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PHI PSI'S SAVE THE DAY AT LOCAL ANIMAL SHELTER

Fifteen freshmen at the Phi Kappa Psi house took time out of their day earlier this month to assist the Animal Welfare League. The freshmen helped take care of 150 animals that entered the shelter. The group checked the animals for parasites, fed them, cleaned them, and played with them during their visit. They took a huge step towards living humanely in the Crawfordsville community.

APPLE UNVEILS IOS 7 MUCH TO USER'S DELIGHT

Apple did it again. They provided a new software update, full of exciting new features like new buttons, cleaner looking apps, and some other life saving changes. However, some users experienced chagrin when the software update presented numerous challenges during the downloading process. But, soon enough a new update will grace our devices, and we will feel the purge of happiness once more.

SPHINX CLUB PRESERVES WABASH HISTORY

This past week the Wabash College Sphinx club presented research on the Presidents of Wabash College. In light of President Hess' Inauguration, the Sphinx Club wanted to fulfill their roll on campus as preserving Wabash history and tradition. The four part series continues every other Monday.

SNL RELEASES NEW CAST MEMBERS AND POSITIONS

Mr. Michaels, the executive director of SNL, — after the departure of Fred Armisen, Bill Hader and Jason Sudeikis — is overseeing one of the biggest "SNL" overhauls in its almost four-decade history. The directors have added Brooks Wheelan, Michael Patrick O'Brien, Kyle Mooney, John Milhiser, Beck Bennett, and Noel Wells to the cast. Cecily Strong will also coanchor "Weekend Update" with Seth Meyers to prepare for his departure in January. She is most famous for her portrayal of, "The Girl You Shouldn't Have Started a Conversation With at a Party."

NASCAR

NASCAR made an unprecedented move last week and allowed a 13th driver, Jeff Gordon, into its playoffs. Gordon had been unfairly cheated out of the playoffs when Joey Logano and his team conspired with other teams. Logano gained important positions and fin-



PHOTO BY KENDALL BAKER '16

Hsu talks with students in the Wabash Scarlet Investment Club Network at their meetings.

COLLEGE INVESTS IN CLUB LEADERSHIP

SPENCER PETERS '14 | STAFF WRITER • With all of the clubs on campus, sometimes it could be hard for one club to distinguish itself from the other. However, the Wabash Scarlet Investment Network is coming up with something a little different to start the year off: an off-campus advisor.

The network deals with activities ranging from investment banking and private equity to sales and trading and business venture.

"The ultimate goal of the investment club is to manage a portfolio with real money like a trader or hedge-fund manager," Investment Network member Tiger Zuo '16 said. "There are two parts to our investment network: small company research and model and use data dealing with the stock market."

During club meetings, students will often deal with many issues concerning investment and other economic principals - insert Oscar Hsu. Hsu is the husband of Visiting Assistant Professor of Biology Jennifer Ison and recently moved to Crawfordsville in the past year. Upon arriving to Crawfordsville, Mr. Hsu approached the Deans of the College in efforts to perhaps share his experience with students of the college.

"During the new faculty orientation dinner that I have every year, Oscar approached me and said that he'd like to have some kind of role here in the college working with students," said Dean of College Gary Phillips. "After hearing what he did, I spoke with Professor [of Economics] Frank Howland and Frank spoke with his other colleagues in the economics department and they saw a way of bringing practical information and experience to work with a student group."

So, what exactly does Hsu do and what made him a great fit for this kind of role with the Scarlet Investment Club? Hsu worked in multiple capacities for different financial firms in the past couple of years. After graduat-

ing from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a degree in accounting, Hsu began a career in finance and investment. From working as a self-employed portfolio advisor to being a senior analyst for Glenwood Capital Investments, LLC in Chicago, Hsu has gathered an exorbitant amount of experience in the investment field that makes him a perfect advisor and asset for the Investment Network. The stipend for Hsu's service comes from the Rogge Fund, an endowment fund that supports entrepreneurial pursuits at the college.

The direction that this club is headed may provide more than just experience for its members however. Will Thompson '15, a member of the Investment Network, described a specific project that the club wanted to get rolling after doing research into other Investment student organization, specifically the club at Tulane University.

"Their club sends out monthly reports that are pretty relied on by some small financial institutions, because they're the only ones doing that research on those small companies," Thompson said. "So, hopefully in the long run that'd be something that'd be really cool to get some brand on our investment club and release reports that some companies would actually want."

One other activity that the club will attempt to handle in the future, under the tutelage of the experienced Hsu, will be managing a virtual portion of the Wabash College endowment.

"Some portion of the endowment gets managed by the students, and with a little experience and guidance, we'll see if the students can do as well as the money market managers that we pay a lot of money," Phillips said.

With these exciting opportunities and real-world plans in combination with a finance guru like Hsu in the lead, the Wabash Scarlet Investment Network seems primed for a very successful and interesting year.

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JOHNSON RELISHES NEW ROLE

KIM JOHNSON BECOMES
DIRECTOR OF MARKETING
AND COMMUNICATIONS

SAMUEL VAUGHT '16 | STAFF WRITER • The way a college markets itself is key to its growth and sustainability. Wabash must send the right message through its advertising and public relations to attract brave, hardworking students who learn to think critically, lead effectively, act responsibly, and live humanely. The Director of Communications and Marketing is responsible for coordinating the public image of the College through diverse media, such as webpages, admissions literature, and magazines. After years of service, Jim Amidon '87 left this position this year to become Wabash's first Chief of Staff to the President.

With big shoes to fill, the college had to look no further than within its own staff. On Sept. 9, the College announced that Kim Johnson had been appointed to the job. No stranger to Wabash, Kim was a marketing and communications specialist in the department until last week. A Montgomery County native, she earned her B.A.



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Kim Johnson has taken Jim Amidon's '87 previous position as Director of Communications and Marketing. Originally, Kim started as a marketing and communication specialist.

in health promotion from the school of Liberal Arts at Purdue University. After acquiring a M.S. in pedagogy, she worked to implement health

education and marketing programs for Crawfordsville's Athens Medical Group before being hired here. She came to Wabash exactly six years ago, during Homecoming week.

"It was a trial by fire," she said as she explained the experience. "I was given a camera and told to go shoot Chapel Sing."

Flash forward six years, and she has a wealth of accomplishments under her belt, from designing the current website, documenting immersion learning trips, and contributing in print to college publications. Amidon, her former boss, has nothing but praise for her work.

"Kim joined our team six years ago as a generalist of sorts," Amidon said. "She had a range of skills in design, photography, and media work, and over the last six years she has enhanced her talents in all of those areas. She has the respect of her co-workers and colleagues in the various offices with which she will interact. She's the ideal person for the job and I'm excited about our continued work together."

Indeed, this appointment is the next logical step for her career at Wabash College.

"I'm taking the next step and challenging myself with something new," she said. "We don't stop learning when we graduate."

As the director of the department, Johnson works with the writers, pho-

"Kim Johnson is an energetic, thoughtful and hard-working colleague who will do a superb job."

HESS

tographers, web designers, and other marketing specialists to craft a cohesive vision for the college's publications and marketing. This includes oversight for the Wabash Magazine, the college website, sports information, and all news that comes out of the college. Her department is also the first face of Wabash to the media and the wider community. She brings an impressive work ethic to her new position within the office.

"Kim Johnson is an energetic, thoughtful and hard-working colleague who will do a superb job," President Gregory Hess said. "Kim has a deep understanding of Wabash College and she will continue to implement and evolve the College's 'Serious' campaign so that potential students, current students, alumni and our broader audiences better understand the exceptional quality of a Wabash education."

As she moves forward, Johnson wants to make collaboration her priority.

"We need fresh ideas on how we tell our stories," she said. "I'd like to see it not be my voice all the time."

She has a wealth of voices to draw upon, working with talented individuals like Steve Charles, Brent Harris, and Howard Hewitt, as well as the student photographers and writers that work through her office. One such student is Corey Egler '15.

"Kim is always keen on offering the right advice," Egler said. "She is always available to help."

This mirrors her philosophy towards the students at Wabash.

