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HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

KING '15 BOUGHT DRINKS FOR HIS 21ST

For his 21st birthday, Junior Sky King asked people for a rather interesting request: to buy him a drink. But it's not necessarily what you think. He didn't want people to buy him an alcoholic drink. He wanted people to donate the money they would have spent to buy him a drink to the Thirst Project. The Thirst Project is an organization that works to bring access to clean water for communities in Africa. Sky King raised \$5,246 from 155 donors. He exudes "living humanely" and is definitely some Little Giant.

TWITTER FEED LIVENS UP FLASH DISCUSSION

President Obama deliver his State of the Union on Tuesday, January 28. The Rhetoric Department and Political Science Department partnered with the Wabash College Democrats and Wabash College Republicans to host a watch party and flash discussion afterwards. The watch party setup featured one screen of the President's speech, and the other showed the Twitter feed of #WabashFD. It provided a comic relief, serious discussion, and thoughtful critique.

CYCLING FOR PARKINSON'S

Clayton Lengerich '15 has launched Recycling for Parkinson's initiative at Wabash. Recycle For Parkinson's is a not-profit organization focused on collecting donations for Parkinson's disease research. To further this cause, the Sigma Chi house installed a can crusher, so that brothers can easily contribute to the cause. It also provides a sense of fun – crushing cans with the might of a Giant.

STUDENTS FACE BRUTAL COLD CHILL

The Wabash community has faced some of the coldest temperatures and wind chills in Indiana in years. Because of this, those who have shoveled and laid salt deserve some thanks. Furthermore, the small campus size and short travel time have never been more comforting.

BEIBER FACING HARD TIME IN THE POKEY

Justin Bieber has faced numerous criminal charges within the past week. You can Believe that Justin earned the honor of being tweeted at by Greg Castanias '87 who asked for the young singer's deportation.



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Dr. Herzog has taught numerous seniors through his years at Wabash. He has come to specialize in the ability to retain the attention of seniors.

SENIORS PUSH THROUGH FINAL STRETCH

SAM VAUGHT '16 | STAFF WRITER
• Imagine yourself done with comps, accepted to graduate school, and all set to receive your sheepskin on May 18. You are a second-semester senior. You've made it. What do you do now?

Both students and professors have to get creative when they sail into the doldrums of the final semester at Wabash. When there is little incentive to show up to class and commit to the work, it can create challenges for the academic community.

Professor of English Tobey Herzog welcomes the challenge. He has 18 seniors in his "History of Herzog" class, a course designed to cover the scope of his own research interests and teaching history. "You have to work harder to keep them engaged, having passed comps, obtained jobs, and gotten burnt out," he said.

The seniors in Herzog's class come from a variety of disciplines. They are economics, chemistry, and English majors, and many have post-graduate jobs secured. Many may be asking themselves what the point is. And while this may be enough to convince any professor not to have a class like this, Herzog sees it as an opportunity. "These guys have had three and half years of the Wabash education," he reminds us. "They have stimulating discussions and serve as role models to the underclassmen." Naturally, he must be strict with attendance when the weather gets better, and he tries to keep the readings and activities appealing to these students who may never set foot in an English classroom again. "They are preparing to become life-long learners," he said. "That's one of the goals of this institution."

Across the College, seniors employ their own strategies for dealing with

the semester. Economics major Patrick Carter '14 credits budgeting his semester schedules to having a strong finish. "I set up my schedule so that I would only need one higher level course and two one hundred level courses this semester to graduate," he said. "I took more earlier so I could take three now."

He agrees with Dr. Herzog that the value of the Wabash education is seen in class with other seniors. "Being a second-semester senior makes me more confident in a class discussion setting," Carter said.

The liberal arts shows its strength when Division I students can speak intelligently about rhetoric and a budding classicist can work a Physics problem set with finesse. Seniors emerge from the various crucibles of this education ready to tackle graduate school or the job market.

"I think these classes succeed when professors make the content relevant to the real world," Carter said. "In corporate finance, our final project is a stock analysis. We are using real-world data to create a meaningful project." This is beneficial to seniors who are looking forward to the "real world," post-graduation.

As for Herzog, this semester means more to him than others in the past. He will be retiring in May after teaching at Wabash for nearly 40 years. "I'm working harder this semester, specifically," he said. "This is my last shot." Should all of his seniors live up to their end of the bargain, it should be a great semester.

And as for that ever-tempting senioritis, Carter adds, "I don't have it yet, but I can't speak to where I'll be in two months."

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ICONIC COLLECTION COMES TO CAMPUS

TAYLOR KENYON '15 | STAFF WRITER • Last Friday as the Celebration of Research was wrapping up, another celebration was just beginning. Between the sterile white walls of the Eric Dean gallery hung photographs from some of the most influential American photographers of the 20th century. The antagonistically empty room and full portraits drew all attention to the photographs as if they were lessons; this is what Calisch intended. Professors and students alike were all pupils to these photography giants. All in all, this exhibit celebrated the liberal arts experience and honored our new president, Gregory Hess.

Photography operates within an interesting dimension of the arts. "To understand the photographic process is to know science, human nature, and beauty," Professor of Art and Department Chair Douglas Calisch said. "Photography uses the physics of optics, light, and time. The process is filled with chemical reactions, both active and stabilizing. The photographic process is an undertaking where science meets poetry, and fact merges with imagination."

Without Trustee Kevin Clifford '77, this event would not have happened. Clifford, President and CEO, American Funds Distributors, Inc, designed this event with the help of Bryan Lewis, Chair of the Capital Group Foundation.

"[Clifford] was the head of the presidential search committee that picked President Hess for president," Calisch said. "So he wanted to do something to honor President Hess's appointment. He had access because the foundation that has these photographs is affiliated with the company he is president of. He had access to this exhibition, brought it, and he paid for it to be brought to the College. Kevin Clifford loves this College...and wanted to acknowledge Dr. Hess as the new President of the College. So this was all done by bringing this exhibition here."

Pat Embree '15 was one of the many spectators at Friday's opening. A photographer by nature, this event struck a chord for him.

"I am a studio art major, because at times I feel as though I can express myself more with a work of art than I can through a test or a paper," Embree said. "I am also a very 'hands-on' guy when it comes to learning so art just came more naturally to me, even though I never really had any experience making art until I got to Wabash."

Embree was quite impressed by the exhibition.

"I went to the exhibition on Friday, for one because it was a required event to attend for class, but more importantly to see the works that 'the

seven' most influential photographers of the 20th century as Professor Calisch stated on Friday," Embree said. "Photography is what drew me to the art major in the first place so it was highly inspiring to see work from Ansel Adams and Gordon Parks just to name a couple of the artists. It exceeded my expectations as an artist and viewer. You see a lot of those works in books or magazines, but to see one in person is a totally different experience. It can almost give you chills."

The exhibition affected Embree's own thoughts on his major.

