students via a number of self-reporting surveys.

**TYLER HARDCASTLE '15 | STAFF WRITER** • Each year undergraduate institutions across the nation collect information about student alcohol consumption. The self-reporting surveys often aim to both educate students and to inform administrators nationwide as well as institution specific trends. Though the surveys are accurate only to the extent that students report the truth, the information can be insightful to a number of interested parties from students, to teachers, to administrators.

"For a part of my abnormal psychology class we have a unit about substance abuse disorders, I just took the chance to show them a little bit about what the data suggest about substance use at Wabash," Associate Professor of Psychology Robert Horton said.

Most Wabash students participate in Alcohol-Wise training before Freshman year and then a month later, the National Survey of Student Engagement, and the Wabash National Study of Liberal Arts Education. Reviewing the collected information allowed Horton's class to make some informal conclusions about Wabash's drinking culture.

"On another survey our students regularly report many fewer hours of partying than do men at comparable institutions," Horton said. "They also report many hours studying. The message from the data probably is the notion that we don't party often, but when you do it's at an intense level."

The class continued to discuss the data based on their own interpretations: "The way my class interpreted the data was that we're [Wabash students] not drinking more frequently but we may be binge drinking more," Horton said. Binge drinking is commonly defined by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism as about 5 drinks over a two-hour period - though the number

differs for each individual.

Research on binge drinking conducted by Weitzman, Nelson, & Wechsler in 2003 suggests a number of factors as predictors associated with the onset of binge drinking on campuses. Among the factors associated are male and white student population, parent's use of alcohol, and greek affiliation. Higher diversity both racially and ethnically tend to show decreased consumption rates as do female and older student body compositions.

Dean of Student Michael Raters explains that drinking and drinking to excess will always be an issue campuses fight against. This is especially salient for high-risk populations. Raters views the administration's first role as that of educating. This includes recognizing how different kinds of alcohol can impact individuals differently.

"It's the drinking of the hard stuff, kids who are getting hurt or dying from drinking often have used hard alcohol," Raters said. Though a major part of the administration's aim is prevention - alcohol-wise specifically works to this end. The Dean of Students office works to prepare for those situations when consumption becomes dangerous.

According to Associate Dean of Students William Oprisko campus RAs and various fraternity officers go through extensive training. The training includes interpersonal skills and conflict resolution but also goes through emergency situations. To that end the participants meet with members of the community police and fire departments. They also go through "scenarios" that involve unknown elements to test the participants training. "The whole purpose of this is to 'get them to understand what it feels like' because we can't give you a perfect experience,

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# DECKER PURSUES MULTIPLE INTERESTS AT WABASH AND ABROAD LOOKS TOWARDS FUTURE

**TAYLOR KENYON '15** | STAFF WRITER • The last few weeks of the semester can be bittersweet as the seniors prepare to scatter for life after Wabash. John Decker '14 looks forward to his future in Chicago, but in the meantime, he is reflecting upon his Wabash experience.

'Athlete' is one of the many words one would come up with when meeting Decker; consequently, he is not limited by one sport. His freshman year consisted of a big change from his tennis decision.

"I actually came here as a tennis recruit, which is pretty interesting considering I play rugby now and am pretty into it," Decker said. "But I was really serious about tennis, and [Head Tennis Coach Jason] Hutchison did a really good job recruiting me here and showing me all the benefits of Wabash. I am really thankful for that, but with tennis I became really burned out. So when I played, it was only for a few weeks my first semester of my freshman year. Then I decided it wasn't for me."

Decker then progressed to lacrosse, a sport he played both in middle school and high school alike.

"I played lacrosse for my first two years here," Decker said. "[Then] I was fortunate enough to study abroad in New Zealand, so the semester before I

left I wanted to pick up rugby because I thought that it would be kind of cool to play down there and learn a few things about the sport. It is such a big part of their culture. It is everything down there; it's like American football and our baseball combined."

Decker's time in New Zealand had a big impact on him.

"I played quite a bit while I was down there," Decker continued. "I played for a pretty good club team in Auckland, New Zealand. [I] learned about all kinds of stuff about rugby. And I wanted to keep playing here. The first semester this year, I wasn't able to play because I had a herniated disk in my back that I actually got when I was playing over seas. Over the semester, I've been trying to be healthy and do my best to keep active and keep the team going."

Decker uses his height to his advantage in rugby.

"I play lock, which is also known as the second row," Decker said. "It's usually the tallest guys on the team and you're responsible for pushing the scrub. It's kind of a gritty position, nothing too flashy; [you] do a lot of the dirty work."

Any athlete knows that driving up and down the court is futile without concentrating on what happens in between; consequently, traveling



PHOTO BY - IAN BAUMGARDNER '14

Decker stands in front of Lambda Chi. While at Wabash Decker pursued a number of athletic interests but ultimately found his true passion in Rugby, he hopes to continue playing on a club team when he moves to Chicago after graduation.

abroad is not foreign to Decker.

"Defining my Wabash experience, I had never traveled anywhere before I came here, and this was something I really wanted to do," Decker said. "I was fortunate enough to go to Cuba with [Assistant Professor of Political Science Ethan] Hollander and [Associate Professor of Spanish and Political Science Department Chair Daniel] Rogers. That was a great time. So when I first got here, I hadn't even been really out of Indiana much and I got to go to New Zealand for a semester and then spend some time in Cuba. It makes me want to travel even more."

Decker will be leaving Indiana after graduation.

"I will be working in Chicago this time next year," said Decker. "And for a long time, I thought I was going to go back to New Zealand and work down there. It goes to show how much Wabash can change you. I came to Wabash wanting to go to law school and I actually went to Marine Corps officer candidate school after my sophomore year here. I've had a lot of different experiences through Wabash that I'm really thankful for."

The liberal arts experience flourishes in the development of the cosmopolitan student. As we know, us students are exposed to many thoughts and notions we would not have had otherwise. For Decker, this comes into the form of poetry.

"A lot of people would not know this about me, but I really like writing poetry," Decker stated. "I was in the Wabash Review last year, not this year unfortunately - I have not had the time

to really write as much as like. But my interest was spurred after I took Dr. Hudson's Shakespeare class my sophomore year. That really spurred my interest in poetry and especially Shakespeare. I don't think a lot of people would know that about me. I really like to write and being a writing center tutor has really been a great experience for me."

While he has spent a lot of his life with athletics, Decker also has a creative side.

"I really like writing a lot about nature," Decker continued. "I live really close to Lake Michigan, and I really just think Lake Michigan is awesome. I really enjoy just sitting out by the beach and writing poetry about the waves or just the sights and sounds."

Coming full circle, Decker looks forward to his life after commencement.

