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# Barton '00 Wins Mayoral Election

KENNY FARRIS '12  
NEWS EDITOR

Wabash College has a history of producing graduates that become civically active in their communities. On November 8th, one of its own graduates brought this full circle in Crawfordsville.

Todd Barton '00 won the 2011 Crawfordsville mayoral race over incumbent Charlie Coons, placing a Wabash graduate at the head of the home city of the Wabash campus. Barton, the Republican candidate, narrowly defeated Democratic candidate Coons by 91 votes, 1,605 to 1,514.

"During this current administration I felt they weren't doing what it took for (Crawfordsville) to succeed," Barton said. "During the campaign (my team and I) didn't let ourselves get too distracted from wanting this success."

Barton began his campaign on December 1st, 2010, with a mission to improve Crawfordsville economically and structurally.

"I choose the best people available for my campaign team, and throughout the campaign we stayed positive about the election and my goals," Barton said. "I tried to knock on every door in Crawfordsville. Honestly, I didn't get every door, but I came very close."

Barton admitted he put his



COREY EGLER | WABASH '15

Wabash alumnus Todd Barton '00 (R) defeated the Democratic incumbent Charlie Coons in the Crawfordsville mayoral election. Barton was formerly the city's fire chief.

election in danger during the final 12 hours of the campaign.

"I left my votes out there by not getting our voters to the polls," he said.

Crawfordsville's lack of economic success drove Barton to finally run for mayor, a thought he held for over three years. Barton said he observed Indiana towns and listened to citizens across Indiana talk of business growth while he watched Crawfordsville's own growth stagnate.

"Crawfordsville is stuck in a cycle in which the city isn't giving much support to Montgomery County Economic Development (MCED)," Bar-

ton said, referring to the county's organization promoting economic growth. "The city says the MCED doesn't provide enough results, while the MCED says they don't receive enough support."

Barton's campaign offered solutions to solve this top priority issue that he now looks to implement as mayor. Specifically, the mayor-elect offered to streamline the business permit process and create a sales team targeting potential investors in Crawfordsville.

"There are so many people here very passionate about Crawfordsville, and many of them come from a sales

background," Barton said.

Since Barton has no sales background, he looks to create a sales team within the mayor's office to "sell Crawfordsville" to potential investors.

Barton claimed he differs from recent Crawfordsville mayoral candidates and office holders due to his experience as a city employee. After his graduation from Wabash as a married adult, Barton served as the Crawfordsville Fire Chief and Assistant Chief, building off his earlier years in the fire department.

"Many Crawfordsville mayors and candidates come from the council side of govern-

ment," Barton said. "There's a unique perspective that you gain about city government by being a city employee. I know it from the inside."

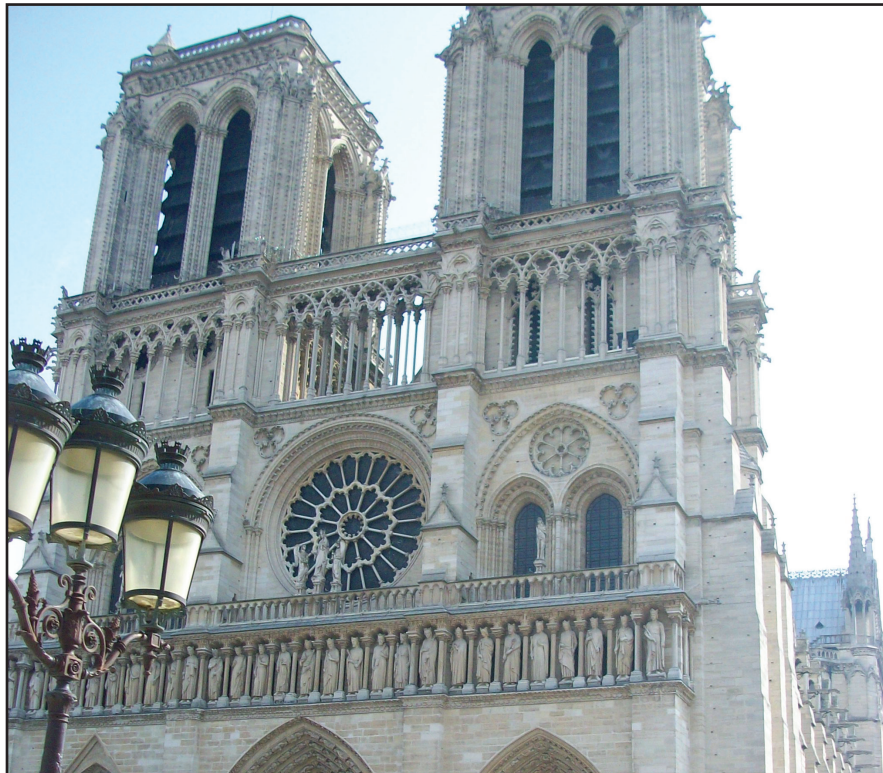
Starting January 1st, 2012, at 12:00 p.m., Barton will begin his service as mayor of Crawfordsville. His first few days in office will be marked by making various appointments, including with the Street Commissioner, Police & Fire Chief, and Parks and Recreation Commissioner.

"I tried to rest a couple days after Election Day, but I couldn't because I realized all the work I had to do," Barton said.

However, Barton looks at the potential to serve the home of his alma mater as one of the highlights of his newly elected office. Barton's story at Wabash differs from most students, as he graduated in three years and attended as a married father over a decade after graduating high school in 1985.

"As I tell people, Wabash is more about learning how to think," Barton said. "The lessons and abilities I brought out of Wabash helped me immensely as (Crawfordsville) Fire Chief and with my public policy development."

On Tuesday, November 29, the Wabash Political Science department will host a reception for Barton.



COURTESY OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

History Professor Michelle Rhoades leads a group to Paris today for a week-long trip as part of her class on French historical memory. Shown is one of Paris' most famous landmarks, Notre Dame Cathedral.

## Immersion Courses Can Provide Unique Experience

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STAFF WRITER

It's 5:00 a.m. and you wake up 30,000 feet in the air, inside the compact cabin of a Boeing 777. Groggily you sit up, peer out your window, and below is the peaceful brutality of the Atlantic Ocean. This is a sight that several students and professors will see over Thanksgiving break, as they venture across the Pond to the European Continent.

For years, immersion classes have been an educational staple for

a Wabash student. As a Liberal Arts college, it often seems necessary to be immersed in another culture in order to better understand one's own perspective and view of the world. The chance to visit places studied and read about in literature and history is a culturally enlightening experience that can only strengthen a person's education.

This semester, Wabash has two classes going abroad: History 330 French History and Historical

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## International Students Must Manage Over Thanksgiving

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International students usually do what they can to get away from Wabash during breaks. Thanksgiving break typically is not an exception to said trend.

"[International students] find as many chances as [they] can," Hung Duong '13 said. "Not many of us have cars, but we either travel by train, plane, or we have friends who have cars. So, we usually ask [our friends from Wabash] if we can go back and spend Thanksgiving with them and their family. There are different ways of getting around."

Duong spent his first Thanksgiving on campus to save money for winter break and experience American culture.

"The plans international students make for breaks vary," Duong said.

"It depends on what they want to do and their relationship with their host family. I wanted to see the Thanksgiving atmosphere and how it is legitimately celebrated. So, I decided to stay with my host family for Thanksgiving my freshman year."

Ever since his freshman year, he has travelled over break. He went to Michigan to celebrate Thanksgiving with one of his friends from Wabash last year. This year, he will be in Ireland for an immersion trip.

Phillip Yu '15 will be visiting a friend from Jackson, Mississippi and will celebrate Thanksgiving there. Yu befriended his American friend in his hometown Chengdu, Sichuan, China.

"He came to China and I gave him a city tour," Yu said. "I was desperate to practice my English before I came

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International students often travel over Thanksgiving break. Hung Duong '13 (left) has stayed in Crawfordsville before, but this year he is going to Ireland on an immersion trip. Anh "Tommy" Le '13 (right) will spend break in Chicago.



