Farewell, not Goodbye

Joe, Leslie Day, Tom Campbell
End Careers

JOHN DYKSTRA ’13
STAFF WRITER

At the end of this semester, Wabash will bid farewell to three professors who have a combined teaching experience of over 100 years. Professor of English Thomas Campbell, and Professors of Classics Joseph and Leslie Day. These professors have enjoyed their tenure—filled with unforgettable memories and strong connections between colleagues and students—at Wabash, and they will continue to be academically active in retirement.

Campbell has taught for 41 years, the last 35 were at Wabash. He was the Department Chair for the English Department for seven years and was the Division Chair and Head of Literature and Fine Arts for five years. Throughout his time at Wabash, Campbell has been grateful for the students and colleagues he has met as well as the support the administration provided him.

“The students are ambitious and work hard; they have kept me on my toes academically,” Campbell said. “My colleagues have been good friends, and great models for teaching, scholarship, and learning. The administration has been supportive of my teaching and learning. I think Wabash is a special place to have taught for so long, and I’m glad I came here.”

The Days have taught at Wabash full-time for the past 55 years. Leslie Day was a substitute replacement for John Fischer during the 1977-78 and 1983-84 school years and has taught at a total of 39 years. Joseph Day also taught at Wabash for five years, Ill. Bloomington for two years, and USC in Los Angeles for one year before joining his wife as a substitute replacement for Fischer in the 1984-85 school year.

Joseph Day has appreciated the connections he has made at Wabash and the joy of watching students learn the material he teaches.

“It’s been a long time,” Day said. “I think about friends on the faculty whom I would not have met had we not come here, including too many who have passed on. Bill Fischer, ‘Bugsy’ Williams, Jack Charles, Ted Bedrick, Eric Dean, and others. I think of wonderful, smart, polite, hard-working, wacky students who have made teaching a joy—that’s the real reward: smart, polite, hard-working, wacky students who have made teaching a joy—that’s the real reward.

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Seniors Give Back

With the culmination of their four-year journey quickly approaching for the class of 2011, seniors are sure to spend the next two weeks reflecting on their Wabash experience and anticipating their various and promising futures. Twenty-one of these students, hand-picked by the college’s Alumni & Parent Relations staff, have signed on to help their class declare this experience “worth it.”

“Seniors come from theiana, some we just know.” Director of Annual Giving Joseph Kles explained. “We’ve got a pretty good cross-section of the whole student body.”

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The students on the Committee represent every fraternity and many independents who live both on and off-campus.

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More Than Just Reds & Whites

Graham Youngs ’11 was one of approximately 20 students to learn wine etiquette during a session Wednesday night at Trippet Hall. The wine education event was sponsored by Career Services. See page 3 for the full story.

Season Nears End

Junior Kevin McCarthy competed in the steeplechase last weekend. The outdoor track season is nearing an end. See page 9 for the full story.

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**Senior Commencement Schedule**

**Check-Out Card Pick Up —** Pick up your check-out card from Terri Pytte in the Business Office in Center Hall and return completed forms and checkout card to the Deans’ Office no later than Wednesday, May 11, 2011.

**Sunday, May 15**

Seniors and Faculty must arrive at 10:30 am for Baccalaureate and 2:00 pm for Commencement. It takes 30 minutes to line up seniors by name. Be on time and quickly find your place. Seniors march in alphabetical order—led by the two Developed-ment speakers and followed by the men who are receiving academic honors (also in alphabetical order). At the head of the procession is the Marshal, Professor Tobey Herzog, who will direct the seating.

**8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. —** Cap and Gown Pick Up in the Chapel Basement. Seniors obtain their caps and gowns (provided free by the college). Return caps, gowns, and hoods (received during Check-Out Card Pick Up) to the Bookstore. You may keep the tassel from your mortarboard.

**10:30 a.m. —** 173rd Commencement Ceremony on the Wabash College Mall. (In the event of rain, the ceremony will be held in Chadwick Court.)

Download an RSVP form from the school website and return it by mail or by fax (765-361-6229) NO LATER THAN MAY 9, 2011. Contact Tom Keedy with any questions (765-361-6227).

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**Senior Advisor —** Gabe Watson '13 News Editor

Luke Robbins ’11 wants to make people laugh. He has known this about himself since a young age, and through Wabash he is making his dream a reality by pursuing a career in comedy.

“When I was real young, my grandmother when she would babysit us she would watch Saturday Night Live,” explained Robbins, “so that’s always been the dream—to someday be on Saturday Night Live.”

