Heartbreaking Loss For Little Giants

Timothy Flowers
editor in chief

For Brett Gann, being the Assistant Director of Wabash’s version of “1776” was almost prophetic. After nearly a year spearheading the Student Senate’s attempt to write a new constitution, Gann worked daily on a theatrical interpretation of how the United States wrote its current, long-standing document. This familiarity affirmed his desire to leave the Wabash students a lasting document of their own.

“I was given the unique opportunity to experience the American political system at one of its finest moments,” Gann, Chair of the Student Senate Constitutional Review Committee, said. “It was inspirational and provided me with renewed vigor in my determination to formalize our governance.”

After months of diligent work within the Constitutional Review Committee, Gann and other Committee members will present their proposed version on October 24th, at 2 p.m. in the Chapel.

There, Senate members will debate and discuss the proposed guidelines and vote on a final document for ratification.

Gann decided to approach Student Senate President Brandon Hayes about the possibility of writing a new Constitution after the Habitat for Humanity controversy last semester. This $20,000 Senate allocation funded a philanthropic “Blitz Build,” where students and faculty came together to build a home for a Crawfordsville family.

The allocation raised procedural questions concerning the appropriateness of the expenditure of student funds on a community project.

Gann believes students deserve a more active role in determining how Senate functions as a governing body.

“We live in a country in which we are guaranteed certain rights and are expected to participate in certain fashions. This is one of those ways. It is my hope that my fellow Wabash students will take from this experience a special pride and feeling of accomplishment in being part of this patriotic practice in self-governance,” Gann said. “Also, I hope this experience will energize students and will express that energy through participation in national, state and local elections this November.”

Gann studied the current constitution on a point-by-point basis. He evaluated operational guidelines to ensure the Constitutional Review Committee was not completely changing Senate governance. Gann and the committee wanted Senate to operate at its peak efficiency.

Some students are waiting to pass judgment on the new constitution until it is formally presented by Student Senate. The fact a convention is being held causes some Wabash men to question how far this process needs to be taken.

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Brett Gann Writes Constitution, Encourages Debate

Nick Gregory
News Editor

Student Senate is planning to create a constitution for the student body. News Editor Nick Gregory interviewed the chair of the Constitution Committee, Brett Gann, regarding the upcoming constitutional convention.

NG: What work has been done on the student body constitution?
BG: Midway through last semester the Constitution Committee was formed by members of the senate and I took the policies that the Senate currently uses in its governance and altered them so that they make sense and could be used as the foundation for our next constitution. The committee has been vital in providing ideas for what the final form of government should be.

NG: Did we even have a constitution before the committee started its work?
BG: As far as anyone on the Senate is aware, the student body does not have a constitution. On the student senate body for final ratification. Before it is sent to the student body for final ratification, the constitution will set in motion a system of student government that will survive the community population just prior to fall break," Gann said. "Since I have heard little commentary on the issue, I hope that the Student Body and any Wabash community member attending the convention of the Student Senate this weekend. It promises to be a momentous event into the history of Wabash."

President Brandon Hayes thinks accolades should be given to Gann and his committee for their diligence and imagination throughout this process.

“I think a new constitution is something that needed to be done for a long time and it was a goal of mine to accomplish. The committee has done an extraordinary job of incorporating all aspects that needed to be taken into consideration so I don’t have any concerns at this time,” Hayes said. “Students should expect a cut and dry explanation of how the Student Senate should be run—something that has never before existed.”

As currently written within the proposed constitution, the document will be sent to the respective living-units after being passed by the convention. The document does not become valid until two-thirds of the living units vote to adopt the new governing rules.

Gann is optimistic about the document’s chances.

“While not perfect, this Constitution will set in motion a strong system of student government that will survive Wabash for a century to come,” Gann said. "If the required two-thirds of the living units ratify prior to the end of the semester, the Senate will commence its next year with strength and focus.”
Porter Experiences Chemical Life On A Nano Level

John Budnik

When most people think about silicon chips, they think about computers.
Taking silicon chips as medicine seems about as alien to people as – well – aliens. However research being done at Wabash College is turning that science fiction into a scientific reality.

Dr. Lon Porter, a professor of Chemistry at Wabash, and his students are starting their second year of researching applications of nanotechnology. Their research is done on a level so small that it boggles the mind – at 1,000 times smaller than the width of a human hair.

“Most people think that silicon is silicon, but when we etch silicon with hydrofloric acid, it’s still silicon but now it has nano properties,” Porter said.

Porter said that the etching creates microscopic canyons in the silicon chips which have as much surface area as a football field. This means that the silicon can absorb a lot of medicine. The ultimate goal of the research is to create a toolkit which patients would only have to take once a month. Organic chemists could also use this technology to make less toxic or reusable catalysts in experiments.

Last year, Porter was awarded a $20,000 Start-Up Grant from the Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation to pursue this research, which is an extension of his graduate work at the Purdue University as an assistant to Professor Jillian Buriak.

