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CHERISH THE BELL

JOCELYN HOPKINSON '15 | SENIOR STAFF WRITER • Joe DiMaggio was hitless in the 57th game. Cal Ripken ended his own starts streak at 2,632, and the UCLA Bruins failed to win an eighth consecutive title. At some point, Wabash’s run in the Monon Bell game will end.

“Both teams have had their low points in the rivalry, but they always rebound and it swings back in their favor,” running back Tyler Holmes ’14 said. “We can’t be complacent as a team or as a Wabash community and think that the Bell is always going to be here. This rivalry is so great that at some point, DePauw is going to be able to compete with us again.”

Wabash will go for a rare sixth straight win against DePauw University on Saturday. Little Giants need to appreciate the current streak and good times they’ve enjoyed in the rivalry. Dwight Eisenhower was President the last time Wabash won six in a row. They roared through the 20s to set a record seven consecutive wins from 1921-1927. The Tigers have never won six in a row, but twice won five straight.

The standings suggest DePauw will compete this year after blowouts in the last four meetings. The Tigers are 7-2 overall, just a game off the Little Giants’ 8-1 mark. DePauw has a young, ascending team hungry to win the Bell. Meanwhile, current Wabash students have never experienced a silent Bell Week.

Students don’t know what it’s like to lose the game, but alums do. Coach Aaron Selby ’06 experienced a 14-7 defeat in 2004.

“Our guys felt that a little bit this last week having lost to Wittenberg, but it doesn’t even compare,” Selby said. “The feeling is just not good. It’s like somebody ripped your heart out and there’s no way to get it back until the next season. I remember them going over and grabbing it, and see the disappointment on our sideline.”

If the team without the Bell is winning or if the game is close, the Bell is moved to either end of the field. The winners then run down and carry it off. In the 2004 matchup, the Little Giants arrived at the ball game with the Bell, but it

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HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

HORIZONTAL STRIPES? GIRLS ON A WEDNESDAY?

Tuesday night, DePauw failed to take the Bell. The Theta Deltas and Kappa Sigs allegedly had a run in with a fake Sphinx Club member. The imposter was given away by his horizontal stripes (instead of the traditional vertical design). It quickly became clear that he was acting as a diversion for another group coming up from behind. After being spotted, the twenty DePauw students were chased back to their cars by four Theta Deltas. Later in the week women were spotted sited on campus. This inherently suspicious fact was made more suspect by the fact that several were sporting drawn on mustaches. They didn't get the bell.

"BOOM BABY!"

They say luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity. Daniel Scofield '17 had an opportunity Tuesday night against the Anderson Ravens he won't forget for a long time. Scofield grabbed a rebound and launched a one-handed, full court shot at the end of the first half that banked in. He might deserve two high-fives.

DOES IT ALMA MATTER?

A lone Theta Delt participated in this Tuesday's for his house. Three other Fraternities participated with FIJI taking first overall.



A CLASS ACT

New Little Giant Basketball Coach Kyle Brummett made the slickest move off the court Monday night. The Little Giants had just completed an exhibition game against Anderson University and had sang "Old Wabash." The new coach went to the door as the crowd filed out to shake hands and thank people for coming. Now that's setting a standard for other coaches to follow!

EBOLA RELIEF CONCERT

Montgomery county churches will unite for a relief concert this coming Sunday at 7p.m. The concert will feature choirs from the five participating churches, the Vanity Theater *Inspirations*, and the Wabash College world music group *Wamidan*. The concert is sponsored by One in Christ, a coalition of Montgomery County churches. The event takes place at the Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church, 307 South Washington Street.

SPRING REGISTRATION BEGINS WITH NEW SYSTEM



COLIN THOMPSON '17/PHOTO

Associate Dean of the College Jon Jump shows students how to use the new registration software online. Students are still advised to prepare alternative, to be prepared for their registration appointments.

FREE KASHON '17 | STAFF WRITER
• Wabash has finally decided to step into the 21st century, at least when it comes to registration. Losing the tradition of paper registration, the college has decided to utilize a new system called Student Planning. This interface - which tracks class schedules, distribution fulfillments, and allows for the entire Wabash course catalog to be accessed at the click of a button - has been put into full effect.

The new system, implemented this year for the first time, was first addressed in the spring of 2013, according to Jon Jump, Associate Dean of the College. Dean Jump, who spearheaded a task force combining selected faculty, staff, and students, said that he was pleased with the new system.

"We chose this system because it seemed to fit the best with how we were doing things," Jump said.

It allowed for advisors to still have the final approval." Both the Registrar and advisors looked for this aspect. They wanted the new system to keep the process in the hands of the advisors and to prevent student error.

If Wabash men have been reading their e-mails, they will find this to be true. Students are encouraged to submit anywhere from six to 11

possible courses for their potential spring semester. Advisors will then help their students decide which classes will actually work. When they are approved by their advisor, students will get the clear to register for classes next week. Dean Jump enjoys this aspect of the system.

"Though it's electronic, it's basically the same process," Jump said. "While you may have used paper before, now you're getting your classes plugged in right there [in the system]."

Both students and faculty alike have welcomed the new change. Every class on campus except for this year's freshman have dealt with the old system, and many are welcoming the change. Bilal Jawed '17 had positive things to say, considering his previous experiences.

"Long gone are the days of competing for 'that last seat' while wearing your pajamas, bundling up, and waiting for campus services to unlock Center so you can wait some



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PIZZA CAUSES FIRE SCARE IN WOLCOTT

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COLIN THOMPSON '17/PHOTO

An ill-fated frozen pizza would have been the end of Wolcott. Tim Livolsi '16 saved the day when he spotted the smoke from the burning pizza.

TIM HANSON '17 | STAFF WRITER • Many Wabash men have been calling for smoking rooms here on campus but there is doubt that a smoldering oven is what they had in mind. Tim Livolsi '16, was checking on his laundry on Nov. 2 in Wolcott basement to discover the oven pumping smoke that was filling the entire room.

It's very fortunate Livolsi had arrived when he did. He ran upstairs to the second floor and grabbed two of his friends, Cameron Dennis '16 and Korbin West '16. They proceeded to air out the smoke and put out the fire by dousing it with water before any real damage could be done.

"I was sitting in my room watching football when Cameron Dennis came knocking on my door...by the time I got down there, the fire was out but there was still a lot of smoke," said Riley Lefever '17, Wolcott Hall Resident Assistant.



Riley Lefever '17

They opened doors and fanned out the room while notifying the authorities.

"It reminds me of what I've known ever since I arrived here," Richard Woods, Director of Safety and Security, said, "that our students take corrective action and see to it from beginning to end."

The source of the fire is an example

of how dangerous fast-food can be. The source of the incident was none other than a cardboard box pizza left in the oven, of all things.

"Sporadically throughout the year, we have things happen," Woods said. "This just happened to be one where someone's good intentions ended up going a little south.

The upside was that our students recognized it quickly and took the right action."

Since the incident, fire systems around campus have been upgraded.

"Morris and Wolcott are equipped with basic fire alarm systems that include smoke detection in the hallways of the first, second, and third floors. The incident in the basement of Wolcott Hall several weekends ago demonstrated the current need for both buildings to have detection added to the basements. Our fire protection contractor provided a quote at our request the following week. New detectors were added to the system on Friday, November 7," David Morgan, Director of Campus Services, said.