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Baiju's Unique Wabash Journey

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STAFF WRITER

Ashish Baiju '15 comes to Wabash College from Kathmandu, Nepal. He has an interest in education and is intent on making the most of his time here. Baiju took a year off before deciding to come to Wabash College. "Most students from Nepal take a year off, the practice is much more common internationally than in the United States," said Baiju. His year off was well spent. "I worked as a magazine reporter and taught chemistry and physics to sixth graders." Teaching gave Baiju the opportunity to experience teaching, one that he ended up enjoying. "I loved the experience, so I'm thinking about a possible teaching career," said Baiju. Baiju's strength is in mathematics. He is currently considering studying mathematics as a major with economics as a minor. Baiju has nothing set in stone because he wants to be open to whatever opportunities present themselves. He does, however, see himself ultimately working in education. The education system in Nepal is quite different than that of the United States. Nepal is under the Indian system where first through tenth grade are required of everyone, yet students in the equivalent of a Junior and Senior year are selected to take advanced courses. Baiju studied in private schools in Nepal and has been exposed to English and Nepali for many years. "The teaching medium [in Nepal] is in English," said Baiju. This has eased the transition for Baiju. He also has connections to the United States and Wabash College. Baiju heard about Wabash College for the first time from a cousin who graduated here in 2009, but his interest grew from an unlikely source. An Indiana University undergraduate student named



IAN BAUMGARDNER | WABASH '14

The journey to Wabash for Ashish Baiju '15 has followed a trail blazed by fellow Nepalese Wabash students before him. Once here, Baiju has followed his own path socially. Benjamin Linder stayed with Baiju's family while studying abroad. Linder also worked with Baiju's mother, who is a social worker. While Linder was in Nepal, Baiju was able to talk about Wabash College and the idea of living in Indiana. Linder helped Baiju get used to the United States and become admitted to Wabash. Baiju is having a unique experience from other Nepali students. Baiju is currently a pledge at Kappa Sigma. "The idea of pledging for a Napoli student is very rare," said Baiju. "When Napoli people come here they come in groups." Baiju's cousin and some fellow Napoli students were independents while living at Wabash College. Baiju is glad that he decided to pledge Kappa Sigma at Wabash College as opposed to rooming with another student from Nepal. "I think it's a good thing for me because I was able to explore other opportunities and meet friends

Break

to the States, so he and I talked often." Yu will be taking the Greyhound bus out of Indianapolis this evening and will arrive in Jackson tomorrow afternoon. He looks forward to seeing more of America. "My hometown has over 13 million people in it," Yu said. "The biggest thing I'm excited about is getting away from Wabash. Wabash is the only place I have been since I arrived in the United States. This is my

first time on vacation. I definitely want to experience something exotic off campus." Kevin Yan '15 is going home with Zach Crozier '15 to celebrate Thanksgiving. "For the Chinese New Year, families come together and celebrate," Yan said. "From what I know, Thanksgiving is similar. I just want to experience the different culture. In China, we do not have a Thanksgiving, so it is my first time

to experience a new ceremony. It will be interesting to learn a new culture." International students have a lot to consider before making plans for break. Despite not having a car, they manage to find ways to get out of Crawfordsville whether it is through a class trip, a friend, or personal desire. Some international students stay in Crawfordsville for the holiday and learn more about American culture.

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# Bulgaria Important to Mantchev ‘15

**RASHID YAKUBU ‘15**  
**STAFF WRITER**

After spending many years in America, many young immigrants might begin to lose sight of their home country. For Ivaylo Mantchev ‘15, 13 years of living America has not distracted him from one of his loves from Bulgaria: soccer. Mantchev is an extremely versatile soccer player. He can play as a defensive midfielder, an attacking midfielder or as a forward. This valuable trait has made him an important cog in the Wabash team and as a result he has been in the starting lineup on many occasions this season. “This year I played forward, attacking mid and defensive mid. But my main position is defensive mid, but it depends on the coach and what the team wants from me,” Mantchev said. Mantchev also looks to Brazilian soccer star Ricardo “Ricky” Kaka for Inspiration on the soccer field. “I like Ricky Kaka a lot. I admire the flair that he brings to the game,” Mantchev said. Mantchev tries not to get carried away with his status in the team and continues

to work hard on his game. “What a lot of people don’t know is that there is a lot more behind every little thing you do on the soccer field,” Mantchev said. “You have to be really detail oriented and that’s what makes me want to become better as a player to help my team to succeed.” Ivaylo Mantchev has lived in Zionsville, Indiana, for thirteen years, but he originally comes from the suburbs of Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria. “I came to the United States in the summer 1998. I was about six years old. I’m not exactly from Sofia, I’m from a little town of about a thousand people which is close to Sofia, but I’m technically from the Sofia Metropolitan area,” Mantchev said. Mantchev still remembers clearly the challenges he faced 13 years ago as a young immigrant to the United States. “Having to adapt to the educational system was difficult,” Mantchev said. “Also, I had to adjust to meeting new people and the differences in transportation, but the language barrier was probably the biggest challenge for me because I came

here speaking no English, so I had to spend a lot time after class learning English.” Despite the fact that he now lives in America, Ivaylo still maintains close links with his extended family in Bulgaria. “Since 1998, I have been back four times. I go usually in the summer. I normally go for three months and come back just a week before school starts just to get into the habit because Bulgaria is about seven hours ahead of the America,” Mantchev said. Ivaylo misses the food and the culture of Bulgaria. One of the things he misses most, however is Bulgarian soccer. “I really miss the soccer atmosphere. Soccer is really huge in Bulgaria and it’s not as popular here as it is there,” Mantchev said. For Mantchev, Wabash brings together his academic priority and his love for soccer. “Firstly I chose Wabash because of the academics and secondly because of the soccer. I have always played soccer but I put academics first, so that played a large part in my decision,” Mantchev said. Ivaylo Mantchev is an economics major, and he



GRANT MCCLOSKEY | WABASH ‘12  
Even though Ivaylo Mantchev ‘15 has lived in America for over a decade, his love for soccer that began in Bulgaria remains strong.

wants to work in the corporate world after college. “After Wabash I see myself doing something in business or finance. In the long run I would definitely like to go back to Bulgaria or somewhere in Europe, but I will work for a while in the States during my first few years after Wabash,” Mantchev said.

# Wabash Well-Represented at “GLCA Students of Color Leadership Conference”

**TAYLOR KENYON ‘15**  
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“Wabash College educates men to think critically, act responsibly, lead effectively, and live humanely.” From the start, we Wallies have heard this statement routinely as we progress through our education at Wabash College. Do we live up to this goal? The twenty-eight students from this year’s Students of Color Leadership Conference investigated that question. The conference allowed students “to interact intellectually with peers at other Great Lakes College Association schools,” said Director of the Malcolm X Institute of Black Studies and Associate Dean of the College Michael Brown. “By giving presentations and responding to keynote speeches, the students exercised their abilities to

engage, think through, and address publicly issues of importance to all educated persons, even if these topics have a more existential import for this particular constellation of students.” The real strength of the conference though is the application of these skills. “It stimulates students to think about the ‘what next?’ or the logical consequences of this critical engagement with topics,” Brown said. “Thus, students leave from the conference thinking about how to apply what they heard toward acting responsibly and leading effectively on their own campuses. This is no less true at Wabash.” How does this conference work to receive these results? “The Students of Color Leadership Conference is an annual event sponsored by the Great Lakes College Association to discuss the state of diversity in membership schools, as well as to

encourage greater efforts,” Brown said. According to the conference sponsor, the GLCA, “The 2011 Students of Color Leadership Conference, entitled ‘New Decade, New Challenges: Access, Justice, Leadership and Sustainability’ was held at Allegheny College on November fourth through the sixth.” Despite the strength of the conference, its true effectiveness came through this year’s participation. “Wabash is one of the most active schools at the conference,” Brown said. “Most schools bring around twelve to sixteen students. Wabash took twenty-eight this year, and twenty-five last year.” Students asked to join the conference; therefore, the participation was sincere. The conference group was diverse. The trip was not only a MXIBS trip. It consisted of members from a variety of organizations including

Malcolm X Institute, Unidos Por Sangre, Muslim Students’ Association, International Student Association, and sh’OUT. The large participation overfilled the available “spaces” for the trip. “We felt like it was more important, even if it would cost a little more, to take an engaged group of students than to make some really difficult choices to stay at the participation allotment... We had to find a way to make the opportunity available,” Brown said. The amount of involvement shows Wabash’s endeavor to fulfill its mission. The group members went to the Students of Color Leadership Conference to “hone leadership skills, network, build capacity strategically and intellectually,” Brown said. By doing so they fulfilled the Wabash mission: to think critically, act responsibly, lead effectively, and live humanely.

## Immersion

Memory and English 340 Post-Colonial Joyce. Dr. Michelle Rhoades will be making her fourth trip to Paris with an immersion class and the third for this particular course. Dr. Agata Szczeszak-Brewer will be making her second immersion trip, as she and her students venture to Dublin, the long-time home of James Joyce. For students, the stress of an immersion class can certainly be heavy. Students in Dr. Szczeszak-Brewer’s English 340 have read and analyzed Joyce’s Ulysses, A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man, and Dubliners, none of which are known for their brevity or simplicity. In an effort to further engross her students in the words of Joyce, Dr. Szczeszak-Brewer called upon her students to go above and beyond the norm of novels and research papers. “We’re also preparing a show based on the ‘Circe’ episode of the novel [Ulysses], a chapter set in the red-light district of Dublin, merging reality with wild hallucinations,” Szczeszak-Brewer said. Dr. Rhoades, on the other

hand, introduced her students to the field of Historical Memory, commonly a subject for graduate students. Through long and complex readings, her students discuss why certain monuments and events are important to society, and how past events shape the present. While on their respective trips, each class will be touring an array of historical and cultural monuments.

