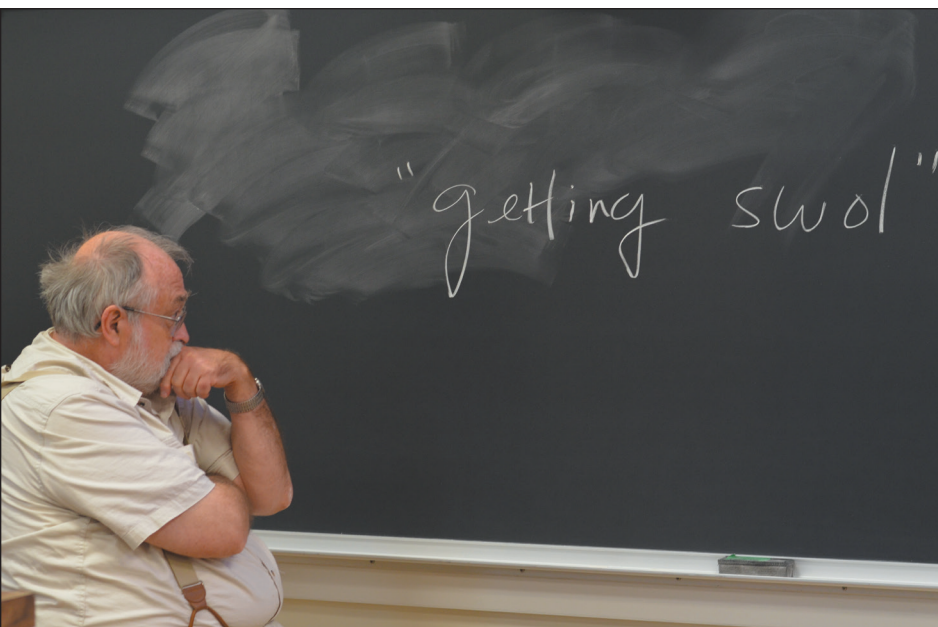


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## DECODING MILLENNIAL SLANG

**STEVEN BAZIN '18** | STAFF WRITER

The English language is a forever-changing beast. Formal English has evolved so much through the centuries that there is a significant language barrier when modern readers attempt to decipher works from a few centuries prior. Likewise, the English vernacular evolves even faster. To illustrate this, we asked several Wabash staff and faculty members to define slang terms that are commonly used by kids these days.

David Blix, Associate Professor of Religion, attempted to define the phrase 'getting swol,' but fell a little short of the actual meaning.

"'Getting Swol' is a new one for me," Blix said. "I like the sound of it. Resisting, for the moment, the urge to Google it, it sounds like a combo of 'swollen' and 'swell.' This is assuming

that 'swol' is not an acronym, like 's.w.o.l.' But 'getting' could mean either (a), 'acquiring' (as in 'getting a new car'), or (b), 'becoming' (as in 'getting mad'). If it's (a), it makes me think of getting hold of some cool or good stuff. If it's (b), then getting a swagger or getting cocky."

Urban dictionary defines swol as: Well built, muscular; swol-len; diesel; jacked; buff. Therefore, getting swol alludes to the process of increasing one's muscle mass.

Todd McDorman, Professor of Rhetoric, was asked to define the phrase 'get turnt' and his answer was quite accurate.

"I think it might mean something along the lines of becoming intoxicated or entering into an

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# HI-FIVES

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## KUDOS TO CANDIDATES

Hi-five to Wabash professors Ethan Hollander and Joyce Bumette for running for the Crawfordsville Common Council. Way to lead by example, showing students how to get involved and make a difference in their communities. We're sorry about the outcome, but we know our city is better off with your presence and leadership.

## LEAVES & CAMPUS SERVICES

Campus Services was spotted numerous times frolicking in the leaf piles they were making on campus. Not to appear too relaxed, they quickly cobbled together a giant crate in a truck bed to appear as though their only purpose was to responsibly clean the debris. But these autumn enthusiasts couldn't stay away for long, and a couple days later could be seen at their foliage antics once again.



## SCHEDULER POLITICS

Folks, the Scheduler must be a Democrat. Last week it decided to wage war on the College Republicans, giving their room over to the secular, Socialist French Club after they had sent out their campus announcement. Beware, Almighty Scheduler! Did you see what happened to the Democrats in Tuesday's local election? This is blue-blooded American country.

## SQUIRREL BUSINESS

Earlier this week, a small squirrel was seen walking around the Arch in search of his nuts. It is worth noting that very few squirrels follow the proud traditions of our College, making this event a refreshing change of pace. We should encourage more squirrels to follow this one's lead. If we allow them to live here without imposing our traditions on them, we may very well see squirrels trampling across the W in the Allen Center or the seal in the Lilly Library.

## A NAIL-BITING AFFAIR

In dramatic fashion, a dynamic pair of Betas edged out a duo of Independents to take hold of the famous doubles tennis IM championship. The Betas overcame clear rules violations and an obvious lack of skill to beat the more talented Independent squad.

# MAKING THE MOST OF THE LIBERAL ARTS

**AHAD KHAN '19 | STAFF WRITER •**

Luke Stepleton '02 was the first student to ever graduate from Wabash with a major in art history. His interests and professional activities have been of great diversity ever since. He went on to work in Los Angeles right after his graduation from the college and has lived there for his whole professional life.

Starting off as an employee in Machinima – a Los Angeles-based online game publishing and media streaming company – Stepleton was involved in an affiliate network of 10,000 plus channels and headed creative packaging for \$10 million in sales activations across Machinima network. After garnering sufficient experience there, he cofounded 3BLACKDOT (3BD). It is a publishing and marketing company that focuses on online marketing to the gaming community and works in collaboration with social media websites like YouTube. The company works with bloggers to create and develop new content. 3BD is run by only 10 to 12 individuals but this small company has enjoyed significant success since its inception. Stepleton was involved in creating a mobile app game which got one million views in just nine days, a record in video game downloading history.

James Kennedy Art studio major James Kennedy '16 got a chance to do an eight-week-long internship with 3BD last summer and he cites it as his best professional working experience. He was asked to come up with new marketing ideas like finding out who might be the appropriate audience and what content should be in a game.

"My first week into the internship, I made three presentations and sent them out to YouTube and other big companies," James said.

He worked alongside Section Studios, the company which is famous for publishing top video games like God of War, Call of Duty etc.

"Luke was not just my boss, he was like a mentor to me," James said.

From his internship, James learned many new things about social media and the way it influences everyone's lives. Career Services is working this year with Stepleton as well in helping students to get internships opportunities in summer with 3BD.

Scott Crawford, Director of Schroeder Center for Career Development, said, "there is an immersion trip being planned for LA in January through which students would be able to meet him again hopefully."

Luke has not been at distance from his alma mater; rather, he remains closely associated with Wabash. Although he is coming to campus for the first time



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Luke Stepleton, pictured centered, with 3Blackdot co-owners Tom 'Syndicate' Cassel (pictured right) the biggest livestreamer in the world, and Evan 'VanossGaming' Fong (pictured far left) with over 3.3 billion YouTube Views.

since graduating, he has had very strong connections with alumni all across United States and especially in Los Angeles.

"Luke helped Wabash recently in getting connected with a PR firm that is interested in engaging with current students," Crawford said.

He will come to campus on Thursday, Nov. 12 and will be staying as "Executive-In-Residence." This means that he will be on campus for a couple of days to meet with students, faculty and administration. He seems eager to help students with finding internships and projects, not just within 3BLACKDOT, but all across Los Angeles.

His visit is not specified to art majors only. All students can take heaps of advantage from his visit because of the uniqueness of his profession. As he will be on campus for more than a day, students will get ample chance to meet with him. There will be a special edition of "Coffee and Careers" on Thursday morning from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m., in which he will be there along with Career Services to help students in getting their resumes right.

