One of the biggest occurrences this year at Wabash will not be academic or even sports related. The loss of President Andrew T Ford and subsequent search for a new president will be one of this year’s most prominent happenings.

On his resignation and what he hopes to see in his successor, President Ford said, “I want someone who is a smashing success. The Best President Ever.”

The selection process began during the summer when President Ford announced his resignation for the end of the current school year. The first meeting of the selection committee was back in June, and they will continue to meet until the January deadline. At that point the Board of Trustees will be presented a selection made by the committee.

The Presidential Selection Committee consists of John Fox ’64, Stephen Bowen ’68, Kevin Clifford ’77, and Bill Wheeler ’83 as the primary members from the Board of Trustees. The committee will also include Joseph Barnette ’61, the Board of Trustees Chairman, three faculty members including Professor Kerletah Widdows (Economics Department chair) Professor Tobey Herzog (Professor of English) and Professor J.D. Phillips (Mathematics and Computer Science Department chair). The faculty selected each of these members as representatives of their voice in the selection process. Dean Thomas Bambrey was chosen as the representative for the administration, and Brian Flanagan shall represent the alumni. A student for the committee will be assigned later in the process.

The committee’s timeframe extends through January when their decision is supposed to be named and ratified by the Board of Trustees. During the summer, the new president shall be brought into the office.

“I hope for a smooth and seamless transition for both me and the Dean of the College,” President Ford said.

The committee is not alone in its decision-making process. They have the help of Thomas Courtice, a consultant from the Academic Search Consultation Services, and the former president of Ohio Wesleyan University. They hope his familiarity with Wabash will help aid in the search. A new administrative assistant has also been hired. Julie Raters, the wife of Dean Mike Raters, takes that position just across the hall from the current president.

The College has put an advertisement for a new president in the Chronicle of Higher Education. They have also produced a brochure explaining a little bit about the College and on outline of the qualities they are looking for in a new president.

“I will have been successful if the college became more student centered,” President Ford said, continuing his “students first” mantra. He still wishes to be a part of the college after he resigns. “I would like to maintain contact but from afar, subject to the approval of the new president of course,” Ford said.

A daunting task lies ahead of this committee since they aim to replace President Andy Ford, but one that they are ready to pursue with the help of every major group on campus.

The project began when Professor Placher was asked to write the book by the Lilly Foundation.

“The Lilly Foundation is currently supporting a program which will pay for up to 80 authors from schools across the country to write books on topics of concern to young people who are trying to determine what to do with their lives,” Placher said. “I have worked with them before, and they asked me to write one of the books.”

Placher then chose Myers to be his research assistant.

“Nick did most of the work in gathering the essays,” Placher said. “It was amazing to see how his own ideas about vocations changed and evolved as he did the research.” Myers is now teaching English in Honduras, and will be entering the seminary next year.

While such a book on vocations might seem only applicable to the young, Placher says the book may be relevant for many different people at many different stages of their lives.

“Most people take a while to find their calling,” Placher said.

“While college students seem to think their first jobs will last forever, they always have time to wander around. Even middle aged adults switch careers now.”

Placher sees now, more than ever, a hunger in this generation of students for the liberation that comes through following their God-given call. “I have long suspected that most young Christians are more willing to be challenged than their churches are to challenge them,” wrote Placher in his introduction to Callings.

Placher believes the phenomenon isn’t confined to Wabash or just other intellectual communities. “I see much more interest in the Peace Corps, Teach for America, and other such programs,” said Placher. “More young people are taking time off, thinking a little more about what they want to do with their lives.”

Another concept that Callings deals with is the idea of our current

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The purpose of The Bachelor is to serve the school audience, including but not limited to administrators, faculty and staff, parents, alumni, community members and most importantly, the students. Because this is a school paper, the content and character within will cater to the student body’s interests, ideas and issues. Further, this publication will serve as a medium and forum for student opinions and ideas.