At Purdue, Porter was part of a group which found a rapid and cost-effective way to form tiny particles of high-purity metals on the surface of advanced semi-conductor metals.

Porter said that the labwork gives students learning opportunities which they wouldn’t get in class. The students currently sharing life on the nanoscale are Greg Fulmer, Ryan Thornberry, Momtaz Ahmed, John Dustman and Steven Rhodes.

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Professor of Chemistry Lon Porter plays dodgeball during the Biology/Chemistry showdown earlier in the semester.

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Constitution Must Reflect Students

Wabash students and community members must attend the Constitutional Convention this Sunday, October 24th, to have their say in what defines this community.

Constitutions define what societies stand for, including rights, duties and obligations.

Although no document can capture every intricacy and uniqueness of the society it defines, steps must be taken to ensure as much is defined as possible.

However, this does not mean every action or rule should be clearly described. Constitutions must be written to endure for an extended period of time. People change and so do the environments in which they live. If a document’s meaning is worthless twenty years after being written, then that society’s constitution is a failure.

This is why Senate must not fall into the trap of defining everything. The new constitution needs room to grow.

Wabash is a unique place where students resolve disputes through discussion and enlightened mediation. Students do not just evaluate a situation’s present effects; rather, decisions are made with future consequences in mind.

As a result, Senate needs to clearly outline the duties and responsibilities of officers and members of Senate while keeping its operational guidelines vague. By writing a constitution, we are defining our community. Wabash is not and should not be a place where every action and procedure is spelled out in complicated steps and guidelines. Rather than attempting to write the future by providing strict guidelines, write a well-defined skeleton instead.

The result: students still hold the power to govern themselves through enlightened interpretation of statutes and not the mechanical observance of impersonal statutes.

Wabash Students Need A Voice

Voices. They are more than simply a medium of expression. Tone, inflection, perspective, they all mix into the tapestry of society. Should we choose to ignore our voices, society suffers.

This message may be tired and even overwritten here in the paper, yet the student body still compels us to revisit the lesson. Voice yourself. Give us your opinion; not only here at The Bachelor, but within the Wabash community as well. With a presidential election drawing near, we all hear the rhetoric praising participation and how it is one’s duty as a citizen in a democracy. Don’t let these cheesy television commercials distance you from the heart of the message.

With an exponentially growing society of consumerism, perhaps the hundreds of advertisements and promotions that bombard our eardrums and eye sockets everyday produce in us a jaded disposition towards making a difference. This is not the case. Here at Wabash we are gifted with an incredible opportunity for expression. We should take advantage of our small community and become engaged, involved, and concerned participants. Believe it or not, the reaches of this institution are incredibly broad. If you take the chance to let your opinion be heard, your audience may be larger than you think.

It is our duty not to drift lachkadasically through the extremely short four years that we are here. Here at The Bachelor we claim to represent your voice. Let us hear it.

Wally Writers Deserve More Respect

Tim Flowers
editor in chief

Never underestimate the power of reflection. Sometimes I try and remove myself from the present to take an objective look at my life and the people and events that mold it.

I’ve been editor in chief of The Bachelor for almost a year. When I began training for the position last year, Jacob Pactor, my predecessor, challenged me to develop this newspaper by looking towards the future and not dwelling on the past. This does seem practical; after all, newspapers report present events while keeping an eye out for what’s around the corner.

Sometimes it’s hard to turn that corner when you’re met by a complaining voice every step of the way. Criticism, while oftentimes constructive, is perhaps the most powerful deterrent in an academic environment.

As I sat down the other day, I asked myself a question: Why do members of the Wabash community complain so loudly and so viciously about mistakes that appear in our newspaper?

The fact of the matter is we put out a quality publication. We improve year after year and continually beat many larger schools at journalism competitions. We have good writers on staff and continue to attract and recruit more as the year progresses.

Why, then, does everyone complain about every little mistake?

I think it’s because everyone forgets this is, in fact, a student publication. Everyone forgets these writers and photographers are taking five classes and writing papers and lab reports while writing articles and taking pictures. The fact is they work their asses off and are deserving of more respect and praise. I don’t care about my work; I’m accustomed to being controversial and the resulting ridicule. However, if people continue to deride my staff’s work, it will discourage their continued participation.

Wabash needs a student voice on campus that follows the sacred institutional charge of the American free press. I suppose the alternative would be another publication controlled by the powers-that-be.

The last thing we need is more propaganda. Students bring different perspectives that evaluate their surroundings in a way ‘grown ups’ probably have forgotten.

Journalists ask tough questions and expect profound answers in return. Because of our Wabash education, it makes sense that Wabash stu-

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America Must Take Stand Against Corporate Crime

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There’s an old saying that says something about not biting the hand that feeds you, which may explain why in our continual coverage of the 2004 election, arguably the single most important issue is not even being given lip service by two major candidates. As the Bush and Kerry campaigns continue to rage in the big bucks from private corporate donors, American taxpayers continue to pay millions upon millions of dollars because of the failure of our government to tighten the reins on corporate crime. After the scandals with now infamous names like Enron, Adelphia, and Tyco, have plagued our private sector like a virus, our government should have made efforts to fix the problem. Instead, while our focus is turned to the war in Iraq, corporate terrorists, who just as equally threaten our nation, continue to roam free.

