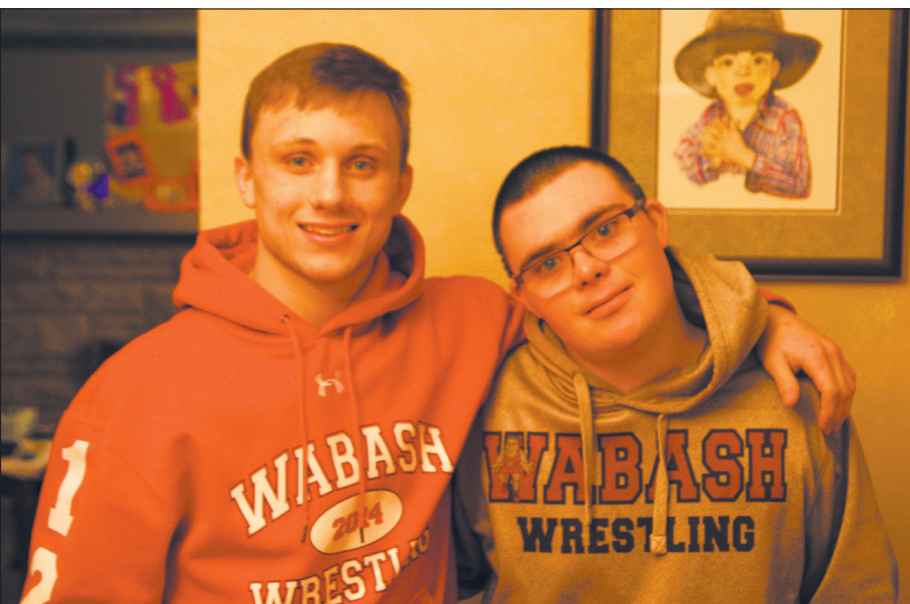


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MY FRIEND MICHAEL



COLIN THOMPSON '17

Tommy Poynter '15 (left) is the most recent of many Wabash students who have mentored Michael Tobias (right) since 2007.

JADE DOTY '18 | STAFF WRITER • “He loves life everyday, he is always smiling, and you just can’t walk away from hanging out with him,” Tommy Poynter '15 said, while talking about the impact Michael Tobias has had on his life. Over the past year and a half Poynter has been a mentor for Michael, an 18-year-old high school student at Crawfordsville High School, who is diagnosed with Down syndrome.

Since 2007 Michael has had several mentors, most have been Wabash College students. Devin, Michael’s first mentor, was a high school student at Crawfordsville High School. Michael was ten years old when Devin first entered his life; Devin worked with him for about four to five years until he had to move to attend IUPUI. Kathy Tobias, Michael’s mother, saw the substantial growth Michael had with a young male figure in his life, so she wanted to continue with Michael having young male models in his life because that’s what he needed.

“I thought [to myself], where would you find better specimens than Wabash College?” Tobias said.

Kathy spoke with Career Services at Wabash College, asking them to send out information about mentoring Michael. Kathy then interviewed a number of

students for the position and has done the same process every year since. Kathy explained: “It has been amazing, I have had nothing but outstanding young men from Wabash College and he (Michael) has just flourished.”

The former Wabash Students that have mentored Michael include Jimmy LaRowe '14, Quintin Burkett '13, and Nathan Walters '13.

Poynter found out about mentoring Michael through an email. At first, Poynter was skeptical about applying for the job because he did not know if it would be too much of a burden.

“I talked to my mom, who is a mentor of mine, and she told me to follow my heart and to tell Kathy how I feel about mentoring Michael,” Poynter said.

Poynter then talked to Nathan Rutter '12 about mentoring Michael and the rest is history. Michael and Poynter have been hanging out ever since. Poynter usually mentors Michael on Fridays and hopefully during the weekend depending on what his schedule is. Poynter picks up Michael up after school and then takes him to his house

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LAKE ACCEPTS WABASH CENTER POSITION

TAYLOR KENYON '15 | STAFF WRITER

• Wabash prides itself upon the liberal arts experience; or specifically, the meshing of various disciplines to approach complex problems. From the discussions of an EQ classroom, to chapel talks, or the front of an admissions placard- Wabash’s liberal arts experience is unavoidable. Associate Professor of English and Multicultural American Studies Program Chair, Dr. Timothy Lake, intends to enhance this already rich experience by accepting the Associate Director position at the Wabash Center.



Professor Tim Lake

The center leads workshops and conferences for educators across the nation to discuss the state of education in the field and “share teaching resources.” Arguably one of the most important features of the center is its implicit liberal arts-like focus. Its site states, “[the Wabash Center] encourage[s] reflection by faculty members within various disciplines of theology and religion on the special contribution of each discipline to the study of theology and religion.”

Dr. Lake comprises numerous interests in his educational background. Dr. Lake earned a PhD in American culture studies from Bowling Green State University, a Masters in religious studies from the Howard University school of Divinity, and a Masters in Systematic Theology from the University of Notre Dame. In addition, Dr. Lake is a former director of the Malcolm X Institute.

Lake stresses a comprehensive approach in both classroom and research. “I see it as multidisciplinary, as opposed to a singular disciplinary approach towards teaching and scholarship so for my background is educated in a variety of disciplines,” Lake said. “It lends to be a kind of serializing of disciplines - you do this discipline and then

you do that discipline- or a hybridization of disciplines. I say multidisciplinary in a sense to stress the kind of de-disciplinizing approach towards my teaching and my research. By de-disciplinizing, I really want to undermine the whole notions of disciplines itself as a distinct category of learning.”

“And to talk about learning as really organic - and by organic, if you will, [it is] improvisational. So that one has at their disposal a range of methodologies- historical methods, social [scientific] methods, [and] humanities kinds of approaches. From that range of methodologies in one’s intellectual toolkit, one, in the moment of producing knowledge, or by making pulls upon resources...to bring about some kind of sense making of the world. That’s the way in which I see my position now. And so when I teach, that is exactly what I’m doing.”

In a meeting with former Dean and current Professor of Religion Gary Phillips and other campus directors, Lake pitched the idea of combining diverse scholars to build a better curriculum upon the black experience. Lake attributes this is as the beginning of his progression to the position. “I advanced the idea of having a kind of conversation between African-American religious study scholars and Africana scholars,” Lake said. “Again, bringing two disciplinary faculties together for a conversation of how you teach the black experience - because what cuts across both those disciplines, as is with my teaching and research, is the black experience. So I thought that if we can bring those two sets of faculty together for sustained conversation, then we may see what’s out there on the cutting edge for how you create a curriculum around the black experience that’s suitable for the twenty first century.”

“So the Director of the Wabash Center, Nadine S. Pence...[and I] collaborated in making that event happen,” Lake said. “That was how I had the first set of conversations- the program put me into close contact with the center.”

