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POWELL - WADE

THOMPSON - REPAY

BEN JOHNSON '18 | STAFF WRITER • Alejandro Reyna '17 and Jack Kellerman '18 will be running mates this year in the 2015 election, hoping to succeed the current president, Patrick Bryant '16, and vice president, Fabian House '16.

Presidential candidate Reyna is a music composition and Spanish double major and is a brother of Phi Gamma Delta. Reyna has been treasurer for numerous clubs on campus including the Independents Men's Association, the Newman Center, and Spanish Club. Reyna officially joined Student Senate his sophomore year as a senator for Phi Gamma Delta and was also elected to serve on the Audit and Finance Committee (AFC).

Vice presidential candidate Kellerman also has his share of experiences as a leader in various roles on campus. Kellerman is a political science and rhetoric double major and a brother of Beta Theta Pi. At Wabash, Kellerman is currently a Democracy Fellow

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The next pair of candidates are Andrew Powell '17 running for president and Ben Wade '17 running for vice president.

Presidential candidate Powell is a political science major with a vast experience of positions in clubs and organizations across campus including SCAC chairman, orientation mentor, and a three-year Senate member. Powell is an independent student. His running mate, Ben Wade '17, is also a political science major with an array of campus positions as well. Most recently Wade has served as Secretary of the Student Body, Copy Editor of The Bachelor, and President of Model United Nations Club. Wade is a brother of Phi Gamma Delta, where he currently serves as Vice President.

Powell and Wade seek to create more student engagement in activities planned by the Senate if they are elected.

"One big issue that I see is that students feel like their voices sometimes aren't heard," Powell said. "I want to be a

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The final pair of candidates are Colin Thompson '17 and Anthony Repay '17.

Thompson is a French major and a brother of Phi Gamma Delta. Repay is a biology major and is an independent.

"We seek to achieve campus unity through thorough event planning, thoughtful spending, and campus involvement as well as to align differences for the benefaction of the Wabash community as a whole" they said in their mission statement.

Presidential candidate Thompson has also had a diverse set of roles across campus, currently serving as President of the College Republicans, member of the CBPR Committee, and Photo Editor of The Bachelor. Vice presidential candidate Repay has also had his share of involvement on campus throughout his time at Wabash. Repay has been President of the College Democrats,

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HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK CAMPUS SERVICES HONORED

Hi-Five to Campus Services for winning a Green Star Honor Award given by the Professional Grounds Management Society. They won this award in the Small College and Grounds Division for keeping the College grounds beautiful year-round. Congratulations to Campus Services, keep up the great work!

CONFLICT CANCELS FINALS

The Bachelor is sorry to report that finals have been cancelled due to a conflict on the new Scheduler. Too many events are on the planning calendar for the third week of December, and the administration, not wanting to abandon their brilliant new policy, has no other choice but to cancel exams. Enjoy an early break, Wabash!

BETA SHOWS SOME SPIRIT

Take a Christmas stroll through 513 W. Wabash Avenue and you'll enter into a winter wonderland. The elves of Beta Theta Pi successfully decorated the first floor with a cunning elegance and flare. However, they failed at translating those efforts into painting the bench.



NO BUSES FOR YOU

In a shocking reversal of policy this Tuesday, the Student Senate flipped its stance on providing fan buses to post-season athletic competitions. However, the elected representatives were themselves shocked Wednesday afternoon when fewer than 10 of 57 seats were claimed on the potential \$10,000 bus. And this is football! Thank God the Senate put its foot down with the wrasslers.

FOOTBALL TEAM ADVANCES

Two more Mason Zurek touchdowns and another win for the Little Giants. It wasn't pretty, but now we're off to the quarterfinals. The Elite Eight. A chance to go where only one other Wabash team has gone: the Final Four. The St. Thomas Tommies will be the task yet, but Wabash Always Fights, and Always Means Always.

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and also served on the Constitution, Bylaw, and Policy Review (CBPR) Committee of the Senate.

Reyna and Kellerman hope to achieve maximum participation and input from as many Wabash students as possible if they are to win the election. They feel that some of the student activities in the past have excluded some particular groups of students and hope to create more activities which will involve participation from the entire student body.

"Many of our current events seem to exclude factions of our student body, and there is also a lack of events that cater to other factions," Reyna said. "Why has the Student Senate not planned an event for those students who cannot leave during fall break or Thanksgiving break? If there is anything I wish to accomplish as President, it is to continuously remind

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part of an administration that values ideas from students."

Powell hopes to accomplish this by establishing a reward system for students for coming up with ideas for the student government to act on and plan. Examples would include the design for the Monon Bell t-shirt or an idea for a disc golf course. Powell and Wade also believe that enacting the new Constitution will create more engagement from student representatives across campus, thus bringing a wider variety of ideas from more sectors of campus.

"It's one thing to simply read over or write a new Constitution; it's another deal entirely to interpret and enact all that comes with it," Wade said. "I believe that through this new Constitution, we can better address the needs and wants of the students, which has been an issue around campus."

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Chairman of the CBPR, a three-year student senator, and a member of the Sphinx Club.

Aside from campus involvement, Thompson and Repay also have the ambition of further outreach to the Crawfordsville community.

"Our main objective would be to unify the campus and also to gain better the relations with the Crawfordsville community," Repay said. "It is important to unify these two groups through events so that further progress can continue."

However, for Thompson and Repay, there is still a much-needed emphasis on campus unity and involvement for their campaign. Thompson believes that it hurts the Wabash community when there is division between fraternities and other factions of campus.

"Our main goal is to create campus

those students not directly involved with Student Senate that the Student Senate is an organization that's sole purpose is to serve the students."

Reyna and Kellerman believe that aside from the events themselves, a wider variety of students would have access to events that cater to them if they had the proper representation in the Senate.

Reyna and Kellerman would also like to establish a special committee to work on creating an outdoor patio outside of 1832 Brew for students to have drinks and study together when the weather permits.



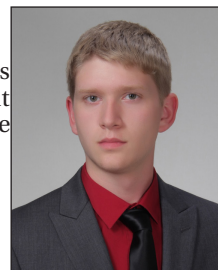
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Powell and Wade still hope to create first-hand involvement from students outside of the Senate and solve the problems with the lack of student engagement.

Overall, Powell and Wade believe they can connect the student body more than ever before. With the wide variety of relationships the two candidates have with both faculty and students, along with the experiences that they have had at their time at Wabash, Powell and Wade truly believe they can do something special as president and vice president.



Colin Thompson

unity," Thompson said. "We think we can accomplish this through more event planning and create events that appeal to all students and promote interaction between students who are from different sectors of campus."

Thompson and Repay hope to close the long time social gap between independents and Greek life in particular. "It will make us a much stronger campus and help us create those events that will be universally beneficial for all students," Thompson said.

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A WABASH PILLAR RETIRES

JACK KELLERMAN '18 | STAFF WRITER • There is no straightforward definition for the term “Wabash Man”, but Tom Runge '71 is the closest you can get to an example.

Tom Runge graduated from Wabash in 1971 and joined the United States Air Force soon after where he rose up to the status of Colonel before retiring to work in higher education. After working some small administrative jobs, Runge started to realize that he wanted to give back to the great institution that helped shape him into a man.

