Dead Week in Limbo

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Every student returning from Thanksgiving break can feel the dreaded and impending weight of upcoming final exams. Inevitably, the work stockpiles and students find themselves struggling to turn in every paper or assignment in addition to studying for final exams.

Though a Dead Week exists, Professors David Blix and David Kubiak want to reverse this year-old policy.

Two years ago, a Student Senate-devised proposal found itself in the hands of the faculty’s Academic Policy Committee. The Senate’s intent was to give those struggling with homework at the end of the semester extra time to study for final exams.

“The students hoped it would provide them with reasonable time at the end of the semester,” Blix, describing the proposal, said.

After setting up a Blackboard poll and discussing the notion with others schools, the Student Senate sent its final draft of the proposal to the APC.

“I think it is an issue that should be revisited now that it’s gone through a probationary period to see what the student body wants,” Brandon Hayes, Senate President-elect, said.

Having rigorously examined the proposal, the APC finally voted it into effect during 2003 spring semester.

“The faculty has agreed that no exams will be given and no papers will be due the Wednesday to Sunday of the week prior to finals,” the policy reads. “No papers will be due during finals week unless there is a final exam in the course, in which case the paper will be due no later than the end of the regularly scheduled exam for that course.”

Although the APC voted the policy into agreement a year ago and just recently voted to continue its existence, there have been a number of faculty who are opposed to the presence of Dead Week.

A potential compromise must be reached between faculty and students as to what its policy incorporates in terms of time allotment.

“Since they are required to set deadlines for significant assignments,” Blix said.

Despite the disagreement Dead Week has raised amongst several faculty members, a compromise must be reached between faculty and students.

“Given the faculty’s unease with the current policy there is now a move to reconsider a change in the calendar to allow for several days of reflection at the end of the semester,” Dean of Students Thomas Bambrey said.

A new academic committee has been appointed to explore further options relating to this week of reprieve, composed of Professors Phillip Mikesell, John Byrnes, Robert Horton, James Brown and Patrick Myers.

A potential compromise may shorten the number of days Dead Week remains in effect.

Though the fate of this singular week remains in question, the fact of the matter remains. The final week of the semester is a time during which students prepare to battle with their upcoming exams. No matter how the week has been changed or how the academic calendar has been modified, each student will find himself working long and hard if he is to persevere through these final tests.

Christmas Festival Spreads Holiday Cheer

Gary Moore performs with the Brass Ensemble at last night's Christmas Festival.

Wabash Comes Clean About Drugs

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It’s late Wednesday night, and the campus is silent as Wabash approaches finals week—the week of impending doom for many students. In the distance, dimly lit lamps illuminate hundreds of windows where most students have their faces buried in books. In a closer glance, a cloud of smoke becomes visible as it winds its way through the grounds. It’s another problem existing here on campus, and most students know drug use is a common occurrence.

On college campuses across the country, drug use is inevitable; however, the presence of the Gentleman’s Rule at Wabash causes the issue to be raised a little differently within this student society and its administration.

“Gentlemen don’t use drugs,” Thomas Bambrey, Dean of Students, said. “Using drugs on campus is grounds for discipline, while selling drugs is grounds for dismissal from the campus.”

This policy, a little more definitive than the ambiguous Gentleman’s Rule, may cause some students to think twice before they accept drugs from their peers, but it certainly hasn’t deterred student usage over time.

“Drugs, including alcohol, are a major problem at Wabash, just as they are on any college campus,” one fraternity president said. “Students

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IMA Undergoes Radical Reorganization

John Budnik
opinion editor

The Independent Men’s Association (IMA) is proposing bold changes for next semester.

After a year of radical restructuring, the IMA is planning to create a transcontinental alumni network.

The first ever “State-of-Independents” was given by IMA President Matt Bredefeld at IMA’s Faculty/Student dinner on Sunday.

In the speech, Bredefeld listed the association’s accomplishments and outlined its goals to expand the IMA in the future.

“We’re literally taking this thing global,” Bredefeld said. “Our alumni have settled on three continents.”

The IMA is considering creating a new committee, a newsletter, Internet listserv and outreach programs to build closer ties with the alumni.

“Some of the alumni are a bit wary, though,” Bredefeld said. “Other boards have failed to follow through with promises of creating such a network.”

In order for this network to succeed, Bredefeld further explained, the IMA needs to work closely with the administration.

Drugs

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At its heart the IMA has a good relationship with the administration,” Bredefeld said.

While the IMA and the administration do not always agree on how to make Wabash more hospitable for students, but both are committed to making this a stronger community.

The centerpiece of the IMA’s accomplishment this past semester has been to reform the board structure.

The IMA is a unique organization in that it has elected administrative officers and an appointed board to oversee and carry out the decisions of the officers.

The IMA Reorganization Act divided the monolithic board into three smaller committees. However, these committees still oversee and carry out the decisions of the elected officers.

“The reason for the reorganization is to make the board more agile and better able to meet students’ needs,” Bredefeld said.

This board was also able to organize ten social activities over the semester.

“Last year there was more apathy within the IMA. This year we have a younger crowd with more energy,” said Beau Browning, then Vice President of IMA.

However, not everyone agrees with the activities of the IMA. Some independents value their independence and just want to be left alone.

“I didn’t vote because I don’t want to legitimize their authority over me,” said Syud Amer Ahmed, RA of Wolcott.

Amer went on to say that there has been some conflict over the bounds the IMA’s over independent residents and suggested that they stick to social issues. He doesn’t want the IMA to become like the Inter Fraternity Council (IFC), apathetic and unresponsive to students.