As for what’s in the works for Lake, he

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HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

BUS OF GIRLS SPOTTED!

Those with early morning classes on Wednesday witnessed the much awaited arrival of bussed women to campus. Unfortunately, the bus was being used by Southmont High School to transport students to Wabash's campus for a photography class. Keep those eyes peeled, boys...the promised day will come.



HOW MANY RHYNES DOES IT TAKE TO PAINT A BENCH?

Apparently, more than 21. The Senior Bench is currently sporting a mixed coat of red, green, and black paint after the latest Rhyne class attempted to paint the bench Wabash scarlet. The latest paint job to the bench makes even the Beta's last attempt look like a job well done.

WRESTLING FOR BUSSES

Bus loads of wrestlers can be added to the list, with bus loads of women, when it comes to Wabash College Student Government's "Bridge to Nowhere." Now would we've been providing a fan bus or subsidizing a team bus? The campus may never know.

DO GOODERS, DO BAD

The Greater Good Club did bad on Wednesday by holding its callout meeting in the old Student Senate room of the Sparks Center. Admittedly, The Bachelor should've reserved the room sooner, but we'll go ahead and request that the club's first good deed be to turn the room back over to us.

HI-FIN FOR LEFT SHARK

"Left Shark" became an internet favorite following the Super Bowl. Left Shark, loved for the lackadaisical and unchoreographed dance moves during an upbeat halftime performance, has many viewers naming the fish "the real MVP" of Super Bowl XLIX.



STRAWN REMEMBERED AS A 'GENTLEMAN'



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Dick Strawn taught at Wabash for 36 years, shown with students in front of Lilly Library.

PATRICK BRYANT '16 | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • Last Sunday, long-time Professor Dick Strawn passed away at the age of 91. According to his obituary, Strawn taught at the College from 1951 to 1987 in "French language and literature, linguistics, and humanities topics."

Strawn and his wife, Doris, who died in 2011, remained in Crawfordsville after his retirement.

Professor of Spanish Gilberto Gómez said Strawn was always very attune to the teaching of modern language and offered great advice to current members of the Modern Languages faculty.

"The most remarkable quality of Dick was he was very kind and very sharp," Gómez said. "He didn't come to the building too often, but he knew what was going on in the profession."

Even though his retirement 28 years ago precedes all current faculty members of the Modern Languages, Strawn offered advice that Gómez said was extremely relevant and his critiques on current textbooks were very sensible.

"He said that it would be great if we, as a profession, would go back to the good times where everything was clear and linear and not filled with graphics that aren't useful," Gómez said. "Just stick to the basics and everything else will be right."

Back in November, Strawn had lunch with faculty members in the department. Gómez said that the lunch had to be broken up at 1 p.m. because of 1:10 classes many of the professors had to go teach.

"We feel very badly because we never got to continue that great conversation with him," Gómez said.

Although Strawn, in addition to teaching linguistics, primarily taught French, Gómez said he was very much attune and respectful to all of the modern languages. One thing in particular Gómez said he always appreciated, was Strawn's perfect pronunciation of his first name.

"He will be sorely missed," Gómez said. "He was a great gentleman and a great teacher."

Another big component of Strawn's life at the College was as an amateur violinist. For many years, Strawn played in the chamber orchestra at Wabash.

Philosophy Department Chair Cheryl Hughes said she met with Strawn and his wife shortly after her arrival in 1992. Though he had stopped playing in the chamber orchestra by then, she played viola and knew he loved to play in trios and quartets. Every week for 20 years she said they would meet and play together.

"I have missed those afternoons of music-making and Dick's stories from the past," Hughes said via email.

Hughes said she and Strawn bonded over gardening, whether it be him giving her transplants from his garden or their picking cherries each summer over the past 20+ years.

"He used to come help me pick cherries every June," she said. "He was tall enough to reach the higher branches of our dwarf cherry tree, and he loved cherry pie—it became a birthday tradition to take him cherry pie and visit Dick and Doris every June."

"I admired Dick for the care he put into relationships," she said. "He was still corresponding with former students in the weeks before he died."

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usually where he lives with seven other Wabash students on the wrestling team. "He loves to come over and hang out with the guys and play with our cat at the house," Poynter said. Poynter tries to help Michael stay active and takes many trips to the Allen Center where they play a game a basketball or just throw a football around, but out of all the activities Michael and Tommy do, Michael's favorite is to go to wrestling practice. "Michael likes to warm up with us do some running, some pushups and situps, and we sometimes play a game like dodgeball with the entire team," he said. Michael does a lot more activities as well when he is not with Poynter. Michael has been a member with Dance by Deborah, a local dance studio in Crawfordsville, for about 12 years. The latest dance production Michael was apart of was a Toy Story dance show where he played the beloved character Woody. Michael also takes a water aerobics class twice a week where he is the most popular participant in a class that consists mostly of elderly women. Michael also participates in a local high school program called PRIDE, which is the local 'just say no' program, where they raise awareness about alcohol and drugs. Michael also shows his love for animals by showing his llama Honey in fairs around the state. Poynter initially came to Wabash looking to be a Biology major with a

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possible future in environmental science or environmental policy. "After working with Michael I realized I got the fulfillment of working and helping others with their individual lives and their daily routines. It seemed like a calling to me that I wanted to pursue," Poynter said. Poynter then started to gravitate towards the medical field after experiencing working with Michael. Poynter started to look into nursing or being a physician's assistant, but then he met with Jill Rogers at Wabash and realized he wanted to go to Podiatry school. Poynter hopes to attend Podiatry school next fall and hopefully attend the same University as his girlfriend. Michael's bond with his mentors lasts for life. Recently, Michael was in former mentor Nathan Walters '13 wedding where he was the ringbearer. "These are the type of relationships Michael and his mentors have," Tobias said. At the wedding Michael had his own private dance with the bride as well. Last month Michael had his 18th birthday where almost all of his former mentors attended. Currently, Poynter is focusing on wrestling season where he hopes to become a National Qualifier in the 125-pound weight class for the second time and become an All-American. Kathy is hoping to find a replacement for Poynter after he graduates to mentor Michael.

described the position as "evolving." "It seems like I will be leading out on the Pre-Tenure Religion Faculty of African Descent workshop that starts this summer, so I will be the center staff person for that workshop which will run for three semesters," Lake said. "Then I'll do some work around expanding the video resources at the center, and also developing a mentor-based

program where members of the Wabash Nation continue to sustain conversations with each other beyond their experiences in Wabash workshops." However, Lake will not be gone from Wabash College. According to Lake, "I will effectively do one-third time at the Wabash Center and two-thirds time [with] the [English] faculty."