"It is not just the professors who interact with students," Johnson said.

Staff like Kim Johnson play vital roles in the formation of Wabash men.

"[I] am excited about the new directions [Johnson] will take the office," Amidon said.

She is looking for a variety of perspectives and voices in all the work the publications department manages. This will help her tell the stories of Wabash in a new and exciting way.

"This place has amazing stories," she said.



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WABASH RECEIVES BACKUP

JACOB BURNETT '15 | NEWS EDITOR • With Wabash embracing the Internet era, a new need for data protection has emerged. To keep up with this trend, the College's IT Services Department applied for a \$10,000 grant through the Independent Colleges of Indiana to cover the costs of a first-year online backup system.

"For the past 20 to 30 years, we have done file backups to tapes," Director of Informational Technology Services Brad Weaver said. "It technically works okay, but tapes work kind of slowly compared to discs as the volume of data you want to [protect] increases. We are at the point we can't backup what we need to on the tapes. So, the other solution was to apply for the grant that will provide funding to backup files to Google storage and eliminate the tapes."

The college has been working in collaboration with four other universities: Butler University, University of Indianapolis, DePauw University, and Indiana Wesleyan University. The group investigated alternative solutions of data protection. The schools wanted to find a solution that would create efficiency, was cost-effective, and provide quality, stable service. After bouncing around ideas, the schools decided that Google Cloud storage best fit their interests.

Data protection systems provide security in the face of calamity.

Hypothetically, if Baxter Hall burned to the ground, the servers currently in place that hold the files would provide no refuge, and the College would lose terabytes of knowledge. Moving to a system online will provide three separate file copies for safekeeping.

"One advantage is that we will do a back-up on a local copy for files that will stay on the server on campus," Weaver said. "Then a copy of those files will go out to Google Cloud storage, and it will be replicated at least twice in Google Storage. So, right now if we do a tape backup we only have one copy protected, and with this new storage we will have at least three."

Furthermore, using Google Cloud storage presents a more cost-effective and efficient process of protecting data. If the College bought a server with 20 terabytes of storage, but it needed 21 terabytes of storage, Wabash would have to purchase more servers. In essence, Google Cloud storage provides unlimited space; Wabash just has to pay for the amount of space needed. Instead of acquiring lots of service here through purchasing servers, it gives the College more flexibility in protecting its files.

"It allows us to back up more of our data to off-site storage systems, which are less expensive and more reliable than the storage systems we currently use," Network Services Manager Quentin Dodd, who worked on the

grant, said.

Due to its high reliance on the Internet, the College will be upgrading its Internet service. Currently, the College receives Internet connection through iLite, managed by Indiana University. Wabash will increase its speed from 250 megabytes per second to one gigabyte per second connection, which will offer the College four times as much bandwidth.

"We should see some performance enhancement at peak load time," Weaver said. "The Internet works kind of like a multi-lane highway. If you are cruising down the highway alone, you can't go twice as fast because no one is there, but when there are lots of people there on the road there are more lanes of traffic that move faster. If there is a low use time, then things will continue to move as fast as they can. However, at peak times there will be more available bandwidth to allow faster Internet speed at that point."

With strong Internet services becoming a necessity for Colleges, and the paper trail dwindling as a result, protecting those files becomes an integral aspect of IT Services. The new Google Cloud storage will become imperative in safeguarding data against disasters. All departments on campus, the Business Office, Registrar, Alumni Affairs, etc. would cripple if the safety net failed.



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Currently, data storage takes place in the basement of Baxter Hall.

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RUSH: WABASH PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

SPENCER PETERS '14 | STAFF WRITER • Moving to a new place across the country can be difficult for anyone, and often Wabash doesn't make the transition easy. With our insider lingo, different demographic of students, and established traditions, Wabash can be a tough place for any new addition to fit in, let alone a professor. However, this isn't the first time that new Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology Ryan Rush has had to adjust to a strikingly different place.

"I grew up in Pennsylvania, outside of Philadelphia in a rural area," Rush said. "Then after graduating from high school, I moved to California."

Rush moved across the country to attend Pepperdine University for undergraduate education where he earned a bachelor's degree in psychology. From there, Rush advanced his education at University of California-Riverside, earning a master's and Ph.D. with a focus on cognitive psychology.

The College hired Rush this summer to fill in for Associate Professor of Psychology Preston Bost during his current sabbatical year. During the selection process, great applicants for the position flooded Wabash. However, Rush rose to the top of the applicants very quickly.

"We were fortunate to have a strong pool of candidates last year, but even in that pool Dr. Rush stood out," said Psychology Department chair Neil

Schmitzer-Torbert. "We thought that Dr. Rush gave an excellent presentation on his research, and the department thought he would excel in the classroom. [We thought he would] be able to involve students in challenging and meaningful research projects and that students would find his research and area of expertise engaging."

Rush currently teaches cognitive psychology, in lieu of Prof. Bost, and also teaches the psychology of law, a special topics course tailored to his expertise.

"The [psychology of law] class is designed to provide a board perspective on how psychology and law are interrelated and how psychologists can work in the legal field," Rush said. "We cover a wide range of topics, ranging from eyewitness identification memory to repressed and recovered memory. We talk about things like punishment and if criminals reoffend and how that can be helped." Schmitzer-Torbert agrees that this is the perfect class to be taught by Rush and occupies a niche that Wabash has not been able to fill in recent years.

Other members of the psychology department echo Dr. Schmitzer-



Neil Schmitzer-Torbert

Torbert's views on how Rush's ability to help the psychology department as well. Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology Teresa Aubele praises Rush's enthusiasm to immerse himself in campus culture.

"I think Dr. Rush has been integrating very well," Aubele said. "He gets along with all of the members of the psychology department and he's been attending as many campus events as he can, between all his new class prep."

So, what has Rush thought about his time on campus so far? "I didn't know about this place when I was applying for undergrad," Rush said. "Would I want to go? I didn't have an answer until I came back here and started working. I can see why people come here, after being here and experiencing the place. It's a great place for students, and I could have seen myself coming here."

Rush lives in town and is trying to involve himself in campus as much as he can. Being Greek himself at Pepperdine, as a brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Rush also enjoys the popularity of Greek influence on campus.

"There is a much stronger sense of pride and dedication at this college from the places I've taught before," Rush said. He will get to see this passion on display this weekend during homecoming, and he's looking forward to participating in another piece of Wabash tradition.

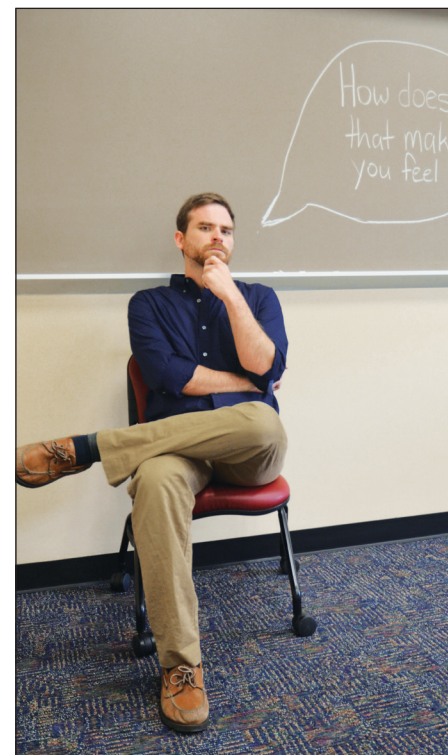


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Visiting Assistant Professor in Psychology Ryan Rush comes to Wabash from the University of California - Riverside. He specializes in the psychology of law which adds interesting course offerings to Wabash students.

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YARNELL INTEGRATES INTO WABASH CULTURE

CHARLES WILLIAMS '14 |
STAFF WRITER • Visiting Professor Yarnall brings fresh perspective to Mathematics at Wabash.

Wabash is not for everyone. Some may find that the size of the student body is not large enough; some might think there simply is not enough to do in the city of Crawfordsville. Sometimes others seem unable to overcome our ever-distinguishing all-male aspect. However, for Visiting Assistant Professor of Mathematics Carolyn Yarnall, Wabash seems to fit just right.

