Felony Arrests Raise Consequence Questions

Two recent arrests have broadened the question about drug use on campus beyond prescription drugs to illegal recreational drugs. Two Wabash men have been arrested and charged with felony drug offenses in separate incidents in recent months. Crawfordsville Police arrested sophomore Ian Kelly Feb. 28, 2010. Indiana State Police arrested senior Ian Scales March 25, 2010.

According to documents filed in the Montgomery County Clerk’s office, Kelly faces one count of Possession of Marijuana as a class D felony and one count of Operation with Controlled Substance in the body as a class C misdemeanor.

Scales faces one count of Possession of Methamphetamine as a class D felony, one count of maintaining a common nuisance as a class D felony, one count of possession of marijuana as a class A misdemeanor, and one count of Possession of Paraphernalia as a class A misdemeanor.

According to Indiana law, a Class D felony conviction requires a prison sentence between a half-year and three years. A Class A misdemeanor conviction requires a prison sentence of less than a year.

“I wouldn’t say drugs are a big issue at Wabash, any bigger an issue than anywhere else in the community,” Crawfordsville Police Detective Lt. Mike Norman said. “Anytime we are asked to investigate any illegal type of activity relating to Wabash, we treat it just like any other location.”

Dean of Students Michael Raters said neither arrest occurred on the Wabash campus.

Both Kelly and Scales’ cases are pending. Kelly’s trial in Montgomery County is set for July 6, 2010, while a date for Scales’ trial had not been set as of April 8, 2010. Raters would neither comment on nor acknowledge the arrests.

“Everything comes back to the Gentleman’s rule,” Raters said. “Gentlemanly behavior, responsible citizen, at all times, on and off the campus. Responsible citizens follow the law. If we have a student that gets in trouble for violating the law, I will deal with that and address that and discipline that behavior.”

Raters said that each instance is judged on a case-by-case basis and did not state out specific consequences by the College for specific charges.

Raters said the consequences for illegal drug activity can vary based on the severity of the offense. "I'm..."
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The Bachelor Staff Wins Four Awards
Editor, Advisor Reflect on ICPA Awards

WYATT LEWIS ’13
STAFF WRITER
Last Saturday, five Wabash men traveled to the annual Indiana Colleges Press Association meeting at Ball State College to represent the staff of the Bachelor and receive four awards for their hard work and dedication, as well as attending a number of informative workshops to improve journalism and investigative skills.

This year, although the Bachelor did not place as one of the best newspapers of the year, the staff was still grateful for what it received. The rewards received included: 1st place to John McLaughry, Steve Henke, and Gary James for best news or feature series, 3rd place to Peter McGaughey, Steve Henke, and Gary James for best news or feature series, 2nd place for best staff editorial, and 2nd place for best sports.

Howard Hewitt, the Bachelor advisor, commented on the Bachelor’s performance this year.

"While some of the guys may be disappointed in not bringing home four awards after last year’s Best Small Newspaper Award, I’m proud. The state press association cut the number of contest divisions this year, so we’re among the smallest Colleges in all of ICPAs. We’re now competing against University of Indianapolis, DePauw and Evansville which have some formidable journalism classes or programs.

Gary James ’10, the Editor-in-Chief of the Bachelor, commented on the disappointment, but also remained hopeful for the future.

"It’s something that we didn’t place this year. The reality is we were competing against schools with journalism programs that we have in previous years. Even though we didn’t win this year we did win again for our ICPA Awards. We won a number of categories. Gary James elected a new editor and I think our newspaper will continue to be strong, relevant, and engaging."

Hewitt agreed with James as reflected on the Bachelor’s growth.

"I am proud of the guys’ teamwork in picking up first and third in the Best News Series category and our other two awards. We’ve really developed some writing/reporting depth over the years."

The Wabash students departed at 7:15 a.m. Saturday morning, and after stopping for coffee, arrived at 9:30 a.m. for breakfast and a social. The staff members received the chance to attend two workshops from a handful of workshops given by special speakers designed to take an in-depth look at various aspects of journalism, including “Investigative Reporting,” “New Trends in Design,” “Online Expectations: Getting a Job,” and others.