"I will be working for a company called Coyote Logistics and I'll be a national account manager," Decker said. "It's an entry-level sales position and I'll be living around Lincoln Park, which is near Wrigley Field. To me, it is like the best opportunity: being in Chicago, near downtown. I'll be able to keep playing rugby in a club up there."

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“Rather than proposing specific research that we will take abroad,” he said, “I will serve as a cultural ambassador who promotes international exchange through language learning.”

Although Stroud said he credits the aforementioned faculty and staff for their help and support in preparing his application, he said advising and selecting programs were a big part of what made his experience a positive one.

“Wabash College is reviving a commitment to introducing its students to fellowships like the Fulbright,” Stroud said via email. “I feel that Wabash men definitely have the talent and the passion to receive prestigious fellowships and other opportunities to further their learning, but they often don’t know where to start looking.”

Garren, who will be going to Turku, Finland to research education pedagogy and policy, said the assistance of Olofson and the efforts of Julia Rosenberg in the writing center were invaluable in helping him through the application process. He said it was Olofson who helped him put “meat” on his proposal and it was Rosenberg who helped him organize and develop his personal statement.

“[Rosenberg] helped me through many different drafts,” Garren said. “She was able to identify points in my proposal and tell me that needed to be expanded upon.”

As a component of his research grant in

Finland, Garren will earn a Master of Arts degree in education. The program itself is something Garren said has the markings of “an extension of the liberal arts.” With that in mind, Garren said that he had to elucidate how his Latin and philosophy degree positioned him for success in a post-graduate program on education.

Garren advises that underclassmen with aspirations of applying for a Fulbright scholarship know their own strengths and weaknesses.

“When you try to figure out what you want to do after Wabash,” he said, “you should identify your abilities and talents, and find a place where you can bring them to the next level.”

On a slightly different deadline schedule than Barnes, Garren, and Stroud, Chet Turnbeaugh ’14 is a finalist for the mtvU award. If he receives this award, it would mean the College has a Fulbright scholar in all three categories this school year. The smallest school to ever achieve this feat, Olofson said, is Tufts University with an enrollment of 5,000.

Olofson said another major help in marketing these sorts of fellowships is the idea that there are Wabash men that current students can look to and identify with. Prior to this year, it had been since 2003 that a Wabash student had been awarded a Fulbright fellowship.

“I know what a winning application looks like, so that helps,” Olofson said. “Now, I can utilize that information to help the next student that comes along.”

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that can only happen in the moment,” Oprisko said.

Junior Brock Smith, current president of the W.A.R. (Wabash Acts Responsibly) council, recognizes the risks that excessive drinking can pose to students.

“I think that since Wabash students drink less frequently, possibly due to the academic rigor, they engage in more binge drinking when they do in fact drink,” Smith said. “The WAR Council does not aim to eliminate alcohol on campus, as you can imagine that would be quite difficult. Instead, the W.A.R. Council’s aim is to illuminate irresponsible behavior, such as excess drinking, which can lead to blackouts and even death.”

The W.A.R. council provides alternatives to alcohol at many college events and at the last national act encouraged students to continue to drink water. Recently the W.A.R. council hosted Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeler to speak on the recently passed lifeline law.

“The Lifeline Law is a law that allows someone who has been using drugs, legally or illegally, to call the police for someone in an emergency situation, like someone passed out without a pulse, and (the person calling, and others involved in helping) having complete immunity from legal dispute,” Smith said.

Though the law has wide-reaching implications it is often viewed in its

impact on underage drinking. Professor Horton and his class found several potential trends in the data specifically looking at freshman.

“They are slightly more likely than men at other liberal arts colleges to say that in an average week during their senior year of high school they didn’t drink alcohol at all, about 60 percent will report that they did not engage in binge drinking.”

Though that would not point to anything shocking or a growing problem it does provide insight into our student body and underage drinking.

“With RAs and fraternity presidents we tell them that it is not responsible to break the law. If the law says you have to be 21 to drink, then it’s irresponsible to drink alcohol under the age of 21.” Oprisko said. “There’s a lot of autonomy and independence that both RAs and fraternity officers have to confront but they still have to confront and educate.”

Oprisko views that as part of the honor code in action. Though the school does not deal with underage drinking via a judicial process, with a hearing, automatic punishments, or set fines there is a process of dealing with underage drinking through the Dean of Students office.

“Again, we’ll have our challenges just like every other institution has its challenges,” Raters said. “I know our approach is working, but nothing is a silver bullet.”

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on billionaires to survive.

“It’s an absurd option,” McChesney said. “The Framers [of the Constitution] never, ever would have considered that a legitimate way of having journalism – that we have to have billionaires subsidize the news.”

So how do we solve the problem of billionaire-dominated news? McChesney believes the answer is found in the fact that journalism is a public good.

A public good is something that society needs, but the market cannot provide for it sufficiently, so governments have to get involved. One of the more common examples of a public good is having a military.

McChesney then mentioned that American newspapers used to be subsidized by the government. He believes that a return to this government subsidy is the solution to the billionaire-dominated media today. He believes that an essay from Milton Friedman could provide us the tools we need to enact this subsidy.

Friedman essentially pushed for a voucher system to fix public educa-

tion. McChesney said that although he does not believe vouchers work for public education, the same logic could apply for the public good of journalism.

“If you give 10,000 people in part of a city which doesn’t get much coverage 200 dollars, you get two million dollars,” McChesney said. “Two million dollars pays for a decent newsroom; that’s 35-40 reporters. And there’s competition – let’s say those people do a lousy job. The next year, you can give your money to someone else. There’s lot of competition, no one’s locked in, and you’ve got to earn your stripes. That’s the way to go.”

McChesney provided insightful commentary on journalism by raising awareness regarding the problems of the field. Nathan Manning ’14 had his eyes opened to a new perspective on journalism in a democratic society.

“I liked the foresight of it,” Manning said. “I think the evidence he used certainly pointed out that the situation with journalism is untenable, and that something has to change. It’s just a question of what that change will be, and when it will happen.”

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**"We are at our very best when we are one Wabash. Not like-minded, don't get me wrong, but when we are united in spirit and committed to bringing out the best in one another and supporting our brothers and sisters when they need us most."**

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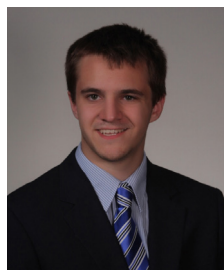


# MILLS BRINGS CHAPLIN ADAPTATION TO WABASH'S STAGES

**COLE CROUCH '17** | STAFF WRITER  
 • The Wabash Theater presents Stage Lights by playwright Jack Moore. Visiting Professor of Theater Jesse Mills directs the silent play inspired by the classic film work of Charlie Chaplin. Stage Lights captures modern audiences with its comedic charm and romantic recreation of Chaplin's iconic universe.