Growing up he had many musical and athletic interests that brought him to success in virtually every area. “My parents influenced me and my siblings to play instru-
ments,” he explained. “We all play at least three instruments.” This talent led Robbins to record a full-
length album in high school that is still on iTunes. He even had a very successful tennis career that culmi-
nated in a state championship his senior year.

“Basketball had been my main sport growing up and I had always wanted to be a Paca,” he smiled. “I think everyone was the same way. I just didn’t. But the value of laughter persists Robbins throughout his life, and a few years ago he got an opportunity to see the world of comedy first-hand.

“The summer before my junior year I was an intern at Saturday Night Live in New York City,” Robbins said. “As a editor, Robbins received about sixty pages of potential scripts each week to read through. “So for a whole semester I got to see what kind of comedy SNL wanted,” he explained. “I got to see beyond what I would have to give them,”

and while Robbins professed support many misconceptions about comedy with sketch comedy. Robbins clearly understands the art form that brings the “It’s just not that easy getting a joke that’s going to shock some-
hed,” he said. “It’s just not a funny intelligent comment or observation and saying it without being funny.” That’s 60 percent of the joke. And then what makes it a joke is in the last few seconds you say something ridiculous to twist it and bring two things together that might not make sense.”

Robbins explained, “Right when I graduated high school I had wanted to take a year off and just try standup.” Robbins continued. “But my dad said absolutely not, and now I’m really glad he did. I would have been an awful comedian back then. With a developed sense of comedic com-
plexity Robbins now values his col-
ge experience for expanding his facility to make successful jokes. “My abilities, to Wabash, look at things critically is now so much better than it ever had been,” he said. He added, as a fashion major here, “the supportive and encouraging styles of our directors made me feel comfortable experi-
menting and trying new things on stage, which is what stand up is all about.”

He has also been able to return with his passion for tennis at Wabash. Though he no longer plays competitively due to knee injuries, Robbins acted as assistant coach for the Wabash tennis team that

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More Than Just Reds & Whites

Career Services Offers Wine Tasting

SAM BENNETT ’14 STAFF WRITER

With only one week left this academic year, students around campus strive to maintain the tradition of Wabash excellence as the year comes to a close, but some still remain. The wine tasting event has passed, but Career Services still offers the upcoming alumni and seniors golf outing event. The deadline for the signup for this event is May 6. And plenty of events will return in the following years for underclassmen to obtain the full benefits Career Services has to offer.

The wine tasting and the golf outing we have coming up are both based on teaching students how to develop themselves,” Crawford explained. “You never know who’s going to be dealing with and what role they may have in hosting them.”

Crawford and the rest of the staff at Career Services take satisfaction in the fact that they are helping students develop themselves for various future undertakings, whether that means internships, jobs, or merely the understanding of how to handle ordering wine at fine restaurants.

“We see our role at Career Services as preparing students for life after Wabash,” Crawford said. “We have a lot of gratitude for the work that has been involved in these things. We see that often.”

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when students respond and actually begin to learn. They know all the work has been worth it and you heart sings.”

“My joy in my Wabash career is very closely linked to my joy in my own academic discipline,” he continued. “I don’t love college teaching in and of itself. What I love is teaching Classics, especially the Greeks. I’m delighted to expand beyond that in moderation, but I’ve never done it before. Not every year or so, but that’s my principle. I hold to that principle, and that’s why I’ve been able to keep teaching here at Wabash for so long.”

Leslie Day thanks the College for supporting her through the years and has sent students on to careers in classical archaeology. She has served the College as Chair of the Classics Department and as the Distiguished LaFollette Chair in the Humanities during her tenure at Wabash.

“Wabash has been a great place to have a career,” she said. “I have loved the students and have even sent one of my own fields. That feels good. The colleagues have been excellent, and the College has been very supportive of me and my work–particularly my archaeology work on Crete.”

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LaFollette in the Humanities Leslie Day will continue her academic work. While her husband Joe serves as E.A. Whitehead Professor at the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, Leslie will write and edit books about her excavations on Crete.

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Joe Day will be leading his Greek Athlete in Summer to Greece for 10 days starting May 6. “I will be a sort of career cap,” he said. “But up til now, there is no specific moment: it’s a repeated occurrence, whenever a student (or a group of students) responds to the great things.”