These workshops were capped by the keynote speech preceding the catered lunch, given by Dennis Ryanson, the editor of the Indianapolis Star, who focused his speech around the future of journalism, and the need for young, aspiring reporters. As Riley Floyd ’13 prepares to take over as the new editor-in-chief, the Bachelor will have the perfect opportunity to be revised and revamped, with the entrance of a fresh outlook on the paper.

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Sophisticated brewing at Wabash. Amazingly good coffee to be exact. Plus delicious lattes, mochas, espressos, smoothies, and a whole lot more. So come see what’s brewing at the Library Café on the Campus.

The Bachelor
April 16, 2010
Felonies & Misdemeanors: What’s the Difference?

Each year the PreLaw Society presents its annual Peck Dinner to honor the recipient of the Senior Peck medal and to award the annual senior Peck awards. However, this year was a bit different, as Wabash alumni and distinguished university officials were present to hear the words of Mr. John Henry, who was being honored with the Senior Peck Award.

The dining merriment began at six with hors d’oeuvres and a meet and greet followed by Mr. Henry’s speech. Professor Scott Himsel’s Senior PreLaw Students. Top (L to R): Aaron Bonar, John Henry, Jarryd Morton, Alex Ingram, Brad Caseieman, Zach Lamming, Bryce Shellman. Bottom (L to R) Chris Vanover, Ian Hasting, Prof. Scott Himsel, Nicholas Maranan, Justin Freidig.

Professor Scott Himsel was very pleased with the event and the awards presentation. "Mr. Crook gave a fantastic speech that was very relevant to people thinking about practicing law. It was light hearted, it was fun, and it was very impressive by all of our winners. It’s a great senior Peck medal with a lot of substance." All of the recipients of this year’s senior awards plan on attending law school in the fall of 2010.

sentence charts for felonies and misdemeanors are listed in the Indiana Criminal Code. A class D felony carries a sentence of one and a half years, class C, four years, class B, 10 years; and class A, 20 years. Murder carries a sentence of 40 years. Being charged with a felony places the person who brought the charge in the running to floor meetings in residence hall and to the community standards office and to a community standards review process. Resident Assistants and campus mentors also receive education and training in identifying and helping fellow students.

“Both misdemeanors and felonies are warrant crimes or felonies. There have been instances of greater concern. ‘If so-and-so, a student is doing something to cause harm to others, and that includes harm to our College and our College’s reputation. ‘If so-and-so, a student is doing something to cause harm to others, and that includes harm to our College and our College’s reputation.”

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Illegal Drugs are Ant-Wabash

There is a menace on the Wabash campus. How it came to be is not unique to this campus alone. It affects communities large and small, near and far.

This menace is drugs, and more specifically, the possession and sale of drugs of all kinds. In 2006, the Indiana state police filed 3,682 charges for drug violations, which include marijuana, dealing, possession, and cultivation, dealing narcotics and other controlled substances, including prescription drugs, and dealing and possession of steroids.

Over the past couple months, some Wabash men, current and former, have been arrested by local and state officials for possession of marijuana, syringes and a vile of liquid steroids, in the possession of hundreds of dollars in cash, and possessing marijuana, syringes and a vile of liquid steroids, as well as a prescription for oxycodone, hash, tens of thousands of dollars in cash, and other items.

Some of these students were charged, as well, with a Class B felony, a Class D felony, and a theft charge, all of which carry a range in the sentence for these offenses ranging from one year in prison and a $10,000 fine to less than a year in prison and no more than $1,000 in fines. These sentences fluctuate based on the circumstances, but the fact remains the fact that the sentence remains the law. This is not a paratextual mention about the minimum sentence one's body or how drugs are inherently wrong. More likely, this onus falls on the staff who has the authority to declare what is an inherent or inherently wrong or right. However, as a sounding board for the entire Pan-Hel community, the Bachelor and other members of the community have a solemn obligation to speak to the issues that affect or could affect the community.

The possession, cultivation, and sale of illicit drugs is one of those issues.

Drugs may differ in character and is not very well thought out. One may think of drugs as a serious or minor matter. One may criticize federal, state, or local law enforcement for the way drugs are arrested and handled. One may even be willing to take the chance of being caught by law enforcement officials. But following this line of argument presents one major challenge. It ignores each person's personal responsibility in maintaining a drug-free environment.