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An Interview with Dean Raymond Williams

Allen Chatt
editor-in-chief

This fall semester is a time of beginning for many things at Wabash, with the usual influx of new freshmen and return of upperclassmen and alumni, but the College also has many new additions to its staff. Among those returning to the ranks of Wabash Staff is Dr. Raymond Williams, now serving in the position of Dean of the College. Dr. Williams returns to Wabash after teaching here from 1965 until his retirement in 2002. He hails originally from West Virginia, and came to Wabash as an instructor after earning BAs from Johnson Bible College in Tennessee and Phillips University in Oklahoma, a Masters of Divinity from Phillips Theological Seminary and his Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy Degrees from the University of Chicago. During his time here he taught in and chaired the Philosophy and Religion departments and directed the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion in the 1990’s. The Bachelor had a chance to sit down with Dean Raymond Williams to discuss his return to the staff of the College, his new position of Dean, and the goals he has for the upcoming year.

The Bachelor: What was your perception of Wabash when you first arrived here and now upon returning?

Dean Raymond Williams: I came here as an instructor and finished my dissertation in my first few months, and then I stayed here the rest of my career. My doctoral advisor in Chicago, when I had more than one job opportunity, and when to him for advice “go to Wabash, it’s a good place to move to.” I found it to be a very good place to stay. So I stayed my full career from 1965 until 2002, when I retired.

Wabash has been a good college, an excellent college ever since I came here. The faculty I joined was a very good faculty, the younger students and hardworking or more hardworking than students today, I was very proud to be a member of this faculty for the whole time and it was a joy for many reasons. The close relationship between faculty members with one another and between faculty members and students engaged in a serious endeavor, to a remarkable degree, ties together all of the components of the College, the faculty, the staff, the students, the alumni, the trustees. Part of that is an uncommon and constant commitment to the liberal arts, which is something that virtually everyone on campus shares. That level of excellence is a continuous thread that runs through my experience at the College. We have to be excellent because the challenges are greater than they were, I think, for us as a college and for us as society, in any period of time that I’ve been at the college. It’s not really enough to be as good as we once were. The College has to continue to improve. I think, as I said in my chapel talk, that we have a better faculty now, and that faculty have better facilities: the science facilities and the athletic facilities, all the facilities on campus have either been improved dramatically or are scheduled to be improved. So we’re on an upward trend toward greater and greater excellence in fulfilling our mission, to educate men. Our goal for this year is to keep that forward momentum going and to build a foundation on which the new president and the new dean of the College can lead the faculty and students to a greater level of excellence.

The Bachelor: You mention improving the College for the new president and the new dean, do you have any particular plans towards this goal?

DRW: I think the College always will be moving forward or will move backward. So improving is not a simple way of saying I’ve got great plans for how, in one year, we will be able to improve the College a great deal. But, I think it’s important, particularly in times of transition, that we don’t rest on our oars and just wait around for what’s going to happen next. I think we have to keep the creativity and energy of the faculty, students and also the staff and everyone at the College moving forward in a direction so that we’re moving along at a good pace and making good progress. It’s easier then to move further and faster once you are moving than if you have to start something from a stop, or from poking along. Wabash has been moving along very rapidly, I think, in many positive ways over the last few years.

The goal is to keep that momentum going, that we engage in those kinds of conversations and those kinds of teaching and learning, indeed all the kinds of excellences that are representative of the College. We should keep moving at a very high pace for the next year so that we will be an even more excellent college than we are right now, so that we are really poised to make a major move forward under new leadership. There are numerous ways that we do that, and everyone contributes in a way. Members of the faculty know that we are preparing a proposal for an endowment to enable us to undertake a wide range of activities focused on the liberal arts, which is our core identity. If we are able to obtain that grant, it will provide significant financial resources that will enable that upward movement. As you very well know, the trustees and other strong supporters of the College have engaged in a significant fund campaign over the past few years that has also provided a strong foundation from which Wabash can move forward. The next few years could be an absolutely stunning period in Wabash history, but we’ve all got to keep moving in that direction.

“My doctoral advisor in Chicago said to me when I went to him for advice “go to Wabash, it’s a good place to move from.” I found it to be a very good place to stay.”
New Faculty Profile: Kenneth Ngwa

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The Wabash Community finds itself home to many new faculty this year, and among them is Professor Kenneth Ngwa. Ngwa will serve as an Assistant Professor of Religion, as he fills in for tenured Professor Robert Royalty, as he is on sabbatical this year.

A native of Cameroon, Ngwa did his undergraduate studies in the capital city of Yaounde, at the Faculty of Protestant Theology. He graduated in 1995 with a Bachelors degree in Hebrew Scriptures, as well as an authorization to become a Presbyterian Pastor. Immediately following his completion of undergraduate study, Professor Ngwa began working for the local Presbyterian Parish. While there, he did two years of social work by helping to modernize local villages- specifically he aided in equipping the surrounding villages with water through pipes.