He will be delivering a lecture on 20th century art in Korb classroom from 9:45 to 11 a.m. in Korb classroom. At lunch, Stepleton will give a talk entitled Careers in Digital Arts and Media. Students need to RSVP for this. Afterwards, from 1:30 to 5 p.m., he will have individual meetings with students. Those who want to meet him personally are required to sign up via Handshake. Career Services is encouraging all students to take the most out of this opportunity and meet him. His path exemplifies the liberal arts education at Wabash and he ultimately knows how to utilize the liberal arts degree. His visit should be of great importance to every student who wants to learn how to do the best with Wabash's liberal arts education.

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# ROBBINS FAMILY BRINGS MENTALIST

**IAN ARTIS '16** | STAFF WRITER • 'Generous alumni support' are three words not foreign to the Office of Advancement, and arguably, most who are involved with the College. Clay Robbins '79 is a perfect example of alumnus investment into the College. He and his family have generously endowed a fund meant to fill gaps in the calendar with events to attract the entire Wabash family. This coming Saturday, Nov. 7, mentalist Chris Carter will take the stage in Salter Hall as the first Robbins Family Fund event this academic year. Although Carter will be not the first mentalist we've had, student leadership is confident he will provide a different experience than Sean Bott.

"It's a proven event that brought out a wide variety of folks," President of the Student Body Patrick Bryant '16 said. "This was a student tailored event in January, where this one is more of an all campus, family event".

In terms of the act, Andrew Powell, SCAC Chairman, is sure that attendees will find Carter to be a new experience.

"I think he's a little bit less on the comedic side, whereas Sean Bott tapped into the comedy. This guy is a bit more straightforward," Powell said.

Bringing acts to campus doesn't happen overnight.

"First, you need room approval. Then you get the check cut from the business office and get the hotel in line. You need approval from the AFC, and we go from there. There's no distinct time frame because every event varies, and the scheduler takes time to get through," Powell said. "We are fortunate enough to have the support from the Dean's Office, from different groups trying to get this done."



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**The Robbins Family Fund is funding its first event this academic school year. Mentalist Chris Carter will be on campus this Saturday, Nov. 7 in Salter Hall.**

Trust was placed in the hands of the student leadership and the Dean's Office to parlay the funds into successful events.

"We're doing our best to interpret their wishes and set a criteria not only for the students but for the professional side when choosing events," Bryant said.

Interpretation and implementation of the fund are important in order for it to be used to its fullest potential.

"We've been blessed over the past year to have a pretty full calendar, and that's due to the support of a ton of people on campus. The Robbins fund will supplement that, and there will be a lot more cooperation going on moving forward," Powell said.

Bryant agreed.

"I think that's the greatest compliment we can give to the family, that just as they have through their effort, we are also trying to come up with appropriate programming and opportunities to keep guys over the weekends," Bryant said.

William Oprisko, Director of Wabash Student Employment and Student Activities, has a direct responsibility in relation to the fund.

"My role in this moment is to help Dean Raters with the management of the fund, to be supportive and offer ideas and feedback as he works with student leadership to develop the events," Oprisko said. "Even though we have between 50-60 organizations, it's unrealistic to expect students to come up with all the student programming. This fund will fill in gaps that the current organic nature of student programming isn't filling."

The significance of a gift like this isn't to be taken lightly.

"When you look at the number, you'll realize that for an alum to donate that sum for student co-curricular engagement is very significant," Oprisko said. "The way I see it is that most colleges who are going to donate money that is to be used for student social events, not only to increase the attendance, but the cohesive, unifying qualities of an event."

Michael Raters '85, Dean of Students, weighed in on the Fund.

"One of the quick evolutions I see of the fund, which is a good challenge,

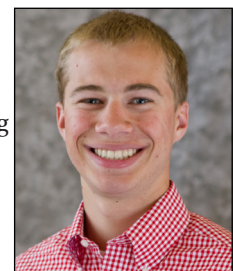
is that we're finding fewer and fewer gaps in the schedule. Finding something that's different is a challenge, but I've been in this business long enough to know that students' interest change and their approach can morph with the times," Raters said.

Other alumni and donors have taken notice of the Robbins family generosity.

"Something I've been pleased with and surprised by is the ripple effect of the fund," Raters said. "The publicity from and purpose of the fund caused a lot of people across the campus to notice."

In the end, it is up to the Dean's Office and the student leadership to be good stewards of the fund and choose events that reflect the spirit of the fund. Raters sees current student leadership to be on board with this idea.

"The student leadership is amendable to the fund, and the events are consistent with the family's wishes. They're smart – they recognize the changes of the times, and so we aren't running counter to each other," Raters said. "We're always grateful. We've got four Wabash men in that family who have had different experiences here, and they are extremely well respected. We appreciate and respect their intent and work very hard to provide what their fund is to be providing. I'm also really pleased that our student body has embraced the spirit of the intent as well."



**Andrew Powell**

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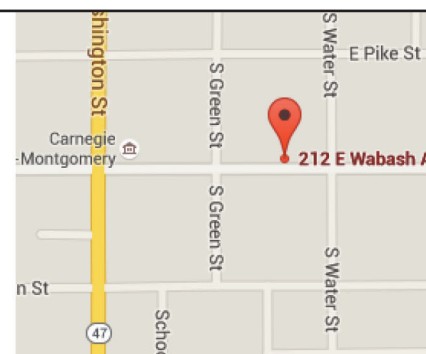
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# BALANCING THE WORKLOAD

**JOHN JANAK '19** | STAFF WRITER •

College students struggle with problems every year. How are they going to pay for their tuition, make new friends, or handle the everyday stresses? It is rare to find students that think they have their lives figured out. As freshmen, students are immediately thrown into the “mania” of being a college student, and many feel as if they are expected to handle it like they have experience with it all. All incoming freshmen students go through a period of adjustment.

Wabash is unique because there is a large percentage of students that compete in a sport for the college. Many students are then challenged with being able to balance playing a sport while keeping their grades up. Good time management is crucial for a student's success.

Mason Asher '18 explained his struggles as a freshman, and how he was able to overcome them.

“The biggest concern I had coming in was whether or not I could balance golf along with academics,” Asher said.

He spoke very highly of Mac Petty, Head Golf Coach. Petty has been coaching at Wabash for more than 30 years, and has had great experience when giving advice in regards to time management.

“Coach Petty gave me a time management sheet that I write down what I'm doing a week in advance every day of the week. It is basically a weekly planner.”

Asher made it very clear that laying a solid foundation with professors early on in the school year is very helpful.

“It shows that you care about your academic success, and they find that very impressive. Also, find someone to study with that helps a lot as well.”

Collin Graber '18 also gave his input on the stress that comes with being a student.

“Some of the biggest worries and concerns that I have had so far deal with general schoolwork and the stress that comes with it,” Graber said. “As far as dealing with those things, working hard to stay ahead and also trying to stay as proactive as possible help. Also, going to get help early and not just before an exam has also helped a significant amount. Over time, these concerns have changed from extremely stressed at one



**Jamie Douglas**

point to a more relaxed type of feeling. I tend to not stress out over an exam during the nights leading up to it because I spread out my studying over longer periods of time so I don't have to cram. My best advice for freshmen is for them to go get help early rather than going at the last minute.”

Jeremy Minor '16 understands the stress that comes with being a student, but firmly believes that the stress only will help him for his future endeavors in life.

“My first semester freshman year was pretty stressful with pledgeship, football, and keeping up with school while also doing my best to get involved on campus,” Minor said. “I purchased a planner and had each hour of my day scheduled out which really helped out with time management and kept me from getting too overwhelmed. My fraternity also set up a structure for the freshmen that really helped us manage our time wisely.”

Minor stressed that freshmen should also seek support from upperclassmen.