I know what you are thinking: how much does corporate crime really detract from our country? Well let’s start by adding up the monetary impact. It is estimated that health care fraud alone costs the United States anywhere from one hundred to four hundred billion each year. Auto-repair fraud adds up to forty billion a year and securities and exchange fraud totals somewhere near the fifteen billion mark. Now I’m not a math major, but just these three figures alone go up to a large chunk of investment banks, accounting firms, and consulting practices over the past few years.

However, the definitive first step needs to be ending the stranglehold that big business has over our government by strengthening lobbying regulations, cracking down on gifts to individuals in public office, and passing serious campaign finance reform that actually works.

By killing the ugly head of the special interests which continue to rear themselves into our government, the body of most of the corporate crime in this country will shrivel and die. We need our legislators to operate in our interests rather than someone else’s. It may only be a small stone in the fight against corporate crime, but with enough of us throwing these small stones, the playing field just may end up slaying more giants.

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If you are guilty of lifting any of the above or know who did, please, I beg you to return them. This has left me completely devastated. Have you acted responsibly?

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Honorary Class of 1985
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Letter to the Editor

To the Students of Wabash College

I have just returned home from a wonderful weekend at Wabash College. It is one of literally hundreds of weekends I have spent there. The only way I can describe the weekend is “awesome.” The gala which was held Friday night to celebrate the opening of the “Campaign for Leadership” was so magnificent, you would have thought you were in Kennedy Center.

Seeing so many old friends made me think it was a perfect weekend. I went to the Sigma Chi house to attend its dedication. I walked into the library and saw that a precious memento which I had placed on one of the shelves was missing. I had to fight back tears—wondering who was stealing so many of my precious memories. The latest was a bird house which was a little red cowboat. It was given to me and my husband by Bill and “Shorty” Haines, another trustee and his wife. We immediately nicknamed it the “Wabash Cannon Ball” and it meant a great deal to us.

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Sometimes, Women are to Blame, too

Women. Can’t live with them, the world becomes a giant Wabash without them, right? Apparently, I have been neglecting to mention women’s tendencies to be at fault for break-ups, disagreements, and common drama as much as men’s. So, in response to several e-mails, and against my womanly code, I will attempt to offer a few explanations as to why women can be the demise of their own creation.

Years and years and years ago, women were known as gods. They had more power than men in most cultures, and they controlled most aspects of daily life. That didn’t last long, as we all know, and somewhere along the line, there was a monumental shift of power, which left us with the perpetuated genetic hierarchy many still feel is in place today.

We all have our politics, and maybe men have more power, maybe they don’t, but in either case women possess the ability to tinker with the opposition.

Equal playing fields exist only in relationships where an unlimited, unbreakable amount of trust is in place and hidden agendas don’t exist. Since most relationships fall in to another category, especially in the beginning, a great deal of game playing takes place.

Women, perhaps more so than men, know how to manipulate their competition. Without anyone calling the fouls, it becomes a free-for-all of low-blows and dirty strategy. Most women, not all, but most, have a certain level of insecurity. And if someone enters their lives, and challenges those thoughts or feelings—a.k.a. doesn’t call when they say they will, looks at another girl, or doesn’t ask for a second date right away—they defend their heart by the means they see necessary.

It’s difficult to be very specific with this concept because every woman approaches relationships in a different manner. Common tricks are checking a boyfriend’s e-mail (how my roommate caught her cheating ex), decoding names entered in a cell phone, standing back and observing, acting a certain way to elicit a reaction, evoking jealousy with flirtation, and on, and on. These are not only reasons women are at fault in relationships on occasion, but also a warning. Women can and do find ways to see all, to know all, and to make their business that no man get the best of them. Call it devious. Call it smart.

With all the game playing, and strategy sometimes women forget what they were after to begin with; a trustworthy, lasting relationship. There are times women become so paranoid about what could happen, or what they’ve done in the past, or what might have happened to them before, that they sabotage the very goal they were striving for.

What they thought would make them happy, in turn, becomes a self-inflicted disaster. Sometimes you play the game, and sometimes the game turns out to be a really great guy who caught you, called you on it, and left.

The media portrays women generally as needy and naive, which is an unsafe assumption. Men are identified as the dogs, who will stop at nothing to get what they want, hurt it, scar it, and eventually abandon it. With such stereotypes, it’s only fitting that the majority of break-ups and arguments be blamed on men.