In 1997 Ngwa was ordained a Presbyterian Minister, and he left the parish where he worked to become the Chapel at the University of Dschang, also in Cameroon. He stayed at the university until 1998. The following year he left Cameroon in order to pursue his Doctoral studies at The University of Princeton.

This past May, Ngwa finished his dissertation and obtained his PhD in Old Testament. Despite having only obtained his Doctorate four months ago, Professor Ngwa is still no stranger to teaching in the college classroom. While finishing up his dissertation last year, he was brought on staff by Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, WA, as a professor of the Old Testament. He will continue at Wabash where he left off at Pacific Lutheran, teaching scripture classes for the Religion Department.

Ngwa is only scheduled to be at Wabash for the 2005-2006 school year, but he is very happy to be a part of the Community. “Wabash is a wonderful place to study and learn.” Ngwa said.

He noted that the major difference between Wabash and the other schools he’s been associated with is the level of academic commitment displayed by the students. “Students know they are going to study and work hard. Seriousness seems to be apart of the culture.”

Besides his appreciation for the hard work displayed by Wabash students, Ngwa is looking forward to experiencing some of the extracurricular aspects of the school. “I’m excited for the upcoming football match on Saturday.” He said. Other than football, Professor Ngwa also enjoys playing basketball and his specialty, soccer. “In Cameroon, it is like a religion.” He said. Obviously, there is little doubt that the Faculty IM Team’s suspicious gerrymandering and avid recruitment will ensure Professor Ngwa a spot on their IM squad when that season rolls around.

Female Faculty Meet to Discuss All-Male Education

Professor Placher edited the new book Callings

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society being post-Christian, in that it rejects many traditional Christian values. According to Placher, being a Christian is much more of a choice now. It is no longer assumed that the every young person will grow up in our society as a Christian, even in the Midwest. However, the choice that all people must make will inevitably lead to a stronger faith, evidenced by Placher’s belief that many young people desire more from their faith today than young people ever have in the past.

However, the most benefit that a young person can receive from reading Callings is realizing that the questions he is asking about his purpose in life have been asked before. The choices and issues which are of concern to young people have been addressed before, and the discourses these issues have prompted are recorded in Callings.

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support of the College. So we are in very strong position to attract a good president and a good dean to be leaders of the College for the future.

The Bachelor: Any other comments for the Wabash community?

DRW: I think basically it is an admonition, let’s not miss the opportunity of our current situation for us to be an excellent college – a private, independent, liberal arts college for men. We have the opportunity to make significant moves forward and this is a special opportunity in times of transition. As I think about us as a community, I think about [Coach] Rob Johnson’s cross-country team. I watch them run across campus, sometimes bunched up together. It’s amazing to me that they can run so closely together, beautifully swift and efficient in their running, and it’s a beautiful thing to behold.

I sometimes think that we, as a college community—students, faculty, staff, alumni, everybody—sometimes run like that, with great beauty and swiftness and agility. And then sometimes we sort of start bumping into each other and knocking each other off stride and we don’t run with the common precision and beauty that will enable us to achieve high goals for ourselves and for our college. And so we urge don’t miss this opportunity, it’s fun to run with the kind of agility and speed and beauty that [Coach] Rob Johnson’s teams run when they are really on it. We need to keep moving forward and fall into that beautiful stride.
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An Odd Place

If you think about it, Wabash, as an institution of higher education, being single-sex in nature is kind of funny. Students have grown up and been educated (for the most part) in co-ed schools, the arguments for going co-ed are strong. If nothing else, few of us could live without women in our lives.

The odd-nature of the institution makes the choice to attend it rather unusual as well. This choice has forced many a Wally to answer the (around here) infamous question: why do you go to Wabash? The answers and explanations abound for why we chose to come to these hallowed halls.

The reasons why we chose to stay (besides the stellar education) range from tradition to the sense of community of the place, and maybe they’re all correct. Perhaps in none of those at all, and it’s simply the nature of the place.

Further complicating the issue is the staunch opposition that exists against going Co-ed among the student population. An article Tuesday in the New York Times (Wells College: Newly, and Uneasily, Coed. Sept 6, 2005) puts the debate and our choice to attend this odd institution into a bit of perspective.