“I was thrilled nobody felt the need to run against me, but I was a little disappointed,” Bredefeld said in regards to his reelection on Monday. “I wished for a greater discussion on the direction of the IMA.”

However the independents spoke out in support of the board. Voter turnout jumped from 20 percent to 50 percent.

“The IMA is more effective at looking after our interests,” Udayan Chattopadhyan, a freshman living in Morris, said.

The IMA can only be as effective as the students make it. With continued student participation, the IMA will increase its effectiveness throughout the Wabash community for years to come.

With continued education on the subject, the Wabash community hopes to inform students and allow them to make the right decision for themselves. The Gentleman’s Rule furthers this purpose by placing responsibility in the hands of the student to decide right from wrong.

Another question remaining is whether or not the administration needs to take any official action regarding the fact drug use takes place on campus.

Many students feel one of the reasons for a Wabash education is the ability to learn in an environment allowing the individual to make personal decisions as an adult.

One freshman offered his thoughts on the subject, “I think the essence of the Gentleman’s Rule is students have the right to make a choice and accept the responsibilities of that choice.” He said.

“Students who decide to do drugs know the possible responsibilities the law may impose on them. It is not the job of this school to alienate those students further.”
Opinions Split Over Schroeder Career Center

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The Schroeder Career Center has been busy this semester with events ranging from its November career fair to the Homecoming networking breakfast to several presentations on etiquette and interviewing.

This year’s career fair was larger than ever before with 14 new employers attending to bring the total to 33. The 90 students who attended were able to obtain information from employers ranging from Eli Lilly to the National Security Administration. In fact, several employers came specifically to hire Wabash students.

“We continue to seek new approaches to encourage students to use our services ‘early and often,’ and continue our outreach to expand our pool of employers and alumni interested in assisting students,” Rosalind Lister, director of the SCC, said. “We are energized by the successful fall semester and hope to make the spring semester even better.”

Next semester holds many more plans for students seeking advice on employment opportunities or internships. Already in the works are a mock interview day shortly after classes start, and also what will hopefully be the first of several networking sessions with the Indianapolis Association of Wabash Men set for January 28. Another program currently in the planning stages is the Student Advisory Committee, where students will have an opportunity to aid the career center in its outreach. Applications will be available soon.

Opinion seems to be split among the students about the effectiveness of the career center. To some, it could definitely improve. “The SCC has tried to be helpful it seems. But one thing is for sure... they are not much use.”, Salman Chand said.

While some opinions may not be as drastic, they do suggest some improvements. “They’re doing good things, but it’s coming along slowly, not tapping into what the wide range of students need,” Michael Bricker said. “I’d like to see more things directed at students other than those interested in science or business.”

Senior Andy Shepherd has no complaints, “Personally, I’ve had nothing but good encounters with the Career Center over the past three years,” Shepherd said. “I’ve gotten help with resumes, cover letters and internships over the past few years. They’ve even loaned me books about alternative jobs for alternative people, and strange things like that.”

The Schroeder Career Center is located in the Arnold House at 502 W Wabash. It is open year-round, each weekday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm with walk in hours each Wednesday 9:00 to 4:00.

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Reflecting About Wabash

Our Thoughts: Discussion must occur on tough issues, and the administration must serve as a role model with hearing, seeing and speaking.

We intended this issue to provide a critical and balanced examination of some of the issues—drugs, alcohol, accountability, social life—occurring on campus. We had hoped the issue would initiate some thoughtful discussion as the semester concluded. While not all stories are included, the message we had hoped to convey still carries weight.

Discussion must occur on campus.

Throughout this semester, we have attempted to cover the tough stories of some of our students, both in and out of the classroom. Reporting those tough issues is difficult. Most students, including some Bachelor staff members, refuse to comment on issues ranging from campus-knapped underage drinking to what really goes on in fraternities.

If we all know of the happenings, why do students choose to be irresponsible and not comment? Perhaps it’s because, as a community, we don’t talk about these issues. If the administration does not set the example and install the importance of, at minimum, discussing these issues, why would students ever speak up or speak out? As college students, it is extremely important our role models (administrators, faculty and staff) live a standard they want us to follow.

We will only rise as high as you place the bar. If the bar includes discussion and problem solving, we will create a better Wabash than ever imagined. If the bar is simply one of encouraging us to hear, see and speak, Wabash will never improve.

We had hoped to provide stories providing the backbone for campus discussion. Just because the stories aren’t here, doesn’t mean discussion cannot occur. And just because certain students refuse to talk, doesn’t mean you shouldn’t talk.

Over winter break, spend some quality time thinking about how we can work to improve our campus and community. It’s our obligation as responsible citizens.

O p p o rt u n i t i e s A b o u n d for Bachelor Staff

Next semester, The Bachelor will lend three of its most experienced and talented editors to off-campus opportunities. Award-winning editors Matt Ward, Andy Cartwright and Sean Gallagher will spend the spring semesters in Salamanca (Spain), London (England) and New York City (US). They and their talents will be missed.

Ward, who already has traveled to Chiapas (Mexico), will transplant himself into a different Spanish-speaking country. Cartwright will leave central Indiana—basically everything he has ever known—to study Shakespeare in its home. “It should prove to be an amazing growing and learning experience,” he said.

Though staying in the States, Gallagher has the amazing ability to use his photography skills to take the still pictures between commercials for Saturday Night Live.