Yarnall completed her undergraduate degree from the University of San Diego, graduating in 2008 with a degree in mathematics. Having narrowed down a field of specialty through her liberal arts education at U. San Diego, Yarnall then conducted summer research at UVA in Charlottesville, Va. This eventually led her to a full-fledged, five-year stint as a graduate student there. Following her graduation from the University of Virginia this past May, Yarnall accepted a position as a three-year Visiting Professor in the Mathematics Department here at Wabash.

Even after being to both coasts to study, Professor Yarnall is finding solace on our humble Midwestern campus. While most would complain that

Crawfordsville is boring, Yarnall took note of the peaceful, small-town feel radiated here.

"Living here is a good experience," Yarnall said. "To some, it may feel like we're out in the middle of nowhere. I'm just happy to not be waiting in traffic every time I've got class."

Yarnall was also particularly "jazzed up" about the selection of Frisbee-golf courses here in town.

"The disc-golf course here is kick-ass," Yarnall said.

The most notable aspect of Yarnall's transition from UVA to Wabash lies in the students themselves. The student engagement in her first few weeks of courses has seemed to display to Yarnall that Wabash students are serious about learning.

"I don't just mean course sizes, I'm talking about the attitude here," Yarnall said. "It's the opposite of the 'Big-School' mentality that I'm used to."

Professor Yarnall is not just excited about how her students contribute; she also has high hopes for her own contributions to the Department of Mathematics.

Yarnall is ready to bring fresh perspective into Goodrich Hall, in more ways than one. Yarnall is the only female member of the Department of

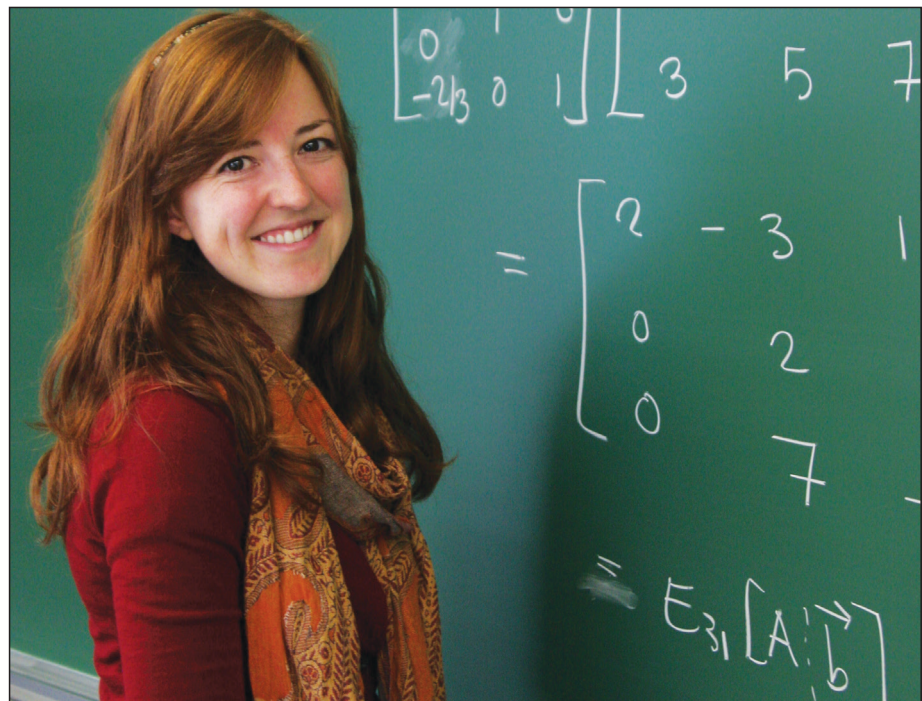


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Yarnall enjoys Wabash's small classes and disc-golf opportunities.

Mathematics. She hopes that might provide students with some degree of insight into the many different perspectives of the mathematical world, even those dependent of gender. Also, Yarnall's specific area of exper-

tise (that of equivariant stable homotopy theory) will give students unique scenarios of independent study, especially with her being the only researcher involved in this particular field at Wabash.

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KLEIN ADVANCES INDIAN PRESENCE

ADAM ALEXANDER '16 | STAFF WRITER • Although he has worked for the College since 1997, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Steven Klein had never left North America to recruit students to Wabash. But from August 22 to September 4, Klein left the United States in an effort to recruit prospective students from a unique location: India. Recently, the Great Lakes Colleges Association (GLCA) has made an effort to recruit students from India to Midwest liberal arts colleges. Klein did not just go to India for the GLCA; he met with many students particularly interested in Wabash as well as several alumni.

"[When] Greg Hess was selected as President, he asked me not only to go to India and represent the GLCA initiative, but to go beyond the GLCA initiative and see what I could do for Wabash," Klein said. "I did the kind of things a college recruiter would do here. I visited high schools; I did college fairs; I met with independent counselors."

President Gregory Hess thought the idea of Klein recruiting in India would benefit Wabash.

"I thought it'd be great for him to go, so he went," Hess said. "The College already brings in students from India and from other countries, but we hadn't really done an intentional review of it or tried to find places that might be a better match... So, I thought it'd be worthwhile that, if we were going to recruit students [from India], maybe we should visit [the country]."

Many Indian students are beginning to look to universities in the United States, as opposed to those in their own country.

"There has been a rapidly growing middle class in India, where parents have become more motivated and more able to send their sons and daughters to quality institutions for higher education," Klein said. "India doesn't have enough spots to accommodate that demand. They have some very good schools – typically management and technical schools, but compared to the current demand for higher education, it's not nearly enough. So, we're seeing a greater interest in studying overseas from Indian graduates."

Because of this low supply of universities, many Indian students are being turned away from pursuing higher education.

"Admissions there is pretty based on tests, and the material they learn is often based on arcane material," Hess said. "Some of their top students just don't get into college at all even though they might have fantastic scores. India is one of those countries where it's very hard to get into some of the more elite institutions."

This was not Hess' first experience in investigating possibly recruiting international students in India. In December of 2011, he had gone to India representing Claremont McKenna College.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DEAN KLEIN

Klein's trip to India helped provide insight into Indian culture, and it allowed Klein to learn about possible Wabash recruitment efforts in

"We did it to get a better understanding of what our opportunities were there," Hess said. "I went to visit a lot of graduate programs [Claremont McKenna] may have wanted to pair up with; I talked with basically every major firm in the country because we had very good connections in India. [We] used those connections to make sure our students had opportunities at for-profits and not-for-profits in India."

Hess is open to the idea of expanding this idea of visiting other countries to other parts of the world, but he intends to limit these ventures to just two or three countries at first. Hess is looking to send Wabash representatives to China next year and possibly Vietnam in the future. However, when visiting these countries, Hess intends to do

more for the College than just recruit new students.

"I think we need to go there for a week at a time," Hess said. "Pick a couple places where we've had a lot of students, and just be more intentional about going there. [Our goals would be] seeing if we can continue to bring in the best students, but also do some alumni outreach. Also, [we will try and] see if there are good opportunities for our students to take internships and immersion programs [in these countries]."

Next year, Hess plans to visit India himself. He expects the trip to be a very different one from what Klein experienced this summer. He aims to reach out to parents, alumni, and new opportunities present in these countries.

Hess and Klein both expect higher numbers of international students in the coming years.

"This is the beginning of the process," Klein said. "If we're going to see more Indian students selecting Wabash, there's going to need to be follow up from this visit as well as future visits. I've learned that's how it works in India...I'll be following up with the contacts with my first visit and also looking at what the next visit might look like, whether it be at the end of spring or next summer."

It can be expected that Wabash will continue these experimental programs for years to come, in hopes of making more international students Wabash men. However, it will not be changing the nature of the College in anyway.

HAVE FUN, CONNECT WITH ALUMNI

STAFF EDITORIAL

Brothers at Wabash, you all know by now that it is Homecoming Week. This is a time to celebrate our great institution and come together as a campus.

This weekend is a time to relax, have fun, and enjoy time with family, friends, and fraternity brothers.