Dr. Brewer’s class will be seeing Trinity College’s Old Library, the Martello Tower, the National Library of Ireland, the Book of Kells, and the Guinness Storehouse. Jeremy McDonald ‘13 believes the experience will compliment his studies. “To establish a context in which to read the book, because he [Joyce] references a lot of places in

Dublin... gives the book a greater context to make it feel real,” McDonald said. In Paris, Dr. Rhoades’ class will be visiting Napoleon’s tomb, Versailles, the Arch of Triumph, and Notre Dame in an effort to understand why certain monuments and events are important for French history, culture, and identity. As most of us venture home this weekend for Thanksgiving

with our families, two wearied classes will be studying the literature and history of other cultures, broadening their view of the world. For according to McDonald, the purpose of an immersion class is to “get a sense that the world is bigger than Crawfordsville, it’s bigger than your own personal world.”



COURTESY OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
Professors Agata Szczeszak-Brewer, Crystal Benedicks and Amina McIntyre took a group of Wabash students to Ireland in 2008 (shown). Szczeszak-Brewer is leading another trip to Dublin over Thanksgiving break.

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# Gender Solution: Pursuit of Equality

As students get excited or have nightmares about the possible gender studies requirement, the first thing to admit is that change is coming. The way it will probably work is that one day, maybe in the spring, the faculty will announce a change in the curriculum that will take place starting next year. Where there's smoke there's fire, and it's a safe bet that some faculty won't rest until some kind of real change in the curriculum has taken place.

The only question is: why all this "smoke" about gender studies? It seems other disciplines are in consideration for new requirements, but students are only worrying about the gender studies requirement. Whether this is because it is a great fear for Wabash students to have to study gender (which they probably don't understand anyway) or because it is the frontrunner in the requirement race is not clear.

Many students pretty much revolted when C&T was removed from the curriculum, hopefully because they felt certain texts the course covered would no longer be taught. Among the literature was Simone de Beau-

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voir's *The Second Sex*, which would undoubtedly be part of any gender studies course. But C&T also incorporated African-American literature and testimony, and other texts about groups of people dealing with the oppression of the majority or power social group.

Obviously, gender studies is not equal to feminism - many point to Beauvoir as the founding mother of feminism - although the mission of feminism does involve a new understanding of gender in terms of social roles, so it is certainly a part of gender studies. Nonetheless, the confusion of feminism and gender studies that is probably somewhat prevalent on our campus is admittedly a bad thing.

However, some faculty certainly argue that gender studies should be required because Wabash is all-male, as if that was the essential characteristic of our college. Admittedly, many people around the state probably think of Wabash as 'that all-male place.' Sometimes, this is likely

thought with disdain as the thinker imagines a chauvinistic, woman-hating, drunken party boy. But there are no more, and probably even fewer, students per capita that fit that profile Wabash than at IU or Purdue.

That does not mean gender studies has no value; on the contrary, it's a fascinating and rich field. But this is true of every course at Wabash, so why should we require a certain subject that is narrower than Div. I, Div. II, or Div. III? Is the answer really that we are in an unbalanced gender environment?

If Wabash decides to require gender studies, will it also require students to take African-American history courses because the KKK has traditionally had a strong presence in Indiana? There are relatively few Jewish students at Wabash, so should the College require a class about Jewish culture or literature? The answer is yes, Wabash should absolutely require those things! But none is more important or pertinent than the other. The solution might be to create a new requirement called the pursuit of equality requirement, within which students would be able to choose a

track of study. After all, in all (or most) other requirements, students are able to choose which subjects in a Division to take to the exclusion of at least one other subject.

Some students don't want to take gender studies, and they would plod through the course and promptly forget what they had been taught by semester's end. Stubborn people don't learn because they don't want to. So why waste time on them? Let them pick subjects they are interested in and use academic resources on students that will value them and apply them to their lives.

The genders do not have equal roles in modern life, but neither do the races, nor the cultures, nor the religions, nor the sexual orientations, nor the nationalities. All that is too much to study in four years, especially along with other curriculum requirements. So please, don't choose one for us - let us choose for ourselves. It's not like any of them doesn't merit our attention.

# SCOTUS Will Affect Presidential Election

This week the Supreme Court of the United States announced that it will hear arguments over the constitutionality of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in March of next year. In June, when the Court, or more accurately, when Justice Anthony Kennedy hands down what is sure to be a 5-4 decision, it will undoubtedly have an effect on the Presidential race that we will be submersed in.

Through his first two years in office, President Barack Obama, along with a Democrat controlled Congress, passed everything he wanted to see passed. His crown jewel was the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare as it is more popularly known. However, its constitutionality has been in question even since before its passing. And now, in what most experts expect to be a very tight election, the Supreme Court has decided to hear arguments from the US government and the 26 states who have filed lawsuit against the statute. But along with deciding the fate of this law, the Court will be affecting the Presidential election.

Now, perhaps the second most important decision the Court had to make was to hear the arguments in March 2012. But now that they have made that decision, Justice Kennedy might just be the only member of the electoral college in this election.

Justices Ginsburg, Kagan, Sotomayor and Breyer will side with the constitutionality of the act while Justices Scalia, Alito, Thomas, and Chief Justice Roberts will be on the unconstitutional side of this critical opinion. That leaves Justice Kennedy, a justice appointed by President Reagan who has come down on the Liberal side of many issues.

Here's how Justice Kennedy could decide the Presidency:

The Court could reach three foreseeable outcomes and each would have different effects on the race.

SCOTUS strikes down Obamacare:

If the Court decides to strike down the entire act, Republicans lose one of their greatest rhetorical weapons, the promise to repeal Obamacare if they win the Presidency and both chambers of Congress. It is part of the same weapon they used to gain so many seats in the 2010 midterms. However, this is not a winning situation for President Obama. This would rule what he claims to be his greatest accomplishment unconstitutional and take the act off his resume.

SCOTUS strikes down the individual mandate but upholds the rest of the law:

This would be the best scenario for President Obama's reelection. It would be the end of the



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part of this law that most people dislike and would leave in provisions that a lot of Americans approve of, such as children being left on their parents plans until age 26.

SCOTUS upholds the entire act:

President Obama would proudly campaign for the rest of the election that his legislative baby is absolutely constitutional and could leave it at that. However, he would then have to endure the hits that would come from an inspired and excited Republican party seeking to take his job and repeal his healthcare law. This action by the Court may guarantee high voter turn out for Republicans, as they saw in 2010.

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# Let’s Get Honest about Democracy

For the last century or so, U.S. political rhetoric has appropriated the word “democracy” and con-scripted it into hard labor. Made a beast of burden by politicians and pundits, it has been loaded down with associations completely unrelated to its neces-sary tenets. Many use it as a catch-all for those nebulous theoretical ideals that supposedly all good “Americans” share, as seen in the justification of U.S. military operations in the middle-east on the grounds of “spreading democracy.” Usages such as this are flawed for many reasons. Most obvious is the smug truism that “the U.S. (usually referred to as “America”) is not a democracy.”

In a democracy, the people at large do not choose leaders. They are leaders. A “democratic election” is, technically speaking, an oxymoron, because in a pure democracy, citizens vote not on leaders but on laws. Citizens legislate, adjudicate, and execute. While this model seems completely untenable to us today, it was once employed to great success by what may be called the common ancestor of free political communities in Western history-- the city-state of Athens.

In the U.S. today, it seems that every election cycle brings further amplified complaints about the futility of the votes of the common people, sacrificed to the system of monolithic, capital-fueled parties and to elevated, detached electors. It is likely that much of the “ninety-nine percent” would be in favor of a move toward a more truly democratic system of government.

Indeed, this proposal has been made by ad-

vocates more enlightened than the hobos (and hipsters that want to look like hobos) on Wall Street. Benjamin Barber, one of the nation’s fore-most political theorists, makes the case in his book Strong Democracy for the superiority of a truly democratic system. In our representative repub-lic, political participation for the vast majority of citizens consists solely of voting, and even this all too rarely. In a true democracy, participation would be much more vigorous-- citizens would gather to discuss and debate until satisfactory decisions were reached. Through this discourse the polity would become more informed. This heightened awareness and deeper political education would encourage more participation, and the two phe-nomena-- awareness and activity, would build upon each other.

Though Hamilton and Madison went to great pains in the Federalist Papers to illuminate the impracticality of this system for a nation as large as ours (at the time, less than one-third of today’s U.S.), technology today has brought us to a posi-tion where it would at least be feasible. E-mail and online networks would make discussion and voting simple and convenient. Barriers to entry into the political arena would be completely eliminated.

Anyone who has witnessed a Wabash all-cam-pus e-mail war will agree that the keyboard and screen are highly conducive to candor and fervent engagement in a debate. If Wabash is comparable to a political community, it seems that this model would work particularly well on the local level.