The Bachelor will continue to serve as the voice of Wabash. It will do so with a younger, but still talented and dedicated staff. We wish Ward, Cartwright and Atkinson, along with all others studying abroad, a safe and amazing educational experience.

While you are abroad, we hope you remember us toiling away on Wednesday nights.

The Ravings of a Deluged Wabash Man in the End

At the end of a semester I am burnt out, ticked off, and ready for a nice long break. How better to expedite this process than with a cathartic article—an analysis of all things annoying about Wabash.

The Living Dead Week
If a policy exists and no one follows it, is it still a policy? “Dead Week” is intended to allow the student more time to study for finals. Rather, it is just a waste of our valuable time.

The Student Senate has suggested this past Wednesday should start a “dead period,” time in which no papers, tests or assignments are due. However, many professors who assign papers and tests during dead week have ignored this suggestion. With no real authority behind Student Senate’s “suggestion,” why have the policy at all?

If we are going to have a dead week policy, let’s make it official and put the weight of the Dean’s office behind the requirement. Yet, most students would probably just waste the time anyways.

My solution? Let’s just “keep on chugging” until the end. One more week of exams can’t leave any permanent scars.

All Campus Parties
Windows shattered, ceiling tiles broken, and a hole in the wall—just some of the damages Phi Gamma Delta incurred over the Monon Bell all campus party. However, rather than take responsibility and pay for the damage, Student Senate (the Student Senate Activities Committee sponsored) decided to avoid responsibility.

What incentive does a house have to host a party? The house provides workers, clean up crews and security. The least Senate could do is help repair a facility that it used.

Our business, as a College, is not to see to the social needs of the students.

Though staying in the States, Atkinson has the amazing ability to use his student contacts to provide tips to students of his talking about their progress. Yet, most students would probably just waste the time anyways.

As a non-Christian, I am often asked what Christmas means to me.

No doubt many non-Christians, whether they are Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims or atheists, inevitably ask themselves this same question as Christmas approaches.

Interestingly, if we examine Christmas before Christ—that is, its ancient pagan origins—we discover the original meaning of the holiday is actually meant to help universally for all people, both Christian and non-Christian alike.

The December 25th calendar date overlaps the Winter Solstice, honored throughout the ancient pagan world for the annual return of the sun, and the longer hours of daylight needed for the planting of next year’s crops. Theologically, it is the triumph of the Sun-God over the mysterious darkness.

Apollo slays the serpent of shadows once more. In the embrace of Isis, Osiris is reborn through his son, Horus, conquering death again. On December 25th, Mithra, the Persian sun-god, returns to slay vanquish the hosts of darkness, for the triumph of love and light over evil, and the victory of those who stand for their beliefs. Centuries later, Christianity would adopt and express the same hope shared by their ancient neighbors.

To the ancients, the sun represented warmth, hope, growth and health. Today, the sun is the enduring sunlight, which allows life for everyone to prosper.

Yet, rather than take responsibility and pay for the damage, Student Senate (the Student Senate Activities Committee sponsored) decided to avoid responsibility. With no real authority behind Student Senate’s “suggestion,” why have the policy at all? Not in a fraternity but want the formal experience? I think you have two options. Join a fraternity or get some friends together, find some dates and head out to a nice restaurant and hotel in downtown Indianapolis. To solve this problem, we could allocate the money that we could do is help repair a facility that it used.

We should all hope for and work toward the triumph of the light of reason over the dark of ignorance, for the triumph of tolerance over divisiveness, for the triumph of love over hate, and for the triumph of helping hands toward the poor and lonely over indifference to them.

The humanity towards others is the enduring sunlight, which allows life for everyone to prosper in beautiful and meaningful ways.

All I Want for X-mas is Knowing Its Pagan Origins

It is a good day to forgive and forget. It is a good time to throw away grudges, prejudices and hatred. It is a good time to fill your heart and your house, and the hearts and houses of others, with sunshine. Indeed, any day is a good day to do all of these things.

We should all hope for and work toward the triumph of the light of reason over the dark of ignorance, for the triumph of tolerance over divisiveness, for the triumph of love over hate, and for the triumph of helping hands toward the poor and lonely over indifference to them.

The humanity towards others is the enduring sunlight, which allows life for everyone to prosper in beautiful and meaningful ways. Kindness to others is the best Christmas present everyone can readily give.
Pep Band Experience Provided More Than Just Notes on a Page

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When I first came to Wabash four years ago, I was very interested in continuing my high school musical endeavors. Upon joining the Pep Band, I became disappointed in the numbers, participating and perception of the band.

Being a student run club is great, but being a student led music ensemble is difficult. It requires a dedicated group of musicians to forfeit part of their will to another student who claims to lead the group. I greatly appreciate the several outstanding gentlemen I have been able to work with thus far.

The point of my writing is not to build fame for myself, or to make a sales pitch for the Pep Band (though please join), but rather ask: What kind of legacy will you leave at Wabash College? How will you be a leader?

For me, leading the band is about making compromises. I would like to see the group sound excellent and increase in size, but I realize students do not, and usually cannot, spend more than an hour a week practicing for an ensemble.

I would also like to expel students who show disrespect for the practices and games. But if I want to maintain the current numbers, which are just enough for a full band, I have to get what I can while I can.

I do not mean to imply the band is in bad shape—actually the band has made vast improvements over the past three years and is on an upward trend—it’s just there are many complexities to negotiate.