"It has been really great to watch this world come to life in a different way," Mills said. "Stage Lights comes from an amalgamation of Charlie Chaplin films."

Patrick Kvachkoff '15 leads the play as the Tramp, Chaplin's iconic figure. The bittersweet comedy entertains the enduring spirit of the Tramp as he adventures about the Vaudeville Theater searching for a job and the possibility of romance with the beautiful Gamine. As the Tramp aspires for her, Max, played by A.J. Akinribade '15 arrives and threatens to woo her heart away and steal the Tramp's employment at Vaudeville Theater. Withstanding defeat, triumph, heart-break and love, the Tramp's unwavering hopefulness and hysterical per-



Patrick Kvachkoff '15

sonality amuse the audiences' funny bones and heartstrings.

This is the first production Mills has directed at Wabash. "It's incredible to watch these students hunker down and work on a creative process that is distinct from everything else they do during the day," Mills said.

Time management is a routine challenge for theater students. However, adapting the film properly to a stage setting is a new challenge.

"How to bring the movie onto stage is a really big challenge for us," stage-hand Vaudeville act Xinyang (Shane) Xuan '17 said.

Transitioning from film to stage is not the only new challenge. Since the play is silent, the actors must substitute their words with specific actions and emotions that pieced together specify a larger narrative.

As each actor is introduced, his or her character must establish identity through specific moments of engagement with characters, setting or audience.

In theater these critical introductions are referred to as establishing shots or moments.

"Piecing all of these establishing



David Gunderman '15

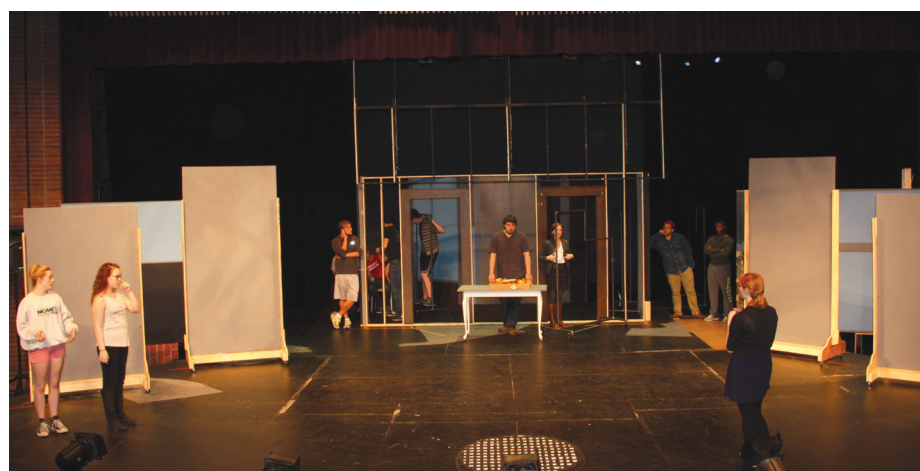


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The cast and crew prepare for their Wednesday debut. The play mixes of a number of Charlie Chaplin films and will be directed by Visiting Professor of Theater Jesse Mills.

moments together so that it creates something bigger has been really challenging," Mills said.

Offstage management and performance is a factor just as challenging to a play's success as on stage performance. Stage Lights is set to live music by David Gunderman '15 on piano and Tim Hanson '17 on violin. Bradley Hopper '14 is Stage Manager. Assistant Professor of Theater James Gross is Scenic Designer/Technical Director. Andrea Bear is Costume Designer.

Stage Lights run at 8:00PM, Wednesday through Friday, April 23rd – 26th in Experimental Theater or Ball Theater, Fine Arts Center. Tickets are free and available by email request to [boxoffice@wabash.edu](mailto:boxoffice@wabash.edu), by phone 765.361.6411, in person at the box office (8:30 AM – 12:00 PM, 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM Monday through Friday), and during 90 minutes before curtain time. Come out and support your Little Giants!

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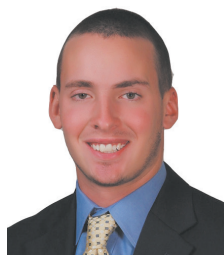


## GETTING INVOLVED, AVOIDING STRESS

Whether you are a freshman or a senior or somewhere in between, this is a busy time in your life for one reason or another. Freshmen are getting the chance to step into more concrete roles on campus as rising sophomores soon, sophomores and juniors are in the middle of the rigors of Wabash, and seniors are looking for jobs, housing, and stable futures.

No matter which of these groups you find yourself in, it is important to pick and choose what you do along the way. Wabash is a stressful and busy place. Every student here has experienced how stressful the course load alone can be. Add in playing a varsity sport, involvement in a club or two, performing in a play, working ESH, or simply trying to relax, and there is hardly time to sleep.

The real world of working, paying bills, and fending for oneself may



**Scott Morrison '14**

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seem like a golden life of ease for now, but it too has its challenges. Self-help experts will always stress the importance of time management in these busy spheres. This is a good point, but how do you start practicing good time management?

One way is to pick and choose what you do before you become too bogged down to want to get out of bed. In short, pick and choose your battles.

At Wabash, there are countless extra-curricular activities for students to involve themselves in. These are all great experiences and opportunities. The saddest part is that we cannot experience each and every one of them. In fact, we cannot even come close to that.

Performing in a play, taking on a leadership position (or two) in clubs, playing a sport, and being involved in your living unit are all amazing opportunities which offer different memories and growth. In order to find the highest level of success, be involved, but do not overstretch yourself.

For many, staying busy leads to the best success both in and out of the classroom. Do not simply take classes and be a couch potato. That is a negative choice and neglects many opportunities Wabash affords us.

However, there is an equally bad

extreme, and that is trying to be involved with too many organizations. You can only dedicate so much of your time and energy to a certain number of groups. Decide what matters most to you and invest yourself in those activities. Whether it be two, three, or four extracurricular things (depending on level of involvement in each I do not recommend more), dive in and be involved.

Do not stretch yourself too thin though. The same will be true out in the world after Wabash. Aside from work, there will be many ways to spend your time and money. Pick and choose wisely so that you do not stress yourself out more than you need to.

These tips are simple, but so often people find themselves stretched too thin and needing to reevaluate their lives. Being wise and a little picky about what you jump into can save major headaches down the road.

## WHAT TO DO WITH FAILING SCHOOLS?

As we come to the end of our discussion series curriculum, it is appropriate for us to touch on the topic of failing schools and what to do with them. For as long as education has been around, there have been efforts to turn around schools that are struggling. The reality though, is that turn-around efforts rarely fix the problems inherent in low-performing schools, because turn-around strategies are not scalable in troubled, urban school systems.