There is no such thing as a clean break-up. Women hurt men. Men hurt women. The important thing to remember is that everyone has the ability to manipulate and tip a once equal playing field. Are women better than men because they might have a thicker playbook? No. Sometimes people just need to wipe the X’s and O’s off the blackboard, come to the middle, shake hands, and agree that no matter how long they stay together, they will always play fair with each other’s heart.
A House of No Escape for the Avid Reader

Adam Hawkins
opinion editor

This is not for you.
This is the first line you encounter upon opening House Of Leaves, one of the greatest contemporary novels that exists today. The anti-dedication page is only the beginning of the mazes and mysteries you will encounter upon discovering this amazing book.

This chilling horror novel, written by Mark Z. Danielewski, is a work written within itself. Metafiction invades the piece through a series of footnotes that create an interesting mix of voices that arouse, shock, laugh, and analyze the mystery of the house on Ash Tree Lane.

Reading this book is not recreation, it is an occupation. No matter who you are, or where your reading preferences lie, I can guarantee that House Of Leaves will vacuum out your insides and replace them with a profound interest that will have you reading the book from cover to cover. You may like it, you may hate it, but once you begin reading, you won’t be able to stop.

House Of Leaves begins with a discovery. In the opening chapter, Johnny Truant, one of the narrators, addresses the reader and speaks of a strange collection of papers he found in the apartment of a blind man named Zampanó, now deceased.

This collection of papers, known as The Navidson Record, becomes Mr. Truant’s obsession. As he struggles to decode the work with its mix of academia and pure unadulterated moments of horror, the reader is pulled into Truant’s hazy struggles with good and evil, ghosts and vampires, empty spaces and echoes.

The Navidson Record itself tells the story of a famous filmmaker, Will Navidson, as he moves into a new house with his family in an attempt to escape the hectic life of fame and settle down in the suburbs.

One day while unpacking, Navidson discovers a slight discrepancy in the measurements of his master bedroom. The inside wall of the house outdistances the outside by a quarter of an inch. Such a mathematical error cannot be ignored by the obsessive academic.

He checks and re-checks the measurements, calls his brother and a few friends for help, and even drives his wife Karen insane with worry as he struggles to uncover the mystery of his house. As the mysterious and frightening real aura of the house begins to invade the minds of the characters, new doors begin to appear, walls shift, and objects disappear completely in the ominous presence of this intangible entity.

Guided by the neurotic and drug-addicted Johnny Truant, you will be captivated with shocking revelations and academic prowess with each page turned in House of Leaves.

“I’ve tried to introduce the science of cinema onto the page,” Danielewski said in a book reading four years ago. “You’ll notice that the book is full of different voices and cinematic spacing.” Upon flipping through the book, one would notice strangely printed footnotes, different fonts and sizes of text, upside-down or sideways pages, and even pages that are completely blank. Not to mention that every instance of the word house is printed in blue, a thematic question my friends and I still enjoy debating.

This new literary-style transforms House Of Leaves into what can be called an essential supplement to postmodernism today. This novel is a must read to any fan of Don DeLillo, David Foster Wallace, or even William S. Burroughs.

Even if you normally reject this type of writing as weird or meaningless, House Of Leaves still compels everyone to intellectual inquiry.

Half personal narrative and half academic essay, at times you will find yourself unable to leave put the book down, and in other instances paralyzed and unable to turn a page.

Before reading this book, make sure you’re prepared. Ever since I’ve met Truant, Navidson, and Zampanó, my life has never been the same. My first two copies of the book have become destroyed from overuse, and I’m working on the third. Since I’ve begun reading this book, I haven’t really stopped, and I don’t think I ever will.

Here at Wabash our collective duty essentially becomes a four-year analysis of the written word. With such a brilliant experiment in expression and horrifically intriguing plot, House Of Leaves is a must read for all of us.

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Although you may not love postmodernism as much as I do, House Of Leaves will greatly help your understanding of the literary world today.

With the death of Jacques Derrida (famous literary critic and philosopher) two weeks ago this Saturday, we are called to re-evaluate the world around us.

Meanings and definitions are elusive. As critical thinkers at Wabash, we all know the language is an inefficient medium of expression. House Of Leaves may be the closest we have to a deeper understanding.

Don’t pass through your four years at this college and miss the opportunity. Experience the house.

More information and a community of engaged readers can be found at: http://www.houseofleaves.com
It's A Fact, Beer Can Be Good For You

After returning to Wabash after a semester in Brussels, BE, I was struck by the immediate differences in attitudes toward drinking back in the States... and even here at Wabash. Compared to what I had experienced during my time abroad, the social acceptability of drinking in the U.S. was like that of a nation of teetotalers, which it seems we might become.

In America, we have relegated alcohol to the “splurge,” that one night out at the bar, that weekend party, that vacation getaway, when we try to drink as much as we can as quickly as we can, out on the weekend, “trying to make it pay.” Accordingly, alcohol has been associated with wildness, immorality, and ill health in the U.S. increasingly in the last hundred years. Drinking here is a privilege, a way to reward yourself; not for those under 21; not to be seen in the wrong company; not as a part of everyday life. With the recent change in campus policies toward alcohol, and a noticeable turn away from social to binge drinking in U.S. culture influencing the reputation of drinkers across the nation, it is increasingly important to remind you what scientists already know, and what overbearing health nuts (and college administrators) are afraid to admit: beer drinking is good for you.