REED HEPBURN ‘12  
OPINION COLUMNIST

But if we were to describe an ideal system of political decision-making, what qualities would we value the most? Ease? Expedience? Convenience? I personally would prefer to make decisions with wisdom and prudence.

It is evident that the United States is confused about its own identity-- the pretense of democracy leads citizens to feel shunted by an unfulfilled promise. Perhaps instead of following this deluded nostalgia for a true democracy that never was, we should look in another direction to solve this na-tional identity crisis, one which is weighted toward the most informed decision-makers. While it is cur-rently hard to imagine instituting significant change in either of these directions in the near future, it is clear that an earnest conversation must occur that both acknowledges the US’ decision-making as currently situated, and openly considers possible alternatives.

# Let Us Give Thanksgiving, Wabash

As Thanksgiving is approaching I realize there is a lot to be thankful for in America despite this horrible economy. No matter what station in life you find yourself. You have to realize the creature comforts that we take for granted most of the world does not even have.

This past summer I was fortunate enough to go to Kenya for two weeks with Dr. Warner, Dr. Cook, and four-teen other students as part of an Af-rican Christianity class. I have been blessed enough to go on numerous other trips provided by the college, but none of them quite impacted my life as this trip had. Once I stepped off the plane there was no doubt in my mind that we were in the develop-ing world. But then an astonishing thing happened. We were welcomed by a group of Kenyans who took time out of their busy lives to welcome us to Kenya with blankets and flags. They had the biggest smiles on their faces and sang a welcoming song to us, which after a day of flying made even the most tired of Wabash men smile and sing along. They would not even let us strong Wabash men carry our luggage to the bus because we were their guests.

This simple example pretty much

describes the whole trip to Kenya. We saw living conditions that were unimaginable and would be a public outcry in America. There would be 15 people living in a steel hut that is half the size of Baxter 101. There would be no electricity, no toilets, no run-ning water and no waste management system. Yet these people were some of the happiest people I have ever met. Even though they had nothing they were happier then most European-s or Americans I have met.

In fact we would visit people that had nothing but yet would give us the precious little food and drink they did have. The emotions that went thru me at seeing this type of generosity and how happy they were when we accepted their food and drinks cannot be adequately described. And the fact that this happened at place after place we visited made me wonder what did these Kenyans see that we did not see. How could they be so happy with so little and give it away so generous-ly. One teacher I met at a rural school that taught Aids orphans said it best. We may not have an abundance of food, we may not have adequate shelter, we may not have parents or family, but we have God and the love that God provides.

This stunned me and reaffirmed my faith yet again in the power of God. And to see these Kenyans even though they had nothing have faith that God would provide and were always happy because of it was mind blowing. So even if you do not believe in God in America we have plenty to be thankful for.

I am personally most thankful for my family, especially my mom, dad and sisters, and to God who has cre-ated all of this and has given me life. I am thankful for my Wabash family: my fraternity brothers, other friends, professors and faculty I have gotten to know well. I am thankful for the incredible education that Wabash pro-vides in and out of the classroom and how much it has helped me grow. I am thankful for having a warm bed to sleep in and a house that has electric-ity, internet access, heating, running water, and a solid four walls and roof. I am thankful to be studying classes in classrooms that also have all these things. I am thankful for our Wabash football team that crushed DePauw. I am thankful for the Monon Bell. I am thankful to live in a society where you can say anything, love anyone, and express any belief without get-ting in trouble. I am thankful for the



STEVAN STANKAVICH ‘12  
OPINION COLUMNIST

abundance of food. I am thankful to see the amount of charities, churches, and individuals that help the com-munities around them to improve the lives for everyone. And I am thankful for our armed forces, police officers, fireman, and doctors who keep us safe and allow us to live in a society that can have freedoms.

So no matter what you are doing this thanksgiving week whether it is eating dinner with your family, writ-ing papers (which I am not thankful for), helping people in need, or just relaxing. Remember to give thanks to something and someone else around you. Remember how good you have it at least compared to the rest of the world.

Happy Thanksgiving, Wabash!

# It’s Not Even the Holiday Season Yet

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CAVELIFE WRITER

Walking down any mall, department store, Wal-Mart, gas station, hospital, morgue, and one is quick to notice that they’ve already decked their halls and are preparing to spread some Christmas cheer on their otherwise downtrodden clientele. It’s simply the best time of year now, the holiday season. Shop fronts are lit with festive lights; San-tas are ringing bells for The Salvation Army, and kids run about ordering their parents to buy them the newest game systems and toys. But something seems odd about the scene. It’s not a chilly De-cember night with a light blanket of snow; no, it’s a mild, early November day, long before the actual holiday season starts.

A disturbing trend has taken over consumer America, and that trend is the ever-encroaching Holiday season. Long has the norm been to wait until after Thanksgiving to start spreading the holi-day cheer with decorations and iconic music, but now, it’s odd to see a store that isn’t covered in red and green immediately after Halloween. Stores are decking the halls earlier and earlier from year to year, hiding two very disturbing implications.

The first is the utter loss of lesser holidays. With Christmas cutting into other holiday’s limelight,

they’ve started to fade from existence, getting lost in the ADD riddled mind of the average Ameri-can consumer. Thanksgiving, always forsaken for being so close to Christmas, has barely been able to weather the storm, but is indicative of the case. No stores are decorated for Thanksgiving; turkeys and Pilgrims are tragically left on the back shelf as Santa rolls through. Thanksgiving, a holiday that celebrates Native Americans saving their future captors, is lost in the grandiose of Christmas. Thanksgiving is pure American patriotism, and, in a time where nationalist jingoism is at its highest peak since the 1900’s, the fact that it is not immune to the Christmas horde is disconcerting.

Halloween is starting to feel the effects of the ever-approaching onslaught. Stores are starting ear-lier, encroaching in Halloween’s unique territory. It’s only a matter of time until October through December is the Holiday season. When will it fade from public consciousness completely? Thanksgiv-ing is only good for one thing now, an indicator of when to shop for Christmas. Halloween will before a glorified Black Friday, where people simply remember is as that holiday that’s two months from Christmas.

Once these holidays are gone, others will fall too, leading to the second implication, a yearlong Christmas season. Halloween and Thanksgiving are arguably the best of the rest; no other holiday

outside of Christmas is nearly as enjoyable as these two. Labor Day? St. Patrick’s Day? Valentine’s Day? All will crumble under the massive weight of holiday cheer. With Halloween and Thanksgiving as the last bastions of defense against Claus’, the others will tumble. Christmas in July will be a real thing. Lights and decorations will never be taken down. Carolers will annoy people all year long.

Eventually the world will crumble to a Christ-masocracy, where people will fight in the streets over the last ornaments at the store, Mad-Max style. This must be stopped. Christmas cannot be allowed to gain domination over the entire year, and it starts with the stores. With them constantly decking the halls early, it cheapens the loveliness of the holiday season. The holidays are so nice be-cause early winter is so incredibly unpleasant; they make the darkest, coldest days of the year some of the most enjoyable. Singing songs, putting up the tree, lighting the candles, and togetherness all get cheapened when it’s constantly commercialized and celebrated months in advance.

Without the exclusivity of the short, special time that is the holiday season, it’s easy to forget how nice it is. Christmas all year round wouldn’t make it special anymore, so don’t let it be diluted. Take down those decorations and wait until after Thanksgiving.



## Wabash Wellness Program on Rise

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CAVELIFE EDITOR

The hiring of Joe Haklin as Athletic Director brought about an increased interest in promoting Wabash wellness. Haklin was also hired as the Director of Campus Wellness. Wellness does not apply to just physical health, but mental health as well. Haklin and his wellness staff are in the process of establishing a wellness program that appeals to students and encourages students to lead a healthy lifestyle.

“As you look at campus wellness programs across the country, it’s just not providing workout stations,” Haklin said. “It has to do with diet; it has to do with rest; it has to do with mental and emotional health; it has to do with smoking sensation programs – a lot of the times, these wellness programs get very very broad. So we are in the process of sorting out exactly what we want ours to do. But, it is true that we’re trying not just to be the ‘fitness center at the Allen Center.’ There is a lot more to wellness than that.”

President Pat White and Dean of Students Mike Raters expressed their desire to better the Wabash wellness program when they interviewed Haklin for the Athletic Director position.

“Joe has some background in wellness,” Raters said. “He has a number of staff members that have a background in wellness. We have more full-time and part-time coaches. He has the ability to plug those people into real responsibilities that can be of benefit to all. The coaches are not just for the athletes, but what they do is a benefit to all.

Wabash hired a personal fitness consultant Casey Bradley to educate students on how to life weights and to help students construct a personal fitness routine.

“Anybody who wants to get any advice on putting together a personal fitness program, they can contact Casey, come over to the wellness office, and he will help script out an appropriate fitness program for what you want to do as an individual,” Haklin said. “Casey’s presence can help students overcome the initial hump they might face when starting a workout routine.”