It goes as a reminder for students to take safety precautions as necessary. Always be careful, stay aware and don't panic if in a stressful situation, and please, above all else, do not put card-



Director Rich Woods

left with DePauw players ringing it.

"Typically, when you lose that, it's the last game of the year," Selby said. "I remember the game going on, just feeling completely helpless to the situation because I had broken my leg and couldn't play. Having played in the game three other years and winning all of those, it was pretty tough on me. To know that it was the seniors' last game, it was a really bad feeling."

While Selby knows the feeling of losing the Bell, his players can only imagine it. Holmes claimed that nightmare is motivation enough.

"Quite frankly, the thought of what it would be like is enough motivation to myself and the rest of the team to make sure that doesn't happen on Saturday," Holmes said. "We'll go out there and play with the intensity that this game deserves. Having an opportunity to get close to a record like that in this heated of a rivalry is a testament to the consistency we have here as a football program, and as a school."

The rivalry will provide a needed adrenaline shot to Wabash after a painful loss at Wittenberg last weekend. The Little Giants know that sulking will open the door for an upset on

Saturday.

"I don't think we have to explain it that much to them," Selby said. "They understand not only the significance of the rivalry, but also moving on. In football, there's a short turnaround before the next contest. If you let the previous game linger, obviously you're not going to be successful the next week."

If the Little Giants put last weekend behind them, they will likely ring the Bell for another year. However, the 40-point victories seem to be a thing of the past.

"They have more experience this year and all around are a better team," Holmes said. "They're going to get the right type of players and you can see a transition coming."

There likely won't be any words to fully describe Wabash's deflated campus when that transition does occur and DePauw takes the Bell south for the first time in many years. Until that happens, appreciate these good times. Give the Bell a ring. Falsely claim DePauw's mascot is a very specific type of bird. Cheer wildly at the game. Just know that it won't always be like this. All sports streaks eventually end, and the Monon Bell game is no different.

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RUSH SPEECH SPRINGS NEW IDEAS

JADE DOTY '18 | STAFF WRITER • White hats, blue hats, green pots, and an occasional shaved head, are some accessories and styles you may see students sporting in the fall semester. But what if these fads became more in-style during the spring instead of the fall? What would happen to Wabash if freshmen didn't rush until the second semester?

But moving rush to the spring is not a decision it is a question. Brady Quackenbush '18 raised the question during an advocate speech he gave in Professor Abbot's Rhetoric 101 class arguing for rush being a second semester activity. With the new student housing, more freshman will be able to live independent, which raises the question of moving rush to the spring. Quackenbush '18 said, "Students will have more time to make a decision and fraternities will see the real conduct and character of students." Quackenbush '18 pointed out that students would be able to focus on their schoolwork more and get more involved on campus.

"Most students who go through pledging would say that their grade would be better if they were an independent." Quackenbush '18 said. It is a claim that could be well supported throughout campus. The first semester of freshman year is usually the most difficult for most Wabash students. Most high schools that students come from do not have near the workload that a Wabash class can have. So most students do not adapt right away to the heavy workload and their grade suffers. But adding pledge ship to that makes it even more difficult for a freshman to excel in school.

Most fraternities do compensate for that though, Ryan Gross '17, president of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, said "During pledge ship the pledges at our house have mandatory study tables for four hours every school night." A lot of fraternities on campus compete with one another to see which house can have the highest GPA, and it is an honor to be the number-one house. So most fraternities will push their pledges to get good grades more than anything. But still this being said, it can still be overwhelming for a freshman to balance pledging a fraternity and school.

If students were given the fall

semester to just focus on grades and other activities they're involved they might be able to excel in school and receive good grades. That could also be beneficial for fraternities, in a sense they could see which students did better in school than others and it could reinforce their decision to bid them or not.

"With one semester under a freshman's belt it will be easier to make a decision whether to rush or not." Many freshmen come to Wabash with the idea of rushing right away then many realize it's not for them. Dedicating a large amount of the semester taken up by pledging and then just to not become part of the house, it is a large waste of time. Many find out they cannot balance pledging with school and other extracurricular activities and have to leave the fraternity deep into the semester.

With freshmen having one semester of experience, it could also be beneficial to the fraternity. Quackenbush '18 talked about that idea during his speech, fraternities could see who students truly are at Wabash College and have a whole semester to see what they are like instead of two days on Honors Scholar and a little bit before school starts. Most freshmen that come into Wabash succeeded greatly in academics, sports, and other activities at the high school level, that's why they are going to Wabash. So looking at a high school background could not be enough for a fraternity to determine whether or not a student deserves a bid.

Moving Rush to the spring does have a lot of pros, but rush at Wabash is different than most colleges. Rush Chair at Fiji, Samuel Hanes '16 said "Rush at Wabash is unique because it exposes prospective students to Greek life at Wabash before they become students most importantly, fraternity rush during Honors Scholar Weekend is a huge selling point for the college because it captures the uniqueness of Wabash's Greek and campus unity as well as social life." Rush is unique, freshmen living in the house as pledges, bids are given out senior year of high school. It might hurt the college if rush was moved to the spring. There are also traditions so connected with pledges during the fall here at Wabash it seems almost impossible for Rush to move to the

spring. Mac Norton '17, current Rush Chair at Beta Theta Pi, said "Wabash's rush has a lot of tradition and I can't see it being moved." Chapel Sing, Homecoming, Guarding the Bell, and other activities are all too traditional to move at all. If rush was moved to the spring all of these traditions would have to move as well or other students would have to participate besides pledges.

The Idea of Rush moving to the spring is a different and interesting topic to most freshman students. But as a whole campus Wabash is said to be too traditional to move Rush at all and it is unlikely it will. So white hats, blue hats, green pots, and some shaved heads are still currently a fall



Dean Marc Welch '99



Wesley Deutscher '17

more inside," Jawed said.

Wesley Deutscher '17 also had good things to say about the new system.

"It sounds excellent for study abroad students, especially when you're trying to do your four year plan," Deutscher said.

Now that everything has been moved indoors, students will no longer have to freeze in the pre-dawn hours in hopes of getting all their selected classes. Though most of campus is undergoing a large change, there is an important part that has never known the joys of a 4 a.m. wake up call on Registration Day.

Michael Foote '18

said that he likes the program and that it's really simple to use. This is a great sign for the future. With all of these changes, it's potentially comforting to know that the newest generation of Wabash Men are prepared for a vital step of campus life.

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Thanks to Liz & Coach Raeburn, Tyler Wade, the "Stag" Committee, and everyone else for a successful new pre-game tradition, the Spirit of the Monon Bell!

