



Star Reporter to Share Insights from Manual High Education Reporting

Matthew Tully to Meet with Teacher Education Students

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Indianapolis Star reporter Matthew Tully, who won “Journalist of the Year” and the Kent Cooper Prize for best news writing in 2008, will be on campus Feb. 16 to talk about his investigative reporting on Manual High School.

Tully’s notoriety comes from his series on issues affecting Manual High, an inner-city school in Indianapolis with a 39 percent graduation rate. The articles, which appeared as a Sunday series in the *Indianapolis Star*, featured Tully’s unique interactions with students, teachers, administrators and the chief of Manual’s police force.

Tully uses these interactions to present the difficulties that inner city schools face to a wider audience—the hopes and fears of the people he met. His prowess as a reporter has inspired teachers and students who have read his Manual High School series.

Visiting Instructor of Education Amy Gillan is one of these teachers affected by Tully’s case study. Gillan appreciates Tully’s angle, especially how it helps readers specifically understand the complex realities of struggling education programs in their own backyards.

“His study touches on some of the most pressing dilemmas in public education today,” Gillan said.

Throughout Tully’s series of articles, he presents a variety of students, teachers, and others who remain focused on success, who weather storms that unfortunately overwhelm the 61 percent of students who do not graduate.

Tully shows how students struggle to become involved in a school that has no yearbook, newspaper, plays, musicals, or even a student council. He writes about the countless students who must attend school while overcoming an endless amount of obstacles, including taking care of a child, going to work, growing up in a rough neighborhood, living in a hectic or broken household, and being surrounded by an environment that does little to encourage them to go to college.

He presents the untold stories of students who shine in a school which does not; a chief of police who strives to help the children finish school rather than send them directly to jail without a second thought; teachers who motivate their students while attempting to revive programs to keep students involved; and numerous others whose stories are undeniably inspiring as they strive to make the school



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See, Tully, Page 2 Visiting Instructor of Education Amy Gillan spearheaded Tully’s visit.

Why They Compete



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Two of the College’s more distinguished alumni, George Lewes Mackintosh, the sixth president of the College, and David Kendall, Bill Clinton’s attorney in 1998, also happened to show some promise while they were students at Wabash as winners of a little event known as the Baldwin Oratorical Contest. Mackintosh won the event in 1884, while Kendall brought the title home in 1964.

The tradition continues Monday night, as five students compete in the 136th

annual Baldwin. It is clearly an important event, especially because it is nearly as old as the College itself. But the event’s historical meaning may not be fully understood by students today or even most students long before David Kendall was even born.

Judge Daniel Pratt Baldwin, a longtime trustee during the nineteenth-century, founded the contest. Baldwin wanted to leave a gift to the College’s top three public speakers every year. The contest still roughly maintains its original form, and the winners still receive the same prize Baldwin suggested for them: an edition of Shakespeare’s complete works (as well as

cash prizes).

During the Spring semester, the rhetoric department announces a relatively wide topic that can be interpreted countless ways. This year, for instance, the prompt is simply, “It’s time for some tough love.” Last year, the topic was “Dear Mr. President,” an imaginary address to President Obama. Visiting Assistant Professor of Rhetoric Jill Lambertson believes that the leeway allowed by such a broad topic is part of what lets students shine during the contest.

“You have to look at the general topic and have something unique and interesting to say,” said Lambertson. “Make it

something we can learn something from.”

Michael Nossett '11 placed third in the contest last year and plans to compete again next week, and he agreed with Lambertson about the individuality and flexibility the prompts allow.

“I consider a Baldwin speech successful if I hear somebody talking and it sounds genuine, and I can tell that they’re talking about something they’re naturally passionate about,” Nossett said. “Especially this kind of thing, it has to be personal, some kind of deeply-held belief.”

Nossett boiled down this year’s prompt to describe the initial phases of his speech-

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Wabash Men Throw Hats into Political Ring

KENNY FARRIS '12
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The widely publicized healthcare debates, economic concerns, and intense focus on the first 12 months of President Barack Obama’s term bring special interest to this year’s congressional elections. Republican Scott Brown’s recent victory in Democrat-leaning Massachusetts set the stage for heated battles to determine partisan splits in Congress.

Wabash men seek to make an impact in today’s active political realm. Two Wabash alumni, Luke Messer '91, and Todd Rokita '92, are currently running for Congress in Indiana’s 5th and 4th Congressional Districts, respectively. Last month, Ryan Vaughn '00 became the youngest President of the Indianapolis City-Council.

The three attorneys bring real-world

experience as well as a Wabash education to their candidacies and law firms. Rokita, who was a Lilly Scholar at Wabash, currently serves as Indiana’s Secretary of State under Governor Mitch Daniels. Both Messer and Vaughn graduated cum laude or above from Wabash and have either worked on election campaigns or held public office within the decade.

Vaughn’s path to becoming the youngest President highlights the importance of networking in the job realm. During his law school years at IUPUI, Vaughn interned both at the Indiana Attorney General’s Office as well as the Marion County Prosecutor’s Office.

“I became friends with the prosecutor,” Vaughn said. “I was able to take a leave of absence from my law firm, Barnes and Thornburg, for five months and worked for the Republican Party campaigning for the prosecutor.” He also

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136th annual
Baldwin Oratorical
Contest, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, 2/16
Pizza lunch with
Indianapolis Star
journalist Matthew
Tully, 12 p.m.

Information Session:
Edward Jones
Financial Advisor
Careers, 12 p.m.

Thursday, 2/18
MXIBS Lecture by
Mark Anthony Neal,
7p.m.

Baldwin

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writing process. "Basically what I have to decide this year is 'what am I going to call out?,' though I'm not really a confrontational person," Nosssett said. "Last year it was easy for me. If I could give the President some down to earth advice, I would tell him the basic truths of who I am and what I believe. So it's always a set topic but you can run with it."

While a well thought-out speech is certainly one of the ingredients of a successful Baldwin attempt, rhetoric is also very much about delivery.

"The key to having a good delivery is to be confident," Nosssett said. "For this year's topic in particular, you have to appear as if you're talking tough. Also, you can't let the history of the Baldwin contest freak you out."

Any student can sign up to try out for the contest, but only five finalists will be selected to compete before the final panel of judges, which consists of a member of the Crawfordsville com-

munity, a faculty member and an alumnus.

This year, the judges are Judge David Ault '70, Dr. Bill Cook '66, and Vasabjit Banerjee '02. So, at the end of the day, the College's theoretical top five public speakers are whittled down to three, an elite and competitive group that certainly deserves the distinction it carries.

"I really enjoyed being a part of the contest last year," Nosssett said. "It was just a fun experience all around. All three finalists were very good and anyone could have won it. It was really great to be a part of."

Both Nosssett and Lamberton strongly endorse the contest, which is certainly a worthwhile endeavor for someone with a particular deftness for public speaking.

"I would encourage students to participate," Lamberton said. "It's a great thing for people who imagine having a career involving public speaking, like journalism or law, for example. It will be a lot of fun and a great chance for students to see their Wabash



DREW CASEY | WABASH '12

Victor Nava '10 earned a spot as one of five finalists in last year's Baldwin Oratorical Contest.

brothers showcase their skills."

To Monday's eventual winner, remember what you did to win the contest, because you might have to use those same skills one

day to address a Wabash student body, to defend a President that needs to "get back to work for the American people," or worse. No pressure.

Tully

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a better place.

Gillan has read all 20+ of the articles and found them to be enlightening.

"Through all my years of teaching, I've learned that, hands down, the most important thing an educator can do to support students is to develop meaningful relationships with them," she said. "Tully's work makes that clear as he reveals the impact certain Manual staffers have had on the lives of their students."

Gillan feels that Tully can

offer Wabash students a greater awareness of the upward battle some students face just to graduate and present examples of the difference one person can make in the lives of others.

"Mr. Tully's articles take us inside Manual High School in a way that reveals both the strengths and the weaknesses of this school whose test scores are less than half of the state average," she said. "Wabash students will benefit from hearing how a reporter's work can have an impact on those he writes about. And perhaps their heightened

awareness will provoke a meaningful social consciousness."

Tully will speak to all students who wish to attend his noontime session on Feb. 16, as well as a visit to the students taking Education 201. Gillan spearheaded Tully's visit with help from Scott Crawford, Director of Career Services.

"EDU 201 serves as an overview of the history and philosophy behind the American secondary school," she said. "We focus on contemporary issues while referring to the historical events and philosophies that con-

tributed to our current system.

Mr. Tully's case study will provide an opportunity for our students to hear a vivid account of what is working and what is not working in schools serving students faced with a variety of social problems, from poverty and teenage parenthood to mental illness and language barriers," Gillan said.

"Students interested in teaching, politics, diversity issues, and/or a career in journalism should put Mr. Tully's visit on their calendar."

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served as Marion County Deputy Prosecutor for three years.

"People who take a job to network, don't network," Vaughn said. "If you do your job well, the important people who need to notice you will notice you."

After the campaign, the councilman for Indianapolis' third district stepped down from his position, and Vaughn won a special election for the seat.