My main focus for the past year and a half has been the legacy of the Pep Band. I have spent countless hours sorting music, organizing our equipment and preparing my protégés, Steve Hubbard and Chris Jorgensen. And what will all my efforts result in? Will there be a Pep Band next year? What about ten years from now?

when I attend a football game, will the Pep Band be strong? I must believe so, or I wouldn’t expend so much energy on the band.

Social role often pushes us towards immediate gratification instead of belated elation. So, why do I spend countless hours packing, unpacking, running errands and transporting equipment for football games? The truth is, I do it as much for the players and the fans as I do it for myself.

Leading the Pep Band has served as a key component in the development of my leadership skills. Through leading the Pep Band, I have been able to build relationships with leaders like Professor Judd Danby, Professor Larry Bennett, George Belmore, Dean Tom Bambrick and President Andy Ford. I have been able to support and earn the respect of my friends on the football team.

“The unique qualities of Wabash provide you with such a rich offering of activities and organizations. There is no excuse not to be involved.”

Gifts: Relieved and Concerned

I am so relieved. It’s the final issue of the semester. Only one more semester—13 issues—to go, and then I am done. No more Bachelors. No more Wednesday evening layouts turning into 4 am adventures. No more feeling uncomfortable in class when professors signal me out. No more spending too much time on The Bachelor and not enough time on academics.

And no more time working with the voice calling for administrative and student accountability. No more reminding Wabash that its role is not just a liberal arts college for men, but an institution dedicated to saving civilization. No more illustrating the pitfalls of having a Student Senate without any semblance of oversight. No more longing for a creative forum for all thoughts and ideas pertaining to Wabash.

While I won’t miss the administrative or business aspects, I will miss the social, communal, teaching and learning opportunities afforded while working with The Bachelor. Maybe it’s due to my teacher education background, but those teaching and learning opportunities really excite me about The Bachelor.

With no journalism classes or professors, the staff is responsible for teaching new staff members how to report, write, edit, layout, photograph and distribute.

With all those human interactions, comes very rewarding personal experience. In doing so, The Bachelor is not perfect. We make mistakes in our writing, proofreading and layout. We make errors in our judgment, too.

Those judgmental errors are important because they force us to evaluate our decisions and brainstorm possible solutions.

Wabash Ale: Twice the Alcohol, Twice the Responsibility

Having a couple brews with a friend is never a bad thing, nor is going to a bar to down a few pitchers and talk it up with the ladies with the hopes of taking one home cannot be looked down upon. However, for some reason I don’t like getting so blitzed I end the night puking and passing out underneath my desk.

I like to drink. It’s in my blood. I’m Irish. I know my limits, and I know the difference between being really buzzed and being sloshed. True, I had to learn my limits from a big face first in the toilet, but I learned from my mistakes a long time ago.

However, it seems many students at Wabash do not know their limits. With events involving alcohol this semester, there has to be a time when we all need to take a good look at our lack of drinking restrictions.

Yes, many of us drink here at Wabash. Some of us drink more than others. Some of us can hold our liquor better than others. Those who can hold their liquor know that feeling when they are about to puke if they drink any more. Those who don’t, end up paying heed to the porcelain god.

It’s the next morning after a party, though, when I’m usually questioning our actions. It’s the stories that begin or end with “I don’t even know how the hell I got back to this place” or “I was so drunk, I can’t believe what I did.” We chuckle at these anecdotes, but we forget how lucky we are. According to a 2002 National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Task Force report, 1,400 college students between the ages 18 to 24 die yearly; 500,000 are injured; more than 70,000 students are sexually assaulted; and 400,000 students engage in unprotected sex.

You can see a problem. While it might not be that big for a campus so small, imagine your friend hurting himself seriously (which has already happened), or possibly someone you know getting accused of sexual assault (which has happened) or rape, when he thought it was consensual, or having it burn when you piss, or walking up a father, or to the extreme, someone you know dying.

Most of us, me included, cannot even make it to class with a hangover, how could we all deal with these issues?

Possessing the privilege of having a wet campus with little to no supervision other than our own is something most campuses in the country will never experience.
I received a desperate e-mail from a Wabash shopper who’s in need of yuletide assistance. Though he treasures his girlfriend, his pockets are bare this season. I’m willing to bet this young man is not alone.

The trick of buying for women is not to look at price tags, but rather, what will pull at her heart strings. The formula is: smells good + sentimental = happy girlfriend.

If you find yourself low on cash this Christmas, try something simple. Burn her a CD with songs from your dating history. Put a picture of the two of you in the cover and write a little note for each track.

Along those same lines, you can draw up a “contract” where you vow to give her an hour massage and pamper her for a day. Sign it, wrap it, and get ready for her to find you adorable. Throw some massage oil in and you’ve got bonus points. No, servitude is never enjoyable, but it’s Christmas—make a sacrifice.

You could also design and construct a scrapbook of your relationship. Most books and supplies are fairly inexpensive, and it will show you put time and thought into your gift. Place pictures in chronological order and put any memorabilia you have of your past in it as well.

Similar, but slightly more costly, you can enlarge a picture of the two of you and have it put in black and white. Have a frame engraved with your names or anniversary date. She will treasure it always.

Finally, the old stand-bys: pajamas, a journal, candles, bath oils or lotions, picture frames and perfume are always reliable. Remember, smells good + sentimental.

But after the presents are opened and the thank-you kisses exchanged, there’s one more thing...the dreaded sharing of the holidays with her family.