With increased standardized testing and accountability has come the ability to more accurately identify which schools are doing the best, and which are doing the worst. Even still, when a school is continually showing poor academic achievement gains for students, there is a lot of debate about what should be done to fix the problem. Should we replace all of the staff, replace the school with a charter school or break the old school down into several smaller academies, just shut down the school permanently, or should we focus on intensively training the staff already in place? Unfortunately, the answer to



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this question isn't as simple as saying one of the options is the best, and the necessary solution varies greatly depending on the area.

Low-performing schools, both charter and traditional schools alike, are stubbornly resistant to significant changes, for all the reasons we have talked to leading up to today's discussion—reasons primarily revolving around money in the status quo. A review of 10 states found that the vast majority of low-performing schools remain open and low performing, even after turn-around efforts. Five years after these efforts, 72% of low-performing charter schools still remained in operation—and remained low performing—as did

80% of district schools. It is unclear if this is because of resistance from administrators and communities in the district to the efforts or because of the turn-around strategies themselves, but regardless, turn-around efforts simply are not grossly effective. The few schools that are able to turn around are often only able to do so with extremely large amounts of supplemental dollars from philanthropic donors, so reliance on private donations makes the successful turn-arounds hard to imitate.

We need to make it tougher for bad schools to continue and the only aggregate solution to low-performing schools is to close the ones with a track record of failure as fast as we can. For those that are reluctant to this approach, it's important to keep in mind that schools aren't classified as low-performing until they've failed their students continually for five to six years and that closing a low-performing school doesn't indict public education or suggest a lack of commitment to disadvantaged communities, as much as a failed business doesn't indict capitalism and an unseated incumbent doesn't indict

democracy. On the contrary, closing bad schools reflects our insistence that we need to do what it takes to work for the boys and girls most in need. Though temporarily painful, closure of bad schools is essential for maintaining long-term systemic quality, responsiveness, and innovation.

The beginning of the solution is establishing a clear process for closing schools. The simplest and best way to put this into operation is the charter model. This is not to say that every failing school should be taken over by a charter network, but instead that charter and traditional schools alike should be given enough autonomy to operate and test new ways of doing things that might prove to create a positive classroom environment. Under this model, each school, in conjunction with the state or district, would be free to develop their own five-year contract with performance measures and consistent failure to meet goals in key areas would result in closure. This would

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# A DISTINCTION TO BE MADE: THE ARTIST VS. THE ENTERTAINER

We all know and love Beyoncé. Her lyricism, charm, and staggering beauty enrapture us every time. We fall in love with her each time we see her – but is this enough? What does she do – really? Has she changed the grand narrative, shaken up social structures through her lyrics, or even turned heads by turning off the powerful fans that keep her thousand dollar weave flowing freely behind her? Maybe not – but in all fairness, we haven't had an artist do that in quite some time, and maybe its unfair to even expect her too.

But the distinction I'd like to make here is one of the artist vs the entertainer. Musicians like Katy Perry, Beyoncé, Lady Gaga, Usher, Justin Timberlake, the Biebs, and even bands like One Direction entertain. I feel like a distinction needs to be made between an entertainer and an artist – an entertainer puts on a show; an artist puts out a message.

For instance, Lorde, Ellie Goulding, Bon Iver, Mumford and Sons, and Jack White put out music that is driven by purpose. Take Lorde's song Royals for example.



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At first, it sounds like a catchy little tune from a soulful voice. But this smart teen from Auckland, New Zealand has quite a bit of density to her lyrics. "I've never seen a diamond in the flesh" and "no post code envy" are just two minor examples of her lyrics that you can unpack – never being rich enough to see fine jewelry, or living in an area that's not every desired.

Most musicians today are too obvious with their meanings and themes. While Katy and Yoncé do have some depth to their work, like Dark Horse, which is cryptic, to say the least, they perform and entertain, putting on big showy concerts, while Ellie and Lorde let their music speak for them with unremarkable venues.

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also help to mitigate against the ambiguous and often-troublesome standards set by NCLB.

This charter model—again, not a model advocating for charter schools as the only option in public education—would free children from subjection to schools with long track records of failure and high probabilities of continued failure; this model would generate faster improvement by the few low-performing schools that actually are capable of turning around, for fear of closure, considering failure in public education has had few real consequences for adults over the years; and lastly, this model would make room for replacements that can have a transformative, positive impact on the health of education. When a firm folds due to poor performance, the slack is taken up by the expansion of successful existing firms—meaning that those excelling have the opportunity to do more—or by new firms. New entrants not only fill gaps, they have a tendency to better reflect current market conditions and if/when certain new entrants too fail to meet expectations, they also should be removed. In any industry, churn generates new ideas, ensures responsiveness, facilitates needed change, and empowers the best to do more.

The formula for successful school districts is simple: close failing schools, open new schools, replicate great schools, repeat.

America's most-famous superior urban schools are new starts—charter and public alike—not schools that were previously underperforming. When asking those who run high-

performing, high-poverty schools why they start fresh, the response is that changing the culture of existing schools to facilitate learning is difficult to impossible. These administrators likened turn-around efforts to that of putting old wine into new bottles. Often, the necessary change requires taking radical steps by changing the practices of adults and without starting over, this change is impossible with the pressures from unions and other community groups who trust their public schools, even when they shouldn't be trusted.

When categorizing a school as failing, we run into the same arguments we've come across many times when talking about standardized testing, performance-based evaluations, and the like—that our assessments are not accurate, that the problems are due to more than just bad schools, and that expectations for urban schools are simply unrealistic. Admittedly, how schools get rated as low-performing does not always truly reflect low-performance and changes need to be made to procedures that determine the effectiveness of a school. Similarly, the government needs to set clearer guidelines that school districts can follow to be successful. None of this changes the fact though that many of the schools in our poorest areas are simply not good schools, whether they've been classified properly or not, and that these schools need to be held accountable.

Today's fixation with turn-around efforts is misguided. Turn-arounds have consistently shown themselves to be ineffective and our relentless preoccupation with improving the worst schools actually inhibits the development of a healthy, urban public-education industry.

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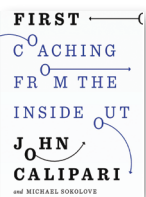
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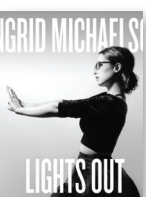
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### LIGHTS OUT INGRID MICHAELSON

★★★★★

Michaelson released her sixth studio album, Lights Out, Tuesday, April 15. Like other

Michaelson albums, Lights Out falls in the Indie-Pop genre and is heavily love based thematically. Michaelson's latest album is her most mature. Her voice still shines in front of choral arrangements, but she utilizes deeper background music and darker tones in this album. The result is haunting; gone are the saccharine tracks of old, Michaelson delves into the heart-break and tragic aspects of love and her voice-sometimes breaking reflects that journey.