There are many favorite moments, even during a semester, when a student surprises me with the depth of his response, or the kind of something about the ancient Greeks or Romans,” Day said. “It’s when a student surprises me with his understanding of the ancient Greeks or Romans.”

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A Summer of Socks and Shoes
When school ends, what will you wear?

Michael Carper ’13
Culture Columnist

In case you haven’t noticed, summer is pretty darn close. That means hot, weather, less school dress, more time spent, hopefully some money, and, even more hopefully, the company of ladies. All these factors point to an obvious action to be taken: buy summer clothes.

Start, summer clothes can mean the same gym shorts and T-shirt you wear during April and May. (But maybe not this April and May, if you permit me a quick jab at our weather). However, if you’re called upon to dress in business casual or business attire for your summer internship, you’re going to have to get creative, because very much doubt you want to wear a black suit or khakis and a cotton shirt all summer long. Even if you’re not, the reasons listed above should motivate you to at least pay some attention to your wardrobe. Putting on a uniform of even shorts and a shirt mentally prepares you to do something, even if that something is reading.

The first thing you should think about, internship or no, is tennis shoes. I don’t mean ridiculous, overpriced basketball shoes, but real sneakers. Basically, Chuck Taylors that don’t make you look like a middle schooler (No offense, but it’s true). However, Converse does sell a line by John Varvatos that looks a little more adult. Van Athletics and their incarnations are a cheap option. Sperry makes some CVOs (looks like Vans) that are a little more mature and, of course, nautical-inspired, for a respectable $75. Seavers is a lesser-known brand with some very aesthetically pleasing models, all at under $100, including my favorite, their “Patriot.” CLAE makes more fashion-forward designs for around $100 and they are very attractive.

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Socks are important, whether you’re dressing casually or for business. In the case of the former, as long as you’re wearing sneakers, you’ve got some flexibility in preventing sweat in your shoes. In the latter case, find moisture-wicking dress socks at your local department store. I know they may be dress sock material, but if you can still fit in your shoe with them on, then they probably aren’t a thicker, go for it. Just pick out the right colors and no one will be the wiser.

Underwear is also important, because if you know, you sweat. This is especially important if you’re wearing more expensive dress shirts, but applies to valued T-shirts as well. Under-shorts are meant to be worn for a time that’s thrown away. However, you will find that the infamous yellow pit stains switch anti-perspirant for plain deodorant. It’s the aluminum in anti-perspirant that reacts with the sweat and causes the yellowess.

This is more pertinent if you’re dressing in business attire for your internship, but...the look am I supposed to wear for a shirt? Because in case you haven’t noticed, cotton shirts under wool suits can heat up pretty fast. You might not want to buy a whole suit, but a cotton navy blazer will add more wardrobe decisions. The other cooler materials you should consider are seersucker and linen, in the capacities of both jacket and shirt. Both breathe better than cotton and wool. However, these items will most likely have to be found online, as they are not exactly JCPennie ware. If eBay scares you, head to Brooks Brothers. Summer is a time for many things, but it is not a time for lounging around in athletic shoes and workshorts. That is what your time at Wabash is for. When you’re outside the Wabash bubble, you should dress like you’re in the real world, because, for that limited amount of time, you are.

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Dean of Admissions for Klein

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Campaign

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will hopefully decide to donate.

“The challenge for us,” Klen expressed, “is getting out to the independent students, [They] are really interested in, for example—immersion learning, athletics, etc.”

Each year the Campaign concludes on the weekend of commencement, with a board meeting of the National Association of Wabash Men on Friday and then that evening, the Senior Gift College. It is here that the total results of the Campaign are announced (and celebrated), and a raffle is held for those who donated—this year, only alumni the mindset that, ‘If I can mentor a student, I will do it.”

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“Mentorship,” Klen explained, “is about giving back, it’s about staying connected. If you can’t make a large monetary donation, think about going to Wabash day, helping out with recruitment, and sort of thing.”

The Committee members ask their fellow alumni to participate in the Senior Gift Campaign in a variety of ways. The Senior Gift Campaign seeks to impress upon future alumni the importance of giving back to Wabash College.

Welsh Alumni Reunion, as well as various Wabash memorabilia. Students at the celebration also got the chance to meet and get to know the NAWM members and to share their experiences and make valuable connections, both personal and professional.