"Seeing this art heavily influences my medium as it is the medium I plan to work with for my advanced and senior thesis work. Although I have been up in the air about what medium I was going to work with, after seeing the exhibit, I decided that I wanted to work with photography. The exhibit inspired me to return to the medium that started it all for me in the studies of art."

German Padilla '15 offered a different viewpoint. Similarly an art major, Padilla found an attraction to mixed media art instead. Yet Padilla did not enter Wabash knowing art was his path.

"After a serious look at my life I decided to major in art," Padilla said. "I had always thought about it but never gave it any consideration because I feared that I wouldn't amount to any success. I attended a Fine Arts grammar school where music and art was present in the yearly curriculum. Many paintings and photographs adorned the halls of my school. If I were to claim where my inspiration came from I would have to say it was from there."

Jesse Caldwell '15 is another art major who attended the exhibition opening.

"Each of these art pieces influenced me," Caldwell said. "Some influenced me by composition while others influenced me by technique. The most influential works were the ones of Gordon Parks. In my opinion, art is about expression. There are many things that can be expressed through art. Gordon Parks was able to express a lot by his powerful pictures of African-Americans."

The exhibit is free and open to the public. The Eric Dean Gallery hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Hours on the final day of the exhibit - Saturday, March 22 - are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. On February 9 at 7 p.m., Senior Curator of Photography at The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art Keith Davis, will lecture about the photographs.

"There is plenty of time for learning, reviewing, and reflecting to be had," Calisch said.



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The historical photographs have been coined as some of the most influential and powerful historical photographs of the 20th century.

IN MEMORY OF OUR OWN
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WHERE WE STAND

HESS COVERS SHOOTER PROTOCOL, HOUSING, REGISTRATION, AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

SCOTT MORRISON '14 | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • College students at schools across Indiana, and much of the country, were shocked at the news of a shooting on Purdue University's main campus in West Lafayette on January 21. As news about the event emerged, the public learned of professors who handled the tragedy poorly.

Some continued to lecture and potentially place their students' lives at risk. There was also some confusion as to whether the campus was closed or remained open once the shooting occurred. President Gregory Hess commented on Wabash's protocols if such a scenario should arise on campus in a larger conversation about projects which have progressed over the last month.

Active Shooter Protocols

"There is just so much uncertainty when these things happen," Hess said. "You always worry about how extensive these things get, so it seems like it ended abruptly and tragically, but it wasn't a long event."

Should a shooting or other tragedy occur on Wabash's campus, there are safety procedures and protocols that will fall into place which the faculty, staff, and local law enforcement have been drilled on. "Every college president puts in place plans and committees to work through some of these contingencies and make sure you have the personnel ready to handle it and have all of the contingencies thought through," Hess said. "The College through its safety committee, through its Director of Campus Security Rich Woods and through our occasional tabletop exercises is prepared for as many contingencies as we can expect."

Tabletop exercises are discussion-based exercises designed to test the College's response to a simulated event such as a tornado or active shooter. During the exercise a scenario is presented to the participants, such as Wabash senior administration, as is if it happening now.

The participants discuss the actions they would take at each stage of the sce-

nario, and the exercise concludes with a debriefing where participants analyze what went well and what items need attention. "Although it is impossible to plan for all scenarios, tabletop exercises allow the administration to hone its operational plans in a safe environment," Safety Committee Co-chair Walter Novak said. "It is important to note that Wabash College has emergency procedures for faculty, staff and students in place, and that these procedures should be reviewed regularly."

These procedures can be found on the "My Bash" Webpage; Emergency Procedures are under Online Tools. College administrators expect that the same emergency text messaging system in place for severe weather would be used to alert students of an active shooter on campus.

"For myself, I know that I am going to do whatever the hell I can do to protect our students, faculty, and staff," Woods said. "We have been running weather and fire drills testing our system and we have seen greater efficiency among faculty, staff, and students. Now people understand that we have been doing this for a reason, and I personally believe if a text when out saying we have an active shooter or shots fired they are going to take quick and immediate action."

As a result of recent tabletop discussions, the College is looking to install speakers in certain basements or areas on campus where cellular reception is poor. Additionally, in March there is a county-wide active shooter drill which a variety of institutions will be involved in: Crawfordsville police, county police, state police, fire and rescue, and different schools.

Independent Men's Housing

The College trustees were on campus last weekend for their first meeting of the semester and reviewed where the College is at in the process of building the independent men's housing.

"We have got an architectural process that has been through some administrative conversations and has been through some conversations with some faculty and students as well and some trustees," Hess said. "The trustees have reviewed it and want to continue to delve into the planning. We are also looking at financing options and how to make the money work. There is a plan to bring the architects back in the next several weeks to do more interactive opportunities with students and get broader student feedback."

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COMPS REFLECTION PROVIDES ADVICE

IAN ARTIS '16 | STAFF WRITER • It is no secret that Wabash administers comprehensive exams - comps -, and it is even less of a secret that Comps are daunting and exhausting. Senior comprehensive exams seek to give a student a few days to prove what he has learned over four years, and what he has taken away from his time at Wabash. These exams are designed not to grill the Wabash man, but to give him an opportunity to showcase his knowledge in his particular major. A student may earn a pass, high pass, distinction – or he can fail. This exam determines whether or not a senior will have a sheepskin in May.

When asked how he prepared, economics major Jacob Alter '14 responded, "A majority of my preparation revolved around previous notes and exams. I went through old textbooks and studied that material. I studied lightly for one week, then intensively for another week. For my German minor, I played DuoLingo, a language learning app. It helped me get a year and a half of German back."

In order to be successful on any exam, a student must be in the right headspace. Going in too confident, or not confident enough, can affect your performance.

"It was difficult not to be nervous, but when I was done and talked to

friends, we realized it wasn't as bad as we thought it would be. We were fine," Alter said.

One of the most intimidating aspects of comps is the mystery of content. While major themes and key concepts are expected, there's not exactly a study guide given to guide a student through the entire exam.

"For econ, it was scary," Alter said. "I knew this was the first year for a new format for one of the days, because they changed the senior seminar class into two halves, macro and micro, we knew the format but not much beyond that. Day two was pretty much blind."

Preparation is paramount in an exam this crucial. Hindsight is always 20/20, but barring any catastrophes, Alter seems confident he did what was best for him.

"I definitely could have put more time in, but assuming I didn't fail, I have no regrets in the preparation I did," Alter said.

Alter left advice for current juniors. "Start studying early, because it helps you to relax for when the day comes," Alter said. "You know the material, so keep that in perspective. For orals, focus on things that you enjoyed and took pride on during your time here."

Comps, of course, are a source of stress and cramming for students.

But what is it like for those members of the Wabash community who administer those exams? Professor of English and John P. Collet Chair in Rhetoric Warren Rosenberg has been on comps boards for over 34 years since he started teaching here in 1980. He helps plan and formulate the questions on the oral and written portions of the exams.



