Students Lack Interest in Career Services Events
Despite a Week Dedicated to Internships and Resume Building, Career Services Notices Low Student Turnout

JOEL BUSTAMANTE ’11
MANAGING EDITOR

In baseball, getting a hit 30-percent of the time is considered phenomenal. For the Career Service Center’s Internship Week, 1.7 is pretty good. That’s the amount of students who routinely sign up for the Career Services events out of the entire student body population.

“Students need to not only invest in their school activities, but also in their future,” Director of Career Services Scott Crawford said. “Activities are only one aspect of your time here, but your career will be the majority of your life.” According to a recent survey conducted by the Bachelor, 54-percent of the 55 students who responded reported only attending a small portion of the events held by the Career Services.

“At the events I don’t attend, it is generally a combination of me not being interested in the particular topic and doesn’t work in my schedule,” one student said.

Even more discourting is the amount of the same students who attend multiple events. Most events allow 15-20 students to sign up, yet there are at least four students on average that attend more than one a given week. It seems that these slots are getting filled because the same students are routinely signing up.

“Some students just enjoy going to the events even after they’ve secured a job,” Crawford said.

And why aren’t students taking advantage of one the few Career Service Centers to open up multiple resources without charge or having to be a student? It seems that student interest is at a very low number.

“As a sophomore, Career Services isn’t a priority right now,” another savory participant said.

Seniors accounted for the majority of the survey participants, while freshmen responded the least. As the end of their Wabash careers draws nearer, it

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The Career Services Center continues to help students plan for the future with resume, interviews, and networking help.

Snow Storm Hits Campus

As snow and ice moved toward the midwest on Monday afternoon, students were prepared for the meteorological onslaught. By late Tuesday, President Pinkston encouraged students to keep laptops and cell phones charged in the event of a power failure. Tuesday and Wednesday saw classes cancelled. Most classes continued as normal. Meanwhile, other colleges and universities across the state cancelled classes altogether.

RILEY FLOYD ’13
EDITOR IN CHIEF

“The last couple of years we were playing defense—pretty aggressive defense. In addition to the market crash we had finished Smith then we had Wabash stuff every before that. We had Bill Placher. Those are tough things for a community like this. And this year we could really focus on offense. I think playing real Lynyrd Skynyrd was a very good offense the last couple of years. But now I think that we’re making some bold moves,” President of the Board of Trustees Stephen Bowen ’68 said.

Bold moves indeed.

The Challenge of Excellence Campaign that kicked off last October already raised $38 million of its $60 million goal. A Million Grant will fund the College’s new Asian Studies program and a grant from the Arthur Vining Davis Foundation aims to improve student retention.

Bowen lauded all of these accomplishments, and, of course, reflected on the Little Giants’ Monon Bell victory.

“The fact that the Melton Foundation wants to invest in Wabash College is a great thing. . . . And when you hammer DePauw 41 to nothing, that’s just icing on the cake.”

The Board of Trustees met last weekend for one of their three meetings of the academic year. Last weekend’s meeting was their second this year. And Bowen was impressed.

“We have done some retrenchment on the campus and our objective now is to make us as strong as we can be in the way we’ve configured now. So we’ve started a capital campaign, and we are well into that. And so far the early returns are very good. And we are raising money for students, faculty, our business leaders, our student leaders, our campus leaders, and all of that—all goals of the Strategic Plan. Even though we’ve had to retrench, no, we’re still pursing our Strategic Plan, and I don’t think a lot of colleges are doing that,” Bowen said.

Bowen and the other Trustees met with newly tenured faculty for dinner last Thursday evening and with junior and senior students for another dinner last Friday evening. In addition to the College’s accomplishments, it’s the interaction of being back on campus that energizes Bowen.

“Just being here is terrific,” Bowen said. “I like seeing the faculty. I love seeing my friend Bill Placher.”

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Tuesday, Feb. 8
The Write Stuff writing session 11 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 8
Student Senate Meeting 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 10
Black History Celebration 7 p.m.
Fine Arts Center

Friday, Feb. 11
Visiting Artists Series
Lancaster Sounds 8 p.m. Salter Hall

Friday, Feb. 11
Wabash Stand Up Comedy 8 p.m.

**GABE WATSON ’13**

NEWS EDITOR

Threats from economic strain and legal allegations had made student retention a concern for Wabash. But with numbers now in, the data appears to affirm Wabash’s security. Wabash currently enrolls 237 freshmen, 218 sophomores, 206 juniors, and 166 seniors. And the numbers have not been modified by the enrollment is comprised of 831 students. While these numbers represent a drop dramatically, by grade level, Dean of Students Michael Raters indicated that a drop in excluding uncategorized students, these data are “right on the projected numbers.”

“Every one of those young men, we knew their identity, their name, and their class standing,” Raters said. “Nobody fell through the cracks.”

To help improve student retention and overall success, Wabash has implemented the Early Alert System, which is described as an “online resource” designed to facilitate quick intervention with students, who may be having trouble at Wabash, both in and out of the classroom.

“A truly successful retention program does not just consist of lessening the usually have, it keeps stu- dents here, Raters said, “and we now have a much more extensive process.”