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Students Offer Mixed Reviews of Eclectic Course

SEAN HILDERBRAND '14
STAFF WRITER

This semester served as an experiment for the Enduring Questions course, which replaced the previous All-College course, Cultures and Traditions. In this course, students were asked to read and analyze challenging texts and come to class with thoughtful questions. So how successful was the course? According to a couple of teachers, the course worked very well. Wabash freshmen, however, were indifferent on EQ’s success.

Dean of the College Gary Phillips, also an Enduring Questions instructor, asserted that the first-year course was a success.

“It worked very well. It avoided the students to raise dif- ficult questions and engage with each other in responding to them. I thought this course really embodied what it means to be liberal arts students.”

Associate Dean of the College Cheryl Hughes, another EQ instructor, agreed with Phillips on the success of the course.

“I have enjoyed working with my group of freshmen in the new course and we’ve had some very good discus-
sions,” Hughes said. “I think that some of the books deserved more time for careful reading and discussion, and I hope that we will adjust the pace of the course to make that possible. I’ve had some interesting conversations about EQ films and texts with freshmen who aren’t in my section, so we got the benefit of that shared experience for the whole freshman class. We’ve worked as one faculty members—that was one of the important aspects of C&T that we’ve preserved. It has been a good semester and a good first run for the course.”

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STAFF WRITER

Wabash freshmen, on the other hand, did not think quite as highly of the course as the professors. A survey showed that 54 percent of the freshmen considered the course productive, and the other 46 percent proclaimed the course was unproductive.

Phillips wasn’t at all surprised by the near 50-50 split.

“It doesn’t surprise me; the questions and assigned readings were very difficult. Plus, students have gotten more and more fatigued as the semester progressed. It will take some time for students to realize the benefit of the course until you look back at it 10 years later.”

“The course raised a lot of questions that you wouldn’t ordinarily think about, and it makes you think more about words that you’ve never given a second thought to,” argued Riley Gault '14. “I liked it because it makes you realize that education never stops, you are always learning about the world around you, and you are always asking questions.”

Opposing freshmen from the course retaliated that lengthy readings were more tedious than mentally chal-
lenging. It can be difficult to find incentive to keep up on readings in which one is uninterested, but learning and subsequently challenging the beliefs of others is inherent in a liberal arts education.

Dissecting the Diploma

ALEX MOSEMAN ’11
PHOTO EDITOR

On May 15, the senior class will receive their diplo-
mas. But theirs will be different than many other colleges and universities. The Bachelor staff decided to decon-
struct the enigma that is the Wabash diploma.

PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY ALEX MOSEMAN ’11

Latin Text: Although not every Wabash man takes Latin, the diploma appears in the same language as it did for the first graduating class. Why? Because it’s tradition.

Sheepskin: Yes. Real sheepskin. And rumor has it that a “vegan option” exists for those students who conscientiously object to the use of animal products to “spread the fame of her honored name.”

Handwritten Calligraphy: We don’t know who does it. In fact, that’s a secret. But the point is, it’s tradition. And that’s all that matters.

President’s Signature: President White will sign each senior’s diploma. And he won’t do it electronically. Why? Because it’s tradition.
It’s one thing to talk about poor Chapel attendance. It’s quite another for the administration to assist the Sphinx Club in encouraging students to be a part of the “grand conversation.” Better Chapel attendance starts with the administration, faculty, and staff setting a better example.

We have a lot of conversations at Wabash. And for the most part, many of them are ones we need to have—excepting of course the ridiculous e-mail wars that showcase the “maturity” of everyone involved and the never ending debate about whether it is a classifiable. But there is one conversation that we do not take seriously:

Increasing Chapel attendance.

Chapel attendance is abysmally low. It’s one thing to talk about poor Chapel attendance. It’s quite another for the administration, faculty, and staff setting a better example.

The point of producing this paper each week is to print what my time with the administration, faculty, and staff setting is. But I don’t see it fit to start that attendance is not where it should be. There’s a certain degree of seriousness to entering the Chapel and not knowing what you are going to hear. And sometimes, those unexpected moments provide the best learning opportunities.

We could go on and on about the merits of Chapel Talks. More importantly, we need to consider why the encouragement to attend stems mainly from the student body. Improving Chapel attendance starts from the top, and that means the administration. Perhaps the campus should truly honor the block of time that is carved out for Chapel each week. And that means no “optional” athletic practices/weightlifting sessions.

It’s quite another for the administration, faculty, and staff setting to see that attendance is based on their popularity and/or power. We pride ourselves on being a campus that loves discussion ideas. Isn’t it time to listen to those who try to spark that discussion—regardless of their position on campus?