Jacob Alter '14

"The writing parts have basically been the same since the 80s," Rosenberg said. "There is a poem, several poems, or a short work of fiction that the English department hasn't taught. We ask them to analyze and interpret those works, as any successful English major should know how to do. We then have students look back on their careers as English majors and ask them to write about their journey, and how they have grown in their ability to read and write about literature."

From 1980 to now, Wabash has undoubtedly seen many changes. Changes to comps, particularly English, have not been radical.

"For written comps, we used to

give them specific questions that we would formulate, but now, it is a take home essay," Rosenberg said. "We think that better reflects the way students operate. Orals are mostly the same. They used to actually be during classes, so students and faculty would leave in the middle of class to get to comps. Sometimes both students and faculty would forget to show up. Not only are [orals] a great opportunity for students to show how they've grown, but it's actually a wonderful chance for faculty to get to know each other. Even though we're at a small school, we don't have much of a chance to get to other offices in other buildings. It's a chance to meet other faculty."

With wisdom and experience oft come great anecdotes, and Rosenberg shares a story from a psychology comps board he sat on many years ago.

"The student just got so nervous that he literally couldn't even open his mouth," Rosenberg said. "The psychology professor leading the board got up and opened his cabinet, taking out small bottles of liquor, like they serve on airplanes. The student took them and the conversation started and flowed very well after that. The student was of age and the professors did not join in."

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The College owns the block between Wabash Avenue and Milligan Street which run east/west and Crawford and Union Streets which run north/south. The northeast corner of that block behind Cole Hall and Sigma Chi is the spot the College is currently eyeing for the new housing. The area will also require parking and perhaps a tree border to edge that side of campus.

A distinct sequence of events has been planned regarding the housing and student center. "We think after the new housing we would probably want to look at possibly renovating Martindale," Hess said. "Then after that we would probably start thinking through the campus center, but the sequences can change depending on financing options or other opportunities. We are building new housing, so that requires less sacrifice in the immediate run. The campus center would require something to be done about Sparks. That takes a lot of planning."

The administration is hoping that the new housing will benefit the College in the same way the fraternity projects did roughly 10 years ago. "We think there is an advantage of having more guys on campus so that it's got a stronger feel and more gravitational pull on campus," Hess said. "That affects every student on campus, including those who move out of a fraternity even though they are still members of the fraternity. I think as part of this move we have allowed the opportunity to build another fraternity house

on the land back there. There is only one house that isn't currently a college house, so if they are interested we could pull them into the conversation."

Registration Nears the Finish Line

The College has purchased new software called Student Planning produced by Ellucian, which will move class registration online. Ellucian is the same company that provides the College with the Colleague student information system and with Ask Wally, both of which Wabash has been using for several years.

The Registrar's Office will remain open to assist students with questions or problems, but most course selections will be submitted online eliminating long lines. "However, use of the module will require careful work with advisors ahead of time, just as is already taking place, and it will be even more important for students to make sure they have reasonable alternate choices selected in case their first choices don't work out," Registrar Jon Jump said. "Overall, I think this will be a very positive change for students, and these processes will be more efficient and will feel more up-to-date than they have ever been before."

The new system will undergo multiple trials this spring and the fall, but the days of waiting out in the cold are over. "That doesn't serve anyone's purpose," Hess said. "It's a good story to tell your kids and grandkids."



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Hess has taken bold new steps to develop Wabash.

Peebles House to Host International Programs

The College plans to utilize the Peebles House, which is currently empty, as a place to house the College's international programs. "One of the things I asked Gary Phillips, since this is his last year and he has done a great service

to the College, is what is something he really wants to get done," Hess said. "He said he would really like to put more structure to the international efforts. We thought Peebles House would be a great opportunity for that. We expect off campus study to move there and our whole host of student and academic activities to move there."

WE ARE LOSING OUR BROTHERHOOD

STAFF EDITORIAL

Wabash is tough. We all know this fact and experience it on a weekly basis. Especially at this time of year when it's extremely cold and dark when you go to class in the morning and dinner at night, Wabash is not very fun.

We know how hard it can be on us, but we often make this place harder than it has to be whether that is intentional or unintentional. We try to go it alone, or forget that we can take breaks with friends and brothers on campus.

One of the most important ways to get through these winter months is to build a support system with people on campus to help get through these

tough months.

Despite our claims of brotherhood, many of us probably never know what the guy next to us in line or class has on his schedule for the week and how that might be affecting him. Even the best of friends may not know what each other has going on in his personal life.

For such a small campus, it is amazing how isolated we can make ourselves even within our living units, teams, and clubs. It seems that our campus is moving towards a disinterested complacency.

Last Saturday's basketball game against Oberlin started with only two students in the student section. Two students!?! That was a 1 p.m. start on a Saturday afternoon. Do we care that

little about our school and our team?

And that is simply one example among many of how it seems we as a student body are becoming so focused on ourselves.

Once strong and thriving groups are losing their unity and strength. We are becoming more and more fragmented and in some ways, antagonistic toward one another.

It's important for us to be involved in each other's lives. That's what a brotherhood does. You never know the effect you can have on someone with even the smallest conversation or interest. Such interaction can probably give you some much needed rest and enjoyment as well.

Obviously, we each can't take the time to develop deep relationships

with 900 other guys. We can't all be at every event every day. That's not what needs to happen.

Instead, focus on the bonds you already have. Each of us can do more to come together with one another and care. We need to start acting like the brotherhood we claim to be. How can we call Wabash one big fraternity when fraternities isolate themselves, guys do not fulfill their basic duties to clubs or organizations on campus, and we act too busy to meet our obligations to one another?

We can all do better. No excuses Wabash. Pull together.

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

DANGER AHEAD...?

CRACKING THE MYTHS OF HYDRAULIC FRACTURING

As America's dependency on foreign oil has grown, so has the exploration of alternative energy resources. Some of these alternatives include solar power, wind power, ethanol, and more recently, hydraulic fracturing.

Hydraulic Fracturing, or "Fracking," is the process of injecting high-pressure water into rocks in order to release and harvest trapped natural gas.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration estimated that there is nearly 2,203 trillion cubic feet of natural gas available in the United States. To demonstrate the magnitude of this data, consider this: If we extracted all of that natural gas, we could fuel every single outlet in America non-stop for 92 years.

Adrian Kusminski, author of, "Why We Should NOT be Fracking for Natural Gas," isn't convinced—and he's not alone. Many environmentalists, such as Kusminski, have vigorously protested fracking for its potential environmental risks. Instead, they suggest we invest in other safer, renewable resources.

Despite environmentalist determination to expose the "dangers" of fracking, numerous scientific studies have shown that fracking for natural gas is safe. Furthermore, it is apparent that renewable energy,



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such as solar and wind power, cannot efficiently replace the demand for fossil fuels.

Fracking is the future of American energy.

But you may ask: What about the documentary released in 2010 titled, Gasland, which portrayed homeowners in Dimock, Pennsylvania lighting their tap water on fire? The EPA investigated this town and discovered that all substances found in the water were naturally occurring.