While Americans may associate beer with only the weekend or that special event, it can be the part of a very healthy lifestyle. Recent studies have even suggested that beer may be good for you! Moderate drinking has been shown to lower the risk of cardiovascular disease, and many of the health benefits originally associated only with red wine are now being found in other forms of alcohol, including beer. Even a very rich, heavy beer will very rarely contain more than 450-500 calories for 12 oz, while a can of apple juice will have 5-600, and a glass of wine 7-800. Contrary to popular American belief, beer drinking can be part of a healthy, enjoyable lifestyle, and drinking a beer (or any alcohol for that matter) with a healthy lunch or after the game, or just hanging out with neither kill you, nor make you not a gentleman.

In 1996, a joint committee from the dept. of Health and Human Services and the dept. of Agriculture concluded in a study that responsible drinking (defined as 1-2 drinks per day for men, 1 for women) has been “used throughout history to enhance the enjoyment of meals” is not unhealthy, and may even lower the risk of heart attacks.

While its true most Americans don’t drink this way, this may be a symptom of, not the cause for, America’s uneasy relationship with alcohol. We have relegated alcohol to privileged status, for special occasions, in the right company, and certainly not in public places or campus buildings. We have made occasions for public celebration so rare that we cannot help but overindulge when they present themselves. In countries where drinking is associated with daily living and healthy lifestyles, everyday drinkers lead healthy lives. If drinking becomes a privilege, a treat, that weekend party that vacation getaway, we might become...

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The Newest Best Thing From Some Older Acts

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The Greatest Hip-Hop you haven’t bought yet

There have been a number of CDs released from some big name hip hop acts recently, from Usher to Kanye West, Nelly an’ Young Buck, and even the much awaited album by Mase. While we’re all familiar with many of these artists, a number of other acts who are less known or have been in the game a little longer than most have also released some new albums worth considering and adding to your collection.

First, guess who’s back after 5 years off? Not only Mase but your man Mos Def. Since leaving his fans with much love on Black on Both Sides he is finally coming back with another guaranteed classic New Danger. This will only be his sophomore album, but it is sure to be filled with the soulful and insightful lyrics that make Mos Def an impassioned lyricist. And if that is not enough he will also be touring this fall to mark his album release. For those who are familiar with Mos Def you know besides local shows he has not been seen in a major tour for years. Whether you’re already a fan or just saw your man in the Italian Job you need to cop his album on October 2nd.

Now you get your head sprung for our next artist LL Cool J. Ladies Love Cool James and that is why your man is still making albums. LL never disappoints and his new album DEFinition is proof with the non-stop head bashing joints LL provides year after year. Many wonder after his latest declaration of not cursing on an album whether his cd is worth listening to or not. Well, LL is no Will Smith and provides a great quality CD that has your head sprung throughout. If you have not already “moved some-thin’” down to the store to buy this one, then what the hell are you waiting for.

Third to consider is the Queen of Hip Hop, Queen Latifah and her new album Dana Owens Album. Taxi is not the only new thing coming for one of the best female rappers out there. A little different from what we are used to with the Queen but this time she brings in blues, pop, and soul classics to give a good old-school blues feel to the album. This album includes a whole guest list of great R&B singers including the singing legend Al Green. So, next time you feel like buying Usher or another trendy singers album, resist the urge and go ahead and pick up Dana Owens Album you’ll be singing and dancing all throughout the 60 minutes of classic song.

Don’t worry I am not getting too soft on ya’ll because the Wu Tang Clan performance will have you in that feeling that only they could put you in. Now if you want some real Hip-Hop pick up the Wu-Tang cd or DVD because you don’t get more streets than them. Just buy the album to represent NY, Shaolin a.k.a Staten Island (where your homeboy the writer is from). Cop these albums or be stuck in the 80s.

From the warped minds of the Bachelor Staff...

The Top Ten Things I Learned In Kindergarten

1. Poo poo jokes are timeless
2. Nose + Crayon = Owwwwww.
3. Girls are icky (wait, forget that one... after serious reconsideration, girls are no longer icky)
4. Never complain when its naptime
5. William Faulkner was the best Modernist of the 20th Century
6. Always Wash your hands (see page 10)
7. A half day of classes still takes forever.
8. Silly putty makes for a great snack, but not a consistent diet
9. How to become deathly ill on call, when its exam time...
10. How to read (ok, after seeing what they expect you to do 13 years later that ones teetering on the edge...).

How did you deal with controversy when people critique your work?

When you go into writing a book like this, you expect it to be controversial, but there was one case for me would be if it were ignored. Fortunately, that has not been the case. So, I’m not surprised there have been attacks from the right. I’d be surprised if there weren’t.