“Leaning on some of the older guys in your living unit, teams, and clubs is important since they've been there and they got through it when they were freshmen.”

Finally, the Wabash College counselor Jamie Sweet Douglas was able to shine

some light on her experience with the worries and stress she has seen during her time at Wabash.

“In my experience, students at Wabash worry most about their academic success,” Douglas said. “I believe that they want to prove to themselves, and likely their parents, that they can be successful at Wabash. We also see that freshmen worry about being able to compete academically with their peers. They often begin to feel that they are not as smart as they thought they were coming into Wabash and maybe aren't capable of staying on top of the rigorous work load. Seniors often begin to worry about life and success beyond Wabash. Many students worry about money and being able to stay at Wabash because of the cost or if they will get a job post graduation that will help them begin to repay student loans.”

Douglas encourages students to talk with their professors, seek academic or emotional support as needed, and trust that they have been vetted by Wabash and have all the necessary ingredients for success.

College is hard enough as is, so do not feel like you should take it on alone. Use all the resources that are offered; they are meant to help you.



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# LEHNERT ADDRESSES TORTURE

**BEN JOHNSON '18 | STAFF WRITER** • This past week, Mike Lehnert, Marine General and Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow, spent a total of five days at Wabash College giving numerous talks and speeches of various subjects relating to the military. General Lehnert has achieved a high recognition of accomplishments both as a soldier, as well as a responsible citizen. Along with being a decorated veteran and commanding thousands of troops, Lehnert has worked with senators and local communities to combat environmental and financial problems that hinder communities.

As a young man, Lehnert always knew he wanted to be a marine.

"The initial plan was to enlist in the Marines after high school," Lehnert said.

However, one of Lehnert's high school teachers had different plans for him. Lehnert's high school english teacher contacted a local community college about the bright, young man and surprisingly Lehnert was enrolled into community college.



LEVI GARRISON '18 / PHOTO

**Mike Lehnert, Marine General and Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow, addresses students about torture in the military.**

When asked why he decided to listen to his teacher instead of following his own plans, Lehnert replied, "I thought I owed it to her."

After a semester of community college, Lehnert transferred to Central Michigan University where he received a B.A. in history. Lehnert then went onto the Marine Officers Basic School and entered the Marines as a 2nd Lieutenant.


General Lehnert went on from there to have a very impressive and successful career in the military. Lehnert held a plethora of commands from platoon commander to joint task force commander. The accomplished general has served all across the world in positions, including Joint Task Group Commander at Guantanamo Bay during the Cuban Migrant Crisis and a Joint Task Force Commander in charge of building and running detention centers for Al Qaeda and Taliban members.

Lehnert has been equally productive with domestic issues at home as well. Lehnert has worked with senators to introduce legislation to cap interest rates for payday lenders, as well as being recognized by numerous environmental groups, including the Sierra Club for helping to recover endangered species

while on active duty.

Now retired, General Lehnert has achieved the honor of being a Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow. Fellows are appointed by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation and go to multiple colleges throughout the year. Entering his third year as a fellow, Lehnert was approached by Roger Bowen '69, Director of Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows, to come on campus to give talks and speeches throughout the week. Some of his talks this past week have included subjects of his expertise as an accomplished soldier like terrorism and the use of torture in the military. However, Lehnert has also spoken about his expertise as an accomplished citizen as well with subjects like ethical leadership and good decision making. Lehnert will depart this Friday and is very grateful for the chance to speak to Wabash students.

Lehnert said of his stay at Wabash, "I have been very well received and I appreciate the hospitality this school has shown me."



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# MAKE NOVEMBER GREAT

November is absolutely my least favorite month of the year; always has been and always will be. I know it seems shocking that the month which plays host to the Monon Bell Classic and the Division III football playoffs would be my most hated, but I have objective reasons why this month is just terrible. For me, the month has consisted of letdown from Halloween weekend being over, feeble attempts at beards, term paper deadlines becoming real, cold weather setting in, bank accounts continuing to dwindle, quiet campus weekends besides Bell, and for my freshman and sophomore years, an end to the football season. I will admit that Thanksgiving nearly makes up for it: Black Friday, Turkey Bowls, and family gatherings. However, Thanksgiving Break is a double-edged sword; the warmth, comfort, and stocked refrigerators at home mask what has traditionally been a mountain of homework and papers due quickly after we get back. In total, if you don't prepare this could be a busy and exhausting month. So, here's some of the tricks I have learned to try and make November not the worst.

1. *Enjoy Bell Week.* I spent the summer working in Greencastle and toured



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the Dannies' athletic facilities. If I'm being frank, they recently renovated them and they are very nice. I scoured the new facility for the trophy case where they would keep the Bell, and couldn't find it. I assume it's buried in some vault that requires fingerprint scans and knowledge of the latest Kardashian family gossip to enter. Here at Wabash, we ring the Bell for an entire week out on the Chapel steps and it's a symbol of campus unity and camaraderie. We have a very "come and take it" attitude. When we win, the Bell travels around to both fraternities and independent units for all to partake in the revelry. It's a campus event and one of the few chances to let loose

on a Saturday night in November. Take the opportunity to celebrate the week, savor the victory, and drink your favorite beverage out of a 300 pound bell. Also, get the Monon Mohawk and/or Moustache at least once.

2. *Plan the month out.* November is going to get busy. Term paper deadlines are going to start piling up. Studying for tests is going to replace Netflix. Worst of all, motivation is hard to come by with the impending Thanksgiving Break. The solution is to plan out work. Consult your syllabi and figure out a schedule of when tests are going to overlap with crunch time for papers and make sure you don't end up doing both in one night. Space out work on papers across several days so you're not scrambling at the end.

3. *Work Over Thanksgiving Break.* Yes, I know this is unpopular, but it's a must. We're fortunate enough to have a full week off for Thanksgiving. Monday through Wednesday are most likely going to spent on the couch watching hours upon hours of Netflix or Hulu while you bask in the happiness of no obligations. At least try and spend a few hours on each of those days grinding through the work that's inevitably due a few days after we get back. While it

may be annoying at the time, it will save some stress once you get back to Wabash.

4. *Go Black Friday Shopping.* Hate on the massive throngs that descend upon local Best Buys and Walmart's all you want, but Black Friday shopping makes economic sense for us broke college students. Presentations and interviews demand respectable clothing, and the suit you bought for high school homecoming is only going to fit you until the end of your sophomore year at Wabash. Most of my business clothes were purchased for 75% off at Kohl's every Black Friday I've been in college. As you get older and have to upgrade, being able to buy cheap dress shirts, slacks, and jackets will be a blessing. Furthermore, when I've needed a new keyboard, mouse, or other essentials for my room, I've bought it on Black Friday. And yes, a 60 inch 1080p TV with an included PlayStation for only \$400 is both essential and worth camping out for 6 hours and getting mild frostbite.

These tips have served me well in my four years here and I'm hoping that they help you all make November great...or at least not a soul crushing grind of stress, tests, and misery.

# O CAPTAIN! MY CAPTAIN!

To my captain, whom together we endeavored upon our first freshmen ring in, where art thou mind now? Who I daily see and admire, but only from afar. I ask myself, "what does he appreciate about this fine vessel we call Wabash College?" I commonly hear of the prodigious development this fine institution evokes upon her students and I agree. In merely two and a half years, I've made strides towards becoming a man as I've also witnessed those around me chin-up a great bit. I see your \$16 million housing project springing up overnight, I see men of "Liberal Arts Plus", I see a growing town, but where art thou mind?