As a college and as an institution, we must be willing to take the chance of being caught by law enforcement officials and the like serve as menaces to the people of power associated with the campus. One wonders if our duties of large fines or prison time, but also as a pariah or she wants to his or her body. While any illicit drugs are illegal, one wonders if our duties of large fines or prison time, but also as a pariah or she wants to his or her body. While any illicit drugs are illegal, the like serve as menaces to the people of power associated with the campus. One wonders if our duties of large fines or prison time, but also as a pariah or she wants to his or her body. While any illicit drugs are illegal, the like serve as menaces to the people of power associated with the campus. One wonders if our duties of large fines or prison time, but also as a pariah or she wants to his or her body. While any illicit drugs are illegal, the like serve as menaces to the people of power associated with the campus. One wonders if our duties of large fines or prison time, but also as a pariah or she wants to his or her body. While any illicit drugs are illegal, the like serve as menaces to the people of power associated with the campus. One wonders if our duties of large fines or prison time, but also as a pariah or she wants to his or her body. While any illicit drugs are illegal, the like serve as menaces to the people of power associated with the campus. One wonders if our duties of large fines or prison time, but also as a pariah or she wants to his or her body. While any illicit drugs are illegal, the like serve as menaces to the people of power associated with the campus. One wonders if our duties of large fines or prison time, but also as a pariah or she wants to his or her body. While any illicit drugs are illegal, the like serve as menaces to the people of power associated with the campus. One wonders if our duties of large fines or prison time, but also as a pariah or she wants to his or her body. While any illicit drugs are illegal, the like serve as menaces to the people of power associated with the campus. One wonders if our duties of large fines or prison time, but also as a pariah or she wants to his or her body. While any illicit drugs are illegal, the like serve as menaces to the people of power associated with the campus. One wonders if our duties of large fines or prison time, but also as a pariah or she wants to his or her body. While any illicit drugs are illegal, the like serve as menaces to the people of power associated with the campus. One wonders if our duties of large fines or prison time, but also as a pariah or she wants to his or her body. While any illicit drugs are illegal, the like serve as menaces to the people of power associated with the campus. One wonders if our duties of large fines or prison time, but also as a pariah or she wants to his or her body.
Torrez Pans President’s Accomplishments, Opposition’s Partisanship

JONATHAN TORREZ ’10
POLITICAL COLUMNIST

I am not known as a person that can take two needles of the same. I am also known as a person to be upfront about liberal and conservative politics. However, I am sick and tired of obstructionism in America to stop the will of the governing body to do its work, especially Republican obstructionists who refuse to allow “the liberal agenda” to happen.

I will start by saying Democrats also partake in these rhythms of delay and destruction but they now control the agenda by holding the office of the President and massive majorities in Congress. They should be allowed to bring bills, nominations and treaties to the floor of the Senate and House without Republicans exercising a filibuster at every turn.

In the past few news cycles, Rep. Senators Jon Bunning and Tom Coburn held up the approval of unemployment benefits because they were not paid for by budget cuts or tax increases. However, when these two Senators were a part of a Republican majority in Congress, they allowed “emergency spending” for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and passage of their Medicare reform while not paying for them. Some have characterized these unemployment benefits as “emergency spending,” but these Republicans will not allow the passage of crucial spending in this financial crisis.

Now about the new START Treaty Obama signed with Russia? Might get filibustered. This new START with Russia is an agreement by both countries to cut their nuclear arsenals by a third. In a world where the new threat is cyber attacks and terrorist attacks, the resources that fund the maintenance of our nuclear arsenal can go better to protecting America from cyber attacks seen more frequently in the past year. However, Republicans fear the treaty. They have no big reason to deny the approval of the bill, but are saying this treaty, along with new policies being placed by the Obama administration, will hurt America’s ability to respond to an attack. Yeah, like “death panels” will determine whether your Grandmother lives or dies.

The fight now to have a liberal Justice in the landmark case is underway. Justice John Paul Stevens announced his retirement from the Court last Friday. However, Republicans fear the treaty. Democrats have already stated they will filibuster the nominee if he/she is not part of the “mainstream?” Really? Most Americans approve of gun regulations, same-sex relationship recognition, and abortion, yet they will not support a nominee who does approve of these items. Why do they not allow the nomination of a liberal to replace a liberal? I would understand the fight for the seat if Justice Thomas, Roberts or Scalia stepped down from the court but why fight now?