Be safe and be smart.

You should not and do not need another source preaching that message. You are Wabash men and know what to do, so that is not what this will be about.

Instead, we want to provide a slightly different message. This weekend, hundreds of alumni will come to Crawfordsville from many parts of Indiana and possibly the country as a whole.

Wabash has a uniquely dedicated and tight-knit alumni base. It is something we were told before we ever walked the mall or stepped into the Chapel. Wabash's alumni are a group that makes Wabash unique. They give back, they come back, and they celebrate our achievements.

This weekend it will be easy for all of us to do our own things as students. We can get wrapped up with our roommates, our fraternity brothers, and our teammates.

Certainly there are times for students to be with students and alumni to enjoy the company of fellow alumni. But chances are you will see some alumni along the way, whether it is in your living unit, at a tailgate, or just walking campus. Connect with these guys.

One of the best parts of being a Wabash man is the ability to travel the world, we a fellow Wabash man, and have an in depth conversation about the school we love.

Why not do that here this weekend? Many of these alumni can share great stories, great advice, and a great love of this school.

Have a fun and safe weekend. Enjoy the company all around campus, including the alumni. It will be well worth it. Upperclassmen know this. Freshmen, underclassmen, make these connections, they might just change your life.

Don't like what we say? Let us know at jsmorris14@wabash.edu.

STOP WATCHING THE CLOCK: STRIVE TO EMBRACE THE PRESENT

I don't often relate my experience as a distance runner to my opinion articles, and there are a few good reasons for that. First, there are limits to the amount of connections we can draw between running and the Wabash experience. Second, let's be honest: no one really likes to read about distance running.

However, every once in a long while I get an insight into everyday life from my time spent logging miles with friends on the roads and trails. Sometimes the sport that has been a large part of my life since elementary days teaches me something new.

On a long run a few weeks ago, and on many long runs before that, I noticed something peculiar: the easiest way to get through a two-hour long run is to stop checking how close you've come to the two-hour mark. Likewise, it doesn't help to constantly count how many miles you have left before you finish.

At this point, I could go a few different directions and spout some typical advice: "focus on the journey, not the destination" or even something along the lines of "the watched pot never boils." However, settling on an easy cliché would be selling the Wabash community short and insulting our intelligence.

Instead, I'd like to draw a parallel between the long run phenomenon and an experience focused on the college-age and younger demographic. I call our generation the Loading Bar Generation, but I'm currently accepting suggestions for other pretentious-sounding labels.

Since the advent and explosion of the internet, loading bars are everywhere; they pop up when we check email, download songs, open apps, or load videos. They serve a logical purpose: amidst the computer wizardry taking place behind the screen, it can be hard to tell it



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THE PROBLEM

Today's generation is focused on checking the "loading bar," staring at the clock.

THE SOLUTION

Enjoy the present and take time to embrace its opportunities.

you're actually making progress on the task you assigned the computer. Thus, the loading bar was created to ease the anxiety of computer users, replacing the old overturned hour-glass icon.

On the surface, the loading bar seems like a small improvement (or at the very least a neat idea). We've been given the opportunity to check our progress at any point along the way to completion. What could possibly be wrong with that?

In my eyes, the existence of a loading bar is not the problem; rather, the issue with loading bars is how they've changed our experience with technology. Sure, we've erased the anxiety over whether or not our computer is actually making progress, but we've replaced it with a numb, mindless connection that involves constantly checking in on a pixelated bar slowly filling up on our screen. We even forget that while we watch a screen, the real world continues on.

Of course, we didn't stop with loading bars. Consumer America asked, and corporate America provided; now our lives are filled with progress reports of all kinds. In fact, it's a whole new market: calorie counters, word-counters, step-counters, and gauges that monitor our miles-to-empty or monthly data usage.

In short, our generation is increasingly attached to "checking in" on the progress of whatever task we're doing. We like to know exactly where we stand. If we're updating our computer software, we glance repeatedly at the screen to see how many minutes are left. If we're downloading our most recent iTunes album purchase, we want to know how many songs are already complete.

To circle back around to my running analogy, it's like we're checking our watches every three or four minutes, watching the minutes pile up. To some degree, knowing where you stand is not a bad thing. The problem lies in constantly checking and re-checking our progress and forgetting that the outside world is passing us by.

Is there any hope for the Loading Bar Generation? Truthfully, the solution to our problem is simple. When we constantly check in on our progress (regardless of the activity) we rob ourselves of two things: the current moment and the eventual fulfillment.

Instead of constantly checking in on the progress reports that surround us, take the opportunity to enjoy the present. When I run without looking at the watch, I have a greater appreciation for the places I run. Sure, it sounds a little wacky, but in much the same way our Loading Bar Generation might benefit from stepping away from the "loading" screen for a few minutes.

The Bachelor staff would like
to wish everybody in the Wabash family
a very Happy Homecoming.

HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES BRING CAMPUS COMMUNITY TOGETHER

From my perspective, Homecoming is one of the best times of the school year at Wabash, and it always has been for me. While Homecoming traditions are accompanied by a significant amount of competition, in some ways, I feel that this brings our campus a little (or for some, a lot) closer together as we participate.

As a freshman, I was independent, and I still participated in Chapel Sing. I also helped in the building of a float and the "construction" of a banner for the football game. Of course, I chose to do this out of a passion for tradition and a desire to become engaged in the campus community, but I think it ended up having more lasting effects than I may have realized when I decided to do it.

For one thing, my participation in these activities helped to bridge some of the gaps that independent and Greek students experience as freshmen. Even though certain perceptions existed (and still exist in many respects) about the participation of freshman independents, my Greek friends and I had things in common: we could talk about the train wreck that Chapel Sing practice can be



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when any group of freshmen attempts to sing "Old Wabash," we could talk about what a pain it was to build a float, and we could talk about some of the challenges associated with working with individuals we might not necessarily know very well or like very much.

Despite coming to Wabash with a lot of leadership experiences under my belt, preparing for Homecoming challenged my leadership abilities in ways that they hadn't been challenged before. At the time, this was stressful and irritating, but in hindsight, I think it ended up being a really good thing for me.

Now that I've changed my living situation and am living at Lambda Chi as a

junior, it's exciting to watch the freshman Associates work through some of the obstacles that can come with getting ready for Homecoming. Many of them are student athletes, meaning that they are expected to contribute heavily both within the classroom and in their practices and competitions. Along with these obligations, they're also expected to (with some help from upperclassmen, of course) be totally prepared for Homecoming competitions and celebrations that are starting significantly earlier than they did for anyone in the classes of 2014, 2015, or 2016. And yet, they're meeting these challenges and working to find a balance.

While I think we could have a discussion about the merits of a system that requires so much of students and their more senior peers in the first month of classes, I try to think that we might find some positives in this. I could be wrong, but I would guess that my experiences in Homecoming leadership as a freshman are not unique. I've found this to be true in talking with some members of the Class of 2017. They're facing new challenges and they're facing them in

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new ways too.

So, while this week is stressful, exhausting, and sometimes causes us to question our existence altogether, let's try to think about what we can gain from these experiences, and more importantly, what we need to do to make them even more powerful and constructive in meaningful and positive ways.

OBAMA, KERRY NEED TO SEND CLEARER MESSAGE ON SYRIA

I really wanted to avoid talking about it. But this whole Syria situation has really finally broken me down to where I cannot help but speak out. It is part depressing, part scary, part embarrassing, and a whole lot of what the heck is going on. Who uses chemical weapons to attack their own people? What monster? His name is President Bashar al-Assad. The man is responsible for the death of over 1,000 children, women and men.

I'm a critical guy. I like that part of the mission statement. I also love my country. Never falters. But I'll be honest; it has been hard to think about this without the thought of Truman and the Manhattan Project. The differences are stark no doubt. But it is a little alarming how many similarities there are once you think about it. Truman nuked two major metropolitan and industrial areas, causing thousands of civilian casualties. It was done against people who would oppose the United States at all cost (even death, ie Kamikazes). It was conducted in an area that had not seen peace for a very long time. Assad had all of these factors playing



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in Syria: civilian casualties, military resistance, and place of turmoil. That is the depressing part. The fact is that America is not, nor will ever be able to, speak from some moral pulpit. Just because we are the biggest and strongest does not allow us to just ignore the rights of others. We also started the trend of using weapons of mass destruction in military contests, and did not stop using the credible threat of a sarin gas attack until 1970. But that does not mean we are in the wrong in demanding action in Syria. Far from it.