Seniors may be familiar with former Wabash College President Patrick White, whose tenure lasted six years ending in 2013. As a junior, President White is a complete stranger. Even as a Sphinx Club member, a club where we pride ourselves on being the backbone of tradition, I'll admit that if I saw "Frat" White on



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campus, I likely wouldn't recognize him. A quick Google search may point out his formal contributions to our beautiful institution but more importantly, a conversation with an alumnus/senior who was a student under his stint will tell you more about the man than any online search could justly detail. President White won the hearts and souls of his students through a charismatic approach to his position. Often, he even wrote his own *Bachelor* article. He wrote articles of

extreme importance and articles consisting of a simple refresher on his day. He wrote articles that connected with his students in a way that was appreciated and respected by the loyal audience of *Bachelor* readers.

To our captain, who may not have a Ph.D. in English and American Literature, but in just two and a half years has made his presence felt in the Crawfordsville community as a member of the Board of Trustees, within the Deans' Office, and throughout the faculty/administration here on campus. Whose mere presence demands respect for his obvious intellectual standing. We want to know, where art thou mind? I've come to know the in's and out's of your institution, but now I long to know only one thing: your own notion of her. So captain,

How's your trip been thus far?

Where are you guiding this ship?

How's the view from the bridge?

I intend to present no complaint; this is simply an intrigue that could not be

denied. Your to-do list may be great, and your personal affairs may be paramount in comparison to our request, but we anxiously await for your reply. A reply more seeming as a conversation between a boisterous young Aggie (UC Davis mascot) and a light-hearted Wally. A series of replies that over time captures the hearts and souls of your pupil, who desperately desire to gain the attention of their captain.

Let us see the softer side of the fine economist that we call our president. Whether it be about your 25 year plan for Old Wabash, a review of the Board of Trustees weekend, your opinion and vision on "Liberal Arts Plus," or a simple narrative of your day, I promise to be entertained. Take off that suit, kick your legs up, crack open a beer and privilege us with the sharing of your personal reflections. This being my first *Bachelor* article and likely my last, I only hope it inclines your first of many entries!

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# “REAL” REPUBLICANS

There is little doubt that the Republican Party in America is at an important crossroads. The Republican establishment in Washington is in a continual state of tension with the Tea Party and the zealously conservative Freedom Caucus in Congress. Over 60% of likely GOP voters prefer a candidate for the most important political office in the world who has never held any sort of elected position. All the while, former and current governors/legislators who have devoted most of their working life to public service struggle to scratch the surface and gain ground in this race. At dinner tables across the country, heated arguments about the future and platform of the Republican Party are at a fever pitch. Historians and pundits alike are saying Republicans are nearing a breaking point as a party.

For full disclosure, I admit I am a self-proclaimed Moderate Republican, and am proud of it. I long for the days of a Republican Party that furthers a common sense government that embraces needed progress and new ideas, that is more inclusive and tolerant in its platform and rhetoric, and is more focused on presenting their own plans for bettering the country than attacking liberal policies that seek to do the same. I have had the great privilege of working on many campaigns and have had numerous opportunities to interact with the political process directly in my



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short time in “professional” politics. I have however, been in the game long enough, to be called everything from a RINO (Republican in Name Only) to not a “real Republican.” Because of my known center-right positions, these sentiments were expressed both jokingly and not.

It’s ironic though, because I feel that the people who are the most conservative in my party, the ones who say these things, are actually the ones who are not really Republican.

“Real” Republicans believe in a sensible government that supports social programs that work and fixes the ones that don’t. We believe in free market capitalism, the rule of law and order, and a strong military. We believe that investments in education, healthcare, and industry are integral to the sustained success of America. We believe that the United States is an exceptional nation, but not the only nation, and offers

unique opportunities and freedoms to its citizens and immigrants who aspire to be one. “Real” Republicans work with the other side, to craft legislation that helps America, using the best ideas from both parties in hopes that the best policy endures.

I am afraid some leaders, whether in the presidential race, right-wing media, or the political arena overall, have lost sight of what being Republican is all about. Just because I would rather talk about creating jobs and repairing our nation’s infrastructure rather than about someone’s sexual orientation or religious beliefs does not make me less of a Republican. Just because I do not continuously deny scientific evidence, don’t believe that it is irrational to expect someone to pass a background check to own a military-style assault rifle, and do not believe we should make it harder for someone to vote, does not mean I am not a real Republican. And just because I don’t think people in poverty are either too dumb or too lazy to be rich, and don’t want every illegal immigrant to be deported immediately, but instead want to implement policies that help each of those groups climb the ladder towards their own American dream, does not mean I am a worse Republican than a Tea Party loyalist.

Let me be clear: I am by no means saying Republicans should not stand strong on

principle or policy. There is a great value to having and being the loyal opposition in our two-party system when the opposition holds the Presidency. But when one of our two major political parties is being held hostage by an extreme faction and subgroup of its party that won’t brook compromise, values theatrical protests over actual governing, and is adolescent in its ideological vanity, we have lost the pride and power of being the loyal opposition.

We face a very “real” choice as a party. Do we continue to allow the party to digress down a path of peril by being exclusively available to a select demographic and ideological group that is becoming statistically smaller each election? Or do we create policies and use rhetoric that help the people who have continuously been pushed away by our party, join us in the fight to ensure that all Americans lead a better life through Republican policies? Will we support candidates who consider compromise a dirty word, run campaigns with no tangible or realistic policy initiatives, and have no relevant experience for President? Or will we coalesce behind a person who can lead all of America, not just Republicans, using adept governance, that commands us towards a time of great peace and prosperity. With hopes that my grandchildren are alive to see an America with a Republican Party, I pray we choose the latter.

# HISTORY: LEARN FROM IT!

For years, Americans eluded discussion of the Vietnam War because we have been scared to talk about our nation’s first defeat. This cannot be the case any longer. Now is the time for us to think about Vietnam and how it continues to impact our lives today in society and politics. The comparisons that can be made between our current military situation in Syria and Vietnam are astonishing. If Americans take the time to learn from history, maybe we can right this ship before we face our nation’s second ever defeat in war.

The conflict in Vietnam can date back to the First Indochina War in the mid-1940s. For our sake, and for the emphasis I’d like to put on our current crisis in the Middle East, we will pick up the comparison when the first ground troops splashed ashore Da Nang in Vietnam on March 8, 1965. Expansion of the air war over Vietnam had already taken place in President Johnson’s administration through operations like Rolling Thunder and Flaming Dart. The American public was going along with Johnson’s operations and ideas without asking questions. Specifically, the American people continued to buy into the 1950 domino theory, believing that the fall of Indochina (Vietnam) would lead to the spread of Communism throughout



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Southeast Asia. Americans believed our soldiers were in Vietnam to stop the spread of Communism.

Now, this is not to say that a purpose of ours in Vietnam was not to stop the spread of Communism, because it certainly was. But to what degree? As the bearers of freedom and liberty for all, did the United States feel obligated to take over what the French colonists had started and help westernize Vietnam? Before the mid-1960s, the majority of Americans could not point out Vietnam on a map if you asked them too, so what was the purpose of Vietnam to America? Was the United States out to create an annex of our fair country, spreading democracy throughout the globe? Or was the Vietnam conflict a result of America’s wider, more global conflict with the Soviet Union and China during the

Cold War, Capitalism versus Communism? This is all for you to you think about the real reasons the United States was in Vietnam with boots on the ground in 1965, and also to serve as a reference as we compare it to our current conflict in the Middle East.

As I sat in my room and watched the news the other day, the headline “Boots on the Ground in Syria” flashed across the screen. Immediately, I started questioning the rationale behind sending troops to Syria. Yes, I understand the dreaded acronym ISIS thrives in Syria. Yes, I understand we are fighting the War on Terrorism; but haven’t we been fighting terrorism since 9/11? What strides have we made in this War on Terrorism? And more importantly, who the hell are we really fighting over there?