One of the greatest opportunities to which I can attest to the truth of the above claim. I am a very liberal and conservative view both sides of the issue. I am also the smartest man in Washington, which is why I feel qualified to an attack. Yeah, like “death panels” will hurt America’s ability to respond to an attack. I am a very liberal and conservative view both sides of the issue. I am also the smartest man in Washington, which is why I feel qualified to

How do we go about this? Well for starters, next year we should include in their resumes a “Meet the Faculty” cookout, where we invite all faculty and freshmen to eat dinner and get to know one another. I know from conversations with Dr. Cook that this is something that was done in the past and could be put on again.

I am not advocating that. What I am advocating is for adding more distribution requirements. For fraternity men, go to your sponsored faculty dinners! Have more of them, and don’t just mingle with professors you’ve had before; get to meet the other faculty members arriving on campus this summer, whether they are visiting or tenure track. But don’t just stop here, make an effort to stop by the offices of the new faculty members also on the committee. One chair of this committee is Dr. Bobby Horton, who has done a fantastic job helping to build communitics and foster discussion. Prior to this time, the only thing I knew about Dr. Horton was the smile on his face on the faculty to turn to for advice. I know one another. I know from conversations with Drs. Abbott, Taylor, Pittard, and Ronans that this is something that was done in the past and could be put on again. I think this would be highly instrumental in building these important friendships. For fraternity men, go to your sponsored faculty dinners! Have more of them, and don’t just mingle with professors you’ve had before; get to meet the other faculty members arriving on campus this summer, whether they are visiting or tenure track. But don’t just stop here, make an effort to stop by the offices of the new faculty members also on the committee. One chair of this committee is Dr. Bobby Horton, who has done a fantastic job helping to build communities and foster discussion. Prior to this time, the only thing I knew about Dr. Horton was the smile on his face on the faculty to turn to for advice. I think this would be highly instrumental in building these important friendships.
Wabash Women Set the Stage

All-female cast

stars in satire

GABE WATSON '13

STAFF WRITER

Wabash Archivist Beth Swift has always wanted to be a part of the play The Women, and she now has the perfect opportunity to bring it to life in Crawfordsville. Swift is directing the Vanity Theater’s production of the play, which opens this week.

A social satire about upper-class New York wives during the Great Depression, The Women is a story of infidelity, gossip, and deceit. The play has been on Broadway and has now been made into two movies, in 1939 and 2008.

There are no male roles in the story, “but even though the title is The Women, there is an awful lot in it for men,” said Swift. Most scenes are set in places like dressing rooms and salons where men might not usually go, so the play is “a sort of peek behind the curtain for men.”

Swift will also describe the story as “fast-paced” and “full of energy and laughter.” Having already coordinated a staged reading of The Women in Crawfordsville, Swift has a long history with the play. “But the best part has been the opportunity to bring it to life in Crawfordsville. Swift held three nights of open auditions. She works on the set with Producers Jerry Bowie and Jim Ammon, who she says “have just been wonderful.”

“They really know what they’re doing, and it feels great to be a part of this.”

The two dozen women acting in the play come from all over town as well as within the Wabash Community. Professor of Spanish Hardy, Professor of English Crystal Benedicks, Pre-Health Advisor and Admissions Recruiter Professor Hardy, Professor of Spanish Crystal Benedicks performs in the exclusively female production, The Women.

Professor Crystal Benedicks, hard-working, and always on the go, has now been made into two movies, in 1939 and 2008.

While the availability of online resources and technology within classroom itself could be detrimental or not as effective for learning and second, schools could be spending thousands of dollars to unnecessarily contribute existing classrooms into digital formats. Some schools claim that converting the classroom to digital could cost them upwards of $70,000 (Lessons Learned Deploying a Digital Classroom).