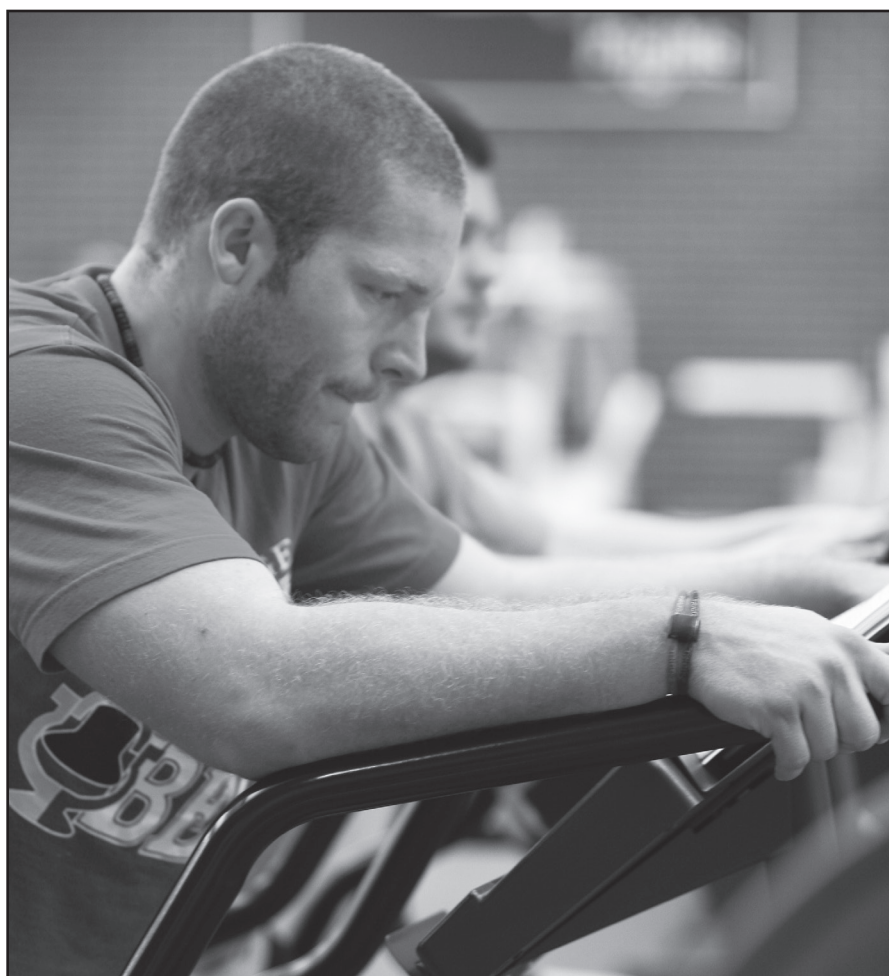
Forbes Magazine ranked Wabash’s athletic facilities at number two in their 2011 college survey. Raters said the athletic facilities and national health surveys suggested that Wabash wellness should be made more apparent to the Wabash community.

“Anytime you have the facilities that we have, we should be utilizing those facilities and doing it in a way that is of benefit to all,” Raters said. “Part of the effort is a cultural one in terms of making certain that the Allen Center is a place for everyone, not just the athletes.”

“That said, there are some national studies that indicate how significant it is to have good wellness from a health insurance perspective,” Raters said. “Healthy people are healthier about their approach to life, their work, their relationships, et cetera. So, at a place that so much values a family feel and engagement with each other, it is better that we are healthy and better able to have those positive relationships than not.”

As for the mental aspect of the wellness program, Haklin has met with Wabash doctors, psychology professors, alumni, and Director of Counseling Kevin Swaim about providing students with mental health treatments. Raters praised Haklin for his efforts to create a program that molds together mental and physical aspects.

“Health is total health; it is not just physical health,” Raters said. “It is



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The Wabash Wellness program encourages students to lead a physically and mentally healthy lifestyle. Dan Ranschaert '12 reads while using the elliptical.

also mental health. National studies indicate that we have an increasing number of students across the country that are in greater need of mental health treatment. Much like on the physical health side, if you can be more mentally healthy, then you don’t have to have treatments; you can just have maintenance of a positive mental health approach.”

Haklin said developing the program just began.

“We’re not at the finished product yet, but President White and Dean Raters have expressed to me how serious they are about trying to make this

a healthier campus in any way we can within reason,” Haklin said.

“We want to have a greater awareness amongst the total Wabash College campus community of what is available here to help people live a healthy lifestyle,” he said. “We want to encourage them in settle ways and not so settle ways just to make people more aware of how you can live a healthy lifestyle even though we live on a campus that sometimes is stressful and what not – that there are ways to relieve that stress and lead a healthy lifestyle.”

## Vegetarians Take on Thanksgiving

### *A Vegetarian’s Approach to Celebrating Thanksgiving*

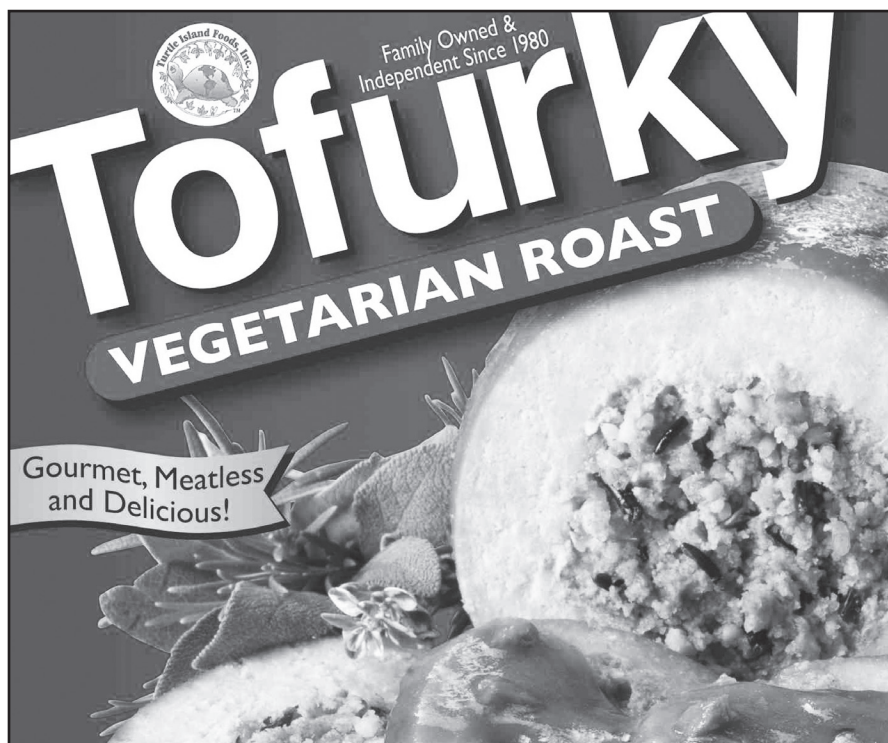
SAM BENNETT '14  
LIFESTYLE COLUMNIST

Consuming is what we do best as Americans. We can consume better than just about anybody else. And as Wabash students, as Wabash men, we consume a lot more than others on account of our masculine heritage. Should we be made to feel guilty? Maybe, but that’s a case to be made at another time...

In all seriousness, let’s continue considering the topic at hand—namely that this time of year is exciting for consumption purposes. We get a week away from classes (only to come back and have the institution remind us that we have finals approaching rather quickly) and many of us get to travel somewhere to spend time with those we care about and share a seat at the table of consumption with them. What more could the modern man ask from today’s society but a week away from working, a gathering of loved ones, a giant table hidden beneath a variety of covered dishes, and an aroma so thick you can hardly breathe through it?

Unfortunately, however, for some, Thanksgiving can be a difficult experience. For the vegetarian, there seems to be no light at the end of the consumption tunnel. With so many traditional Thanksgiving dishes being composed of meat or meat products, the vegetarian has nowhere to hide. And for the vegetarian whose family does not abstain from meat, the difficulty compounds upon itself. What is a vegetarian to do, then, when the realm of Thanksgiving is almost entirely composed of meat and other animal products?

Thankfully society does not aim to exclude the vegetarian from Thanksgiving’s festivities. Vegetarians and



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Tofurkey looks like an actual turkey and allows vegetarians and vegans to celebrate Thanksgiving without drawing too much attention to their eating habits.

vegans abound in many places around the fifty states and they have gotten creative. Take, for example, a substance that many have never heard of before—the tofurkey. As its name implies, it is a faux-turkey: it is a completely meatless substitute for the most ubiquitous of Thanksgiving dishes. So when that distantly related uncle is standing at the head of the table, slicing into the traditional November bird, those vegetarians who have chosen to avoid the consumption of birds altogether can stand at the opposite end of the table and slice into a not-so-traditional substitute that neither upsets others enjoying themselves at the table nor the vegetarian searching for refuge at the dinner table.

