Administration Prepares Campus Improvement Plans

Trusted, Students Lay Groundwork for Independent Housing Improvements

Cold showers, broken furniture, foul odors, and a myriad of structural and maintenance issues have several independent men complaining about housing. After touring campus back in January, the Board of Trustees was disappointed with the state of campus housing and directed the administration to "look into providing new furnishings for independent housing."

But after the College endowment took a hit 18 months ago, the administration is now focused on improving pre-existing housing rather than implementing new building projects.

"The suggestion that Fred Wilson made was to do enough that would not necessarily commit us to a huge undertaking that would be planned on systematically," President Pat White said.

White hopes to "spend some money either for new furnishings, new paint, and other kinds of things to fix up the residence halls we now have."

"We recognize that we will not be doing a kind of College Hall-complete renovation. At least, that's not in the plans right at this moment. But we may be able to do some renovation, some fixing up, some additional furniture (newer furniture), that might make the residence halls more attractive and more useful for the students," White said.

Regarding the directive, White stated that the administration has not taken steps toward investigating the issue. "This is something that one normally does over the summer."

A bathroom at Beta Theta Pi, one of nine fraternity houses renovated over the past decade.

A bathroom at Morris Hall, one of the three current dorms that have not been rebuilt or renovated.

The current blueprint plan for the Crawfordsville Skate Park.

"The Crawfordsville Kiwanis Club has really been instrumental in helping make this happen," said Westphal. "Additionally, North Central Health Services has provided $125,000."
This week, the Wabash theater department will be presenting Shakespeare’s The Tempest, Professor of Theater and director of the production Michael Abbott believes the play will appeal strongly to its Wabash audience, thanks to its lively nature and intellectual content.

“It’s always fun to do Shakespeare for a Wabash audience because he’s the definitive literal arts playwright, so he’s always a treat to have for us,” Abbott said. “And there are different ways to see this play. In one sense, it’s Shakespeare’s commentary on colonialism: A European comes to an island of savages, subdues one in particular and makes him his slave, and he harnesses the power of the island, which is a special, magical place. So he’s sort of a Harry Potter-esque master of dark arts. I personally think it’s redemption and forgiveness.”

However, the audience interprets it, Abbott believes that the play “has up high up for modern audiences. Typically in our post-9/11 world, it’s a meditation on not letting vengeance cloud your vision.” Abbott said. “I expect, because Shakespeare is so rich, people will take different things away from it.”

All sophomores enrolled in C&T are required to attend the production as part of their American-Mercantile empires were beginning to collapse and culture was clashing. Professor of Theater Jim Cherry is particularly fond of the film because of his appreciation for good theater. He cited a noted critic, Kenneth Muir, who wrote a book on the last periods of the lives of Shakespeare, Racine (18th century French playwright) and Henrik Ibsen (19th century Norwegian playwright), and how the themes of their works become more thoughtful, and in some ways, existentialist as they near the end of their lives.

“World things happen to play—weights at the end of their careers,” Cherry said. “Their interests tend to be looking back, retrospective, trying to put their finger on what it is they have all along. It’s a lot about that.”

Aside from being fierce Shakespeare fans, Cherry and Abbott have enjoyed this opportunity to collaborate with a colleague and learn from each other.

“The nature of theater is so deeply collaborative,” Abbott said. “If you erect barriers among collaborators, you kill the thing, and Prof. Cherry has done well to collaborate with me and the students fluidly. As a professor, it’s important for him to get in the trenches with the students from time to time.”

Cherry has thoroughly enjoyed this rare opportunity for him to act, as it is his first opportunity to act since 2004 when he performed in the New York Fringe Festival. “It has been a terrific, experience working with students as a fellow actor,” Cherry said. “There is of course a collaboration that occurs between a director and his actors, but it’s always a kind of teacherly relationship. So this has been more of a collaboration in an egalitarian way. I’ve learned a lot about acting from these students, and working with Prof. Abbott has been great. You learn or much by watching professionals work. I know this will have a positive effect on my directing future, just because he’s really good.”

The Tempest runs from Wednesdays, April 21 until Sunday, April 25 and starts at 8 p.m. each evening. Performances will be in the Ball Theater at the Fine Arts Center.
Independent

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Felony Arrests and Responsible Journalism

The Bachelor received heat last week for printing the names of Wabash students in our story on recent felony drug arrests. We understand that some people might not like it, but it’s important that we provide a summary of the situation.

In any democratic society, the press has the responsibility to reveal the truth in order to help answer the questions that society is concerned about. Our coverage last week answered the same questions it did when it was first published: it was newsworthy.