# FOUR YEARS OR BUST? SENIORS WEIGH FIFTH YEAR CHOICE

**RYNE RUDDOCK '15** | STAFF WRITER • Darius Cortez Ward '14 came to Wabash in the fall of 2010. He arrived wanting to study psychology and English literature. Everything was going according to plan.

Ward's junior year brought a change. He decided to switch his major to English literature and minor to psychology.

"I understood I would have to go an additional semester if I switched majors," Ward said. "I just became more interested in literature than psychology. I felt I could perform better in the classroom, on my Senior Comps, and just be happier."

Ward would need to go an additional semester to effectively study the same material, but switch his major area of study to his pervious minor area of study – literature for psychology and psychology for literature.

Ward is not the only student facing the dilemma. Andrew Schmutte '14 will return to Wabash for a fifth year. Unlike Ward, Schmutte did not change his major. Schmutte transferred to Indiana University after only a semester at Wabash. Schmutte completed his second semester at IU, decided he did not like it, and came back to Wabash his sophomore year, permanently.

Schmutte and Ward both have different reasons for returning for a fifth year. Both are common reasons.

Dean of Students Michael Raters



Darius Ward '14



PHOTO BY SHANE XUAN '17

Drew Schmutte '14 studies in his dorm room. Schmutte will complete a ninth semester after attending IU during the spring semester of 2011.

'85 said most students who return for the extra year do so because "they are injured (or ill) and must take a semester or more off from school, are student-athletes who lose a year of athletic eligibility and will intentionally take fewer classes so they can return for their fourth year of eligibility, and that some students even face academic difficulties forcing them to return for a fifth year."

Raters plays a role in the students' decision for taking the five-year path.

"My job is to council the student and see how [Wabash] can get them from point A to point B," Raters said. "I do not like to interfere with the student's decisions to return for a fifth year. Wabash transforms boys to men, and part of that step is making responsible decisions, such as returning for a fifth year if that is what is best or what the student truly wants."

Raters said the goal is always to graduate the student in four years. Most students have no trouble with that. Raters stressed that in his meetings with students, he presents them the "reality vs. cost" factor. "Will

returning for a fifth year to continue my athletic career or change a major be worth the time and the financial cost to me?"

Students are faced with a variety of issues causing them to return for a fifth year, ranging from academic struggles to sports. No matter the reason, if the students are committed, Raters said they have his staff's full support. Raters stated certain faculty members do not like students cutting academics for athletics.

"They say things such as 'this isn't a Division 1 athletic powerhouse', and that they think the school should intervene and prevent such things from happening," Raters said. "These are young men at this institution, and we encourage them to make their own responsible decisions. Who am I to say they can't return for a fifth year if they desire to?"

Many state universities are cycling more and more students through a five-year program to obtain a BA.

"We plug them into the process to graduate in four years; it has always been our goal," Raters said.



# SETS ON THE BEACH:

FUN IN THE SUN FOR CHARITY



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Last weekend, Wabash fraternity men played in a volleyball tournament co-hosted by Phi Gamma Delta and Phi Kappa Psi to raise money for the Thirst Project, a charitable organization that provides access to potable water for communities without. The tournament raised near \$1500.

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# IT'S WARM!

## SIX THINGS TO DO OUTDOORS

**SCOTT MORRISON '14 |**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • Spring seems to be here despite the freezing temperatures early this week. As a result, we decided to compile a list of warm weather activities that every Wabash student should do before graduating.

Yes, Crawfordsville isn't a mecca for awesome activities. We know that, but take advantage of what we have in our area and throughout central Indiana. It is not a complete loss and in many ways, your down time at Wabash is what you make of it.

*1. Spend a day hiking or canoeing through Shades State Park.*

Montgomery County does offer the beauty of a state park just 17 miles southwest of Crawfordsville. In the winter months, Shades is only open from 8 am till dusk, but now that the weather is breaking, it is open for day and dusk activities. Totalling more than 3,000 acres and home to 11 trails, Shades might be the best kept secret

the region has to offer for nature lovers. Get away from Wabash for a Saturday afternoon and see wildlife and connect with nature in Shades. It might help you recharge your batteries. It's also not a bad place to spend some time with that special someone in your life.

*2. Get out on the mall and use it!*

Croquet seems to be all the rage among some frat stars on campus these days. Fend off the croquet champs or ultimate Frisbee fanatics for a game of your own, or better yet, join in their games of merriment. The upcoming weather is just too good to be sitting in front of NHL 14 or Xbox all day.

*3. Canoe or fish Sugar Creek.*

Mentioned along with Shades, Sugar Creek is a great resource in Montgomery County. Whether fishing or canoeing is your forte, Sugar

Creek can also offer a fun or peaceful weekend afternoon. Plan a fraternity canoe event or simply grab a group of friends.

*4. Walk dogs at the Animal Welfare League.*

Located on Big 4 Arch Road near campus and RR Donnelley, the Animal Welfare League is a shelter for cats and dogs without another home. Open Monday through Friday from 12:15 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., the animal shelter is a great place to go on a nice day to walk a dog or two. The dogs there rely on the exercise and human interaction they receive with volunteers, and you will get to enjoy the company of an animal who is truly grateful for you.

*5. See an Indy Eleven or Indianapolis Indians game.*

Everyone and their brother has a car on campus just about and the state

capital is only 45 minutes away. There are countless things to do in Indy, but for an outdoor experience with a local twist, go see an Indy Eleven soccer game at IUPUI's stadium downtown. The Eleven are a new minor league soccer team in Indianapolis, and their name comes from Lew Wallace's 11th Infantry in the Civil War. I know, I know, soccer isn't an American sport. Tell that to the 11,000-plus fans who attended their opening game last week. Not too shabby eh old sport?

*6. Hit the links in Crawfordsville.*

Fresh off of Bubba Watson's win at the Master's, many of us have the golf juices running through our veins. We can't get on Augusta, but we can hit up the local Municipal course and hack it around with a cold one or two (those of us 21 or older). The Municipal is not a bad track, and it is extremely affordable for college students. So grab some clubs and play a round.

