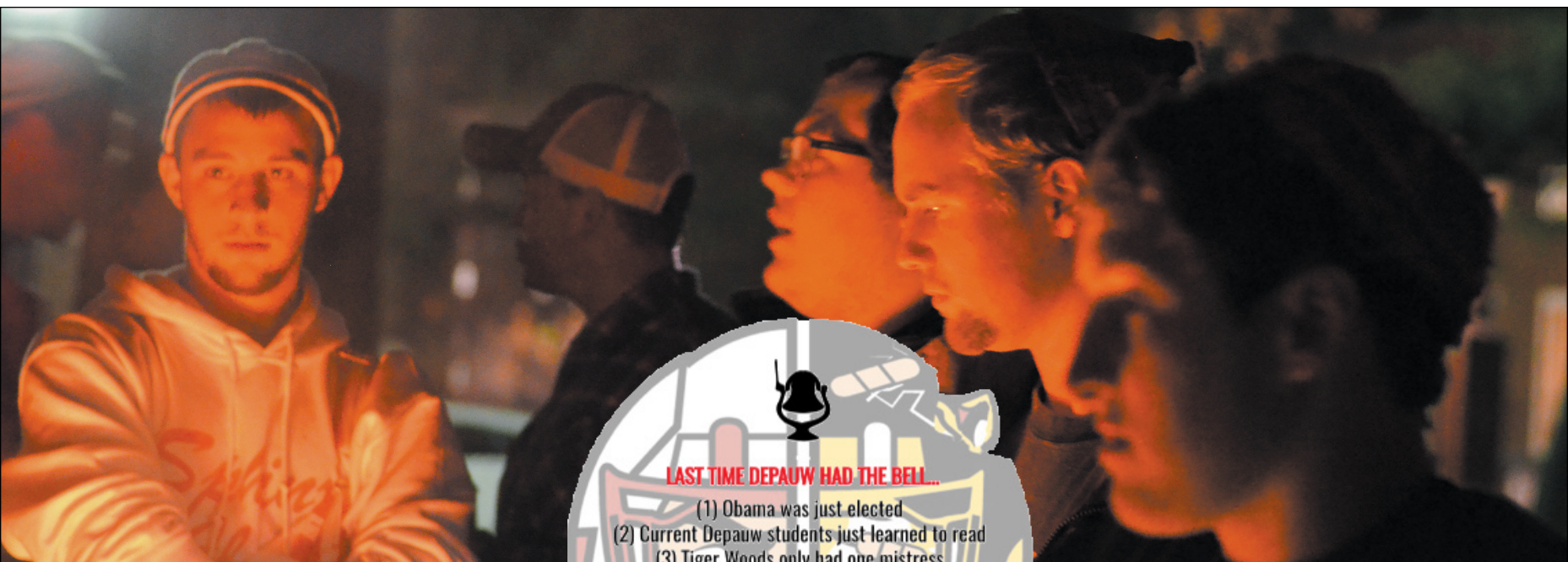


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- (3) Tiger Woods only had one mistress
- (4) Kanye didn't let Taylor finish
- (5) iPads did not exist...

## TOUCHDOWNS SINCE THEN?

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# HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY  
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

## D\*\*\*\* THANKS SCHEDULER

A Hi-Five to Blackstock Stadium at D\*\*\*\* for hosting the Bell Game at the last minute. Hollett Stadium was all set to host the game here until someone in the Athletic Dept. noticed that our own stadium was reserved on the Scheduler for a “higher profile” event. Hopefully, if the football team reserves the field now, we’ll have a chance at a home Bell Game next year!

## LONG SHALL WE SING THY PRAISES

Tom Runge ’71, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations, announced this week that he will retire in March. The longest serving alumni director in the College’s history has made himself known to the Wabash community as the quintessential Wabash man. To students and alumni alike, Tom is Mr. Wabash. *The Bachelor* thanks Tom for his years of service to our College, and we wish him the best with his future endeavors.

## GREENCASTLE WEARS RED

A Hi-Five to the Rhynes for bringing some Wabash spirit to Greencastle over the weekend. Oddly enough, the painted storefront next to D\*\*\*\*’s bookstore has no comparable pro-Dannie display in the downtown or on their own campus. Do they have any solidarity or confidence in their fantasies of victory? After not hearing that sweet ringing on their side of the field in the last six games, we can only affirm in the negative. Ding, ding.



## SCHOOL SPIRIT TAKES A SLAM

The valiant efforts of Nicholas Budler ’19 were shattered this week, as the Marketing Dept. of Wabash College rejected his proposition for a Monon Bell Snapchat Geofilter. While we can’t understand the apparent lack of school spirit, we can understand the desire to not promote pictures of Wabash men’s “little giants”. Then again, someone has to remind the Dannies what manhood looks like...

## WABASH “HATE” WEEK

Our storied rivals to the south have officially re-named the week leading up to the Bell game. This is most likely due to the fact that they have forgotten what it’s like to even have the Bell. Rumor has it that the new DePauw Athletic Center does not have a place for the Bell because it has been so long. It’s nice to see that we are on the same page when it comes to the outcome of Saturday’s game.

# CHAVOUS TO ENVIGORATE MXI

**BEN JOHNSON ’18** | STAFF WRITER •

Few of Wabash’s many prestigious alumni have been as distinguished as Kevin P. Chavous ’78 who has been invited by the Malcolm X Institute to give a talk.

Chavous was a co-founder and currently an executive board member for the non-profit organization, American Federation for Children (AFC), the largest education reform organization in the country. During Chavous’ time at Wabash, he was a stand-out on the Little Giants’ basketball team, as well as President of the Malcolm X Institute. As a political science major, Chavous went on to receive his J.D. from Howard University School of Law. Due to his lifelong activism, Chavous was recently appointed as a member of President Obama’s education policy committee during the president’s first term.

As a political activist, Chavous has grown immensely in popularity and has been featured in the Wall Street Journal and on news networks like CNN and MSNBC. Now, as an executive board member of AFC, Chavous works with legislators and governors all across the country to pass laws that promote educational reform.

“Currently, we are active in 25 states. We work to design laws to maximize school choice,” Chavous said. “We are very active in campaigning for legislation to be passed that promotes school choice and once a bill is passed we work with legislators and community leaders to implement it.”

For Chavous and the rest of the AFC, the mission is to make sure no matter what socio-economic background you come from, you have the opportunity to receive a quality education. The organization specifically targets children of low-income families in inner-city school districts who can’t afford to send their children to a better private or charter school if a decent public school isn’t available to them. To do this, the AFC advocates for states to pass what Chavous refers to as “scholarship bills.”

The AFC has worked to pass these bills in numerous states, such as Indiana, Georgia, Louisiana, and many more. What these bills do is provide more funding for low-income families to send their children to private schools that can offer children a better education. The funding is merit-based, so the family must apply for them.

“Depending on the income of your family, you are forced to go to an underperforming school where students aren’t as proficient. But through these scholarship bills, there is an opportunity for families to get the funding they need to go to a good private school around the corner,” Chavous said.

In Chavous’ mind, this problem of socio-economic barriers stopping children from receiving a quality education is not only a problem for the students themselves, but



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**Chavous seeks to spur conversation on campus about the importance of socioeconomic diversity for a liberal arts education.**

also has an effect on liberal arts education. Chavous has actually worked with President Gregory Hess in recruiting young, qualified men from minority groups.

“I think racial and socioeconomic diversity are extremely important for a liberal arts education,” Chavous said. “We have to be very intentional to recruit from schools where there are many qualified African American graduates. We have to go out into the community and promote Wabash to these men, because many of them have probably never heard of Wabash.”

Next week at his talk, Chavous hopes to bring this issue to light to the Wabash community, in the hope that Wabash men will step up to the challenge to fight this disparity in education.