Ready for the Plot-twist? The EPA concluded that this incident was not caused by fracking operations. This award-winning documentary, although convincing, was inaccurate.

Since Dimock, PA was featured in Gasland many residents have abandoned their anti-fracking protests. Instead, they have teamed up with the gas industry to insure that crack-

ing is done properly. As a result, this community has benefited from the \$10 billion generated by fracking.

So is it safe? The University of Texas along with the Environmental Defense Fund recently conducted a study showing that methane emissions were actually 97 percent lower than the EPA's estimate in 2011. With the installation of "Green Completion," control equipment, which is mandatory for all fracking sites by 2015, methane emissions will be less than one percent.

By 2015, it's going to be very safe.

It is also more efficient than other alternatives. As I mentioned earlier, many environmentalists have pushed solar power, wind power, and ethanol as alternatives to oil and gas. However, they have failed to answer an important question: Are these alternatives efficient enough to satisfy the current demand?

The answer is simply no. Wind turbines, of which there are a lot of here in Indiana, account for less than one percent of America's current energy supply. The one-third of our corn crop used to make ethanol only compensates three percent of oil production. Solar panels produce even less.

Wouldn't they be more efficient if we invested more money in them

rather than the oil and gas industry? In his article, Kusminski would have you think so. If only, he says, we had an all-out investment in renewable resources, then these options would be sufficient.

Consider this: If we sought to become completely dependent on wind power, we would need to install over two million wind turbines across the United States. Indiana, home to one of the largest wind farms in the world, possesses approximately 900 wind turbines. Likewise, if we considered becoming completely dependent on solar power, we would have to convert South Carolina into a giant solar panel.

These renewable resources just don't cut it.

It is important for us to consider the environmental implications of our actions. Turning a blind eye to the health of our environment is a death wish. So I commend environmentalists for keeping that a primary concern.

However, the debate on fracking has gone beyond environmental concern. Many studies have proven the safety and effectiveness of fracking. Since renewable resources are not extremely efficient, it is time that the United States expands its current fracking operations.

SPIRITUAL PERSPECTIVES

LIGHT AND HOPE IN THE FACE OF DARKNESS

You don't need me to tell you that Wabash suffered a great loss over Christmas break. You don't need me to tell you what it feels like. In fact, you don't need me at all. All that I can give you is words on a page. And that won't do justice to Aronno, nor will it do justice to what we experience when we go through a time like this. So I'm going to take a wide step off my oft-favored soapbox and stop using that dreaded pronoun, I.

We need to admit first and foremost that we can't deal well with loss. As spiritually connected as we feel at times, we are still creatures of the mundane, temporal world, and to be divorced from this world is violent and tragic not only for the one who is lost but for those left behind. And we can't disconnect



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ourselves from that reality, no matter how hard we try. There is no use.

If this is painting a bleak picture, I've done my job. Because this is what grief and loss is like. It is dark and cold and lonely. We all carry some lingering sadness around with us. It is part of the human condition, and it grows in the absence of hope. Yet this I know: we rely on moments

of happiness and joy, which have the power to break through the divisive walls of our sadness.

Aronno was all about joy. He was all about hope. And self-expression. And love, sweet love. Listen to his own proverbial words:

"Celebrate, give back, think and be thankful."

"I'm thankful for...the privilege to live my life the way I want to as opposed to the way I have to."

"Walking on the beach under the moonlight. Precious!"

"Life is good."

These are all moments. And these moments create hope. Hope that crushes gloom and self-pity and loss and anger. Hope that refuses to listen to our mortality.

Aronno had many hopes for us. When you stand up and refuse to be

ashamed for who you are, you are living into that hope. When you give a smile to a hurting stranger, you are living into that hope. When you look into another human being's eyes, and see dignity and worth and equality, you are living into that hope. These are moments too. They are not just ours, but Aronno's. Every time we live into the vision Aronno had for a better world, we share that with him.

And so for moments like these – and sometimes they are only fleeting moments – we sense the abiding presence of eternal joy, and life makes sense again. Aronno makes sense. Light overwhelms the darkness. This joy is never far away. It may not always be felt, but it will return. It's here to stay.

Inna Lillahi wa inna ilaihi raji'un.

STATE OF GREEK LIFE, IN A WABASH CONTEXT

After Christmas I received a newspaper article from my grandmother via email. The article, written by James Greiff, and published by the Bloomberg View, was titled "Fraternities Make You Dumber, and Could Kill You Too." While I spent some time wondering why Grandma decided to send me, a fraternity man, this article, I ultimately came to give the article its fair consideration.

Greiff's article cited "research" indicating that students associated with a fraternal organization on their campus performed noticeably worse academically when compared to independent students. The article also claimed that research performed by three professors demonstrated that association with a fraternity "stunted intellectual development." And the article cited several terrible accounts of hazing at New England institutions that resulted in death and serious harm to candidates of these fraternal organizations.

At first the Greiff's article aggravated me. It was a reckless piece of journalism that attempted to lump every college fraternity into the same category in order that we might all receive public chastisement and humiliation. Greiff also dared to cite questionable research that was at best representative of a small research sample to claim that fraternal organizations hinder academic success and intellectual development. Despite these bolder claims, which lacked explanation and



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detail, Greiff continued the constant public critique of hazing within fraternal organizations. Initially Greiff's article provoked me enough to want to respond in writing to his condemnation of national fraternal organizations. I could accept that Greiff's points on hazing, but his claims that my own intellectual and academic performance was hindered by my involvement with a fraternity struck me as completely inaccurate. However, after some thought, I realized that maybe there was some deeper merit behind what Greiff had written.

I showed the article to the officers of Lambda Chi Alpha during our spring officer retreat. Their initial reactions to the article were similar to my own. They spotted the flaws in the research cited, they pointed out that Lambda Chi Alpha nationally abolished pledgship in 1972 and that the incidents of hazing did not relate to our chapter, and they noted that Greiff most likely wanted to write an article that would

attract a wide readership, so he likely wanted his report to err on the side of generalization and fallacy. However, I believe the point was missed. The point being that Greek organizations are becoming increasingly stereotyped and misrepresented by the national public media. Rarely in a major news source can you expect to find an article that praises fraternities and boasts the benefits of involvement within the Greek system. Such representation poses a threat to Greek organizations everywhere. When these stereotypes exist and are perpetuated regularly in the media, it discourages prospective students from considering joining a Greek organization, it dissuades parents from permitting their children to join a Greek community, and it perpetuates an image of fraternal organizations within our campus and local communities as nothing about trouble.

Few in the inter-Greek community like or agree with this image. However, we cannot choose to pretend that it does not exist. At Wabash, since my time here, the campus has experienced a definite shift toward students more prospective students choosing independent housing over a fraternity. Perhaps this change in the Wabash culture is for the best, and representative of a direction in which the college is comfortable and prepared to move. However, I believe, as a member of a Greek organization, that this move is, in part, related to an image held in the

eye of prospective students of a fraternity and they cannot imagine themselves fitting in and succeeding within that environment. At Wabash, the Greek community needs to acknowledge the obstacles placed in front of us in finding desirable members of our communities. We need to all spend time this semester reflecting on the values and benefits of a Greek community and we need to support each other in promoting a positive image of our respective chapters within the Wabash community and the larger regional community.