“Everybody discovers how important Wabash is to them at different times,” Runge said. “At one point, I realized the reason who I am as person is because Wabash helped make me this way. I wrote President Andy Ford a letter and told him that Wabash was a special place to me and then I asked to let me know if there is anything I can do to help. And that turned into a job.”

Wabash as a community is thankful that Runge came home because he reshaped the Director of Alumni position forever. Runge created a new platform for reunions by creating

The Big Bash Weekend, a weekend during the summer where alumni from different eras return and stay the weekend at Wabash College. Runge also revamped alumni involvement



LEVI GARRISON '18 / PHOTO

Tom Runge '71 (left) is retiring after 15 years working at the College. Steve Hoffman '85 (right) will take over Runge's position of Alumni and Parent Relations.

with the college by engaging more with alumni groups such as the NAWM (National Association of Wabash Men). However, Runge credits a lot of this innovation to his co-workers.

“Everybody I work with tries to use the idea that we can be better tomorrow than we are today,” Runge said. “Myself, I believe that if you're not growing, you're dying.”

Just as Runge compliments his co-workers for helping him, his co-workers are grateful and have recognized the passion and dedication Runge has for Wabash College. Steve Hoffman '85, who will take over Runge's position after his retirement, commented that Runge has done such a good job being the Director of Alumni that it will be difficult to fill his shoes when he leaves.

“In Tom's 15 years here, he has had the courage to improve and change things,” Hoffman said. “He has done a good job of creating a strong base with alumni and it'll be hard to improve on all the things Tom has done because of how high a level the alumni involvement is right now.”

Hoffman also applauded Runge on

how he has helped lead the NAWM board. He stated that under Tom, the NAWM has accomplished many things, such as working with the Wabash Career Alliances in order to better student's career paths.

With all the hard work Runge has put in over the past 15 years, he admits that he is going to miss working at Wabash College. He stated that while he will miss the constant involvement with the alumni, he will miss the students most of all after he retires.

“In the flying world, I was around young fighter pilots all the time. And after working here I've realized it's the students that keep me young. I grow old but the student body never ages.” Runge said. “Watching you boys turn into men is what I'm going to miss most about working here.”

Runge said that he has no plans for retirement yet. He hopes to stay involved with Wabash, not as a faculty member, but as an alumnus. You might be able to catch him standing on the sidelines at football games or taking photos at other sporting events.

“I'm not ready to sit in a rocking chair for the rest of my life.”



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PREVIEWING YOUR NEW CONSTITUTION

JACK KELLERMAN '18 | STAFF WRITER • Every so often, the Student Senate will identify problems with the way the student body's Constitution operates, and call for a new one. The Senate's Constitution, Bylaw, and Policy Review (CBPR) Committee spent the last few semesters brainstorming and forging a new Constitution to address the current issues. This Constitution was unanimously passed by the CBPR Committee and ratified by the Senate, and is now waiting for the student body to decide its fate. In this upcoming election, in addition to voting for executive and class officers, the student body will vote whether to ratify the Constitution.

The Senate found the old Constitution to be impractical and inconvenient. "I know when Seton Goddard '15 and Jeremy Wentzel '14 were President and Vice President, they would talk about how before them their predecessors didn't really follow the constitution," CPBR committee member Josh Bleisch '17 said. "It ran smoothly, but they didn't go by the book. [Goddard and Wentzel] tried to go by the book and saw that it was inconvenient. It didn't make a lot of sense in certain places; there were a lot of places that weren't really clear such as what living units get what representation, who gets to vote, or the difference between a representative and a senator. There really is no difference now, but there was a difference in the old Constitution."

Bleisch and the rest of the CPBR tried to make provisions clear, simple, and practical. After the past couple semesters, they believed they have created the correct Constitution.

Some of the major changes are a division between the executive and legislative branch, the role of the Vice President, the creation of a Chairman of the Senate, the dismemberment of the Senior Council Activities Committee (SCAC), and the consolidation of the President's cabinet.

The ambiguity between the executive and the legislative branch became troublesome.

"The division is important," CBPR Committee Chairman Anthony Repay '17 said. "This was something Carter Adams '15 and Patrick Bryant '16 really stressed when they were each running, as I was the Chairman under both. The

division will bring clarity so that people can see what the Student Senate is actually doing for the College, and also see what the President and Vice President are doing."

With the separation, the Senate will have its own committees separate from the executive committees. In addition, the executive branch will have its own cabinet, and the Vice President will no longer run the Senate meetings.

The role of the Vice President has shifted. The Vice President now has much more bite. Before, the Vice President presided over the Senate's meetings, but now the position will be in charge of each of the four executive committees.

"There are four executive committees: the Crawfordsville to Campus Committee, the Events Committee, the Student Life Committee, and the Environmental Concerns Committee," Repay said. "I believe three of them will have a large impact on campus for years to come. They will be chaired by students who don't have to be senators. It's great for students who aren't a part of the Student Senate, but want to get involved."

The SCAC will be dismembered, and split into the Events Committee and the Student Life Committee. "The Events Committee will be in charge of the larger scale projects for students (such as National Act). The Student Life Committee will be in charge of smaller, everyday improvements to student life," Repay said.

So who takes the role of the Vice President in running the meeting? A new position called the Chairman of the Senate.

"The Chairman is elected by the Student Senate," CBPR Committee member Colin Thompson '17 said. "Their sole job is to run the meetings."

The idea behind the Chairman is to take someone that has a strong grasp of Robert's Rules of Order and use that knowledge to run the Senate's meeting properly, with no agenda.

"There is an important check on the Chairman," Thompson said. "If he ever commandeers the meeting, the Senate can vote for the Sergeant-at-Arms to remove the Chairman from the meeting."

The creation of the President's cabinet is new.

"We've had this before, but we are writing it in how things have worked in the past, and making it official,"

Bleisch said. "It's what the Senior Council is now, so the Senior Council will cease to exist as we know it and become the President's cabinet. It'll allow for the President to communicate more effectively with those clubs and major organizations (Sphinx Club, the Events Committee, IFC) and allow them to communicate amongst each other more efficiently."

The distinct and rigid structure will ensure adequate communication within the Executive and with the Senate.

Students will soon choose whether this new Constitution will be Wabash's setup of student governance for years to come. If you have any questions or would like to see a copy of the proposed constitution, reach out to any member of the CBPR committee: Adam Alexander '16, Josh Bleisch '17, Colin Thompson '17, Anthony Repay '17, or Jack Kellerman '18.



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The Constitution, Bylaw, and Policy Review Committee deliberating the new Constitution.



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PARIS UNDER ATTACK

STEVEN BAZIN '18 | STAFF WRITER • Even the most oblivious and ill-informed of us heard of the Nov. 13th terrorist attack in Paris. Naturally, the Wabash community was shocked and saddened by this act of violence. While the attacks did not have a direct impact on many of us, members of our campus community and students abroad have been significantly affected by the attacks.

French Teaching Assistant, Aude Sellier, was in the Sparks Center when she heard the news.