The scary part is that the Syrian government has these, and Assad is using them. Syria, a country in a state of civil war, has more than 20 official economic sanctions against

their country. They have inflation of over 30%, and unemployment over 10% (these are 2012 estimates, 2013 is assuredly worse). Their economy has had negative GDP growth since 2011, peaking at -14%. They are not scared of sanctions with Russia at their back. They live in a place of the world where gunshots and explosions are the norm. Terrorist cells operate in Syria. This is not a place that should have these, not only for safety in the region but the world. And if Syria has access to these weapons, who else does? Iran? Palestine/Israel? Egypt? This does not bode well.

The embarrassing part is that Obama and Kerry have allowed opposition to what happened in Syria turn from a contention of human rights to a "bargaining chip" to weaken Syria. I mean come on. There was no military target, the delivery unit was found in a civilian area. Chemical weapons that induce asphyxiation were used on children. Do I need to continue? Both sides are at fault, because they have chosen force over peace. Obama went from wanting to waste Assad's

military might to letting Kerry shake the hand of Syria's foreign minister with the threat of "punishment" if they do not get rid of their chemical weapon program. Putin has basically bullied Obama (through our own press, I mean come on).

Luckily, the world seems to be responding. More than a dozen official "organizations" (the UN just finished their report Tuesday) have all determined that sarin gas was used in Syria. Without question. The whole lot of what the heck is going on is why nothing has happened? Even the agreement Obama and Kerry agreed too gave Assad a whole seven days to comply. And not just in the United States. Europe. The Vatican. Why do we not hear about imams speaking out? Has our world become so numb to crimes against humanity that we let this slide? It's hard for me to even state my position on this issue. No doubt, some of what I have said may even seem contradictory. It sure does to me. But I sure hope our world has not gone numb. Assad cannot get away with this crime against humanity. A seven-day deadline is not going to cut it.

A QUEEN FOR THE PEOPLE

A TRADITION WITH A CAPITAL “T”

NOAH EPPLER '16 | STAFF WRITER • Of all the queer and sacred traditions that comprise Wabash's Homecoming celebration every year, none is perhaps queerer than the tradition of the Homecoming Queen contest. For my young, unaware freshman readers (or perhaps feckless upper-classmen readers), the Homecoming Queen contest traditionally occurs during the Saturday Homecoming football game, in which during half-time freshman pledges from each of the nine fraternities as well as freshman independents dress themselves as either a King or Queen and strut their stuff down the track. The Queens are then judged by the Homecoming Committee and the Sphinx Club, and, like the other contests; one Queen emerges as the winner.

There are two general directions that the freshmen usually take in terms of how they present their Queen; either they pick the most masculine figure out of their group in an effort to garner points via a laugh factor, or they present the most feminine member of their group in an effort to make their Queen more realistically resemble a woman.

There is no one right way to go about this competition; anecdotally, I can tell you the story of my own pledge brother, whom our freshman year successfully convinced several pledges from another fraternity that he indeed was a girl, how he proceeded to flirt with them, and how he went on to win an abysmal fifth place. That same year, the most masculine Queen on the track did not even place.

What is at the bottom of this strange tradition? Do we preserve this competition solely because we find it hilarious, or is there a deeper collective impulse at work here? “It's silly for the sake of being silly,” said Mason Keller '17. Whatever may be the case, in the year 2000, it became clear that we Wabash men are not the only ones who find this competition funny.

That year, Wabash had just entered the NCAC, we were competing against Oberlin at the Homecoming game, and we wished to unveil our (at the time) new Wally Wabash mascot—something that the college had invested a great deal of money into. Since the unveiling of Wally Wabash (who was developed by Tom Sapp, the same creative genius behind the Michigan



State mascot “Sparty” and the original Georgia Bulldog) was meant to be the main event for Homecoming, the Queen contest was moved to Friday night, along with the chant competition.

Although the unveiling of Wally was a huge hit, Jim Amidon (who graciously provided the details of this story to The Bachelor) on Monday morning received five formal complaints about the removal of the Homecoming Queen competition from the Saturday halftime show. Interestingly enough, women, including wives of trustees, were the ones who complained, claiming that the Queen competition was the “highlight of Homecoming.” In the words of Mr. Amidon, “needless to say, we moved the queen contest back to Saturday in 2001.”

As made clear from this story, the Queen competition has found its place in the hearts of the greater Wabash community, and regardless of whatever reason we do it, either for hilarity's sake or out of a sense of duty to our traditions, it is here to stay.

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THE MAKING OF A DIVA

Throughout the history of the queen competition, guys have gone many different directions in search of that elusive title. Some go the more humorous, oddly masculine route, while others pursue a “sexier” feminine persona. Whatever the case may be, here are some important clothing and style tips to remember heading into Saturday.

Make sure to take long brush strokes. Ratty hair is not hot.

A well fitting sports bra should be slightly constricting, yet loose enough to adjust.

The corset is a resilient polyester, every Diva’s favorite material.

During the colder weeks, feel free to let your European side shine.

Notice the frilly skirt. Don’t be afraid to go fancy.

Fish net stockings exude confidence.

A pair of Wabash workout shorts is a staple in every aspiring Queen’s wardrobe.



WHAT TO WATCH

MICHAEL WITCZAK '14

PACKERS VS. BENGALS



**SUNDAY,
1:00 PM**

The Green Bay Packers will travel to Cincinnati to play a Bengals team with high hopes for this season. Aaron Rodgers will be facing a Bengals defense that has assembled all of the pieces for dominance this season, but everyone knows that you don't become the "discount double check" guy without being able to score points. This game should shape up to be a good one, and it will be a nice chance to see this Bengals team perform against a worth adversary in Rodgers.

DADS

BEWARE ALL WEEK FOR SIMILAR EXAMPLES!

Although I am not given the pilot episodes to watch in advance, I feel fairly confident in offering a warning about Fox's new T.V. show. Brought to us by Family Guy guru Seth MacFarlane, this show centers on two men in their mid-thirties, when—and you guys totally won't believe this—their dads move in with them! The framework of the show is lacking, but the impressively high volume of bad reviews suggests that the humor is filled with misplaced vulgar and racial undertones. If I had to guess, think "two and a half men" but with two old guys instead of a little kid in the house. It wouldn't even surprise me if this show catches on too. And people wonder why American test scores are dropping? ...

DEREK

UK'S CHANNEL 4 AND NETFLIX

The T.V. show Derek, created by British funny man Ricky Gervais, should prove a funny Netflix alternative to South park and The League (I'm not saying these are bad choices, just that a little variety is nice). Gervais has been producing hilarious stuff for years now, and we still owe him some loyalty for creating The Office. Using his staple "mocumentary" style, Gervais brings us the story of a 49-year-old retirement home worker. Expect Derek to remind you of the office in some ways, but Netflix's newest comedy is funny and good enough to stand on its own.



CHARLES WILLIAMS '14 |

STAFF WRITER • The recent uncovering of a decade-old psychology experiment has provided sufficient evidence to form postulations over the existence of something Wallies everywhere already know is true: "Wally Goggles" are real and WILL affect you or a Wally you know.

After spending a certain amount time at Wabash, students may begin to suffer from an environment-induced disease of perception, more commonly referred to as: the "Wally Goggles" phenomenon. This change will occur to the extent that a Wabash student might find unattractive, eligible females more attractive due to the absence of females in daily Wabash life. Some believe this to be a curse, others a gift. Either way though, in the end, holding a woman in higher respects is NEVER a bad call.

