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Students Rally Ahead of Faculty Meeting

Faculty Postpones C&T Vote, Plans to Meet with Students

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Students lined the steps of the Lilly Library Tuesday afternoon before the faculty’s vote on the recent C&T resolution. The demonstration comes after roughly a week of a vigorous exchange, particularly among students, regarding the future of C&T.

Last week, members of the Academic Policy Committee (APC) met to discuss a resolution that amended a preexisting resolution to cut the number of “all College” courses from three to two.

The APC’s unanimous vote to take the resolution before the entire faculty for a vote triggered a veritable firestorm of student discussion. Student Body Vice-President Michael Nossett called a special session of the Student Senate last Thursday, and the Senate and Senior Council passed a joint resolution imploring the faculty to take their time in considering the resolution and wait until March 2 to vote on the curriculum change.

The resolution passed 7-0 in the Senior Council and 14-1 in the Senate.

After multiple all-campus e-mails and a plethora of discussion about the issue, Student Body President Cody Stipes and Sphinx Club President Will Hoffman organized the demonstration in Lilly Library to show the faculty that the student body opposes the vote.

The demonstration comes after noon before the faculty’s vote during the Lilly Library Tuesday afternoon.

Nearly 100 students lined the stairs to the Goodrich Room in the Lilly library before Tuesday’s Faculty Meeting.

Seniors Await Comps Results

Scores Available Monday in Dean’s Office

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STAFF WRITER

For most seniors, late February is just like any other time at school. Sure, come and go, and the daily grind goes on as planned. The seniors, however, have another issue at hand: comps results.

Oral comps took place during break, rather than the first week as February, thanks to the restructuring of the comps schedule. Students felt that this would enable the College to release the results sooner than in previous years. Due to complications in several departments, however, the deadline for grades to be turned in was extended from Feb. 5 to Feb. 12.

During the time between when grades are turned in and results are posted, a spreadsheet of the scores is made. A list of those who did not pass is also composed and is sent to Dean Michael Raines, who then contacts the students who failed before the comps results are posted. At the same time, letters are produced for those who passed, complete with their listed scores. Finally, students are able to retrieve their letters from the Deans’ Office.

Earlier in the year, students expressed a significant amount of anxiety that resulted from the new compos schedule. Though there were conflicting ideas, the opinions of students and faculty were parallel: the new schedule was beneficial in respect to keeping students focused on school.

“I think the new schedule was beneficial for both students and faculty,” said Dean Gary Phillips. “Instead of having students and faculty worry about class and comps at the same time, they got them out of the way.”

For some Wabash students, the first day of spring cannot come any sooner, for with it the snow and ice melts away to spring. For first Englishmen exploring Antarctica in the winter of 1911-1912, the snow and ice never melted away.

Co-directors Anthony Morton and Professor of Theater Dwight Watson will bring Terra Nova to the Ball Theater stage next week.

Terra Nova opens Wednesday, February 24, at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the box office by calling 765-361-6411 or by e-mail to boxoffice@wabash.edu. Admission is free.

Seniors Spencer Elliott and Cody Johnson rehearse before the opening of Ted Tally’s Terra Nova.

Like his fellow seniors, Ken Engle checks the mail waiting for his C&T results.

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 echoing Hoffman’s view, “In a time of economic hard times, everybody has to buckle down and work a little harder, and I don’t think academia should be an exception to that,” Nettnay said.

Nettinay went on to discuss the current budget cuts and the impacts they will have on the college. “I think this is an important discussion to have on our campus,” Nettinay said. 

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Spencer Elliott and Clay Shackleton, the lead actors for the play, were working on their lines as the ensemble readied for next week’s production of “Terra Nova.”

Spencer Elliott and Clay Shackleton of the Wabash College theatre program rehearse for the play “Terra Nova,” which takes place in the late 1800s and depicts some of Shackleton’s early expeditions.