“I think Wabash men are leaders. Right now we have leaders that talk a lot but we need more than that,” Chavous said. “We need leaders to step up and teach people the power of learning. I know Wabash men can do that.”

On top of this, President of the MXI Aaron Stewart hopes to create student action from Chavous’ coming to campus.

“We want to try to create more dialogue with the administration and trustees in respect to how funds are being used on campus, but also to create more dialogue about the raising of tuition and what the administration can do to help students who might be struggling financially so that they may stay at Wabash,” Stewart said.

Stewart claims to know three students from last year who were forced to drop out of Wabash, due to the new raise in tuition and lack of increase in the respective students’ financial award packages.

“We are losing a lot of gifted men, just because of where they are financially,” Stewart said.

Kevin Chavous will be giving his talk at 7 p.m., Wednesday, November 18th in Baxter Hall.

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# RETURN OF THE DELTS

**ADAM ALEXANDER '16** | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • Delta Tau Delta may soon return to campus. Wabash has intensified conversations with its Delt alumni and the national fraternity in an effort to recolonize the College's chapter of the fraternity. A fraternity representative will be on campus Nov. 17 to hold two informational sessions for students interested in learning more about Delta Tau Delta.

The College revoked the chapter's recognition and terminated its lease following the 2008 death of freshman pledge Johnny Smith. Smith's family filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the College, claiming that it shared blame for the death by ignoring hazing and underage-drinking inside of a school-owned building. Multiple years passed, and the College was dropped from the suit earlier this year.

President Greg Hess welcomes the fraternity's potential return, and looks forward to working with Delt nationals to facilitate a recolonization.

"Both sides are of goodwill," Hess said. "It's a matter of when, not if. They've made

proposals, we're supportive, and I think we're still on track. I've told people that the Board [of Trustees] knows where we stand, and if it works out for them to come back very soon, then I have the authority to approve it."

The national fraternity has a process it follows to colonize chapters at colleges and universities. That process includes general recruitment, the establishment of a colony, the development of leadership within the colony, and various benchmarks before a colony can become a chapter. The first step will be Nov. 17, when independent students will be able to hear Delta Tau Delta's principles, learn about the local chapter's goals, and determine whether they are interested.

Dean of Students Mike Raters '85 has been engaged in conversations with the fraternity for years regarding recolonization. The legal action had presented a large obstacle to the process, but since the College has been cleared from the lawsuit, the conversations have intensified.

"First and foremost, the legal elements



**Mike Raters**

have driven the delay," Raters said. "The usual length of an exit when fraternities leave a campus is four to five years. But we've had talks about this since 2008. Since the recognition of the chapter was removed by the College, there have been discussions between all three sides throughout [the College, the local chapter, and the national fraternity]. Part of the advantage that we have is that we're not left clueless now that the legal action seems to be resolved; we've been poised for this all along."

Delt nationals have already started conversations with Wabash students.

"Their national Director of Growth Kyle Yarawski was here two weeks ago to get the lay of the land and the culture," Raters said. "He wanted to assess the culture in terms of student life, in terms of the appetite for an additional Greek chapter, the number of potential students, and getting all of that understood. Dean Welch and I both met with him among others on campus, including students. It was as he expected, in terms of being a positive thing for the College."

Marc Welch '99, Associate Dean of Students and a Delt himself, noted two major themes regarding Yarawski's conversations.

"There were two key words we used with student leaders for Kyle's visit on Oct. 29: 'Educational' and 'exploratory,'" Welch said. "I think those two words are important not only for Kyle, but also for our students."

Beginning with the Nov. 17 conversations, students will be taking both an educational and an exploratory look at Delta Tau Delta. The deans expect some students will be impressed by the fraternity, but others will choose to join the more established fraternities on campus. But once the Delts gather students who are interested, the fraternity will ask the students why they mesh with their values and approach. That group will likely form a colony, get leadership training from Delt nationals, and finally get reintegrated into the Greek system. They hope to establish a colony next semester.

"This month, they will begin interviewing our students," Raters said. "By February, they hope to have a group ready to go get Delt national training. And their goal is to be ready to go by March."

Welch noted that alumni will play a

key role in the recolonization.

"Alumni will be needed to fill specific roles as chapter advisors," Welch said. "And I think there will be others who do not have a necessarily defined role, but people who show students who the Delts are and to help facilitate the process. I think some of that is pretty clear, like chapter advisor, new member education, someone on the financial side, and risk management. But I can imagine there will be some alumni who will be a part of multiple committees beyond those specific roles."

The deans and the fraternity are aiming to establish a colony by February, but the deans



COLIN THOMPSON '17 / PHOTO

**Delta Tau Delta is looking to recolonize on campus in the near future. Students can meet with Delta Tau Delta on Nov. 17 to discuss the return of the fraternity.**

emphasized that this is a flexible goal. Even if the colony does start up in the spring, the campus Delts will not be moving back into Cole Hall right away. The colony's members will not necessarily be living together.

"I want to be clear about the residents of Cole Hall," Welch said. "We're not sure about what that will look like, but we certainly are not planning to take over Cole Hall by Fall 2016. I think they need to establish themselves as a colony, as a brotherhood, be fiscally responsible, and then they can start to look at what it takes to operate and to manage a house."



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# RECAPPING THE ELECTION

**SAMUEL VAUGHT '16 |**  
STAFF WRITER • Last Tuesday, Crawfordsville residents went to the polls to elect a new slate of city council members. The Wabash community was well represented in the election. Associate Professor of Economics Joyce Burnette, Associate Professor of Political Science Ethan Hollander, retired Admissions staff member Mike Reidy, and Elizabeth Justice, wife of Professor of Economics Frank Howland all ran for seats on the council. Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton '00 was also reelected to his office. All four candidates for council ran as Democrats, part of an effort by the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee to provide new choices in a political environment dominated by the Republican Party. While only Reidy was elected, the Democrats believe they achieved their purpose.

"Our goal was to offer a choice, to put more than one person on the ballot," Burnette said. "We did that."

For years, Montgomery County and Crawfordsville politics have given residents little choice in the general election: Republicans often run unopposed, such as incumbent Mayor Barton in this year's race. This year, the City Council election was different. Only in Ward 4 was there not a Democrat on the ballot, where Libertarian Adam Hutchison unsuccessfully challenged incumbent Republican Jennifer Lowe.

While Wabash can seem removed from the wider community at times, Professor Emeritus of Political Science and local Democratic Party chair David Hadley praised the involvement of the candidates.

"Professor Burnette has been active in local affairs for some time," he said. "She has been on the board of the Montgomery County League of Women Voters and has served as treasurer of that organization."

Professor Hollander is a relative newcomer to Crawfordsville politics, but has been a strong advocate and booster of Crawfordsville."

Getting Democrats on the ballot was a group effort. Burnette said that the collegiality of the process made it enjoyable.

"It was easier and more fun to do everything with the other candidates," she said. "We went out campaigning together."

The positivity and goodwill of the Democrats is indicative of the general mood in the entire city. The City Council hardly changed face in the election. Every incumbent running for office was re-elected. Anticipation is growing for downtown economic development after Crawfordsville was named a Stellar Community in August. The Stellar Grant opens up new funding opportunities for the city as it seeks to rehabilitate several downtown properties, such as the Ben-Hur Building and the empty Culver Union Hospital. The lack of turnover is not surprising if many voters are happy with the direction the city is taking.

However, the election results could have also resulted from low voter turnout. According to the Journal-Review, only 22.9% of registered voters went to the polls last Tuesday.

"I would do it again," Burnette said. "I believe we achieved our purpose: we showed that there are Democrats in Crawfordsville."

She hopes the citizens of Crawfordsville will take a few things away from the election, and stressed the sometimes trivial nature of political parties in local elections.

"Our positions are sometimes the same as the Republicans, and sometimes different. I want people to see that government is a good thing!"