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FREE KASHON '17 | STAFF WRITER
• Whether students come from rainy Seattle or the edges of Montgomery County, Crawfordsville is at least a temporary home. No matter where students come from, knowing about their is worthwhile. The third annual State of the Community Address took place this past Tuesday in the auditorium of Crawfordsville High School. During this time, County Commissioner Phil Bane and Mayor Todd Barton addressed improvements and issues both the county and the city had dealt with in 2014 and spoke about fiscal plans for 2015.

Commissioner Bane was the first to speak, and after giving a personal background, he spoke about current county projects that have improved the quality of life for those who reside here. There was also talk of a sewer system that runs near Nucor, the local steel plant, as well as a plan to bring water and sewage utilities to areas around

State Road 32. Of possible interest to the Wabash Community, the county plans to gain control of a road that Wal-Mart owns, creating a corridor between U.S. 231 and State Road 47.

Mayor Barton had many things to say about the city, discussing the removal of abandoned structures and the completion of many projects around the Crawfordsville. He spoke of "transparency" in relation to local government, and explained that: "we must face today's problems not only as a town and townships, a city and a county, but as a community."

He spoke from the mentality that a government should be run like a business. This was reflected in the financial savings that Barton outlined in programs such as public road maintenance and health care for the employees of Montgomery County school systems. This news was delivered alongside fiscal figures that reflected a strong and healthy

community. Mayor Barton reported that the planned expenditures for 2014 were ten percent below budget and that the city has a total allotment of 29.7 million dollars in cash and investments.

Many infrastructure topics were discussed by the mayor, including the opening of a new playground on the west side of town, and planned construction sites such as the abandoned Culver Hospital and the old Ben-Hur building. Developers have also been given permission to begin work on the Lew Wallace Inn building located just off campus. They plan to turn the location into a mix of hotel rooms and condominiums with a restaurant on the first floor. Other improvements include finishing the final section of the Sugar Creek trail and finalizing plans for a cyclist and pedestrian friendly infrastructure that would extend the trail system throughout the city.

Although relations with the college

were not discussed, Mayor Barton did describe a new trend in the city's economic goals that feature Wabash. A new Crawfordsville Center of Commerce has opened up on the third floor of the Chase Bank building, which holds the offices of Wabash's Center for Innovation, Business, and Entrepreneurship, the Crawfordsville Chamber of Commerce, Main Street of Crawfordsville, and the Montgomery County Economic Department. This floor allows the different offices to share space and ideas, leading to a model that the city hopes will be emulated in other places.

Crawfordsville has been improving in recent years and has even been ranked as one of the safest places to live in Indiana by state authorities. As the partnership between the college and the city grows, and improvements in infrastructure go as planned, Crawfordsville will become an even better place to live.

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JOINING THE 21ST CENTURY

UPDATES ON CAMPUS TECHNOLOGY, SAFETY, AND WIRELESS INTERNET

TYLER HARDCASTLE '15 | NEWS EDITOR • Students and faculty who logged into Webmail at the start of the spring semester were greeted with a new layout. This layout is the upgraded, 2013 version of Microsoft exchange. The surface changes are just part of a number of changes involving the Information Technology department this spring and are the first of more changes to come aimed at updating technology across a campus that is increasingly aware of issues with wireless internet.

"There are a couple of benefits in the new Webmail interface," Bradley Weaver, Director of Information Technology Services, said. "[The new Webmail] is not hugely different, but is more like the desktop application and the calendar application is a lot better. It also has a broader range of browser support."

That support extends beyond the application. The IT department has also expanded the server network. Before the upgrade, one server handled all inbound and outbound traffic while the other stored everyone's inbox messages (with a one gigabyte limit). The new system adds servers to create redundancy.

"If there happens to be a system error with one, the other will immediately take over," Weaver said. As to the new interface, Weaver said: "We haven't really heard a whole lot; unless you use Webmail a lot it's not a huge change."

Another visible change has been the addition of the new campus alert system in campus buildings. The IT department has installed 10 of the safety beacons around campus at the direction of the Campus Safety Committee, of which Weaver is a member.

"We've tried to target those areas where there might be bigger groups of people with phones off or hosting outside people, that will likely continue to grow," Weaver said.

The beacons flash and display the same message that is sent out via text message to those enrolled in the Emergency Alert System. Students have noticed the beacons, though not all know their purpose.

"I think they should tell people what they are; to be honest, my buddies and I talked about it and thought they were defibrillators," Zechariah Banks '16 said.

The committee does intend to add more in smaller rooms and other buildings. The Safety Committee is not the only active one on campus, the Technology Advisory Committee is also looking to improve campus.

Among the coming changes will be a new phone system. The new system will replace the 1995 system and is being

gradually phased in. As always, one of the big questions on the minds of students is campus internet.

You can tell, at certain times, when the Wi-Fi is running slowly," Tim Dunkle '15 said. "Around four, when everyone gets out of class it usually goes slower. It definitely seems like it's slowed down over the years."

Weaver explains that these peaks and troughs in usage do exist and are reflected in the usage data. There are two big spikes of usage before noon and in the early afternoon. The issue seems to be less of how students enjoy their electronic devices and more about the number of devices.

"Even two years ago students had maybe a couple devices, now they have four or five," Weaver said. "A lot of those are connected all the time. That's not necessarily using a lot of bandwidth, but every device that's connected takes [something]. That's the biggest challenge for residential students."

There is a consistent dip in usage early in the morning, where the number of connected devices drops to about one thousand. During the day, that number more than doubles.

Travis Flock '16 explained that when he arrived on campus as a Freshman he had two devices that use Wi-Fi. Currently, he has four devices. This reflects what Weaver has seen added to the network in recent years. He notes that many of the most recent additions have been media streaming devices and tablets.

Alejandro Reyna '17 has an iPhone that he occasionally connects to the student Wi-Fi.

"I usually turn it off and just use my LTE," Reyna said. "The Wi-Fi usually goes in and out and I don't have time for that. My iPhone is my only device I use it to check Email, so I turn the Wi-Fi off to save time, but it means I use my data plan."



COLIN THOMPSON '17 / PHOTO

These emergency beacons are spread across campuses in lecture halls and areas with low cellular service.



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Alejandro Reyna '17 works on a library laptop in the 1832 Lounge. Reyna often chooses to use his phone's cellular services over the campus Wi-Fi.

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“HE’S GAY, BUT HEY - HE’S NOT A FAG”

A while ago, I overheard a gay friend of mine speaking to a mutual friend of ours. Their conversation took a peculiar turn, and I couldn’t help but train my ear on his troublesome words. They were discussing campiness – they didn’t use that word, but I’ll employ it here. Basically, campiness, or a “camp” gay, is the type of gay man that most stereotypically depicts that all too familiar version of how pop culture believes gay men behave.