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**Students Hit the Slopes**

**GABE WATSON ’13 STAFF WRITER**

Bret Knott always remembered the group of students he had met on skiing trips when she was in college. Now, as the Assistant Director of Schroeder Career Center here at Wabash, she found a way to spread that joy. She teamed up with Coordinator of Activities Jerry Bowie and the Student Senate to bring students Ski Trip 2010. This Saturday, Feb. 20, a maximum of 52 students will accompany Knott and Bowie to Perfect North Slopes in Lawrenceburg, Ind., for skiing, tubing, and copious amounts of hot chocolate. Eighty students signed up for the raffle, with 52 winners and 25 others on the waiting list who still have a chance to go.

After some fluctuations in students’ ability to attend this weekend, the count stood at 41 at the time the Bachelor went to press.

“We have an agreement with Perfect North for 52 students, but they understand the situation when it comes to planning events for bigger groups, so we will ultimately pay only for the students who make the trip,” she said. “But, Jerry and I fully expect to have a bus full of excited Wabash men on Saturday.”

Knott toyed with the idea of skiing on top all winter, but wanted to choose a date that was most available to students. Finally, she settled on Feb. 20.

“I’ve never been skiing before, but this seemed like a pretty cool way to learn.”

Oscar Trujillo Wabash ’11

The Wabash campus has been covered in snow for quite some time. This weekend, some students will go to Perfect North in Lawrenceburg, Ind., where they can make the most of the inclement weather.

**February Recycling Contest Draws to Close**

**WYATT LEWIS ’13 STAFF WRITER**

As the February recycling competition nears its close, the question is: Was the experiment a success? Did the competition successfully spur Wabash into a long-lasting, community-minded way of recycling? BKT Assistant Professor of Psychology Eric Olsofon was instrumental in one of the major issues of the competition.

“I set the goal that at least one fraternity has delivered letters to area houses asking for their recycling. This violates the spirit of recycling drive, which is to get students to form a recycling habit, as well as the spirit of the IM competition, which is intended to be a competition between students,” Olsofon said.

“This is no different than if a living unit recruited people from the community to play for their house in an IM sport.”

“We are in the process of contacting the living units to spread the word to only submit recyclables collected from members of that unit,” Olsofon said.

While no living unit will be penalized for having done this previously, evidence of doing so after notification will result in a penalty.

Another source of confusion with the competition has been the color of the bags used, and whether or not black bags would be accepted by the recycling company.

“We have a strong preference for recycling in clear bags because it allows the ESH workers to determine whether the bag contains recyclables. They cannot open the bag, but if there isn’t anything inside, they leave it.”

Thus far, Olsofon said, “it seems a lot of people aren’t up to speed on this, which is a big problem for us.”

“Every living unit is supposed to have some kind of blue recycling receptacle lined with clear bags, but it seems a lot of people aren’t up to speed on it and aren’t doing a good job of getting their recycling out,” McDonald said.

“It’s started out slow, but we pick up a fair amount of bags each night. It’s not really a success or a failure. Some living units are definitely much more on board than others, and we don’t have as much participation as we wanted, but it’s definitely a considerable improvement.”

Olsofon commented on this fact as well.

“I have been pleased with the response, but we still have a long way to go and we encourage students to step it up as the competition comes to a close.”

Currently, Theta Delta Chi is sweeping the competition with a lofty .367 bags per person, followed by Phi Delta Theta with .293 bags per person, and a tie for third between Kappa Sigma and Lambda Chi Alpha at .125 bags per person.

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In an effort to encourage campus-wide recycling, living units will receive IM championship points for recycling...
This past week has been a whirlwind for all of us, and I join the rest of the Class of 2010 in trying to understand it all. Unfor- tunately, we are unable to under- stand it has been very public. While others can shape and even change things immeasur- ably, a journalist puts his out for all to read.

A number of people have approached me to get more information about the circum- stances. It is difficult to even write my Monday night e-mail. I offer that information glad- ly.