The decision to print the names was not made lightly, out of spite, or a desire to harm. For those who are not familiar with journalism, the decision to print names of felony arrests may seem arbitrary or even cruel. For jour- nalists, it’s no-brainer. Newspapers, at their best, print what happens. That includes names, dates, and other relevant information.

We spoke Saturday to alum Tim Padgett, the news chief for the Miami and Latin America Bureau Chief for The New York Times. He is also the father of our former student and Managing Editor, Joel Bustamante. He agreed with the decision. He knows, like most journalists, that we have an obligation to print the facts, even though many people may prefer a different perspective. He believes that as a journalist, you have to make decisions that are...
The Coming Battle for the Court

NICHOLAS MARAMAN
GUEST COLUMNIST

August 2009: I have one more year at Wabash College, but the outside world comes crashing in on me. What am I going to do to make each one of those days mean something? I should have thought about this for the four years of my life that I’ve been an entity separate from the rest. Am I going to try to leave my mark on this place? I’m 21. I have 50+ weeks? What can I change in six weeks? What can I attempt to do to make each one of those days mean something? I’m not thinking about all the leaders that have gone before me, or the presence of all the men who, unable or unwilling to study their ass works. I want to know why we, as a society, base ourselves on such a contradictory claim. I value a person who can study their ass works. I want to know why we, as a society, base ourselves on such a contradictory claim. I value a person who can study their ass works.

The Internet is often heralded as the tool of the informed citizen (and a contradiction in terms). The argument is that because the Internet allows access to a plethora of information, it creates an average person access to a multitude of perspectives. This theory espouses a far more educated citizenry then otherwise possible. But the democracy theory has its shortcomings. There will point out that regardless of the amount of information it can bring to bear, the democracy it has to strengthen democracy, it can equally be a force that tears the fabric of society. The Internet is designed in such a way. Even if the Internet affords the opportunity for everyone to share mass information to be shared, is it not designed by those who use the Internet do so. The Internet is not a tool of expression, music, and watch pornography.

The Internet is designed in such a way that the Internet can damage the health of a democracy. It allows radicals on the fringe of society, normally relegated to the margins of public attention online itself. The Internet actually allows people to isolate themselves from such a community. It can lead to the isolation of a single-minded person. This phenomenon is that what is seen as a form of the population that uses them responsibly. The purpose of my article, really, is to discuss one potentially useable website that may be widely known already (I actually do not know, but I have only that there is a fact, potentially useful websites on the Internet as a fraction of the population. This is not a fundamental issue, but it is one that I have only that there is a fact, potentially useful websites on the Internet as a fraction of the population. This is not a fundamental issue, but it is one that I have only that there is a fact, potentially useful websites on the Internet as a fraction of the population.

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Sometimes, a shot in the dark yields luminous results.

Senior Jacob Castilow, a FIJI, understands this phenomenon firsthand. When he arrived at his home in Bluffton, Ind. last winter break, he found a brochure from the University of Virginia's biophysics program, and hopefully find cures for diseases. 

The technical name for his program is Molecular Biophysics and Biophysics doctorate program, and the graduate school ranking website puts it in the top 20 biophysics programs in the nation.

"It means I’ll basically do research on proteins and hopefully find cures for diseases," he said. “They study the structure of the AIDS virus, the structure of how certain binding factors affect cancer, and now you get these things not to work right. It’s kind of a detailed molecular investigation of how to stop cancer.

The physics major arrived at his current destination after years of searching for his intellectual passion. He considered medical physics, which would have required him to spend a lot of time running computer programs. He wanted something more hands-on. Castilow said biophysics fit the bill not only because he could apply physics to biology but also because he could help other people.

"The thing I like about it is it involves biological systems, which include nature," said Castilow, who describes himself toward the back: “And [nature] is pretty cool because it does things autonomously, like the cells that keep you alive. Our cells do millions upon millions of things every second that are really complicated that we don’t even understand logically systems themselves, he is energized by the possibility of helping other people. Research and community service have dominated Castilow’s college life.

During the summer after his freshman year, Castilow camped at English College Park, a campus for at-risk kids. He noticed quickly that one cannot simply apply to something it in the top 20 biophysics.

The night was one that I promised I will never forget this night for the rest of our lives.” I never will forget it.

By the end of the show, Leto had the crowd essayed, establishing himself as a rebellious figure who strived toward humankind's existence and unity. After they walked off stage, the crowd searched for "ENCORE" like it an anthem. It was met by one—"Kings and Queenz."