"I was shocked," Sellier said. "I thought they were at first talking about the attacks from last year on Charlie Hebdo. I couldn't believe it...I was absolutely offended because I feel like it was the values that were attacked, so I felt attacked as well."

As one might expect, being abroad during such a tragic event is occurring in her country was difficult for Sellier.

"A few days after the events, I felt like my place was not to be here. I wanted to go home...I followed the events from my phone. I almost

felt guilty to be here. I felt like I should be in France to support [my country]...I feel like if I were in France I could do something. In this kind of situation you're helpless, but here I felt even more helpless. I

couldn't share my pain with people from my own country."

Sellier has been able to offer a unique perspective on the attacks to many Wabash students.

Likewise, students studying in Europe have been directly affected as security measures increase across the continent. Only one Wabash student is studying in Paris this semester. Thankfully, he was not in France during the attacks. "I was in Africa, actually, Morocco, specifically," Daniel Thompson '17 said. "I was worried I wouldn't be



Aude Sellier

able to re-enter France and that I'd be stuck in Africa." Thompson received an alert from the US embassy when the attacks occurred. His immediately told his friends and family that he was safe, then checked on his friends in Paris.

Sellier was also concerned for the safety of her loved ones. "A lot of people asked me if [my] friends and family were safe, and I indeed have friends and family in Paris," Sellier said. "They're safe...I was relieved to see that my family and friends were safe, but it was still painful. It was still my country. There were people talking to me about my family and friends, but not about my country."

Military and police presence has increased significantly across Paris. "For the first time since the Cold War, France has increased its military budget, instead of decreasing it. There are fully armed military personnel that can be seen all over the city, especially near culturally and religiously sensitive locations. Also, the metro has been

extremely difficult to navigate these past few weeks due to security measures," Thompson said. Areas frequented by tourists have seen the most significant increases in security. Most sites require a bag check, and some have armed guards as well.

In spite of this, French citizens are

attempting to return to their normal lives in the wake of the attacks.

"I don't think the behavior of people individually has changed," Sellier said.

"I've seen a lot of reports on TV saying, 'Never

mind, we're going to keep going to café. We're going to keep going to concerts. We're not afraid. We're going to change ourselves because of them."



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EYES ON PARIS

This week and next, representatives of 196 governments are gathering in Paris for the UN climate change summit, also called COP21. While this is the 21st time the world has come together to find ways to address climate change, this meeting is significant in both opportunity and urgency. First of all, this is the largest environmental summit to date, with 40,000 participants on site. This demonstrates the greater value that the international community as a whole is placing on curbing the effects climate change. The world's leaders know that we can't wait another year; the time to definitively act is now.

COP21 comes after major actions this summer on the part of the world's largest polluters to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. In August, the United States unveiled the Clean Power Plan which will limit the amount of carbon dioxide pumped into the atmosphere by the power sector. More recently, China agreed for the first time ever to stop its emissions from growing by 2030. Leaders at COP21 hope to build on this momentum and reach an agreement that involves the world as



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a whole.

This is also an opportunity for the world to come together in the wake of tragedy. As President Obama said in his opening remarks at the summit, working globally to combat climate change is "an act of defiance that proves nothing will deter us from building the future we want for our children."

Why should we care about this? If China and India won't commit to a very ambitious plan, why should the United States? A global plan can be a catalyst for more significant reductions of greenhouse gas emissions, and the United States must lead the world. When the US speaks, the global

community listens. We as a nation have no problem being global leaders in other areas, especially militarily. This is a much more positive way for the US to take charge, and it involves saving lives instead of destroying them.

And the US taking definitive action will make a difference. We are the world's largest economy, and are the second largest emitter of greenhouse gasses. In short, we matter when it comes to taking on climate change. The United States is doing just that with the Clean Power Plan. It regulates carbon emissions from the power sector, reducing them to 32% below 2005 levels by 2030. Opponents will have you believe that the Clean Power Plan will kill jobs and drive up costs. That simply isn't true. In fact, it is predicted that the public health and climate benefits of the rule will be worth \$45 billion a year starting in 2030.

Despite the dire need to act on climate change, and the fact that it will lead to all kinds of benefits, there are opponents of the Clean Power Plan and whatever may come out of Paris. Something like this just won't make everybody happy. Environmentalists think it doesn't go far enough, others say

it goes too far. Republicans and some Democrats in Congress just passed a resolution blocking the Clean Power Plan. While the vote was purely symbolic (President Obama will quickly veto), it undermines the negotiating power of the delegation working in Paris. It sends a message to the rest of the world that the US really isn't up for this challenge. Where we should be taking the lead, Congress is instead surrendering.

The vote is done, message sent, summit halfway over. What do we do from here? The environment is consistently polled as one of the least important issues in the eyes of American voters, and that needs to change. If this is something that you care about—which you should as a college student who will live about 60 more years on this planet—you can make it clear to your elected officials that climate change is an issue that matters to you. And when you go to the polls 11 months from now, be sure to keep in mind which candidates will continue to find ways to combat climate change, and which candidates will forget the progress already made and abandon the fight.

THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX

Before I came to Wabash, I lived my life as a heterosexual. It was the sexual identity that I perceived myself as, it was the category of behavioral norms I conformed to, and it was the sexuality that other people perceived me as. Unlike many of my peers in the LGBTQ community, though I felt an inexplicable tension within myself, I can say that I was satisfied and comfortable living and being perceived as a heterosexual. It was not until my first semester at Wabash that I began to question my sexual identity, something that I had previously accepted as axiomatic. After several months of denial, soul-searching and observation of myself, I finally accepted that I am bisexual. I first came out to my closest fraternity brothers, and then eventually to more and more people on the fringes of my social circles, and by this point in my life I accept my bisexuality as axiomatically as I had my heterosexuality; in other words, I perceive myself as a bisexual to such an



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extent that I do not think about it.

As these things usually go, this is only the beginning of the story. My biggest struggle living as a bisexual person (again, unlike many of my peers), is not wrestling with my religious/spiritual identity (I was an atheist by the time I began to question my sexuality, so eternal hellfire has not been a concern of mine), or the homophobia of my peers (Wabash, my family and close friends elsewhere have been accepting, which I am grateful for). My greatest struggle living as a bisexual person has

been bifurcated: on the one hand, once I came out, it has been an facet of my character that others have rigorously questioned and denied, and on the other hand I have had to resist being co-opted into the political struggle for marriage equality that I do not care deeply for.

Why is this the case, and why have these phenomena been problematic for me? When I first came out, I felt a sense of internal peace and freedom that I have not felt since. Over the past years, I have discovered that the rainbow-colored identity box of "queer" is just as confining and spiritually etherizing as the "heterosexual" identity box. Furthermore, the struggle for marriage equality, from my perspective, is the political struggle for gay and lesbian people to behave just like straight people in every other way aside from the couple's shared gender identity; in other words, it is the desire to live as a monogamous couple operating in a nuclear-family model. For me, it is difficult to rally behind an ideology that

states "we can be just as white bread America as you!"

Furthermore, gay men have antagonized me the most regarding my bisexuality. I have been told that I need to "come all the way out of the closet," or that "I'm trying to be a hipster," and "women are disgusting," all from gay men. Gay men, at times, can be just as prejudiced as white heterosexual America.