"The election served as a good litmus test into how much I wanted to get involved with politics," he said. Upon winning the seat, Vaughn's fellow members of the Republican caucus voted him as their Presidential candidate.

Vaughn presides over what he called the "fiscal body of the city" of Indianapolis, with a primary function of passing a \$1.1 billion budget per year as well as facing other fiscal issues. The 29-member council is currently split 15 Republicans to 14 Democrats, differing from when Vaughn was in the Republican minority when he first joined.

Even with the partisan divide, Vaughn noted some progress the council has

made recently. Indianapolis is one of 772 cities tagged with a Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) problem which, according to the United States Environmental Agency, contains "not only storm water but industrial waste, toxic materials, and debris".

"Our CSO problem was estimated to cost nearly \$1.5 billion," Vaughn said. "So far we have been able to trim \$500 million off the project's budget, considering the city has to not only add new lines but also replace old lines that

are 50-60 years old."

Rokita and Messer note similar accomplishments on their websites. Rokita's website as Secretary of State notes progress in voter registration discrepancies and white-collar crime. According to his campaign's website, Messer's work as an Indiana State Legislator included work on high school dropout rates featured nationally in Time magazine.

Ninety-five-hour workweeks combining the presidency as well as his work as a lobbyist at Barnes and Thornburg keep Vaughn

busy. "The position of a city-counselor is a part-time job; the time frame is very similar to that of a state legislator," Vaughn said.

At Barnes and Thornburg, Vaughn works mainly in government affairs and represents property receivers, who take custody of the property of others who cannot manage the property at a specific time.


Vaughn's years at Wabash have taught him how to do his job well. At Wabash, he majored in Speech and served as President of Phi Kappa Psi, the Inter-Fraterni-

ty Council President, and the Student Body Vice President.

"I almost broke down a couple times," Vaughn said, "but it was all worth it in the end. (The Presidency) is demanding, and I enjoy it quite a bit."

Vaughn doesn't see himself joining Messer and Rokita in campaigning for national or state level political office anytime soon.

"If the opportunity presents itself, then I am willing to consider it, but for now I enjoy what I am doing," Vaughn said.

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Faculty, Staff Emphasize Writing

JOEY FLEENOR '12
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When a man comes to Wabash, he will write, and write, and write.

If he needs a lot of help, he will probably be enrolled into composition for a semester. If he needs a little help, he will probably be enrolled into a half semester of comp, as it is called. And if he is a proficient or advanced writer, he will probably be challenged to write even better.

Recognizing that students' composition needs extend out-



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Julia Rosenberg, Director of Academic Support Services, helped organize "The Write Stuff."

side the classroom, faculty and staff members organized "the Write Stuff," a weekly writing workshop.

"It's about listening to what students want and creating places to deliver it," said Professor of English Crystal Benedicks.

For senior Barrington Hodges, the workshops are a way to polish professional correspondence skills.

"I'm about to enter the real world and am going to be writing business letters and applying for jobs," he said.

Freshman Edward Evans also sees application for the writing instruction outside the classroom. "Writing is fundamental in any field you can go into," he said. "If I can write better it will help me in the real world."

Professor Benedicks and Julia Rosenberg, Director of Academic Support Services, collaborated to organize the sessions, which are held at 11:15 a.m. in the first floor classroom of the MXI.

To improve the quality of writing on campus, the College hired Benedicks as a Lilly Writing Fellow a few years ago. Immediately, she set to work with the help of Ms. Rosenberg to assess students' needs. After conferences and focus groups with students,

Benedicks found a general trend.

Some students were having trouble adjusting to the style and demands of college writing, which may have been different than in high school. More needed to be done to address students' concerns and to make sure they weren't being left behind.

Faculty members worked to create courses that address writing outside of composition for freshmen. English 202 courses are designed to be relevant to students of all grade levels and disciplines. Because of the increasing desire to hone writing skills and small class-size, these courses generally fill up quickly. There are currently four sections of the ENG 202 classes, the only English course with multiple sections besides composition.

Despite its many sections, some students still wanted more help, so "The Write Stuff" was born. After a pilot program last year with members of the MXI, Ms. Rosenberg and Professor Benedicks decided to go forward with a campus-wide program.

The next piece of the puzzle was to get down to the specifics of the program regarding time, location, and instructors.

"We asked for volunteers



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Dr. Crystal Benedicks leads a workshop for "The Write Stuff," a series of faculty-led workshops on writing. The workshops are part of a campus-wide initiative to improve students' specific writing skills.

and had a wonderful response across the disciplines," Ms. Rosenberg said.

Upcoming sessions on grammar, organization, and clarity particularly interest students and faculty alike. And an upcoming panel on sources will include discipline-diverse participation from Professor of English Warren Rosenberg, Professor of Education Michele Pittard, Professor of German Brian Tucker, Professor of Rhetoric Todd McDorman, Professor of Classics Joe Day,

Professor of Psychology Eric Olofsen, and Professor of History Stephen Morillo.

Rather than work to create another writing-based course within the curriculum, Ms. Rosenberg and Professor Benedicks wanted something more convenient and casual. They also wanted to alleviate any stigma that could come along with added help.

"We're hoping it makes them comfortable... able to ask questions," Ms. Rosenberg said.

College Officials Pan New Textbook Law

With new Federal Textbook Legislation, Will WallyWorld's Barnes & Noble Make It?

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College is stressful, especially financially.

There are tuition fees, room and board, travel, and hefty textbook prices. But help may be on the way.

The Higher Education Act will take effect this summer, and it requires colleges that receive federal aid to post the ISBN numbers and retail price of required class textbooks online well in advance of the academic school year.

This legislation will give students more time to comparison shop for the cheapest textbooks.

But what does the new law mean for the Wabash College bookstore?

"I don't think we know how it's going to impact sales at this point," Tom Keedy, Director of Purchasing for the bookstore said.

"Every brick-and-mortar store has seen the trend of decreasing sales in physical locations to online purchasing. It's not just our privately held store here, but every chain bookstore that has seen an erosion of sales."

The financial implications of the law are also being considered.

"I'm not sure the bookstore is considered a profit center, but, obviously, the College is not in the business to lose considerable sums of money either," Keedy said.

"The bookstore is a service provider in a lot of ways—the staff not only operates the



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bookstore, but also takes care of the institutional purchasing, as well as buying back used textbooks, which a lot of online providers won't be doing."

"At the end of every semester, we review our textbook sales by title and course and try to notice what purchasing trends are there," Keedy said, "not only to determine how many books to buy for the following semester, but also to determine how we price ourselves in the market. All of our purchasing is based on past statistics."

The issue itself unsheathes a double-edged sword; the increased market can lower textbook costs for students, but what about the indirect consequences inflicted upon students through the College's loss of a once reliable income provider?

"The bookstore is in this to at least break even," said Julie Olsen, Associate Dean of the College, who also sat in on the interview.

"On the other hand, if you're finding books out there for less, that you may or may not be paying shipping on, it could be beneficial to the students, but they will have to be very

careful about making sure they buy the right edition," Olsen said.

While the implications of the law are still being sorted out, Student Body President Cody Stipes is encouraging the Wabash community to help the College in any way it can.

"We want the students and College to come together and try to make the best we can of the situation," Stipes said, "so that both groups can prosper, because there are ways

the bookstore could help students, even in light of the new law."

"One idea is to compile a list of books found online and present it to the bookstore, and then pay them a small fee to ensure that they order the books and have them sent directly here for you," Stipes said. "I would like to see a committee formed to investigate the situation and see what can be done."

"...Obviously, the College is not in the business to lose considerable sums of money either....The bookstore is a service provider."

*Tom Keedy,
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Make Your Own Luck

Luck can be a touchy subject. Sometimes, people use the idea of “good luck” to explain why good things happen to them or to other people and “bad luck” to explain why bad things happened. Others discount the conception of “luck” as a way for people rationalize their own failures and absolve them from any responsibility for their own situation.

With the exception of a few scenarios, the latter construction should win the day. We live in a country of remarkable opportunity and possibility, the kind of country where people really can go from rags to riches, from Joe Sixpack to Oprah Winfrey, with hard work and dedication.

However, there are also great inequalities in the United States. “Luck” is relevant as it relates to circumstances of birth and the things people are exposed to at a young age. Beyond these circumstances, and perhaps other scenarios, the responsibility of people, especially in the United States, is to make their own luck.

For a person to make his or her own luck means to position himself or herself in such a way to take advantage of situations of circumstances when they tip in his or her favor.

LinkedIn and Sports Marketing Guru Lewis Howes provides an instructive example.

He was a successful athlete who got hurt. He spent months on his sister’s couch, regrouping. Eventually, he decided he would get into social networking. He was interested in the sports business, and he knew a lot of people. So he just put time into learning the online networking scene and connecting people he knew with people who needed positions to fill. This also got his name out there, so when



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people needed things or had openings, he was fresh in their minds.

After a setback, Howes regrouped, positioned himself to take advantage of opportunities when they arrived, and he became successful because of it.

For Wabash students looking for jobs, internships, or other opportunities, this opportunity can take several forms.

First, students should begin looking early.