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Samuel Hanes '16

ROKITA '92 RE-ELECTED TO CONGRESS

JASON VANMETER '18 | STAFF WRITER • Part of being a Wabash man is acting responsibly. After all, acting responsibly is a huge part of our mission. Part of acting responsibly is exercising your civil rights, such as voting. It can be an arduous task to obtain absentee ballots or set aside time to visit a local voting location, but it is important to not neglect this responsibility as an educated citizen. Having said that, this years midterm election was rather interesting, especially for Wabash men. Two alumni ran for the District 4 Representative seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Todd Rokita, class of '92, left Wabash an Eli Lilly Fellow and with a Bachelor of Arts degree in hand. Rokita attended Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law and graduated in '95. Rokita has previously served as the Indiana Secretary of State from '02-'10 and has served in congress from 2011-present. Rokita represents the Republican party in district four and was re-elected this fall for another term in congress. John Dale '83, was Rokita's democratic opponent. He teaches at Western Boone High School and coaches wrestling. He previously served as president of a local teachers' union.

Rokita, the incumbent, handily won the election.

"Let's be bold," Rokita said to speaker John Boehner in a phone conversation. Rokita addressed a few concerns of

his while visiting a local Arni's during his district tour. One of which was the Affordable Care Act. Part of his plan as a congressman is to repeal in part or full this act. He mentioned that, "Medical device taxing," was something that he stood against. The only problem is that by removing medical device taxing, the funding for the Affordable Care Act is removed, further increasing our debt.

Health Care was a large topic of conversation while Rokita was visiting Crawfordsville. When asked to comment on healthcare, Rokita replied that "We over insure." When asked to elaborate on that point, he simply stated, "It's not insurance, it's like a gym membership." That was a strong point to make, but there is truth to it. A constituent present commented that: "When I was growing up, we were always taught that health insurance is like car insurance. You don't want to have to use it but it's always good to have it just in case."

The tour was cut short because Rokita had to speak in Greencastle. Before leaving, Rokita left his constituents with a comment in regards to the election and a comment crediting Wabash College. Rokita stated, "Wabash is where I learned to think critically. This is a skill I use everyday." He also added before leaving, "I feel that John Dale didn't think critically think during his election. He teaches our children. I hope he doesn't run his classroom like he did his campaign."



MARCUS HOEKSTRA '18/PHOTO

(Above) Todd Rokita speaks with constituents in Crawfordsville before the election. Pictured alongside Rokita are staff writer Jason VanMeter '18 and Mayor Todd Barton '00 (Top Right) Rokita recently won re-election.

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BAND OF BROTHERS

Most of you who know me well know that I tend to be a focused guy, and sometimes it's hard for me to cut loose. A recent experience reminded me of that, and I feel like many of us can relate. Wabash is tough; it takes a lot of hard work and focus to thrive here. But just as much of all of that is important, so is the ability to lay back and enjoy your time at this special place. We only have a little bit of time here, and we will look back wishing we could have had more. If it weren't for my pledge brothers, sometimes I think I would forget that. I want to examine that "brotherhood" we all have to be thankful for at Wabash.

As a freshman, an upperclassman told me that as important as our times in the classroom with professors are, it's the time outside of them that matters most. Shortly after we leave this place, our grades won't matter nearly as much as what we learned about ourselves. As I prepare to enter the "real world", I realize that the time I've spent at Wabash has been instrumental in changing who I am. I am a better brother, friend, colleague, and hopefully one day father and husband because of



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the discussions, advice, and experiences I've had here. Those lessons I've learned indeed haven't come solely from the classroom, but every other corner of this campus as well.

When someone asks me about leadership or decision making, Wabash has provided quite the education on those issues. As a fraternity leader for 74 other guys who count on you, you learn quickly what it means to serve others, and the sacrifices leaders have to make often. As I finish that year as a leader I can say I'm proud of what I've done but I am also ready to hand the reigns to a new generation of leaders. Leadership at

Wabash is tiring; I've often thought that if Congress were simply full of men and women who had lived the experiences like the leaders of Wabash most problems would be quickly solved. Not because we're smarter, but simply because Wabash men have to learn how to compromise. We are all pretty headstrong and believe we're right. The humbling lesson in compromise I've learned over the past four years has been one of the best educations I could have received.

When I think back to my favorite moments of college, while I will love the relationships I forged with my professors and the interesting subjects I've studied, it will be those 3 a.m. conversations after a party. The subject doesn't matter; sometimes it's politics or religion, and sometimes it's sports or girls. But it's the way those conversations flow, and the mutual respect we leave the room for even the most disagreeable positions. I have met plenty of people who I couldn't disagree more with, but when they're Wabash men, I find myself able to disagree vehemently with them but to also count them as close friends.

Finally, as Tim Haffner '82 said a few weeks back during his Chapel Talk, Wabash is the last place you'll get truly constructive criticism. I know that I can count on my brothers, both fraternal and Wabash alike, to bring me up or down depending upon what I need. When I've lost family members during my time here, it was my Wabash brothers who I leaned on, and who showed up for me to lean on. I can't imagine life without the guys I've spent my last four years with, and how important they will be in the years to come.

As my time at Wabash comes to a close, the time I spend on campus becomes more precious. Every walk past the chapel, interaction with a professor, and football game marks a tally on my final days here. I've grown to love Wabash and consider it my home and those who call it home my family. In the words of President White at my ringing in ceremony, "we few... we happy few... we band of brothers..." I am proud to call all of you my brothers and to spend my final Monon Bell Game as a student with all of you. Wabash Always Fights.

KEEPING IT RINGING

As Monon Bell Week approaches its pinnacle, I've found myself reflecting more and more on the traditions that make this campus tick. As one spirited, fortified unit, we rally each year around a single goal: Win the Monon Bell. With our heads shaved into Monon Mohawks and our (often dirty) 'staches now in mid-season form, we enter the battle zone—fueled, of course, by a healthy amount of Rhynie burgers. I'm sure it seems crazy, looking in from the outside. But this is who we are, and I'm proud to say I've been a part of it.

Thankfully, we all know what it's like to win the Bell and hear



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its incessant *Ding-Ding* ringing throughout campus for days on end. We, too, know what it's like to walk through the Allen Center doors and see the bell shimmering high above our heads as it rests in its case. Some of us (of age, of course) may even

claim that the taste of an alcoholic beverage just seems sweeter when taken from its bronze rim. But I guess that startles me. Truth be told, that's all any of us know. Not a single one of us has lived on this campus without the Monon Bell. Let that sink in for a moment. We haven't experienced the deafening silence an absent bell leaves like some of our past Wabash brethren. We haven't walked through the Allen Center only to see an empty plastic case sitting alone above the doorway.

Men, do not become complacent in light of our recent victories. Just because we personally haven't felt the sting of defeat, doesn't mean we need to. I say this not out of spite or

discontent—I say it out love for this place. We are a special college, and quite frankly, I remain convinced that DePauw University and Wabash College are two very different entities. I mean, when the going gets tough, we begin chanting Wabash Always Fights. What do DePauw fans do? Pack their bags and leave their team to fight alone after halftime.

We have a significant task ahead of us, as we do every year Monon Weekend. Reclaiming what rightfully belongs on our campus will require a full-campus effort. To use the words of Coach Morgan, let's Turn Up this Saturday and show DePauw that they have no business being in Crawfordsville.

FOR THE PLACE WE CALL HOME

My friends in the economics department are more familiar with the tragedy of the commons than I am; however, our earth is faced with a huge tragedy. John Broome, in a video publication by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, says that “It costs individuals nothing at all to dump their greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. It costs nations very little to dump their own gases into the atmosphere, but the harm done by that is bore by people all over the world. That means that the atmosphere gets overused as a dump for greenhouse gases and that is the tragedy of the commons.”