With the Stellar projects on the horizon, it is indeed a good thing for Crawfordsville, especially when our candidates work together as well as these have.

Unofficial Election Results, Crawfordsville City Council (as reported by the Journal-Review):

At large:

Andy Biddle (R) – 1257 votes

Mike Reidy (D) – 920 votes

Lyn Wray (R) – 896 votes

Joyce Burnette (D) – 604 votes

Ward 1:

Les Hearson (R) – 322 votes

James Rubner (D) – 129 votes

Ward 2:

Charlie Warren (R) – 255 votes

Ethan Hollander (D) – 105 votes

Ward 3:

Dan Guard (R) – 326 votes

Virginia Servies (D) – 179 votes

Ward 4:

Jennifer Lowe (R) – 140 votes

Adam Hutchison (L) – 56 votes

Ward 5:

Scott Molin (R) – 204 votes

Elizabeth Justice (D) – 183 votes



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Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton '00 was reelected. Crawfordsville was named a Stellar Community in August. The Stellar Grant will seek to rehabilitate several downtown properties.

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# SCAC KICKS OFF BELL WEEKEND

**AHAD KHAN '19 | STAFF WRITER •**  
Chris Bowers has been a prominent figure in the comedy scene during recent years. A regular on syndicated radio program The Bob and Tom Show, Bowers was previously a part of Fox's comedy show Laughs. Currently, he hosts his own show Trial by Laughter on Comcast. Since his early years, he had a keen interest in doing comedy.

The Senior Council Activities Committee (SCAC) will deliver Chris Bowers to campus tonight before tomorrow's Monon Bell game. SCAC has organized various events at Wabash in the past including concerts, performances, wing nights, etc. The reason for inviting Chris Bowers right before the Bell game is to make the atmosphere more exciting. Most of the student body will be on campus, hence it will be a great night to enjoy his talents.

"Students used to play football in high school, but I liked making jokes," Bowers said. His comedy is somewhat different from other comedians, particularly in a way that he is a motivational speaker in

addition to being a standup comedian. His motivational speaking is also derived from comedy.

"My motivational speaking is there to make life easier," he said.

Bowers puts a different perspective to his performances by allowing audiences to go against what they initially thought to be true. His jokes are about bending the minds of audiences and tricking them with things they would otherwise consider to be untrue.



Andrew Powell

When students talk about Wabash, they say there is nothing to do on weekends. That is not actually the case a lot of times. This is one of the many events through which students can enjoy themselves on weekends.

Bowers' visit will be a source of healthy entertainment for all. Students are allowed and in fact encouraged to bring friends and family to see his performance without having to pay any expenses.

"It will definitely be worth it," Chairman of SCAC Andrew Powell '17 said. "It's a really good investment and fits in well with the mission. Students should take the advantage." The SCAC felt the need to invite a comedian because they wanted to make sure students are having right kind of fun during the Bell week. The initiative is basically to let loose and enjoy the weekend with laughter.

Chris Bowers is travelling nationally and Wabash will be one of his stops. The SCAC felt very lucky to get a hold of him at the right time.

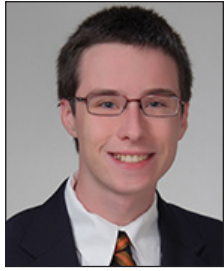
"We got in touch with him through a Catholic priest here in town who had married the owner of Morty's Comedy Joint in Indianapolis," President of the Student Body Patrick Bryant '16 said.

Previously, SCAC relied on agencies

to finance such visits; however, for this one, the Audit and Finance Committee (AFC) and the Student Senate unanimously approved the funding. SCAC is spending around \$1,500 on Bowers' visit, which is less than what was spent on previous comedians. However, it is expected that his performance would be of the same caliber. Bowers seemed really excited to perform here despite our all-male atmosphere.

"I don't feel much different about [performing at Wabash]," Bowers said. "Comedy is universal. However, it will be interesting and I am looking forward to it."

Seeing Bowers' performance is an excellent way to begin the Monon Bell game activities. Bowers will be performing at 7 p.m. tonight in Salter Hall.



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## STOP RECYCLING PERSONALITIES

**H**ero worship is natural, and so is human nature. When we hang around someone a lot, and when we really admire someone, we tend to take on their mannerisms. Well, also their mannerisms, and manner of speech, and pattern of dress, and gestures,... you see the point. What's healthy is molding ourselves after people we see fit to.

Sometimes, it takes someone with a special moral compass, or someone who is just cut from a different cloth to inspire you to be better. "That's great, buddy! You found someone to emulate? Someone who you look up to? Wonderful!" I say to my friend. But



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what becomes unhealthy is when we mold ourselves after toxic people whom we don't recognize as toxic, or whose toxicity we refuse to see. "Oh, ok! That's nice, I guess!" I say to the same friend who has molded

himself in the likeness of the human equivalent of stubbing your toe.

Sometimes, people we admire aren't the greatest people at all. They manipulate, they lack emotional maturity, they have low self-esteem that manifests itself in cattiness, or they overall have such overinflated senses of self worth that it chokes our own self-esteem off altogether. Don't go down this route; don't recycle a garbage personality.

Don't fashion yourself after someone you wouldn't introduce to your realest, most trusted family member, or your mother. Don't become a variation on a theme; be someone you would be proud to

be, not some hollow legend that is only wishing for you to carry their name on. I'm tired of seeing people behave like others and claim that they are their own person. Stop your lying; it takes a pathetic shell with very little independence to do that. Don't let yourself get used, twisted into thinking you're on the right side of history, and yet you're light years behind.

Either find a voice that's worth echoing or find your own; and, if you find some people in your life you once admired are no longer worth your admiration, it ain't nothing to cut em off. Keep your scissor sharp and stay woke.

## A NEW SECULARISM

**W**hen I first arrived on the Wabash campus as a seventeen year old for a Fall Visit Day during October 2011, I had already left the Catholic Church in my heart. When I came back as an eighteen year old for Honor Scholar Weekend, I was a bona fide atheist. By Freshman Saturday in 2012, I had read all of Sam Harris's *The End of Faith: Religion, Terror and the Future of Reason* and most of Christopher Hitchens's *God is not Great: How Religion Poisons Everything*. Suffice it to say, I was firm in my atheistic resolve and was even convinced that humanity would be better off without religion.

Though even then I was not a cut-and-dry militant atheist--that is to say, I did not unequivocally assert the non-existence of the gods, and even then I recognized the centrality of spirituality in the individual and collective human experience--I had a remarkable disdain for religious institutions. I, like many other secular peers of mine, believed that religious institutions served only to suppress and control populations, while equally



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functioning as breeding grounds for racism, sexism, and homophobia. I believed that rational, pluralistic and majoritarian-based democratic societies could only be possible within a secular context.

Over the past years, my convictions regarding religion have waned. John Locke's work, *An Essay Concerning Toleration*, demonstrated to me that it is possible for a religious person to value pluralism and to desire the creation of a strong, diverse state that operates alongside religious institutions. Camille Paglia, though primarily known for her theories regarding gender, also provided me with a new vision for what it

means to be a secularist in the twenty-first century. She condemns the sneering tone that many atheists (and Christopher Hitchens especially) adopt when discussing religion and spirituality. She lauds the monumental contributions to art, philosophy and society that religious institutions have provided humanity across the globe throughout the past several millennia. Though she believes that art is a sufficient substitute for religion in terms of spiritual health, and while I am not convinced that this is true, I agree that religion has contributed enormously to human history.