Most students know that Wabash is one of the few remaining all-male campuses in the country, and many may at least recognize there is a greater number of all-female schools that remain in existence. Greater is not a lot however, and their numbers, too, are dwindling. In short, another single-sex institution has fallen to what may be a co-ed inevitability. Wells College, a small liberal arts school in Aurora, NY, with a current enrollment of 383 women and 33 men, has accepted men as students for the first time since its founding in 1868. And the students are up in arms over it.

The issues brought up by students of Wells College who are angry at the change seem to reflect a lot of the reasons proffered by Wabash students for not going Co-ed. The end of traditions we have as they celebrate masculinity while recognizing that Wabash is all male or it lacks the resources to accommodate more students, a true Wabash man would make sacrifices to improve the lives of others.

Plus, you don’t want Clarkson University in Potsdam, New York, to appear the more humanitarian institution, do you?

Wait, you’ve never heard of Clarkson University? Don’t worry, I’m sure their students would feel the same way about Wabash College if one of their washed-up former editors mentioned it in an article. Clarkson University’s President issued an order giving hurricane victims preferential and expedited admittance to salvage their educational opportunities.

Why can’t Wabash do the same? Aren’t Wabash men supposed to save civilization?

Please reflect on your first day as a Wabash man and the message you learned.

If we share the same memory (and I know we do), you’ll remember President Ford issuing you a challenge, as a Wabash man, to “save civilization.” At that moment, his words held little power; I mean, come on, we had already sat through an hour of propagandistic speeches in 101 degree heat, we could conquer anything! We were invincible!

Now three years older, I am beginning to see the power of President Ford’s challenge.

Co-Ed for a Cause

Famine, dehydration, disease, crime, and destitution are all rampant—with little hope of relief for some time. Schools are closed, hospitals are under-supplied and overcrowded, law enforcement officials are hard-pressed to maintain order; and, above all else, the government has been slow to act.

Wabash College should not follow suit.

Hurricane Katrina destroyed college education in parts of Mississippi and Louisiana, and Wabash must open its doors to any and all college-aged students who were displaced in Katrina’s aftermath.

That’s right, ladies and gentlemen, check your genitalia at the door; gentlemen aid all beings, not simply humans with the proper equipment.

This charitable offer follows the very core of Wabash’s idealistic mission. Forget the same old arguments that Wabash is all male or it lacks the resources to accommodate more students, a true Wabash man would make sacrifices to improve the lives of others. If you think about it, Wabash as an institution of higher education, being single-sex in nature is kind of funny.

His words impact more than the 200 men who joined you in the Chapel. Every parent, grandparent, sister, brother, aunt and uncle hears the same challenge and joins the same big, happy Wabash family.

Only, don’t be sidetrack by clever nicknames like the “Wabash mafia.” Mafias commit crimes and hurt innocent people. Families watch out for each other and lend a helping hand when necessary, even at the expense of personal well-being.

Wabash has tremendous resources to make a difference, especially in a situation like this. Implicit in this call to arms is the idea that with privilege comes responsibility to fellow humans.

Rather than use Truppert’s posh hotel accommodations for wealthy alumni and visitors, open them up for college students.

Rather than let all those empty rooms in the new Phi Delta house go to waste, ask the Brothers to invite student victims to live there.

Hey, if the Phi Deltas don’t like it, just tell them they get a chance to live with GIRLS! Sometimes, in times of desperation, one must appeal to a man’s better half; or, perhaps in this instance, one must appeal to a man’s lower half.

But, in all seriousness, Presi-

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Letter To the Editor

To the persons who left the note on my windshield last Thursday.

I am a Wabash alumnus who at the time was visiting campus for a film project I am doing. After returning from dinner with a friend, I discovered your note. I soon after noticed the damage to my windshield, a spider web impact spiraling out toward the passenger side.

I recovered the handwritten note which read “Sorry about your window. We will pay for damages incurred. Contact ?? @ (phone number). Sorry once again.” No doubt you were playing in the grassy field outside the entrance the Allen Center, and someone overthrew a ball and hit my windshield. A simple accident, I thought. No real harm done. That I thought it refreshing—the apparent sincerity of the note and the offer to compensate me—tells a lot about the cynical nature we have of people these days.