For a young man just beginning to date someone, the future in-laws can be tricky. It’s important to make a lasting first-impression, without appearing overly-aggressive. Coming from a daddy’s girl, it’s essential you make the right moves.

If you are of age, pop in to the local liquor store and grab a bottle of wine to bring. Check with the clerk and pick something unusual, but tasty. If you are not 21, stop at the grocery store and grab a Christmas bouquet; her mother will love you.

Most importantly, when dealing with her extended family, remember names and details.

Only the strong survive, and if you show weakness, they’ll leave you behind.

Okay, so there’s not that much pressure. But remember, they’re going to talk about you after you leave regardless, so make sure it’s positive. Take small details and extend the conversation as long as you can. Sound interested, look engaged and follow-up with the conversation the next time you see them.

Now that I have you thinking of scrapbooks and pretty smells, take these tools and get to work.

After all, there’s only 14 shopping days left. Happy holidays guys!

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Show Affection Without A Burdening Pricetag

Getting Into The Holiday Spirit Via Song & Cheer

Eileen Bowen rehearses for the Community Chorus presentation of Messiah. The event will occur Sunday, December 14 at 4 pm in the Chapel.
I describe myself as a funny guy, average looks, slightly larger than average build and fairly intelligent. When I heard about NBC’s television show “Average Joe,” I became excited because it was officially time for guys like me to show what they are made of. From there, my excitement took the form of a roller-coaster ride leading me to puke my guts out.

“Average Joe” started out as the feel-good story of the year. Dennis, my clear-cut favorite to win seemed invincible due to the fact everyone, including the wench Melana, was enamored with him. I was glued to my TV every Monday to see how Dennis wooed the gorgeous blonde devil.

Two weeks into the show, Dennis got the cold shoulder. I couldn’t believe it, all the Joe’s couldn’t believe it and Dennis couldn’t believe it. I was furious. It was now becoming clear that Melana was disposing of the most below-average looking men.

I stopped watching soon after he left. Since I am a sitcom fanatic (who has time for that at Wabash? Obviously this guy) I saw commercials for the show. Apparently, as if watching the Average Joes buckle under Melana’s standards wasn’t enough, NBC decided to let some hunks join the attempt to woo the blonde haired bitch.

Seeing commercials for the season finale, I realized one of the Average Joes was still vying for the beauty queen wench. I decided my linear math assignment wanted me to see whom she picked. So I tuned in. Complete horse crap.

I know you can already tell who she picked. Oh, the nerve.

What makes me really upset is that Average Adam completely deserved to “win.” He was always making the girl smile and was always being upbeat and optimistic. The hunk, on the other hand, couldn’t get it out of his mind that he was going to lose. What happened to confidence being attractive to women?

This show did have its bright spot. It showed me once again nice guys finish last. I’m not saying the hunk wasn’t a nice guy, but I am saying given a hunk and an average guy, the average guy will lose nine times out of ten.

I knew it was over for Adam when the superficial whore said the hunk was “gorgeous, how can you not love that smile and those eyes.” Yeah, I don’t know if you could tell, Melana, but Adam smiled the entire time.

The ending further instilled a sense of why good guys will forever be stuck in the Godforsaken rut they are in: Adam was the classiest loser ever. He had nothing but good words for the new couple. He just wanted to see the girl happy.

Now because of this show, I am apprehensive about the future. I was always told when girls grow up, they will realize the good guy has been there all along and he is the right man for the job. Obviously not.
Fake Guru Answers All

Denis Farr
fake guru

Dear Denis,

My ex is stalking me! Help! First, she gave me back my sweater the other day, which she had been wearing and was infused with her clinging scent of desperation. She has left me at least fifteen voice mail messages in the last two days. I can’t wonder too far off campus without her becoming visible and trying to approach me. We’ve been broken up for two months, but anywhere I go, she’s sure to be there. This makes approaching other, more sane females very problematic. What can I do to fend off this terror? — Ex-Tamer

“I am quite sure there is some poor Wally around who is lonely for female attention, no matter how crazed she may be.”

Dear Ex-Tamer,

Carefully consider how violent this girl is. Is she liable to ‘cut a bitch’ so to say? If she is, you might want to tread carefully, and here is how:

Never go outside alone. While females may have been said to be sugar, spice and everything nice while we were in the sandbox in kindergarten, you can quickly find out that sugar can be rancid, spice deadly, and everything nice can be turned around when you have a very ‘nice’ blade or fingernail aimed at essential body parts.

Second, practice the art of running. We have a fine athletic center that has on display, and for use, many marvelous wonders that will help you trim those thighs, and build that physique. This also helps when you are finally able to get the ex off your back, as it will definitely make the ladies admire you, if you are not a dog to begin with.

To get rid of the ex, whether she is violent or not, simply find a distraction. I am quite sure there is some poor Wally around you who is lonely for female attention, no matter how crazed she may be. Be a gentleman, introduce these two. With luck, he lives nowhere near you (this might be essential), and the two will hit it off wonderfully.

—Denis

Dear Denis,

I am gay. No, this is not one of those e-mails from an immature personality who decides to utilize another’s account. I really am gay. What should I do? When I told my friends I was going to Wabash, the joke was that I was going to an all male college. Who, in their right mind, would go to an all male college with all these men around? Yet, Wabash is not exactly what I expected it to be, and it is very hard to find any prospective dates. Could you help me? — Gaysanova

Dear Gaysanova,

You’re gay, and you came to Wabash? I’m afraid the joke that your friends were laughing at was you. There simply are not many options. I’m afraid. ‘shOUT, unlike many gay organizations, is not the usual meat market, where you can peruse among the butch, femme, glam and muscular.