After almost three years of living as an openly bisexual person, I can say from experience that I do not conform to hegemonic conceptions of what it means to be a queer person, either from a heteronormative or a queer perspective. My writing, my love for theater, the political struggles I do engage in, and my ongoing relationship with religion constitute my personhood as much as my bisexuality does. Though I stepped out of the heterosexual box, my very being makes it difficult for me to cram myself into the rainbow-colored "gay" box.

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THIS IS YOUR HOME TOO

Some of you may believe that the fact Wabash College is located in Crawfordsville, Indiana is one of the downsides of attending this school and living in this community. I know for certain that you all have heard yourselves or your peers moan and groan regarding the “things to do” in Crawfordsville or lack thereof. The point of this article is to encourage you to rethink the way you view Crawfordsville and reevaluate your stake and impact within the community that you will spend four years being a part of.

During the spring of my freshman year, I had a personally formative discussion with an elderly Crawfordsville resident at the local Cracker Barrel. As I was standing in line, the man asked if I was “one of those Wabash boys”. I replied with the standard yes ‘sir assuming that like the many other times I had been asked that, I would be greeted with a smile and a handshake followed by them saying they attended the college or know someone that does. To my surprise however, he responded with “Well, it’s nice to see you out supporting business here. You need to go back and tell your buddies to have more respect for the people of this town.” Obviously I was taken back by this statement but proceeded to ask the man why he felt this way and hoped he would allow me to try and change his mind about the nature and character of current Wabash Men. After he expressed disappointment in the way in



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which “rich kids from nice towns” come to Wabash and leave four years later to never return or show any interest in the people or establishments around them outside of the college, I shared with him my own story and stories of students I know doing just the opposite of that. We ended up having a 20-minute long conversation and by the end, both of us had a newfound appreciation for both of our individual viewpoints. This man truly changed my outlook on the Crawfordsville community and ignited a fire within me to do my part in contributing to this city. The final words that he left me with as I left the restaurant were, “keep proving me wrong son.” And I have tried my very best to do just that these past two years.

Thanks to my opportunities to work in the Wabash Democracy and Public Discourse Initiative, I have had the privilege

of interacting with countless members of the Montgomery County community through projects dealing with many different citizen issues. And after each and every meeting with a resident or community leader, I learn something new and feel a heightened sense of urgency to make a difference on whatever the issue may be. If each and every one of us made small strides in making this a better community, the prospects are endless.

We all know the mission statement, and that oath includes the duty to “live humanely”. If we are not productive and supportive members of our surrounding community how are we fulfilling our mission? Viewing Crawfordsville simply as the place you have to live while you receive your Wabash education is not a way to spend these four years. Instead, integrating yourself and having pride in not only the Wabash campus, but also the surrounding areas is a vital aspect of being a Gentleman that I’m afraid we too often overlook.

There are multiple ways in which you can make a difference in this community. Whether it be through community service opportunities, volunteering for the local chamber of commerce and city government, or simply visiting the farmer’s market or utilizing the public library, all are worthwhile and benefit our community. Interact with the people around you when you are out and about. Wave as you walk past your

neighbors sitting on their porch and help people unload their groceries in the parking lot. Furthermore, we should all be absolutely ecstatic about news such as the Stellar Community grant that will allow for the revitalization the downtown area and spur economic development and beautification projects all throughout the streets we walk and drive each day. We should all be chomping at the bit to visit new restaurants that open and shop at new stores that arrive. This is our second hometown!

I completely understand the sense you may feel that your hometown, other cities in Indiana, or other college towns you have visited are far more enjoyable to inhabit and visit. That is absolutely fine, but let’s at least work to improve the community we have here the best we can. I urge you to understand that you have an extremely valuable opportunity to make a difference in people’s lives and improve the community around you, and squandering that opportunity does a disservice not only to yourself, but to our college and the generations of Wabash men before us who have helped build and improve this city through their generosity, public service, and commitment to living out every aspect of what it means to be a true Wabash Man. Let’s all keep proving the man at Cracker Barrel wrong, and show this city how Wabash Men live humanely.

REASONS WHY I’M HERE

“How’s Wabash?” “What’s Wabash like?” These are the questions that many of us had to answer last week during Thanksgiving, and these are the questions that many of us will have to answer again come winter break. While stuffing my face with turkey at the dinner table last Thursday, I started to ponder the question. Not specifically how Wabash is, but what Wabash means to me, how I view Wabash.

I know that it’s hard to explain to someone what Wabash actually is and why I would want to go to an all-male institution in the grand midwestern town known as Crawfordsville. One can say the education is great or that you were recruited to play a sport, but to me Wabash is so much more than that.

I’ve found that the best way to describe Wabash is that it’s different. It’s different than any other school I know of: it’s rich traditions, the challenging academia, the brotherhood developed between students; these are all things special



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But last year as a freshman it was hard for me to appreciate Wabash. I constantly saw posts on social media from friends at state schools partying on Thursdays and friends telling me over breaks that they constantly skip a class that they somehow have an “A” in. I was dumbfounded; I kept asking myself “Why am I at Wabash?” I admit that I downright despised this place as a first-semester freshman. Like many students, I filled out a transfer request to

another university mid-semester, but I soon realized that Wabash was the place for me.

This occurred when I went home during winter break. I started to hang out with my old high school buddies and I soon realized their lack of maturity. They acted like children almost, and all they could seem to talk about was their parties and how their fraternity was the most “frat” on campus. The way they acted and carried themselves was just overall ridiculous. I mean, I love to have a good time every now and again, but it seemed like my friends were living up to the irresponsible college kid stereotype seen on TV and in movies.

Seeing my high school friends after a semester of college made me realize how mature Wabash was making me. I was no longer an ignorant high school kid who thought he had the world wrapped around his finger; I was a young man trying to figure out how to succeed in life. Wabash kicked my butt, Wabash

didn’t hold my hand, and from the first week of getting here, I was told to grow up or get left behind. I stopped thinking negatively and moping over how I didn’t get to live the state school life like my friends. I realized Wabash was showing me how the world worked, and I began to understand the world is a harsh place. Wabash started to make me excited for my future rather than my weekend.

I started to understand that Wabash stood for something I strive to be. When I look back on my college experience, I don’t want to remember multiple parties, failed attempts of hooking up with girls, and getting drunk every other night. When I look back at my collegiate career I want to remember the things I accomplished at this great institution, I want to look back with pride on how I made it out of this place alive with my eyes on the horizon. When I look back at college I want to be able to say I’m glad that I went to a school that builds men and not one that babysits girls and boys.

MXI HOSTS SIGNATURE POETRY EVENT

BRAXTON MOORE '19 | STAFF WRITER • Are you looking to expand your appreciation of the fine arts? Do you enjoy poetry? Have you ever considered writing and reciting poetry in front of a crowd? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, then the Malcom X Institute’s “X-Tacy” event is one you shouldn’t miss. This event takes place at 7:00 p.m. this Saturday, Dec. 5th, in the Korb Classroom of the Fine Arts Center.