It is the quintessential male effeminacy. You know camp – limp wrist, lisp, exaggerated swish of the hips, hyper-focus on appearances, and an obsession with pop culture and “campy” things: Lady Gaga, Beyonce, Kim K, Madonna, Bette Midler, and Patti LuPone. Camp in the vein of the aforementioned female artists and celebrities is simply put to mean exaggerated, over the top, and decadent – sort of the style of music, lifestyle and performances those women have. Some gay men exhibit these tendencies; others do not. But the presence of this effeminacy doesn’t make a gay man less than – less than a man, less than worth what a gay man is who



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doesn’t express himself that way is worth. Coming off as outwardly heterosexual in everyday behavior also doesn’t make a gay man worth more – or so I thought.

My gay brother at Wabash was commenting on the fact that he doesn’t act campy – which is in fact true – but he went on to say something downright disturbing. He says, “I’m gay, but I’m not a fag”, which was eerily reminiscent of what I used to hear thrown at me: “You’re a cool black guy. You’re black, but you’re not a [n-word].” The statement was painful and polarizing. It subjugates effeminate gay men to “straight-behaving” or outwardly masculine gay men. It perpetuates the idea that it’s

ok to call campy gay men “fags,” and makes it easier for masculine gay men to internalize homophobia. I don’t know any gay men who enjoy having pejorative terms thrown at them; so the gay men who lean towards “masculine” tendencies tend not to speak up for their fellow gay men out of fear of being labeled with a negative term.

This internalized homophobia that I witnessed was chilling. It propagates the idea that heterosexuality is the standard to which all other relationships and sexual orientations should and will be held. It doesn’t stop there – remember my personal example? “You’re pretty much white – only your skin is black. You’re one of the good black guys.” I heard this growing up almost every day – and I got to the point (shamefully) that I believed it, and started to like to hear it. I reveled and basked in the fact that I was perceived as white acting – that the white standard to which my actions and manner of speech and dress were held was something I was living up to. I enjoyed watching the other black students get called names, and I would hide behind my internalized racism for fear of being called ratchet, “another [n-word],” or something

just as sinister. When I began to read more pro-black literature, and I got to Wabash and joined a diverse fraternity where I can listen to 4 languages being spoken at any one time, I discovered that I didn’t need to judge myself to the white standard. I didn’t need any standard – and I damn sure didn’t need to be proud of white students stripping me of my blackness. I have (and will continue to) verbally train-wreck the no-home-training-having fools that continue to try to step to me with garbage of that magnitude. I’m not having it. I don’t think anyone should have it.

The process of self-inflicted and community wide self-inflicted, internalized hate has got to stop. This is for everyone belonging to a minority or oppressed group: for those in my community, for not succumbing to euro-centric standards, and being proud of our blackness, heritage, and culture; To my homosexual-identifying friends and the LGBT community, to not judge their actions, relationships, or self-identity to heterosexual norms; and to so many other communities out there that I’m not a part of, to realize their worth, their value, and break the self-locked shackles of dark internalized oppression.

VACCINATE YOUR KIDS

It seems a foregone conclusion in the minds of a lot of Americans that vaccinations are not harmful to those who receive them, and, ultimately, contribute to the greater good. And yet, in spite of that, there is an increasingly vocal opposition to this idea, arguing instead that vaccinations are harmful chemical cocktails that are being pushed on Americans in order to line the pockets of pharmaceutical companies.

Given the lack of scientific evidence to support the idea that vaccines are harmful, why is this perspective even relevant? Simply put, because when enough people listen to it, people get hurt. At the moment, California is experiencing the worst measles outbreak in twenty years, at a time when the number of children enrolled in school who do not receive mandated vaccinations is surging.

California law provides for exceptions in its vaccination requirements that ultimately end up damaging the lives of others. Currently, parents can exempt their children from getting vaccinations that are required for the child to go to school if their religious



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beliefs forbid vaccinations. California is one of nineteen states that permit this sort of exemption, which has allowed for a recent surge in the number of children who do not get vaccinated. In 2000, less than 1% of California children were vaccinated. In 2014, the rate has jumped to 2.5%, or nearly one in every 40 children in kindergarten. Given these numbers, it may not be surprising then that measles broke out in California recently, infecting up to 90 people. This outbreak unfolded in part with a high profile revelation that nine people with measles

went to Disneyland, exponentially increasing the number of people who could have been exposed. Measles is dangerous for children, because small children are not developed enough to receive the vaccination safely, and are consequently at risk from people who choose not to allow vaccinations for themselves or their children.

The topic of vaccination policy became something of a political issue on the day of the Super Bowl, when President Obama said in an interview that he did not believe there were any good reasons not to get vaccinated, and that the science backing the effectiveness and safety of vaccinations is “pretty indisputable.” Not long after, Governor of New Jersey and potential 2016 presidential candidate Chris Christie stated that he believed that “balance” should be maintained between what he called “some measure of choice in things” on the part of parents who do not want vaccinations, and public safety.

Christie’s comments are troubling because they reflect the kind of thoughts

that lead to an overly permissive vaccination policy like California’s, which can in turn lead to wholly preventable disease outbreaks. Christie and others like him typically end up citing religious freedom or some other version of individual freedom in an attempt to justify why someone should be allowed to leave their children open to dangerous diseases, and in doing so, expose other vulnerable people to those diseases. The idea that individual freedom can justify this is absurd. This nation has a long history of expecting that certain basic requirements be followed by citizens in the interest of public safety. If you wish to exercise the privilege of being a legal driver, then you obey speed laws. You cannot dodge them because of any belief that you hold. If you choose to disobey speed laws, the state can revoke your driver’s license. In the same way, the state should be able to reject your child from school if you choose not to vaccinate them. The right to make your own choices does not come at the price of endangering others.

STOP SEARCHING FOR THE SILVER BULLET

According to 95% of the people I talk to, most problems in America and the world are pretty easy to solve. We can save America if we can just get rid of President Obama and the liberals, and then we can take America back for God. If we can just pass Healthcare reform, sick people will get the treatment they need. If we can just pass gun reform, these mass shootings will stop happening. If we just get rid of fraternities, campus rape will stop happening. If the people I disagree with can just be shouted down, all of our problems will go away.

Hopefully you realize the problem with these statements, and that none of them are true. Unfortunately it is statements like these, and the people who hold them, that often cause no progress to be made. As they say, "the road to hell is paved with good intentions," and often times it is people with such a desire to see all of their goals to be accomplished that they burn any chance of that happening. America and the world do not need silver bullets, we don't need one try fixes, and we don't need false choices or demonizing of the other side. What we need is to start finding common ground, and taking steps toward progress that build trust and support.