In the spring of 2003, an experiment was conducted in Professor Horton's Psychology 202 course titled "Research Methods & Statistics". This course requires students to pair up and conduct experiments, providing them freedom in the manner that they display comprehension of the methods and research behind psychological studies. The experiment discussed above was conducted by Joshua Baker and Tyler Nance, both of the Class of 2005. Now an Account Executive at Tri-Auto, a Northwest Indianapolis marketing company, Josh Baker recalls some reasoning behind the subject of his experiment. "I really loved the idea and felt there was some truth to it," Baker said. "More importantly, it's an interesting look at single sex education, specifically all male."

Baker went on to detail the experiment's hypothesis: "... it was that Wabash students, being devoid of daily interaction with females in their peer group, would perceive the level of attractiveness in potentially eligible women of their peer group as higher than their counterparts at co-ed institutions." Essentially, "Wally Goggles" might be described as a muddy mixture between the phenomenon of "Beer Goggles" and the basic principal of "Supply and Demand". "Beer Goggles" occur when the attractiveness of one's opposite gender is increased enormously, simply with the presence of an inebriating substance. "Supply and Demand" is applicable to the concept of "Wally Goggles" in the sense that in times of low or absent supply (in this case: females), demand is driven higher and higher.

Prior to the actual testing for "Wally Goggles", the experimenters had to produce a set of photos of women with varying levels of attractiveness.

WALLY GOGGLES PHENOMENON PROVEN

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JOSHUA BAKER '05.

After getting these pictures, a series of pilot studies was run to determine the average baseline rating of each girl's attractiveness; the scale for this ranged from low to moderate to high levels of attractiveness. It should be noted that these baseline ratings were derived from purely physical attractiveness. After all, you don't "hold hands" with a girl's personality.

The actual experiment was conducted by collecting the personal opinions of two sample populations about the attractiveness of the girls from the aforementioned set of photos. The first sample group was that of about 30 Wabash students, the other consisting of the same amount of male students

from that one co-ed school south on US 231.

The opinions of these samples were then compared to the non-biased baseline ratings attributed to each picture. According to both Josh Baker and Professor Horton, the results of this comparison were irrefutable. "Wabash men rated the moderately attractive women slightly higher than the DePauw men, and [our guys] rated the highly attractive women significantly higher than DePauw," Professor Horton says. In the end, Wabash Wallies' perception of women's beauty seems to merely overcome that of other, lesser co-ed institutions.

So, when you find yourself considering female options that once were beneath your sophisticated tastes, remember where you are. Take a look around campus and realize that maybe "Wally Goggles" are not the demonized infliction they are so commonly believed to be. Every Wabash student suffers from them (to some extent); so revel in the "Goggles", wear them with pride! They are just another thing that makes Wabash truly WABASH.



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DEREK ANDRE '16 | STAFF WRITER

After a tough start to the season, and an extra-time loss to Franklin last Wednesday still fresh on their minds, the Little Giant Soccer Team entered Saturday's game at Spalding University hoping for a win that would jump start their season.

Unfortunately for Wabash, the spark they desired would have to wait until the team's road trip to Hanover on Tuesday night.

The action of Saturday was marked by a lack of offensive output from the Little Giants. Wabash was able to play up a man for the majority of the match after Spalding's Jackson

Cantrell was issued a red card in the 28th minute, but this man advantage never translated into a goal. The scoring in the match was reserved for Spalding. The Golden Eagle's Julio De Leon scored the opening goal of the afternoon in the 38th minute. Spalding scored a second goal early in the second half, extending the Eagles' advantage to two.

Wabash was able to get shots off during the match, lodging 15 on the day, but only five of these shots were on frame and none of these five shots were converted into goals.

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COREY EGLER '15

Adam Antalis '16 fights for possession of the ball in a 1-0 home loss to Earlham which began the team's losing streak.

JENNINGS BROTHERS REUNITE ON FIELD

SCOTT MORRISON '14 | EDITOR

IN CHIEF • For the Jennings family, soccer is more than a game, it is a family tradition. This season, Blake Jennings '15 is competing with younger brother Dayton Jennings '17, both as Little Giants, but in vastly different roles.

The Jennings line of brothers started with oldest brother Austin Jennings '12 who played four years for the Wabash soccer team as a forward. Blake came to campus in the fall of 2011, following in his brother's footsteps as a forward as well.

"One of the moments that I will never ever forget is the first game in the new Mud Hollow Stadium, [Austin] took a goal away from me, and Brent Harris actually considered it an assist," Blake said. "So the first goal in Mud Hollow Stadium, I assisted to my older brother and hearing Brent say it on the intercom was incredible."

Blake attributes his lack of size in combination with good foot speed and skill for landing him in the front of the field.

This year, Blake is basking in an opportunity neither of the other Jennings boys ever had or ever will have – playing on the same team with the second of his two brothers.



The Jennings brothers played on the Noblesville High School team for two years before Blake came to Wabash. Now the two are back on the field helping the Little Giants in a variety of ways.

"Dayton is a goalkeeper, and I am a forward; but my older brother Austin, he was a forward, so we were playing side by side with each other throughout the season," Blake said.



COREY EGLER '15

This leaves Dayton as the black sheep in a family full of scorers and attackers – a goalie. Dayton is the last line of defense and the man responsible for taking goals away

from guys like Austin and Blake. He excels in a position on the opposite end of the pitch than his brother, patrolling Wabash's 18-yard box, while Blake attempts to push forward into the opposition's territory.

But, that doesn't mean that the two cannot benefit from one another. Dayton provides extra motivation as well as relays vital information that Blake may not otherwise get.

"Dayton has the view of the whole field, and he can kind of coach me around," Blake said. "I am also playing for him. I am trying to score goals for our team and he is trying to save goals for our team."

Despite being younger, Dayton has no qualms about being vocal on the field.

"Even though I don't have that captain's band, I am still going to be that leader out on the field," Dayton said. "It is how I was raised. I embraced that role and I haven't really ever shied away from it. Off the field I am not a very talkative person, but on the field I change how I am."

So how did this dynamic develop? Why is there a goalie in a family of forwards?

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FROM **SOCCER**, P14

The Little Giants may have had a man advantage on the afternoon but they were unable to turn this extra man into a goal and as such fell to the Golden Eagles by a score of 2-0. Head Coach Chris Keller expressed his displeasure with his team's performance Saturday.

"I think we came out flat," Keller said. "We've had a couple injuries... but we just didn't have a good game Saturday at all. And those are to be expected. I think that is the first game we have really played bad. I know our record doesn't indicate that but we've played well in every game up until Saturday. So we've got to regroup."

Tuesday's game against Hanover was a different story for the Little Giants. Wabash's men did not log the high shot total that they have in previous games, just seven total shots, but their percent of shots on goal was much higher, five shots on goal.

The scoring was started for Wabash when Zach Woloshin rifled a shot from outside of the 18-yard box into the upper corner of the goal to give Wabash the lead late in the first half.

Woloshin was able to add a second

goal for the Little Giants six minutes into the second half when he redirected Riley Pelton's cross into the bottom corner of the goal.

Hanover was able to bring the difference back to one by converting on a penalty kick in the second half, but Wabash was ultimately able to hang on and win by a score of 2-1.

Over the course of the past few games a competition has started for the starting goalkeeper spot between Dayton Jennings and Chase Francoeur. While Jennings has gotten the start in all of Wabash's first five games, Francoeur got to start between the pipes on Tuesday night against Hanover.

Both of these goalkeepers are freshmen and both were highly rated recruits coming out of high school. Jennings was even a high school All-American at Noblesville High School.

Keller has said that the decision to start Francoeur was not in any way a knock on the way that Jennings has played so far in the season, but rather just a reflection of the quality play of Francoeur in recent trainings sessions.

It's too early to say who will be the Little Giant's number one once we reach conference play, but look for this competition to continue for weeks to come.

FROM **JENNINGS**, P14

The answer is Legg Perthes, a common disease in boys, and Dayton was born with it. Legg Perthes prevents the cartilage between the hip socket and femur from growing, resulting in bone-on-bone rubbing under heavy exercise.

As a result, Dayton underwent a surgery as a kid to help alleviate the pain and damage that resulted from his Legg Perthes. However, that didn't put him in the clear.