“The ‘X-Tacy’ poetry slam competition is part of a long line of events that we’ve done at the Institute for about 5 or 6 years now,” Tyrone Evans ‘16 said. “It’s become very successful...the MXI enjoys hosting it each year.”

The competition aspect of the poetry reading will revolve around an elimination style of judging, done at the end of each round. Participants will be judged based on the style and quality of their poem, and after 3 rounds a group of four finalists will eventually be narrowed down to three winners. A new feature this year about the X-Tacy event is that there are now cash prizes given out to those who place first, second, and third. The poet who is declared the winner will walk away \$300 richer, with second and third place taking home \$200 and \$100, respectively. “Right now we are looking at having 11-14 poets this Saturday night...for the MXI, this event is a way to celebrate different aspects of black culture and the arts,” Evans said. This event is also a way to show the Wabash student body and community what the Institute is about.

“There are people around campus who might not be familiar with the MXI, and we’re looking to change that,” Evans said. “We want to raise awareness about what we’re about. In addition to the poetry contest, we host game nights and things like that so that people can develop an idea of what we’re like.”

While many are familiar with famous poets such as Robert Frost or Edgar Allen Poe, “slam” poets are usually more obscure, and the pieces that they write take a completely different stance on the stereotypical ideas that we have regarding poetry. Slam poetry focuses on bringing attention to a controversial, or debated topic, in a way that is expressive and artistic at the same time. It can have a spoken-word feel to it, a rap feel to it, or it can be more direct and condemning.

“It’s an aggressive, in-your-face, type of poetry and it addresses a certain group or person through poetic writing,” Evans said. “We think that this is something that those in the Wabash community would enjoy.”

The competition is not just exclusive to Wabash students, however. The MXI also hopes to promote a sense of unity not just on campus, but within the community as well with the X-Tacy event. It encourages attendance from all aspects of college life, community, and even other colleges and universities.

“We open this competition up to everybody...we have people from Indianapolis that regularly attend, and we also have good attendance from The College of Wooster as well,” Evans said. “They’ve been coming to this event...for the last two or three years we have had participants from [Wooster] and they always tend to do pretty well.”

In addition to many different participants, X-Tacy has been known to feature poetry of differing styles to make sure that there are not 14 poems that sound exactly the same to the audience and the judges. “We invite people from a lot of diverse areas with different stories and different styles of writing,” Evans said.

The poems are almost always well

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By offering a cash prize and marketing to students at other colleges, the MXI hopes to put on another successful X-Tacy event this semester.

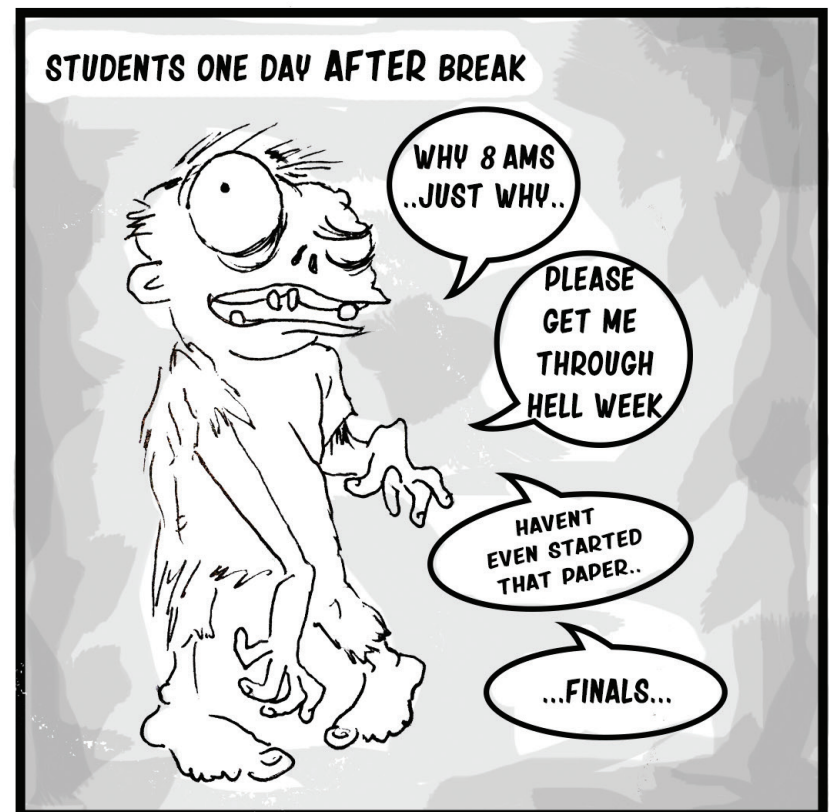
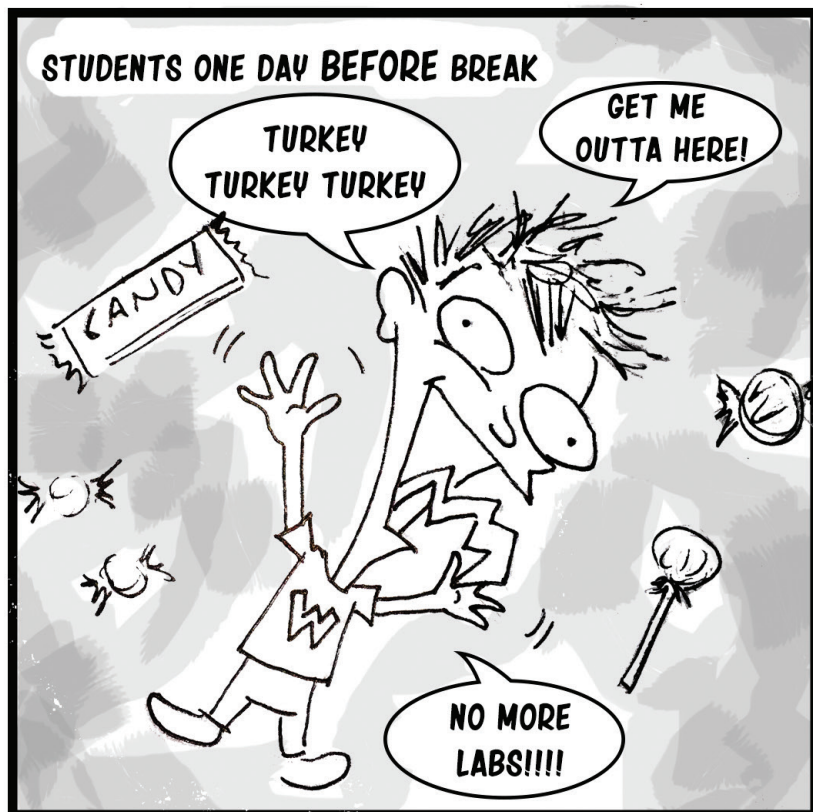
received. Simply put, the writers involved in this competition know how to write groundbreaking and thought-provoking pieces of poetry that will turn the heads of students, judges, and spectators alike.

So, if you find yourself wanting to hear some killer poetry, or simply to kill some time on this upcoming Saturday night, and venture out across campus to the Fine Arts Center to partake in your own night of X-Tacy filled fun.