My first reaction, in retrospect, was quite gullible. On the drive back to Indianapolis, of course, the Greek letters ?? started to gnaw at me. You obviously noticed that I proudly display my Phi Delta Theta sticker in my back window.

Of course, when I called the number the next day, a pledge finally answered and had no idea what I was talking about. He retrieved an upperclassman who was also unaware of the incident. He took down my name and number and said he would e-mail the chapter to see whether anyone knew anything. He was very nice and apologized, though of course he didn’t need to.

Now, I realize that my car belies itself as one driven by a student. But should it matter whether you pulled this prank on a student, a faculty member, a Crawfordsville resident, or an alumnus? Not leaving a note is spineless enough, but leaving a note which instigates others is downright cowardly.

I’m not on a serious quest to find the instigators nor do I really demand restitution for the damage to my car. I only want you who are responsible to know that you have a lot to learn about responsibility.

My disappointment has temporarily disrupted my faith in Wabash students, but it ultimately cannot waver. I regularly witness more examples of Wabash men exhibiting good behavior than instances of boys behaving badly.

Initially, I hesitated writing the letter but my disappointment in you prevents me from letting “boys be boys.” I have certainly not forgotten what it was like to stand in your Nikes. Neither, too, have I forgotten what it means to be a Gentleman and Responsible Citizen. But, I suspect you need to be reminded.

Respectfully,
Hugh Vandivier ’91

Hail to the Chief

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With Chief Justice William Rehnquist’s passing, President George W. Bush is presented with an opportunity that social conservatives are salivating for, and many liberals have been fearing – two Supreme Court appointments, including the seat of Chief Justice.

The President is in dire need of a victory, as he has been mired in falling popular support due to the Iraq war, a media relations nightmare in Cindy Sheehan, a potential ethical violation with Karl Rove, and the failure of his social security proposals. To top it off, fully sixty-one percent of the country in June thought the country was on the wrong track.

Bush hopes he has found a quick victory in nominating John Roberts to be the new Chief Justice of the United States. Formally nominated to be an associate justice, Judge Roberts had been fully vetted, and was, at the very least, intelligent and qualified.

However, in the nomination of John Roberts, Bush has given his opponents (the social left) a victory. He is now replacing a talented, intelligent and conservative Chief Justice (Rehnquist), with a talented, intelligent and conservative potential Chief Justice (Roberts).

This makes Justice O’Connor’s (who stepped down in July) seat open for nomination. Progressives (who have turned Justice O’Connor into the patron saint of swing votes) and conservatives (who have burned in effigy for her independent streak) should again gear up for a ferocious fight over that appointment.

Progressives can take heart from the fact that Bush will be hard-pressed to find another qualified, intelligent, and young conservative in the mold of Roberts. Along that vein, he could find a victory in appointing a qualified, intelligent judicial moderate.

But I’ll be damned if I’m not going to raise this issue because it is the right thing to do.

I’m sick of watching CNN every night and seeing destruction without improvement. I’m sick of standing by and doing nothing. I’m tired of feeling that the only way I can help in this world is by opening my wallet and throwing money in a Red Cross bucket. If that is charity and initiative, certainly it’s the world’s least fulfilling form

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dent Ford blazed a trail with this speech. And its message continued in a statement written to the Wabash community last week.

“We believe that the best ways for Wabash to help those most affected by this disaster is to serve as a communications hub and facilitator for action,” Ford said in the statement. “While at present we do not know specifically how to help because the extent of the catastrophe is yet unknown, we do know that Wabash men and their families will reach out in whatever ways they can.”

Perhaps it is naive for me to ask Wabash to admit Hurricane victims.

Perhaps all we can do, as Wabash men, is raise money or serve as “communications hubs.”

Wallies Unite in Support of Wabash Football!

Come to the season opener against Kalamazoo this Saturday at 1:00 P.M.

Visiting author Tayari Jones to read from her novel Leaving Atlanta and discuss the art of writing with Wabash men.

8:00 P.M. Tonight
Korb Classroom
Senior Donald Claxon discuss the new Art Exhibit with Profs. Michael Abbot and Jennifer Young-Abbot.

A piece displayed in the new Art Exhibit which showcases contemporary currents in print media.

Visiting Artist Series brings Mexican dance culture to campus.