During your research and actually writing this book, were you ever challenged or asked to stop your work?

Well, for two years, the White House, the FBI and the Federal Aviation Administration denied that there were any Saudis on them actually took place.

I had many conversations with people from those institutions and what was extraordinary was that I was talking with people who were on those flights like security guards.

I knew these flights took place. These were real people speaking on the record. I interviewed them just like you’re interviewing me now and I visited the landing strips at these airports.

I verified these flights from many sources yet the White House still denied them. Fortunately, the 9/11 commission cooperated.

Was that level of denial your biggest challenge?

The Saudis were not happy with me. They refused to give me a visa so I did not go to Saudi Arabia even though I would have like to. The Saudis have attacked me quite a bit in public.

But, again, I expected that. This book wasn’t designed to keep the Saudis happy; it was to show how the Bush Administration has actually been soft on terrorism by granting a pass to the Saudis.

Describe the make-up of the Saudi government and culture. It is a theocracy, right?

It’s a theocratic monarchy, a kingdom. It is essentially one ruling family and they own the brutal theocratic monarchy. They own most of the oil in the world. It’s essentially the richest family in the history of the world.

So this relationship between the Bush family and the Saudi royal family is absolutely unprecedented in the history of the United States.

Never before have you had one president, much less two presidents who have been so close to another foreign power. In this case it’s a brutal theocratic monarchy that I think has played a bigger role in terrorism than any country in the world, and a bigger role than events of 9/11.

How did the Clinton administration deal with the Saudis during the eight-year gap between the Bush administrations?

Well, there were several bombings in Saudi Arabia that killed Americans in 1995 and 1996. The Clinton administration tried to investigate and the Saudis did not cooperate.

In 1998, Al Qaeda and Osama Bin L aden bombed the American embassies in Kenya and Tanzania and those were terrorist attacks that were absolutely devastating.

Over 200 people were killed and 5000 were injured in two countries that were five minutes from each other.

After that, the Clinton Administration cracked down on Saudi financing of terrorism with some success.

What I think is disturbing is how the Bush Administration let the Saudis get away with these flights after 9/11.

Why, if the Saudi government takes an anti-Western stance, does Osama Bin Laden want to overthrow that government?

Bin Laden definitely wants to overthrow the Saudi government because, again, Saudi Arabia is a theocratic monarchy. There is no separation between church and State.

The State religion is Wahhabi Islam, which is a very puritanical, extremist form of Islam. In its most extreme form, you end up with supporters of Osama Bin Laden who feel that the Saudi government has betrayed Islam through its alliance with the United States.

What is the one thing you hope Wabash students will take from your talk tonight?

I think there are a lot of misconceptions out there, especially as the election takes hold and I think one of the most disturbing things, especially as the campaign goes on, is that I think most Americans think Iraq had something to do with 9/11.

In fact, without Saudi Arabia, 9/11 would not have happened. It’s not just that 15 of the 19 hijackers were Saudi; it’s not that Osama Bin Laden was Saudi; it’s not that Al Qaeda was started and funded by wealthy Saudis.

That’s part of it, but I think that the Bush administration was actually soft on terrorism. If you were to ask after the attack, our government knew everything I just told you.

Prince Bandar of Saudi Arabia would address this question to him. Absolutely. I would ask him what transpired during his talks with Prince Bandar.

The two were hunting together, vaccinated together; he would drop by their house in Kennebunkport, Maine. He was nicknamed “Bandar Bush.” Barbara Bush banned smoking in their house for everyone in the world except for one person: Prince Bandar of Saudi Arabia.

That’s how close they were. Let’s go back to September 13. We know that 15 or 19 hijackers were Saudis, that Al Qaeda is largely funded by Saudis.

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In a simple murder, the most commonplace murder, you talk to innocent people to try to get information. You try to put them through formal investigation procedures.

Yet, when over 3000 people were killed, and, by the way, at that point people thought the death toll was 10,000, you would think it’s time to have a massive criminal investigation but it did not happen.

I think this is one of the great scandals out there.

Let’s for one moment, pretend that President Bush is sitting right next to you. What do you tell him?

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Love appears in various forms. Elusive and amorphous, it invades the world of communication and dominates several aspects of life. This quality is not unique to the modern era, but rather has existed throughout history. In the most recent humanities colloquium, Prof. Matthew Bentley, a recent addition to the Spanish department, presented his graduate work which dealt with this type of dynamic communication within the context of sixteenth-century Spain.

Prof. Matthew Bentley completed his undergraduate study at Brigham Young University, and then continued onto graduate school at the University of Virginia, where he graduated in May of 2004.

His work is nationally recognized, including various published articles and presentations.

Prof. Bentley has held several different occupations within his area of expertise including being a translator at a law office for immigrants who come to America seeking political asylum. The presentation this past Tuesday, entitled “Hearts on their Sleeves: The Material Traditions of Sixteenth-Century Spain,” specifically analyzed the presence and purpose of “invenciones” in sixteenth-century Spanish culture.