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As an example look at mass shooting; and the problems we see every single time that one occurs. The shooting occurs, and less than an hour later the media is full of demagogues who are screaming at each other and blaming everyone but themselves. Gun owners are right-wing terrorists who want children to die, and people who want gun control are left-wing psychopaths who want to destroy the Constitution. When the narrative becomes an "us v. them" mentality, we all lose.

In the wake of UVA, Aurora, and Newtown, the story that most media outlets put out wasn't "how can we stop this?" - it was "who can we blame?" We treat a national tragedy, and the discussion that follows, like spectator sports with highlights,

expert analysis, and 24 hour coverage. Personality wins, and one controversial statement out of 30 minute speech is what gets all of the coverage. And the worst part is, we've asked for it. We reward new organizations that are the first to print, not the first to the truth. We watch the show that is entertaining, not informative.

But sadly it is not just the public, or the media who look for easy answers that tie everything up in a nice bow. When the government attempts to pass new laws, or change policies they attempt to pass huge omnibus bills that include everything in one go. Debates are about principles, not the policies. "If you vote against this bill on gun control, you want people to die" is the statement, rather than a debate over the specifics of one gun control measure.

The truth is, that no problem has one answer or solution, nor is it usually easy to find the answer. In a more poignant and current example, many people bought into the UVA article that painted all fraternities with the broad brush of rapists, because it allowed them fit everything into a perfect and tightly wrapped narrative. As others looked at the article, it showed its cracks and quickly fell apart. It now appears that no such "ritualized gang-rape" had occurred,

and many other parts of the story fell apart until Rolling Stone has issued multiple retractions of their story.

But the problem is that both those who believed the article and those who now use this as evidence of the danger of false rapes are missing the point. In their crusade to make college campuses a safer place, a journalist and editorial staff cut corners and nearly destroyed people's lives because they wanted a stereotypical story. Now, critics come out of the woodwork in an attempt to stop Title IX reform. But both sides are losing battles that matter in an attempt to win this larger war.

Fraternities are not simply the "rape dungeons" that the article painted them as, and can and should be a powerful ally in the battle to make our campuses safer. Gun owners are not all "crazy people" who oppose any form of gun control, and talking about them that way simply shuts down any progress that could be made. Not every cop is a racist, and not every young black man is a thug. When we stop trying to define sides, and paint the other side as the "bad" people, progress might be made. When we stop looking for the silver bullet, and instead look to solve small issues one at a time, we can start to tackle the larger problems.

ALMOST THERE, BUT STILL WORK TO BE DONE

Since I'm on my way out as a second semester senior and passing leadership of 'shOUT on to others (Alexander Hernandez '16 and Ben Cramer '17) I find myself looking at my time at Wabash and how we've changed over the last three and a half years in relation to issues of gender and sexual minorities, and how far our society has come in how it responds to people like myself. I figured this would be a great opportunity to reflect while simultaneously keeping everyone informed on what us gays are up to.

I think it's important to note two huge developments that have occurred in our country. First was the announcement from the FDA that it was easing its ban on gay men from donating blood this last December. While gay and bisexual men can only donate if they haven't had sex with a man in the last year, this is an exciting step forward. I was particularly pleased that this occurred because 'shOUT brought up this issue last semester during the Bleed for the



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Bell challenge.

A second development that has occurred nationally is the Supreme Courts' announcement that it will be deciding on the same-sex marriage issue this June. Whatever the outcome of that decision it is one we've all been waiting for. Though the prospect of having to tolerate same-sex married couples existing out there somewhere is frightening, I can only begin to describe how exciting the idea is of having access to basic security for my future spouse and family.

There have been strides here at Wabash too! Don't think that I'm forgetting. In my short time here I have seen an overwhelming amount of support from professors, staff members, and alumni who attend meetings, offer time and effort to events, and are always quick to send a word of support. Our administration has also been making efforts to become a more conscious and inclusive campus, whether through President Hess' brave and controversial decision to add Wabash's name to the Freedom Indiana group last year in opposition to HJR-3, or the efforts of individual to pressure Wabash adapt to questions like transgender applications. The efforts are widespread and definitely deserve recognition.

But while it's important to honor the good that we've been doing we all know there's more work to be done. From my own conversations on campus I know there are still unanswered questions out there, and a lot of misconceptions. As an all-male campus these questions

are incredibly important to explore and entirely inherent in our experience. How many of us, when we told friends that we were going to Wabash were confronted with the question, "What? Are you gay?!"

At this point it seems that it's not so much the federal or educational administrations that we need to worry about changing, but the opinion of the general population. And that's where groups like 'shOUT come in. The mission is about working towards a level of mutual respect and understanding in our immediate communities, reaching out on the level of our peers to ensure we're creating a community where we all feel comfortable figuring out who we are.

This process will certainly be rocky and probably slower than we'd like, but it's happening and that is amazing in and of itself. So keep up the great work Wabash. It's definitely been an enlightening few years for me. Hope it has been for you too.

EVOLVING CAVEMEN: A GUIDE TO WET SHAVING



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Until 2009, shaving was not a pleasant task for Brad Maggard, owner of Maggard Razors.

"I hated shaving, and like any normal millennial generation person, I googled how to make it suck less" Maggard said. "I ran across a few articles [concerning shaving] and must have put a bug in the ear of my wife, who delivered me a starter kit for Christmas."

Now Maggard owns a shaving store in Adrian, Mich., that shares his name. An introduction to traditional wet shaving was the catalyst for his current passion for shaving and shaving tech.

Wet shaving is the act of shaving using water, lather, and a manual razor blade. There are various forms of manual razor blades including cartridge, disposable, double edge,

and straight razors. Most wet shavers use canned shaving cream and cartridge razors. But this may not be the best approach for many.

Traditional wet shaving—shaving with a canless shaving cream or soap and either a double edge or straight razor has advantages compared to the commonplace approach. Generally, traditional wet shavers use a brush and a soap or cream to create lather. Maggard recognizes four advantages of the traditional wet shaving approach: less irritation, fewer ingrown hairs, less clogging, and cost.

Fewer blades reduce irritation and ingrown hairs.

"Fewer blades mean fewer times a blade passes over any given spot," Maggard said. "Since hair isn't pulled and is cleanly cut flush with the skin, the number of ingrown hairs are significantly decreased. Compare this to Multi-blade cartridge razors, which are designed such that the first blade in the series of blades is doing the majority of the work. Since the first blade is doing most of the cutting, it dulls considerably faster than the rest of the blades. As it dulls, it starts to pull hairs. After the first blade pulls the hair, the blades following it cut the hair; many times below the



LEVI GARRISON '16 / PHOTO

I work on building a lather with a shaving soap from a shaving mug. This second phase of traditional wet shaving is essential to a smooth shave.

surface of the skin. This is the largest cause of ingrown hairs."