If you are a senior looking for jobs or applying to grad school, you should already have some irons in the fire or, at the very least, a game plan for how you are going forward. Make a list of places you want to work, contacts you have already, and schools where you want to apply. Go to Career Services, and make sure your resume and other application materials are not just adequate but set you apart from others.

If you are an underclassmen wanting to position yourself well for senior year or wanting to get a summer job or internship, start now if you haven’t

already. You are lucky that you still have at least another year of school. Use that time well. There are many opportunities on and off campus to gain experience. Volunteer to help organize an event, coordinate a project, or something that requires more than just attending a function. When you get to your senior year, you should have examples of major projects you have initiated, coordinated, or finished completely.

If you want an internship for the summer, which has become indispensable these days, start now if you haven’t already. Check out Wabash Works. Go to the Career Center, and spend some quality time with yourself thinking about what skills you have and where you are lacking.

There are many other things you can do, but these are some basics. With a highly competitive job market and highly competitive graduate school applicant pools, students must use every tool as their disposal to set themselves up for success.

Where Will the Democrats Lose?

JONATHAN TORREZ
POLITICAL COLUMNIST

This topic has many conservatives happy and liberals concerned: the Democrats will suffer losses this November. On average, the President’s party loses 28 House seats and four Senate seats. But Democrats might even lose their majorities in the U.S. House, Senate and Governorships. This article is first in a series that will illustrate and educate where Democrats and Republicans losses will be located. Our first area of review will be the House of Representatives.

Every two years, all 435 U.S. House of Representative seats are up for reelection. Most of these races are not that important; which party will control the seat or who will be elected as a Representative is a foregone conclusion because the gerrymandering process has all but eliminated the chance of competition. However, a few seats (25-100) become competitive in an election cycle, and most of the action for the House election cycle is located in these few seats.

The Democrats wrestled control of 53 seats from the Republicans during the 2006 and 2008 election cycles. Even when the Democrats lost control of the Virginia and New Jersey governorships on Nov. 3, 2009, national Democrats obtained another seat from the Republicans. Bill Owens from the New York 23rd defeated Conservative “teabagger” candidate Doug Hoffman.

Many of these seats captured by the Democrats were part of a wave election – a favorable political climate that favored Democrats nationally to beat well-entrenched incumbents and strong challengers in competitive districts. In a hostile environment against the Democrats, these “wave babies” – Democrat incumbents elected during the 2006/08 cycles – might be in trouble. And we all know this is not an ordinary year for any incumbent from either party: Tea Party activists (“teabaggers”) pushing the Republican Party to the right fringe, the economy in a recession (no matter what Alan Greenspan says), unemployment numbers high, the national debt up, and Congress perceived as not doing much to help the American people (or making the recession worse).

So, getting to the point, where will Democrats and Republicans lose this November? It looks like Democrats will lose seats that SHOULD have been won by a Republican and Republicans vis-à-vis Democratic seats. Examples of these kind of seats can be found in certain Democratic open seats (a seat where an incumbent is retiring from) like TN-06, TN-08, AR-01, AR-03 and KS-03 and Democratic competitive seats like AL-02 (Bright), ID-01 (Minnick), MD-01 (Kratovil), MS-01 (Childers), NH-01 (Shea-Porter), OH-01 (Driehaus), OH-15 (Kilroy), SC-01 (Spratt), and VA-05 (Perriello). Examples of Republican open seats are IL-10 and DE-AL and the lone Republican competitive seat is LA-02 (Cao).

And why are there so few seats Democrats can play offense against Republicans? The answer is simple: Democrats hit their high-water mark in 2009 by having a caucus of 255 members. There are not many other places Democrats can play offense. Most of their actions for this and future cycles would have been to protect their incumbents against Republican challengers. A bad year like this makes the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee’s (DCCC) job of protecting their incumbents just as hard.

Republicans should not celebrate either. Here are a few reasons why: the “teabaggers,” their unpopularity, lack of vision, and leadership. “Teabaggers” are mounting primary challenges to Republican incumbents and challengers with the endorsement of national Republicans. We saw how the “teabaggers” destroyed the candidacy of moderate Republican Dede Scozzafava in the NY-23 race last November and last Tuesday’s primary election in Illinois where “teabaggers” Bob Dold and Randy Hultgren from the IL-10 and IL-14 beat out establishment-endorsed candidates state Sen. Beth Coulson and Ethan Hastert (son of the former Speaker of the House).

The Republicans’ lack of popularity, leadership, and vision are intertwined. Americans view the Republicans harshly for their obstructionism and lack of positive alternative policies to present to them. Most Americans remember the Bush years and know that Republicans cannot be trusted with the reins of government. However, Democrats seem to be doing as worse as the Republicans when they were in power. Many voters have buyer’s remorse with the Democrats even though they do not like the Republican alternative.

“The Democrats will lose the House” is a bold claim. I know the Democrats’ losses might very well be in the high teens right now. Nevertheless, both parties have something to fear in this coming election. Many elected Republicans will be too far to the right to win re-election in 2012, when Democrats have Obama’s coattails to hang on to again and the climate does not favor the Republicans. Democrats might lose their moderate voice within the party during this election cycle as moderate members retire and lose their reelection bids. This cycle, though it might help the Republicans in the short run, has dire consequences for both parties.

Celebrate Lupercalia



JOHN HENRY
OPINION
EDITOR

Anymore, St. Valentine’s Day has all but lost any relevant meaning in our culture. Yes, our significant others might feign to care about the holiday. But let’s just be honest, the only relevance this holiday has to the modern man or woman is a sad excuse for a gift, dinner, and possibly sex at the end of a belabored romantic evening.

In reality this holiday is nothing more than a commercial excuse to con people into buying things for themselves or others that no rational person would buy any other time of the year. Mention Valentine’s Day and the first things that come to mind are chalky candy hearts with meaningless sayings and a fat, bastardized version of the Greek god eros.

It is getting harder and harder each year to take this holiday seriously. Most of us no longer observe Valentine’s Day and half of those who do wish that they did not have too. Considering the weakness of the current holiday it is interesting to look into the history and variety of forms that it has taken over time.

Many people currently believe that the roots of the holiday lie in the celebration of the early Christian St. Valentine. However, even this fact is disputed, as two Saints exist with the name Valentine, Valentine of Rome and Valentine of Terni. Very little is known about either Saint, and following Vatican II the Catholic



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Church removed the holiday from its calendar of holy days for that very reason.

While the Christian religious traditions behind the holiday may be intriguing, the pagan roots of the holiday are far more fascinating. The Romans celebrated a festival period during the days of February 13 through 15 named Lupercalia. This festival celebrated fertility and is named for the she-wolf whom suckled Romulus, the mythical founder of Rome. During the festival period ritual sacrifice, feasting, and fertility rituals were all practiced in a communal gathering.

Obviously these spiritual, sacred, or communal overtones are severely, if not entirely lacking in modern celebrations of the holiday. In the commercial world we live in, often the sacred or spiritual elements of traditional cultures are lost. Instead of rituals or traditions we are left with cardboard greeting cards and a heart shaped box of stale chocolates.

As we all search our inner being

for what it means to live in our culture, it can be beneficial to reconsider the benefits of pre-Christian social practices. There can be cathartic self realization in looking at the human psyche in such a way as to reconcile modern social or religious notions with those of our predecessors.

The spring brings new life to the earth and vibrancy to our world. Just as the earth is given new fertility in the warming of the spring, our spirits rise and the passionate heat of the human body is rekindled with the warming air.

While it would be foolish to suggest in our reformed world that we fully rekindle Lupercalia, we should all still be aware of the illustrious roots of the modern monster we call Valentine’s Day. So when you bite down on that chalky heart or give that special someone a dozen roses, remember that we are still connected to those rich cultures who have preceded us.

Announcement

Our school is defined by two essential qualities: we are an all-male institution, and we are a liberal arts college.

That first quality – our all-male status – was questioned and put to the test in the mid-1990s. In response, the student body gathered in the Chapel – wall to wall – to defend our identity, and thus shaped the face of this College for the next decade. It is on billboards, websites, and recruitment mail: Boys Will be Boys, Men Go to Wabash. This is a plea that the College – its students and professors – demonstrate equal passion for the second part of our being, the life of which will be threatened next Tuesday, 16 February.

Since late last semester the Academic Policies Committee (APC) has been in charge of drafting a proposition to change our core curriculum. The APC will submit that proposition next Tuesday and request that a final vote be taken.

The proposal: Eliminate C&T and replace it with a new, one semester course, to be developed by one chair elected from the faculty at large, one member elected from each division by the division, one member from each division appointed by the Dean and Division chairs, and “student representation as determined by the committee.” The new course will be required of all students (at some undefined point in their four years) and taught by faculty from all disciplines. It will also allow for “faculty creativity”, i.e. the ability for individual faculty to choose its content.

And this is a twofold issue: one is the unexpected immediacy of the final vote, which the APC will insist to occur on Tuesday; two is the redefinition of the liberal arts at Wabash College. The two points will be addressed in order.