I joined Lambda Chi Alpha and a fraternal organization because I believe that there is as much to be learned from my peers as there is to be learned in the classroom. I wanted a college experience that offered me opportunity to feel part of something bigger than myself, which membership to a national fraternity allows you experience in ways that sometimes the college community cannot. I'm not a heavy drinker or the life of every party I've ever been to. However, as a member of a Greek community, I have established closer bonds of friendship than I have experienced at any point in my life. It's magical how you move your things into a building one Saturday in August and by the time the academic year finishes you have made sixty of the closest friends you will ever have. That bond, that brotherhood, is sacred to me.

KEEPING THE SNOW OUT OF YOUR WAY

THE REMARKABLE EFFICIENCY OF CAMPUS SERVICES

ADAM ALEXANDER '16 | COPY EDITOR •

When it snows in Crawfordsville, Wabash students can always count on still having class. Wallies must trek through tunnels of snow established on brick sidewalks to make it to the warm buildings with their classrooms. But many Wallies never pause to consider the process by which those snow tunnels came to be. Grounds Manager Tim Riley leads his division of campus services to clear the snow at Wabash – usually while most of the campus is asleep.

“The College has a snow removal policy, which states that for anything over one inch during business hours, we come in to try to have things removed by 8:00 a.m.,” Riley said. “That’s in the best case scenario, if it snows overnight. It doesn’t always stop snowing – sometimes we’re still removing snow at eight in the morning.”

Riley’s team consists of eight workers, including Riley himself. Lately, they have had to work long hours to keep the College clear of snow.

“We got 13 inches on January 11,” Riley said. “We were here 13 hours. Typically if we get four or five inches, with eight of us, we can have it removed within four hours. But that was just an extremely rare amount of snow. We worked from 8:30 p.m. until 11 a.m.... We plowed everything three times – every parking lot, every road, every walk.”

The grounds team has equipment ranging from a pickup truck to a Bobcat. It also uses a snow broom that can clean the snow off down to the brick, explaining why the College has such clear sidewalks after every snowfall. Typically, the snow removal team begins with the academic buildings around the mall and then spreads throughout the rest of the campus.

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer Larry Griffith oversees the College’s snow removal policies. Griffith controls the contract with Sodexo, the company in charge of Wabash’s campus services. This means that the workers who remove Wabash’s snow are not Wabash employees. Rather, Wabash provides them a budget, and campus services manages it. Wabash pays a flat fee for the employees, and Sodexo determines how many hours they work. With this system, the College does not have to concern itself over how much money to allot to snow removal by attempting to guess each season’s snowfall amount.

“Campus services for us is outsourced,” Griffith said. “Most of my input is how many guys they have to remove the snow, and that is dependent on how much we pay them for our contract.”

Griffith is pleased with the performance of the contracted workers and expressed a great deal of respect for their work.

“I think overall, our guys do a wonderful job,” Griffith said. “When you think about how big this campus is, how most of our sidewalks are brick, and the traffic patterns we go through, and the fact that these guys are responsible for setting up for the football banquet, or setting up for the trustee and student meeting on Saturday night. Also, the roads – they’ve got to get in here. And when it’s six degrees below zero, we’re thinking ‘How am I going to make it from Center Hall to Sparks?’ They sit in a snow plow for four hours without a heater.”



Riley echoed Griffith’s thoughts, mentioning that the work takes a toll on his team.

“It’s very hard work,” Riley said. “All I ask is – especially with heavy, wet snows – just be patient. Each shovel weighs 50 pounds, and it does weigh on our bodies. We’ll get to you, it just may be later in the day.”

Riley mentioned that his team prioritizes high-traffic entrances. For example, some living units may have side doors cleared while leaving front steps covered, if few students use the front door of their living unit. He also asked that students be mindful of how they park their vehicles when it snows.

“For my safety - double parking in fraternity parking lots makes it very difficult for me to remove snow, especially on the corners,” Riley said. “We do the best we can without damaging any property. It makes our job a bit stressful.”

Given that these workers do not get to decide when the snow falls, the entire Wabash community owes Riley’s team gratitude for keeping Wabash’s sidewalks and streets clear.

“Think about their dedication and the number of hours they put in – they do a really good job,” Griffith said. “You look around downtown – it’s not as nice as here. Our campus is generally better kept than downtown.”



PHOTOS BY COREY EGLER '15 AND TANER KIRAL '17

Above, pictures of campus services’ handiwork.

BITCOIN: FAD OR FUTURE?

FRITZ COUTCHIE '15 | STAFF WRITER • Bitcoin, a digital currency, may be the most important emerging monetary force in the world. Since Satoshi Nakamoto invented the cryptocurrency in 2009, Bitcoin has been a polarizing topic.

Bitcoin has no central bank or regulatory agency. It was coded so that a certain number of bitcoins can be discovered or “mined” using an online mining application. That number will continue to grow until it plateaus near 21 million bitcoins in 2140. When two individuals wish to use bitcoins as a medium of exchange, one would send it through their Bitcoin wallet to the other’s wallet by means of a public key or address. An individual’s bitcoins are stored in a digital wallet; all transactions are secured and then stored anonymously on the Bitcoin servers to limit the total numbers of bitcoins in existence.

Theoretically there are multiple advantages to using bitcoins as a medium of exchange. The transactional fees associated with Bitcoin are much smaller than with a traditional banking system, bitcoins can be used in every country where one can access the internet, and there is little current regulation on the use or store of bitcoins. Bitcoins can currently be used to buy many everyday objects, and an increasing number of vendors are choosing to accept them.

Not all reviews of Bitcoin are positive. The exchange rate between bitcoins and United States Dollars fluctuates greatly. Both Brandon Dothager '16 and Associate Professor of Economics Christie Byun agree that the fluctuation of value can be damaging to the potential success of Bitcoin.

“Bitcoin has a future if the people that buy into it are using bitcoins believe in it and accept it. The problem is now people are buying it just for the sake of speculation, and it is basically creating a bubble. Speculative buying kind of messes up the usefulness of Bitcoin because it makes it hard to identify the true value of a bitcoin. Prices contain information; they contain signals. If speculation occurs such that the value of a bitcoin booms past what its fundamental value should be, it is impossible to know if it should be trusted to conduct transactions,” Byun said.

However, Dothager notes the potential for long-term stability.

“Maybe the value [of a bitcoin] isn’t stable now, but because of the limited number of coins that can be made, it may be more stable than other currencies long term. We won’t have a government that manipulates the value of the currency and that will help build confidence in it,” Dothager said.