The band thanked Leto and Leto announced: "Throughout this concert, we have been encouraging you to get closer to the stage. Well, the next few people who crowd surf up here get to join us onstage and sing the chorus!"

Has there ever been a point where "don't think, just do" works? In this case, it did. In an instant, I was leaving my friends in the crowd, leaping over a fence and rushing onto stage, joining the band and other fortunate members from the crowd. "Kings and Queenz" was played and Leto was two feet from me. At the end, he shook my hand and noticed me earlier.

"You again?" he said. "Is it a pleasure to fans like you at our shows. It is because of fans like you that we do what we do. Thanks for making our dream come true and being a loyal fan!"

Then, he left. The night was over and everyone was in shock, the kind of shock you face when you experiencing the best moment of your life.

All in all, 50 Seconds to Mars and MuteMath attack with crowd’s support.
Wade Refuses to Waver, Defends Wabash Traditions

WYATT LEWIS ’13
STAFF WRITER

Appointed by the faculty as a student representative on the All-College Course Committee, Tyler Wade ’12 can certainly garner a lot of respect from the professors and students at Wabash.

“The C&T debate was something I’d taken a big interest in. I go out and eat lunch most every Thursday at the Cafe, so IJMtimed to talk to different professors about events on campus. I’ve built up a lot of good relationships with Dean Ratner and Michael Phillips,” Wade said.

These connections helped Wade receive his appointment to the All-College Course Committee, of which he is an active member. Wade explained his stance on the matter.

“I was saddened to see C&T go at first, but as time went on and as we looked into the financial situation the College was in, it seemed that it was, for better or worse, a financial reality,” Wade explained. “It was time to say Well, it’s served its time, to take a step back, and re-analyze things.”

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Tyler Wade ’12 remains active to secure the school’s future.

As the semester draws to a close and the senior class is on the cusp of graduation, a lot of people are reflecting on their experiences at Wabash. No matter whether it is someone’s first, second, or third year here, there’s one thing all we have in common: Wabash, in some way, has had an impact on our lives. For Castilow, his academic pursuits also facilitated processes . . .” As for me, I’ve met lots of new people. It’s a shame that people don’t get to meet more professors outside of their field of study.”

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Senior Art Show Opens

Far Left: A Wally observes the cartoon-based world of Michael Scott ‘10.

Left: Professor Marc Hudson discusses the various Senior projects.

Below: Dan Sutton ‘10 utilizes the horror film genre to produce a series of uneasy presentations.

Far Bottom: Miguel Aguilar ‘10 expounds upon his works’ theme of abandonment.

Photos by Alex Moseman ‘11

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Postseason Hopes Rise on Weekend Series

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Two days and four games. This is how the Wabash baseball season has been turned upside down. Just a week ago, sitting at 8-2 in NCAC West division contests, the Little Giants were in the process of building a driver’s seat craising along the county road. It was only a second consecutive second place finish after seeing a two-game stretch stateside conference play; then last weekend happened. Four losses, to be specific. Four losses that took us from a tie for first place to a place that we had never been in our history. It was brutal, but a season is 50 games long. We can’t let one stretch determine our success.

This past weekend’s results put the conference’s depth and strength on display. Sophomore 1B/DH John Holm said, “We had a cold weekend, our bats were not on their normal high gear, we didn’t get the bases as crisp as we have been, and then we got stuck out on defense. Anything can happen in the NCAC when we play four games over two days. We just came in and caught us in this weekend.”

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While the most important thing at stake this weekend will be securing a bid to the conference tournament, the focus for this group will not only be on advancing, but creating a positive momentum heading into postseason play. “It’s really important because of how strong this team can be,” Pennington remarked. “Taking two this weekend is going to give us the confidence that we can beat the best to face in the conference tournament. We want to be able to three of four from Ohio Wesleyan. Anything can happen on any given weekend, but here it’s going to end in this conference, and it’s important for us to keep on this momentum as possible going into postseason play.”

In order for the Little Giants to earn that all-important bid to the conference tournament, they will need only win one of two games over the Tigers on Saturday. That would leave the Little Giants with a 9-7 conference mark, identical to Wittenberg and Ohio Wesleyan, two teams they hold tiebreakers over due to winning both series. However, as Pennington alluded to, setting for a tiebreaking scenario is not what is on the minds of this group.