Most professors and students were under the very strong impression that the final vote for a proposed curriculum change would take place on March 2. Why? At a faculty

meeting earlier this semester, the question was asked to Dean Phillips, “Would we [the faculty] be voting on February 16 or March 2?” Dean Phillips responded: “Yes, the second date.” This is recorded in the faculty minutes.

The upcoming proposal by the APC to cast the final vote on February 16 then breaks expectations: It is a rushed move to catch faculty off-guard, and as such should be very seriously suspected. Why have hasty, unexpected measures been taken? In the legislative world, hasty measures that come unexpected often conceal something. They are suspicious.

Further, the faculty have a bylaw that requires two weeks between the proposal of a curriculum change and its final vote. This is, incidentally, another reason why professors and students expected the final vote to occur on March 2, which falls two weeks after the date set for the proposal of the curriculum change: February 16. Suddenly the two dates have become one, because instead of framing the curriculum change as a new proposal, it is being cast as merely an amendment to a previous motion by the Chair to reduce All-Semester Courses (i.e. Freshman Tutorial and C&T) from three semesters to two semesters. The thing is, this is not merely an amendment:

It is a completely new proposal, which, if passed, will rid the College of C&T and replace it with a one semester, to-be-determined course. Again: This is a proposal to eliminate part of the Wabash curriculum that has been around for over 60 years. We consider that a matter of utmost seriousness, and most definitely a matter not to be rushed.

Now to the second part – that the elimination of C&T will redefine the liberal arts at Wabash. If we think of liberal arts colleges as unique institutions, then they must have unique traits, i.e. traits not shared by non-liberal arts institutions. And if we consider the



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liberal arts to be a matter of curriculum, the question becomes whether the curriculum at liberal arts colleges is any different from the curriculum at, say, state universities.

The three defining points in the Wabash curriculum are Freshman Tutorial, C&T, and distribution requirements. However, most – if not all – state universities have distribution requirements. They are so common as to adopt their own phrase: “the basics”, such that many future engineers and accountants describe their first two years as ‘getting the basics out of the way.’ Phrased in liberal arts terminology: getting their distribution requirements out of the way.

And nowadays it is rare for a university not to have some type of freshman program, although it would be exceptional for one to have a course comparable in importance to our required Freshman Tutorial. But what no university has – what, that is, only liberal arts curriculums have – is a course like C&T, where all students read books that, ostensibly, will make them not only better students, but better human beings. And C&T is not perfect – but it is the heart

of the liberal arts at Wabash College.

It provides a model for the discussions that should animate the liberally educated person’s life – discussions of the ideas that motivate mankind. It bonds not only individual classes, but also the student body, the professors, and students to alumni.

It is unlikely that current students will have met the favorite professor of an alumnus from 1965 – but it is certain that they will have gone through the similar experience of a class like C&T. What is not certain is that future students will have this connection to the great generations of past Wabash men. In fact, it is very, very uncertain. It is even very unlikely.

So what? So, we think, now is the time to act. We – the student body – have already done so. The Student Senate and the Senior Council have ruled unanimously to keep C&T at two semesters. The results from the “Summary of Student Interviews on All-College Courses” show that students consider C&T “indispensable”, “synonymous with liberal arts education”, and “the quintessential vehicle for delivering the liberal arts.” The student voice is uni-

fied, but ignored. Should it take standing wall to wall in the Chapel, then let it come.

Our hope is that the faculty will have the good sense to realize they threaten to throw away not only a tradition, but an essential part of our identity as Wabash. If it goes – what are we?

“Why have hasty, unexpected measures been taken? In the legislative world, hasty measures that come unexpectedly often conceal something.”

In Wabash,

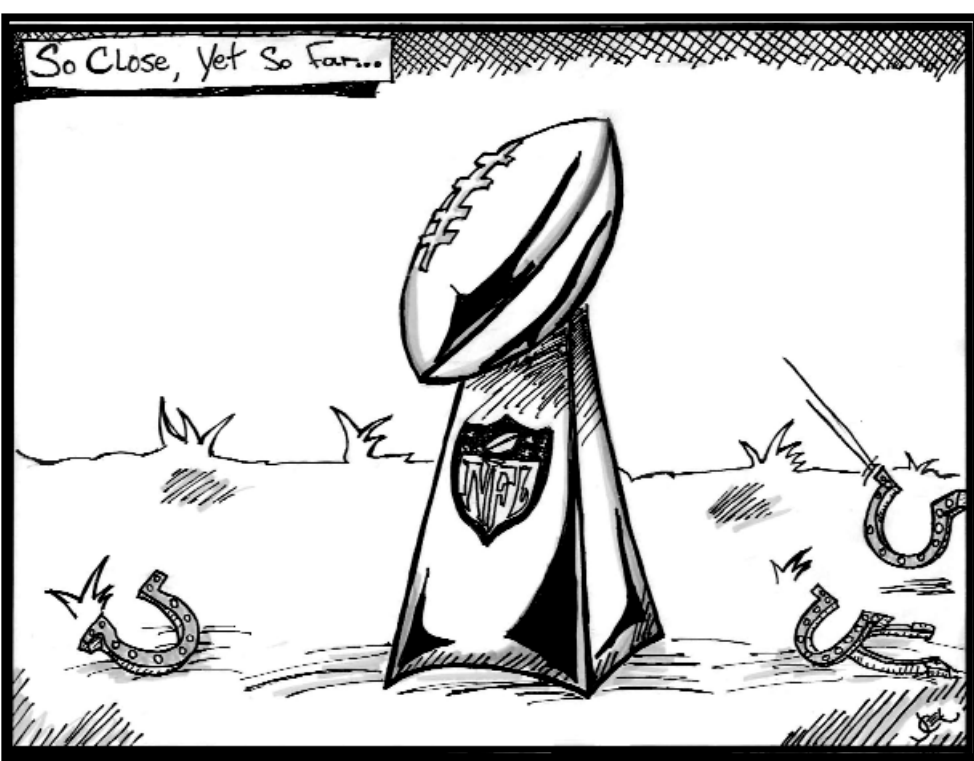
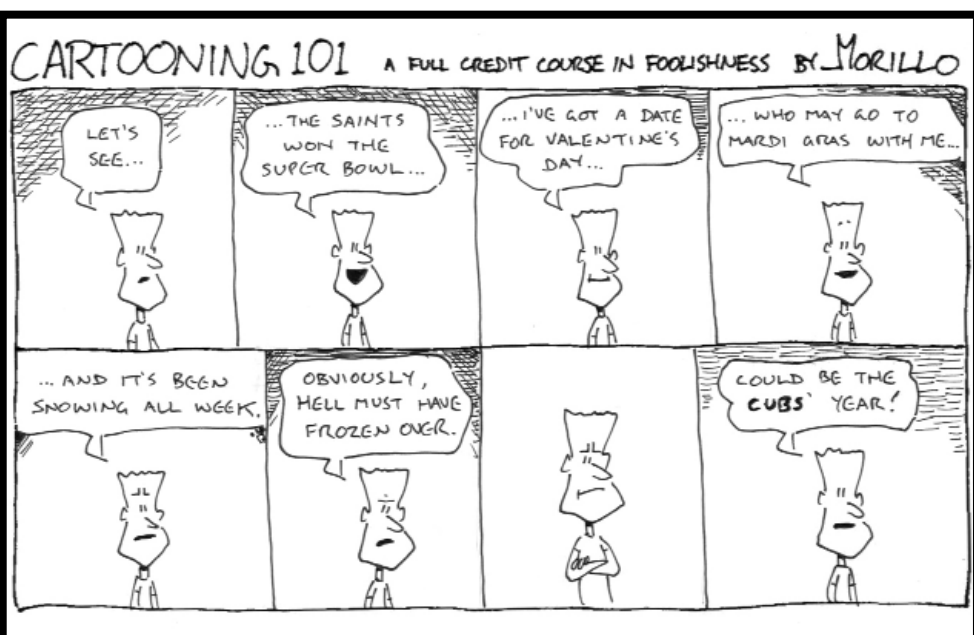
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A Low-Key Valentine’s Day



Wallies! With V-Day around the bend, I thought I’d share a few related thoughts. After a brief inquiry into Valentine’s history of days yore (pagan ritualistic beatings, martyrdom and Christian conversion) I wonder how it is the modern American Valentine’s Day came to be.

I ask in earnest, because I’m not a strong believer. I haven’t been since celebrating it the first time with someone meaningful. Something about the cards, candies, flowers, etc. does nothing for me.

Much hasn’t changed as of recently – the last four years have found the girlfriend and I enjoying a low-key dinner at a low-key location. She usually acquiesces to my critical rants against the consumer feel of the holiday, to pile in the car and drive to a location, where we share a decent meal and some alone time.

Somehow, we always seem to have a good time. Personally, I come away from the night slightly pleased.

With some reflection, I deduce that this feeling is neither the warmth of a fluttering heart nor of a full stomach. In some form, I attribute it to the day.

Recently, a friend

shared insight on what makes February 14th meaningful. He said that the event serves as a “guaranteed day of celebration for couples, ranking somewhere in between a normal day and an anniversary.”

The analysis blew my lid. If it’s a celebration, I finally see how the cards and elaborate gift schema invite themselves in through the backdoor. Nevertheless, that wasn’t the biggest shock for me.