Bitcoin has an uncertain legal standing nationally; the United States Treasury ruled that Bitcoin could be

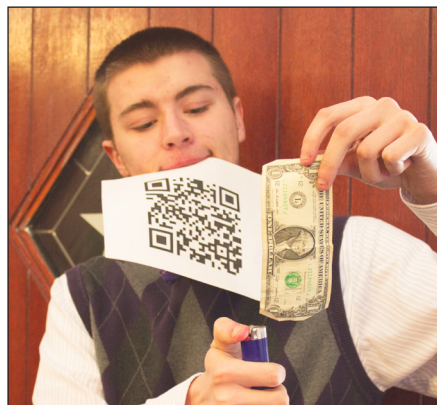


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Brandon Dothager '16 pretends to burn a dollar bill

regulated as a money transmitter such as PayPal or Western Union. Both California and New York are proposing regulation on the use of the digital currency. Restrictive regulations could negatively impact the value and usefulness of bitcoins. Another troubling aspect of Bitcoin is that it appeals more to speculative investors and criminals than the average individual.

Regardless of the future value of a bitcoin, digital currency will impact the regulatory and monetary policies of the world economy.

WHAT'S ON?

THE RADIO,
THE TV, THE MOVIES



SHERLOCK: SERIES 3

PBS/BBC
SUNDAY AT 10 PM

★★★★☆

The newest season of the BBC’s hit series “Sherlock” concludes this Sunday on PBS. This season has seen a more human and emotional Sherlock Holmes, although that isn’t saying much. The two previous episodes are online at PBS.com, with the first two seasons available on Netflix.

ONE MORE THING: STORIES AND OTHER STORIES

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Originally known for his role as Ryan on NBC’s “The Office,” Novak has strayed somewhat from his gig as an actor, instead producing an odd and unique short story collection, looking for, as “The New York Times” puts it, “Insight among the world’s irks and quirks.”

THE FOLLOWING
FOX, MONDAYS AT 9 PM

★★★★☆

The tale of serial killer Joe Carroll should have ended last season, when FBI DNA testing confirmed he had died in a massive explosion. But what would Ryan Hardy (Kevin Bacon) be without his nemesis? Starting this season as bloody as the last one ended, “The Following” continues to be one of the only pure thriller’s on television, bearing more resemblance to “American Horror Story” than a random police procedural. Hopefully, this will always be the case.



PHOTO BY SHANE XUAN '17

dexterous while in the cold, wear gloves, but if merely walking from one place to another, mittens are the better choice. They create a pocket of warm air around your hands and are warmer than gloves. Whatever you do, keep your hands, face, and head covered.

So whether you’re headed to class, walking downtown (please drive if you can) or going to the fifth meeting of the week, keep warm and bundled up.



Above, a brave student risks frostbite to walk to class. Below, three students display adequate cold weather clothing.

HOW TO COMBAT THE ARCTIC

FREE KASHON '17 | STAFF WRITER • Rain, snow, sleet or hail. Nothing will keep Wabash men from reaching their classroom destinations. While gaining involuntary training as mailmen, students have become walking bundles of scarves, gloves, hats and sweaters as the daily struggle to survive the bitter cold continues on. Though some of the adventurous types have been seen wearing shorts to class, most of us would like to avoid frostbite, so here are some guidelines and opinions on how to survive this weather.

Most of us are just trying to make it to class in one piece, so the main idea is to layer up and keep warm. The main guidelines, as described by Weather.com, are layering up, protecting extremities, and removing moisture. The last one is very vital; if one has too much sweat or water on their body, it will freeze, which further causes problems. This is especially important when exercising in these bitter temperatures.

Be sure to wear dry-fit or other moisture wicking clothing to keep the sweat from chilling your body. Since it is so cold, definitely wear a middle layer for insulation. This will keep you warm, especially your core, which is where all of your blood flows through.

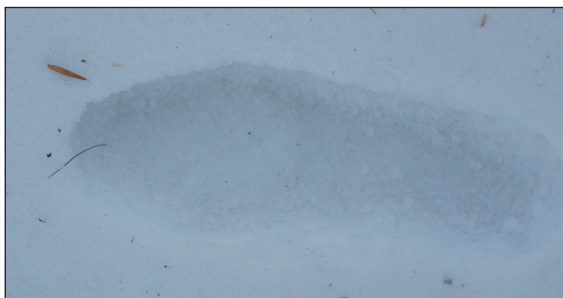
Finally, the final layer should be a protective covering that can block the wind and keep external moisture from reaching your body. Though some of our classes are merely a two minute block away, it is still important to wear these layers.

Every Wabash student knows the pain of forgetting hats or mittens. Well guys, if you don’t have either one of these, get them as soon as you can. Nearly sixty percent of the heat the body generates is lost through the top of the head. To stop Mother Nature from robbing your inner furnace, wear a hat that covers both your hair and your ears, which are naturally sensitive to the cold due to their thinness and large numbers of blood vessels.

Gloves or mittens are also important. If you need to be

WABASH IN WHITE

A PHOTOJOURNALIST'S VIEW OF CAMPUS



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TENNIS MIXES YOUNG & OLD

JUSTIN MILLER '17 | STAFF WRITER

The Little Giant tennis team is filled with enthusiasm entering the upcoming spring season. The team, composed of experienced upperclassmen and talented newcomers, looks to vie for a top position in the North Coast Athletic Conference.

"This is my tenth year at Wabash and I fully expect this year to be one of the best," Head Coach Jason Hutchison said. "We have a good mix of senior leaders and strong freshmen who have really shown some good things."

The lack of widespread collegiate experience seems to be a weakness. However, Coach Hutchison believes the freshmen are ready to do great things.

"The young guys have already played in a lot of high profile, high pressure situations," he said. "They've been in big-time situations. So I think that when they're in a Wabash College tennis match they're going to be good."

"Reminding [the freshmen] that they've already seen everything they're going to see here, the seniors who have been here for four years are helping in that aspect."

Nate Koelper '14, one of two seniors on the team, does not take this responsibility lightly.

"Being one of two seniors on the team the leadership does fall on Wade [Miller '14] and me, especially with the large number of freshmen," Koelper said.

"We try to provide a good example by working hard in practice and the off season workouts, as well as sharing our knowledge and experience with the younger players because experience is a huge factor in the transition from high school to college tennis."

The large influx of youth on the team has also brought a lot of energy and enthusiasm. But the ability of the leaders to focus the energy will be a key task to finding success during the season.

"When we started doing some conditioning drills, early on the freshmen were pretty eager and were winning a lot of the sprints," Coach Hutchison said. "All of the sudden, once we got into it and the seniors got their feet back underneath them, it was more so the seniors who were winning because

they didn't want the young guys beating them."

Mark Troiano '15 thinks this added competitiveness will be what makes this year's team better.

"All our players are competitive against each other," he said. "In years past we've had three or four players at the top, but everyone now can beat each other on a given day making us all better."

The NCAC is a difficult conference and success will depend upon improving every day. Still, the team expects success.