Wednesday nights are the nights the weekday newspaper layout work is done. Last Wednesday night, we were almost ready to put the beast to bed and received a call from Jacob Stump. We discussed the passage of the Academic Policy Committee’s proposal on reducing all-college courses. We were both understand- ably outraged at what we saw as a threat to the liberal arts mission. He and Seth Einterz asked me if I would op-ed on the issue. If I did not identify, I decided I would in any case. So I asked Stump if the facts were backed up, especially the mention of the December APC meeting and the schedule for the Monday night e-mail. He and Seth assured me just had a professor read it to me.

I made a last-minute deci- sion to write the Monday night e-mail. But when I saw it in print Friday morning, something didn’t sit right with me.

I was not comfortable with the feeling it left with me and I went to see some of the collec- tors who read it, that something was being hidden from them and taken from them, a conspiracy born of malice.

This weight grew heavier and heavier on my conscience, and my spirit grew sick as I came to the realization that I broke my own standards of tone and diligence by signing and printing the letter.

In the Bachelor’s Back to Campus issue, I said we would’t campaign motives but ideas. My journalistic standard requires me and my staff to do our due diligence in getting all of the available information before we print something. I fail to do that both times.

So I decided I would get my hands on more material, if something should I have done before printing the “op-ed.” I acquired the APC pro- posal from a member of the APC. I also acquired Professor Jennifer Abbott’s notice on the process, which was the last time she is the parlia- mentarian.

I also sat in front of Profes- sor Eller’s office and stayed in Hays Hall for quite some time Monday so that he could pro- vide me with and explain the model he created for how the College could possibly have three all-College courses.

Up until that point I had not been sure where I stood on the entire matter. I had lingering questions, but once he explained to me how much the faculty staffing levels were, how optimistic his projections were, and how much a scenario of keeping the current framework relied on hope and chance, I began to lean toward not only clearing the record but supporting the APC proposal. Yet, I still had the same questions people were asking this week. Why so Easy? Why this way?

Dean Gary Phillips had invited Cody Stipes, Stump, Einterz, and me to discuss this week. To be clear, this was an invitation and not a summons. We all chose to go, and we met beforehand to strategize. I told the other sig- natories where I stood at the moment, and that on Dean Phillips answered our concerns to my satisfaction I would be sending out an e-mail like the one I sent out Monday night.

We went to the meeting. I was plenty quiet; absorbing all the arguments and counterargu- ments. After an hour of back and forth I left, and I wrote the e- mail that went to everyone’s inboxes tonight.

I’m giving this narrative of events because I have been asked to by my peers where I respect very much. In no way was I forced, castrated, or other- wise compelled to send out Monday night’s e-mail or to support the APC proposal by any external entity.

Instead, it was my own con- science, my own responsibility, my own commitment to the liberal arts, and my reflection on the information I received from a variety of sources, some of whom support the APC propos- al, and some of whom oppose it. With Tuesday’s postponing of the vote on the APC propos- al, I hope everyone will take a breath, regroup, and work now to ensure that, if this proposal passes, this committee’s work includes students to an unprecedented level of engage- ment.

We learn from our mistakes, and I acted in a hasty manner to avoid a whirlwind for all of us, and I acted in a hasty manner to avoid a whirlwind for all of us, and I acted in a hasty manner to avoid a whirlwind for all of us, and I acted in a hasty manner to avoid a whirlwind for all of us, and I acted in a hasty manner to avoid a whirlwind for all of us, and I acted in a hasty manner to avoid a whirlwind for all of us, and I acted in a hasty manner to avoid a whirlwind for all of us, and I acted in a hasty manner to avoid a whirlwind for all of us, and I acted in a hasty manner to avoid a whirlwind for all of us, and I acted in a hasty manner to avoid a whirlwind for all of us, and I acted in a hasty manner to avoid a whirlwind for all of us, and I acted in a hasty manner to avoid a

Cultures and Traditions: Who Cares?