The same questions and concerns were brought forth when LBJ put “boots on the ground” in Vietnam in 1965. President Obama has now done the same in Syria in 2015. “But these soldiers that Obama is sending over are only limited, rest are advisors!” Not only has the United States sent over advisors to the Middle East throughout recent presidencies, the Vietnam conflict did the same. During Kennedy’s administration, from 1961 to 1962, the amount of “advisors” in Vietnam increased by 180% to 9,000 so-called “advisors.” The advisors duties included

ever-widening tasks stemming from their original innocent duty of simply training the Vietnamese to battle Communism. Sound familiar? It should.

For the sake of time and space for this article, I end with this: learn from this small sample of a comparison and take it one, two, and three steps further. Critically think about history and how we can learn from it as a society and a government. As we enter the world as Wabash men, we can make a large difference by doing this simple task. Lastly, realize that we may only be sending a small number of soldiers over now, but how many “advisors” are already in Syria? We have fought Al-Queda and ISIS and every other terrorist group in between, we did the same with the Viet Minh, Vietcong, NLF, and North Vietnamese. President Obama did something he said he would never do, put boots on the ground in Syria and here we are. The same direct parallels can be made with the indecisive and secretive tactics through the Kennedy and Johnson administration. Overall, it is hard not to let out a dumbfounded chuckle at the comparisons that can be made between Vietnam and the Middle Eastern conflict. I hope that you all see the same comparisons, and recognize the importance of our education in history.



## CAMPUS' LIVING HISTORY:

### ARBORETUM TRANSCENDS TIME, FACES NEW CHALLENGES

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In addition to solid academic and athletic programs, Wabash's aesthetically pleasing campus is a source that attracts many students to attend. One part of the campus that sticks out is our Arboretum. Parrish Fuller, a former trustee and graduate of the class of 1915, made a donation to the school to create a natural space that represented Fuller's interest in trees.

Articles found in the Archives and Special Collections provided by Archivist Beth Swift say in the original formation of the arboretum, they had to order trees from three vendors, and were still unable to complete the entire list of plants desired.

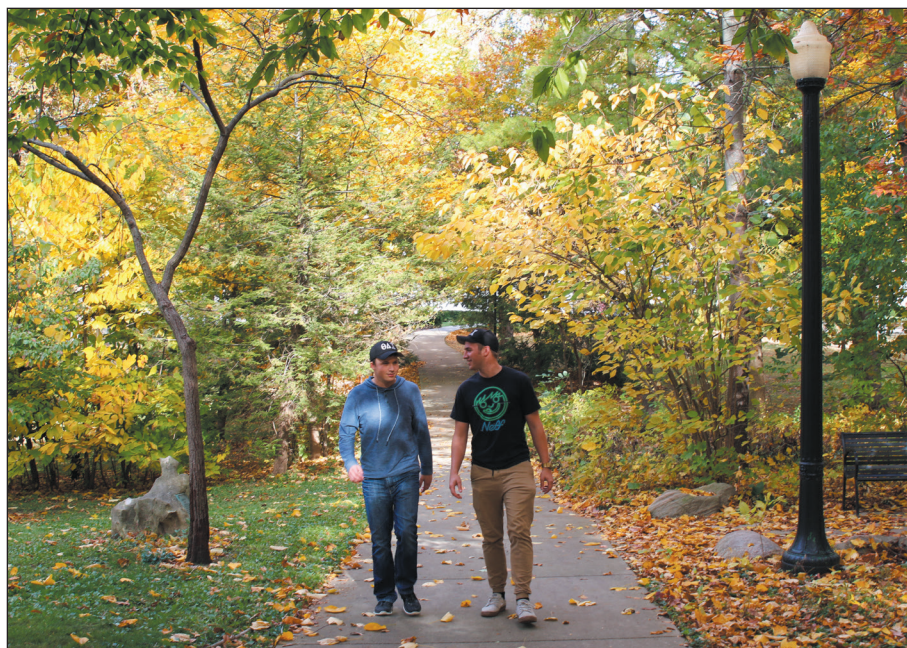
Grounds Manager Tim Riley, said "I don't have an exact count today, but in August 2008, we had 1,039 trees on campus, and that did not include anything smaller than four inches." Riley has also planted around 400 trees in his time at Wabash.

One goal for the arboretum is to contain the 50 trees native to Indiana, but this has been a hard feat to complete.

"We have about 47," Riley said. "Some of those like the Slippery Red Elm are disease prone and we just really can grow it anymore. The Jack Pine grows up northern Indiana, doesn't really do well down here and I can't even buy it."

Riley is committed to the arboretum and works hard to ensure that it represents the diversity of trees in Indiana. He is continually looking for new trees to add to the arboretum, such as the Jack Pine.

Additionally in the past, he has gone out to



LEVI GARRISON '18 / PHOTO

Petty's Patch, a destination on the way from the College's sign to Hays Hall, has been cited by many as one of the hidden treasures of Wabash's campus.

the woods and "digging up various 50 trees of Indiana that we didn't have, and putting them in the arboretum."

Despite the large number of Indiana state trees in the arboretum, the fight to provide care for the trees continue.

"This year we lost two of the oldest

oaks on campus, and that was due to a complication from the drought that we had in 2012," Riley said. "It's called the lag effect. Big mature trees take two to three years, maybe even up to five, to show the devastating effects of drought."

The variation in extremes in the weather has put a strain on the trees. Riley said, "I'm not going to call it global warming, but we are going through a period of extreme weathers, and it's putting a lot of stress on the trees." This especially can be seen in the older trees as he explained, "they seem to be the first to fail."

Additionally, the Emerald Ash Borer is an invasive beetle that, "will kill every ash tree," Riley said. In order to prevent this from happening in the arboretum Riley has, "treated all of the trees, injected an insecticide to be able to pick and choose which ones to keep."

In conjunction with the Emerald Ash Borer, squirrels are also making life harder on the trees, especially the hard maples. "They strip the bark of the top of the limb, and they lick at the juices; it's basically a sugar," Riley said. "What it causes is a wound and that wound becomes weak because it has no bark. It either rots and ends up breaking or dying." This is causing many



LEVI GARRISON '18 / PHOTO

Many of the trees in the arboretum have stood proud and tall for decades.

maple trees at Wabash to die.

Looking into the future, Riley has improvements he wants to make to create an even better arboretum. "I want to make it more of a destination," Riley said. "It's wonderful, don't get me wrong, but it's kind of a wide-open forested area like a park. I want it to be a little more educational, a little more diversity of plant material."

One example of the expansion of diversity in plant material Riley would like to see "introductions of some species of plants that are not necessarily native from Indiana, but quite worthy of the Midwest." He envisions a place that a person can, "meander through it. Think of it as rooms: what's behind that wall, or that hedgerow of this plant? Give it a little more interest."

Riley also is working on registering Tree Campus USA, a program supported by the Arbor Day Foundation. "It kind of makes the campus look good, it shows we care about our trees."

The arboretum sets Wabash's campus apart from other colleges with a forest environment in the middle of a city. The walk to class often is mellowed by the peaceful natural setting. Especially this time of year, our arboretum provides an exceptional view on the way to class.



LEVI GARRISON '18 / PHOTO

A squirrel, one of the natural enemies of the arboretum, frolics in the undergrowth of fallen autumn foliage.



otherwise altered state,” McDorman said. “Although I do tend to be a bit out of date and slow to pick up terms so it might mean something completely different.”

Urban dictionary defines turnt as being under the influence of alcohol, wasted, gone, when someone is really drunk but still partying their face off, a word to express just how drunk you were at that awesome rager last night. Can mean very drunk and high at the same time whilst at a party. Sometimes people say ‘turnt up.’ This means the same thing. Naturally, the phrase ‘getting turnt’ refers to the journey one takes to achieve this altered state of being.



Todd McDorman

Sample dialogue:

Ken: “It’s Friday, I’m planning to get completely turnt tonight!”

Rob: “Yeah, lets get turnt up!”