There are vegans who throw pot-lucks on Thanksgiving, vegetarians who choose not to celebrate Thanks-

giving and other conscientious objectors who reject the age-old normative convention of the holiday. There are some non-carnivorous beings who actively endeavor to avoid Thanksgiving altogether because of the fact that they do not feel as if they could be included—vegetarians who were not raised as such come to mind most especially. One needs only to imagine the difficulty of continuing to celebrate Thanksgiving with a family who understands nothing about vegetarianism. Visualize a table of food that exudes a scent so familiar to your childhood that you can almost taste the dishes—but then imagine having to restrain yourself on account of a life decision you have made.

Thanksgiving is a staple of the American way of life. Those individuals of society with philosophical dif-

ferences regarding the consumption of food ought not to be excluded from this staple of the American way of life. The case can be made that the vegetarian has brought this upon herself, that it is her fault for being so determined as to abstain from eating meat and thus she is to blame for missing out on Thanksgiving’s aesthetic beauty. But this is not a very fair case at all.

The truth is that there are alternatives to meat-based Thanksgiving dishes, with tofurkey being one of them. And—to think!—many Thanksgiving dishes are meatless already, lacking the certain deterrent that usually incites pains in the vegetarian’s stomach. The non-carnivorous human is an individual many have heard of and one who many never come into contact with on Wabash’s campus. So it is important to examine the circumstances surrounding her lifestyle: in particular, this time, how she gets by on Thanksgiving, a traditionally meatful holiday.

By no means do I suggest that we should all consider converting to vegetarianism—to each her own according to how she naturally perceives herself. But I do mean to suggest that human beings are important to understand—mainly because we all share this same basic trait as our eyes follow the lines on this page. The study of the human being, an entity existent within a human body, is one of the most important philosophical undertakings a person should indulge in, and she should do it almost everyday of her lifetime as she comes into contact with human beings on a consistent and constant basis. The study of the vegetarian is the study of a human being, and the study of the human being is much more important than anything else we could ever labor to do.



BRANDAN ALFORD '12  
SPORTS EDITOR

For the second consecutive year, the Wabash defense was the story in a Monon Bell blowout victory over rival DePauw.

Carried by a five-turnover, three-touchdown performance by the defense, the Little Giants scored over 40 points for the second consecutive year with a 45-7 victory on Saturday.

For the 118th time, Wabash and DePauw met on the football field, and with Saturday's win, Wabash now owns a two-game lead in the overall series while evening the "Bell" series for games played since the Monon Bell was introduced as the series' traveling trophy.

Wabash got on the board first, scoring on a 32-yard field goal by Ian MacDougal and a 33-yard run by Van Hunt on its first two possessions to jump out to a 10-0 first-quarter lead.

An 22-yard interception return touchdown by Jonathon Koop on De-Pauw's ensuing possession followed by a 44-yard punt return touchdown by Wes Chamblee gave the Little Giants (10-0) a 24-0 lead at the end of



Senior linebacker C.J. Gum flies in to make a tackle in Saturday's blowout win over DePauw in the 118th Monon Bell Game.

the first quarter.

"I can't believe that there would be a better kick returner in Division III than Wes," coach Erik Raeburn said. "We feel like every time he touches the ball, he has the chance to

take it the distance."

Wabash added defensive touchdowns in the second and fourth quarters to put away the Tigers (4-5) and seal both a blowout win and a perfect regular season.

The win helped bolster the Little Giants to the No. 2 Regional ranking, ensuring homefield in this week's first round of the NCAA Division III playoffs, against Illinois College on Saturday.



Senior Kevin McCarthy captured the individual Regional title this past weekend.

# Red Pack Headed Back to Nationals

RYAN LUTZ '13  
STAFF WRITER

The cross country team has done it again. This Saturday they will be competing in the cross country National Championships in Winneconne, Wisconsin.

All year the team has been putting in their miles running all over Crawfordsville. Numerous people have even seen them running alongside the highway through adverse weather.

Leading up to the regional meet though, things appeared uncertain for Kevin McCarthy.

"I wasn't quite sure how I was going to run in that race because I was sick," McCarthy said, "but I know what my body can do and once I finished the first mile my lungs cleared out and I hit my rhythm".

Once McCarthy found his stride he picked up the pace and didn't look back.

"Once I got to a certain point I let me body do its job and got my mind out of the way," McCarthy said.

Pacing himself off the runners from Calvin College McCarthy put himself in the position to walk away with the Regional Championship.

"I didn't know I was going to win it until about 50 meters out, then people started applauding and I knew I got it."

That along with the team effort

gave the cross country team its first Regional title since 1995.

Going into the meet the team knew that there was an expectation to place high. Only losing a handful of seniors last year and returning with one All-American.

"We knew that if we came out and ran as a group we would be fine" McCarthy said, "you got to be the toughest guy in the race for the last minutes, finishing well is what helped us out a lot."

This weekend at the National Meet finishing well will be more important than ever before.

"It is literally the highest level of competition we can compete at," McCarthy said.

In the National Meet there are so many runners that 9 or 10 people are coming in every second. So if you are three seconds behind the leader, which can be the difference between placing and not placing. Each second wasted could also spell out missed team points for out Little Giants.

"Our goal is to place high and bring home some hardware," McCarthy said. "We have earned the right to compete at Nationals so he need to have fun and run our butts off, just enjoy the opportunity you know?"

The team has been tapering in preparation for Nationals. Balancing that well with the idea that their

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# Paterno Fiasco An Embarrassment

We don't know the whole story. Only a few people do. What the world does know, though, is that former Penn State defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky is accused of sexual assault on eight young boys, and that number grows daily as more and more alleged victims bravely come forward.

But that hasn't been the story. Not Sandusky and the monster he may very well be. Not the men who were abused so brutally as a young child by a man they trusted like a father. No, the story is Joe Paterno and his actions in this case, or lack thereof.

Maybe it shouldn't be surprising; Paterno is the face of not only that football program, but of Penn State. So the media attention and the water cooler conversation has been on JoePa this week.

A 23-page grand jury report details the atrocities that are claimed against Sandusky. After reading those horrible, graphic details, it isn't shocking that riots broke out in a mob mentality on Wednesday night.

The only problem is that the mob wasn't out seeking Sandusky's head.

The thousands of students were protesting Paterno's firing. Sure, the occasional student would anecdotally reference the victims to reporters and television cameras, but that wasn't why they were outraged. They were outraged because the face of their football program and university had been fired.

So throughout last Wednesday night, writers, bloggers, and television reporters roamed the streets of the Penn State campus to witness and capture the response by students. They weren't covering the hierarchical stupidities that had failed to bring these attacks to light decades earlier; they were there to cover the firing of a coach.

I don't agree with the way Paterno was fired; I don't agree with the fact that he was fired at all. I agree that he didn't do everything in his power to stop these atrocities when he could, but I won't sit here and pretend that I know how I would have handled that situation. I would like to think that I would have called the police as fast as humanly possible, but I don't know that for sure. I don't know how I would have handled the news of finding out a friend of 30+ years was a pedophile and a monster. I don't envy Joe Paterno.

Unless there is more to the story in regards to Paterno, which there may

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SPORTS EDITOR



be, that man deserved to leave on his own terms this season. Whether it was after this past weekend's game against Nebraska or at the end of this season, 61 years of service to an institution earns him that right.

But whether you agree with that point of view or not isn't the issue. The real story here is the misguided focus on Paterno and off of Sandusky.

For over a decade, school and law enforcement officials knew that Sandusky was a predator; knew that he had a history of inappropriate behavior, and they dismissed it. They swept it under the rug when, in 1998 Sandusky admitted to showering with young boys. And they swept it under the rug when a graduate assistant witnessed Sandusky sodomizing a ten-year old boy four years later.

There were no riots at the police station or the administrative building; no, because that is not what drives the minds of 18-22 year old students at Penn State. And I don't blame them for that.

All they know is that their beloved Joe Paterno has been fired. And quite frankly, that's all they care about. And that's not their fault. The news coverage of Paterno's firing and the subsequent action (or inaction) with that graduate assistant, Mike McQueary has dominated the news for the past week; not the victims, not the individuals in authority who sat on this information, and certainly not Sandusky. The media has given us non-stop Paterno coverage, and we have eaten it up.

Maybe it is because we don't want to be reminded of the nightmarish details of Sandusky's actions, but we have gravitated to the Paterno story. Maybe it's because sports is at the apex of importance in our world at times, but we have focused on the football side of this story.

Somehow, Jerry Sandusky has become an afterthought.

And that is disgusting.



Carpenter Begins New Era

KYLE BENDER '12  
STAFF WRITER

For the first time in 35 years, the Little Giants basketball team will have a new face at the helm of its program when it begins the 2011-2012 season.