In a fruitful discussion of any hot topic, all of the issues at hand must be discussed. The recent debate surrounding Cul- tures and Traditions, Wabash College’s infamous full-year, course, has been heated to say the least. Arguments being tossed around, some professors want to keep it, some want to dismiss it all together, and others are somewhat bewildered and divided.

While it would be easy and self-serving to take a stand on this issue, that is not my intent. Many students and professors have voiced their opinions both for and against the course. A fact not lost on my own opinion would hardly serve to help the debate, although some might find it entertaining. Instead, I think it would be much more interesting and help- ful to level the playing field of the more interesting pros and cons I have heard in this spirited debate. That debate has not been one that has gone on simply this year. As a student, as a sophomore, junior, or senior clearly knowing the debate sur- rounding Cultures and Traditions issues year after year among the sophomores, who have to take the course, and the juniors, seniors, who often esteem it’s virtues.

There is constant debate on what to include or exclude in the modules surrounding the course, which some professors have labeled as a class course in great authors, works, and ideas. Other positive descriptions offer the course as the pinnacle of the liberal arts, a virtual gathering of some of the most influ- ential age from every discipline and major in the College. Many students and alumni view the course as a drain on their time and do not care about the course. Under these circum- stances some students walk away from their sections with easy A’s whereas struggle to simply achieve a B or C or D.

Whatever the outcome of this debate we must all work to patch the septic divide that has plagued our campus in the past two years. Such issues as C&T and faculty woes must be argued passionately and vehe- менantly, that is beyond question. However, such passion should not lead to obstinate hatred or distrust. I hope that as a cam- pus and a community we can keep this debate and discussion clean of mudslinging.

Once the decision has been made, in either direction, we must all come back together to continue to make this College the best it can be. As the old adage goes, a house divided can- not stand. This is true of the College as it is of our brains.
I am proud to be called a Wabashian

JONATHON TORREZ
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Is the Democratic super-majority in the United States Senate at risk? This seems to be on the mind of every political analyst. Former U.S. Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle (D-S.D.) and Evan Bayh has announced his retirement this week. According to political analysts, Minnesota took his seat last May, Democrats across the country areretaining 60 seats, which is the majority needed to last them a political lifetime. How times have changed in just two years.

Last week, I discussed which seats Democrats and Republicans might lose in the U.S. House of Representatives. Now, let’s take a look at the Senate races and those candidates who are fighting for their seats.

The House and Senate are very different when it comes to political power. Every midterm, the party in power loses four Senate seats and the Democrats won’t win more than five seats. However, there are 36 seats up for grabs this year, which could be the difference between a Democratic or Republican majority. The 2010 midterm elections were the most economically troubling ones going on America. Many feeling the Democrats have made a good president. They conclude that substantially deregulates the system, yet we don’t mind it when our campaigns are marred by dust and sweat and blood; the credit belongs to the man who is truly united this campus.

The President Byron K. 36 out of 36 seats are competitive this month. November 8th from Arizona (Lincoln-D), Colorado (Bennett-R), Connecticut (Blumenthal-D), Delaware (Kaufman-D), Florida (LeMieux-R), Georgia (Hart-D), Hawaii (Hirono-D), Illinois (Burros-D), Kentucky (Burns-D), Louisiana (Landrieu-D), Massachusetts (Kennedy-D), Michigan (Green-D), Minnesota (Feingold-D), Nebraska (Sasse-R), New Hampshire (Hassan-D), New Jersey (Sarlo-D), North Carolina (Cashe-D), Oregon (Lautenberg-D), Pennsylvania (Specter-D), South Carolina (Landsman-D), South Dakota (Heller-D), Tennessee (Baucus-D), Texas (Cochran-D), Utah (Bennett-D), Virginia (Kaine-D), Vermont (Bennett-D), Washington (Feinstein-D), West Virginia (Manchin-D), Wisconsin (Feingold-D), and Wyoming (Barrasso-D).