"If I didn't have my hip surgery, I would probably be an attacking player like them," Dayton said. "But you cannot let a certain thing hold you back. I was luckily able to find a sport I was able to play and be active but that didn't cause a lot of problems for my hip."

Dayton has managed to find a good home in between the pipes. He was recruited by Division I schools like Indiana, Butler, and Georgetown, but due to a lack of size and some factors which were out of control, he made his way to Wabash this fall. So far, he has reaped the rewards.

"You don't have a lot of people who are able to say 'I was able to play with my brother for two years of high school,'" Dayton said. "Now I get the luxury of playing with my

"I am also playing for him. I am trying to score goals for our team and he is trying to save goals for our team."

BLAKE JENNINGS

brother for his last two years of his college career and soccer career. He has the advantage over Austin and I, because he got to play two years with our oldest brother and my first two years as well. He embraces the leadership from my brother and passes it down to me where we all just grow from each other. I get to learn from the experiences of both Blake and Austin."

For the next two years, expect to see the Jennings brothers help control the Wabash soccer scoreboard, Blake putting up goals, and Dayton turning them away.

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THOMPSON '14 BACK TO SOCCER

THOMPSON MADE THE SWITCH BACK TO SOCCER AFTER A TWO-YEAR HIATUS

SETH HENSLEY '14 | STAFF WRITER

From the bright lights of Las Vegas to the cornfields of Crawfordsville came a student athlete looking to continue his academic and athletic careers. With the help of past soccer coach Roberto Giannini, the move across country for Bobby Thompson '14 was made a reality.

At the time of Thompson's senior year in high school, Coach Giannini recruited him to play soccer. At first a skeptical Thompson visited and got the feeling this could be his college of choice.

"I came out for a visit and thought to myself I can see this happening," he explained.

One of the main reasons why Wabash was becoming such a strong reality for Thompson was the fact playing two sports was feasible.

"Coach Giannini saw me in a college showcase tournament in Las Vegas and told me I would be able to do both track and soccer at Wabash," Thompson said.

Once he settled in the fall of 2010, Thompson immediately took to the soccer pitch. He played mainly right back and right midfield his freshman year and his play on the soccer team earned him Freshmen of the Year on

the team.

Although Thompson found early success, his relationship with Coach Giannini became strained and he decided not to play soccer his sophomore and junior years.

To fill the void, Thompson decided to run cross-country.

"My Sophomore year I joined cross country because it would benefit me during track season," he said. "If you do not run both cross country and track in college then you are at a four-month disadvantage in terms of conditioning."

Thus began his cross country and track careers. However, with wear and tear injuries due to the demand of running cross-country and track, the sports ultimately worn him out mentally.

"I kept getting hurt running - I would miss a meet here and there and eventually I got mentally burned out with running," he said.

At this point, Thompson was looking for another opportunity to continue his athletic career and to still compete. The hiring of a new soccer coach Chris Keller allowed Thompson just that opportunity.

Matt Paul '13, a good friend and teammate of Thompson encouraged him to give soccer another chance considering the new hire. Thompson did just that going out for spring soccer last year. He made an immediate first impression on Coach Keller.

"Bobby has been great, he worked really hard in the spring and came in as one of the fittest guys this season," Keller said.

Keller also commented on the type of mentality Thompson brings to the



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After injuries derailed his track and cross country careers, Bobby Thompson '14 returned to the soccer team.

pitch.

"Bobby is a blue collar kid," he said. "The kind of kid Wabash really prides themselves on having."

The relationship between both Thompson and Keller is healthy. Thompson explained that this is the happiest he has been playing a sport at Wabash. One of the factors of his happiness stems from the personality of Coach Keller.

"He respects hard work, he recognizes when people are working hard, and lets guys know that he is appreciative of their effort," Thompson said.

This is exactly the team atmosphere

Thompson enjoys being surrounded by.

Although this is Thompson's senior year, he will be returning next fall enrolled as a full time student to student teach and obtain his teaching license. Due to the fact that Thompson has only used up two of his four years of NCAA eligibility in soccer, Thompson will be returning to the soccer pitch as well for the Little Giants. Wabash fans can be certain that Thompson will be returning with his blue-collar mentality that has been on display in all aspects of his athletic career at Wabash.

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

9/20

XC @ Indiana Intercollegiates - 3:30 p.m.

9/21

Football VS Denison - 2 p.m.

9/22

Golf @ Franklin College - TBD

9/23

Golf @ Franklin College - TBD

9/24

Soccer @ Chicago - 4:30 p.m. (CDT)



GOLF GEARS UP FOR FALL SEASON

JOCELYN HOPKINSON '15 |

SPORTS EDITOR • The Wabash Golf team will look to rebound this fall from a disappointing eighth-place conference finish last spring. It returns numerous talented juniors to help improve the team's fall scores.

"James Kennedy was our MVP last year," Head Coach Mac Petty said. "He didn't finish the last tournament well, but prior to that he was playing really well."

Kennedy's struggles in the conference tournament concluded with a 40th-place finish.

Jackson Stevens '15 has also had a solid collegiate career, and hopes to rebound from swing struggles last spring.

"Jackson was strong in the fall, but didn't play as well in the spring as we thought he would," Petty added. "I'm sure they'll be ready to go [for the fall], but we'll just have to wait and

see what the scores are."

The team made positive strides over the past few seasons, but often failed to put two consistent days together.

"Playing golf is about forgetting the previous round," Petty explained. "No matter what you did, you have to come back and get yourself ready to go. That's the same for each year."

The team will utilize the driving range at the Crawfordsville Country Club this year for the second season in a row, which should help players fine tune more consistent swings.

Petty will also look towards are Seth Hensley '14, Nathan Klopfenstein '14, Scott Morrison '14, Logan Burdick '15, and Cameron Taylor '16 to provide consistent competition for the top five spots.

"We have a lot of experience coming back, so I'd expect this season to be much improved over last," Petty

said. "I think Seth will step up as one of our leaders this year and Nate was abroad last semester so I'm looking forward to see him play."

Hensley finished strong last spring when he tied for 10th place in conference. Taylor finished tied for 28th as a freshman.

The fall schedule is packed with five meets all within the same four-week window and Petty has less than a month to evaluate his roster's top players.

The fall season is the nontraditional season for golf, primarily serving as a tune-up for the spring season, which culminates, with the conference tournament.

"We have some strong challenge matches set to see which guys are the top five for the Franklin tournament," he said.

The team will open the fall season at Franklin on September 22.

FOOTBALL ROLLING INTO HOMECOMING

LITTLE GIANTS LOOK TO KEEP FOCUS AFTER BLOW-OUT WIN IN WEEK ONE

JOCELYN HOPKINSON '15 |
SPORTS EDITOR • Perhaps the biggest challenge after a blowout victory is to forget about it. The Little Giants will try to forget about their 69-0 win over Hanover last Saturday in preparation for Denison this weekend.

"We have 33 seniors, and they have taken to our team mantra, 'One at a time,'" Coach Erik Raeburn said. "Hopefully they'll buy into that motto, and make sure our young guys do as well."

Despite the lopsided result, quarterback Michael Putko '16 found plenty to critique after reviewing the film of his first start.

"Our goal is one turnover per game, and we had two, so that is something we'll have to fix," Putko said. "I feel like I did a good job distributing the ball evenly and minimizing the mistakes. But there were a couple of plays I could have hit a different receiver and gained more yards."

Putko contributed to one of the team's turnovers when he fumbled the ball while fighting to gain a first down. However, the fumble was his only glaring mistake. Putko completed 12-of-15 passes for 129 yards and two touchdowns.

Raeburn also found improvements to be made.

"In terms of penalties, we were much better as a team that we were a year ago in the opening game of the season, but we still finished with nine Saturday, including two foolish 15-yard penalties and too many pre-snap penalties," Raeburn said. "All the other areas, we need to sharpen up. Whether it be special teams, offense, or defense. Some of our alignments were a little off, some of our footwork was bad. We had little mistakes that in a closer game can cost you."

Putko knows the mistakes need to be cut down this Saturday.

"I know Denison will be a tougher team than Hanover and it has some pretty good size at linebacker," he said.