I have now reached the point where I reject the puerile, one-sided perspective regarding the place of religion in society that I used to possess. Instead of viewing the Bible as propaganda, I view it as an anthology--and a wonderful anthology at that--of ancient Hebraic and early Christian literature. Though I reject the notion that the content present within the Bible is a detailed account of historical proceedings,

and while I also reject the (many) metaphysical models posited throughout the collection of texts, I believe that it is important for all people, of all religious backgrounds, to engage with the ideas present within the Bible, as well as the Qur'an, the Torah, the Bhagavad Gita, the Analects of Confucius, and any other religious text. I believe that a true secularist has an appreciation for the historical significance of the aforementioned texts and recognizes the relevance that these ideas still have in the contemporary world. Perhaps most provocatively, I believe that the true secularist can examine a religious text and identify with some of its claims.

This is my proposal: for any other secularists on campus, I ask that we collectively shed our sneering tones and adopt a new one--that of appreciation, tolerance and respect. If we truly value a pluralistic, free society, we must appreciate the gravity that religious ideas still have, and to some extent identify with them. This is my vision for a new secularism.

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# DIVISION AMONG DIVISIONS

We know, we know...you've been in the lab all day titrating that buffer. Aren't you jealous of those Div II majors with their arts and languages? Or those Div III majors with their supply and demand curves and their philosophy books? They must have it so easy.

Now that I've got your attention . . . allow me to set the tone for this article before everyone gets upset. I'm one of those guys who can barely "science" at all. I've struggled with science my entire life and have had to work really hard to develop decent math skills. If anyone agrees that your major is difficult, I'll be one of the first to raise my hand. BUT that doesn't mean that those Div II and Div III guys have it easy. Sometimes I think we need to remember that difficulty is relative. Some people can pick up a violin and play more musically than another person who has played for years. Other people can read Kierkegaard and understand his point like they are reading a chapter from a middle schooler's book. And some people are



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really good at math and science. Now I know those are exaggerated examples, but you get my gist. Different people excel at different things. That is what makes the world go round.

Now, a lot of the time, we find ourselves caught up, myself included, in the "my major is harder" game. We are in a competitive environment, and most of us are highly competitive people. Challenges are fun for us and out scoring that one kid in your class always brings a smirk to your face. Those are a lot of the reasons that many of us chose to come to Wabash. But there's been

some Wally-on-Wally crime here. All of us have different goals and aspirations in life. Personally, I have no desire to become a rocket scientist or a brain surgeon. I never have. Neither of those professions float my boat, but that isn't to say that I couldn't do them if I really set my mind to it. I am of the firm belief that nearly any Wabash man could complete any major if they were to really apply themselves. It may not be easy or pretty, but I think that we could make it happen even if we lived in our professor's offices or the QSC. But, if I take off my rose colored glasses where everyone works as hard as they can and does whatever major they aspire to, I realize that it rarely ends up exactly how we planned. Coming from someone who can claim all three divisions for my major and minors, I think we have real problem to talk about. Why do we think that shaming someone for their major makes yours any harder or you any smarter? The simple answer is: it doesn't. So next time you go to boast about how your Senior Seminar class is so much more difficult than

someone else's, stop and think about what you gain by saying those words. If the answer is nothing, maybe the words don't need to be said. Now, while I think that is probably a good rule in general, I really want to make sure you at least think like that in these situations. All of us, as Wabash men, are brothers. We should be supportive of each other regardless of the level of difficulty you ascribe to another student's major.

So, Div I, you guys are the ones who understand our natural world and do calculations that I can't wrap my head around. Without you, we would have some major issues. Div II, we need you to make sure that we write, speak, perform and create beautifully and skillfully in any language whether it be English, foreign languages, music or with strokes from a paintbrush. And Div III, my most beloved division, without us we would wouldn't understand our society, our economy or our past. Let's embrace those differences because, clearly, we can never succeed without each other.

# CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING EARLY

The rhythmic ding...ding... we all hear on campus can mean only one thing: THANK GOODNESS IT'S BELL WEEK! As we turn our focus to the 122nd Monon Bell Classic this upcoming weekend, we should take a step back and realize what we are a part of. Being a student at Wabash College means you are more than just another student. A Wabash man is one who is a leader, one who will always fight for what is right, and one who realizes the prestigious brotherhood he has been initiated into. Often times we take the opportunities we have at Wabash for granted: the immersion trips, alumni networking, and the academic and athletic facilities that are well above average. So I ask the question: Why not use Monon Bell Week as an early Thanksgiving for Wabash?

Wabash men have more than their fair share to be thankful for. We attend a school that ranks #42 on Forbes list of America's Best Colleges right in front of Vanderbilt University and right behind Duke University. We are granted a unique experience at an all-male, small liberal arts school. Perhaps most importantly, we have the privilege to walk the same hallowed halls as former US Vice President Thomas Riley Marshall,



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the inventor of the gas mask James Bert Garner, American film industry pacesetter Will H. Hays, and many more influential American icons. These gentlemen have set the path that we Wabash men walk on today. It is our duty to learn from these gentlemen and all the gentlemen that have graduated Wabash before us, and to carry on the tradition they so dearly loved that is Wabash College. Be thankful.

The Battle for the Monon Bell is the biggest intercollegiate tradition we have at Wabash today. It is beautiful to see the tradition expand beyond the football field to all competitions involving Wabash and DePauw, including every athletic event and volunteering activity. What is even more beautiful is that we have each of our fellow Wabash man's back

when the going gets rough, and DePauw realizes it too. In an article published in mid-September, a student-writer for *The DePauw* quoted the school's Athletic Director praising Wabash for their intense school spirit. In addition to that praise, the DePauw Athletic Director also spoke to how the DePauw student body is trending in the opposite direction, touching on how he is tired of seeing the stands a quarter-filled during DePauw athletic events. Where DePauw struggles to find students to come to their attempt at a Homecoming game and Monon Bell game, Wabash thrives in the same department and then some. Be thankful.

The standards Wabash men set due to the goals we've achieved beats the majority of college students in the nation. On campus, we are surrounded by the next generation of great minds in the world of business, science, medicine, theology, and politics. We are constantly forming bonds that will last a lifetime, building upon a brotherhood that we will always be a part of. We are fortunate enough to be able to call on any professor on campus, knowing that they will help us through any situation we come across, large or small. Of course we have our weeks from hell, weeks where nothing goes our way and professors amp up the

challenges well past the norm; however, these are just the trials and tribulations that Wabash men undergo to become the leaders of society like our brothers before us. So embrace those weeks, embrace the times you go to ask for help from a professor and know that instances like those do not last long. Be thankful.

So as this week draws closer to another Wabash victory, be truly thankful that it is Bell Week. I implore you to take a step back from your often-monotonous study habits and daily schedule, and reflect on how amazing it is to call Wabash College home. Realize that how Wabash College operates is not usual, and it is far more efficient and prideful than many other colleges in the country. Take the time to thank the professor that helps you time and time again. Talk with a fellow Wabash Man that you have never met before and build the brotherhood of Wabash College even more. These experiences are numbered as undergraduate at Wabash, so take advantage of them while you can. Also, thank you to all the Wabash faculty, staff, and administration; no matter in what capacity you work for our fair college, know that all Wabash men old and new appreciate what you do for Wabash College. Be thankful.



## TRAVELING TO BEAT THE DANNIES? HERE ARE SOME USEFUL TIPS

**JOSEPH REILLY '18 | CAVELIFE EDITOR** • The leaves turn dark and crunchy every fall as students wake Monday morning of Bell Week to the now familiar rings of our beloved trophy. The entire student body lives without memory of a time in which the Bell did not grace the entrance to the Allen Center. However, the competition still rings as near and loud in our hearts as it has been in years past. The sweetness of holding the Bell comforts returning students and excites freshmen as the entire campus unites for a week of spirit and comradery that is unseen at other times in the year.

Additionally, the location of the game this year should be especially energized. Although the taste of victory at home is a nice comfort, venturing into the kitty's den to defend our claim to the 300-pound instrument adds a sense of adventure and conquest that should prove to push our Wallies to the peak of their abilities.