As we can see, many more Democratic seats are in play compared to Republican seats. States like Nevada and Arkansas are on the map because many voters are not too happy with Republicans for their support on "Teabaggers". The party’s ineffective and wasteful management of government and "Teabaggers" for politicians, clearly favoring the Democrats. This was (unfairly) considered an illegal corporate contribution.

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Johnson did not act at all in high school, and his first experience with the theater has been surprisingly rewarding for him.

“It’s completely better than I thought it would be,” Johnson said. “I just really love about everything, from Professor [Dwright] Watson [director] to everyone in the cast.”

Part of Johnson’s gratification with his experience with the theater is undoubtedly due to the fact that it’s different from the three years of wrestling that occupied him before.

“With sports, it’s often the same thing day in and day out, so there’s that sense of a great as the season moves on,” Johnson said. “At least our rehearsals, it’s never the same thing. Obviously, we rehearse the same scenes, but there’s so many different ways to approach them that they’re different.”

While the move from sports to theater has been refreshing for Johnson, it has certainly not been relaxing.

“Some people are a little more of a time commitment than sports,” Johnson said. “We rehearse somewhere around three hours a day, five days a week.”

The other athlete-turned-actor in the production is Alex Moseman ’11, a sea-soned, dormant actor before Terra Nova, having acted in four plays and two musicals, he is back on the stage since he attended Wabash. Moseman is a discuss and hammer thrower on the track and field team, but he took his ACL last fall, sidelined him for the entire season.

“Every actor has a love/hate relationship with the theater,” Moseman said. “It’s been enjoyable to get back into acting and have different experiences that I don’t usually have in my normal, 25 year old Midwestern life.”

Moseman does not regret his hiatus from the stage. On the contrary, he said he was thankful for it.

“I think the third year was kind of a letdown. I wasn’t working as hard, I wasn’t working as much, so I can appreciate more now,” Moseman said.

Cody Johnson ’10 attended Wabash college student senate, Andrew Forrester is the busiest guy in Madison, Indiana, Forrester has dealt with the unique political atmosphere dur-

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STAFF WRITER

When the budget crisis of 2009 hit the Wabash College Student Senate, Andrew Forrester ’11 was an impressive sopho-
more. This year, he is student body treas-
er and well on his way to make further improvements.

But what’s really defined Forrester’s experience at Wabash is not his current office but the opportunities to be involved. “I hope I’m helping to change Wabash for the better as much as it has made me better,” Forrester said. “I have tried to be involved in a wide variety of things, not just because I like them, but because it helps the college make a better place.”

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due basketball game my freshman year of high school and I was like ‘Man, dad’s there. so I’m going there all year. go Come on!’ I’ve always been a big Purdue fan and everyone thought that’s where I was going to go. But I came back and visited more school. I decided I wanted a small col-
lege, where I could be involved, know people, make a difference, and especially it is good education.”

Above all, Andrew Forrester is a steady and reliable friend to countious Wabashian.

“Forrester is very dependable and is always willing to provide what little need,” said classmate Adam Braisch ’11. “He’s always been a great guy, just put a smile on my face,” added Zach Rohrbach ’12.

This Andrew cuts budgets, not forests.
The Bachelor

Friends

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1) Slash

 Slash first made his name as lead guitarist in Guns ‘N Roses. Perhaps recognized most by the trademark top hat and sunglasses, he combines styles of blues and rock while his guitar solos are noted for making guitarists say “oooh” with the use of bending and the wha-which pedal. Versatile yet distinct, he suits metal or hard rock bands best. He was able to leave GNR before
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2) Synyster Gates

Age 28, Gates has already established himself as a metal star. He stepped into the spotlight after he established fame, using it to promote political activism. At Harvard, he studied and been fully immersed into many high-toned activities. His use of “exotic” techniques makes him standout

3) Tom Morello

Ever hear of Rage Against the Machine, or Audioslave? Well, if you have, you can distinguish this guitarist from the other band—that is the band before his time. He is Tom Morello. Many have claimed that he layers his guitar riffs with others, but Morello is an “on-the-spot” player, meaning he can play metal-laden guitar riffs and lighter, twanged riffs. Bends, hammer-ons, and pull-offs propel his sound. Gates’ skills in a nutshell are demonstrated in Anger in Heaven, the music video “Science on the Seventh Day,” where Gates stands in a funeral crowd, watching himself play a tear-jerking guitar solo on top of a coffin at the same time.