I found the whole idea related to ‘celebrating’ fit my experiences perfectly; the day spent with the girlfriend was, indeed, a culmination of the work of both parties. In that we were two separate parts, we had both placed meaning into a relationship, and had sacrificed to reach that one, common destination.

In that respect, I’ve provided two unconventional ideas to enhance that general definition of Valentine’s Day. These are specifically addressed to those economic Wallies who want to save some money, yet reap the greatest returns from their relationship this Valentine’s Day. Here they go:

Take the emphasis down a notch. Go from dousing her in a traditional, single-burst birthday-style celebration to a

mature celebration of the both of you. Depart from the standard of spending money (on her), doing it in a ‘romantic’ and ‘cute’ manner (for her), and being a gentleman (with her) – even if it’s the Wally version – to take time and appreciate the small things. A shared glass of red wine has never been more useful than on Valentine’s day.

Breach the “I Love You’s” to say something meaningful. When we have lost the words to say, it is quite easy to resort to the sayings that are oft said the most. The expressions of love are never as loud as showing someone the love which you profess. A conversation is a great way to begin that. Take time to evaluate where you think the relationship is headed – whether it be down the drain or onto the next plane.

What these both come down to is the minimalist’s interpretation of Valentine’s day: Don’t go out of your way to make things extraordinary; rather make the ordinary meaningful.



A Tale of Taste

The delicious history of Valentine's Day candy

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It's two days before Valentine's Day, and you're eagerly anticipating finally putting down Dante's *Divine Comedy* to see your special someone this weekend. You have a nice gift for her - maybe a reservation at the Iron Gate - with five inches of snow covering the Mall and the Arboretum. All signs point to a pleasurable weekend.

Then you realize: there is no candy. You forgot to buy the candy.

In your desperation to scrape the snow and ice off your car, your mind wanders. Does she really need all that sugar? Isn't milk chocolate supposedly bad for you?

Then the real question hits you: why do is it necessary to buy candy on Valentine's Day?

Those properly prepared for Valentine's Day don't even register this question. They've learned from experience that quality chocolate is a proven gift to show that you care about her sweet tooth - assuming your special someone likes chocolate. But you, as Mr. Desperate and Unprepared, have to ask the question. You must know why a one-pound bag of red and silver foil-wrapped Hershey's Kisses might get you a kiss on this day.

You can thank the Necco Company 150 years ago for causing your plight. In the 1860's, a man by the name of Daniel Chase began printing sayings on cockles, a small crisp candy made of sugar and flour, molded into large shapes, such as a postcards and baseballs. Wedding parties

originally passed the candies imprinted with playful prophecies, onto the husband and wife. For example, one read "Married in White, You have chosen right."

In 1902 the candy morphed into what we now see today: the Sweethearts Conversation Heart. In stores across the country, you can see a package containing a small portion of the 8 billion hearts manufactured each year.

Now you secretly begin to hate that what caused all that trouble in grade school Candygram sales haven't left you. It doesn't interest that the company is keeping with the times and using technological phrases such as "Tweet me" or "EZ 2 Love". Take comfort, my friend, even as you pledge never to buy a conversation heart again.



up the highest daily portion of the \$345 million dollars of chocolate candy sold during Valentine's week. That hefty sum constitutes over two-thirds of total \$448 million of candy revenue and totals to 58 million pounds of chocolate sold.

If you're reading this over lunch in Sparks, put away your tray and find a computer. If you order by 1 p.m., Godiva can ship you an 18 piece Signature Chocolate Truffle Assortment for \$36 by Saturday. Ghirardelli offers special Saturday delivery for its products. And, if you planned to buy flowers at Minnie Petts on Main Street, you can pick up fine Belgian chocolate while there.

Clearly you're not alone in your romantic procrastination. Trust me, the chocolate companies know you're not alone. Selling to men like you, and other unfortunate souls who procrastinate in gift giving, makes substantial money for the chocolate companies and the shipping industry!

Check the weather though. Ghirardelli website's disclaimer says they are "not responsible for late shipments due to weather conditions or other circumstances beyond our control. Liability for shipments delayed due to non-weather related conditions will be limited to a refund of the shipping costs."

Happy Valentine's Day, Wabash.

Quite the Tale

Oddly romantic stories

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Sometimes the Gentleman Gets the Girl



DREW CASEY | WABASH '12

Mrs. Polley tells the couple's Valentine's story

In the late 1970s, the David Polley and Deborah Martin were living in St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. Polley, then 28, was doing post-doctoral work in the Biology Department at Washington University. Ms. Martin, then 26, was working in the Biology library. They met when Mr. Polley came into the library looking for the keys he had left earlier. Ms. Martin had found them, and she returned them to him. Appreciative, he asked her out for coffee. Eventually, they started going steady. On Valentine's Day evening in 1977, Ms. Martin heard a knock at the door. It was Mr. Polley. There he was, standing there with a bouquet of roses.

"It was really sweet because no one had ever given me red roses for Valentine's Day, and we hadn't made any plan for the evening which I thought was sort of odd," she said.

She thanked him for the roses and invited him in. He said he couldn't because he had a

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Digital Disasters

Facebook can threaten relationships as much as it helps them

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As February trudges on, Valentine's Day prepares to make another barely noticed pass over the heads of the majority of the populace. But the days of flower-sending and chivalry seem to have been replaced by Facebook updates and tedious four page text messages which float around the holidays.

If this holiday ever had a real meaning to people, it is now lost in the web of media lines that comprise a multitude of relationships. From the now-standard terminology of "Facebook official" to the ability to immediately see the entirety of anyone's friends, new media complicates relationships at every turn.

When two people meet, they generally lose no time in becoming steadfast Facebook friends. This immediate intimacy into each others' lives is a big leap from the old "wait-three-days-to-call-her" routine. It seems the human urge for instant gratification has officially invaded the last corner of our lives.

Masses of information and pictures may have replaced the mystery and intrigue of a budding relationship, but it seems that plethora of technology should be helping long-term and long-distance relationships, the latter especially. According to a poll, about one third of college relationships are long distance. That is a lot of communication to be done.

Though most couples don't Facebook religiously between themselves, texting is easier than ever these days, and new tools like Skype even make "real" conversations feasible. Virtually

anything can be relayed in a split second.

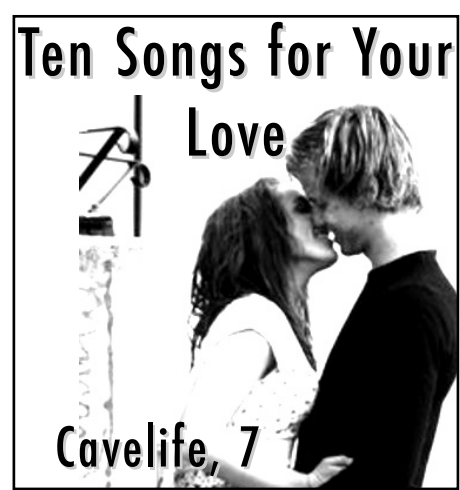
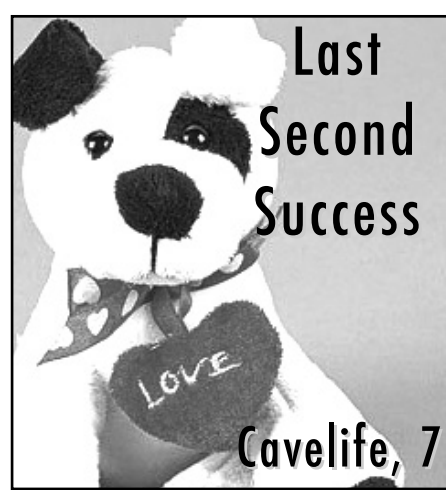
Just think of the last girl you texted. Now imagine you had had to write a letter or call her on a landline in order to say convey the same message. How much effort was that text worth? So much of our daily communication would be cut out because of the extra effort and cost that would be required.

The new media we use to communicate clearly has its uses and its faults. But it seems that the risks are starting to finally outweigh the benefits. Facebook allows its users to present any side of themselves they wish; viewing someone's profile only reveals how they wish to be seen. So even if it helps to perpetuate a relationship, it seems hardly able to help it grow.

Anyone can be bold and outgoing when that only requires them to type a few words and hide behind a profile picture. In short, media is changing the way the relationship game is played. Fewer long-term relationships seems to be sprouting up; it is so much easier to pick and choose partners over the internet.

Perhaps even firmly-founded relationships are strained by the inundation of media regarding them. Pictures with ex-boyfriends are now out for everyone to see, along with conversations between friends. A boyfriend cannot escape his girlfriend talking about him when he's not around, but now he may know what was actually said.

Relationships present no shortage of stressors with which to deal, but with an effort to use each technology wisely and a wary eye for those who don't, couples can still make them work. So whether Valentine's Day is celebrated or not, maybe its ideal can be maintained.