According to a section of the Wabash Technology Department’s webpage entitled “Lab Usage,” seven (half) of the computer labs on campus do not receive more than 10 percent usage, five of those at 0. That is about 66 percent of the computer labs on campus receive less than 10 percent usage, five of all 45 computerized classrooms (estimated calculations based on information of products provided on Wabash Technology’s website), without taking into consideration installation, maintenance, upgrades, and other included fees.

While the availability of online Websites and other items like eBooks and digital media may be easier to come by in today’s digital age, they may not include the benefits of working with a physical hardcopy of the text. The bound book, whether held together by its archaic staples or glue, seems to be the best possible choice for a society concerned with the quality of their education.

Brian Shublorge ’12 utilizes one of Wabash’s many array of printers.
It’s not often that we think about stop- ping at a stop sign, turning on our satellite televisions, or switching our watches as we cross time zones. But there are just a few of the ways that international law presents itself in our daily lives.

When John Crook ’69 returned to cam- pus Tuesday for the annual Peck Lecture and Dinner hosted by the Pre-Law Soci- ety, he lectured on the importance of international law. “[International law] enters into our daily lives in a lot of ways we don’t think about,” Crook said.

Crook’s legal experience spans the globe, and his eight-page vita certainly establishes him as an eminent international- al attorney. Among the activities listed for an Emerita-Ethiopia war claims commission, arbitrator in a NAFTA Chapter 11 case set- tled between U.S. states and tobacco companies, Assistant Legal Advisor for UN Affairs, Counselor for Legal Affairs in Geneva, and negotiator of America’s first trade treaty with China.

With such an impressive legal resume, Crook joined the distinguished group of John Dewey, G. H. Harford, and the late Peck Senior Medalist. A double English and History major, Crook went on to New York’s prestigious Sullivan and Cromwell (where he was named partner at the age of 31), and served as a judge in New York’s busiest court.

“I never met him [Peck],” Crook said, “but he is a splendid specimen of the lib- erally-educated man.”

Peck wrote two books to discuss the law and make it understandable to the lay- man, and Crook read both books before returning to campus to meet the real Ter- rence Peck. “This is a man who was a very clear and lucid writer who truly loved the law and the process of litigation... Neither my career nor my wine budget measure up to Judge Peck’s,” Crook said.

Crook went on to describe international law’s former eminence that gradually faded to the bottom of the international priority list and challenged Jack Gold- smith and Eric Posner’s Limits of Interna- tional Law. Goldsmith, a professor of law at Harvard, and Posner, a professor of law at the University of Chicago, posit that “in the end, [international law] doesn’t really amount to much,” Crook said.

Goldsmith and Posner see internation- al law as “a set of rules and procedures for marshaling common interests,” Crook explained. But international law, international law, enters our lives in ways we don’t think about. It promotes international harmony by regu- lating things we take for granted. The Prime Meridian and Zulu time are delin- eated by international law. The 1968 UN commission on road traffic established that stop signs are universal. A regulated international postage system ensures that Americans can ship a package to any- where in the world. And English is the international language of aviation.

Crook combated the notion that “inter- national law can’t be real law because there’s no sheriff and no jail.”

“Most countries follow international law most of the time because it’s in their best interest to do,” Crook said.

“But the real test,” Crook said, “comes with the existential force.”

States in the international community go to great lengths to explain the legality of their actions. Crook used the American invasion of Iraq as an example of how international law matters. If “by common law, why do states try so hard to paint themselves on the right side of the law,” Crook said.

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MANAGING EDITOR

“Common” Trips Help Students
Non-exotic trips and protests offer value

By Peter Robbins ’12

NEWS EDITOR

Over spring break, several Wabash courses took immersion trips to faraway places that were integral to students’ learning experiences. Two spring courses, Professor Calisch’s Art 121 class and Professor Motter’s Rhetoric of Social Move- ment class, involve not so exotic trips to their home base in Bloomington and demonstrative respect- ively. However, despite the fact that the guys to see that protests continue to be a viable and historically important part of our society, Motter hopes the visit will inspire the inner-activist in his students.

“I hope that attending the protest will not only help students understand social move- ment rhetoric up close, but also encourage them to begin thinking about the ways they can participate in our democratic society,” Motter said.

Relating their experiences to their work for the rest of the semester, students in the class will interact with the protest in different ways, embodying both sides of any protest: observers and protesters.