“Invenciones” were poems printed on clothing, sometimes accompanied by a picture. These poems derived their various layers of meaning from the creative wordplay of the poets, but also the colors of the clothes on which the poems were printed. The combination of an intellectual pun and matching symbolic color comprises an interesting representation of Spanish intellectual society. Bentley’s informative and amusing presentation sheds some new light on the complex tapestry of the literary world.

Beginning with metaphorically rich images of two skulls, Bentley’s presentation described the many “layers of meaning” that underlie these sixteenth-century images. In the process of uncovering these layers, the cautious observer can detect certain societal idiosyncrasies that dominated the social life of these Spanish literary intellectuals.

Bentley continued his presentation by going through several examples of different “invenciones” that carried heavy symbolism with them. Images such as palm trees or flowers with the accompanying symbolism in everyday use, especially when shown the many different “layers of meaning” through Bentley’s intriguing presentation.”

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While a definite chill has descended over Wabash College recently, things will be getting very hot very soon in both Baxter and Salter Halls. The 11th annual Wabash College Moot Court Competition is coming up on the 23rd, 25th, and 26th of October.

The competition, founded in 1995 by Professor David Timmerman and Matthew Griffith ’89, has become a highlight of the fall activities at Wabash. It provides a chance for those Wabash students interested in law to experience a very good facsimile of a court proceeding.

The scoring of the competition is in the style of actual appellate court rules. The case this year concerns the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which allow a federal judge to sentence a convicted defendant based on certain factors.

The question is whether the Guidelines are constitutional in light of the requirement that a jury determine beyond a reasonable doubt those facts which are used to lengthen a prison sentence,” Timmerman said.

Many recent trials have been involved with this question, and if the Supreme Court were to strike the current rules down, many prisoners would gain their freedom.

There was some discussion about this very matter and its relation to sentencing guidelines during the recent trial of billionaire home-and-garden guru Martha Stewart.

The competition takes place in three rounds, with the preliminaries and semifinals taking place in Baxter Hall.

Wabash Moot Court 2004

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The final round occurs in Salter Concert Hall. The panel usually consists of three judges, two alumni, and one member of the faculty.

The alumni are often judges and lawyers themselves.

The judges hold the students to the same demanding standards as lawyers who practice before appellate courts.

In fact, the current set of standards cover the content of the argument and the oral delivery.

Wabash gives students a look at the “nuts and bolts”—so to speak—of the legal profession.

The process of the question, the preparation, and the argument of the case provide an accurate and true-to-life legal experience for the participants.

While not every Wabash student will go on to be a lawyer (or a doctor, or a Native American tribal leader, for that matter), participation in this event will allow them to decide if that career path is even a possibility.

Staphylococcal Skin Infections On Campus

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The following is a warning from the campus physicians concerning an outbreak of Staphylococcal skin infections. The Bachelor cautions students to avoid coming into contact or engaging in behavior that makes them unduly susceptible to the ailment.

We have been seeing quite a few cases of Staphylococcal skin infections in the Student Health Center this fall.

We suspect that the common link between all of these men is the fitness center. All of the infections have occurred in athletes though there may be other users of the fitness center who have been seeing their personal physician for care.

We have been in communication with the Allen Center staff and have implemented additional procedures to limit the spread of infection.

Unfortunately, some of the strains of Staph we are seeing are resistant to common antibiotics.

There is no cause for alarm, but we all need to work together to limit, and hopefully halt, the spread of these organisms. We recommend the following:

If you have a suspicious lesion on your skin, come see us in the Student Health Center.

You can contact nurse Lamb for an appointment via phone or email.

Most of what we have been seeing are small pustules either singly or in groups.

They can appear as small red bumps or bumps filled with white pus.

If you use the fitness center, make sure you use the hand sanitizer that is provided in the center.

You should apply this liberal to your hands before using the equipment and periodically during your workout.

If you have any suspicious skin lesions, keep them covered at all times.

Do not share towels or clothing with other students.

Wear clothing that covers skin that may come into contact with the padding on the weight machines.

Take a meticulous soap shower following your workout.

Wash your hands frequently.

Wash any clothing that has come into contact with infected skin in hot water and do not mix your laundry with other students’.
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Over the break, I did what most college students choose to do with an overwhelming amount of free time: ignore all the work that should be done, sleep and keep up-to-the-minute tabs on all my favorite sports teams.

After watching the ESPN sports ticker at the bottom of my computer screen start over for the one hundredth time last Saturday, I decided to analyze the Wabash soccer team’s season statistics.

I was surprised.

Looking at the numbers, I noticed that the Little Giants matched up pretty closely with their opponents. That seemed odd considering their unimpressive 3-8-1 record. I should interject here to say that the stats are not by any means identical. They do favor the opposition in most categories. However, it seems that the soccer team has performed better than most of us would expect considering the frequency with which we hear about their losses.