Indeed, were you in search of guys, perhaps you should check out the other local universities (just stay away from those Dan-nies). Or, consider transferring, where your education may be less, but your appetites will be satisfied.

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Angels Excels in Divine Contention

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To call Angels in America a gay fantasia would be accurate in many ways. Tony Kushner’s recent screen adaptation, directed by Mike Nichols and shown on HBO, of his own play utilizes a movie’s capabilities quite well in what it is capable of doing. Angels, ghosts of ancestors, and more are quickly shown, and are breathtaking in their visual effect.

But Angels is about more than just flashy lights and effects. Dealing with the issue of homosexuality, AIDS, the Reagan administration, drug use and the human experience, Kushner develops a modern American play seeking to question and explore. Writing in a very poetic manner often filled with intense dramatic effects or light, airy scenes, the movie does a good job of engaging the audience, just as the play has done.

The movie itself has many outstanding parts. The utilization of juxtaposition seems to heighten whatever the scene might need at the moment. During a heavy discussion, the scene will be longer to engage it, uncut, while it quickly flips back and forth among the four peoples’ experiences during heated and dramatic scenes. The acting during these scenes only further heightens these tensions and scenes.

True to the theater, some actors take on more than one role. Meryl Streep and Emma Thompson’s diversity is quite laudable in their stunning performances. With his slimy and raging ways, Al Pacino does a wonderful job playing a lawyer supporting the Reagan Administration who is not gay, but sleeps with men. Just as stunning are Mary-Louise Parker’s addiction, Jeffery Wright’s queenness, Patrick Wilson’s de-closeting.

Justin Kirk’s fight with AIDS and Ben Shenkman’s issues with love, loyalty and death. One might think it would be quite easy to overshadow their performances with the spectacles of angels, voices and general fantasy surrounding the cast’s lives.

But it’s not. There is an equal measure of the human and the extra human experience. While watching it, an audience might quickly absorb itself in the emotions of despair, forlornness and rage, even in a homosexual character. Isolation with fantastic themes might seem to happen, but it draws in an audience and disgusts them with the actions of some characters, or makes one empathize with another. No barrier exists between the heterosexual and homosexual experience, as this movie well illustrates. A gay fantasia is what happens, but a general view on humanity occurs as well.

This Sunday, HBO will air Part Two. Stay tuned.

Dancers Not Satisfied With This Club

From an outside perspective, Babes West appears to be a quality, respectable gentleman’s club. However, underneath the flashy facade lies a seedy underworld of manipulation and deceit. This enigmatic club is located at 3810 Lafayette Rd. (38th St.) on the west edge of Indianapolis.

Admission Info & Scheduling: Babes West is open 7 days a week. It runs from 3 pm to 3 am Monday to Saturday, and from 3 pm to 12:30 am on Sunday. Cover is $5 every day with no drink minimum. Patrons must be 21 to enter.

General Atmosphere: The establishment looks like a clean, stereotypical gentleman’s club. It does have a slight NASCAR theme, using signs and beer mirrors to support certain drivers. There are three excellent stages in the middle of the room. They are raised and lit above and below with colored lighting. Small chairs and tables are spread around the room.

A couch dance area lies at one end of the club. A well-stocked bar covers one wall and has a full staff even during off nights. A DJ is present every night to play all the music. There is even a vending machine to dispense customers’ favorite snacks. The average age of the clientele is around 40. Excluding a couple of dancers, I was the youngest person in attendance.

Quality of Performers: The dancers are attractive, although there are a couple anomalies. As a whole, they are also a bit older than college age. At least five ladies dance during the week and eight to 10 dance on the weekend. They dance for three songs each hour. I asked one dancer about her job and she was not happy, to say the least.

She told me that not only are the women treated poorly by patrons but by other dancers as well. Harassment and physical violence were commonplace. If a new girl could not handle being “thrown around,” she would not last more than three nights. Most dancers did it for the money and that was it.

In her opinion, the only people who could possibly enjoy the job had to be “drugged up.” I was not shocked by her revelations, as the manager had ‘HATE’ tattooed across the knuckles of his left hand.

Overall: Based on an outside assessment, Babes West gets a B-grade. It seems like a clean and controlled environment. The women appear kind and charismatic. However, keep your safety in mind if you visit the club. A dancer might just flip out and pull a knife out of her thong.

Until next week, remember: Anything can happen at a gentleman’s club.

Next issue’s article will contain a summation of all the clubs NO STD reviewed and our assessment of the role Gentleman’s Clubs play in society.

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Semester of Gentlemanly fun

Finally, a comprehensive list of area gentleman’s clubs is available for students to place upon their refrigerators compliments of NO STD. For this semester’s last Bachelor, we decided a summation of all the previous reviews is in order. That way everyone can check their lists before they spend their hard earned one-dollar bills. Enjoy.

**Touch of Class:** D. It is cheap, close and a little nasty. It’s got per-

**Night Moves:** B+. 1730 S Walnut, Bloomington. It has a solid group of dancers and a low-end nightclub feel. The performers ask everyone for tips, which is a major drawback. There was also a musty funk about the place, which is sometimes distracting.

**Chances Are:** A-. 3521 St Rd 26 East, Lafayette. Chances Are scored well with its clean, comfortable atmosphere and attractive performers. It doesn’t have a drink minimum but everyone was very pleasant. The bartender also had an impressive afro-mullet.