“Ten students have chosen to do short documentaries for their final projects on the Indianapolis Tea Party protest and will be filming and speaking with protesters,” Motter said. “The other students are encouraged to take part in the protest, join with counter-protesters, speak with the protesters, or simply observe. I just want the guys to see that protests continue to be a vital part of our democratic discourse.”

Both trips are sponsored by a Know Indians grant, a Wabash program which will come to an end at the end of this semester. Since such trips might be less likely to take place in the coming years, these professors and students are taking advantage of out-of-classroom learning opportunities which certainly cater to the Wabash educational mission.
new e-books Store and a large enough screen to actually enjoy movies, the tablet may offer a completely new way we use portable computers.

Even with these initial doubts, how does the device actually hold up?

First off, for an Apple product, the iPad is incredibly and reasonably priced. The 8GB is priced at $499, half that of the current MacBook. Furthermore, the sheer coolness factor of the touch screen interface and luscious display make any technophile geek out with excitement. Its sleek, flat design and extensive battery life (up to 11 hours even with constant video) make the iPad an instant dessert in a technological buffet.

Cool physical features aside, what does the iPad have to offer? iTunes is an obvious breadwinner for Apple, and flows even smoother on the iPad. Scrolling through songs on a screen large enough to actually see what you're pressing is instant one-up on the smaller variations, and the interior speaker boasts clear, crisp sound quality. Videos and TV shows are equally clear, and do little to the overall battery life.

The basic Internet test involved the most common websites college kids use: Facebook and Gmail. For Facebook, there couldn't be a more chic use for the iPad; it is easily the hippest way to tell people you like their new inane status update. While there is no instant messaging service while on the iPad, other services can be used, such as Skype. This instantly makes the lack of a phone feature a little bit easier to bear, but that's not to say that it wouldn't benefit the machine. Unfortunately (and incredibly), Apple still refuses to install Adobe's Flash into its devices, making some of the most important websites completely useless. FOX News, Hulu, and NBC all rely heavily on Flash's video capabilities, effectively guaranteeing that you won't see the latest episodes of your favorite show without buying it on iTunes. Apple's play, however, is to force developers to use Apple technology in order to promote the ever popular App Store. Wikipedia, USA Today, and other popular sites have already created fantastic App versions of themselves, making fact-finding much more convenient and practical. For example, Internet mainstays YouTube and eBay have created fantastic App versions of themselves, making fact-finding much more convenient and practical.

Another iPad-only program, Pages, adds a completely new and innovative way to work process. It is a mix between Microsoft Word and Adobe's In Design, but gains points for allowing you to physically place each word and image exactly where you want it with the flick of a wrist. Despite the extremely sensitive keyboard (which takes quite a while to get used to), it is possible to smoothly write emails and basic notes. For essays and lengthier documents, however, you're better off using a real computer. Of course, you could always spend an extra $70 for a keyboard dock, essentially turning the tablet functionally useless.

The iPad's main rival, the netbook, does have price and familiarity on its side. Touching screens, however, is easily the coolest thing ever. Scrolling through pages at the flip of a finger, instant links at a press, and the ability to effortlessly play with the world at a whim definitely make the iPad the next big thing for generations to come.

Finally, the collegiate demographic isn't going to get much use out of this space-aged tablet. With the relatively steep price tag and the inability to utilize must-have college programs (MS Word, PowerPoint), the iPad becomes little more than a gimmicky saucer filled with uselessness. During my brief time with the iPad, I found myself utilizing my much more conventional MacBook to get serious work done, while playing with the iPad to and from class. Admittedly, despite all the pop-culture implications the iPad carries, it remains nothing more than a toy until Apple can pump some necessities into it. The iPad's main rival, the netbook, does have price and familiarity on its side. Touching screens, however, is easily the coolest thing ever. Scrolling through pages at the flip of a finger, instant links at a press, and the ability to effortlessly play with the world at a whim definitely make the iPad the next big thing for generations to come.

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Lacrosse Continues Uphill Climb

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For Wabash men, the thought of all this bandwagon makes sense. Some of the guys have never even here when things were really bad. It’s like being kicked in the groin over and over again, and then someone choose this fate. It hurts. It’s your delimiter, your proverbial fan privileges. It might be a bit arrogant, but it might be true. But it’s necessary.