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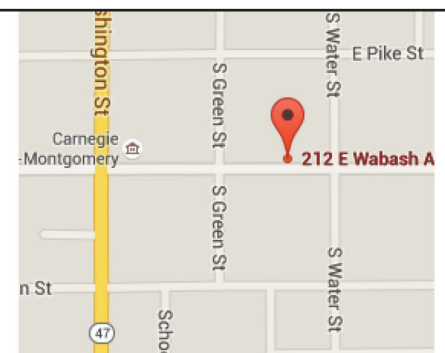
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APO PLEDGES HOST SPECIAL OLYMPICS

NICHOLAS VEDO '19 | STAFF WRITER • The first snowfall has come and gone and come again, and the holiday season is upon us bringing with it the struggles of finals week. Many students are probably buckling down mentally for the struggles that are sure to begin soon. However, the pledge class of the Omicron chapter of Alpha Phi Omega is planning a project that will hopefully bring a little bit of joy into everyone's lives here on campus with this Saturday's Special Olympics event.

Alpha Phi Omega (APO) is the largest collegiate fraternity in the nation. It is a service fraternity, which sets it apart from social fraternities because its main purpose is to conduct service projects for the benefit of the area surrounding each chapter, and it doesn't occupy a house like the social fraternities.

To join APO, potential members must go through a pledgeship program that educates them on the fraternity's heritage and purpose. One of the steps in the program is the pledge class

service project. This service event is completely planned and carried out by members of the pledge class. The goal of the project is to promote the three ideals of the fraternity: friendship, leadership, and service, as well as bring the pledge class together to achieve a common goal. Collin Graber '18 went through APO pledgeship last semester, and helped the pledges plan their project for this semester.

"The purpose of the pledge class project for APO is to perform service in one or more of four different fields including: fraternity, college, community, and nation," Graber said.

This year, the pledge class has taken it upon themselves to organize an event in partnership with the Champions Together Indiana, a Special Olympics organization. The organization provides opportunities for individuals with physical and mental disabilities to participate in roughly 20 Olympic sporting events and activities. John Leppert '19, current Alpha Phi Omega



pledge, discussed the preparations for organizing staffing for the activities and the attendance goals.

"We are basically getting several basketball players, soccer players, and track coaches to help us run a clinic for special olympic athletes from all over the state. We are hoping to have around 25-30 people come and participate, so it will be about a two hour event held in the Allen center," Leppert said.

Last semester's APO pledge class service project was an organized

5k race. All of the event's proceeds went towards supporting research on testicular cancer. All members of Omicron chapter are very hopeful for this year's event, and hope that it will bring about an increased interest in the club from all of the Wabash College community. The plan is for the combination of community interaction and friendly athletic competition to entice a sizable group to participate.

"Essentially our hopes are that we will get between 30-40 special needs athletes to come, from all over Montgomery county," Nicholas Morin '18, this semester's Alpha Phi Omega Pledge Class President, said. "We're trying to not only provide these kids with a fun time where they can relax and be themselves, but also teach them sports such as soccer, basketball, track, and football. This is something that I am hoping we can do year after year, with increasing amounts of kids as word gets out, and be something that the kids look forward to."



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HURWICH REFLECTS, LOOKS FORWARD

JOHN JANAK '19 | STAFF WRITER

• David Hurwich '15 was born in Chicago, Ill. and later moved to Munster, Ind. where he lived for the rest of his childhood. Hurwich came to Wabash because he loved the close-knit community and competitive environment he found while on his visits.

Beginning at a young age, Hurwich picked up wrestling. He wrestled all through his middle and high schools years. He credits wrestling with helping shape who he is today. Hurwich also expressed his passionate love for his favorite sports team, the Chicago White Sox. He constantly checks up on offseason accusations and when the team is in season, he tries to watch as many games as he can.

"I'll never forget being at the ALDS game in 2005, when AJ Pierzynski scored the game winning run after reaching 1st on a dropped-third-strike, followed by a Joe Crede walk-off double in the bottom of the 9th," Hurwich said.

Hurwich's tenure at Wabash has been nothing but spectacular. He has been an active participant in Best Buddies, is the current vice-president of MMA club, a brother of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, and is a member of the United States Marine Corps Reserves.

"I entered the Marine Corps Reserves at age 19," Hurwich said. "I attended boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, CA and School of Infantry West. Then I traveled to Camp Pendleton, where I had Infantry Training. I initially left for training soon after my freshman year of college, and returned from training the day before the Monon Bell game of my sophomore year. I resumed classes in the spring of 2013."

While serving, Hurwich has obtained several roles. He has covered many aspects of the military during his career.

"I currently serve as a Lance Corporal," Hurwich said. "I am also a member of 1st Battalion 24th Marine Regiment and also a 0311 Infantry Rifleman of Bravo Company. I have assumed the billets of: Rifleman, Assistant Automatic Rifleman and Fire Team Leader. I'm set to conclude my service in May of 2019."

Hurwich believes that his interest in Wabash generated his decision that, after high school, he would serve in the Reserves instead of Active Duty military. He wanted to be a part of a more serious, close-knit environment. The relationships between students and faculty, at the college, seemed much more genuine than anywhere else he could have imagined.

"When I was making my college decision, one of my favorite teachers in high school was a Wabash graduate and that truly was a major influence on my decision," Hurwich said.

Hurwich truly has loved every second of his time while attending Wabash and will be sad to see it go when it is his time. He has especially adored Monon Bell week. He believes Bell week truly is a unique experience that not all college students can say they have been through. He has never witnessed a Wabash football loss during his time at Wabash, and expressed how special that has been for him.

"From Sunday to Saturday, the campus is vibing with energy and school spirit," Hurwich said. "I absolutely love it! The game always falls on the second Saturday of November, so for the rest of my life I can mark it on my calendar so I won't ever forget it! Whether you are a Wabash student or not, everyone should witness the Monon football game and the celebration afterwards at least once. My favorite moment during Bell week every year has been when the champagne shower erupts as soon as the Monon Bell comes through the Beta front door on its victory lap around the school."

After Wabash, Hurwich plans to work in a sector of federal law enforcement or national security. He feels prepared to take life head on as an adventure and is very excited for what the future has in store for him.

"My four years at Wabash have been nothing but a blessing. I am so lucky to be here. Wabash not only has allowed me to blossom as a student, but as a person as well. I am very grateful for that. I am thrilled and honored to call myself a Wabash man."



IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

In addition to doing well in academics, Hurwich is also active in Best Buddies and serves as a member of the United States Marine Corps Reserves.



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ELITE EIGHT

LITTLE GIANTS MAKE IT
BACK TO QUARTERFINALS
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2011; LOOK TO CONTINUE
HISTORIC PLAYOFF RUN

MICHAEL LUMPKIN '18 | SPORTS

EDITOR • The Quarterfinals of the NCAA Division III Football Playoffs. A barrier the Little Giants have only been able to get over once. 2011 was the last opportunity Wabash had to crack the final four, but fell short in a contest against powerhouse Mt. Union. The opportunity presented to Little Giant players is not one they receive often, and this year, the team that will attempt to stop the undefeated march is the University of St. Thomas. The Little Giants will travel to Minnesota for the contest and an opportunity to extend their playoff run, solidifying their spot as one of the best teams Wabash football has ever seen.