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Dance
Terry Gilliam needs to get out more. With his first movie in almost eight years, The Brothers Grimm, Gilliam emerges looking like nothing so much as a critic’s caricature of himself. Set in early 19th century French-occupied Germany, The Brothers Grimm imagines the titular fabulists as fraudulent investigators and eradicators of elaborately staged monstrous phenomena, with the bookish Jacob (Heath Ledger) constantly clashing with suave and conniving brother Wilhelm (Matt Damon) over both the morality of their employ and the possibility of the magic they sham. But when a series of seemingly supernatural kidnappings mirroring their counterfeit fairy tales comes to the attention of the tyrannical French general Delatombe (Jonathan Pryce), they are forcibly dispatched to investigate, escorted by the flamboyant torturer and assassin Cavaldi (Peter Stormare).

The pace throughout is breakneck, barreling from one scene to the next with neither exposition nor explanation. The brothers cross Germany from border to border at the speed of cut, and several transitions are so oddly placed that I attributed the first few to projectionist error. Along the way, the movie hits all the classic fictions Gilliam can think of, as if the story were in some sort of children’s game wherein touching upon a familiar fairytale element would grant immunity from getting tagged by plot coherency. The film is like nothing so much as a runaway locomotive, splattering trope after trope before crashing into an ending.

The complex sets and surreal landscapes for which Gilliam is renowned are fully present in this film. The locales of the German countryside appear to have sprung full-formed from some lavishly illustrated storybook, with opulent and imposing castles, squalid and oddly-angled villages, and dark forests brimming with menace. At the same time, it is painfully obvious that Gilliam—known for his elaborate old-school special effects—has not entered gracefully into the CGI age. Simply put, The Brothers Grimm displays some of the poorest computer effects I’ve seen since the mid-90s, and Gilliam compounds this by animating unnecessarily (a ring flying through the air, for example). Artifacting is everywhere, and the animators don’t even attempt to match lighting or coloration to the scene. Furthermore, Gilliam has perplexingly chosen to shoot every frame of the movie with a wide-angle lens, making even closets and carriages seem cavernous and faintly convex. It’s really a mixed bag visually, going from astounding to wince-inducing within a single scene.

“Mixed bag” may be the best phrase to describe the acting, as well. Ledger seems at least to have his heart in it, even if his idealistic scholar see-saws between unassuming naiveté and manic lunacy from scene to scene. Damon’s rationalist charlatan is astonishingly one-note, and one imagines one can almost hear the dial tone from where it’s been phoned in. Lena Heady’s earthy trapper is refreshingly solid, however, and Stormare and Pryce evince gleeful malice in their scenery chewing villainy. Rounding out the cast, Monica Bellucci successfully plays Monica Bellucci in her role as the evil sorceress-queen. Pay particular attention to the accents, which shift almost as quickly as the scenes. Pryce’s trademark genero-pean spritzes itself with a French lilt and reports for duty, while Stormare can’t seem to settle on a continent of origin, let alone a country. Ledger and Damon play along gamely for a scene or two, and then for the film’s remainder wisely decide to give up the whole enterprise entirely.

Ultimately, The Brothers Grimm is a mildly entertaining but fundamentally flawed movie, coming recommended only for diehard fans of Gilliam’s inimitable oeuvre.
On the Origin of Applause

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Why do people clap? As in: Chris Jackson tells a ridiculously funny story, let us clap for him. Back when I was about six years old I went to the Bozo Show in Chicago. The show is taped for television so they have the sign above the set that flashes “applause” when the producers want the audience to clap. So it started flashing and I asked my mom if that meant we all got to eat applesauce now. I don’t hear any clapping now . . . I always was a poor story teller.

My reflections on applause came to me the other night when I was at a concert, and I heard people clap half-heartedly. Clearly the people were partaking in a post-performance ritual in which gratitude is expressed towards the performers. But why were these people clapping if they really weren’t listening.

“Blah blah blah I’m carrying on mindless conversation with you while this live band performs in the background. Oh, wait they finished.”

“Yes, let us partake in this ritual we call clapping, even though I don’t know the song they just played.”

And so they clapped, and I wondered: Where did clapping come from? Why does our culture insist on clapping?

A little internet research shows that clapping has been around for a long time. It started as an onomatopoeia sometime back in the Old English era, whenever that was. From there it gained its first English meaning “to strike with sounding blows” sometime around AD 1300. [The reader should later strike with sounding blows for this amazingly good article.]