Both double edge razors and straight razors are much easier to clean than cartridge razors. Cartridge razors have a lot of parts, a lot of nooks for hair and shaving cream to clog the razor; neither double edge nor straight razors have

those openings.

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ROBBINS FUND BRINGS CAMPUS FUN

PATRICK BRYANT '16 | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • The Robbins Family Fund will hold its kick-off event at 8 p.m. on Feb. 7 in Ball Theater, when it welcomes The Improvised Shakespeare Company.

Using improvisation, the group boasts on its website that it will create “a masterpiece” right before the audience’s eyes. Performing in the event will be Blaine Swen, Joseph Bland, and Brendan Dowling, all members of the troupe.

The fund, announced in December, is a \$300,000 gift from Clay '79 and Amy Robbins and their three sons, Campbell '09, Luke '11, and Peter '12. The fund is meant to provide fun on-campus events and activities.

“This generous donation displays the great love the Robbins family has for Wabash College and their strong belief in cultivating an active and vibrant co-curricular experience for students,” Will Oprisko, Director of

Student Activities, said.

Clay, who serves as President and CEO of Lilly Endowment, Inc., is no stranger to supporting efforts meant to better a community. He said he hopes the fund creates another avenue for student leaders to execute events, especially in the “slower” parts of the semester.

“We are hoping that the students will use their own initiative and creativity in proposing ideas for support from the Fund that they believe their fellow students and the Wabash community would find meaningful and appealing,” he said via email last December. “We would like for the Fund to add to the entrepreneurial spirit already on campus. Perhaps the Fund could be used in part to support programs and events at times when there is not much happening on campus – say on Tuesday evenings in February.”

The event is free of charge.



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The Robbins family poses for a picture. From Left: Campbell '09, Luke '11, Clay '79 and Peter '12.



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LIVING HUMANELY: A BREAK FOR SERVICE

TY CAMPBELL '16 | STAFF WRITER
• Since 2007, Wabash men have joined forces with members of the First Christian Church to help hurricane victims located around the Gulf Coast. Keith Strain, Pastor at First Christian Church in Crawfordsville, hopes to continue the combined philanthropic success this year with yet another trip down South.

Eight years ago Dr. Jonathon Baer, Associate Professor of Religion, heard a report at his church from those who had gone to the Gulf Coast to aid in the rebuilding after the dual blows of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Baer approached Strain, wondering if it might be possible to do a trip that fused the capable energy and concern of Wabash men with the experience of the church's laymen. The trip has become a beneficial and worthwhile experience over the past several years. Other Wabash College

faculty members who have taken part in the trip include Dr. Richard Warner, Associate Professor of History and Jane and Frederic Hadley Chair in History, and Dr. David Maharry, Professor of Mathematics & Computer Science Emeritus.

"In March 2007, a group of just less than 40 Wabash men and First Christian laymen spent a week in the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans. They helped clear houses for rebuilding, made repairs to a roof, and assembled a roof onto another house. This was at a time when the streets were still littered with debris and almost all the houses were vacant. In sight of where we worked was a large FEMA trailer park providing temporary housing," Strain said.

Since the first trip, a mission trip has been planned during Wabash College's spring recess to send a group down to New Orleans. Those attending focus on

the Ninth Ward of the City, one of the hardest hit sections and the farthest from recovery. Volunteers have engaged in several activities ranging from demolishing wrecked houses to building structure from scratch.

While great progress has been made in the damaged sections of New Orleans, there is still a large amount of work and repair that needs to be accomplished. "Skills are not required. A desire to help people and to work hard is essential," Strain said. Strain wishes to continue sending members of his church and Wabash community patrons down to the Ninth Ward. This year the potential group is considering two different possibilities: plan a trip during spring recess or after spring semester final exams. The latter would probably be scheduled the week of May 10-16.

"The trip is financed by participants and supplemented by First Christian. We

have asked each person taking part to raise \$250 which covers all their expenses (this includes transportation, meals while traveling and on site, work fees and housing cost). We encourage participants to seek funding by asking others to support their efforts. We stay in a building built by the Christian Churches to house groups like this. The Mission Station has plush bunk beds, A/C, seven showers with on demand hot water, washer/dryer and WiFi," Strain said.

More information about the mission trip can be found on the online Facebook page "Wabash NOLA Mission." Those interested in attending the trip should text Dave Lunsford, trip coordinator at 765-376-2414 or E-mail him at davelunsford2604@gmail.com. Since time is short, it is imperative that those interested in the Spring Break option notify Lunsford or the Church within the next week.



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Samuel Surgalski '18 identifies the advantages of traditional wet shaving as well.



Sam Surgalski '18

"Shaving with double edge razors is cheaper than shaving with cartridges," Surgalski said. "Shaving with a cartridge razor is just an expensive chore. Shaving with a double edge is an art. One must learn the skill of

holding the blade to the face without cutting himself, how to manipulate the blade for tough areas, and find a ritual that works."

The standard method of traditional wet shaving involves three phases. First, during the pre-shave sequence one wets the face and optionally applies natural lubricating oil to the hairy area. Second, one creates

a lather of shaving soap or cream. The brush must be wet for this step; experimentation is needed to find the right mixture of water and soap or cream. The lather can be created on the hand, in a bowl, or directly on the face. The last step is the actual shave. Generally one should shave first with the grain, then across the grain and against the grain to finish the shave. After the shave is completed, any aftershave ritual is compatible with the traditional wet shaving method.

Surgalski uses his own variation of this method.

"I start by wetting my face with a hot wet towel," Surgalski said. "I put my shaving soap in a mug and use the mug to create lather. I shave with and across the grain; I skip shaving against the grain."

For those interested in pursuing traditional wet shaving, visit maggardrazors.com. Maggard Razors carries everything one needs to begin wet shaving.



LEVI GARRISON '18 & BRAD MAGGARD / PHOTOS

Top Left: My personal shaving stash. A double edge razor and assorted soaps and blades. Others: Maggard sent images of various items that he carries that are useful to wet shaving.

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Purucker will help anchor the lacrosse team's defense and provide leadership to freshmen. Wabash will rely on its defense to keep games close in its first varsity season.

INAUGURAL LACROSSE SEASON SET TO BEGIN

JOCELYN HOPKINSON '15 | SENIOR STAFF WRITER • There will be some growing pains in Wabash's inaugural lacrosse season, but Coach Terry Corcoran doesn't lack confidence in his team's ability to grow.

"The student athlete here is very different than what I've seen at other places," Corcoran said. "You can't count out a Wabash team or Wabash athlete. I've seen that in the two years I've been here, which is what has me excited."

Corcoran cited other Wabash programs as evidence, including the soccer team's upset last fall over second-ranked Kenyon, and basketball's recent victory over number-10 Wooster.