Upon reflection, it should be noted that half of the student body has not been to a Bell game at the school to the south before. Therefore, with the foreign location in mind, on their behalf, the Bachelor staff compiled several guidelines to make up the Monon Bell Game Do's and Don't's.

Do wear red. And white. Our school colors are what make us stand out from the crowd, and give us unity in our section. This unity is undermined and fractured when a bright yellow shirt is sitting in the middle. The catch phrases may be pithy and have an easy ability to rile the Dannies up, but this week is not about them. It is never about them. The week is for uniting as a school and enjoying the pursuit of a common goal.

Don't wear ear plugs. It may be tempting to save your cochleae from the abuse they will sustain from our lively fan base, but that is to be cherished. Be a full participant. It will be cold. It will be windy. Stand up. Shout. Yell at



IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

Taking the second shift of the week, Kappa Sigma joined forces with Lambda Chi to secure the Bell Tuesday night. Rumors of a vist from our rival turned out to be just rumors, and in the morning the two fraternities were relieved by Sigma Chi and Theta Delt.

the top of your lungs. Every student who has trouble in his discussion class Monday due to loss of voice is to be commended.

Don't starve. One might be tempting to partake only of liquid nourishment for the entire day and neglect the solid supplements. But who really wants to cart all those uneaten patties and buns back to Crawfordsville? At the end of the game, everyone will be tossing empty coolers into their trunks and hightailing it out of that cesspit and back to campus for the celebrations.

Do act as gentlemen. The gift we are given should not be taken lightly. We can prove our quality

in two distinct ways. Our athletic dominance on the gridiron shall renounce any claims of the inadequacy of our prowess. Our character in the stands will testify against any slander or libel of our integrity thrown against us by the other student body.

One last word of caution: the southern students will be walking around with chips precariously balanced upon their shoulders. Not a single one of us desires to have the movement of our wrists limited or spend what should be a celebratory weekend in a mildewed jail cell. Some students, pampered by the environment of

our institution, might be confident in their ability to shrug off an interaction with law enforcement officers. Just remember that the cops are looking to put down any hints of conflict before they arise. And, as we've seen with the video of the Greencastle officers reacting to the interaction between the protesters and students, they do so with brutal consequences.

In conclusion, don't, as Rich Woods most eloquently put it, "step into the dumbass zone." Have a good time, cheer on our men in red, and let's make this a weekend to remember as "our voices and hearts combine to sing thy praise."



# CHATTING ABOUT THE COLLEGE'S IMAGE

**TY CAMPBELL '16** | OPINION EDITOR • Students have made a recent push to incorporate Wabash College and Snapchat, one of the fastest growing forms of social media. More specifically, in the form of creating an official Wabash College Geofilter, an animated photo screen that can be accessed by Snapchat users depending on their certain geographic locations (i.e. Wabash College campus). Although two students have presented similar ideas of Geofilter use to the College's Communication and Marketing Department in the past, a registered Geofilter has not yet fully developed. Excitement recently peaked when those associated with the 'Students' listserv received an email November 4 attempting to gauge interest.

Nicholas Budler '19, freshman and current student worker for the CIBE, was given a project to create potential Geofilter ideas to submit to the Communications and Marketing Department for final approval before requesting a Geofilter proposal to Snapchat. The designs were declined during a recent Department meeting and because of various reasons, the

Department would not approve the proposed ideas at this time.

Budler then sent the email asking about student interest and collected the 465 responses as of Tuesday, November 10 regarding an official Geofilter on Snapchat for Wabash College. The three questions in the survey consist of: 1) Would [you] like to see Wabash College have a general Geofilter on Snapchat? (100% in favor), 2) Would [you] like to see Wabash College have a 'Monon Bell Week' Geofilter on Snapchat? (98.28% in favor) and 3) Do you feel there would be positive marketing for Wabash College through a Snapchat Geofilter? (97.20% in favor).

In a collaboration effort, Kim Johnson, Director of Communications and Marketing, Budler through CIBE, and the other two students who have proposed similar ideas, will continue to research the topic and reconvene at a later date to discuss ideas.

"We love having students work with us. We can do research and ask questions but the students we have here now are much more in tune with high school students," Johnson said.

Budler is now tasked with collecting

information about Snapchat and it's relevance with marketing.

Snapchat has had a lot of news coverage lately, some positive and negative critiques. On the Snapchat's official website, under the 'Overview and FAQ' tab, Snapchat boasts, "More than 60% of U.S. 13 to 34 year-old smartphone users are Snapchatters." The website also states that, "5+ billion video views every day on Snapchat," and, "Over 100 million daily active Snapchatters and growing." Although, on Wednesday, November 11, several news centers, including Financial Times, reported that Fidelity has recently and without reason has marked down the value of its stake by 25% in the third quarter.

Concerns with the Geofilter idea include the potential abuse of inappropriate images with the College's symbol or name and the relevance of the media in the future. "We're finding is that other Colleges and Universities are moving away from supporting their own Snapchat efforts," Johnson said. Budler, who understands the precautions but believes that Wabash men will act responsibility with the

new feature, believes that students will think critically before posting with the Geofilter. "The Gentleman's Rule—that's what we use. If they were allowed to use a Wabash Geofilter, the same rules would apply," Budler said.

"We want to make sure that we maintain a certain image for the College. And when you hand that over to anybody, and we don't have any way of monitoring [the Geofilter use]," Johnson said.

Although the Communications and Marketing Office is open to suggestions and ideas to promote the College, not all proposals can be approved.

"We like collaborating with students and we like having students share their thoughts and opinions. We have lots of opportunities for them to get involved in our Office if they want to. We welcome that." Johnson said. "But sometimes we have to say 'no.' Sometimes we can't use the logo in this way, or the seal in that way,"

"We are working on it together now," Budler said. All parties want to do more research and analyzing before proposing more ideas for a potential Snapchat, Wabash Geofilter.

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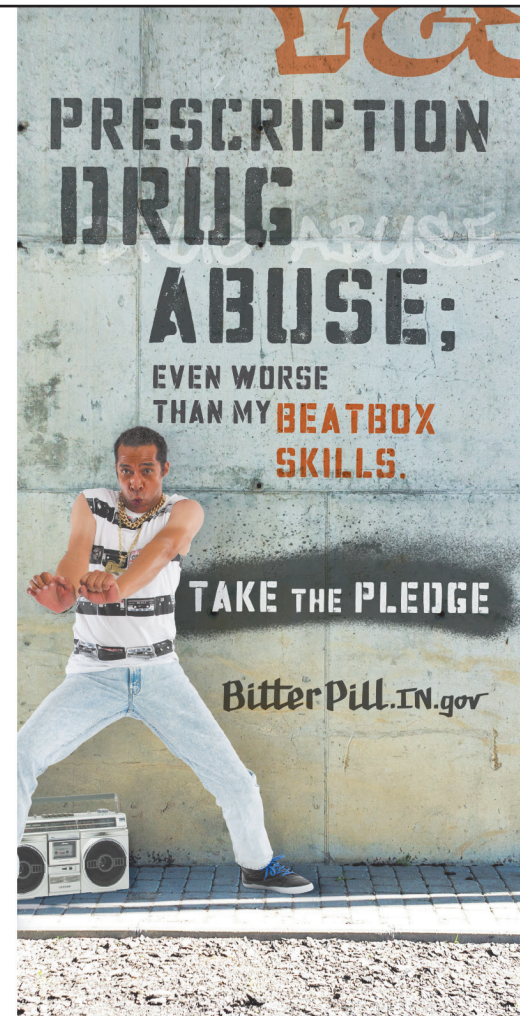
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# STUDENTS BREAK A LEG, INTRODUCTORY THEATER CLASSES SHOW OFF CHOPS

**STEVE BAZIN '18** | STAFF WRITER •

For nearly two decades, the introductory theater classes have put together the Studio One-Acts.