In 2013 the United States emission of greenhouse gases increased 2.9% from 2012 while the world witnessed a global increase of greenhouse gas emission of 2.5%. Meanwhile, many



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of us have sat idly by and contentedly used our atmosphere as a dump. We have waited too long for policy makers to litigate change in Washington.

I don't believe bureaucracy and bipartisan policies will bear the burden of change. Policy makers certainly hold tremendous influence, and resources, to stimulate a response to global climate change. However, the change required is

deeper than that.

With seven billion people inhabiting the planet, the human risks are apparent. As Elizabeth Kolbert notes in *Field Notes From A Catastrophe: Man, Nature, and Climate Change*, “A disruption in monsoon patterns, a shift in ocean currents, a major drought—any one of these could easily produce streams of refugees numbering in the millions. As the effects of global warming become more and more difficult to ignore, will we react by finally fashioning a global response? Or will we retreat into ever narrower and more destructive forms of self-interest? “It is time to shed self-interest and respond.

In an increasingly polarized political climate, the change must come from us. Our generation has inherited the cost of the industrialization of the world and it will be our generation

that must fashion a response to global climate change. For me, the response must have three components. First, it must be based in scientific evidence and fact. Human emission of Carbon Dioxide and other gases into the atmosphere is indeed causing the global temperature to rise enough to allow the onset of dramatic changes to our climate. The scientific debate is over; we must now listen to what our scientists are telling us. Second, our response must be individual and local.

We have the privilege of making many choices in how we choose to use our resources, and therefore it is our responsibility to make choices as consumers that protect the integrity of our earth. Thirdly, our response must be rooted in deep empathy for the earth and all the life that calls this place home.

CHASING DOWN EXCELLENCE, NOT MEMORIES

Perhaps it's because I and the other seniors are at that uniquely terrifying place in our last year where on and off campus deadlines are looming, but so are so many of our “lasts” - (last Bell game, last class registration, last Winter Break, etc.) - but over the last few weeks I've become the most reflective version of myself. These days my brain continually plays the comparison game: how does this year's online registration compare to the years where we waited in the cold, or this year's Bell Week to last year's?

Of course, the dread of Comps is starting to surface too, which predisposes seniors to think retrospectively – anything to avoid dwelling on the next two months.

Those scrambled feelings about the



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past eventually funnel down to a single train of thought: how far has Wabash come in the time the senior class has been here? I find myself irrationally, incredibly concerned with the legacy that this senior class will leave behind.

Frankly, a single opinion column halfway through the school year is not the place to explore that train of

thought. In fifty years, perhaps, that question will be almost answerable.

Likewise, I would love to spend the next 300 words detailing how Wabash was different three short years ago, and boring you with descriptions of what life was like in the fall of 2011. I could probably even weave a moral into the recollections, in true old-timer fashion.

However, there's a small problem that arises every time we try this: when we tell our memories, they become fictions.

To some degree, every retelling of a memory is a fabrication. By splicing together actual memories, constructed memories, and our expectations about how those memories should make us feel, we come up with the end result: an over-arching “memory”.

In short, this is why anecdotal comparisons to Old Wabash are often problematic. Those stories are incredibly important, and useful, and they should be told. But the “back in my day” stories also have limits, and we ought to recognize those limits.

Which finally, perhaps, brings us to the only firm thing that the senior class can pass on to younger Wabash men: the recognition that comparisons to the past rarely get you as far as striving for excellence in the present; chase excellence for its own sake, or for the sake of the future.

Oh, look. I've successfully managed to write one of those overly-sentimental, overly-zealous, Hoorah-Wabash opinion pieces I disdained so much as a freshman. So it goes.

MONON BELL STAG CANCELLED: DEPAUW ADMINISTRATION TO BLAME

PATRICK BRYANT '16 EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • The Monon Bell Stag will not take place this year due to a decision by the DePauw administration to not attend. Yesterday was the first time since 2000 that the Stag wasn't held, the event traditionally being held the Thursday prior to the Bell Game.

"We've always had tepid support at best from the DePauw administration," Steve Badger '87, President of the Indianapolis Association of Wabash Men, said via telephone. "They had made it clear for whatever reason, and they never explained their reasons, did not prefer the format of the event that it was a stag. In the view of the board it would not have been the same to not have the DePauw contingent."

"...While we roast each other and make fun of each other, we do respect the other institution and its alumni."

STEVE BADGER '87

Badger said that on the eve of a meeting between Wabash and DePauw alumni to discuss DePauw's objections, the DePauw administration sent out a notification that said it wouldn't be attending.

"We wanted to engage in a conversation with our DePauw colleagues to see what it was that



Tom Runge '71

caused the objections and try to address things cooperatively," Badger said.

According to Jon Pactor '71, for many years a part of the event's planning committee, the

Monon Bell Stag was first held in 1965. Over the years, the event has featured a number of very famous roasters. For Wabash, those include former President Lewis Salter and retired NFL player Pete Metzelaars '82. For DePauw, they've had roasters like former head coach Tommy Mont and Brad Stevens (DePauw '99), head coach of the Boston Celtics.

Badger said that although the event had a "tortured" history of on again-off again, and different DePauw administrators not attending, the stag format ultimately drew the most attendance from both sides.



Jon Pactor '71

"For many years the stag format has been used and was successful in the view of many who attended it," Badger said. "The context of that was while we roast each other and make

fun of each other, we do respect the other institution and its alumni."

Tom Runge '71, Director of Alumni and Parent Programs, said this year's Spirit of the Monon Bell is an effort by the IAWM to celebrate the rivalry with DePauw despite its administration's decision to pull out of the Stag.

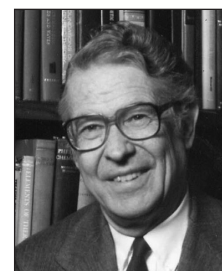


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Often, DePauw alumni brought a dummy to the stag to represent a member of the administration. Former DePauw President Robert Bottoms rarely attended the Monon Bell Stag.

"Our Indianapolis alumni body, in an effort to maintain the positive aspects of the Monon Bell rivalry, decided to introduce a new event that brings Wabash alumni, parents, students, faculty, and friends together to get fired up for the game as well as celebrate this historic rivalry," Runge said via email.

Yesterday's inaugural Spirit of the Monon Bell event took place instead of the Stag was held at the City Market in downtown Indianapolis. The event was "co-ed" for DePauw alumni and featured heavy hors d'oeuvres and a beer vendor. The program lasted roughly 15 minutes and featured President Gregory Hess, Head Football Coach Erik Raeburn and his wife, Liz, and



Lewis Salter

Admissions Counselor Tyler Wade '12, who Runge said would give a preview of the game.

"The idea is to bring the Wabash community together in an event that's

very casual," Badger said. "Any time you make a change like this you hope that it can build over time and really become a great event, so that's really what we're hoping to rebuild a little bit in a different direction."