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Lacrosse continues to climb, as the team moves deeper into the season having its participants increase by 10-15 percent every year. Of course the Wabash lacrosse team is basically becoming a varsity sport, but is under some pressure. And it definitely will be. The tough task of ascending from club status has been embraced by the lacrosse team.

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Baseball Continues Ascension

The weekends of spring continue to fly by and with each passing weekend, subsequent Sunday one thing remains constant was continue to pile up on the diamond for the Wabash baseball team. This past weekend’s series a sense of familiarity as Wabash vs Earlham played their final series as conference foes with Earlham defeating from the conference following this spring (due in large part to a sizable competition gap). If not for an unfortunate two inning stretch as Sunday afternoon came to a close, the weekend would have resulted in a stirring sweep of the Quakers and would have left the Little Giants with a commanding lead in the NCAC West Standings with two weekends remaining.

“Out goal every weekend is to win the weekend. We did that and we kept ourselves in a good position in the North Coast Athletic Conference,” head coach Cory Stevens said. "And we still atop the NCAC West. With two games in Ohio Wesleyan so we are in a good position. At the same time, I thought we should have taken four games. I think we had some adversity in game four that we didn’t deal well with, but at the same time we had a learning experience for the weekend, and winning with Denison this weekend after that hopefully the conference tournament.

As it stands, the Little Giants were able to take three out of four games for the weekend, leaving them at 8-2 on the season in divisional contests, with a two game advantage in the loss column over Ohio Wesleyan (8-4), the same Ohio Wesleyan team the Little Giants opened the season against on the road, winning three of those three games as well.

This weekend’s upcoming series at home with Denison (5-5 NCAC West), who is currently locked in a three place tie with Wittenberg, could successfully clinch the West’s first place under their separate scenarios, the fastest path being a four game sweep of the Big Red, which would require no help from Wittenberg as the other two routes would.

With a new tournament format, the distinction of gaining a divi- sional one or two seed takes on less significance than in previous seasons; however, the ability to face a second weekend with the first round as a conference matchup that division’s champion still has quite a bit of significance to the team, as well as the novelty of carrying over the division title this year. "Taking three out of four every weekend is extremely important because of tie-breakers," Stevens noted. "Last year, we lost the division title to Ohio Wesleyan, because we split with them, and on down the line. Getting that one seed is extremely important, and means you are going to have all the tie-breaks on thetemplate. Hopefully, it doesn’t come to a tie-breaker, but if it does, we will be in a good position.

Offensive firepower continues to be a recurring theme for this year’s team, breaking the mold of teams of recent years who relied on consistent pitching and stout team defense. However, Stevens does not have any problem with this style of play, at least in terms of his team’s offensive output. "Our team swings the bat," Stevens noted. "We are very good. We are very effective team. We put up some big runs throughout the season. On the flip side, we are giving up too many runs defensively and by our pitching staff. I attribute that to walks and bases and defensively giving up free bases. That is the side of our game that we really need to clean up. We need to get sharper around the mound and cleaner that up.

If there could be a sili- yer leaning to a golden storyline of conference success this spring, it would be the usual stroll sophomore John Holm has taken through the single season school offensive power records to date, setting a Wednesday-Wesleyan conference matchup against Denison. Hitting .400, Holm had received the school record for home runs in season (11) as well as runs batted in (41) and looks poised to create a new NCAC record in both categories this year. "Slopping three out of four every weekend is extremely important because of tie-breakers," Stevens noted. "Last year, we lost the division title to Ohio Wesleyan, because we split with them, and on down the line. Getting that one seed is extremely important, and means you are going to have all the tie-breaks on the template. Hopefully, it doesn’t come to a tie-breaker, but if it does, we will be in a good position.

With several weeks left in the season, sophomore 1B/DH John Holm has already captured school records for home runs (11) and RBI (41), in a single season as well as pacing the North Coast Athletic Conference in both of these categories as well as total bases and slugging percentage.

With that in mind, and with Eastern Division team will be faced with the unappetizing task of taking on a Little Giants squad that has become accustomed to winning, frequently at the expense of opposing pitching and scoreboard operators."

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