Somewhere along the way our clap acquired some naughty meanings. Somehow the sexually transmitted disease gonorrhea became referred to as “the clap.” In the late 16th century a form of the verb to clap meant “to infect with gonorrhea.” The explanation is sketchy but I believe it’s because of certain sounds that a certain activity often creates.

Finally, the word clap as we know it today came about in the mid- to late- 17th century. During this period, stage performances were customary and audiences needed a simple yet loud form of expressing themselves, hence the clap.

There you have it. We clap because people before us did it. It is now ingrained in our culture. So even if we don’t necessarily mean it, we will, more often than not, still clap.

Now, let us transmit gonorrhea for me and eat some applesauce, even if you don’t really mean it.

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New Coaches Augment Strong Squad

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The Little Giants are set to kickoff this season against Kalamazoo this Saturday at 1 PM at Byron P. Hollett Stadium. The theme for the year is “Unfinished Business.” They were disappointed in the ending to their season last year, and they feel that they have unfinished business with the teams they lost to. The season has started off on a positive note with good performances in the red-white scrimmage, and the scrimmage game against the Wheaton Thunder.

The team has made three new additions to the coaching staff this summer. Coach Jamie Lemmond was hired on as the new special teams and defensive backs coach. He played college football and earned two letters at William and Mary. He previously coached at Naples High School in Florida, where he helped coach the team to a state title in 2001. He has 11 years of total coaching experience in both college and high school. When asked why he started coaching he said, “It’s fun to be a drill instructor, coaching allows me to impact more men to be great dads and fathers.” Lemmond moved to Crawfordville with his wife, Mandi, and their son, Zeke, and daughter Rayna.

The coaching staff is also joined by Thomas Meeker. He was a three-year starter at center for Wabash where he earned first team All-Conference during the 2002 season. Meeker is coaching the outside linebackers. Coach Stu Johnson is also a recent player. He was a two-year starter at defensive back.

He also played on the 2002 playoff team and was a two-year First Team All-Conference selection. He has played in Australia and Sweden. He also coached a U-16 league in Sweden. Johnson is coaching the receivers.

The Little Giants are confident that this year will be different than last year. The Wabash seniors came up with five season goals. This year they want to make their team a family first, play start to finish, get a swagger back, bring back the bell and go 10-0 in the regular season. Head Coach Chris Creighton thinks that this team compares with last year’s because they are both off to great starts, but he believes that this year will be different because of the seniors. There are more seniors on the team this year. Coach Creighton is also excited about this year’s incoming freshmen class. He believes these players fit in and have adapted well to the system. Out of the 44 freshmen, 34 were Captains and 16 were All-State selections in high school.

The coaching staff is happy with the two scrimmage games. No one was seriously hurt and Coach Creighton said the team greatly improved. They faced Wheaton, a three-time playoff team, on Saturday. The Giants starting offense topped Wheaton’s starters to a 10-10 tie. Wheaton went on to win the shortened game 17-10.

Overall, including Red Pack, the Giants defeated Wheaton 38-17. Wabash has been ranked 2nd behind Wittenberg in the NCAC. Come out and support the Little Giants in their opener at 1:00 PM this Saturday on our home turf.
College Football’s Real First Weekend

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Over the years there has been one little thing missing from the Bachelor’s sports section: all sports that don’t deal with Wabash College. But as Bob Dylan said, “Oh the times, they are a changing,” and after one of the Bachelor’s biggest mistakes in some time they have foolishly given us the task to fill this void. We are going to try to bring to life the major happenings in the sporting world each week. And for this week the start of the NCAA college football season gets the spotlight.

Last week was the official start of the college football season, but we are picking things up in time for the first full weekend of games. If by chance you missed last weekend, Oklahoma choked. Weiss made Brady Quinn look like Tom Brady, and Spurrier is back. After carefully considering all of the games in this first full week of major college football, we have narrowed the field down to five big games that you can’t afford to miss.

#5 LSU at #15 Arizona State
Bains: ASU’s QB Sam Keller has weapons around him and will put up some points against LSU, but LSU has too many athletes for ASU to handle. LSU gets over first game jitters and prevails. LSU by 10.
Longo: After ASU’s 63-16 shellacking of Temple many would take the #15 Sun Devils at home, but LSU, with its 77 Louisiana natives, will be playing for more than an opening day win on Saturday. LSU by 14.