"The Studio One-Acts are a long running tradition here at Wabash. The structure of the Studio One-Acts is a collaboration between the Intro-to-Acting and the Intro-to-Directing classes. Each class has about a month and a half to two months to work on developing skills. The culmination of all of that is when they come together and work for a month on a text," Jessie Mills, Visiting Assistant Professor of Theater said.

The result was an evening of theater, featuring several plays approximately ten minutes each. While this is a traditional event, this year, classes had the opportunity to put on the Studio One-Acts in an entirely new way.

In this year's production, Wabash students directed the world premiere of a play specifically tailored to the Wabash stage by actor and playwright Josh Wilder.

"The reason we reached out to [Wilder] is the fact that it would be a hugely impressive credential for any director to say that they've directed a world premiere of his play," Mills said.

Wilder is one of the most prolific young playwrights in the country. He was a Featured Playwright at the O'Neal Conference, a distinction that carries the same if not more prestige as the Sundance Film Festival. The Oregon Shakespeare Festival has also commissioned Wilder to create a modern adaptation of Shakespeare's play *Love's Labour's Lost*.

Wilder collaborated with the various directors during the earlier stages of production. "Working together on a single script to find a singular mission was a big challenge," Zachary Anderson '18 said, "We had the luxury of meeting with the playwright while talking about the show,

so we began to understand the process with him. We worked to get on the same page in regards to the spine and the main theme, and began meeting together to really be effective with that spine."

responsibilities for your own actions... You can't take money and other things with you [when you day]. You can only take your experiences," Nathan Lewis-Cole '18 said.



IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

The Studio One-Acts premiered on Wednesday and ran again on Thursday.

Wilder and the seven directors eventually produced the rendition of *Everybro* that was shown earlier this week. "*Everybro* is a modern day interpretation of *Everyman*, which is a morality play, and we're using fraternities as kind of a theme...It takes place in a fraternity, but it's about taking

Naturally, having seven directors working with 28 actors results in several challenges during production. "Each one of us does have our different points in our scene, but we understand the different views in the scenes before and after. I think we've done a really good job at tying our views together in a way that makes

sense," Lewis-Cole said. This cohesion extended beyond just the thematic core of the work between the directors. Each director stressed the importance of communication at every step of production, and compromises had to be made in order for the best rendition of *Everybro* to come forward on stage.

When one watches the play, it is clear that many different voices are present in such a cohesive work. "I think the harshest way to look at it is this process has compromised seven people's different visions to find the one that's most in the middle," Rory Willats '17 said. "But I think more true than that, is it has built a show that is multi-faceted in a way that would be difficult to do on their own."

While each director had full creative control of his own scene, the play itself moves along as a single entity. The directors paid attention to the transitions between scenes to ensure this. "Each one of us does have our different points in our scene, but we understand the different views in the scenes before and after," Lewis-Cole said. "I think we've done a really good job at tying our views together in a way that makes sense."

Every step of the production was nothing short of impressive. The entire show was put together in two weeks, a feat made possible by Tucker Mark '16 and Donovan Whitney '16, who helped with lights and sound. *Everybro*, in all of its aspects, is about people coming together to create something amazing.

"[My favorite part was] watching these actors. They're so wonderfully gifted," Anderson said. "A lot of them aren't even thinking about doing theater. They just go in there and do it, and I think that's really indicative of the whole liberal arts experience. It doesn't matter if you're a chemistry major or a theatre major, you can come out here and give your best effort."

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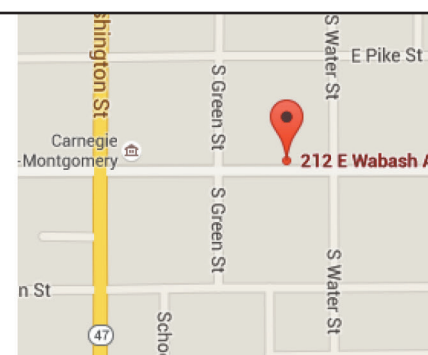
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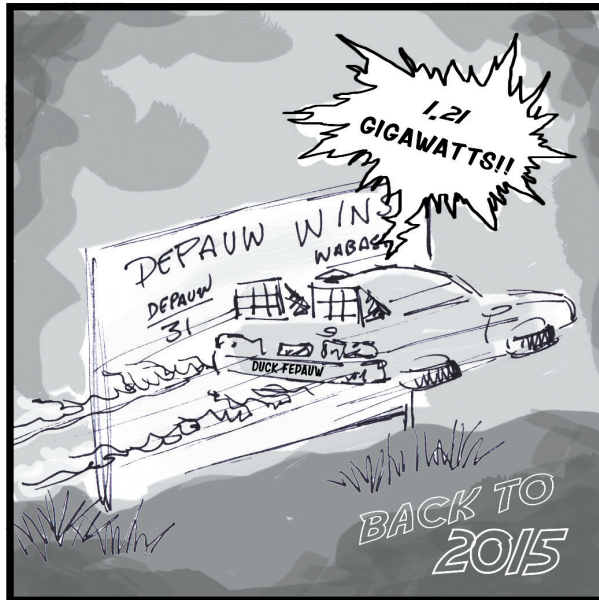
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## A FAMILIAR SOUND

**MASON ASHER '18 | STAFF**

**WRITER •** The annual rivalry game with DePauw is finally here with much anticipation from both schools.

The automatic qualifying bid for entry into the playoffs is on the line. This game will determine the conference champion. But more importantly this game will determine who gets to ring the Monon Bell for the next year.

"We are fortunate to have a game so many people care about," Wabash Head Coach Erik Raeburn said. "It is special to have a game where there's a huge crowd and on national television. I do not want our guys to feel like the season is good or bad based on one game."

No one on the current Wabash Little Giant roster has won a conference title beside fifth year senior Evan Rutter. Also, no one on the current roster has experienced an undefeated regular season, besides Rutter. Finally, no one on this roster has experienced what it is like to lose the Monon Bell game.

"Most of us came here to win conference, have success and make the playoffs," senior Mason Zurek '16 said. "We have not really done that. We were lucky to get the at-large bid last year after we lost to Wittenberg."

Wabash has had the Monon Bell for the last six years and looks to tie the record of consecutive years winning the Monon Bell with seven straight years, a record Wabash holds from the 1921-27 seasons.

However, despite this streak, this year's game will be the most even matchup that Wabash has faced all year long and DePauw will give the Little Giants a good run for their money.

"We need to do the same thing every week," senior Tyler McCullen '16 said. "We prepare the same, practice hard, execute, and scout. As long as we follow what we did in practice we will be fine. Not to take anything away from them, they are good players but if we execute we will be fine."

Many recognize Wabash for their amazing run defense, which ranks number one in the nation with just under 40 yards allowed a game. Mount Union, who is currently placed second, allows 47 yards per game. The only difference is that Wabash has not faced a team in the top-50 of

rush offense, with the highest ranked team being Kenyon at 123rd. Mount Union has faced six teams in the top-100 of rushing offense this year, including four top-75 teams.

"We played a lot of teams where they do not want to run it," Raeburn said. "They want to get four or five guys out wide and throw it around. This will be the best offensive line we have faced and it will be a challenge."

DePauw will have far and away the best rush offense that Wabash has seen all year, averaging 234 yards per game and ranking 34th nationally. The problem lies in that DePauw is a dual threat this year, throwing for 264 yards a contest and ranking 46th in the nation. They also convert on 56 percent of third down, which ranks third in the nation.

"We want to make them one-dimensional," McCullen said. "If they are able to pass and run that is when they are the most dangerous. So if we just take away the run and limit them in the passing we will be after to get after the quarterback."

DePauw has the 19th ranking offense in the country and has wreaked havoc on defenses. But Wabash's stout defense, which ranks in the top three of the country, should force them to struggle.

