

# Cabe brings magic to IWU

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Stephen Cabe (jr) started training to be a magician when he was seven years old and now brings his talent to Indiana Wesleyan University.

Cabe became interested in performing magic the moment he saw his older brother do a simple trick as a first grader. His other family members entertained through music, but he decided to entertain through magic.

“I didn’t have the money for any cool trick sets or even trick cards, so I bought my first deck of normal cards and started learning skills,” Cabe said.

He started performing for shows at the age of 12 for the Kids Club at his church.

“It was my first and definitely my worst show, but I learned a lot about performing magic at a young age,” he said.

By the time he was 14 he was already helping Niles Haunted House Scream Park design props for their magic shows. Cabe’s passion and talent grew, and he took his magic to school with him at Hesston College before transferring to IWU.

His tricks now include props such as razor blades and straitjackets.

“I’ve done too many shows to count. Two of my biggest shows were at Hesston where I held fundraisers for the baseball team,” he said.

Since being at IWU, Cabe has become increasingly more known as a magician or illusionist. Last week, he performed magic three days at McConn and once at JuJuBerry.

Corinne Metzger (so) was at McConn one of the nights he performed.

“I was an innocent bystander just working on accounting when I heard screams, so I turned around and there was a man standing in front of the McConn counter legitimately pulling a card out of his mouth. I was so shocked,” she said.

The next night, Mia Anderson (so) was at JuJuBerry while Cabe was performing and got to participate in a few of his tricks.

“He showed me two cards and then put them in each of my hands. When he finished his trick, he told me to flip the cards over, and they were different,” she said. “It was amazing because I didn’t expect him to be that good.”

These little performances might not be enough for Cabe, though. He’s considering doing another show at IWU in his near future, only this time he would like to raise money for charity.

“My ultimate goal would be to travel across the United States performing on different stages as a motivational speaker and magician,” he said. “I would do escapes because it would give me the opportunity to present a gospel message that people would not normally hear at a magic show.”

He escapes from straight jackets right now, but his next goal is to master underwater escapes.

Cabe’s vision is to give his testimony to his audience and then get tied up underwater. Once he frees himself, he will relate his escape to the gospel message by saying one can escape from sin and be set free through Jesus Christ.

“It gives me the opportunity to share my faith with a captive audience,” he said. “It brings the message to them instead of them having to go to church to hear the message.”

Cabe has three specific goals in mind whenever he performs a show. He thinks of the acronym EIM, which stands for encourage, inspire and motivate.

“I want to encourage others, inspire them to find truth and motivate them to apply that truth to every aspect of their lives,” he said.