THE PHILOSOPHY OF A DESIGNER

DYLAN BROCK '18 | STAFF WRITER • Philosophy is the fundamental study of knowledge and reality. The reality is not many people believe video games are valid source of media. Often the mechanics of games are placed before their aesthetics, reflections of human value and belief. Most discredit video games as trivial means of entertainment. Visiting Wabash this week the lead programmer of Skyrim, Bret Douville spoke Wednesday about the philosophy of game design.

"Aristotle didn't have much to say about video games," said Douville during the presentation. There are not many studies about video games since they have been around for less than a century. The truth of video games is that they require the talents of a variety of individuals from philosophers to physicists. Video games are developed through

a long process of critical thinking and problem solving. Douville and Professor Michael Abbott hope to change student's perspective of games in the course they will be teaching next semester about the philosophy of game design.

Humanities 277, Designer as Philosopher, will focus primarily on human values in game design. As Douville said, games are about human values. Many contemporary games are routed in the developers' belief and values. Douville used the Sims as an example. In the Sims the player controls multiple characters which always need something. These Sims represent the endless cycle of human desire and consumption.

"Video games are primarily interactive sources of media," Said Douville "The Mona Lisa doesn't

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Bret Douville explains that video games reflect the values and beliefs of their creators.



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Also as a player you directly interact with the narrative and values of the game. Dr. Abbott

“Aristotle didn’t have much to say about video games.”

BRET DOUVILLE

believes similarly. He teaches the freshman tutorial, the Art and History of Video Games.

“Students have asked before if it was possible to have a course like this and learn to develop a game,” Abbott said.

With the premier of Humanities 277, the little giants have the chance to learn basic programming principles. Students will be expected to collaborate and develop their own game within the course. These games will explore human interactions and the principles taught in the course.

Those in the course will grapple with the conflicts of technology, narrative, and other elements of video games.

This was made possible through the new Digital Arts and Human Values Initiative (DAHV) here on campus. Thanks to professors like Abbott, the proposed initiative has already earned a grant from the Mellon Foundation. This grant will allow visiting artists such as Douville to come teach on campus. The goal of the initiative is to provide unique courses from the Theatre, Music and Art Department for the next three years.

“It gives students a chance to expose themselves and possibly consider a new career,” said Abbott.

The characteristics of the initiative are collaborative, creative, and outreaching approaches to student’s learning environment. DAHV will allow students to network with visiting artists in collaborative work environments. DAHV wasn’t proposed to study “art for art’s sake” but to embody the liberal arts experience that Wabash is known for. Humanities 277, Designer as philosopher is only the beginning of the Initiative. Pay close attention to student these upcoming years. Many more courses are being planned for the near future.



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Professor Michael Abbot '85 discusses the possibilities of the Digital Arts and Human Values Initiative.

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5 LAWS ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS SHOULD KNOW

JACK KELLERMAN '18 STAFF WRITER • It's Bell week. Classes are starting to slow down for the week and the Bell hysteria is coming to life. What does that mean? Booze, women, and impulsive actions controlled by an inebriated mindset will all be prolific - Intoxicated on the thought of beating Depauw for the 6th consecutive year, of course. These three elements are conducive to making a front-page story in the Indianapolis Star. This does not happen at Wabash, where men are held accountable for their actions, and strive to be gentlemen in all facets. Except when we destroy Depauw, we can allow for a little unabridged emotion of pure superiority. So how do Wabash Men seem to keep their nose out of trouble during the biggest game West of the Appalachian Mountains? Is it their integrity, their tolerance, or the lack of Excise officers snooping around? Whatever the case, this should help maintain a rather clean streak Wabash has maintained, five laws Wabash students should know.

Indiana Code 7.1-5-7-7. It is illegal for minors to knowingly possess or consume alcohol. I believe this is a well known law, but what I wish to direct you towards is another sub clause of this code: transporting alcohol on a public highway when not accompanied by at least one of his/her parents or guardians. As pledges, driving brothers around and helping with the big weekend is important, just keep in mind that even though it isn't yours, nor have you consumed any, be wary because it is illegal.

Public Intoxication, according to Indiana Code found at in.gov, is a Class B misdemeanor for a person to be in a public place or a place of public resort in a state of intoxication caused by the person's use of alcohol or a controlled substance (as defined in IC 35-48-1-9), if the person:

- (1) endangers the person's life;
- (2) endangers the life of another person;
- (3) breaches the peace or is in imminent danger of breaching the peace; or
- (4) harasses, annoys, or alarms another person.

(b) A person may not initiate or maintain an action against a law

enforcement officer based on the officer's failure to enforce this section.

One may enjoy intoxicating spirits, but when it starts to infringe upon other's enjoyment and safety, a line is crossed.

Public indecency and public nudity. Indiana's public indecency law states it is illegal to engage in sex acts, fondle oneself or expose oneself to another person to arouse oneself or the other person. The misdemeanor offense is punishable by as much as a year in jail, although the second offense is a felony. Keep it in your pants - you can expose yourself all you want in the privacy of your own room later. Interesting enough, public urination falls under a public nudity law, which was enacted in 2003. Public nudity and or urination is a low level misdemeanor, punishable by as many as 60 days in jail, and is more serious if the violator intended to be seen, second offense, or done on a park of school grounds. This weekend, there may be a lot of hydration from a variety of beverages, which would call for a lot of bathroom breaks.

While Mother Nature is the original outhouse, try to keep in mind we have upgraded to indoor plumbing, and that is slightly less illegal to use.

Battery. Indiana Code regarding battery reads:

Sec. 1. (a) A person who knowingly or intentionally touches another person in a rude, insolent, or angry manner commits battery, a Class B misdemeanor. However, the offense is:

- (1) a Class A misdemeanor if:
 - (A) it results in bodily injury to any other person;
 - (B) it is committed against a law enforcement officer or against a person summoned and directed by the officer while the officer is engaged in the execution of the officer's official duty;

So when a Denny comes around talking trash think twice before you put them back in their place. Luckily, all the hitting during the game falls under amnesty; otherwise Wabash would have a lot of Class A misdemeanors from all the bodily injury they will be exposed too.

Indiana's Life Line Law. If you get nothing else from this article, take away this law. It grants immunity for



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There's reason to believe that there will be an Excise Police presence this weekend. Students under age 21 shouldn't drink and those of age need to be careful this weekend.

alcohol offenses. The law prohibits a law enforcement officer from taking a person into custody for a crime of public intoxication or minor possession, consumption, or transportation of an alcoholic beverage if the officer, after making a reasonable determination and considering the facts and surrounding circumstances, reasonably believes that:

(1) the officer has contact with the person because the person requested emergency medical assistance, or acted in concert with another person who requested emergency medical assistance, for an individual who reasonably appeared in need of medical assistance due to alcohol consumption; and

(2) the person meets other requirements. A person may not bring an action against a law enforcement officer based on the officer's compliance with or failure to comply with this prohibition. Provides that a person meeting these conditions is immune from criminal

prosecution for public intoxication or minor possession, consumption, or transportation of an alcoholic beverage. After hearing from Senator Merit, the author of this law, it has been expanded to encompass drug use as well. The aim is to protect the lives of the youth when they need medical help. If there is a situation that looks dire, don't be afraid to step in. Help a fellow Wabash man see another day, if it looks like there has been too much consumed for one sitting. Some may question if it holds true, and let me tell you from personal experience, it saved one of my good friend's life, I called, and it made all the difference.