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# NOW ON NETFLIX: THREE MUST WATCH PROGRAMS

**MIKE WITCZAK '14 | STAFF WRITER** • For a kid born in the '90s, nothing passes the time like something solid to watch on Netflix. Sometimes, however, our love affair with Netflix is a curse. When there is nothing new to watch, the walls start to cave in and it's easy to consider taking drastic measures, like reading for pleasure or going outside. Well, this week we thought we'd help out by giving you a few suggestions. Whether you're in the mood to watch a classic, something a tad more obscure, or to laugh for about an hour straight, we've got you covered.

*Chinatown* (1974) – This movie is a must see for any film noir fans. Starring Jack Nicholson, Faye Dunaway and directed by Roman Polanski, *Chinatown* ranks up there with classics such as *The Big Sleep* and *The Maltese Falcon*.

*Chinatown* is a fresh look at a classic plot. Set in Los Angeles, we follow private detective J.J. Gittes (Jack Nicholson) as he unravels an adultery case that proves to be much more complex than it first appeared.

Relying on his supreme sleuth skills and plenty of grit, Gittes eventually gets to the bottom of a massive scandal, but not without serious consequences.

*Death Race 2000* (1975) – Are you in a cult classic sort of mood? Good, because this movie won't leave you disappointed. With everything from a ridiculous plot to just the right amount of parody and clichés, *Death Race* is the type of "bad" movie you can't stop watching.

Set in the distant year 2000, *Death Race* follows a cross-country automobile race in which the drivers try to kill pedestrians to gain points. In a game where killing equals winning, there is plenty of opportunity for drama and deceit as the defending champion Frankenstein battles with perpetual second place winner Machine Gun Joe (a young Sylvester Stallone). Be prepared to gain a new understanding of the term "entertainment for the masses."

*New in Town* (2012) – Stand-up comedian John Mulaney shows that he is one of the best in the game with



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A poster for the movie *Chinatown*, the poster highlights the "film noir" aspect of the movie.

this hour long special. He is the kind of comedian that's hard to put your finger on: he's like a goofier, more self-deprecating Seinfeld. His short bits and witty humor are complimented nicely by his well-timed and

often silly delivery. Long story short, John Mulaney is absolutely hilarious and will brighten up a boring Wabash afternoon.

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## OWENSBY '15 LIFTS WABASH TO SERIES SPLIT

WABASH SPLITS WITH  
DEPAUW, REMAINS IN  
NCAC WEST DIVISION RACE

**JOCELYN HOPKIN** '15 | SPORTS  
EDITOR • A walk-off home run in one  
game, a go-ahead home run on the final  
out in another, and an ejection — the  
Sunday double header between Wabash  
and DePauw had it all.

The rivals followed Saturday's pattern  
with another split. DePauw (10-11, 6-4  
NCAC West) won game three of the four-  
game series 14-11 after Connor Einertson  
drove a three-run shot over the right field  
wall in the bottom of the eighth inning.

Wabash (15-10, 6-2 NCAC West) fought  
for a 5-4, come-from-behind victory in  
game four. The Little Giants trailed 3-2  
and were down to their final out with two  
runners on base when Tyler Owensby  
stepped to the plate for his fourth at bat.  
Owensby lifted a 2-1 breaking ball to  
deep left and the crowd of 150 or so held  
its breath until the ball smacked off the  
scoreboard beyond the fence.

"The whole game, I was seeing nothing  
but curveballs; I think I saw one fastball  
all day," Owensby said. "I knew it was  
coming, saw it, and put a good swing on  
it. They hit a home run to win in the first  
game, but luck came our way in the sec-  
ond."

The small ball Wabash used to place  
base runners was just as important.

"That was a huge at bat for Owensby,  
but everything leading up to that was  
big," Coach Cory Stevens said. "Steven  
Curry had a great leadoff at bat, we got  
the bunt down to move him over, and  
Trey Fankhauser had a good at bat in  
there as well."

Owensby, dubbed "Mr. Clutch" this  
week by coaches and teammates, tied  
game three after a two-run single with  
Wabash on its final out. He had a monster  
Sunday, batting 3-of-9 with six RBI and  
three runs. His weekend culminated with  
North Coast Athletic Conference Player of  
the Week honors.

The Little Giants needed a reason  
to cheer after a frustrating game three.  
Wabash held a 9-7 lead in the bottom of  
the sixth and had DePauw on the ropes  
with two outs. However, the Tigers loaded  
the bases and forced closer Christian  
Vukas '16 to enter into a sticky situation.  
Ryan Grippo worked Vukas to a full count  
when the righty painted the outside of  
the plate, but the umpire called a ball.  
DePauw tallied three more runs in the  
inning after the bases-loaded walk to take  
an 11-9 lead.

To make matters worse, Wabash  
received little help in its comeback  
attempt. With runners on second and  
third and no outs in the top of the sev-

**WABASH WINS: 2**  
**DEPAUW WINS: 2**

NEXT UP: DENISON

enth, Lucas Stippler '15 struck out looking  
on a pitch that needed a seven iron to hit,  
not a baseball bat. Stevens charged down  
the line from the third-base box arguing  
the bad call and was quickly tossed, exit-  
ing to a standing ovation from Wabash  
fans.

"We had to go to our bullpen earlier  
than we would have liked," Stevens said  
of game three. "I think Luke Holm '14  
gave up eight free bases between walks  
and hit batters, and that's unusual for  
him. Our guys still fought into extra  
innings, and we were in a position to  
win."

Holm only lasted four innings after  
allowing seven runs on seven hits. Vukas  
was handed the loss.

Little Giant pitching turned around in  
game four. Josh Piercey '16 spread out

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PHOTO BY COREY EGLER '15

Owensby's go-ahead home run in the top of the seventh gave Wabash a series split Sunday.

## THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

**4/18**

Baseball vs. Denison - 12 p.m.  
Baseball vs. Denison - 3 p.m.  
Tennis vs. Denison - 5 p.m.  
Track @ Rose-Hulman Twilight Invite - 6 p.m.

**4/19**


Lacrosse @ Wheaton - 12 p.m.  
Baseball vs. Denison - 12 p.m.  
Baseball vs. Denison - 3 p.m.  
Lacross vs. Judson - 5 p.m.  
Track @ Ohio State University - TBD

**4/22**

Baseball @ Chicago State University - 8 p.m.

**4/23**

Lacross vs. IUPUI - 5:30 p.m.

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# TRACK DOMINATES AT DEPAUW

**SCOTT MORRISON '14** | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • Derek De St Jean '15 and Aaron Schuler '17 powered Wabash to its second consecutive Indiana NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field Championship held at DePauw University April 12.

De St Jean and Schuler were named the male athletes of the meet for field and track respectively. De St Jean captured victories in hammer throw and shot put while taking second in discus at the meet. He threw a season best 53.71 meters (176 feet, 2 inches) in the hammer, which was also good for second best among all NCAC throwers this season. De St Jean also captured the meet record in shot with 16.09 meters, putting him tenth among all DIII throwers this season.