The upcoming season has been in the making for over a decade. Lacrosse started at Wabash in the late 90s as a club sport. The club team slowly gained popularity and began pushing to become a varsity program. The College acquiesced almost two years ago and hired Corcoran shortly afterwards.

"It's kind of surreal that in my senior year, we've finally become a varsity sport," midfielder Glenn Patterson '15 said. "We've been pushing for this

since I was a freshman and it was a long process, but then again it's come upon us really fast."

"The intangibles that go with a successful program are what attracted me to Wabash," Corcoran said. "Support from the administration, faculty, athletic department, and student body is second to none. I've never seen such wide support. Everybody here is committed to the student athlete."

The differences will be minimal for club guys last year now playing varsity. However, as in any sport, freshmen will struggle the most in balancing academics and athletics.

"Although we were a club sport, a lot of the skills you need for a varsity sport like discipline and time management were needed at the club level too," Patterson said. "The guys who were in the club are trying to help the freshmen understand what it takes to be a student athlete at Wabash."

With the skill and length on the back end, opponents might struggle to find the net against the Little Giants.

"Like any sport, we're going to focus on defense," Corcoran said. "If you can

said, we have really grown since our first meet, since our first practice, and even since our last practice."

Reece Lefever completed the 2013-2014 season with a third-place finish in the Midwest Wrestling Regional, and communicated a similar tone of confidence as the team prepares for playoff competition this season. In addition, Lefever adopted the team's motto of One Vision as the primary hinge in which the squad can secure the coveted title. In fact, Lefever already possess confidence in his team's readiness for the premier level, but expresses the importance of avoiding detrimental factors – such as injuries.

"Our goal is to not only surpass last season's ninth place finish," Lefever said, "but to win the national championship in March. To accomplish this, our team needs to stay healthy, keep working hard at practice, enjoy our sport, and lastly, to go out and battle through every position when we compete."

Although Lefever did not explicitly reference his team's confidence, his emphasize on circumventing injuries indicates the squad's joint awareness of what stands in their

way – themselves. Essentially, if the program can maintain their current pool of talent and dedication to superior wrestling, a high tournament bid and an impending national championship are real expectations. Patrick Parham '15 echoed his teammates convictions, and also touched on the impact of Anderson's leadership of the program.

"If each guy continues to buy into our training and brings his best ever day, then I have no doubt the results will take care of themselves," Parham said. "In addition, I can't think of any other group of men I'd rather have leading Wabash wrestling. I can't thank Coach Anderson enough for all the opportunities he has provided me, many of those opportunities have nothing to do with wrestling."

Without a doubt, the Wabash College wrestling program is peaking under the leadership tremendous seniors and a proven coaching staff. The Little Giants will participate in the Greyhound Open at the University of Indianapolis on Saturday with hopes of continuing a historic campaign.

apply pressure, be physical, and win the one-on-one battles whether it's on the football field, basketball court, or anywhere, you're going to have an advantage."

Corcoran said defense "is about attitude" while the offensive skills "will come in time." Defensively, Patterson said the team will play a "string" scheme with man-to-man on the perimeter and defenders playing in zones in front of the net. If a perimeter man is beaten, it is everybody else's job to shift accordingly, similar to help defense in basketball.

"Communication is going to be a key part," Patterson said. "You always have to know where the ball is on the field. If you're the farthest away from the ball, you have to pay the most attention. If one of your teammates help out another guy, you have to pick up his responsibilities."

The offensive end will require a little more precision than simply hustle and muscle. Six attackers will either work in two groups of three, or three pairs. Patterson said players are working on basic formations and pick and rolls.

"We didn't have the motions or picks in club," Patterson added. "A lot of it was making it up on the spot like backyard stuff. We're definitely running a more sophisticated offense. It's similar to when I played football freshman year with how the coaches throw so much stuff at you in the first week and you have to pick it up. There are growing pains and that's how it is right now. Coach Corcoran is throwing a lot at us and we're doing it over and over again until we get it right."

It might be an early struggle, but this team and this program will get it right in all facets. Patterson is honored to set that trend.

"I love the fact that we're the first varsity team," he said. "No matter how the season ends up, there will always be that special significance of us being the first team. We took our first team photo last week, and I'm going to remember that picture for the rest of my life."

The first Wabash Lacrosse season will begin 1 p.m. Saturday at Center College with a scrimmage. The Little Giants' first varsity game will be 1 p.m. central Feb. 14 at Fontbonne University.

TOP TWO SPOT MEANS CRUNCH TIME FOR WRESTLERS

JAKE EAGAN '15 | STAFF WRITER • After four years of stellar individual performances, unprecedented team success, and brilliance on the mat, the Wabash College senior wrestlers have totaled 44 victories in 57 matches since 2011. Universities and their athletic programs rely heavily on the institution's senior leadership. At Wabash, these veterans provide both inspiration and establish a precedent of dedication and enthusiasm. This trademark of the Little Giants has benefited the wrestling program as they embark on the final stretch of the 2014-2015 campaign.

Currently, the Wabash wrestlers boast a 10-2 record and hold the number two spot in the NCAA coach's national rankings. Nine of the top ten teams reside between

Pennsylvania and Minnesota – meaning the Little Giants will compete against several premier programs in the annual Mid-States Conference Championships this month. Assuming the squad maintains its national distinction in the tournament, the Little Giants will look to surpass last season's ninth-place finish in the national bracket.

The unwavering consistency employed by the seniors over the past four seasons can be attributed to their collective confidence and commitment to preserving a legacy at the institution. They witnessed previous classes terminate their Wabash careers in defeat, and wish to bring the college the first Division III national title in school history. Tommy Poynter '15 noted the contagious nature of his team's

internal confidence, and attributed such poise to head coach Brian Anderson. In eleven seasons at the helm, Anderson has driven multiple athletes to elite status, and hopes to push this year's group to the next level of national competition. Although last season's seniors elevated the program to new heights, Poynter is adamant in his team's ability to transcend the ninth place finish this March.

"Confidence is the key for us to surpass last season's performance," Poynter said, "which I believe will be centered on the experience we will be bringing to the national tournament. Last year we only had one returning qualifier, whereas this year we will have four. Also, we had the entire team at nationals last year, which allowed us to see the level of competition and realize

what it takes to compete there."

One of those national qualifiers is Riley Lefever '17, who finished as the national champion in 2014 at the 184-pound weight class. This season, Lefever – the younger brother of juniors Connor and Reece – has earned a team-best 72 take downs with 9 escapes and 13 reversals. While Poynter discussed the permeating confidence in the wrestling program, Lefever noted the communal desire to reach a single goal – a national championship.