While none of this is to call a stop to any action by a Wabash man, it is to inform Wabash of what some of the laws in Indiana could mean for this weekend. If you are interested in looking into more criminal laws, they can be found at in.org. Keep in mind, even though excise officers haven't traditionally been at the game, they are located in town. It wouldn't take long to mobilize.

EDITORIAL PROGNOSTICATIONS

DEREK ANDRE '16 | SPORTS EDITOR, THE BACHELOR • Fresh off their first loss of the season, 21-15 defeat against Wittenberg, the Little Giants are angry.

For the third straight year, the Little Giants are behind the eight ball when it comes to an NCAA at-large bid with one game to go. For the third straight year, they'll likely need to dominate and possibly even humiliate the dreaded Tigers of DePauw to get a sniff at an at-large bid. Lucky for us as fans, the chances of a Wabash win look pretty good.

Let's start with the offense. It's not much of a secret that Wabash has been a run first team all year, and neither is how good they've been on the ground. The platoon of Tyler Holmes '14 and Mason Zurek '16 have combined to rush for 1560 yards on 245 attempts for an average of 6.4 yards per carry.

Holmes and Zurek are first and fourth in the conference in yards per game, respectively, and Wabash leads the NCAC in rushing yards per game as a team. Both backs are also tied for the conference lead in touchdowns, with each having nine. If the Tigers want to have any chance on Saturday, they're going to have to figure out how to slow down Wabash's backfield dynamic duo. Notice I said slow down, because they're both too good to be outright stopped.

While the Little Giant rushing attack is the strength of the offense, the aerial attack is no slouch either. Starting quarterback Michael Putko

WABASH PREDICTION

WABASH: 38

DEPAUW: 14

'16 is tied for the conference lead in touchdowns, second in completion percentage, and first in yards per attempt among qualifiers. Combine Putko with two NCAC top-ten receivers in Drake Christen '17 and Houston Hodges '15 and you have a passing game to compliment the Little Giant's dangerous running game.

So, it's pretty much a fact, Wabash has a good offense. But the defense is really the strength of this Little Giant team. Let me just list a few national statistics for Wabash's defense this year:

Total defense: second.

Rushing defense: fourth.

Team sacks: first.

Scoring defense: twelfth.

Third down defense: fourteenth.

Need I say more? The Little Giants are ridiculously good on defense. Cody Buresh '15 is in the top-twenty in the country in tackles for loss. His brother, Ethan Buresh '17, is in the top-twenty in sacks. Like I said, Wabash is great on the defensive side of the ball. So far this year, DePauw has been a run first team, something that plays right into the hands of the Little Giants. Unless DePauw can break a Wabash defense that has stymied the opposition all season, expect more

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JACOB LYNN | SPORTS EDITOR, THE DEPAUW • For DePauw's seniors, this is their last shot. One final chance to defeat the Wabash College Little Giants, one last opportunity to win the bell that has eluded them their first three years at the university.

And now there's a chance. It's not a great one, but there's a chance.

In order to turn this possibility into a reality, the Tigers are going to have to be able to run the ball.

In a way, this running key will come as a form of defense for the Tigers. The Wabash offense is loaded with weapons and in order to keep them off the field, DePauw is going to have to run the ball consistently and eat the clock.

After the exit of Nikko Sansone last year, the Tigers had question marks coming into the season in the backfield. As the season has gone on, we've seen the emergence of a three-pronged rushing attack.

Leading the way for the Tigers is junior Amen Galley with 342 yards and six touchdowns. When Galley needs a breather, DePauw head coach Bill Lynch has turned to first-year surprise Jack Gruber as replacement. Through nine games, Gruber leads the team with eight rushing touchdowns. Rounding out the DePauw backfield is sophomore Jason Kirchoff who has just over 300 yards rushing, 4 touchdowns and leads the team with 5.9 yards per rush.

The three have combined for over 1200 yards and 20 touchdowns this season and as a whole, the Tigers are averaging over 200 yards on the ground per game.

However, the Wabash defense will, in my opinion, be the best defense the

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Tigers will face this year.

The Little Giants are giving up a miniscule 55 yards on the ground per game this season and holding opponents to an average 1.6 yards per rush.

Leading the way for the Wabash run defense is 221 pound outside linebacker Cody Buresh, who has 80 tackles for loss this season and is third on the team in tackling.

The Wabash offense doesn't have many holes, either. The Little Giants average over 250 yards per game rushing and nearly 200 yards per game by way of an aerial attack.

Senior Tyler Holmes leads the attack, needing only 95 yards on Saturday to break the 1000 yard mark on the season.

Meanwhile, junior quarterback Michael Putko's greatest strength has been his ball security. Starting all nine games so far for the Little Giants, Putko has a completion percentage over 60 and has only thrown three interceptions.

In my opinion, the Tigers have got to move the ball consistently on offense. They need to be able to run the ball inside and wear out Wabash's strong front seven.

As far as weight goes, Gruber is the biggest running back the Tigers will bring into Saturday's Monon Classic, listed at 181 pounds. He needs to be able to use that size and run downhill through holes created by the offensive

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CROSS COUNTRY LOOK TO REPEAT AS NCAA GREAT LAKES REGION CHAMPS

MICHAEL LUMPKIN '18 | STAFF WRITER • With a current rank of 15th in the nation, Wabash Cross Country will enter Saturday's regional race as the favorite. It is a high expectation to live up to and a testament to the team's talent. The squad has put itself on the map with its vast improvement over the last few years. The postseason is the time for the Red Pack to show that it is a serious contender on the national scene.

Coach Roger Busch '96 is confident heading into this weekend's race. Two weekends ago the team won the North Coast Athletic Conference Championship, on a course that was in poor shape due to unfavorable weather. Last week the team did not have a competition, and had "a really good week of training," Busch said.

"In years past we've put a lot of emphasis on Conference and Regionals, and we still have some emphasis there; obviously you want to race well, but this year we are just hoping to get out safe and fresh," Busch said. The team knows that it has the potential to perform at its expected standard and win.

"We are a veteran team, with three seniors and two juniors in our top seven, and so hopefully we can run the regional a little more conservative and still win the regional title," Busch said. If the team does not end up victorious, Busch will not be "too upset" because, to qualify for nationals, the team has to finish in the top two.

Busch made clear the race is not the team's destination, but rather a stop along the way to a run at a national title. "We'll put a big emphasis on running a very controlled race," Busch said. A win is what the team wants and will strive for, but it is important to the team not to exhaust itself in this race like it did last year.

Calvin College was the regional champion for 17 years in a row until the Red Pack snapped the streak last year. At a current ranking of 22nd, Calvin is again the biggest threat that the team faces. "They were not happy that we broke that streak," Busch said. "I still think we've got them this year."

"Our depth is our advantage," Busch said. "We have the best five and six man in the region and probably one of the top four or five in the country." At the Conference Championships two weeks ago, the gap between the first Wabash finisher and the sixth was 27 seconds, which Busch said is "the worst it's been all season."

The team has raced four times with the strategy they will take into Saturday. In these four races, there were four different first-place finishers. It is a testament to the close proximity of each runner's times. "It kind of comes down to who feels good that day," Busch said, "because they're all so close."