"The team is capable of finishing in the top four teams of the NCAC which is good considering the stiff competition," Koelper said. "We have the opportunity to give DePauw and Denison a run for their money."

The Little Giants start their season 9 a.m. Saturday at Augustana College.

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

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Tennis @ Augustana - 9 a.m.
Wrestling (JV) @ U of Indy - 9 a.m.
Track & Field @ Rose Hulman - 12 p.m.
Tennis @ Edgewood (Augustana) - 1 p.m.
Basketball @ Wooster - 2 p.m.

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Tennis VS Franklin College - 5 p.m.

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Mark Troiano '15 is one of the experienced tennis members looking to lead the team.

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BASKETBALL EARNS KEY VICTORY

LITTLE GIANT FRESHMEN STAND TALL IN VICTORY OVER OBERLIN COLLEGE

JOCELYN HOPKINSON '15 |
SPORTS EDITOR • Wabash withstood a strong second-half push from Oberlin Saturday, and held on for the 57-52 home victory. The Little Giants led by 10 points with six-and-a-half minutes remaining, but the Yeomen amounted a 10-2 run to cut into the lead. However, the Little Giants made the plays in the final minute to seal the victory.

“Our defense was resilient, especially in the second half when we really needed it because our shots weren’t falling,” Coach Antoine Carpenter said. “Although Oberlin was able to make a run, we were able to finish off the ball game by getting a couple of key shots at the end.”

Kyle Aiton’s key shot came on a float-er to give the Little Giants a two-possession lead with 12 seconds remaining, 57-52. The bucket also gave him a game-high 20 points, and the freshman has averaged 21 points-per-game in his

last three contests.

Another Wabash freshman provided one more impressive stat line. Center Daniel Scofield hauled in 15 rebounds, despite spraining his ankle in the first half. He also scored 4 points, handed out 3 assists, and dealt with Oberlin’s big man, 6-foot, 9-inch Randy Ollie.

“We have a lot of big guys on the team so I’m used to battling down low,” Scofield said. “When it gets to the game, nothing changes except the opponent. After going against the same guys every day, it’s fun to beat up on somebody else.”

Each team’s big men took a beating as fouls added up. Pete Nicksic had two fouls and Scofield finished with four for Wabash. Ollie also had four, his last one coming at the 11:51 mark in the second half.

“The main focus was just to keep him off the block,” Scofield said. “If we could get him out in space, he wasn’t quick enough to beat us down off the dribble. I basically just had to try and muscle him off, and he did the same thing at the other end. It was a true battle.”

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PHOTO BY COREY EGLER '15

Kyle Aiton has stepped up as Wabash’s scorer, averaging 21 points in his last three games. The Little Giants are battling for a spot in the NCAC Playoffs.

SCOLA EYES FUTURE

DEREK ANDRE '16 | STAFF WRITER

Each January, some of America’s best college football players travel from all parts of the Country to play in the USA Football Bowl, contested this year in Hoover, AL. Wabash’s Nate Scola ’14 was on of those players selected for the game.

The USA Football Bowl served as the capstone for a senior season which saw Scola be named the NCAC Defensive Player of the Year, an Honorable Mention All-American by d3football.com, and finish his career sixth all time in Wabash Football history in tackles for loss.

While Scola’s success may have culminated in the end of season accolades of his senior year, the groundwork for it may have been laid with the devastation of a knee injury during his sophomore season. As a team the Little Giants made their way to the elite eight of the NCAA Tournament, Scola was forced to watch the run from the sidelines as an ACL tear five games into the year current his season short.

“2011 was definitely a rough year for me,” Scola said. “I played five games and tore my ACL and it was devastating. But the mentality that I approached it with was that everything happens for a reason. We ended up having a great year that year...and it kind of hurt. I played five games of that but it still hurt that I

couldn’t be a part of the North Central game or the Mount Union game because those are the games I looked forward to when I came to Wabash.”

The rehabbing process was a vigorous one for Scola, but one that went surprisingly well. Just six months after tearing his ACL, Scola was cleared to return to normal activities. Being up to three months ahead of schedule, Scola spent the rest of the off season trying to further strengthen his surgically repaired knee and get himself back into football shape. It was during this process that Head Coach Erik Raeburn feels that Scola made the jump from being a good player to a great player.

“At some point coming off that knee injury [was when Nate went from good to great],” Raeburn said. “At some time over the course of that junior year I’m sure there was some doubt in the back of his mind whether his knee was going to hold up. I think those first couple of games as a junior he got the confidence he needed to know that the knee is back, it’s going to hold up, and playing like he always had would be ok. So I think during that junior year...was the moment when he emerged as a leader and his play went from good to great.”

Over the past two seasons the accolades have racked up for Scola, but as his time in college comes to a close one goal still remains: playing professional



PHOTO BY COREY EGLER '15

Scola makes a sack on Wittenberg’s quarterback in last season’s game (above).

football. Last spring two NFL regional scouts came to campus to scout Scola, but he readily admits that the NFL is not his only option. For Scola, both the CFL (Canadian Football League) and the AFL (Arena Football League) are both options he has looked into in order to achieve his dream of playing football after Wabash.

“I don’t want people to get the idea that I’m shooting straight for the NFL,” Scola said. “I’m 5’10”, 230 pounds. Is it realistic of me going to the NFL? No.

Could it happen? Maybe. So I’ve got to be realistic and look at the CFL or AFL and know those are going to be the first steps that I need to achieve before I get to the NFL level.”

Scola took a step towards the NFL in the USA Football Bowl. He earned the London Fletcher Award, given to the best Division III linebacker participating in the game. Fletcher is a former Division III linebacker and has started for various NFL teams over the past decade.

TPI PROVIDES EDGE FOR GOLF

SETH HENSLEY '14 | STAFF WRITER

It may be sub-freezing temperatures outside but that has not stopped the golf team from preparing for when the snow melts and the grass grows green.

In fact, the Wabash golf team has been working smarter and more effectively than ever before. This is due to the offseason Titleist Performance Institute (TPI) evaluations and workouts. TPI is a golf fitness program that ultimately bridges the gap between kinesiology and the golf swing.

To help lead this offseason effort is Crawfordsville Country Club, Head Golf Professional Tony Roth. Roth works with the team during the season as well, but this year offered TPI assessment and workout plans to further unleash its potential both as a whole and individually.

"Most golfers, at any level, have certain physical limitations that hinder their golf swing. Regardless of talent level, TPI seeks to improve the golfer's bodily function in order to achieve their most efficient swing possible," Roth explained.

TPI instruction is intended not to complete a full swing overhaul, but rather it is there to find each individual's most effective swing.

Any golfer can develop a golf swing that produces well over time, but that does not function at its most efficient state. TPI aims to identify the physical limitations of a specific golfer and design workouts to strengthen those limitations. Ultimately, TPI strengthens, stabilizes, and makes more flexible key golf bodily movements in order to most effectively produce solid golf shots.

Junior golfer Nick Sommer was one of many to take advantage of the TPI workouts.