Sound Off! Ten Great Love Songs

Our columnists rank their romantic favorites

JAKE KOLISAK '11
MUSIC COLUMNIST

Valentine's Day is this weekend and that means an awful lot of you guys out there will be trying to figure out some way to swoon the apple of your eye. And from my experience in the field that we refer to as love, I have realized that there is no easier way to win a girl over than telling her how a certain love song reminds you of her. Now I understand that more than likely you are just trying to be all Rico Suave on them, but they do not know that. We all know how girls are; they love hearing that kind of stuff. I also agree that you still need to spend some money on a gift to show your appreciation and what not but, in the end, it's the little things (like a note or song) that really seals the deal.



There have been so many great love songs throughout history. What, then, qualifies a love song as great? I believe that the best love songs walk that fine line between romantic and corny; you can't be too lovey-dovey, yet you most definitely can't be pathetic and creepy. I have attempted to list the top five love songs of all time for you little love birds to possibly use in winning your loves over this weekend. Obviously this list is clearly subjective and you may find some of these songs ridiculous, but they are never the less some pretty darn good

songs that millions of girls have fallen for. I only wish you the best of luck this weekend.

"Let's Get It On" by Marvin Gaye (Pictured Above)

This is the greatest love song of all time. Anyone who disagrees with this either hates the concept of love or has been rejected by every girl he has ever met in his life; therefore, he more than likely hates the concept of love, which qualifies him as a "hater."

"I Will Always Love You" by Whitney Houston

Think what you want about this song, but any song that can make Kevin Costner and Whitney Houston appear to be a legitimate couple is most definitely a quality love song. Plus, Whitney Houston has an amazing voice and I can almost guarantee that almost all of you guys have sung this song with pride when she breaks it down.

"I'll Make Love to You" by Boyz II Men

This might have been every middle and high school couples' 'song.' The beat itself just puts you into a trance which, when coupled with the harmonious style of the group, only enhances the love that has been in the air since the song's start.

"I Don't Want to Miss a Thing" by Aerosmith

This song is simply awesome. It makes you want to go save the world from an asteroid the size of Texas—just so you can spend one more moment with that special someone.

"Amazed" by Lonestar

The ultimate prom song. Every time I hear it, I feel like then-lead singer Richie McDonald speaks directly to me. It is almost like he is standing there behind you and your date, all dressed up in your tux and dress, singing for you. Furthermore, it is also a very easy song to sing to that special someone - if you feel bold enough.



JOHN DYKSTRA '13
MUSIC COLUMNIST

Valentine's Day is an exciting, yet difficult day. When it is used for the right reasons—to express how much you care about somebody without having to be to materialistic—it is solid. Vice versa, it is not so good. Valentine's Day brings about several expectations, thanks to Hallmark cards, bouquets of roses, and over-priced candy. A relationship free of expectations is healthy—it's not like strapping a piece of metal around your leg and chaining yourself to the floor. So, let this day be true and not so cliché with its stereotypes.

"She Hates Me" by Puddle of Mudd

This is not a personal attack against Valentine's Day and all the romantic expectations that it brings about. In all reality, this day has become quite materialistic and demanding. Let's face it, not every couple makes it out of Valentine's Day alive, due to the expectations of romantic acts and Kay Jewelry commercials. Being on an all male campus, we could easily mess this day up. For those couples who do not make it past V-Day, this is your song. It is very uplifting if you are stuck in said position, so stay positive.



"Melt With You" by Modern English (Pictured Above)

What girl would not be in awe after a guy says, "I'll stop the world and melt with you?" As the anthem of the Hershey Kiss (arguably the most love-filled candy on the market), there is nothing that could go wrong if this song is on. It's sweet, sugary, and filled with the love of couples. Sweet, gooey love.

"Here Without You" by 3 Doors Down

On our campus, there are not too many women. With that already established, it is quite obvious that we get our girls from other colleges. This song explores the depths of a long distance relationship and that "tonight, girl, it's just you and me"—a common Valentine's Day celebration of couple-hood theme. It's not only the distance in this song, though. Each verse is sung with intense emotion, a desire to overcome any boundaries for that one person.

"My Heart Will Go On" by Celine Dion

The Titanic soundtrack was centered around this song. Even though Titanic tells the tale of a somewhat cheesy love story between Jack and Rose, this song made it seem like their love was real, not to mention that Dion's voice was absolutely phenomenal in this love ballad. Also, as far as Valentine's Day goes, in my opinion, this song expresses a theme that can or at least should not be broken by Valentine's Day stereotypes: "You are safe in my heart/ And my heart will go on and on."

"I Don't Wanna Miss A Thing" by Aerosmith



Yes, the typical high school prom slow-dance song. Though in high school, this song does not mean much other than slowly getting in the rhythm for a late night, as time passes, this song gets easier to interpret—you love somebody so much that you "would stay awake/ just to hear them breathing" and that you want to stay in moments with them "for all the rest of time." You cannot, in my opinion, get a better definition of love than from that of Steven Tyler in this song. Heck, Hallmark cannot capture the meaning of this song in even the best of their cliché cards.

Oh, The Places We'll Go!

The last-second checklist for the forgetful Wally

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With Valentine's Day only a few days away, you've no doubt realized that you have no plans. And, after last year's disaster (as it turns out, girls DO like getting gifts), you can't mess this one up. So dust off that mix cd you made for her, and get ready to break out what will easily be the best last-minute attempt at her heart, ever.

First order of action: Clean out that car. Sure, you've gotten away with it numerous times before, but you weren't expected to be the "god of all love" then, either. A messed up car says a lot; you completely forgot what day it was, you don't care enough to be the tiniest bit of a gentleman, and you apparently love McDonalds to the point that your car thinks it's a cologne.

Mostly, the car is clean! All right, you've only got like, twenty minutes here, so, let's not sweat the smallest details. Maybe spray some Febreze if you've got it, or the poor man's alternative, pinecones. Pop in that mix tape, and let's get going.

Oh, quick detour. For the love of God, absolutely NO Katy Perry. Anything that sounds even remotely close to you wanting to see girls do things (especially kissing other girls and reportedly enjoying the experience) is strictly out of the question. I cannot stress this enough.

If you're in Crawfordsville, I



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All of these candies would have worked. Start earlier next time.

hope you can figure out where to go. The answer, obviously, is anywhere that's not Crawfordsville. Lafayette has that wondrous hookah bar, The Egyptian, a classy establishment with a fresh collegiate atmosphere. Nothing says love more than billowing smoke rings — unless you can somehow turn those into hearts.

So it's decided. You're going to hang out in Lafayette until it gets late, and since the big day falls on Sunday, that means around 5 pm. Dinner is a given, and Steak n' Shake always gives that nice 1950's era feel. Milkshakes and burgers are the classic date, just classy enough to be better than McDonalds, yet

cheap enough to not drive you to the poor house.

Your final hours should be between you and your partner; I'm not going to go too in-depth with that one.

Finally, if you've somehow made it this far, wait until midnight and take her to Wal-Mart. All those cheap stuffed bears, candies, literally everything will the price it should be: \$1. Sure, all those ex-boyfriends of hers got the giant teddy bears, but you got her the ENTIRE STORE. Feels good, doesn't it? Half the money, twice the reward.

All-in-all this should be a great last second Valentine's Day.

A Marvelous Meal

Sautéed Salmon and Basil Potatoes

BRAD JONES '10
FOOD COLUMNIST

This Valentine's Day go ahead and scrap the cliché box of chocolates and bouquet of flowers. Instead, do something for her that shows you really care—surprise her by cooking a romantic and gourmet dinner for two. Below is a recipe that I guarantee even the most barbarous of cavemen can make, and you can do so for a price that won't break the bank. Show her your softer side and reap the rewards.

FOR THE SALMON

2 Salmon filets
Pinch of salt
Pinch of white pepper
Few tbsp. of Olive Oil

FOR THE SAUCE

2 tbsp. unsalted butter
3 tbsp. heavy cream

FOR THE BASIL MASHED POTATOES

3 Yukon Gold potatoes
1/2 cup of heavy cream
2 tbsp. butter
Handful of fresh basil (chopped)

PREPARATION

Bring a pot of relatively salty water to a boil—this is the best way to season the potatoes. Add them whole or cut in half and boil for about 45 minutes. With about 10 minutes left on the potatoes, season the salmon with the salt and white pepper, both flesh and skin side. Heat the olive oil in a skillet and when it is hot, sauté the salmon, beginning skin side down, for approximately five minutes per side. Remove the cooked salmon and keep warm.

When the potatoes are fork tender, strain away the excess water. Add the butter, heavy cream and basil and mash all the ingredients together with the back of a fork until thoroughly combined. Add more butter, cream, and salt and pepper to taste.

Finally, in the salmon sauce pan, or a smaller one, add a tablespoon of water to it on high heat. Once it boils, quickly reduce the heat to medium-low, add the butter and whisk quickly to emulsify the sauce as it melts. Remove the pan from the heat and vigorously whisk in the remaining heavy cream. Season with a pinch of salt.

To plate, simply add a portion of the basil mash to the bottom of a plate and place the salmon filet gently on top. Spoon a tablespoon of the sauce on top of the salmon. For a fantastic presentation, spoon some of the sauce around the outside of the plate along with a few chopped basil leaves. For those of age, pair the salmon with a glass of Chardonnay or Cabernet Sauvignon and a few candles, and make it a truly romantic occasion.