Fabian House '16 was one of the top placers, leading the team at the Conference Championship. House echoed the coach's words with regards to team expectations. "The expectation has been set since winning conference and regionals last year, that we can run with the confidence of a championship-caliber team," House said.

House is ready for the challenge. "I've never felt more ready to run. I think that's the feeling of most guys on the team as we are beginning to feel the positive effects of our hard work this season." The team's rigorous training regimen up to the current point gives it a confident feeling about its ability to produce a strong postseason performance.

The course the team will be running is a golf course in Mason, Ohio. The Red Pack got its first taste of the course when it ran in Pre-Nationals earlier this year, a race that the team did not approach with the same strategy that it will Saturday. The team will race on the track again if they advance. The course is the site where Nationals will take place the following weekend. "We can't underestimate the advantage we have of running Regionals and Nationals on the same course," House said.

House is excited for a championship run. "We've prepared all season, and now it's just up to us to accomplish the personal and team goals we set for ourselves," House said. The Red Pack is a regional favorite and a national contender. The veteran leadership will look to shoulder the high expectations and produce a positive outcome on Saturday. The team will run Saturday at 12:30 p.m. at The Golf Center at Kings Island in Mason, Ohio.



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Adam Togami '16 (#241) placed fourth at the NCAC Cross Country meet two weeks ago. He was the second Little Giant to cross the finish line behind teammate Fabian House '16.



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of the same.

You can't dispute that DePauw is better this season. They're 6-2 in the conference and 7-2 overall, up from 4-5 a year ago. I really do expect the game to be closer this year. DePauw is a quality team with some quality pieces. They've got steady running backs, a young quarterback, and a stable defense. In their two losses, one was a heartbreaker against Ohio Wesleyan and the other came against Wittenberg.

Again, DePauw is better, but that doesn't mean that the result of the Bell Game will be any different this year as opposed to the last five. Wabash is fresh off their first loss of the year and know that the only route to the NCAA tournament includes a win in the Bell Game. They're angry, they're hungry, and, unfortunately for DePauw, they're not about to lose the Bell. While anything can happen, the smart money is on Wabash in this weekend's Monon Bell Classic.

Prediction: Wabash 38, DePauw 14.

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line and junior fullback Jake Miller.

If the Tigers can dictate the pace of the game, something hard to do against the Little Giants, who average just under five minutes of possession more than their opponents, they stand a chance. The offense can't turn over the ball and must win the field position battle as well.

All of this aside, it's the Monon Classic and anything can happen. Wabash will come in motivated after their undefeated season was taken away by Wittenberg University last week and DePauw's seniors will be motivated by their desire to ring the bell for the first time.

If I had to venture a guess, I'd say this year's game will be the closest since DePauw's 24-21 win back in 2007. I would also say it'll be a low scoring affair with both offenses focusing on the run and the level of skill on both defenses.

In the spirit of passion of statistics, I'll stick with my gut and say it'll be the Bell will head back Greencastle for the for the first time since 2008.

But hey, it's Monon, and anything is possible.

Prediction: DePauw 21, Wabash 17

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So yes, we understand the importance of keeping the Bell, but we also know a win this Saturday could be the platform for a deep postseason run."

These seniors are poised for Saturday's thrilling battle in front of their home fans. After last weekend's defeat, an additional home game is far from guaranteed, in fact, it's unlikely. Six straight wins over DePauw University would be a prodigious accomplishment, which is why the previous five victories carry colossal importance moving forward.

Complacency can be the Achilles heel for dominant football programs, but Wabash is different. After four years, these seniors have demonstrated their ability to excel both on and off the field. Complacency results in F's in the classroom, and it results in losses on the football field. However, considering these seniors' active avoidance of complacent tendencies, expect a malicious, focused, and successful Wabash football team on Saturday. This, combined with the surrounding Bell Weekend insanity, should make Saturday an incredible experience for students, athletes, alumni, and recruits.

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need to."

Offensively, the Little Giants will look for more balance. They ran for 223 yards last week while only throwing for 129 on 11-of-29 passing with an interception.

"Last week, we had no success in the passing game throwing the ball outside against their corners," Raeburn said. "That made life really tough. They had eight or nine guys crowding the line of scrimmage."

DePauw will provide another stiff challenge in the back end. Hamm Hooper and Cody Baker each have three interceptions, and the Tigers lead the conference with 14 picks.

"They have two guys that are taller and have longer arms," Raeburn said. "That's a huge advantage. The longer you are at corner, the better. If you watch those guys from the first game to now, you can see they're gaining confidence and challenging more throws."

While the defensive backs have shown more confidence, it remains to be seen if DePauw as a whole has confidence against Wabash after five losses. That question will be answered Saturday. Kickoff will be at 1:07 p.m. in Hollett Little Giant Stadium.

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CURRENT SENIORS REFLECT OF PAST AND PRESENT BELL GAMES

JAKE EAGAN '15 | STAFF WRITER • In five consecutive Monon Bell victories, the Wabash football program has outscored their opponent 185-47. However, preserving such dominance, consistency, and superiority over a rival is not met without adversity. This year's seniors are accustomed to the Bell's presence in the Allen Center, towering over the sweat, blood, and exhaustion they have endured in four years of college football. For them, retaining the Monon Bell demonstrates pride, and the long-lasting tradition of the greatest rivalry in DIII football.

Despite the recent precedent set by Wabash graduates, Evan Rutter '15, a key defensive lineman for the Little Giants, is adamant in improving his game over the course of the season. The placement of the Monon Bell game is crucial. Players compete for nine games in hopes of reaching the postseason, while keeping in mind the decisive skirmish lingering in week ten.

Rutter comments on the need to improve over the season's first nine contests, and how these progressions will accumulate Saturday afternoon.

"If anything has improved on our defense, it's our pass rush," Rutter said. Coach [Hammer] has put a tremendous amount of emphasis on getting off the ball, getting pressure on the quarterback, and making plays. That's been a theme all season."



COREY EGLER '15 / PHOTO

Cody Buresh '15 and his fellow seniors will try to go 4-4 in Bell Games this Saturday.

"They have a good quarterback coming back, in that he can make plays with his feet. But our defensive line is accustomed to running quarterbacks, so we'll be well prepared."

For other students on campus, the Monon Bell experience is a seven-day extravaganza. But in the football program, preparing for the annual battle consumes the entire 43-week off-season. The coaching staff, which largely consists of Wabash alumni, is conscious of the relentless focus on reacquiring the Bell.

With their encouragement, and after four years of insistence on a common goal, seniors grow to cherish their Bell Weekend victories, making recovering from last week's Wittenberg a non-issue. Rutter acknowledges the recent defeat, but naturally, considering the colossal expectations this Saturday, reorienting his attention to game ten was easy.

"After the loss to Wittenberg," Rutter said, "we gave ourselves a 24-hour grace period to address our mistakes. And honestly, forgetting Saturday's loss was simple. This is the biggest week of the year, and after nine games of competitive football, we know how to mentally prepare for an opponent."