The issue: Chapel attendance is abysmally low.

Our stance: Increasing attendance begins with administrators, faculty, and staff setting a better example.

Why is that the case? The Bachelor staff believes that this question deserves to be answered. It involves introspection at all levels of our community.

Indeed, many students on our own staff don’t attend the weekly talks. And while we aren’t judging the merits of everyone’s excuses not to attend Chapel, we do see it fit to start that attendance is not where it should be.

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That means no meetings for faculty and staff called by administrators.

And then there’s the staff dynamic. Any of their position on campus?

To the staff who quickly became my friends, thank you for a great year. We continued a legacy. And we did it collaboratively.

We made improvements, but we still left room for the many generations of Bachelor staffers to come. And that’s exactly how it should be.

To the readers, we appreciate your support. In a world of Huffington Post, Twitter, Facebook, and kamizaze journalism, credible storytelling is not dead. And you prove it each time you pick up an issue.

To Peter Robb, our next Editor in Chief, best wishes.

It’s hard to believe that 26 issues later, we’ve put another volume (104 to be precise) to bed. And while this reflection won’t be the last thing that I write for the Bachelor, it is my last as Editor in Chief. I’d be lying if I said that I won’t miss it.
CNBC’s tendentious tendencies are sickening. As gas prices continue to rise, I am writing an opinion column, as CNBC has given President Obama a pass as the man with the golden, applauding his every move and crediting him for high, CNN也 indirectly benzi the President on his failure to reduce prices. But one must wonder why?

“Americans are looking for more accurate and real reporting of the President’s action that perpetually raises the cost of living.”

In fact, was acting to lower prices. His order to drill offshore oil drilling and allowing domestic use of oil are other reasons why he is not to be blamed by the Demo-
crat-controlled Congress.

Now, with Obama as president, CNN seems to have changed their perspective on the President’s position on oil prices. In his opinion column, he states that:

“...there is almost nothing left to blame Obama for, at least in the short run”. The

As we have seen, the President has not raised oil prices, but has instead lowered them. When you consider this, the idea that he has done nothing is absurd. The reality is that he has taken steps to reduce the price of oil, and this has had a positive impact on the economy.

The price of oil has been reduced, and this has resulted in lower gas prices. As a result, people are driving more, which is helping to reduce the amount of oil that is being used. This is a positive development, and it is clear that Obama has been working hard to reduce the price of oil.

I am not saying that there are no problems with the President’s policies, but I do believe that he has been working hard to reduce the price of oil. This has had a positive impact on the economy, and I believe that we should give him credit for this achievement.

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Within two weeks I will be walking down the aisle, eagerly awaiting my sheepskin. Then, it's no more Wabash—just the real world.

And I am terrified.

Sure, there's plenty to be excited about. I am now eligible to purchase any number of "Proud Wabash Alum" sweatshirts or coffee mugs. In fact, after a few years of saving up, I may even be able to begin to afford the Wabash College golden bookends that my presumably fancy office will require.

But my fears outweigh my excitement. My terror culminated when I told a freshman that I'd "be back all the time—like every weekend. Not only is this ridiculous and monetarily impossible, but it shows just how much Wabash has meant to me. I assume my situation to be the same for all seniors, so I've put together a small list about how to deal with the outside world.

1.) There are a lot of cars on the streets, and they typically don't stop for pedestrians. Gone are the days where two vehicles on Grant Street constituted "Rush Hour." Every city I've been to seems to have a constant stream of cars, and frankly, I don't see them stopping for students that often. My solution is simple: wait until the street is clear, and then run like none other to the other side. Problem. Solved.

2.) The real world certainly has a lot more genders than I'm used to—and in higher frequencies. None of us have seen an academic world with the opposite gender, and regardless of whether or not that is positive or negative, it will take some getting used to initially. Face it, Wabash. We're pretty much a cult of testosterone and the color red. I don't see it becoming a problem in life, but more of a culture shock.

3.) Even more of a shock comes from just how big that world is. My campus tour of Indiana University took nearly an hour. Conversely, the longest Wabash tour I'd been on lasted a little over six minutes (and that's only because our guide had to retie his shoes twice). My solution: just take it one step at a time until I've gotten to where I'm going, and then a nice ice bath for my feet.