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dinner date with another woman, an old friend with whom he made plans a while earlier. So he went to dinner, and she stayed home. They have been an item ever since.

"In retrospect I thought it was amusing and sort of sweet that he would bring me roses and keep his promise to someone else."

Historic Crawfordsville Couple Joined By Mutual Love for Each Other and Music

General Lew Wallace is unquestionably a local hero. The romance between Wallace and his future bride Susan Elston is arguably one of Crawfordsville's most compelling, historic couples.

They met in 1848 when Wallace, a young attorney, was attending a Commencement activity as Wabash. Ms. Elston was the daughter of Isaac Elston, one of the richest men in town.

They began a romance that led to their marriage, which her father opposed. They both loved music and would spend countless hours singing and playing instruments together.

Eventually, Wallace was called to serve in the Civil War, and, while he was away, he and Susan wrote to each other constantly.

When he died in 1905, Susan joined his violin to her guitar with a piece of her wedding dress.

She finished his autobiography, and, in 1907, writing she had nothing more to live for, died on Oct. 1, 1907, to join her husband.

An Unlikely First Date

Last year, Dan Metz and Amanda went on their first day. Ironically, it was on Valentine's Day. They thought it would be too cliché and cheesy to do a traditional Valentine's Day outing, so they just went to a bar. They drank, and they asked each other the types of things people ask each other on the first date. Eventually, Amanda told Dan that she bet she could drink a pitcher of vodka and diet coke.

"I was like no way," Metz said. "There is no possible way you can do that. If I did that I'd be on the ground." Which is exactly what happened to her.

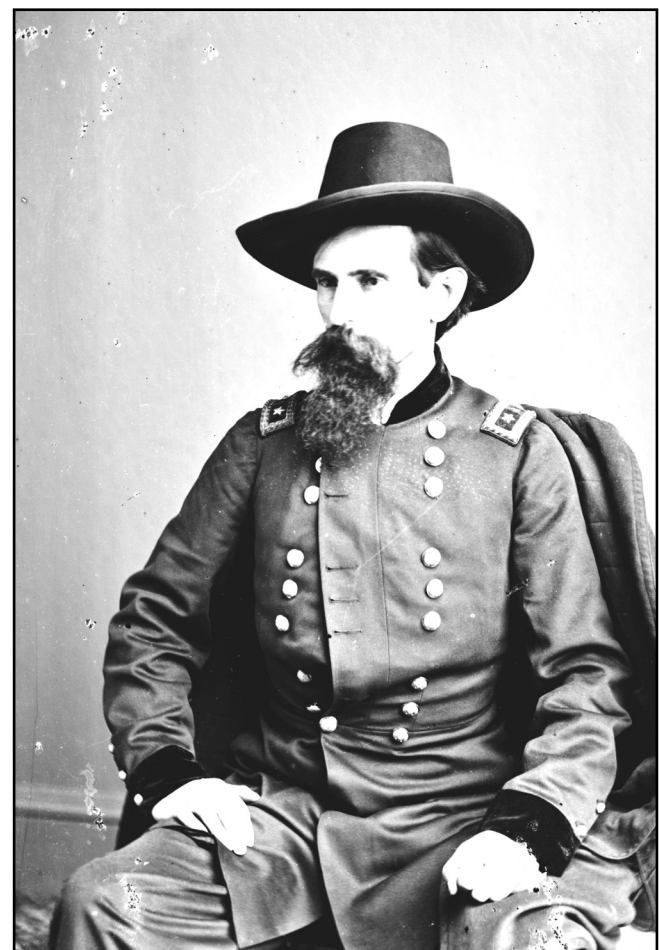
So he and another guy at the bar carried her to his car. Dan went back in to pay the bill. All of a sudden, a guy came in the bar and asked, "Who drives a black G-6." When Dan signaled that it was his car, the guy said a girl had fallen out of it and was crawling through the parking lot.

Quickly, Dan payed the tab, and he went back outside to get her back in the car. As they were walking up his driveway, she was stumbling, crying, and embarrassed by the whole situation.

"Just leave me," she said. "It's ok. Just break up with me. Just go away, whatever."

Dan tries to reassure her that it's ok, that she was going to be fine, but she just keeps bawling. So he says fine and says he'll put her to sleep and leave her alone, which upsets her even more. He finally gets her to sleep. The next morning she feels fine, and, despite a less than perfect first date, will be celebrating their one year anniversary this Valentine's Day.

He went to dinner, and she stayed home. They have been an item ever since.



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General Lew Wallace's love for music helped give him the love of his life.

The Do's & Don'ts of Romance

Some small things for a fantastic day

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In terms of your relationship, Valentine's day can be either the best or worst day of the year! So you don't get caught in a bad romance, here are some do's and don'ts to tackle the big day!

Don'ts

5. Don't do "guy stuff": Keep in mind that Valentine's day is about her. Skip watching the game and spend the day making her feel special.

4. Don't repeat: While she may have loved what you did last year, that doesn't mean to do it again this year. Planning something new and different will let her know that you truly thought about how to make her feel special

3. Say no to candy and lingerie: Giving candy is for elementary school; every girl has a guy who's given her chocolates in

her life. Take Valentine's Day as an opportunity to be more creative. However, if your creativity leads to lingerie, say no as well. Giving lingerie always backfires; in fact, clothes in general is just bad. For example, if you got a size to big, you just sent her a message that might end your relationship on the spot!



2. Don't overspend: Please note that I am NOT suggesting that you be cheap with plans for your valentine, just keep it within a budget. It's the thought that really counts, so make sure whatever you do is special, but not over the top.

1. Don't Forget: This really is the worst thing that you could do. Mark your calendar, set up an email reminder and one in your phone while you are at it. Remember to remind yourself early enough so that you can plan something special

Do's

5. Remember the romance: Romance is the reason for the season. This means taking a little time to look good for diner, or sending an e-card, or whatever you feel will let her know you care. More often than not, guys aren't great at the romance thing (girls know this) but the important part is she knows you try!

4. Make a Valentine: While Hallmark is nice, it making your own valentine will melt her heart like no other valentine could! If you're feeling ambitious, write her a short poem on the valentine as well.

3. Send a gift: If you are going to be away from your girl on Valentine's day,

send a gift to let you know you are thinking of her. And of course, don't forget to call!



2. Watch a chick flick: It won't kill you, I promise. She sat through Avatar for you, so let her pick the movie this time!

1. Write a love letter: Valentine's day should be the day you make sure she knows how much you care. So write it down! It will be the highlight of her special day.

Giving the Gift of Love

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Most thoughtful guys want to get their Valentine the PERFECT gift, and we want to help. Gift-giving is an art because the standards of evaluating gifts differ depending on the recipient of the gift. The best gifts tend to those tailored to the expectations, interests, and wants and needs of the Valentine. So we are going to



divide our gift advice into three categories.

Traditional Gifts

Traditional gifts tend to be those based on social and personal expectations that have emerged overtime. They have gained a monopoly over the psyches of the population. If you want to be safe (read: insure yourself against allegations of forgetfulness, fecklessness, laziness, etc.), then you really can't go wrong these gifts.

Candy

Nothing says "Happy Valentine's Day" or "I Care for You" than sweets, especially chocolates, to convey the sweetness you associate with your Valentine. It's also a relatively inexpensive, easily obtainable gift that will at least communicate that you didn't forget and that you care.

Flowers

Like it or not, flowers (particularly roses) have become the default message of affection.

Stuffed Animals

Cotton-stuffed animals have also taken on a kind of default symbolic importance for communication affection.

Wrap up: Any combination of these three gifts will surely keep you out of the dog house this weekend.

Untraditional Gifts

Let's go out on a limb and say you want to do something unconventional but at the same time not stray too far outside social expectations. We got just what you need.

Instead of the normal heart-shaped box of chocolates, here are some alternative ideas for sweets.

Untraditional Sweet Gift

Buy some animal crackers, and pick out her favorite animal (if you know it). Cover them in chocolate or her favorite topping (caramel, honey, etc) and put them in a nice, holiday-appropriate plastic wrap with red and/or pink ribbons.

Untraditional Flowers

Roses are reliable, but they are so common that you may want to go for something different. Deftly find out what your Valentine's favorite flower or plant is and combine the unconventional candy with an unconventional flower arrangement.

Off-The-Path Approach

You could use a variation of traditional and untraditional gift ideas and execute it as a scavenger hunt. This will require you to make clues and put them on cards. Since Valentine's Day on the weekend, this is doable. Perhaps email the first clue, which should lead to the next (parent's house, friend's place, other part of apartment or house). Each place could have a gift. The final clue could lead to you, at your date site. Don't forget to include clues about proper attire if this is somewhere nice.

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Fast Start for Indoor Track & Field

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Wabash has had a fast start to the indoor track and field season. A few weeks ago, the team was ranked twentieth in the nation. The Little Giants hope to keep the success going throughout the remainder of the indoor season. However, this task is more difficult than it sounds.

"We have had a pretty good start to the season," said Head Coach Clyde Morgan. "We are just trying to stay healthy. We have some guys that are sore, especially our sprinters."