Eighty-two alerts were sent on behalf of 61 students last semester. Of these, only 8 received a total of 831 students. While these numbers are “right on the projected numbers.”

**SAM BENNETT ’14**

STAFF WRITER

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seems that those about to leave are most concerned with their future.

“As a senior I’m either trying to get a job or move on to grad school. Networking will become very important too,” Evan Rhinesmith ’11 said. “Within the next four years, knowing how to interview effectively and build a solid resume will be very valuable.”

Even as alumni, Wabash men are able to utilize the wide variety of job placement services that the college provides. The Career Services Center has had multiple graduates from the class of 2010 comment on their inability to utilize the resources available while they were students.

“The best thing I did at Wabash was to get into Career Services early. They helped me plan ahead for life after graduation,” one member of the class of 2010 said. “It was extremely helpful to focus on the big picture and not get stuck in the daily coursework that is Wabash.”

All hope is not lost, however, as those who routinely appear at the events report positive results.

“The opportunities are great and offer room to grow as a young professional to be,” one survey participant said. The Career Services Center echoed the importance of students preparing for life after Wabash.

“Take advantage of it,” said Crawford. “Wabash men have more of an advantage than they realize.”

Regarding new building projects on campus, Bowen couldn’t say with certainty when the next building campaign would begin. He did, however, mention the possibility of a follow-up campaign to the Challenge of Excellence that would begin a few years after 2013. And Bowen has specified in mind.

“We could do something about Sparks, which in our view has just never worked for the College,” Bowen said. “It doesn’t seem to be a place people go. So the question would be what could we do? How would it be re-designed?”

“The other thing I think we really need to do at some point is focus on the independent men’s housing. We took care of the fraternities, and I think we really need to take care of the dorms. And maybe part of that project gets bound up with Sparks because you’ve got Morris and Wolcott right behind Sparks. So these are the two things that we were focused on before we had to put the master plan aside,” Bowen said.

Between last Saturday’s meeting and the Trustee’s next meeting over graduation weekend, Bowen pointed to one thing he wants to accomplish.

“We’re going to accomplish it, and I can’t tell you what it is yet. But just pay attention,” Bowen said.
The Issue:
In entering the spring semester, Wabash begins a new internship, grad school and job season.

Our Opinion:
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This needn’t be as frightening as it sounds small. We understand that there is a certain level of fear which is associated with not obtaining that which one has sought after, failure, along with the familiar characters of disappointment, disdain, and the most insidious of all, the feeling of losing friends. Understandably unpleasant, such as being rejected from a certain society or not being allowed into a certain grad school, are not enjoyable.

At the very base level, however, if one understood every next step he was about to take, then living would amount to nothing more than reviewing a text for which recharging offers nothing new. The feeling of not knowing what comes next is not actually horrible, but rather, the opposite; in some ways uncertainty is frighteningly invigorating, liberating and exciting. Recall the feeling of not knowing that the prize would be rewarded to you. Blood rushes, emotions and passions rise. These feelings are undeniably rewarding and worthwhile.

As such, Wabash, your swagger addresses you this exact concept. Over the four years, our community is given the opportunity to walk proudly, take chances, and strive to better themselves. There are all certain things which Wallies have to work towards, despite that they may never walk, talk or achieve. The Bachelor staff relies in this fact, and especially that Wabash men dare to be themselves. They are apt with those who test them, those who examine them. Similarly, they are bold with life—despite that fact they will tell them that things are unobtainable, useless and futile.

So as the next semester comes into view, offer yourselves opportunities, don’t listen when they tell you that high paying job or internship, Dean’s List, the play, or the Spinach Club. Try out anyway. Who knows—you might succeed?

For the second or third time in three weeks, I am yet again sick. Although this time, I think it is the real deal and landed me in bed for most of the day. I suppose it is anyone to blame it is myself; however I think the attitude comes from deep within me and has been there my entire life, sometimes leading me into trouble, other times to great success, and as in this case, to sickness.

Thinking back to my Philosophy 144 course, existentialism, I remember reaching a point about three-quarters of the way through the semester when it nearly outseted me that it was impossible for me to ever live each day as if it could be my last. To me, this would involve pursuing every aspect of life at 1,000 mph until I died of exhaustion. However, the view was quickly contrasted when a senior voiced, “Well, that may be what you would do, but maybe I would not.” I hate sleeping. It baffles me when I think what I could do with 6 more hours per day.

My whole life I have struggled with this notion of potentially taking a moment to relax on a Friday night rather than run from campus to campus on a whim. I wish I could put my finger on just what it was in me that created in a certain way I will not live to me never look back at missed opportunities—but I simply do not know what I would be. This will has only been referred to as my last as an undergrad. Every current medical student I speak to sternly looks me in the eyes and tells me to have enough as possible such last sessions. Further, there are brothers on campus today I will probably being knocking behind forever. Yes, we may meet here or there, but is is simply fact that most of our interactions with each other are numbered.

On Monday this week a federal judge in Florida struck down President Barack Obama’s health care bill as unconstitutional. It is the most severe ruling to date given that it has the support of 26 state attorney generals.