Daniel Diaz-Vidal, Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, tried his best to define ‘Netflix and chill,’ and, while his definition was not entirely wrong, he missed the implied sexual connotation of this seemingly mundane phrase. “Netflix and chill?” Diaz-Vidal asked. “I don’t

know what that means, but I do a lot of it. So you meet with friends and watch Netflix and chill?”

Urban Dictionary gives the definition of Netflix and chill as: When your boyfriend/girlfriend asks you to come over to their place to have sex. This is somewhat similar to a booty call but is intentionally misleading.

Sample Dialogue:

Brittney: “Hey, I’m free tonight, Netflix and chill at my place?”

Bob: “Hell yeah! I love Netflix.”

Brittney: “I’ll get the condoms.”

Jill Lamberton, Assistant Professor of English, felt extraordinarily brave, and took a swing at two of the millennial terms. Lamberton attempted to define the two popular bphrases ‘to go H.A.M.’ and to ‘get rekt.’

“I have no idea... like to go crazy?” said Professor Lamberton when asked to define the phrase ‘to go H.A.M.’ When asked to define ‘get rekt’ she simply answered, “Drunk”. Despite her effort, only one definition was close.

Urban Dictionary defines ‘get rekt’ as: a phrase typically utilized by either kids or trolls



Jill Lamberton

on online videogames in order to annoy and provoke other players.

Sample Dialogue:

Player1: gg everyone!

Player2: d00d ur team got rekt!!1

Urban Dictionary has a very insightful definition explaining the meaning of the phrase ‘to go H.A.M.’ To lose one’s mind completely, generally with a violent outburst or surprising effect on those around the individual who is going crazy.

Eileen Bowen, the Division II Administrative Assistant at Detchon Hall, tried to define the term ‘dank memes.’

“I only recently learned what memes are, so I’ll do my best,” Bowen said. “I’m going with the literal definition of dank, meaning musty or dark or wet, but the slang meaning probably has nothing to do with the literal meaning for folks much younger than I.”

Urban Dictionary defines dank memes as: a meme that hipsters used before it was cool, but which is now way too mainstream. It may even be used by old people.

Example: That dank meme is way too mainstream and overused.



Eileen Bowen

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# NAI-NI CHEN BRINGS CREATIVE MIX OF DANCE STYLES

**JOSEPH REILLY '18 | CAVELIFE EDITOR** • Over the years, the Visiting Artist Series has brought many novel performances to Wabash. The Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company is no exception. Performing a unique blend of modern American dance and traditional Asian dance, the Company has won multiple international awards for its performances. The Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company will perform on campus tonight at 8:00 p.m. in Ball Theater as part of the Visiting Artist Series. Professor of Theater Michael Abbott shed some light on why Nai-Ni Chen was approached to become part of the Visiting Artist Series.

"It goes back to giving our students a chance and people in the community a chance to have a cultural experience they otherwise would not have had," Abbott said, "They get to see dancers that in no other way would they have contact with. Even in Indianapolis, you would not see this kind of dance company. The other thing is, it's co-sponsored by the Asian Studies committee. We do have an ongoing commitment to Asian Studies at Wabash, through that committee, which is chaired by [Associate Professor of History] Rick Warner. It is interested in events that help our students learn more about Asian culture and performing arts like dance is another way to get at that. It's not just a language to learn."

By blending the vibrancy of modern American dance with the coolly ritualistic and traditional Asian dance form, Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company is able to create a performance that promises to be different from anything the audience has seen, even if they have seen dance companies from the two dance styles the Company espouses.

The choreography for the Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company is created by Ms. Nai-Ni Chen, the lead dancer

of the company. With origins as a renowned traditional dancer in Taiwan, Nai-Ni Chen moved to the United States to embrace the freedom of modern dance. She graduated from the Chinese Cultural University in 1982 and received her master's degree from New York University. Nai-Ni Chen works to integrate the adaptable styles of modern American dance with the traditional beauty of Asian dance, according to the Company's website.

"I think what's especially interesting about them is that they are an Asian American dance company, so they're not all coming in from Asia for the performance," Abbott said, "Most of them are American citizens or have dual citizenship. What that means for us is they are fusing a kind of modern American dance, which I think you would characterize as ambitious, athletic, and featuring a certain kind of [confidence] as an American dance style that's probably not very similar to the very stylized, very ritualized forms of Chinese dance and movement. So, what the company's done is merged those two styles."

Abbott continued to explain the stark differences between Chinese dance and American dance. The arts in China instill very, very specific kinds of disciplined and hierarchical thought processes. One starts out as an apprentice and advances from there. Modern American dance is much more dynamic and active than ballet and traditional Asian dance. Abbott believes the merging of the styles to be what makes Nai-Ni Chen interesting.

The interesting art form carries over to the interesting requirements that the Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company has for its performance. Because of the fine-tuned precision that is found in each dancer's body, their environment must also be equipped to ensure they are able to perform at their peak abilities



IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

The Fine Arts Center will host the Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company tonight at 8:00 p.m.

and prevent injuries from occurring.

"The dancer's instrument is her body, so that has to be cared for very carefully," Abbott said, "These dancers weigh maybe only 95 lbs., and they dance very forcefully, with a lot of energy and a lot of impact. If you put them down in the Experimental Theater, on the concrete floor, they would be putting themselves at great risk of injury. We have to provide for the right temperature, the right floor, to make sure it has the right kind of impact for them. We have to provide lots of hydration for them. When students come see it, it's a full evening with an intermission. At the end of it these dancers are spent."

The special floor that the dancers required is a Marley floor, and is an important part of the several requirements the Dance Company has for its performance space. It must be laid out on a wood floor. They also have detailed instructions on how to hide the stage's size, lighting, and sound. Abbott explained that this was fairly standard, and some parts were even easier to

set up than some other acts that have performed at Wabash in the past.

Whether a student is well versed in traditional Asian or modern American dance, has taken dance lessons, or was the runner-up in the chicken dance at every wedding reception he's ever attended, the Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company is sure to amaze. A student would be hard-pressed to have the chance to be able to say they had seen a world class Asian dance company perform in college if they attended a different school. Professor Abbott detailed the unique opportunity presented by the event.

"We think that as a cultural venue, this building and the Visiting Artists Series have an obligation to expose our students to all the performing arts, including dance," Abbott said, "Our philosophy there is that our location and our situation means that our students really don't have very much access to international kinds of performing arts groups, and in particular they don't have access to dance."

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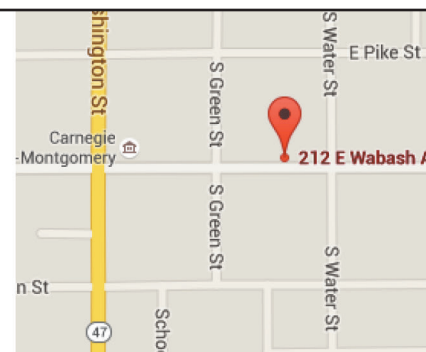
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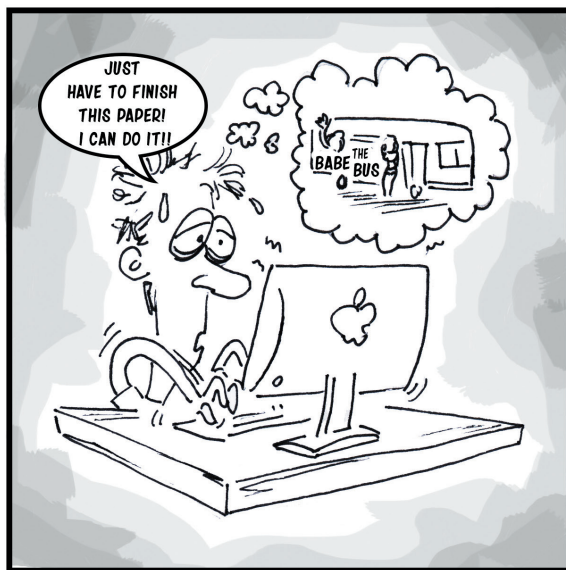
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THE FIELD;  
LEADS DOMINANT  
WABASH DEFENSE

**JOEL JANAK '19 | STAFF WRITER**

Brian Parks '18 has enjoyed incredible success in his first year and a half at Wabash College. On the football field Parks has accepted an accelerated role. Due to injuries in the beginning of the season, Brian was given an opportunity to start, and has not looked back since. The Little Giants Defensive Coordinator Coach BJ Hammer '01 said that Brian, "worked incredibly hard in the weight room during the offseason. He performed very well during spring ball. He led a group of incoming freshman this summer, and I always saw him working out to get better. This has led to his success on the field this season." This has been noticed especially after practice, when Brian is battling with Satchel Burton '18 for extra reps. "Satchel has been pushing me this entire season to get better. Without him I may not be where I am today," Parks said.