"This year our focus is One Vision," Lefever said. "We set our goal to become this year's Team National Champions at the NCAA Div. III Tournament. With that being

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LITTLE GIANT TRIO PREPARES FOR HEPTATHLON THIS WEEKEND

JUSTIN MILLER '17 | STAFF WRITER •

Athletes generally participate in no more than three events in a given track and field meet. Some prefer the rigor of seven events during the indoor season in a feat known as the heptathlon.

Little Giants Matthew Dickerson '16, Brian Hayhurst '16, and Adam Wadlington '16 will all travel to Illinois Wesleyan this weekend to compete in the multi-faceted event. While most of the track and field team will stay in Crawfordsville training, these three will compete in one of two opportunities this season. With conference being the only chance to compete during the indoor season, they will look to prepare for the meet when the points count.

"What I'd like to see out of this meet is an improvement on things such as form and technique, not necessarily the times or the throws," Hayhurst said. "That will come – conference is the time when that's really the goal – but right now the goal is to work on form and make sure that we're staying healthy."

The latter concern of remaining healthy

is of particular concern for Dickerson, who is returning from a hamstring injury. The 60m dash, long jump, shot put, high jump, 60m hurdles, pole vault, and 1000m run which constitute the heptathlon will provide many prospects for aggravating the injury.

"I really just want to hit close to my best marks from the last two years," Dickerson said. "My goal overall is just to come out of the weekend still healthy. I want to put up a good score, but I'm more concerned with health at this point. Conference is the more important meet, so that means training through [this weekend]."

While the emphasis is not yet on winning points for the team, competing to top personal bests will be a priority for Wadlington.

"I'm trying to break the school record, again," Wadlington said. "I've done it the previous two times that I've competed in the heptathlon. I'm going for personal bests in the hurdles, high jump, and long jump, but really it's about getting better as a team and an individual."

Clyde Morgan, Head Track and Field Coach, voiced that the Illinois Wesleyan meet should serve as one stop on the way to competing at conference a few weeks out.

"We were trying to peak [the three heptathletes] to get them ready for this weekend, but the University of Indianapolis meet was canceled," Morgan said. "It was a little scary as we scrambled



COREY EGLER '15/PHOTO

Though Charles Mettler '18 (left) and Aaron Tincture '18 (right) have participated recently at indoor track and field meets, they will not be participating in this weekend's heptathlon.

trying to find a meet for those guys so they could get a conference mark, get their feet wet, and see where they are."

The heptathlon itself offers a different environment than a typical track invitational. The seven events are spread over two days filled with ups and downs.

"It's a long two days of doing a lot of events," Dickerson said. "If you get too caught up in asking 'Did I hit my marks?' or 'Did I run my best time?' you start doing worse. We try to keep it as light as possible. If you have one bad event, you have to move onto the next one. Besides,

there's six others to make up for it."

"Once you've done the decathlon, the heptathlon seems like a cakewalk," Wadlington said. "For me, once I get past day one it's smooth sailing because I run the hurdles, my best event, and the 1000..."

"The heptathlon is a fun event; it's not anything you have to drudge through."

The trio of heptathletes journey to Illinois Wesleyan today and tomorrow while a contingent of Little Giants also travel to Olivet Nazarene tomorrow for competition.

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SWIM TEAM LOOKS TO CONVINCE NAYSAYERS AT CONFERENCE MEET

MICHAEL LUMPKIN '18 | STAFF WRITER • The Wabash College Swim team has been raising the bar all year. Behind the leadership of Coach Brent Noble and a core group of seniors the team has consistently performed at a high rate. The team worked all year toward the goal of qualifying for the Division III National Championship. The upcoming North Coast Athletic Conference meet is the team's chance to reach their goal. "Everything we do through the season, but especially at this stage in the season, is about getting the Conference meet and then getting to the National meet," Coach Noble said.

The time has come for the team to prepare for the biggest meet of the year. In just six days the team will head to Granville, Ohio for a showdown versus fellow Conference foes for a chance to advance to the National meet.

The way the team prepares for the upcoming meet is unique. "In swimming we have what's called a taper, so it's just resting and preparing for that big meet," Coach Noble said. "You train hard all year, and it's hard for you to swim at your very fastest when you are in the middle of your max training, and so you make all your improvements by training for them, and then the last few weeks you rest down so that you don't lose any of your improvements." The team is in the tapering process right now. Coach Noble said the process makes the team "fresh, sharp, and rested for the big swims."

"I expect a lot at the Conference meet," Coach Noble said. "We have done everything pretty well this year. Our results at each stage have been what we have hoped for, and so I think the conference meet

is probably going to be beyond expectation."

The confidence displayed by Noble is telling because of how much time he has spent with his team since he became the Little Giants Head Swimming Coach.

"I've been the guy that's been able to watch these guys swim for 16 months now and see them swim and progress, and I think the progress is really visible," Noble said. "When I came in we had a lot of guys with substantial goals. I don't think they really saw where that would go yet."

The transformation that Noble saw from the team has not come without many hours of hard work spent in the pool. Coach Noble said, "Now they've put in the work necessary to get there, at this point it is just a waiting game—waiting for the opportunity to get up on the blocks and accomplish their goals."

The upcoming Conference meet is more than just another postseason event for the Wabash Swim Team. "We are excited to show the rest of the swimming world, the College, and the Wabash Community what we've earned at this point," Noble said.

Coach Noble's confidence is infectious to his team. The senior leaders, including Carter Adams '15, know that they are capable of accomplishing their season-long goals. Adams said, "Everyone on this team is ready to go and get up for conference. I don't think I will need to do much besides remind the guys that we still have doubters."


The doubters in the swimming world have motivated the team all year. "People in the swimming community do not believe we are good enough to compete nationally, they think us beating Depauw was a fluke," Adams said. Adams and the rest of Wabash College Swim Team know that a win against Depauw at the Conference meet would end the doubt from those in the swimming community.

The Wabash College Swim Team heads to Granville, OH for the North Coast Athletic Conference meet on February 12th.



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Dakota Rhodes '18 (above) and the rest of the swim team are heading into the NCAC meet looking to prove that early season successes were not flashes in the pan.



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2015 Wabash College Lacrosse Roster

Back Row (L-R): Assistant Coach Todd Richardson, Scott Purucker '16, Holten Warriner '17, Todd Hoogland '15, James Kennedy '16, Joe Hapak '18, Weston Gregg '16, Nolan Morse '18, Ian Sunde '16, Ben Geier '18, Austin Jarret '15, Coach Terry Corcoran

Front Row (L-R): Trainer Mark Elizondo, Colin Corcoran '17, Zach Darabaris '15, Corey Hoffman '16, Jesse Stuckwich '15, Sam Gellen '18, Zach Scarano '18, Glenn Patterson '15, Austin Crosley '18, Adam Kashin '18, Dajon Thomas '18

Not Pictured: Mack Neal '17, Caleb Neal '18, Adrian Tejada '18

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