**Dancers Showclub:** B. 3481 McCarty Ln, Lafayette. The dancers are cool to hang out with but they aren’t gorgeous. Pricing is decent and one drink is required. The biggest shortcoming is the tacky interior design. The décor is a mix of seedy nightclub and a popular bar, with a touch of family restaurant.

**After Hours:** D-. 213 N. Walnut St., Bloomington. This club’s only upside is the age minimum of 18. Its cover is very steep. Dancers aren’t consistently there. The atmosphere is, as one person put it, “broke ass.” If you must go, call ahead to see if they’ll have dancers. Or just spend your money on a Playboy.

**Babes West:** B+. 8013 W. Washington St, Indy. (This review wasn’t in previous issues due to technical difficulties.) On the surface, this is a clean, controlled club. Prices are reasonable and the dancers are appealing. However, as a dancer explained, patrons and other performers treat the women poorly. Drugs can also be a problem. The manager did have “HATE” tattooed on his knuckles. Be safe if you go there.

Reviewing these establishments has been interesting. We have learned much about the different aspects of gentleman’s clubs. We also learned what it is like to take clothing off for a living.

By talking to the managers and dancers, we discovered the highs and lows of the job and reasons they chose the occupation. Some women love it. Some women hate it. Many women do it to pay large bills or get out of debt.

During all of these reviews and interviews, the members of NO STD were always courteous and considerate. Gentleman’s clubs are renowned for being hotbeds for vulgar and lewd men. We shunned this stereotype, and did our best to be observant of the feelings and opinions of others.

Gentleman’s clubs are businesses that celebrate sexuality and the female form. Their employees work hard in a profession that maintains a social stigma. They make a tough decision and they deserve respect. Hopefully readers will remember this when they visit the clubs.

And finally, please remember: Dancers are people too.

D don’t Miss Return of the King

Zac White & Matt McKay
movie critics

Usually when the final installment of a trilogy rolls around, you’re so upset with the second one, that you can’t stand the thought of paying another $7.50 to see the final let-down. For example: *Alien III, T3, Matrix Revolutions,* and the up-coming *Star Wars* movie (we’re using the Force: we can already tell). However, Hollywood’s history of third movie failures shall not apply to *The Return of the King.*

The first two movies snagged the 7th and 4th place positions respectively in worldwide grosses (according to BoxOfficeMojo.com). Collectively, they’ve grossed almost $2 billion. With the addition of the much anticipated third installment, the trilogy will be able to bump the longstanding leader, *Titanic,* from the top of the list. Newline Cinema has successfully generated a massive return on their $300 million investment.

In our professional (don’t laugh) opinion *The Return of the King* will be the best LotR so far. As impossible as it may seem to top the Battle of Helm’s Deep, the last charge of the Ents, Boromir’s last stand or Gandalf’s mortal combat with the Balrog, the upcoming movie’s siege of Minas Tirith and the Battle of Pelennor Fields has the potential to surpass anything we have already seen. Even the sets and the acting will surpass anything we have seen before. If this isn’t exciting enough, there are still a few chapters of the *Two Towers* left to be covered in the movie. The thought of paying $7.50 to see the final chapter of the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy, *The Return of the King,* makes one want to make it a habit.

Peter Jackson has done a superb job of adapting the finest examples of fantasy to the big screen. While some may complain about their favorite scene missing, by and large, the representations of Tolkien’s world have been accurately and beautifully crafted. With the responsibility to create a fitting cinematic tribute to what has been said to be the most widely read work after the Bible, Jackson has exceeded the lofty standards many fans have held him to. Despite the editing he was forced to do to fit it into theater time slots, Jackson has given us the rest of our beloved series in the form of the extended DVDs. So, if you’re disappointed that Sarumon and Grima Wormtongue were removed for the theater version, rest assured that they will find their rightful place in a seven-minute scene on the extended DVD next fall. The same will be true for the rest of the cut footage.

Next week, when you should be studying for your finals, remember to take a break and see the final chapter of *The Lord of the Rings.* We promise you won’t be disappointed.
Seniors

From 12
Josh Bronaugh  
(WR)

Looking back at your football experience, what has been your most memorable moment? Why?
First would be seeing the seniors, my freshman year, sit and cry on the field after we lost to Depauw. That was an experience that no one left on this team has ever felt, and I think a true appreciation for having the bell has come from it.

What is the greatest thing you have learned from Wabash football and why?
I’ve learned that the more you put into something the accomplishments and the ups and downs are more deeply felt.

Alex Barefoot  
(Student Coach/J-back)

Looking back at your football experience, what has been your most memorable moment? Why?
I will remember a 5-yard catch I had versus Hiram my sophomore time we have shared together.

If you had to sum up your Wabash career in one word or phrase what would it be and why does this fit?
Greater purpose. This phrase is more than just playing for yourself or playing football. Wabash to me are more deeply felt.

What advice/encouragement do you give to the juniors, sophomores and freshmen who must now step up behind you?
Don’t take having the Bell and all that that encompasses for granted. You don’t want to find out what it is like with out it.

Dustin DeNeal  
(QB)

If you had to sum up your Wabash career in one word or phrase what would it be and why does this fit?
Family, because of the lifetime friends that I have gained from the time we have shared together.

What advice/encouragement do you give to the juniors, sophomores and freshmen that must now step up behind you?
Have fun, enjoy the moment, and look after each other.

What is the greatest thing you have learned from Wabash football and why?
That there is no limit to the amount of work I can do if I’m really committed. I never would have believed that it was possible to work out at 6 am every day.