Brian has not always been a superstar on the field though. Parks grew up in the inner city of Indianapolis and attended Arsenal Tech High School. "I grew up in a pretty rough area in a low income family, where I was not given many opportunities as a child," Parks said. With the lack of opportunities, Parks did mention that he had some trouble with law enforcement as a young boy. "Throughout my childhood, I have learned to deal with my mistakes, and make myself better from them. This is something I have been doing ever since I can remember." He said he was very dumb as a child, but the mistakes he made early on has put him on the right

path.

Coming from a rough area, Parks did have some positives influences in his life as a child. His brother Jonathan has been incredibly important in his life. Although Jonathon is 11 months his elder, the brothers happened to be in the same grade, which meant they were constantly competing. "At an early age, my brother and I were competing in everything especially school and sports," Parks said. Brian also has another brother who is six years older. Being the youngest, Brian learned early that he must work hard in everything saying, "When we would play sports I would always lose. I would then do anything I could to be better, like jogging around the block, or just working on football." Parks believes he was never good enough and is always trying to outwork the guy next to him. Brian emphasized doing everything with a purpose, no matter what the situation is.

Brian said that coming to Wabash was the best decision of his life. "My high school team came here my sophomore year, and we were all joking around after the game, saying, 'Who would ever come to an all guy school', and now I am here. I guess this is where God wanted me to go." Parks plans on being a financial mathematics major with a theater minor. He believes Wabash will set him up very well for after college too. "Wabash teaches you to have work ethic, and to put your pride to the side," Parks said. "If you need help with school work, professors are always willing to help you, and that is what makes Wabash great. Not only has football taught me things, but I would have never been the student I am today without Wabash."

Parks is also very involved on campus. Parks loves his involvement with the MXI, saying that, "It makes me feel at home. I feel comfortable there, like I am back in Indianapolis. People at the MXI are practically family. I would not be the man I am today without the Malcolm X Institution." This is not the only program Parks is



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Parks has excelled in the starting cornerback role in his sophomore campaign. Parks leads the team with four interceptions and has 27 tackles in the Little Giants first eight games.

involved in. He is also involved in ASA, Career Services, Sports Marketing with Brent Harris, and rugby. "Sports Marketing with Mr. Harris has really been awesome because it has helped me found a career path that I would like to take." This additional involvement with sports is important for Parks, as he sees himself doing something in the inner city regarding Sports and Finance.

Parks also wants to help troubled children in the inner city. He would like to lead a program helping children make positives choices. "I made a lot of bad decisions as a young boy, and I want to helps kids not do those type of things," Parks said. "If I can help kids in any way, then I am making a difference in a kids life, whether that be 20 or just 1, I want to make a difference." Parks understands what it is like growing up with hardly anything and knows that children are pressured into some pretty dumb activities. He just wants to make a

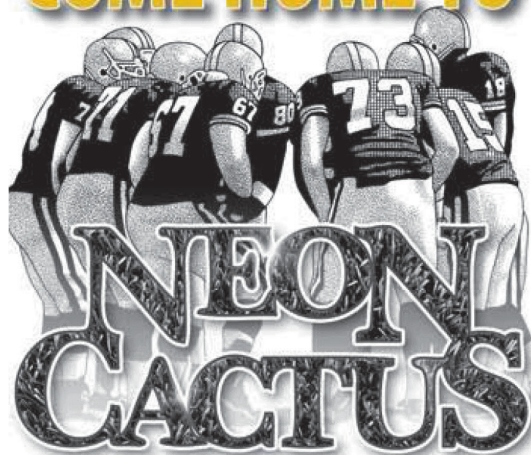
difference.

Finally, Parks likes the direction the team is headed at the end of the season, but still knows there is work to be done. "Team is doing pretty good, but not excellent," Parks said. "There is much room for improvement. We need to work harder to get to the next level. The team has been preaching about getting to that next level, and that will require a little extra work." Parks has been encouraging other guys to stay after with him, and has been crucial to him and the team's success. "I cannot thank these guys enough for pushing me every day to be successful, and I would not be here without them," Parks said. He also wants to thank Christ for everything he has done for him, and he does everything because of him. The Little Giants will need Parks to stay on his game as they face the Big Red of Denison University this Saturday.



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**TUCKER DIXON '19 | STAFF WRITER** • As sad as it is, all seasons must come to an end. Unfortunately, the Little Giant soccer team is the latest of our teams to see their season come to a close. With a final record of 11-5-2, the Little Giants put together an outstanding season that will not be forgotten.

Referring to the final stretch of the season, Wabash soccer Head Coach Chris Keller said, "We went into the last three games knowing we needed at least two wins if not all three." These final three games consisted of a home competition vs. The College of Wooster, an away matchup against our rivals to the south, and another away game versus the 8th ranked Kenyon College team. The Little Giants dominated Wooster with a 3-0 victory in Mud Hollow Stadium, but sadly lost their final two matchups ending their season too soon. When asked about the loss to Kenyon, Keller said, "Best game of the year as a team. Played for each other, for the Wabash Red, and came up short in overtime. We hated to see a game of that magnitude end on a questionable penalty kick call, which was the second of the day."

When asked about the 2015 season as a whole, Coach Keller felt his Little Giants made a statement to everyone who was watching. "One of our main goals this year was to prove to everyone that last year was not a fluke and we weren't a one hit wonder. We very much proved that with 11 solid wins and the first back-to-back winning season since the 90's," Keller said. "We learned from our mistakes and our two home draws versus Denison and Allegheny. Those are the games we needed to get into the postseason and did not play well enough to come out on top. Simply put, winning at Wabash Soccer is now an expectation."

The soccer team will lose a crucial leader and role model in senior Adam Antalis '16. The team

had only positive things to say about the leadership and chemistry they had with Antalis. "Adam is a special person on and off the field. He grew as a player over the four years and always put the team first. From winning eight total games in his first two years to winning twenty-four in his last two, he was a big reason for the programs transformation," Keller said. "He is a great example for the young guys on how to play with class and heart. We will definitely miss him in the lineup. He leaves a great legacy." This true Wabash man definitely impacted the teammates he has played with during his time here at Wabash. Junior goalkeeper Dayton Jennings '17 said of his teammate, "Adam brought experience and hunger to our team. It is sad that none of us get the chance to enjoy him being on the field with us again."

With the loss of Adam, the juniors will have to step up to fill that role. Juniors Dayton Jennings, Riley Pelton, Rodrigo Porras, and Geno James will have to get their team into form early in order to accomplish next year's team goals. Coach Keller noted the importance of the four rising seniors stepping up and "being instrumental in the success of next year."