Schuler's strong performance included individual wins in the 100- and 200-meter dashes. He was also a member of the 4x100-meter relay team which also captured second.

A victory at DePauw against in-state schools is always an accomplishment for Wabash. The Little Giants cruised to the title with 52 top-eight finishes. "It was a great win for us," Head Track Coach Clyde Morgan said. "It was a big deal; you always want to win a champi-

**"You always want to win a championship like that when it's in your back yard."**

**COACH CLYDE MORGAN**

onship like that when it's in your back yard – somebody in Indiana. Our guys took pride in that, and we got after it."

While the sun was shining on the meet, weather was a factor with winds gusting as high as 20 to 30 mph. Such conditions created an atmosphere that was dangerous for pole vaulters, hurdlers, and any athletes who got into the air. DePauw made sure to orient the events so athletes were as safe as possible. "We are all about getting through adversity, and we were faced with adversity not from ourselves or from other teams, but from the weather and the wind," Morgan said. "It was a beautiful day, but I have been around track and field since I was 12, and I

have never seen wind like that before."

The Little Giants made it through the meet without any injuries and are now looking to peak at just the right time as they head toward conference and nationals. "We got a handful of guys we are trying to peak for conference and then nationals," Morgan said. "The training is planned weeks in advance, and if you have a surprise athlete who has hit those standards the you have to readjust their training. That's an exciting part about track and field; that's what is really unique about this sport. There are a lot of coaches out there that just don't get that part. They have great athletes, and they wonder why they can't get things out of them. You have to understand as far as track and field that athletes are individuals."

De St Jean is one of many on the team who has had the opportunity to compete in some high-level DI meets this season. While those were great opportunities, he and others are keeping their eyes on end of season goals. "Coach Morgan's training program is all about peaking at the right time," De

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Nathan Mueller '15 took seventh place in the long jump at the Indiana DIII Championships and took fourth place in the hurdles.

## TENNIS TAKES SECOND AT HOME CHALLENGE

**LITTLE GIANTS FALL IN ANOTHER TIGHT MATCH, THIS TIME IN FINALS**

**BEN SHANK '16** | STAFF WRITER  
The Wabash Tennis team knocked off two MIAA schools before falling to a third in last weekend's NCAC-MIAA Challenge.

Michael Makio '17 had a great weekend that earned him NCAC Men's Tennis Player of the Week honors. Makio went undefeated in the Challenge of Friday and Saturday by capturing victories both in the three singles spot and one doubles with partner Wade Miller '14. "We played three schools from the MIAA conference (Hope, Calvin, and Alma)," Makio said. "We started out blazing on Friday waxing Calvin and Alma, which put us in the finals of the NCAC-MIAA challenge. Going into the match, we knew that Hope was going to be the toughest match of the weekend."

The team was in trouble following

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**MICHAEL MAKIO '17**

the doubles matchups; Makio and Mark Troiano '15 won two and three singles, but five and six singles fell to Hope. "We went down 2-1 after the doubles and knew we had to fight for the singles points," Makio said. "Mark and I won our singles pretty quickly at number 2 and 3 singles put-



PHOTO BY COREY EGLER '15

Michael Makio '17 earned conference Player of the Week honors this week.

ting us up 3-2. Then it came down to the wire, both the 1 and 4 singles had extremely close matches, which were both three sets. In the end we put up at strong fight after being down after the doubles, but we ended up losing 6-3 to Hope."

The team travels to Denison on

Friday. "I am very excited about the last match because it is a conference match and they (Big Red) are at the top of the conference right now," Makio said. "It was nice to win the award, and I want to thank the team

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# GOLF LOOKS FOR TWO-DAY SUCCESS

**DEREK ANDRE '16** | STAFF WRITER  
After a string of lackluster Sundays, the Little Giant golf team is traveling to Wooster, OH this weekend to compete in the Wooster Invitational in hopes of righting the ship heading into the conference tournament.

Over the past few weekends Wabash has played well on Saturday but the golfers have failed to convert in their Sunday rounds. At the Rose-Hulman Invitational the Little Giants were second going into the final day but turned in a Sunday score of 326 to slip all the way to fifth. The story was similar at the Hanover Invitational two weekends ago where Wabash sat in third after a Saturday team score of 306. At the end of Sunday the Little Giants turned in 314 on a day that saw scores go down for most teams in the tournament. Unlike with other sports, the answers for poor play aren't usually obvious in golf, a reality backed up by comments made by Head Coach Mac Petty.

"I'm not sure why we're not shooting as well on the second day," Petty said. "After you get done with an eighteen hole round you think you'd like to go play that course again because now you know about the course. And that's what you get to do when you

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**COACH MAC PETTY**

play two eighteen-hole rounds. The other schools seem to stay where they are or improve and we're not doing that. Sometimes I think our guys are perfectionists."

One highlight of the season has been the strong individual performances by several members of the golf team. Seth Hensley '14 has had a fourth-place finish and a sixth-place finish in tournaments this spring. Logan Burdick '15 finished fourth place as an individual in the Hanover Invitational. Heading into next weekend's NCAC Tournament the Little Giants will need performances like these to contend for the team title.

This weekend's Wooster Invitational will serve as a good warm up for the first two rounds of the NCAC

Tournament. With next weekend's rounds being played at Twin Bridges Golf Club in Danville, IN, the Wooster Country Club will serve as a good test for the Little Giant golfers. Both courses have a similar slope rating and while Twin Bridges is the longer of the two courses it plays down hill on many holes so both courses play to a similar length. Another benefit of playing in the Wooster Invitational this weekend is the ability for the Little Giants to see several of the NCAC teams the week before the conference tournament. While the field is not as large as in previous years, Coach Petty said the Wooster Invitational is still a good test for the team.

"When I scheduled it I was hoping there would be more conference schools in the tournament," Petty said. "We didn't play last weekend because I wanted to have us playing a weekend before the conference championships start. So I wanted to have the opportunity to play against some of the conference schools and see where we stand against them. Well, we get the tee times and there are only four of us conference schools there. But it's still a great tournament and a great course to play on."



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Hensley has notched fourth and sixth-place finishes at tournaments in the spring.

The Wooster Invitational begins this Friday at Wooster Country Club and will continue on into Saturday.



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St Jean said. "With Coach Selby creating a new weight-training program just for throwers, the T-Unit (throwing unit) will be peaking very soon. With conference in three weeks, the time to peak will be the Bellarmine meet or during the training week of conference. For some track guys who are nationally ranked, their time to peak will be different. A handful of guys will be peaking after conference, just before nationals mid-May. I hope to be a part of that group."