4) Steve Vai

“For the Love of Surf” guy. Vai must be placed in this list. His knowledge of music theory and his ability to make his music stand out from most others. He has developed a style that is unique, he was able to attend the concert because they

5) Joe Satriani

Satriani started his career as a guitarist teacher, with Steve Vai and Kirk Hammett among his most notable students. Vai spoke in favor of Satriani’s book, after he published the book, Satriani’s a break-through, with the production of his album Surfing with the Alien. Science fiction is a common theme that occurs in his songs with titles making references to stories, such as "Kurt Vonnegut’s Cat’s Cradle." Stylistically, he varies he’s used the whammy bar, tapping, and note-to

Seniors

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Tackling Terra Nova

Wallahs get second chance at extracurriculars

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Any school or organization, par-

icularly a liberal arts college like Wabash, likes to flail its do-every-

thing representatives who embody the

very diversity and well-rounded

ness the organization claims to offer. However, because of real-world time

constraints and a heavy course load,

most students can only devote them-

selves to one or a few extra-curricu-

lar groups, leaving those others

they wish they could take part in by the

wayside.

Of these demanding extra-curricu-

lar activities, varsity sports are among

the more time-consuming, and next week's production of Terra Nova

brings two students who are only able to participate in theater because of
dedicated commitments to varsity athletics.

Cody Johnson '19 plays the lead

character of Robert Falcon Scott in

Ted Tally's play about the British

exploration to the South Pole in 1911.

He is a former Wabash wrestler who

was in his first theater production, at

Wabash as a second-semester senior.

"It's just so satisfying. I'm now

enjoying now because it's probably

the only opportunity I'll have to do

something like this," Johnson said.

"I've always wanted to, but I could-

n't because of wrestling, so it was

sort of a new or never situation for me."

Johnson's cast members are glad

he carried some drive, as he

impressed them from even before the

start of rehearsals.

"I watched his first audition and

was very impressed," said Luke Rob-

bins '11, a theater major who has

been in several productions at

Wabash. "I've beenstricted about

what to do to have a good audition, and Cody had the natural instinct in

his readings in what the director was

looking for."
It’s raining and Droopy would be happy with the weather. It’s a great day to stay inside and read about other people’s adventures. So, let’s dive into the world of tennis and find out what’s happening on the courts.

**BRANDAN ALFORD**
**STAFF WRITER**

It’s at Knowling Fieldhouse on a Tuesday night. The intramural basketball teams have begun filing out, ready to wind down their nights and relax before another academically grueling day, just like every other Wabash man.

Well, almost every other Wabash man.

For a select few Wallies, this is the beginning of a frustrating schedule. A tournament. A tournament.

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The first step in that endeavor began with the search for a coach. Enter Visiting Professor of Religion Jeff Wilcox.

Hailing from Michigan, Wilcox’s ties with the sport stems from his sons’ playing experiences. “Thrust into the role is the best way to put it,” Wilcox joked. “When I was providing a class with my personal biography at the beginning of last semester I mentioned that I had two sons who both played tennis. Within that one week, one of my students came up and asked if I would be interested in coaching. I let him know that I didn’t know anything about tennis. He said that he knows that I had knowledge of the sport and that was it. They were cool enough to let me go at easy and I agreed to take on the role in the spring.”

With Wilcox learning as he went, the leadership and dedication of several members have made the transition easy. “It’s taken a while for me to adjust to them calling me ‘coach’,” Wilcox said. “The fact that I have a class of students and am on the ground in the sport, it has taken a little while for me to feel comfortable directing them in that capacity as their coach. I think we are all out here learning and that adversity. They kept it fun.”