"With every offense we face we have to shut down the run first," senior Ethan Buresh '16 said. "If we can do that, then they can only pass against us to gain yards. If we do that I think we should be fine."

Along with a great rush defense, their pass defense is almost as breathtaking. Only allowing 150 yards through the air on the year for a national ranking of 10th, the Little Giants have been able to use this smothering coverage to get to the quarterback. Currently, Wabash sacks the opposing quarterback over four times a game, ranking fifth in the nation.

"(The pass coverage) is ridiculous," Buresh said. "The quarterback has nowhere to throw it because our defensive backs do a great job in coverage which allows us plenty of time to get to the quarterback."

Wabash only allows an average of 189 yards a game, good enough for third in the nation. Even though Wabash has a superior defense, the



JACOB FERGUSON '18 / PHOTO

Connor Rice '17 takes the ball down the sideline in last week's win against Denison University. Rice and the Wabash offense will be key to a Monon Bell victory.



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# ELEGANT EMBREE

AARON EMBREE '19 BREAKS  
TWO LONG-STANDING  
WABASH DIVING RECORDS;  
LITTLE GIANT SWIMMING  
CONTINUES TO IMPROVE

**TUCKER DIXON '19** | STAFF WRITER

The Woehnker Invitational was first held in the fall of the 2008 season, as a tribute to Patrick Woehnker, a Wabash freshman and diving team member who tragically lost his life in October of 2007. The Invitational was created in honor of Patrick and his love of the sport and joyful, outgoing personality. The 2015 Wabash Swimming and Diving team is looking to continue their history of success in this year's invitational by bringing this one home for the team, for campus, and for Patrick. Even though no member of the current team roster was a teammate of Patrick's, his legacy lives on in the locker room. Teams competing in this year's men's invitational include

Wabash, Hope College, Maryville, and our rivals to the south.

The Little Giants are strong heading into the invitational, coming off a one and one result from their dual-meet last Saturday against Manchester and Rose-Hulman. Even though the Little Giants came out with one loss on the day, there were many more positives than negatives. "It is always disappointing to lose a meet, but one beauty of our sport is that we have very objective results that allow us to know how we performed," Head Coach Brent Noble said. "Our performances were reasonably good. We keep fine-tuning, and we will continue to improve, but I'm mostly pleased with the way our team performed Saturday." One highlight from last weekend's dual-meet was the exceptional diving performance by freshman Aaron Embree '19. Two diving records, the one-meter and three-meter dive, had been set in stone for more than 20 years. Ron Zimmerman '93 set the record for the one-meter dive in 1992 with a score of 290.25 and was present on Saturday to watch it get broken by Embree's score of 299.60. Embree also broke Christopher Davis'



COLIN THOMPSON '17

The Little Giants went 1-1 in Saturday's meet against Rose Hulman and Manchester.

'92 three-meter dive record with a score of 289.45. Reactions from the team were, as you would expect, excited and proud. "The biggest highlight of the meet was definitely watching Aaron dive. He just seemed like he was on for every dive," senior Jack Belford '16 said, "Seeing Aaron run around the deck like a boy in a candy shop was something that is very out of the ordinary for him. He dove well and he has improved a lot already, so it will be fun to see how he continues to improve over the next few years."

The dual-meet as a whole yielded a lot of positives, with multiple event winners with seniors Jack Belford and Zechariah Banks, bringing home 1st place victories in six races between them. Belford placed 1st in the 1,000 freestyle, 200 butterfly, and the 500 freestyle, while Banks tallied victories in the 100 breaststroke, 200 breaststroke, and 200 individual medley. Freshman Chris Dabrowski '19 added a 2nd place in the 1000 free and a 3rd in the 500 free. Max Von Deylen '19 contributed a 3rd place finishes in the one-meter board and three-meter board. Chris McGue '16 added a pair 2nd place finishes in the 50 free and 100 free.

As the team looks forward to the Woehnker invitational, Coach Noble says the team is on track and believes the best performances of the year will be at the December Invitational held at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. "The guys are showing great development towards some very big performances," Noble said. "We are a

pretty complete team right now. Our whole senior class does a great job in leadership, and each piece of our team fits the atmosphere well. The team has the best collective mindset of any team I've coached, and they do a great job of keeping each other focused."

The team wants to finish the Woehnker Invitational strong to gain some positive momentum heading into the Calvin meet in December. "Our goal at Woehnker would be to swim faster without rest than we have so far and to continue to grow in our mentality and race preparations. Our guys are doing a good job of learning from every race, so we hope to do more of that," Coach Noble said.

The season is coming to the point when outstanding performances are mandatory in order to qualify for the NCAA Regional competition. It is crunch time for the Little Giants and they are ready to take on the challenge. "The Woehnker Invitational will be a great opportunity to get used to multiple day meets. It is something that we only do a few times per year, but all of our biggest meets are three or four days, so this two-day meet will begin this preparation," Belford said, "It is the last meet to get race strategies down before we have our mid-season meet at Calvin College and try to qualify for NCAA."

The Woehnker Invitational will begin on Friday, November 20 and conclude on Saturday, November 21. The event will be held in the Class of 1950 Natatorium starting at 6 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. Saturday.

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## THE REDPACK LOOKS FOR A STRONG TEAM PERFORMANCE IN DIVISION III REGIONAL MEET

**JOEL JANAK '19** | STAFF WRITER

The Little Giants cross-country team is preparing for the biggest stretch of the season. A few weeks back the team performed in the North Coast Athletic Conference tournament at Kenyon College. Cordell Lewis '17, Adam Togami '16, Fabian House '16, Colin Rinne '18, Dominic Patacsil '19 all performed great running very hard at the NCAC meet. Mason Mckinney '17 was unable to run in the event due to sickness. Coach Colin Young said Mckinney has been "really solid for the Redpack this year, and it was a bummer not to see him go at a high level." Luke Doughty '18 ran very well this past meet stepping up in a big way for the Redpack.

Coach Young said the team ran exceptionally well this weekend. Many ran to the best of their abilities, but still believe there is room to grow. Coach mentioned a few in particular; "Fabian House '16 and Colin Rinne '18 ran the best for us at Kenyon. Both had great times and hope can keep it going for Regionals," Young said. Young added that a few guys did not have their best race. He did not seem too worried about it though. Young said, "A couple guys did not have their best races but we still have a few weeks to improve upon our mistakes and continue making ourselves the best runners we can be. Regionals will be a great challenge for our guys and I believe we will be ready to go," Young said.

Saturday, the Little Giants travel to Terre Haute to run at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. The team looks to be up for the challenge that the Great Lakes regional will provide. Coach said he has changed the training recently. "We are tapering the training now; doing less volume in training and more race specific training, and sub-race distance intensity." This does not mean the team is training any less. As the season is dwindling down, Coach Young knows the team must be in the best place

to compete at the highest level. He believes the team is in the best place mentally to run their best races.

"I believe our top four guys have all shown great leaps throughout the year. The team has a couple guys who have been here in the past, so hopefully they can lead the team," Young said. "Our seniors have been great this year." Young said, "We have been searching for that fifth guy to top it off the entire year. The fifth guy has been open the entire season and we would like to see someone step up and get it." Overall, Young believed this week of training has been very competitive. "Guys like Cordell, Dom, or Luke are all looking to close that gap on the 5th spot. It will be interesting to see which one will get it for Saturday. All three have worked very hard this week and are all worthy of the position."

Allegheny happens to be in the Little Giants Regional this year. This is the first time the Little Giants will run against them in Regionals. "Allegheny is a top 10-15 team every year and we are too. It will be nice for them to be there, so we can use them as a gauge. We can also look for our teammates to help with the pace of race. We must rely on each other this weekend to be successful," Young said. Wabash has five straight Nationals appearances, and Coach Young hopes he can keep the mini tradition alive. Adam Togami '16 said, "Going into these last couple races we want to focus on getting enough rest and prepare ourselves mentally to have our best races of the season."