South Carolina at #9 Georgia
Bains: Spurrier’s South Carolina honeymoon ends in Athens. Start the D.J. Shockley Heisman talk. Georgia by 35.
Longo: Despite South Carolina’s season opening win, Georgia, after destroying #18 Boise State will give South Carolina more than they can handle. Georgia’s D that didn’t allow Boise State to touch the scoreboard until the second half will jam SC’s Cock’n Fire offense. Georgia by 20.

#20 Notre Dame at #3 Michigan
Bains: Charlie Weiss teams up with Quinn to take advantage of a young Michigan secondary. Notre Dame’s defense causes a couple turnovers and the Irish put the Wolverine’s National Title hopes on hold… Again. Notre Dame by 3.
Longo: Notre Dame’s duo of Brady Quinn and Darius Walker have the spotlight stolen from them at the Big House by the Michigan’s Chad Henne and Mike Hart as the Wolverines avenge last years’ loss. Michigan by 8.

#2 Texas at #4 Ohio State
Bains: Vincent Young will be harassed all day by the Ohio State defense led by A.J. Hawk, and the Buckeye offense will do enough. Look for Ted Ginn to make a big play for the Buckeyes after being contained last week. Ohio State by 2.
Longo: In the best game of the weekend, Young lives up to Heisman Hype as he both runs and passes through the buckeye defense. Texas by 7.

Kalamazoo at Wabash
Bains: Creighton shows off what may be his most talented core of receivers yet. The Little Giant D shuts down the Hornet offense and wins big. Wabash by 27.
Longo: Expect at least a repeat of Wabash’s 35-0 victory over the Hornets from last year. Wabash’s defense ignores the loss of several seniors as the Little Giants roll. Wabash by 35.

One Game at a Time

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When asked what his goals for this year’s Wabash soccer program were, Coach Vernon Mummert didn’t even have to say a word. He simply pointed to the sign behind his desk that read the team’s motto in bold letters: “Be the Best We Can Be, One Game at a Time.” “We want to return to the winning history that Wabash soccer has had in the past,” Coach Mummert said.

In his first year as head coach, Mummert is trying to turn around a once strong soccer program that has slipped over the past few years.

After six consecutive losing seasons, the coach says that a winning record this year will be a good mark to shoot for by season’s end.

Although the team is winless so far this season, they are without a doubt showing improvement from last year. After losing handily to both teams last year, Wabash was edged by Kalamazoo by a final score of 2-1 and lost a heartbreaker in overtime to Hope College in last weekend’s Wabash/DefPauw Soccer Classic.

Led by captains junior midfielder Greg Ridenour, senior goalkeeper Will McAdams, and junior sweeper Ben Esbaum, the young squad looks to have a bright future ahead of them. “We are a very, very young team,” Coach Mummert said. “With that youth comes no fear.”

By season’s end, Mummert expects his team to be the hardest working squad in the conference and to have one of the stingiest defenses. He believes fitness will also be one of the team’s strengths that will allow them to be successful over the course of a long season.

The two keys to winning this year, Mummert has told his team, will be to play tough defense and to prepare for each game as if it were the most important of the year.

“Our goal side defense has to improve,” remarked the coach. “[With better work on defense] we win both games this past weekend.” He wants his team to learn that defense is at the heart of the game. “If you don’t give up goals, you’ve got a much better chance of winning!”

A great boost to the success of the soccer team this year will be the support of the students, faculty and friends of Wabash. Filled bleachers, loud support and maybe even some gentlemanly heckling will help the team play with full confidence.

“I encourage the faculty and students to come out and support the team,” said Coach Mummert. “We will try our best to make it worth their while.” With the young talent and strong work ethic of the men in the program right now, it should come as no surprise that this team should be fun to watch for seasons to come.

“Be the Best We Can Be, One Game at a Time.”
- Vernon Mummert

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Good Luck to the Football Team against Kalamazoo

Good Luck to the Soccer Team at the Centre Classic

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Far Left: Senior Chris Kiester fights for possession in the Little Giants’ 2-1 loss to Kalamazoo.

Left: Sophomore Ben Bly paces himself for the rest of his Hokum Karem leg.

Bottom: Junior Don Juan Brown jets past a tackler in the Red-White scrimmage.

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