4.) Additionally, it's apparently not socially acceptable to yell conversations with your friends over long distances. On any given day you can see a Wally greet a fellow friend with a loud "HEY" or "HI" or even the seldom-heard "TSUP." Doing that in large crowds draws other people's attentions, and may even lead them to believe you may be mildly insane. I've been working on this by waiting a certain amount of time and allowing my target to get within a reasonable range. Then, I say it like I always do. The hell with onlookers.

5.) Your red-dominated wardrobe isn't useless! A handful of us will be at Indiana University, and last time I checked, red was pretty much the same as crimson. Only better. For everyone else, red is statistically shown to attract romance more than any other color. Studies have shown that the opposite sex is considerably more attracted to a person if he or she is wearing red, and luckily for you, that's the foremost color in your closet! It is considered the "sexual" color, and could very well help you in the future.

6.) Finally, and I'd like to think this is obvious, but we are Wabash alums. It is no longer personally acceptable for us to purchase bottom-grade beer; we've transcended to the next best thing. Thus, when I return for homecoming and the Monon Bell game, I refuse to donate a case of Keystone or Natty Ice. I will instead bring Busch; it's only a dollar more, yet somehow carries a higher standard of respect.

I'd like to close out my final article with a round of applause to those who deserve it. Remember, if you're not mentioned, then you probably should have made more of an impact on my life. My parents (you know who you are), my friends and brothers (I know who you are), and my mentors (Dr. Dan Rogers, Dr. Eric Freeze, and print gurus Tim Padgett, Howard Hewitt, and Jim Amidon) each of you is equally deserving of multiple words of praise and gratitude.

Also, if I lent anything of value out to you, I'm totally going to need that back before I graduate.
Sports

The team will be competing on the best of their game in the Stan Lyons Invitational at Butler this weekend.

"The team is just focusing on Stan Lyons this weekend in order to get to the next level that they have been talking about all year," Coach Clyde Morgan said.

During these two weeks the track team will be training. If they can get over this hurdle the team will succeed and be able to reach the "next level" that they have been talking about all year. "Our team will be working hard on everything throughout this week to make sure that they are communicating with their professors and the things that they do everyday. Because that is what a student-athlete means."

"This meet is the last meet before conference, and it will be the last time some guys will have a meet this year. So the last two weeks have been preparing for what Coach Morgan describes as the heavy weight fight for the conference championship."

The team has been practicing intensely in order to bring their "A" games this weekend.

"Conference is the biggest tournament of the year. It is what we prepare for all season," Coach Hutchison explains. "Ideally, improving on our third place finish from the last three years for the Wabash Tennis team this year. If we can improve on it, we will be looking at our chances of making the year completely successful."
From most indications, Wabash will be naming its director of Athletics in the coming days, if it hasn’t already done so by the time the paper goes to press. And it is great news. But I wonder, what took so long?

I have every faith the administration and all those who are involved in the hiring process will make the right decision. But the timeline for this hire leaves plenty of questions.

When the college offered faculty and staff layoffs packages 18 months ago, it knew it would have openings for a Dean of Athletics and head basketball coach to be filled for the 2011-12 academic year. Yet, this paper went to press on the last week of April with the alumni, students, staff, and faculty still waiting to find out who will be in charge of Wabash athletics in 2011-12.

Early this spring, the college hosted four well-qualified candidates for a chance to be interviewed and participate in an open forum for students and staff to get a feel for the next Athletic Director. The last of those publicly-known visits occurred on March 29. That was over a month ago.

In February, Dean of Students Mike Raters said that the committee, “would like the position filled, if possible, by the end of March.”

As is now known, Antoine Carpenter was named last week to the head basketball coaching position replacing Mac Petty.

While I’m confident saying Carpenter is the right choice to fill the position, I am left wondering why it took so long to make a decision.

When Tanner (right) and Kenny (left) Coggins seen here with their parents during senior day festivities this spring.

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Curt and Nancy became faithful Wabash supporters, traveling not only to Crawfordsville, but also across the Midwest for Saturday conference football games and weekend baseball series. Curt has filled online electronic medical charts, he rarely stays behind.

The dedication of their parents does not go unnoticed by Kenny and Tanner.

“Tanner always asks me why we come to so many games,” said. "I tell him that I have grown to love watching him and his brother play, it truly brings me joy. It was my life dream to be a wife and men’s and I’ve tried to make the most of it.

As their commencement ceremony approaches and the day will soon come when the brothers are in separate parts of the country, the Coggins family can’t help but reflect upon the role Wabash has played in their lives.

“Every time we come to Wabash, we get this little family reunion with no athletic director. These are two very important decisions.”