Morgan said he liked how the Little Giants seemed to feed off the energy of the early record-breaking runs. “One thing that popped out to me was the 60-meter hurdles,” Morgan said. “200 was taken down after a successful Hoosier Hills Invitational record. The record-setting performance in the 200-meter hurdles, and the 1600-meter relay team also set a school record mark.

Wabash has a number of other strong performances in the non-scoring meet, including junior Wes Chamblee’s 24th in the 400-meter dash, which was the best finish of all small-college runners. Junior Justin Allen took 15th in the 3,000-meter run, and freshman Jake Waterman took 7th in the 800-meter run. Sophomore Kevin McCarthy finished ninth in the same race. Sophomore Matt Knot added a seventh-place finish in the pole vault, while Matt Scheller took 10th in the long jump.

The meet, hosted by Indiana University, was challenging not only because it featured mostly Division I schools, but also because it lasted into the wee hours of Saturday morning. “It was really excited to see the team performing,” said Head Track & Field Coach Clyde Morgan. “That was a tough meet. The 4x4 went off at 1:00 in the morning. I was proud of our team dealing with that adversity. They kept it fun.”

Despite having to deal with the adverse weather conditions, the Wallies were able to bring home a victory. “I think we are all out here learning and that adversity. They kept it fun.”

Ricky Ritter Fits Right Into Leadership Role

One of Ricky Ritter’s biggest concerns about studying abroad last semester in Freiburg, Germany was how he would be able to continue his individual work-outs for the 2010 Wabash Tennis season.

The German tennis club, from which Ritter learned much about the game, was much different from New Palestine, Ind. Tennis was a sport that Ritter was not used to playing. He had never been a tennis player before.

Upon return from Germany, Ritter immediately wanted to get back on the court with his teammates. A young team with no experienced seniors and faced with the task of replacing Jay Horrey, one of Wabash’s all-time greatest tennis players due to graduation, Ritter seems to be the natural leader in the team.

“We do have a young team,” Ritter admitted. “But we’re not looking at this as a rebuilding year. We have high goals for this season.”

“Since I’ve been here, we’ve never had this deep of a team. Our six singles and three doubles are points we should be winning almost every match.”

With his positive attitude and strong work ethic, it was soon apparent that Ritter would be the young guys.”

The transition for the new freshmen to meet their team captain has gone fairly smoothly; he was already a familiar face to them. “I was fortunate to be at the first fall practice because I didn’t leave Germany until after Wabash classes started,” Ritter said. “I was actually a freshman orientation leader, so I was on campus that whole week with the guys, hitting with them every day.”

Sophomore Evan Bayless, Ritter’s doubles partner, believes his teammate adds an important element to the squad. “Ricky is unquestionably the leader of this team. He doesn’t say much, but when he does, everyone listens.”

One thing for sure, Ritter and his young teammates are looking forward to another exciting spring on the Wabash tennis court.
Swimming Team Shows Improvement at NCACs

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What once was a team marked with inconsistency has now turned into a team that has continually raised their level of performance throughout the season. In just one season, Head Swimming Coach Steve Barnes and the Little Giant swimmers have put together a new standard for future swim teams.

With a solid showing at the North Coast Athletic Conference meet, the Little Giant swimmers were able to put six people into a good position for a chance at competing at the NCACs on March 17-20 at the University of Minnesota.

“We were right when we wanted to be and came together and had a strong showing,” Barnes said. “It’s time to begin preparing to pay off for the swim team. Last year, the team placed fourth at the NCAC meet. This year will be placed third.”

“I thought we swam pretty well as a team at conference,” said junior Evan Rhinesmith. “Guys stepped up when we needed them to and we really just raced well when it counted.”

The main catalyst for this strong showing at the end of the year was the bonding and team atmosphere that was created throughout the season, and the team’s mindset of improving every race.

“Everyone is excited and motivated… the team is in good spirits and ready to earn All-American status,” Barnes said.