Wabash will travel down to Rose-Hulman to compete tonight at 6 p.m. and then tomorrow at Ohio State University, which was a late addition to the schedule after Purdue cancelled its invitational. These meets as well as those the following week will be a time for the Little Giants to tone things down in preparation for a final stretch run. "We are just coming off of a big meet so we are trying to take some off of our guys going this weekend to either one – one or two events to get their legs back," Morgan said. "We will try to reach conference standards, and do it again the next weekend backing off a little bit, and then we are into conference. It's a tricky time for us, but we have been doing it for a while so we are up for managing these guys and being successful."

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for pushing me every day at practice and matches and Coach Hutchison for everything he has done for me this season."

Nick Minaudo '16 echoed Makio's excitement and focus on the two matches this week. "This match is especially tough for us as Denison is extremely difficult," Minaudo said. "Despite trying to focus on the match this week, we are also preparing for the Conference tournament, which is the following week."

The team has seen a lot of growth throughout the year as many young teams do. "This year has been quite an eventful turn of events for the tennis team," Minaudo said. "Although we have had a slow start, trying to acclimate to a team made up of purely freshman, the team has fought back surprising certain established tennis programs."

Heading into the final stretch of the season, the team remains optimistic of its prospects in the NCAC conference tournament. "Although we have had a tough season we look forward to surprising a few of the teams this year in the tournament," Minaudo said.

The match against Denison will start at 5 p.m. Friday.

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eight hits for four runs in the complete game. He also struck out five DePauw batters.

"Piercey put us in position to win and we were going to stick with him," Stevens said. "He was throwing strikes and we were confident in the defense behind him."

Injuries added to the pile of obstacles Wabash had to fight through over the weekend. David Oliger '16 and Andrew Rodgers '15 were both nicked up after Saturday. Curry, Justin Green '16, and Tanner Watson '14 all saw new roles in the lineup.

"It was the first time all year Curry had been at first base," Stevens said. "He stepped in and did a great job. Justin Green came into catch midway through game one and had some great at-bats."

Curry batted 3-for-8 with two runs and one black eye he received while taking warmups. Green was a perfect 4-of-4 and Watson hit 3-of-6 with two runs and three RBI from the two hole, which is usually held by Oliger.

Pitching and missed opportunities highlighted the 2-1 loss in game one for Wabash. JT Miller took the loss despite throwing a complete game, allowing one earned run, and scattering eight hits. DePauw's starting pitcher Jack Peck countered with five innings pitched, four hits, and one earned one.

Little Giant pitching continued its

**"Our guys fought into extra innings and we were in position to win."**

**COACH CORY STEVENS**

Saturday roll behind Ross Hendrickson '14. Hendrickson threw a complete, nine-inning game and only allowed two earned runs on seven hits while striking out five.

Oliger led the way for the Little Giant offense Saturday going 5-of-8 with two runs. Scarborough closely followed going 4-for-6 with 3 RBI and a walk Saturday.

After the series split, Wabash fell to second in the North Coast Athletic Conference West division behind 8-2 Denison.

"Our goal is to be in first place on our side of the conference," Stevens said. "You want to be in a position to host for that crossover series, so the one and two seeds are huge. It's going to be a very important weekend coming up."

The highly important four-game set against Denison will be Friday and Saturday due to the Easter holiday Sunday. Each double header is set to start at 12 p.m. from Goodrich Ballpark.



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# THIS IS BIG

SERIES AGAINST BIG RED  
MIGHT DETERMINE NCAC  
WEST DIVISION CHAMPION

**JUSTIN MILLER '17** | STAFF WRITER

When the Little Giant baseball team hosts Denison this weekend, the regular season NCAC West Division championship will be on the line. The importance of this series cannot be underplayed as it brings the top two divisional teams face-to-face.

After last weekend's split series in Greencastle, the Little Giants currently are second place in the west two wins back of Denison and two losses ahead of DePauw. The Big Red and Tigers will make up two games Wednesday in Granville, OH.

Not only does this weekend's series against Denison have championship implications, but postseason positioning will also be determined.

"It's a big series," Head Baseball Coach Cory Stevens said. "As we've said, we want to be in one of those top two spots so that we're hosting for the crossover series. So it's very important that we win."

Both teams come into the series having won seven of their last ten and playing very good baseball. J.T. Miller '14 is excited about facing a well-coached Denison team. "Denison is a great team that's always good and always competitive."

"We're a little disappointed with the split against DePauw, but we'll take it. Now it's time to bounce back and get after Denison which will be a really good test for our team."

**"We're pitching, playing defense, getting timely hits, and picking each other up. I think the sky is the limit."**

JT MILLER '14

Coach Stevens admits that Denison is a sound baseball team, but it's one that the team can beat.

"They're a well-coached team," he said. "They do the small things extremely well. They're very fundamental – they bunt well, they hit and run. Their pitchers are going to challenge our hitters. But I don't think we'll change our approach from what it's been all season. We'll go out, play our game, and see what happens."

The brand of baseball the Little Giants have been playing has served them well recently. A combination of solid offense, excellent pitching, and efficient fielding has paved the way for success.

"We're playing great baseball," Miller said. "We're pitching, playing defense, getting timely hits, and picking each other up. So I think the sky is the limit for us."

Defeating east division leader Wooster two weekends ago certainly shows the potential the Little Giants



PHOTO BY COREY EGLER '15

KJ Zelenika '16 blasted his first career home run Saturday at DePauw over the left-field fence. Wabash will need his bat and stellar defense at the hot corner against Denison.

possess. The not-so-distant crossover series and conference tournament are looking to be anyone's for the taking, a fact which the team is looking to take advantage.

"I think we're in a good position right now," Coach Stevens said. "We still control our own destiny. That's what we've said from day one of conference play: we want to be in a position to control our own destiny throughout the conference schedule. We want to know where we stand all the way through."

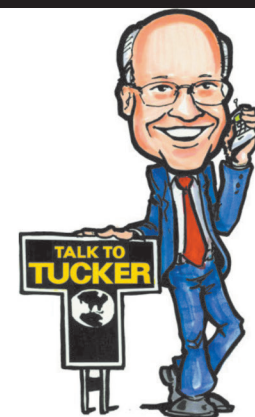
"We're in a very good position with

the series this weekend to prove ourselves as one of the top teams in the conference regardless of east or west. We played the best on the east side of the conference and took two out of three from them. So we feel like the battle for the top will be this weekend."

First pitch for Saturday's double-header is noon at Goodrich Ballpark before the second game at 3 p.m. The series concludes Sunday with another double-header with games again starting at noon and 3 p.m.

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