Rutter is confident in his team's ability to rebound, which can be attributed to last season's familiar stipulations. In the 2013 campaign, the Little Giants secured eight consecutive wins to start the season, and after a week nine loss to Wittenberg, they earned a convincing, 38-21 Monon Bell victory. Essentially, these seniors recognize the consequences of their previous defeat, but with a solid win on Saturday, a postseason appearance is still attainable.

Eric Downing '15, who plays tight end for the Little Giants, expresses similar views in regards to preparation. Despite Wabash's five straight triumphs, he feels adversity, and his high school football experience was crucial in his rise to Wabash football stardom in 2014.

"Junior year I was behind Charlie Kolisek," Downing said, "but due to injuries, I got my opportunities and made the most of them. After a solid off-season, I've been able to start my senior season, which has been my goal since freshman year."

"I played offensive line in high school, which has really helped my run blocking at the tight-end position. This season, coach has emphasized my technique, and I've worked hard to take in his knowledge. That has been my biggest transition over the last four years, and it hope it shows on Saturday."

Prior to his senior season, Downing played valiantly on special teams, and eventually, earned himself a starting position at tight-end. Downing has just one catch on the season, yet his ability to overpower defensive lineman, and his



COREY EGLER '15 / PHOTO

Evan Rutter '15 (in white) had 3.5 sacks and 9 total tackles last weekend to lead the Little Giants in both categories. He now has six sacks on the season.

much-improved run blocking technique, have constituted his reputation as a feared tight end in the NCAC.

Like Rutter, Downing also acknowledges the uninterrupted presence of the Monon Bell during his tenure at Wabash. However, in conversations with Wabash alumni, fear of losing the prized trophy is sufficient motivation for this Saturday.

"Recently, I've talked to some older guys who had to fight to get the Bell back," Downing said, "and they've made it clear that we never want to have that feeling of not having the Bell."

"Even when I came on my recruiting trip in high school, I heard briefly about the Monon Bell tradition. But once I entered the football program, and I realized how long the rivalry has sustained over time, the Bell's magnitude on campus was clear."

Safety Denzel Wilkins '15 possesses the same eagerness to reacquire the Monon Bell, but he identifies the basic fundamentals and themes of Wabash football as the driving force for a victory. The immense expectations, along with the surrounding hoopla on campus can be major distractions, but Wilkins realizes Saturday's contest will be played between the lines, not on the Mall, or in the parking lot, or in the classroom.

"The only way we lose this game is if we lose ourselves," Wilkins said. "Coach has put us in the perfect position to win, so if

come out and play Wabash football, just like we've done over four seasons, we'll dominate like we did the last five years."

Wilkins' statement is brief, but he indicates the pride, discipline, and simplicity that accompanies the Wabash football experience. A collective commitment to the Wabash program resonates strongly with these seniors. And in terms of complacency, even after five straight wins, the Little Giants won't take their foot off the pedal. Often, amidst heated rivalries, a single team begins to pull away. Wabash is at that point, but they hope to counter overconfidence with ravaging defensive pursuit, combined with efficient, yet powerful offensive attack.

In discussing the mechanics of sports rivalries with Evan Rutter, he suggested that the Wabash football team is fully aware of the dangers of consecutive victories, and how they plan on combating the temptations of complacency.

"Honestly, I would say we have a good understanding of rivalries, and we know that when the competition becomes one-sided, the winning team becomes complacent," Rutter said. "We don't want to be that team, and we plan on fighting for the Bell just as our former seniors did in previous seasons. And with a win, our playoff chances increase that much more."

SPORTS

GOING FOR THE SIX-PEAT

JOCELYN HOPKINSON '15 | SENIOR STAFF WRITER • Wabash's loss at Wittenberg hurt, but a loss to DePauw Saturday in the 121st Monon Bell Classic would cause a numerous amount of grief. A win, however, would give the 17th-ranked Little Giants a six-game win streak over their rivals.

"I don't like to tell our guys 'Don't lose the game,' or 'Don't fumble the ball,'" Coach Erik Raeburn said. "You better want to go out and win the Bell game. You better want to win the Bell. I don't want them to go out there with the mindset of not losing it. We have to be aggressive. I think your best chance to win the game is to play like you haven't won it in five years."

The Little Giants' aggressive mindset could guide them into rare territory. Only twice in the Wabash-DePauw rivalry has a team won six games in a row. Wabash won six in a row from 1949-1954, and set the record with seven straight wins from 1921-1927. DePauw has won five in a row twice.

Saturday's game has important implications in the present as well. A Little Giant victory gives the team a chance to earn an at-large playoff bid. A defeat ends the 2014 season.

"Unfortunately, next week isn't guaranteed to me or any of the seniors," AJ Akinribade '15 said. "We have to make every moment count and not take anything for granted. We want to leave a legacy and make sure people remember us for giving our all."

The senior class is in a familiar position. Last year, Wittenberg handed Wabash its only loss of the season in week nine, and the

Little Giants responded the following week with a 38-21 victory in the Bell game. This season, the Tigers from Ohio again dealt Wabash its first defeat.

"It was obviously devastating on Saturday, but we don't have time to feel sorry for ourselves," Raeburn said. "Our guys rallied last season in a similar situation with a great week of practice, but I think DePauw is a better team this year than last. That means we're going to have to put forth a greater effort to get the win."

DePauw's record is certainly improved. After a 4-6 mark a year ago, the Tigers are 7-2 and in third place in the NCAC, just behind Wabash which sits at 8-1.

"Defensively is probably the area they've made the greatest improvement," Raeburn said. "They've done a great job of creating takeaways and are much better against the run. We're going to need a greater effort offensively than this past week."

DePauw is second in rush defense and third in takeaways.

The Little Giants lead the conference in rush defense by a wide margin, but have not seen their usual superfluous amounts of turnovers this season. They are tied for fifth in the NCAC with 13 forced turnovers and only have a turnover margin of plus two.

"We've played well on this defense, but we definitely need to be more opportunistic in surrounding the football and getting it back for our offense," Akinribade said. "We're not going to change anything, but we'll have an extra emphasis to have 11 hungry hats on the ball."

Wabash has emphasized and succeeded



COREY EGLER '15 / PHOTO

Wabash has won five straight Monon Bell games dating back to 2009. AJ Akinribade '15 (44 in red) and Cody Buresh '15 (39) are looking to lead the way to a sixth for the Little Giants.

in the denial of big plays all season. Saturday, the team will face sophomore quarterback Matt Hunt who can make those plays with his arm and feet.

"I think he's particularly good at throwing deep balls," Raeburn said. "He has great touch, but I'd say his biggest attribute is that he's very elusive. They've given up the fewest sacks of any team in the conference — obviously, everybody has a hand in that on the offense, but I think he's the biggest reason why."

Hunt has completed almost 60 percent of his passes and thrown for 16 touchdowns. Freshman receiver Jake Hagan leads the team in receptions (29) while senior tight

end J.D. Robinson has provided a good red-zone target as he paces DePauw with five scoring catches.

As it has all season, the Wabash defense will get after the quarterback.

"They have a good offense and are well-balanced," Akinribade said. "I respect them for what they are, but at the end of the day we're going to come out and play Wabash Football the way it's meant to be played. If he's getting hit a million times a game, it doesn't matter who the quarterback is. If there's pressure, quarterbacks won't make the best reads and put the ball where they

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