Long-time Coach Mac Petty has retired, leaving big shoes to fill for his successor. Not only is Petty the winningest coach in Wabash history with 497 wins, but he was also routinely recognized by his NCAA and conference peers as one of the game's most-respected coaches.

The College will turn to Antoine Carpenter '00 to lead the next generation of Wabash basketball players. Carpenter is no stranger to the game of basketball, and certainly understands the history and tradition that goes along with the Wabash basketball program.

Carpenter played four years under Petty, including his final two as the team's starting point guard. He tallied 161 assists and also helped capture two conference championships and an NCAA Division III tournament appearance over the course of his career. In addition, he won two state championships at Ben Davis High School before playing at Wabash. Carpenter has also spent the last four years as Petty's top assistant.

A self-described "Petty product," Carpenter has worked to incorporate new ideas to the program while still maintaining the values and work ethics Petty teams exhibited over the years.

"In the first few weeks of practice, I've seen myself doing a lot of the same things Coach Petty used to do," Carpenter said. "In terms of preparation, Coach was always excellent in making sure the calendar, practice plans, and travel itineraries were up-to-date. We've kept a lot of those aspects the same because the team is used to it and so am I.



GRANT MCCLOSKEY | WABASH '12  
New Head Basketball Coach Antoine Carpenter '00 seen here last season with now-retired Mac Petty.

"As far as coaching style, I have to be myself and I like to be intense and push the players. I'm going to get on the guys but I also want to point out positives too. I also bring a lot of energy in practice, that's just my personality showing through."

Carpenter expects to make minor adjustments to offensive schemes, but does plan to install a full-court pressure defense that will hopefully "take time off the shot clock and make it difficult on opponents."

Another source of continuity from past Little Giants teams is the return of Assistant Coaches Ron Henricks and Brian Bowerman '81. Carpenter has also hired Jesse McClung, a product of Cathedral High School and Marian University, to serve as his top assistant.

"I think the staff is phenomenal on all aspects," Carpenter said. "For one, you keep sustainability with Coach Henricks and Coach Bowerman.

Those two were both former head coaches at the high school level and have been very helpful on the operational side of things thus far.

"Coach McClung has been excellent as well. He has done a wonderful job creating relationship with the current players, as well as potential recruits. He has also brought some great perspective to some of the new schemes we might try to run."

As the time quickly approaches when the team will take its first extended road trip without Coach Petty, many current and former players are anxious to see how Carpenter handles one important situation. When on the road, Petty always insisted that the team bus stop at Fazoli's whenever possible, sometimes even traveling extra miles to find one of the Italian chain's restaurants. Players often joke that they have eaten at every Fazoli's restaurant in Indiana and Ohio.

Coach Carpenter is unsure how

many times the bus might stop this season.

"We definitely need to keep some traditions alive, so I think we'll go to Fazoli's at least a couple times," he said. "However, on the weekends when we have overnight trips, I think we might treat the team to something different. Maybe Applebee's or T.G.I. Fridays.

"I know the guys joke about it, but I always try to remind them to think about the coaches. I was a player here for four years and then an assistant for another four. Coach Henricks has been here for 15. We are a bit Fazolied out too. So although I enjoy the long-standing tradition, we'll probably switch it up a bit this year."

Carpenter may be a Petty product in his on-court practices, but he will certainly be looking to add his own flavor to this year's team.

2011-2012 Schedule

Nov. 19	vs. Calumet College	4 p.m.
Nov. 20	vs. St. Francis (Ill.)	3 p.m.
<b>Mike Rokicki Community vs. Cancer Classic</b>		
Nov. 26	vs. Elmhurst	8 p.m.
Nov. 27	TBA	1/3 p.m.
Nov. 30	@ Rose-Hulman	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 3	@ Denison	3 p.m.
Dec. 6	vs. Millikin	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 10	vs. Wooster	2 p.m.
<b>Don Lake Tournament</b>		
Dec. 20	vs. Baldwin-Wallace	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 21	TBA	5/7 p.m.
Dec. 29	vs. Franklin	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 6	@ Hiram	8 p.m.
Jan. 7	@ Allegheny	1 p.m.

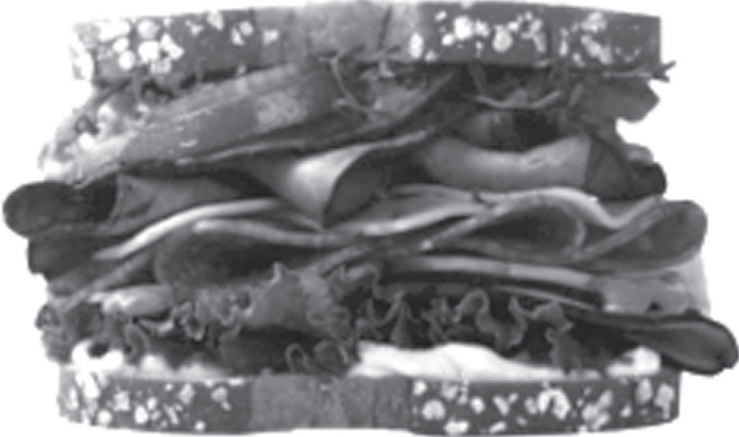
Jan. 11	vs. DePauw	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 14	vs. Oberlin	1 p.m.
Jan. 18	@ Wittenberg	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	vs. Kenyon	7 p.m.
Jan. 25	@ Ohio Wesleyan	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 28	vs. Denison	3 p.m.
Feb. 1	@ DePauw	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	@ Wooster	2 p.m.
Feb. 8	vs. Wittenberg	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	@ Kenyon	3 p.m.
Feb. 15	vs. Ohio Wesleyan	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 18	@ Oberlin	1 p.m.
<b>NCAC Tournament</b>		
Feb. 21	TBA	TBA

2011-2012 Roster			
#	Name	Pos	Yr
2	Houston Hodges	G	Fr.
4	Evan Johnson	G	Jr.
5	Aaron Zinnerman	G	Sr.
6	Kaje Sanford	G	Fr.
7	Charles Conway	G	Fr.
11	Brian Shelbourne	G	Sr.
12	Jordan Surenkamp	G	Jr.
15	Kasey Oetting	G/F	Fr.
20	Andy Walsh	G	So.
21	Austin Hawn	G	Fr.
22	Lorenze Billups	F	Fr.
23	Lawrence Milton	F	Fr.
25	Austin Jarrett	G	Fr.
30	Jordan Wagner	G	Fr.
33	Codie Blankenship	G/F	Fr.
34	Jack Gruse	G/F	Jr.
41	Derek Bailey	F	Sr.
42	Colten Craigain	C	Jr.
51	Joey Etling	F	So.
52	Peter Nicksic	F/C	So.
55	Nick Curosh	F/C	Sr.



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Seniors Nick Curosh (front, center) and Brian Shelbourne (background) work on a defensive drill earlier this week in practice. Both will be counted on for increased offense this season.

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# Senior Class Poised for Big Season

BRANDAN ALFORD '12  
SPORTS EDITOR &  
TYLER WADE '12  
STAFF WRITER

Not only is the Wabash basketball team undergoing a change within the coaching staff, but it will also feature a new-look offense as Wes Smith and his 22-point, 6-rebound per game averages have graduated.

Smith was a four-year impact player in Crawfordsville as he led the team in scoring for three years and was a three-time all-conference honoree. Also graduated from last year's squad are Ben Burkett, Dominique Thomas, and Andrew Gilman. Burkett started in all 26 games a year ago, averaging 6.6 points and 4.7 rebounds per game.

However, the cupboard is certainly not bare for first-year coach Antoine Carpenter '00 as he looks to make his mark atop the Little Giant program. Carpenter has three starters returning, all members of a four-player senior class with plenty of experience.

Last year's squad enjoyed plenty of success as Wabash won 20 games and knocked off a pair of top-2 teams en route to a 14-0 start and a top-ten ranking.

One thing is for sure: there is no Wes Smith on this year's squad; however, a sum-is-greater-than-its-parts style of play certainly fits the personnel this year's Little Giants will feature.

### Guards

While Smith's production both as a scorer and rebounder will be missed, Wabash returns four-year starting point guard Brian Shelbourne and three-year starting guard Aaron Zinnerman to form one of the NCAC's most experienced backcourts this season.

Last year, Zinnerman was the team's leading scorer at 8.3 points per game. That number will certainly need to increase this season if the Little Giants are going to be successful. Zinnerman is one of Wabash's

best weapons off the dribble, but Zinnerman can also hit from deep as he showed last year, hitting 39.5 percent of his shots from deep.

Shelbourne is the lone all-conference player returning to this year's team, garnering honorable mention honors a year ago. Shelbourne led the conference in assist-to-turnover ratio last season, performing as one of the NCAC's top distributors and on-ball defenders.