As I mulled this piece of information over, I wondered just what was holding the soccer team back from winning games.

Obviously, scoring more goals would help, but that is far too simplistic.

In order for all aspects of the team’s play to come together, the Little Giants need to out hustle and out work the teams they are preparing to face. Players need to reacquire the heart and confidence they had at the beginning of the season.

Two Saturdays ago, I watched as Oberlin beat Wabash to most loose balls, took possession of too many uncontested headers, and scored a goal between three Little Giants who could have passed for spectators.

Further, at halftime, I witnessed most of the fans pack up and head home.

At this point in the season, the soccer team is stuck in a rut. They are not in particularly high spirits.

In fact, many are probably looking forward to the end of the season. On top of that, it does not help that many of their fellow Wallies do not seem to fully back them up.

Senior Chris Kaminski said, “After each game we talk about what we did right as well as what we need to improve on. Some of the things that we need to improve on have long been a thorn in our side: intensity and heart. Some people believe that we are down and that it’s all over. The seniors and coaches are trying to convey that this cannot happen.”

So Wabash, the soccer team now needs you more than ever. They need to believe that the students do support them. The need to be shown the definition of “Wabash Always Fights.”

The soccer team has four games left this season, three of which are conference games, and Wabash is more than capable of beating all the NCAC teams left on the schedule. In fact, winning the rest of their games would put the soccer team near a respectable .500 mark.

Wabash students, faculty, staff and community, this is a call to arms. If you have ever had the desire to be the antithetical fair weather fan, support our team any way you know how. We may be down, but we are certainly not out.

The soccer team won a tough contest against Wittenberg on Wednesday. Their record improved to 2-8-1 overall and 2-4-0 in NCAC conference play.
Little Giants’ Undefeated Aspirations Sail Wide

A 49-yard field goal attempt by Wabash College on the final play of the game sailed wide right, denying the Little Giants a shot at a come-from-behind victory at home on Saturday afternoon. Wabash fought back from a 33-9 deficit, only to lose 33-30 to the College of Wooster.

Senior wide receiver Brandon Clifton tied a Wabash record, catching four TD passes but it was not enough to keep the Little Giants’ 17-game home winning streak in tact. The last time Wabash lost a home game was September 15, 2001 in a 58-33 defeat against Wheaton.

The 21-point comeback by the Little Giants, #23 in the latest D3football.com and 13th in the American Football Coaches Association polls, started with an 11-yard TD pass from junior Russ Harbaugh to Clifton with 1:06 left in the third quarter. Just a few minutes later, it was Harbaugh finding Clifton again, this time for seven yards to cap a seven-play, 67-yard scoring drive with 13:17 showing on the fourth quarter clock.

The Wabash defense held the Scots on fourth down after Wooster had marched the football down to the Wabash 28 yard line, giving the offense a chance to trim the lead to three. That’s exactly what happened when Harbaugh hit Joe O’Connell with a 25-yard pass to draw to within three.

The Little Giants held on defense on the next three plays by the Scots, handing the ball back to the offense again. On this occasion, Harbaugh’s pass to Clifton in the endzone was picked off by Wooster’s Brian Kight at the three, appearing to end the Wabash comeback.

But the Wabash defense rose to meet the challenge. The Little Giants held the Scots on three consecutive plays again, forcing Wooster, 12th in D3football.com and 14th in the AFCA polls, to punt the ball with 19 seconds remaining in the contest. Harbaugh hit Joe O’Connell with a 16-yard pass to move the football to the Wooster 32. Two consecutive incompletions brought up fourth down with three seconds showing on the game clock. Junior kicker Mark Server stepped onto the field for the 49-yard field goal attempt. His kick was long enough, but went right of the uprights to send Wooster to 3-0 in North Coast Athletic Conference play and 6-0 overall for the season.

Wabash took a 6-0 lead on their bread and butter play of the day, a TD pass from Harbaugh to Clifton on a four-yard fade into the left corner of the endzone. A missed extra point on the play would haunt the Little Giant the remainder of the afternoon. Wooster responded with a 41-yard field goal by Richie McNally to cut the lead to three, then took a 9-0 lead when Chris Craig picked off a middle screen by Wabash and returned it 20 yards for the first Wooster touchdown of the game.

The Little Giants kept All-American running back Tony Sutton in check for a quarter and a half before he exploded for a 38-yard TD run in the second period to put Wooster up 16-6. Sutton finished the game with two TDs and 150 yards on 30 carries. Most of the offensive damage came from sophomore quarterback Justin Schaffer. The second-year starter threw for 168 yards on 13-of-24 passing, and rushed for another 77 yards and a touchdown at the start of the third quarter.

Server and McNally traded field goals late in the second half to make it 19-9 at the break. After Schaffer’s TD to open the third period, Sutton added his second score on a six-yard run to make it 33-9, setting up the Wabash comeback.

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Wabash falls to 5-1 with the loss, 3-1 in the NCAC.