Coach Young mentioned the importance of the Redpacks' hour trip to the race. "With Terre Haute only being an hour away our team should not be tired from the trip. This will only help our legs in the long run, and help us perform to the best of our ability," Young said. "Hopefully our fans travel well, with the distance not being too far from Wabash's campus," Young said.

The Little Giants and Coach Young feel like the team is in the best position to be successful on Saturday. Fans come out support the team in Terre Haute on Saturday.

Let's see if the team will continue to make history this season as they run their tails off at 12:30. Wabash Always Fights!

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story of the game may be Wabash's offense against DePauw's defense.

Wabash averages 254 yards on the ground a game, 20th in the nation, while DePauw's run defense is seventh ranked, only allowing 69 yards a game. However, the weak point of DePauw's defense is their pass defense.

DePauw allows 226 yards passing a game which is ranked 144th, whereas Wabash's passing offense throws for 208 yards a game. DePauw allows 295 yards a game, a full 106 yards higher than Wabash.

DePauw also allows a 35 percent conversion rate on third downs while Wabash converts on 46 percent on third down, showing that teams have a good success rate passing the ball in third down situations.

"One of the reasons why they are so good on third down is because they do not have many negative plays," Raeburn said. They run the ball and their quarterback is very efficient and accurate."

DePauw is very good this year and has improved much since last year, but Wabash is very, very good and they too are much improved. This year's Monon Bell game has all the

makings of a close game, if DePauw is able to contain the passing of Wabash and stop them on third down.

"This is the most important game every year," Raeburn said. "Our first goal is to win the Bell, our second goal is to win conference and our third goal is to go undefeated. We can accomplish all three of these things with a win on Saturday. For our seniors this would be the fourth class to graduate to have never lost the bell."

If Wabash comes away with the win, the team will experience the first undefeated regular season and the first conference championship in five years. For as hard as these seniors have worked and how much they want to retain the Bell, the focus will be there this week. This weekend will be special, no matter what the end result.

"Someone put it to me best," Zurek said. "We have never experienced the campus without the Bell and he said it was just dead. It does not totally constitute this campus but we devote a whole week to ringing it and having it on campus. We have won six in a row and us seniors do not want to be the ones who screw up this streak."



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# LUCKY NUMBER SEVEN IT'S FINALLY OUR YEAR

**MICHAEL LUMPKIN '18** | SPORTS

EDITOR, **THE BACHELOR** • Six years in a row. The Wabash College Little Giants have won the last six Monon Bell games by an average margin of victory of 27 points. As Wabash students, that fact makes us gleam. Wabash has been at or near the top of the NCAC conference for the past decade. DePauw has been uncharacteristically down as a football program, but with Coach Lynch at the helm, the Tigers seem to be getting back into their stride. Their 8-1 record boasts second in the NCAC, only trailing the undefeated Little Giants. The stage is set for what looks on paper to be a competitive matchup.

Let's not forget last year's "much improved" DePauw team, who also walked into Crawfordsville with only one less loss than the Little Giants. They were gaining on us, right? Not exactly; a 24-point victory didn't do the lopsided game justice. In fact, the only thing that was more embarrassing for the Tigers than their rumbling-bumbling-stumbling-faceplanting tight end (we haven't forgotten) was the fact that half the DePauw students that came to tailgate didn't bother showing up to support their team. Complacency does not bode well in one of the nation's most historical college football rivalries.

Not to get away from the current year, both offenses have had incredible success. Both teams top the conference in most categories. They both average over 40 points a game, average over 450 yards a game, and do both of these with incredible balance between the rushing and passing game. The offenses are identical in many ways, and both will be expected to produce on Saturday.

The two defenses also top the conference in just about every conference category. The difference is that Wabash's defense has been utterly stifling in their 2015 campaign. The Little Giants have only given up an average 6.6 points per game (DePauw 14.3),

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189.4 yards per game (DePauw 295.3), and have scored five defensive touchdowns (DePauw has scored one).

However, don't let the numbers dictate your opinion. The historic Monon Bell rivalry is just as much about the intangibles as it is about the X's and O's. It's about mentality. Frankly, it's hard to blame DePauw football for taking tough losses in the past six contests. When surrounded by students who are indifferent about a win or a loss, it has to be hard to find motivation.

Just a couple months ago, the DePauw President had to give praise to Little Giants fans for their devotion to Wabash sports. A month later, his employees were having to move the one-ninth of the Wabash student body that made its way down to the Wabash and DePauw soccer game out of the stands to its own special area. Little Giants fans doubled DePauw fans in their own backyard. The Little Giants were bested on the pitch; they won't be bested on the football field.

What the gargantuan number of Little Giant fans that will make the trip down to Greencastle want is their best efforts reciprocated. The spirit of the Monon Bell game is what makes it great. The 2014 contest consisted of stands deprived of black and gold, and a sixth straight stomping of the Dannies. The 2015 campaign from the Little Giants will consist of thousands of devoted Wabash fans on the field and in the stands. It's all we know. For DePauw fans, please bring it. Your best won't be enough, but Little Giant nation wants to see it.

The Bell isn't going anywhere. Little Giants ring on. 31-10.

**JACOB LYNN '17** | SPORTS EDITOR, **THE**

**DEPAUW** • As this week has gotten closer, I've been asked the same question over and over again. "Do you think we really have a shot to win the bell this year?"

That really means something to me because it shows just how far the DePauw football program has come since I got to Greencastle in the Fall of 2013. Head coach Bill Lynch is responsible for that change because he's given the DePauw community more than a winning football team, he's given it something to be proud of, and this year, he's going to give it the Monon Bell.

Changing the culture around the program has been no easy task. In 2013, we didn't expect the Tigers to win, and honestly, I don't think we really even cared that much. The culture of losing had taken its toll on the program.

But now we have something to be proud of.

This DePauw football team is far different than the one that lost by 17 points at home in 2013 and the one that played scared in Crawfordsville a year ago. This time around, the Tigers have a squad that can finally match up with the skill level of the team on the other sideline.

Just look at the statistical breakdown. The Little Giants average 250 rushing yards per game, the Tigers average 235. They average 210 per game passing and we average 265. I understand that the Tigers and Little Giants have found themselves in different game situations, but the numbers here don't lie.

The best thing for the Tigers to do, will be to come out and move the ball on their first possession. They don't even have to get points, but to feel like they can move the ball against one of the best defenses in the country would go a long way to settling DePauw into the pace of the game.

The Tigers also can't be afraid to give up some points on defense. Take some risks,

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send an extra blitzing linebacker or send in a cornerback from the outside, but giving up some points and turning the game into a shootout wouldn't be the worst thing for the Tigers. This is an offense that is capable of matching their opponents performance.

However, the real key to this game will come down to the play of junior quarterback Matt Hunt. As is the case in all big games, teams win or die by the play of their quarterback and Hunt will need to step up and have a big day. There are two reasons why Hunt should be poised to have a big day.

The first is that he has a receiving core with several weapons. Hunt's freshman year, the DePauw offense was based on throwing up jump balls to 6-foot-5 wide receiver Barry Flynn. The game plan for Wabash was simple: shutdown Flynn and you stymie the DePauw offense. This year, Hunt has completed passes to 19 different receivers, with six of them having double digit receptions.

The second reason Hunt will step up is that the game is at home. Last year I thought the Tigers had the talent to win but played scared in a hostile environment in Crawfordsville. This time around they'll have plenty of experience and a home crowd behind them.

No one ever said this would be easy, but it's time for the Tigers to get back on track in this rivalry. I've watched the program change since Lynch's return to the program and it's time cap off the transformation with a win in the bell game.

Here's to you, Old DePauw.  
DePauw 31, Wabash 27.

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