A big reason Wabash stood in such a commanding position just a week ago was the outstanding offensive output the team had consistently produced. However, just as Holm mentioned, last weekend’s four games were not on par with what Little Giants performances, with the offense only managing a total of 11 runs during the four game sweep, while the Little Giants pitching staff surrendered 33 runs. For much of the season, strong offensive performances have been able to make up for shaky pitching and defensive performances that have resulted in a team ERA of 7.90. That simply wasn’t the case last weekend however. Pennington is quick to note that the blame simply isn’t all on the pitching, “It just so happens that when we have had bad pitching performances, we have struggled as an offense.”

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According to Goodman, one of their biggest obstacles right now, aside from a month long break in the season, is getting enough people together. “There are so many conflicts in guys’ schedules, it’s difficult to get everything together sometimes,” said senior rugby player Charles Goodman.

The other obstacle for the club has been a lack of funding. “One thing I’d really like to see is a little more support from Student Senate,” Goodman said. “It costs money to travel. There have been a couple of big matches that we’ve had to decline going to. There is money to travel.”

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If these two teams’ previous meetings are any indication of what to expect Saturday, then Wabash should be in good shape. Add in the fact that these two games will be played at Mud Hollow, the final conference series on the storied home field, and it’s hard to picture a scenario where Wabash doesn’t wake up Sunday morning with a comfortable cushion in the four-team, double elimination conference tournament.

The track and field matches that the Little Giants are getting ready for this weekend are showing stateside conference play; then last weekend happened. Four losses, to be specific. Four losses that took us from a tie for first place to a place that we had never been in our history. It was brutal, but a season is 50 games long. We can’t let one stretch determine our success.

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A big reason Wabash stood in such a commanding position just a week ago was the outstanding offensive output the team had consistently produced. However, just as Holm mentioned, last weekend’s four games were not on par with what Little Giants performances, with the offense only managing a total of 11 runs during the four game sweep, while the Little Giants pitching staff surrendered 33 runs. For much of the season, strong offensive performances have been able to make up for shaky pitching and defensive performances that have resulted in a team ERA of 7.90. That simply wasn’t the case last weekend however. Pennington is quick to note that the blame simply isn’t all on the pitching, “It just so happens that when we have had bad pitching performances, we have struggled as an offense.”

The highlight of the Spring season so far is the team’s win against the University of Louisville. "The rugby team in one of the most winningest clubs, is getting enough people together. And we are getting a lot of support from the Student Senate,” Goodman said.

According to Goodman, one of their biggest obstacles right now, aside from a month long break in the season, is getting enough people together. “There are so many conflicts in guys’ schedules, it’s difficult to get everything together sometimes,” said senior rugby player Charles Goodman.

The other obstacle for the club has been a lack of funding. “One thing I’d really like to see is a little more support from Student Senate,” Goodman said. “It costs money to travel. There have been a couple of big matches that we’ve had to decline because we just don’t have enough money to go there.”

Without the constant website updates enjoyed by varsity sports, the rugby team’s success over the past few years has generally flown under the radar. But Goodman encourages the school to support one of the most competitive teams Wabash has.

"The rugby team in one of the most winningest programs here," Goodman said. "I would encourage anybody to come out whenever we’re playing close because it would mean a lot to us."
Performance

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a later interview. “When I first cleared the height I wasn’t thinking, ‘I just broke the Wabash record.’ I knew I had won the meet with that vault, so I felt great about that. I was more eager to get up to the next height.”

Knox now needs just a few more inches to reach 15 feet, 5 inches and provisionally qualify for the NCAA Division III Nationals. There were plenty of other notable finishes on Friday for the Little Giants, who had twenty-top-eight finishes. More importantly, Wabash had many athletes hit the NCAC 8th place average time, making them eligible to race at the conference championships in two weeks.

On Saturday, the team sent two standouts to Purdue University to compete against some tough Division I competition at the Dave Rankin Track and Field Invitational. These two athletes did not disappoint, going toe-to-toe with the leaders in their races.

Freshman All-American Jake Waterman logged his fastest time of the season in the 800-meter run – 1:52.66. Waterman edged out junior Jacob Palmer of Purdue by fifteen hundredths of a second to win the event. Chamberlin continued his speedy weekend to produce a season-best time in the 400-yd dash of 48.94. The mark was good enough for a third-place finish at the invitational.

This weekend, the Little Giants will send athletes to Gambier, Ohio for the NCAC Combined Event Championships hosted by Kenyon College, to Des Moines, Iowa for the Drake Relays, and to the Purdue Outdoor Open. The team is using these three venues of competition to gear up for the following weekend, the NCAC Championships at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Follow the team during these upcoming events as they continue their monumental season online with up-to-date information provided on the Wabash College Athletics website.

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