Shelbourne brings a physical nature to the position and has the size to create mismatches offensively. At 6'3", Shelbourne has the opportunity to take smaller guards to the block, where he has shown the ability to finish. Last year, Shelbourne averaged only 5.6 points per game, but shot at a blistering 53.5 percent clip, best on the team. After only attempting 101 shots in 26 games a year ago, he will be counted on to take on a greater role in the offense.

Rounding out the projected starting backcourt is freshman Kasey Oetting. The 6'7" wing from Fort Wayne, Ind. is a talented scorer who will likely be a matchup nightmare for opponents over the next four years. Oetting has shown an impressive stroke from deep throughout the pre-season, and with his size and length, most guards will struggle to contest his shot. How quickly Oetting adjusts to the speed and physical-nature of the college game will determine how much of a factor he is in the early-going.

One player who may be flying under the radar is junior Jordan Surenkamp. After only posting 7.9 minutes per game in 17 appearances as a sophomore, Surenkamp will likely fill the sixth-man role on this year's team. Surenkamp is a pure shooter with a quick release. He can catch fire, and when he does, he can provide instant offense off the bench, much in the way Derek Bailey has over the past two years. Surenkamp's ability to be an offensive spark and demand coverage on the perimeter can open things up in the post.

A question facing the backcourt



COREY EGLER | WABASH '15  
Junior Evan Johnson fires a three-point attempt during Wednesday's practice. Johnson is one of several players contending for the backup point guard role this year.

this year will be who fills the backup point guard role. While Shelbourne will garner the lion's share of the minutes at the position, several players are in contention to fill the backup role.

Junior Evan Johnson, as well as freshmen Kaje Sanford, and Houston Hodges will get a hard look for that spot. Johnson and Sanford both were impressive at the defensive end in Wabash's Red/White scrimmage last weekend, and could be what the Little Giants need. Sanford also caught fire from the perimeter, an encouraging sign for a youngster.

Hodges will not be in the mix to start, as he is a starting cornerback on the football team currently in the playoffs. His athleticism will certainly garner opportunities once he makes the full-time transition to the hard-wood this winter after football season.

### Forwards/Centers

The North Coast Athletic Conference is a league where it is impossible to overstate the importance of a strong big man. Luckily the Little Giants have a couple of talented big men that look to build on last year's twenty-win season.

Wabash returns starting center Nick Curosh, a senior from Whiting, IN who only scored 4.6 points per game last season but pulled in 151 rebounds and was the team's second leading rebounder. Curosh has established himself as one of the toughest defenders in the NCAC and

at 6'7" and 230lbs has proven to be a dominant force in the paint.

Also returning this year is Derek Bailey. The 6'5" 190lb senior from Bloomington South was Wabash's sixth man last season but has worked his way into the starting lineup this year. Bailey averaged 8.1 points per game last season and was 39.5% from behind the arc. Bailey's most memorable performance of last season came at Kenyon College where, after being knocked out of the game with injury, Bailey hit a three as time expired to preserve the Little Giants unscathed record.

Another impact player returning this season is Pete Nicksic. At 6'7" and 230lbs Nicksic has been able to come off the bench to relieve Curosh. Last season Nicksic averaged 4 points and 4 rebounds a game but looks to be more effective this season.

In preseason scrimmages junior Colten Craigin from Seeger, IN has also been impressive. Craigin did not play in many games last season but had looked good in practice and is capable of providing a nice spark coming off the bench this season.

A couple of newcomers to the program also look to make a difference this season. Lorenze Billups and Lawrence Milton both hail from Indianapolis and come in at 6'4" and 200 lbs.

The big question for the Little Giants is who will replace the scoring load left by Wes Smith and Ben Burkett. Some of that burden is going to fall on the big men, and with Curosh, Bailey, Nicksic, and Craigin, they look poised to do just that.



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Action for practice earlier this week. The Little Giants are preparing for opening weekend, when they will play host to a pair of opponents Saturday and Sunday.

## Returning Statistical Leaders (2010-2011)

Name	MIN	PPG	FG%	3P%	FT%	RPG	Stl/A
Aaron Zinnerman	27.1	8.3	.395	.371	.758	3.4	12/46
Derek Baily	20.0	8.1	.466	.395	.796	3.4	17/20
Brian Shelbourne	24.3	5.6	.535	.222	.833	4.1	41/101
Nick Curosh	22.8	4.6	.515	.000	.419	5.8	10/29
Pete Nicksic	14.9	4.0	.468	.500	.735	3.0	8/11
Jordan Surenkamp	7.9	3.3	.391	.435	.769	1.5	5/9

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IAN BAUMGARDNER | WABASH '14

Wabash students, families, and alumni storm the field at Blackstock Field on the DePauw campus following Saturday's 45-7 victory in the 118th Monon Bell Game.

# Little Giants Prepare for Playoff Battle

**TYLER WADE '12**  
**STAFF WRITER**

In the 2011 NCAA Division III Football Tournament draw on Sunday night, the Little Giants learned they would face off against the Blueboys of Illinois College in the first round. Illinois College received an at-large bid after finishing the season at 9-1. Their only loss came in Midwest Conference Play to Monmouth College, who attained the conference's automatic bid.

The Blueboys boast one of the most prolific offenses in all of Division III football and will certainly provide an interesting matchup against a strong Little Giant defense. Illinois College has the fifth ranked offense in Division III, gaining just under 500 yards of total offense a game. They average 40.8 points per game.

Wabash coach Erik Raeburn is well aware of the potent offense his defense will be facing on Saturday. "They have been really explosive," Raeburn said. "Their quarterback has been fantastic averaging about 300 yards per game passing. He's also really athletic and he has really helped them in the run game as well."

On the other side of the ball, the Blueboys don't seem to be as strong. They give up 32 points per game and about 411 yards of total offense.

Freshman quarterback Michael Bates leads the offense; he has thrown for just under 3,000 yards this season and 28 touchdowns. He is



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Coming off a dominating Bell Game performance, Wabash now turns its attention to Illinois College, its opponent in Saturday's first-round playoff game.

also the second leading rusher for the Blueboys, earning 468 yards and 4 scores this season.

Illinois College also has a 1,000-yard rusher on the roster in sophomore Cecil Brimmage. The Moro, IL native has rushed for 1,062 yards and 10 touchdowns this season.

"We have to play good run defense," coach Erik Raeburn said. "We have played our best when we have limited teams rushing the football; that will be true this week, too."

"If they are able to have balance, you are in big trouble. First and foremost, we have to do a good job against the run; slow their tailback down and not let their quarterback gash us for any big runs. IF we are able to do that, then we have a chance to change up our coverages and come with some pressure to try and affect the passing game."

Eight different Blueboys have caught a touchdown pass this season but none if more productive than senior Brock Thompson. Thompson has caught 69 passes for just under 900 yards and 12 touchdowns. Juniors Colin Duling and Kevin Wallace

are the next two leading receivers, hauling in nearly 1,000 yards and 9 touchdowns.

Illinois College has been especially explosive in the second quarter, where they have outscored opponents 125-89. They have had difficulty finishing games this season, and have given up 101 points in the fourth quarter.

"We know we have to play better this week offensively," Raeburn said. "We are going up against an explosive offense that has put a lot of points on the board this year. So we can't expect our defense to go out there and get five takeaways and score three touchdowns like they did last week. We need to do our part if we are going to have a chance to win."

The Blueboys have done a masterful job at forcing opponents to turn the ball over. They have intercepted 20 passes and recovered 10 fumbles.

This is Illinois College's first NCAA postseason appearance. The Little Giants and Blueboys have played each other four times in history with Wabash coming out on top in three of those meetings. The two teams have not met since 1950.

Saturday's game starts at 12:00 from Little Giant Stadium. Tickets for the game are \$8 for adults and \$4 for students, and will be sold at the gate, which will open at 10:30 a.m. The Senior Council has agreed to cover the cost of all student tickets which can be picked up at the will call gate.

This Weekend in  
Wabash Sports

<b>Friday</b>		
Swimming	Woehnkner Invitational	10:00 a.m.
<b>Saturday</b>		
Wrestling	@ Concordia Open	9:00 a.m.
Cross Country	NCAA Championships	12:00 p.m.
Football	vs. Illinois College	12:00 p.m.
Basketball	vs. Calumet College	4:00 p.m.

Nationals

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bodies can't forget what it feels like to work hard. Additionally the team is refining the technical aspects of racing. Such as running in a group and pacing off certain teams or individuals.

Going into the meet McCarthy and the other top runners for Wabash College will be keying in on the runners from Calvin College. They are also a national power in Division III athletics which means that if our top

runner can match Calvin's pace they could be more than one All-American for the Little Giants this year.

Going into the meet the team has a very simple goal in mind.

"I have my own personal goals and the other guys have their own goals," McCarthy said. "The most important thing Saturday is for each of us to cross the finish knowing we gave everything we possibly had. If we do that, I'm confident the results will take care of itself."

Good luck at  
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