The team has definitely come a long way from the beginning of the season and a lot of that has to do with the team’s new mindset thanks to Barnes.

It was definitely a year for the team to show that they can be a force in the National scene. With six swimmers who have a shot at swimming at the NCACs—that’s five more than they had in the past three years—the team is well on its way. “Our team got smaller this year, our goals got bigger, and we are --” senior Eric Vaughn. The team has one more chance to solidify the number of swimmers they can send to NCACs at Kenyon’s Last Chance Meet. But with all the challenges the team has overcome this year, one more stop on the way to NCACs’ will not be a problem for our swimmers. “Everyone is excited and motivated…the team is in good spirits and ready to earn All-American status,” Barnes said.

Rhinesmith was among those swimmers excited about the NCACs. “The Nationals will be a lot of fun if we can get the relays to qualify,” he said. “Our team got closer as we raced against our limits for us at that point.”

“Whatever it takes to be a national contender year after year,” Ander- son said. “The way the team has come obstacles, when ever. In the end, Wabash swimmers were looking for a top three spot with regional guarantees, Delaware Valley and Tri- ton College. Obviously, the goal is to win the tournament, but a top three or four finish would be good for such a young team. The real test will be to see how many tickets to Nationals will be punched this weekend.”
having a lot of fun. I have relied on the guys that know the sport and have a background playing, and they’ve been great. It’s been in every sense of the word, a ‘team’ effort. I’m learning just as much as the guys who are new to playing the sport.”

With experience at a premium, particularly on a new team, leadership is a facet that can be among the most important. Wilcox points to a few of his most seasoned veterans as having stepped up to the plate. “The Rosborough brothers have been playing the sport for a while, and along with Tim Cheek have been great leaders,” Wilcox said. “All of the guys are working hard, and there are quite a bit of guys with previous experience and those guys have been really helpful in bringing everyone up to speed so far.”

Sophomore Phil Rosborough agreed. “It’s really important that we have guys out here that have experience, but the guys who have only played for a year or two have made considerable improvements since we have started this season.”

However, Rosborough acknowledged that Wilcox’s addition to the program is already paying dividends, “With the addition of Professor Wilcox and him having us do organized drills as opposed to scrimmaging every night, we will definitely get our stick skills up to par and will help us compete better this year.”

While teams may initially be hesitant to line it with this new squad of Wallies, the Wabash rugby team has shown that Wabash men have the capabilities to turn a relatively obscure and inexperienced group into a competitive, well-respected team state- and region-wide. The blue-print that the rugby team has laid for current and future club sports is one that the rugby group is well aware of.

While practice time and potential opponents have been hurdles for the club to overcome, school support – particularly financially - has been a constant positive. “The school has been funding us with pretty good money, especially with good equipment updates,” Rosborough said. “We have five teams scheduled so far and would like to get a few more games. It’d be nice to get a half dozen or so games this year. Anytime you are starting a new team, established teams are reluctant to schedule you.”

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While success is a new learning experience for this squad, Rosborough is optimistic about what this spring can bring the group. “Before last year, our Lacrosse team had never scored a goal to scoring a considerable amount last season against good competition like Purdue, Butler, and Rose Hillman, among others,” Rosborough said. “I think a great goal for this group would be to go. 500 for the season, and I think that is an extremely realistic goal, especially with the way we have been improving.”

With leadership stemming from guys like Phil, his brother David, and senior Tim Cheek, the Lacrosse team looks to be in good hands for this spring and beyond.
Top Left: Professor of Religion and C&T co-chair David Blix ’70 receives support from students protesting the potential change to C&T. Photo by Alex Moseman ’11.

Top Right: Indianapolis Star Columnist Matthew Tully speaks with Professor of English Warren Rosenberg and Visiting Instructor of Education Amy Gillan this past Tuesday after his talk on his reporting on Indianapolis’ Manual High School. Photo by Drew Casey ’12.

Bottom Right: Students protesting C&T made sure they were noticed in the library on Tuesday. Photo by Alex Moseman ’11.