With every end comes a beginning and the Little Giants are ready to put in hard work and effort this offseason to make next season their best one yet. Preparation starts now and the soccer team is ready to rise to the challenge. Keller noted, "The team is hungry to keep winning and take the next step into the top of the conference. They are ready to prepare for spring ball and come out fit and with fire. We need to come out to play each game like it's a playoff game. Not doing so can cost you valuable points in such as strong conference." Next year's senior leaders understand what stands before them and they are ready to push their team to its limits to achieve their goal of an NCAC soccer championship. "We need to get stronger on and off the field," rising senior Riley Pelton '17 said. "Next year our goal is to win our programs first NCAC soccer title. And the work starts now."

Until next fall, Little Giant soccer fans!



# BACK TO BALLIN'

## BASKETBALL LOOKS TO COMBINE YOUTH AND EXPERIENCE IN THEIR 2015-2016 CAMPAIGN

### MASON ASHER '18 | STAFF

WRITER • Wabash College basketball has a solid core of returning players to the 2015-16 team. However, with some notable departures, they are also very young and very hungry to build the program.

"We are really young," Head Coach Kyle Brumett said. "I am really confident in the play that our seniors are going to give us and we will have to mesh a large freshman class in with them."

Austin Burton '16, Marcus Kammrath '16 and Daniel Purvlicis '16 all return this year as seniors with Zach Patton '18 being the only returning sophomore.

Purvlicis led the team in scoring and rebounding last year with 16.5 points a game and 7.7 rebounds per game. Kammrath was third on last year's team with 5.6 rebounds a game and Burton shot 36 percent from behind the arc.

Patton was the main guy off the bench and averaged four points and two rebounds.

The team looks to build on their strengths last year which was the play of their two big men down low Kammrath and Purvlicis. Wabash outrebounded their opponents by an average of 10 rebounds a game and look to continue that dominance.

The Little Giants basketball success will largely depend on point guard play as well. With the departure of Kyle Aiton, who transferred to the University of Southern Indiana, and the graduation of Houston Hodges '15, Brumett had the task of recruiting a true point guard to run the offense.

Joining the picture this year are Johnny Jager '19, Joey Lenkey '19, Trenton McCarthy '19, and Ronald Ryan '19, all four who were leaders of their high school team and look to duke it out for a starting role on the team at the point position.

Wabash has brought in many new players this year and many of them could play multiple positions. This helps with depth off the bench, but

since 13 players have not played college basketball yet, anything could happen.

Brumett said that the depth this year on the team is to be determined. "We have a lot of freshmen that I like. Some are adapting to college basketball at a different rate and that is natural. The problem with that is the games come when they come. The schedule does not care if they are freshman and the opponent does not care."

"We are deep on the bench as far as talent," Kammrath said. "It is raw talent; we need to get them up to speed."

The team had a scrimmage one week ago and it was finally a chance for the team to get on the court with referees, fans, and a real game environment. It was a chance for the team to show what is in store for this season.

"In some ways it went perfect," Brumett said. "Guys needed to play. Our younger interior players Evan Frank '19 and Logan White '19 both played really well. The reverse to that was the older post guys did not feel so good about it. It is good to have some video evidence of a game. Now they are ready to play someone else."

Last year, the Little Giants defense allowed just 63.2 points a game which was ranked 53rd in the country out of 410 schools. This year, the same emphasis will be put on the defense to hold opponents down.

Wabash will look to get better with each game this year, and with a ton of height on the team and three seniors who are hungry to win the first NCAC conference title, this team could surprise some people.

"It is really fun," Kammrath said. "It is not a me, it is a we and it is really exciting because it is a more of a family and a team. It is really fun because we know when to be serious and we can have fun."

"We are working every day with the idea that we want to hang the first NCAC championship banner," Brumett said. "I think we can. I really want my three seniors to have that opportunity because I think they deserve it."

The Little Giants will be home against the Illinois Institute of Technology on November 17. Come support your Little Giants!



JACOB FERGUSON '18

Zach Patton '18 goes up for a layup in the Red and White scrimmage last Friday. The Little Giants have two tough upcoming road tests to kick off their regular season.



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## SHARPENING THE BLADE

**MICHAEL LUMPKIN '18 | SPORTS**

**EDITOR •** Head Coach Brent Noble's Wabash Swim Team has ascended the ranks of the North Coast Athletic Conference. Noble has turned an average program into a bonafide Division III contender in his short tenure at the helm. One testament to the team's improvement is a recent series of tough competitions with arch-rival and Division III contender DePauw University: dual meets that used to be lopsided affairs have now turned in favor of the Little Giants the last two years. The Dannies did edge out the Little Giants in other competitions last season, but the diminutive margins exemplify the changing times. The Little Giants edged out the Dannies in last Friday's meet with a close score of 148-146. The Little Giants knew that their victory was important, but have higher aspirations for their season than simply edging out the Dannies.

"DePauw has been a little bit of a flag, something to chase, they've been very good. They're almost always in the top 15," Coach Noble said. "When I came, I was really clear with our guys that they were something to chase, they weren't the destination, and beating DePauw in a dual meet is by no means where we're going as a program." DePauw's pool success was something that the Little Giants chased and now compete with on a yearly basis.

Noble called the momentous 2014 dual meet victory against DePauw a "turning point" for Wabash swimming. After Friday's victory "we know we are on their level," Noble said. "We can go against them any given day, and it can probably go either way right now."

Noble credited the 200-medley relay

team its swimmers Dakota Rhodes '18, Zechariah Banks '16, Chris McGue '16, and Wyatt Tarter '17 for their strong swims in the meet. Noble especially pointed out the critical swims of Zechariah Banks '16 and Chris McGue '16, who separated the Little Giants from the Dannies to take the critical event. Noble credited Aaron Embree '19 and Max Von Deylen '19 for their victories on the diving boards. Noble said, "We haven't had divers who can step up like that in 20 years." Noble furthered their importance to the Little Giants success, calling the duo "the best two divers Wabash has had since the early 1990s."

Von Deylen was poised in the contentious environment that can be found in every Wabash and DePauw sports matchup. Von Deylen and his fellow diver Aaron Embree swept the diving board competition. Von Deylen said, "Aaron and I did what we needed to do. We wanted to beat DePauw's diver on both boards and that's exactly what we did." Von Deylen echoed his coach in treating the DePauw victory as another step towards more success. Von Deylen said, "The biggest things I want to improve on going forward are increasing the degree of difficulty of my list and making sure my easier dives score as high as they possibly can."

"I would've told you after this meet last year that everyone was great and everyone did a lot to make it a full team effort," Noble said. "That's basically true (this year), we were 79 out of 83 in season-best performances, but the wins we got were the difference." The Little Giants won 11 out of a total of 16 events. The victories meant that no matter who finished second through fourth, Wabash would gain the most points



COLIN THOMPSON '17 / PHOTO

**Wabash swimming is undefeated in dual meets with a record of 2-0 on the year.**

from the event. The first place finishes contributed greatly to the narrow victory.

Noble knew that swimming is different than other sports in the style of training. "The thing that matters is always the end of the season," Noble said. The Little Giants look heavily upon times from only a couple meets out of the year. The rest of the meets are surrounded by tough training regimens that may not result in the best times for both Wabash and its competitors. The results from dual meets versus DePauw pale in comparison to other large meets. "That's something that makes our sport different when it comes to dual competitions," Noble said. "But it's really fun to compete; we play sports because we are competitive."

The constant competition allows the Little Giants to "sharpen the blade" and measure their performances

against competitive opponents. Noble said he tells his guys that "the times aren't nearly as important as what we build from it. We are interested in learning our races, executing, and being competitive."

The Little Giants look forward with a 2-0 record and a third place finish at the Indiana Intercollegiate. Next for the Little Giants is a home meet on Saturday against Manchester University and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. Noble acknowledged Rose-Hulman as another tough opponent. "Rose-Hulman is a really good team," Noble said. "It's going to take another big meet and we are hoping for a really big Saturday to go with family day, the football game, and everything else happening on campus." Noble remembered the last home meet against Rose-Hulman two years ago, one that the Little Giants won by a single point.

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