Denison will enter the contest undefeated after wins versus Earlham and Hiram. The Big Red's run defense was stout in its two contests, and is allowing the second fewest rush yards-per-game in the NCAC, only behind Wabash.

"Last year, Hanover did the best job of any team we faced in terms of run defense, but Denison was second," Raeburn said. "We'll have to



BY COREY EGLER '15

Sean Hildebrand '14 (Top) went up and snagged his first touchdown of the season Saturday. He caught four passes for 66 yards. Tyler Holmes '14 (Top Right) rushed for 146 yards and two touchdowns on 19 carries. Michael Putko '16 (Bottom Right) displayed calmness in his first college start. He completed 12-of-15 passes for 129 yards and three total scores.

WABASH: 69

HANOVER: 0

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do a better job up front to make sure that doesn't happen again."

Senior defensive lineman Teddy Kuntz has four-and-a-half tackles-for-loss on the year including two sacks. His senior linemate Winters Heafey NCAC Defensive Player of the Week honors last week with five tackles, two sacks, and three-and-a-half tackles-for-loss.

The Big Red offense is quarterbacked by sophomore Brandon Sklenar. He has completed over 70 percent of his passes so far and distributed the ball evenly — 11 different Denison receivers have caught a pass this season.

"They have some young guys who can be explosive if they aren't contained," linebacker AJ Akinribade '15 said. "The quarterback is elusive, but we feel we can bait him into making big mistakes and get pressure on him in the pocket."

Saturday will mark the beginning

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COACH RAEBURN

of conference play. For the first time, the NCAC will have every team play each other once in a round-robin format. Raeburn is pleased with the new schedule.

"I think you should play everybody in your conference," Raeburn said. "I think to win the conference championship, you have to play everyone. Our conference is getting better top to bottom and that means any given Saturday, someone can get you. We certainly learned that last year."

The Little Giants kickoff Saturday



at 2 p.m. The game will cap the 2013 homecoming festivities. Jim Amidon '87 and Steve Hoffman '85 will announce the game with Clayton Randolph '16 as the sideline reporter.

AN APPLE A DAY ...

FOR ATHLETES LIKE BROCK, SLIMMING DOWN MEANS EATING RIGHT

JOCELYN HOPKINSON '15 |
SPORTS EDITOR • Nathan Brock '15
shed 70 pounds since last football
season.

His weight loss might make him a better, more agile player, but more importantly he may have extended his life. The 6-foot, 7-inch, 290-pound lineman has reduced the risk of copious common illnesses — heart disease, arthritis, high blood pressure, and sleep apnea.

“My knees and back feel way better,” Brock said. “I’m not carrying around this extra toddler.”

In fact, Brock was actually carrying around the weight of a 10-year-old boy. 70 pounds also equates to 300 apples, 12-and-a-half red bricks, and 100 cans of beer. The immeasurable results include better sleep, less pain, and a longer life.

The American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM) says obesity can lead to sleep apnea, especially people with larger necks — a trait commonly found among offensive and defensive linemen. Sleep apnea can turn fatal when it obstructs airways during sleep. It contributed to the death of Hall-Of-Fame defensive lineman Reggie White. Brock knew something needed to change.

“I was tired of being overweight and wanted to do it for my health,” Brock said. “I didn’t step on a scale all summer. I was expecting to be somewhere around 315 because that was my goal for football. But I stepped on and saw 290 — that was cool. I haven’t been this weight since I was a freshman in high school.”

Of course, Brock didn’t dump 20 percent of his body weight overnight. He needed patience and the dedication to stick with a new routine. Dr. John Roberts ’83 concisely summed up that routine.

“For younger individuals, the formula is simple — eat less and exercise more,” Roberts said. “It’s also very important to eat smaller meals more regularly. Skipping meals tricks your brain into thinking you may not be eating for a while which results in hormones being secreted to turn on the calorie storage mechanisms in the body.”

Brock exercised extensively over the summer by playing basketball. He also cut his meal portion sizes, but the reduced meals proved to be his biggest challenge.

“The first couple of months were



COREY EGLER '15

By dropping down to 290 pounds, Brock will be more agile and athletic on the field while still managing to push defensive linemen around.

the hardest,” Brock said. “My stomach was too big so I was only eating when it growled so I could shrink it. If I was still hungry after I’d eat something low calorie like an apple — I’ve eaten a lot of apples.”

Brock credited his mom as his biggest supporter. She kept apples in supply and non-fatty foods out of

the home.

The new-figure Brock plays football which has certainly helped. He is more agile and has a quicker first step off the ball. He even resembles the first overall pick in the 2013 NFL Draft, Kansas City Chiefs tackle Eric Fisher.

“Brock is a player I felt can be an

All-American,” Coach Erik Raeburn said. “He is still strong enough that he doesn’t get pushed around up front, but he is more athletic now.”

Raeburn helped motivate Brock over the summer. The Coach challenged Brock to a summer weight-loss competition and made successful losses himself.

In football terms, size has never been an issue for Brock. Even after losing 70 pounds, he will still be able to push around most Division III defensive lineman this season. But what if a player needs to add weight? Diminutive players rarely last.

Roberts said the best way to gain weight is through a well-balanced diet of proteins, carbs, and fats and that a person should also use the advice of a dietician or sports nutritionist.

Nutritional education is something Tony Neymeiyer ’09 preaches to his football players at Baldwin-Wallace University. He said the concern for his players is constantly on his mind.

“I also double as one of the two strength coaches on our team, and am certified by the United States Weightlifting Association (USAW),” he said. “Education is the key — simply telling someone what to do is not enough. Most kids are smart enough to know what they need to do, they just don’t know how to get it done. We try to educate our guys and create plans for them to be successful.”

Neymeiyer is a former All-American offensive lineman that experienced a similar weight-loss experience as Brock. Neymeiyer lost 50 pounds after his playing days, and still maintains a healthier weight 240 pounds. Family circumstances motivated him to lose weight.

“My motivation was mainly long-term health, specifically involving heart disease (which runs in my family) and pain management,” he said. “My father had to lose a bunch of weight the year before I started. See him lose close to 100 pounds was motivational for me.”

Neymeiyer’s experience make him a great example for offensive lineman everywhere because he can relate to the demands of the position.

“I think there is a point of homeostasis in regards to weight, height, muscle mass, and fat content” he said. “This may sound funny, but I often use the term “Quality Fat”



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Apples were a constant snack Brock turned to when he got hungry during the summer. They became a great substitute for more unhealthy snacks.

when we talk about what we want our linemen to look like.

"By this, I mean they shouldn't be excessively heavy in certain areas (stomach, butt, etc.), but have their weight spread out across the body with a higher muscle content. This is the body type we look for in kids that we recruit."

Neymeier faced many of the same challenges as Brock. Neymeier said his biggest test was also dealing with the new portion sizes.

"You can no longer eat like a lineman once you stop being a lineman," he said.

Neymeier also experienced the same positive results; his joints feel much better and notices a lighter and faster feeling.

Brock's and Neymeier's weight-loss experiences provide a successful illustration of shedding pounds. The dedication to a changed routine and persistence cannot be replaced. More importantly, their experiences also show the end result is a longer, healthier life.

RAEBURN CHALLENGES BROCK, LOSES 35 POUNDS

Coach Erik Raeburn has a career record of 105-35, and he added 35 losses this summer, except they didn't appear on the scoreboard.

"I've lost 35 pounds so far," Raeburn admitted with a shy smile. "My back, my knees, they feel much better. I hope to continue my routine even though it's more difficult to do in season."

Raeburn started working off extra weight when he challenged Brock to a weight-loss competition over the summer.

"Lindsey Langford (a sports nutritionist) came and talked to our athletes last spring," Raeburn said. "I went to check out what football guys showed, but she ended up being very helpful. The most important things I learned were to cut out the pop and keep track of what you eat. I've kept track of what I eat religiously with this app, My Fitness Pal."

Anthony Neymeier '09 said he uses My Fitness Pal to monitor his calorie intake as well. The two coaches have each drove themselves to lose weight.

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