The federal government cannot coerse action on the part of private citizens who do not wish to participate in commerce.

Proponents of the individual mandate will cite the mandate for drivers being required to purchase automobile insurance as a justification for requiring individuals to purchase health insurance. People who do not have automobile accidents must subsidize the people who do in order for the system to pay for itself. They argue health care insurance, for reasons delineated above, is a necessity. What is their argument that all drivers must purchase automobile insurance? There aren’t any such alternative options in Obama’s healthcare bill. A person either purchases health insurance or pays a $695 fine per year. Families pay $2,085 or 2.5% of their household income. This is 95% of Americans.

Americans would not consent to the healthcare bill whether it be constitutional or not. Obama has the least amount of individual liberties than by allowing the federal government to run our healthcare. The government now has jurisdiction over every aspect of our lives. Nothing is left out of control. Any number of mandates can be enacted in the name of preserving our health or lowering healthcare costs.

I hope supporters of this bill have considered the numerous and dire implications of this bill that will foster.
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A great way to explore the downtown areas of both towns is to take a stroll down the main street. In Crawfordsville, this is called East Market Street, and in Grantham, it is called High Street.

Enjoy your trip to Grantham and Crawfordsville! They are both wonderful places to visit.

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Letters to the Editor

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The first rule of thumb is: sweaters, sweaters, sweaters. First, they have practical value. Like me, you probably have an outer jacket, built for rain and snow. You still need some warmth. A sweater plays the role of a sweatshirt, but is much classier, and you don’t have to deal with the unmentionable, since your outer jacket probably has one. You don’t even need a button-down, collared shirt to wear a sweater. Just put on a crew-neck solid-colored shirt.

Speaking of your feet, shoes are a deal-breaker. Ok, no deals are actually being made...but shoes greatly influence the rest of your clothes. Flashy basketball sneakers or beat-up running shoes may be practical, but are hardly “adult” shoes. Once you start wearing leather shoes, real shoes, you can’t imagine wearing anything else—not only are loafers or desert boots more comfortable, but they last longer. If anything, at least find some boat shoes.

As mentioned earlier, temperatures like these demand some sort of jacket. I see pea-coats everywhere, which is great. They’re a good break from the typical rain jackets or North Face. If you want a little more variety, however, I encourage you to look at Harrington or brown leather bombers. Both are “mature” options that keep you just as warm, without looking like what everyone else is wearing.

Addendum regarding Mr. Maynard’s letter: First off, thanks for taking the time to write a response. I must have at least one reader.

I agree with a lot of what Mr. Maynard says, regarding boots and sneakers. My aversion to them comes from the frequency to interpret “sneakers” as “tennis shoes,” which are commonly ugly. My advice is, after all, supposed to be for the average student, not the sartorial sage like yourself.

I will agree to disagree about the form of shoes, especially boat shoes. Form follows function, of course, but not to an absolute degree. Wearing khaki pants no longer designates a member of the British Army. It can be fun to point out, “That’s not what you’re supposed to wear,” but often the only difference between clothing made for a specific purpose, like, as you write, boat shoes, and a piece of clothing widely accepted for general wear, like khakis, is time.
Basketball Primed for Rematch with Fighting Scots

KYLE BENDER '12

Barring any additional Midwestern blizzards, the 13 Wabash College basketball team will travel to Ohio for a much-anticipated Saturday rematch with the top team in the nation, the Wabash Fighting Scots.

Few Little Giants Division III basketball enthusiasts can forget the January 2001 weekend when the NCAA's two longest winning streaks collided as the Little Giants (41-0) traveled to Crawfordsville to test themselves against the Mid-Atlantic Conference's other top-heavy conference power, the undefeated Scots (36-0).

"We're getting everybody's best game. Teams are excited for the chance to knock us off," Coach Mac Petty said.

"There also have been changes in the game philosophy that helped them edge out OWU," Petty said. "This year we are a lot more focused on executing our game plan. We have kept the same game plan for as long as we can, so it's something our guys are used to and staying strong."

By having an inroad favor the track runners who one more worry of their shoulders and made it easier to compete at their highest level. The team really bought into it, because no one asked the coaches whether the track scores were until the last two events. This showed that the focus was truly on them.

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John Bailey was one of the track runners who is for this new focus. "We don't talk about other teams in practice. We just focus on ourself and let everyone else take care of it."
Track and Field Sends Strong Message to NCAC Competition

Action from Saturday’s NCAC Indoor Relay meet at Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio. The Little Giants took home the crown, finishing first in the eight-team competition.

Senior Justin Allen (above) was a member of Wabash’s 3200-meter relay team that finished second on the afternoon. Sophomore Austin Hodges (top left) helped lead Wabash to a victory in the Sprint Medley competition. Junior Sam Glowinski (left) finished second in the pole vault competition, in which Wabash had the top two finishers. Freshman Brad Pusateri (bottom left) finished second in Saturday’s shot put event.

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Sophomore Austin Hodges (top left) helped lead Wabash to a victory in the Sprint Medley competition.