There are roller coasters that don't provide the thrills that the Little Giants gave fans in last Saturday's second-round win against Thomas More. Wabash gave up an unprecedented 21 second quarter points to go into halftime down 27-13. Returning to true form, the Wabash defense stifled the run game of the Saints in the second half. The shutout that the Little Giant defense provided was enough to lift the Little Giants to the next round.

Connor Rice '17 remarked on the defenses' and his own personal play in Saturday's game. "I think we all learned a lot about ourselves over the course of the game. Our defense played phenomenally and offensively we did a lot of great things but I kept us from playing at our upmost potential," Rice said. Rice's self-criticism stemmed from his tough game on offense, forfeiting five turnovers to the Saints defense. The offense did outgain the Saints by over 150 yards, and Mason Zurek had a routine 180-yard and two total touchdown outing, including a marvelous touchdown catch to pull Wabash within one score on a fourth-and-long play. The uncharacteristic turnovers were the only factor of the game that kept the Saints in the contest.

Next on the schedule is a showdown with the University of St. Thomas, a team that has won their first two round games

by a combined 62 points. The Tommies are 12-0 like the Little Giants. Their regular season dominance looks incredibly similar to Wabash's on paper, and one needs a microscope to identify a large weakness on either side. Defensive Coordinator BJ Hammer '01 described the Tommies in detail. "They're a big physical team, and probably the simplest team in terms of scheme that we have seen this year," Hammer said. "We have to be able to stop the run and make them throw the football." The strategy of stopping the run and forcing the throw was what allowed the Little Giant defense to shutout Thomas More in the second half.

Hammer knows that stopping the Tommies run will put them in a situation they've yet to encounter in their 2015 campaign. "We've got to make them pass the football, something that they really haven't had to do," Hammer said. "We have to put them into that situation where we can make them one dimensional. Rice is confident in the offense's ability to move the ball against the tough Tommie defense. "We are confident in our ability to move the ball down the field because of the talent we have at the running back and wide receiver positions," Rice said. "Our offensive line has been great all year and they are continually improving everyday and I know that they will be ready for all the line stunts and blitzes that St. Thomas will throw at us."

"The keys to victory for us are pretty much similar to every week," Hammer said. "We have to play a great defensive game and make them one dimensional, we have to win special teams, and offensively we have to execute and win the turnover margin." Rice also knew that the Little Giants will have to perform at a high level to advance. "This is a great team but this a special group of guys that don't come around that often," Rice said. "We're going to play with confidence and intensity and that will separate us from St. Thomas."

Only one player on the roster knows what it is like to play in a quarterfinal playoff game. 5th-year senior Evan Rutter '16 was a freshman when the Little Giants ran into Mt. Union in the 2011 quarterfinals. The Little Giants are one of eight remaining teams in Division III, with a unique opportunity to reach a place the Little Giants have reached only once before.



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Drake Christen '17 makes a move after a catch in the Little Giants' first-round game against Albion College. Christen had over 100 receiving yards against Thomas More.

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THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE

MICHAEL LUMPKIN '18 | SPORTS

EDITOR • The adjustment a freshman makes coming to Wabash College is challenging. The immediate onset of classes, sports, extracurricular activities, and living unit responsibilities requires the best effort from every Wabash man in order to be successful. That effort is magnified even further when one earns the task of being the starting middle linebacker for the undefeated, 7th ranked, NCAC Conference Champion Little Giant football team. Wabash middle linebacker Evan Hansen '19 is doing just that.

Evan Hansen was not the first of his family to be sought out by Wabash football. Hansen's older brother, a class of 2017 college student, was on the Little Giant radar during his career at Guerin Catholic High School in Noblesville, IN. Hansen's older brother did not end up becoming a Wabash man. His younger brother did. Defensive Coordinator BJ Hammer '01 and the Little Giant staff started seeking Hansen out during his junior year of high

school. "We were on Evan for a long time," Hammer said. The impression Hansen left on Hammer was impressive. "We ranked him as our top defensive incoming recruit, so we had high expectations for him coming in."; expectations that Hansen has met and exceeded during his freshman campaign.

For Evan, the decision was made when he was able to view the excellence that Wabash men exemplified on and off the football field. "The standard that Wabash football operates at really impressed me during my visits," Hansen said.

Evan came to Wabash hoping to contribute on the field as a freshman. "I was really hoping to come in and contribute on special teams because I felt that was a way I could add to the team," Hansen said. "I envisioned being a one-play warrior on kickoff or something like that." Hammer and his staff had other thoughts for Hansen as he shined in preseason camp. "We kind of knew that he was going to be the guy, and we had to make sure that was going to be the case," Hammer said. "He flashed really



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Evan Hansen '19 putting pressure on the Albion quarterback in the first round of the NCAA Division III playoffs. Hansen had 10 tackles last week against Thomas More.

early, and Coach Raeburn and myself knew that he was going to be a guy who we were going to bring along fast."

There were two things that worked in Evan's favor on his way to achieving the starting middle linebacker role. Last year, the Little Giants graduated star talent A.J. Akinribade '14: an All-American player and team captain for the 2014 Little Giants. Hansen was able to seize a position that happened to be up for grabs. Hansen also possesses a style of play that compliments the scheme of the tough Wabash defense. Hansen "fits in exactly what we are looking for in our defensive scheme," Hammer said. "He's very similar to A.J. (Akinribade), his speed is really what helps him. He's extremely quick and plays downhill, so he fits exactly what we look for in our defense for the position he plays."

Hansen seized the opportunity with vigor, but his lack of experience did not make the process an effortless transition. "Of course I was nervous to start as a freshman because of the big shoes left by previous All-American linebackers," Hansen said. There have been mistakes along the way, but Hansen has fit the mold of the Wabash middle linebacker with great success for just a freshman. Hansen attributes his adjustment to the position to the help of fellow teammates. "I contribute adjusting so quickly to my fellow teammates such as A.J. Clark '16 and Connor Ludwig '17 for showing me the ropes of being a Wabash linebacker," Hansen said.

Hansen showed why he earned the starting role by his excellent performance last week against Thomas More. The

Wabash defense allowed zero points in the second half, largely due to interior defense being able to shut down the run game. Hansen had ten tackles for the Little Giant defense. "Evan did everything we wanted him to do," Coach Hammer said. "He played a dang near perfect game, except for being a bonehead on one play." The play Hammer referred to was a late-game interception by Austin Brown '17 that he was taking back to the end zone for a game-clinching score. The touchdown was called back due to a chop blocking penalty by Hansen. The play forced overtime, when all was reconciled by another turnover returned for a touchdown, this one with a legal block from Hansen. Hammer noted the aggressive mistake by Hansen and understands that it is something Hansen will learn from as he gains more experience on the football field.

Hansen is expected to have another critical role in the defensive scheme in Saturday's trip to Minnesota for a quarterfinal matchup against the University of St. Thomas. Hansen knows the challenge that awaits him. "We must stop their run game in order to exploit their weaker passing game," Hansen said. "That way we can get after the quarterback. It is going to be a physical game and we would not have it any other way." The playoff run so far has been an enjoyable experience for Hansen. "This playoff run symbolizes the great team chemistry we have," Hansen said. "I honestly love being apart of such a great group of guys and it means it is time for Wabash's hard to be cashed in."