Not only have the Little Giants broken the top twenty already this season, they also finished ahead of DePauw at the DePauw Invitational.

"We had a really good showing at DePauw," Morgan said. "It's always nice to place in front of [DePauw]."

Despite Wabash's youth, the track team seems to be in good shape in the indoor season. On paper, it may appear that Wabash is in a rebuilding year with so many young guys, but the Little Giants have a very talented freshmen class. With



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Freshmen Austin Hodges (left) and Pat Neary sprint side-by-side during the Little Giant Invitational in the Knowling Fieldhouse on January 21.

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Junior Evan Rhinesmith swims the breaststroke during the DePauw meet last season. Rhinesmith has broken the breaststroke record twice.

Rhinesmith Makes Sacrifices for Swimming Success

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Swimming is a tough sport. It challenges you in every way shape and form, and rising to the challenge is something that can separate the good from the great.

Junior Evan Rhinesmith has made a huge leap from his freshman year till now, rising to the challenge and breaking the school's breaststroke record

twice. "It just came down to the realization that I wasn't a big fish in a small pond any more," Rhinesmith said.

From that moment on Rhinesmith has been putting in all the required work and more. It takes a lot of sacrifice to get to the level he is at. And as the swim team heads competes at the conference meet today, Rhinesmith will look to come one step closer to making it to the National meet. "It takes lots of sacrifice, I feel like I have sac-

rificed the normal high school and college experience, but it is just something you adjust to," Rhinesmith said.

Being an athlete means that the "normal" life is something that seems distant and foreign, but this lack of normalcy is amplified when you are an elite athlete. It means changes in diet, sleeping patterns and partying on the weekends goes out the window when you remember about your morning work-

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The Colts' Cool Calculations Don't Add Up to a Title

In just 12 seconds, Tracy Porter's life changed forever.

That's how long it took the 23-year-old cornerback to jump Reggie Wayne's slant route, pick off Peyton Manning pass and sprint into the endzone with just over three minutes left in Super Bowl XLIV, securing the Saints' first-ever Lombardi Trophy.

Porter, once a 0-star recruit at Indiana University, is now a household name. Even if he never makes a significant play for the rest of his life, he will always be a hero to New Orleans, an immortalized figure in the legend of the 2009-2010 Saints (just ask David Tyree).

But Porter not only changed his own life, but the lives of countless others - everyday people he may never even meet.

The citizens of New Orleans will never escape the memories of Katrina. But now Porter and Drew Brees and the rest of the Saints have added a new chapter to this painful episode - the team who showed the city that, united, they can accomplish

things that once seemed impossible.

The lives of Colts nation changed forever as well. Hoosiers will always remember being punched in the gut by their own franchise when they scoffed at the chance for perfection. They will always remember a team that the history books will soon forget. They will always have that empty feeling of knowing their team has just become the footnote of history, not the subject.

The Indianapolis Colts - from the players to the coaches to the front office - must remember this game. They must remember the 2009-2010 Saints and how they won the game's greatest prize.

In many ways, this Super Bowl was a clash of football philosophies, even if the teams looked similar on the field.

All year, the Saints were fueled by emotion. They embraced their status as a living symbol of the community's spirit and played with their hearts on their sleeves. When they reached the 13-0 mark towards the end of the regular



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season, they went for it. No starter was rested and no excuse was made. However, the Saints came up short. In the process, they convinced most people they were more pretender than contender.

The Colts' philosophy was the exact opposite. All year, the Colts were calculated, quiet, and cautious. When they came face-to-face with their own chance at perfection, this careful, strategic approach won out. The Colts rested their starters against the Jets and Bills in order to try to keep key players healthy for the playoff run.

What's incredible is how these same conflicting philosophies played out in the Super Bowl.

The Saints were emotional,

daring, and unpredictable. For two weeks, pundits discussed how Manning and the Colts would handle the Saints' blitz, which had wreaked havoc on the Cardinals and Vikings. Except when the game itself rolled around, the Saints barely blitzed at all. When they blitzed late in the fourth quarter, Manning was caught off-guard. You know what happened next...

People will always consider Sean Payton's ballsy onside kick call to be the changing point in the game. However, the real shift in momentum came much earlier than that. Even though Payton's call to go for it on fourth-and-one was stuffed on the Colts' goalline in the second quarter, it inspired his team to perform. It sent the message that he was going to do *anything* it took to claim a win, and demanded that they did the same.

Here are the Saints' possessions after the fourth-down call: field goal, touchdown, field goal, touchdown, touchdown, kneel-down. The Saints outscored the Colts 28-7 in that

stretch.

Where the Saints were bold, the Colts were timid. They were cautious (three straight runs after the fourth-and-one stop) and predictable (Porter claims he knew what play was coming as soon as Austin Collier went into motion).

Perhaps the most cautious was Manning, who barely took any deep shots all game. If he had looked deep to Dallas Clark rather than just going for the slant and the first down, Porter would have never picked off that pass in the first place (Clark was breaking free down the seam when the ball was thrown).

Of course, we can play the 'if' game with so many plays from Sunday. If Pierre Garcon makes that third-down catch, maybe the Colts win. If Hank Baskett tries to catch the onside kick with his hands instead of his face, maybe the Colts win. Etc, etc...

But, as the saying goes, fortune favors the bold. And the Saints were certainly that.

On Sunday, the Saints rem-

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such bright, young talent, Coach Morgan hopes the guys can not only improve every day, but learn everyday as well.

"I hope we get better every day, and that we finish higher than last year in the conference," Morgan said. "I also want our guys to learn something about the sport every day. When a guy leaves this program, I would like them to be able to go back to their high school and be able to teach and coach the sport. I want them to learn the science behind their event and show them what they can achieve. Track isn't just sprint, field events, throw up. It's more than just a workout, and I want our guys to see that."

Morgan's scientific approach to track should help the younger guys develop and learn how to run their events more efficiently, which is exactly what Wabash needs. With so many young guys, the freshman class has relatively high expectations compared to most years. They will be expected to step up and perform from the beginning, which takes a cer-

tain amount of toughness.

The Little Giants will have their toughness tested this weekend when they travel to Bloomington to compete in the Indiana University Indoor Invitational. Wabash will most likely be the smallest school competing. The invitational will consist largely of Division I programs, with a lot of Big Ten schools competing.

"The mentality for this weekend is to go down there and have fun," Morgan said. "I'm trying to keep the guys in the pool so they can get their legs fresh. It's really a win-win when you run against big schools, though. It's great to win, but if you don't, it just pushes you to run faster."

Junior Wes Chamblee echoed his coach's sentiments, "Our motto the last few weeks is to just have fun. We hope to compete well against the big schools, and maybe even win a few events. We're really just looking to record good times and possibly have a provisional National qualifying time."

Only a few weeks ago, the 400x200 meter relay team set the school record for indoor. Hope-

fully, they can continue to improve and reach the provisional mark.

"The 4x2 is good," Chamblee said. "We set the school record a few weeks ago, and I wouldn't be surprised if we break it a few more times before the season is over."

Not only is Wabash hoping to compete well against the bigger schools this weekend, they are also looking to be a force in their own conference. Wabash has already fared well against conference opponents in previous invitationals, but they hope to catch NCAC powerhouse, Ohio Wesleyan.

"We are working on closing the gap on OWU, the top team in the NCAC," Chamblee said. "If we can continue to close the gap on them point-wise in the conference, we will be in good shape. We are hoping to beat some of the relay teams."

With such a young, talented team, the Little Giants have set the table for an exciting track and field season. It will be interesting to see how the rest of the season plays out, and how some of the younger guys develop.



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Sophomore pole vaulter Sam Glowinski makes his run during the Little Giant Invitational.

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ined us all that while football is a business, it is first and foremost a game. It is a game that is won by passion and emotion, not by machine-like calculations.

The poise and preparedness of guys like Manning is important. But so is hav-

ing an attitude, playing with swagger and the desire to not just win every game, but dominate it. That's what the Colts need to remember as they move on to another season.

The next time the Colts are faced with a chance at history (if ever), hopefully they will take a cue from

the Saints. Hopefully they will remember that a football game is not a set of averages and probabilities. It is a game of emotion.

Because, as painful as it may be to admit, all the Colts' calculations added up to an unfortunately familiar result:

14-2 and empty handed.



The New Orleans Saints celebrate on a float during the city's celebratory parade.

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eventually. But like Rhinesmith said, "It's just something you get used to."

"I want to make it to the National Meet and place in the top eight so I can become an All-American," Rhinesmith added. Even though the swim team has a very tough conference, Rhinesmith has a very good shot at moving on to Nationals. The whole swim team has put in all the hard work with their training camp



in Florida to their morning workouts. "I'd really like to see my teammates get

the pay off for all their hard work, because we really have a chance to do something special," Rhinesmith said.

From the Phys. Ed classes in middle school to the conference meet this weekend, Rhinesmith has always pushed himself. And this weekend when it is time for the first heat of the breaststroke, Rhinesmith will be ready. "As cliché as it sounds I'm just going to go out there and take it one race at a time."

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