"I like TPI because it is personalized and I know the workouts will directly benefit my swing and the areas I know I need to improve on," Sommer said. "I'm anticipating that these workouts will get me in better shape, make me more flexible, and will give me better control and more power in my golf game."

With the goal of winning conference at its home course this spring, the team understands that it'll need to take advantage of every opportunity to improve and get better.

The one on one attention the golfers get from Roth doesn't stop after the initial assessment. The assessment ends with a video lesson of the player's swing, which

is then emailed to the player. Using the V1 Golf coaching software and app the players can record their swings and send the video to Roth for him to analyze. Roth can then do a voice over and draw lines on the video and send it back for immediate feedback.

"For the Wabash team, I have advised most of them on their swing mechanics and the potential is there with every one of them to be really good players," Roth said. "Bringing the TPI system to some of them this off-season is a great way for them to attack their physical limitations before the season starts."

With the Spring break trip to Arizona quickly approaching the team is in high gear getting ready mentally and physically. Shortly after spring break the team begins their busy schedule full of competition. Knowing that the conference tournament will be played on their home course is even more motivation for the team to prepare to play its best golf yet.

With the help of Roth and his belief that the TPI assessment and workout program is sure to help each of them achieve their goals as individuals and as a team. There is no doubt the Wabash Golf team will be a team to keep tabs on comes this spring.



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Nick Sommer '15 thinks TPI will prove beneficial for the Wabash Golf Team.

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"Staying healthy is my biggest concern," he said. "There have been workouts that Coach Morgan has pulled me out. There has also been meets that weren't too important, so he kept me out of those. He's just trying to make sure I don't overdo it early."

Indoor track will challenge Sambo with a learning curve, literally.

"I'm basically a freshman at indoor," he said. "It's been a challenge for me because I'm a top-end speed guy. Running the 60 is all about mechanics and angles coming out of the box. The 200 will be tricky because the turns are tight and I'm really long, so I can't fit into the curve right."

Sambo still has some time to learn. NCAC Championships are scheduled for March 7 and March 8 at Denison University. Nationals are set for the next weekend at the University of Nebraska.

In the months between now and then, Morgan will make sure his team doesn't settle.

"Every time I see the guys getting a little complacent, I remind them that they don't want to be the group that let the alums down," Morgan said. "The problem with these guys is, they never lost it. The guys that just left had a taste of losing conference, but these guys don't."



PHOTO BY COREY EGLER '15

Coach Morgan listed Joey Conti '15 (above) as a guy that has stepped up.

FROM **BASKETBALL**, P. 13

Ollie finished the game with 8 points and 8 rebounds.

Kasey Oetting paced Wabash in the first half with 13 points, and finished the game with 15. Oetting and Aiton shot a combined 14-of-15 from the free-throw line as the Little Giants made 19-of-25.

Saturday's game marked the start of the second half of the conference schedule for Wabash. The Little Giants' previous game at Oberlin ended in a disappointing 17-point loss. Scofield credited a fast start as the difference this time.

"We knew it was important to come out strong because this team can compete," he said. "It was really important to get the lead and keep it throughout the game."

The Little Giants lost at Wittenberg Wednesday night, 70-50.

At the half, the team only trailed the Tigers by six, but Wittenberg was able to pull away in the second half. A big factor in the loss was Wabash took a season-low 8 free throw attempts on the night.

Daniel Purvlicis '16 led the Little Giants with 12 points on 5-for-10 shooting. Oetting also had another solid offensive effort, pouring in 11 points.

Their next game is at the College of Wooster for a 2 p.m. start.

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TRACK FOCUSED ON FUTURE

JOCELYN HOPKINSON '15 |
SPORTS EDITOR • The Wabash College Indoor Track team has established itself as the North Coast Athletic Conference team to beat. Two straight titles by a combined 118 points end any argument to the contrary.

How does a team with so much dominance not get complacent? Coach Clyde Morgan said it focuses on the future.

"We don't talk about what we did last year," Morgan said. "We talk about our vision and our goals. We spend a lot of time talking about preparation — how to prepare your body and mind to go to the next level."

This attitude is most evident in Morgan's coaching of the hurdle group, led by Ronnie Posthauer '15. Posthauer finished second in

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COACH CLYDE MORGAN

conference as a freshman before he took home All-American honors last year with a fifth-place finish at the NCAA Division III Championships. Posthauer is one of three Wabash hurdlers inside the nation's top 50. Nathan Mueller '15 and Matt Dickerson join Posthauer while Adam Wallington is tied for 51st on the list.

"Right now I'm challenging them (the hurdlers) to not look at times and work on fixing some things so they can run faster later," Morgan said. "I'd be doing Ronnie a disservice — just because he's an All-American — to keep doing the same things. He's ready to go to the next level so I'm giving him different stuff. We don't like to sit on talent and success in our program."

Besides complacency, leadership poses a problem. Copious amounts of talent and loud voices graduated last spring, and the team is still looking to fill the void.

"We had guys on this team last year that were loud and got us pumped up," Posthauer said. "They graduated

and along with the other older guys, I'm trying to figure out how we'll take their place. I'm trying to push myself out there and be more of a leader.

"I definitely can't match the leadership style of last year's guys — they were a lot louder than I am. I guess I'm trying to find my own style. But I want to keep that same atmosphere we've had in the past. Those guys were really great at just being loud, and I think we've struggled with that somewhat in the early part of the season."

Morgan listed multiple guys as potential leaders and captains for the team, including Joel Beier '14, Nick Boyce '15, Joey Conti '15, Derek De St Jean '15, and Billy McManus '15, and Dalton Boyer '14.

"I like leadership guys that have been through adversity and came out of it," Morgan said. "He (Boyer) had a rough year last year and dug himself out of that hole. Getting any type of national accolades as a team is going to depend on leadership."

Despite a disappointing spring in track, Boyer earned a second-place finish at the NCAC Cross Country Championships, and helped Wabash reclaim the conference title.

De St Jean won both the shot-put and weight-throw events at last year's conference championship. His performance earned him Field MVP honors.

Numerous athletes without the recognition hope to make a splash this season. Freshman Aaron Schuler currently paces the team in the 60-meter dash with a time of a 7.16 seconds. Joel Whittington is fastest in the 200



PHOTO BY COREY EGLER '15

Alfred Sambo is healthy and ready for a big junior season. He already made the conference qualifying time in the 60.

and 400-meter dash. Alfred Sambo '15, in his first indoor action of his career, posted a conference-qualifying time in the 60 when he ran a 7.29 at the University of Indianapolis.

Sambo missed the first two seasons due to hernia and groin injuries.

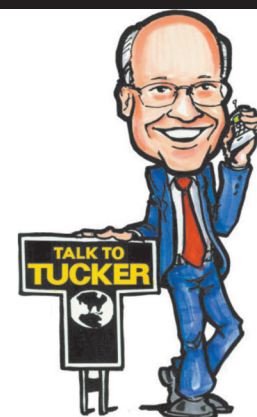
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