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TAKING ON THE STATE

LITTLE GIANT WRESTLERS LOOK TO BUILD ON SOLID PERFORMANCES IN LITTLE STATE TOURNAMENT

JOEL JANAK '19 | STAFF

WRITER • A few weekends ago, the Wabash College Wrestling team traveled to Concordia University in Wisconsin. It was the first big test for the team as they going up against tough Division II and NAIA competition. Also teams who finished 2nd, 3rd, and 4th in Division III were at the tournament too. Coach Brian Anderson thought the team performed pretty well saying, "Overall the guys did well at the Concordia Open." He did mention that teams often

"get exposed in certain areas at tournaments like Concordia." After the tough tournament it should that individuals and the team still has work to do. They cannot remain complacent with how they are competing at this level.

Coach Anderson said that everyone must keep working hard to fix their mistakes and to get better. "A little improvement everyday is the ultimate goal," Anderson said. A few bright spots for the Little Giants were Nick Bova '17, Chris Diaz '19, Ethan Farmer '16, and Riley Lefever '17. All four guys wrestled at a very high level for the team finishing in the top four in their respective weight classes. Coach Anderson mentioned Chris Diaz '19 in particular: "Chris Diaz wrestled great for being in his 1st tough college tournament and is making great strides each week out." About his success that



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The Little Giants wrestle Saturday to their Little State tournament at the University of Indianapolis. Wabash Wrestling is 2-0 in dual meets so far in 2015.

Concordia University, Diaz said "I believe I performed fairly well. As a freshman, I went out there not knowing who anybody was and performed my best. There is much that still needs a lot of improvement." With Diaz only being a freshman, he hopes to build on this early success over the entire season.

This upcoming Sunday, the team will be wrestling at the Little State

"I expect the finals to be Wabash vs. University of Indianapolis at every weight class."

BRIAN ANDERSON

Tournament held at the University of Indianapolis. Coach Anderson spoke on some of the particulars of the tournament; "It will be a smaller field this Sunday than at the Concordia Open we just came off of, but there will be a good DII team in Indianapolis." He also expects his men to all be in the finals, saying that "I expect the finals to be Wabash Vs. University

of Indianapolis at every weight class." The coach has high hopes for his team, so hopefully they will come out on top.

Coach Anderson said that these next three weeks are very important for his team. "The guys need to push hard for these 3 weeks leading into Christmas break, both on the mats and as they get ready for finals week", Anderson said. He believes the team is at a great position right now and is working really hard to maximize all of their true potential. The end goal is not quite as important as a daily goal. Daily goals will only help the team get to that final goal. Sometimes, Anderson feels his guys are looking too far ahead, and must focus on the task at hand. The end goal is important, but "sometimes consume your thoughts", Anderson said. He likes the direction the team is heading into Sunday and is anxious for the men to cut loose this weekend. The wrestling team looks to join the rest of the Little Giant sports teams in having a successful outing in the upcoming weekend. Little State is an event that Wabash wrestling can use as momentum moving into the break period. Wabash Wrestling will utilize the opportunity to go toe-to-toe with the state's best talent. Come support your Little Giants at the University of Indianapolis!



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WHAT DO YOU MEAN, 'BREAK?'

THANKSGIVING BREAK INVOLVED A BUSY SCHEDULE FOR WABASH BASKETBALL

TUCKER DIXON '19 | STAFF WRITER • As most of us packed our bags and prepared to head home for Thanksgiving Break, the Wabash Little Giants' Basketball team packed their bags for a destination of their own. The Little Giants faced a very busy part of their schedule that is to last a few weeks: they packed their bags for Wheaton College to play in the Lee Pfund Classic, only to return from their shortened Thanksgiving Break to find a jam-packed three game week.

The Lee Pfund Classic, held at Wheaton College in the suburbs of Chicago, is a tournament held every year to bring about some key matchups of teams from around the country. The Little Giants had two scheduled games that weekend against Defiance College and George Fox University. Both games provided great competition. Facing off against Defiance, Wabash Head Coach Kyle Brumett's previous team, the Little Giants had an extra pressure added to this matchup. They came out of the gates strong, but eventually fell to the Yellow Jackets 59-76. The team had to rebound quickly because they had another game the next morning against George Fox University from Newberg, Oregon. The Little Giants rose to the challenge and defeated the Bruins 89-75. The team recognized their errors and mistakes from the night before

and did what they needed to get the bounce back win.

Upon returning from Wheaton the Little Giants faced another quick turnaround with another game just a few days later: a big game against their in-state rivals Rose-Hulman. The Little Giants traveled to Terre Haute to face off against the Fightin' Engineers, and the finish to the game was nothing short of spectacular. Although many of turnovers and missed shots kept the game close, an amazing play by Johnny Jager '19 and Dan Purvlicis '16 in the closing seconds gave the Little Giants a huge win. After a multiple year losing streak against Rose, the senior class got their first victory against a team they have struggled against in the past. The final play, a layup by Purvlicis assisted by Jager, not only got the win, but it also gave Purvlicis his 1,000th career point, an amazing milestone for any collegiate player. He is only the 26th Little Giant to achieve this status. "Dan is a pretty special guy to coach. He is the guy we want our players to be like. He is a great student who serious about being a great player and leader," Head Coach Kyle Brumett said. "All of his success, like scoring 1,000 points, is all very well deserved."

Purvlicis finished the game with 24 points followed by Johnny Jager with 19, and Marcus Kammrath '16 adding six. Strong shooting by Purvlicis and Jager put the Little Giants ahead late in the game but it was the defensive stand in the final 12 seconds that sealed the deal. As Rose set up for their final shot, Austin Burton '16 deflected the ball to midcourt where the Fightin' Engineers had no choice but to shoot in final desperation, with their attempt falling short.

After their momentum building victory



JACOB FERGUSON '18

Joey Lenkey '19 goes up for a basket in Monday's game against Boyce College. The Little Giants won the contest 80-31.

against Rose, the Little Giants moved their focus to Boyce College. The Little Giants came out firing on all cylinders ousting the Bulldogs with a definitive score of 80-31, boosting the Little Giants to a 4-1 record on the season. Three Wabash players scored in the double-digits with Johnny Jager and Evan Frank '19 scoring 12 a piece and Marcus Kammrath adding 10. Both Kammrath and Frank had double-doubles on the night with Kammrath grabbing a game-high 12 rebounds.

The Little Giants look to start their conference schedule strong with their second North Coast Athletic Conference

matchup against Oberlin College on Saturday in Oberlin, Ohio. The Yeomen have had a solid start to their season with a 4-2 record. Early conference games are tough to prepare for, so the Little Giants have their work cut out for them. The team is looking to use their senior leadership and young talent to get off to a hot start in conference play. "We really need to make our mark, even though we have a young team, we have goals of competing at the top of the league," Brumett. A win against Oberlin will give the Little Giants the conference start they need to build on their overall success from last year.

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