Tony Warren  
(Bandit)

What advice/encouragement do you give to the juniors, sophomores and freshmen that must now step up behind you?

The cliché comes to mind, “It won’t be easy [and it really wasn’t], but it will be worth it.”

Sports

Wrestling Prepares for Division I

Chris Healy pins an opponent earlier in the season. On Saturday, he will take on Ryan Lange, a three-time NCAA qualifier, ranked third in Division I. Healy is ranked fifth in Division III.

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Last weekend the Little Giant wrestling team headed to the University of Indianapolis for the Little State wrestling tournament. The team showed dramatic improvement this week, placing in eight of ten weight classes.

Nationally-ranked junior Chris Healy finished first in the 174-pound division with a 4-0 record, good enough to earn him Outstanding Wrestler of the Meet. Healy won his first match 18-3 over Matt Viers of Muskingum. He cruised to 15-6 and 7-3 victories in his final matches. There, he defeated Tim Maxworthy of Heidelberg College 20-10 to become the 174-weight class champion. Healy was pleased with his performance in the tournament but praised the team’s effort as a whole, saying “the team did well this past weekend and our freshmen really stepped up, but we always have more work to do to keep improving.”

One of those freshmen, Keith Garrard, placed second in the 184-pound weight class. His first match only lasted 3:38 before he pinned Josh Akers of Mount St. Joseph. He won his next two matches 5-2 and 8-4 before being defeated 7-6 in the final match that proved to be a real battle against Muskingum’s Adam Justice.

Another freshman, Will Clarke, finished third in the 197-pound weight class though he only lost one match, a 5-3 bout against Rose Hulman’s Tom Alpner. He fought his way through the consolation bracket finishing 5-loverall.

Senior Marcus Ellison, freshman Garret Pino and junior Adam Miller all finished fifth in their respective weight classes.

Ellison, in his first season wrestling for Wabash, finished 4-1 losing only to eventual tournament champion Evan Love of U of I in a 7-5 defeat in the semifinal round. He recorded two pins in his first two matches.

Garret Pino pinned his first opponent in 1:35 but suffered a defeat in the quarterfinals to third-seeded Matt Palladino. Moving to the consolation bracket, he won 19-0 and 13-2 before losing again to the eventual third-place finisher. He then won again 10-4 over Billy Whitehouse of Rose Hulman to finish the weekend 4-2.

Adam Miller finished the weekend at 3-2 in the 175-pound weight class. Miller faced tough opponents in his first two matches but finished on top with scores of 15-7 and 3-1. Losing his third match 3-2 to eventual champion Josh Holden of the University of Indianapolis led Miller to the consolation bracket where he lost 8-2, but recovered with a 7-2 win to lock up a solid fifth place finish.

Junior Drew McCoy placed seventh at 149 pounds with a 3-2 record.

Sophomore Kevin Meyer finished 3-3 at 165 pounds for an eight place finish overall.

The results of the team’s efforts this past weekend are a great boost, sending them into a tough weekend where they will face Purdue here in the Allen Athletic Center on Saturday, and then travel to Indiana University on Sunday for another meet against three Division I schools.
Swimming Finishes Second at DePauw Invitational

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On the first day of a two-day meet last weekend, the Wabash swim team arrived home from the DePauw Invitational in third place, trailing DePauw by 18.5 points. Upon the team’s return to the pool, the Wabash men kicked it into gear and finished second (645 points) out of nine schools. Washington University (805) won for the second consecutive year, and DePauw (609.5) finished third.

First-place finishes by the 200-medley relay team and senior Brandon Peacock in the 100 butterfly, along with six other top-three finishes, helped propel the team.

The Little Giants started the meet with a third in the 200-yard freestyle relay, finishing in 1:29.15. Senior Brett Findley took third in the 500 free (4:56.01) and the 200 butterfly (2:01.35), trimming over four seconds off of his preliminary time. Sophomore Matt Perkins added a second in the 200 backstroke, touching the pad in 1:58.90, nearly three seconds faster than his prelim time. Senior Stephen Birrer took second in the 100 free with a time of 49.36, keeping Washington from sweeping the top four places in the event. The Little Giants added a third place finish in the 800-yard free relay to set up the final events on Saturday.

According to second-year coach Peter Casares, the team swam its fastest all semester. But in order for them to become conference champions, they will have to use the last meet “as a spring board into a new level of training and commitment.” The season has five weeks before it is over and the team has “a ton of work to do if we ever want to even consider giving Denison a run for their money,” Casares said.

Overall, the swim team is faster than last year. “This is due to their understanding of what it takes to be a top tier team in this conference, but mostly due to the fact they are committing to the sport of swimming at a whole new level,” he said.

Taking it to a whole new level is just what the team needs to compete well in the North Coast Athletic Conference, known for its swimming. The team is certainly working towards a conference championship.

“Swimming on this team is not easy,” Casares said. “Being a part of this team is not easy. Everyday I write practices hoping my swimmers won’t be able to complete them, and everyday they show up for more.”

The Little Giants will head to the Bahamas over the holidays for training before picking up the 2004 portion of the season on January 9 and 10 at the University of Indianapolis Invitational.

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Senior Little Giant Football players will graduate with 22 conference wins and a 15 game home winning streak. Beat Wittenberg three consecutive times. Completed a perfect season. Won an NCAC Championship. Advanced to the National Quarterfinals. Oh, and they went 3-1 against DePauw.

Want to know their stories?

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