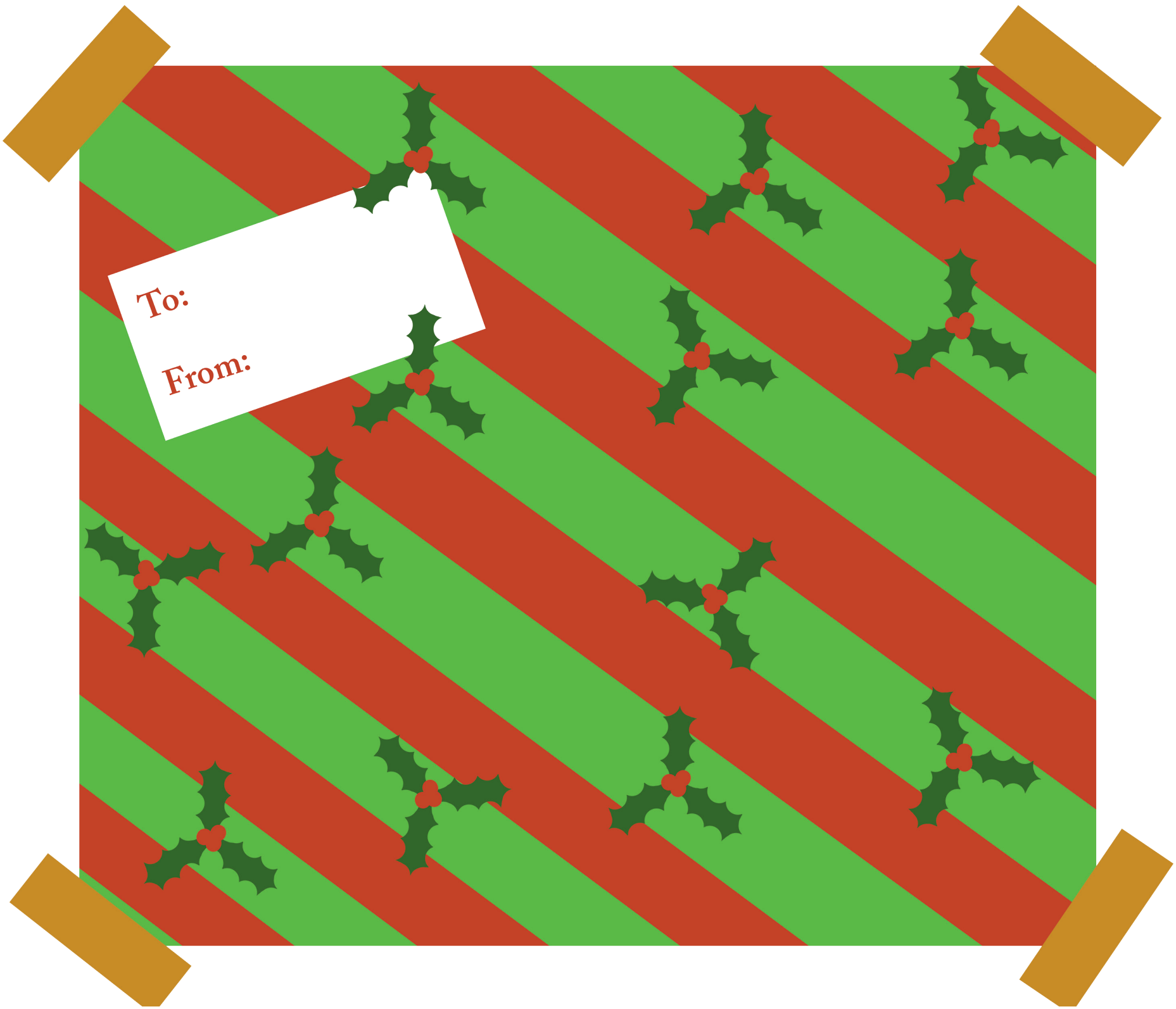


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HI-FIVES

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MERRY X-MAS, SCHEDULER!

Hi-Five to the Administration for the best early Christmas present ever: an entire semester worth of material for our satirically-inclined writers. Our relationship to the Scheduler has been, well, complicated. But certainly not as complicated as the new rules. Hi-Five also to Violet Mayberry for being a good sport. Your cheer in the face of valid criticism of real problems should be recommended. See you January 29th!

WRAPPING UP X-MAS CHEER

Our staff is grateful to fulfill one of our biggest responsibilities this time of the year: providing wrapping paper to the student body. The best way to spread Christmas cheer, is to wrap your gifts with *The Bachelor* every year!

“MOVEMBER” WINNERS

Hi-Five to Joseph Reilly '18, Bryan Tippmann '18, and Timothy Locksmith '16 for winning the “Movember” Mustache Competition. *The Bachelor* appreciates your dedication to raising awareness for men's mental health issues throughout the entire month of November.



E-MAIL CONTEST HEATS UP

Hi-Five to Dr. Blix and the Christmas Festival for rivaling Will Oprisko's Midnight Munch in number of e-mails sent in a 24-hour period. What happened to Ms. Mayberry's two e-mail rule? Blix and Minde Mills have now joined the hallowed ranks of individuals exempt from the policy, including the Vanity Theater, the Student Election Commission, and Mohammed Hasnat '17.

GOLF HOUSE SHOWS SPIRIT

Hi-Five to the residents of the Golf House for their impressive exterior holiday lights. How many golfers does it take to spread Christmas cheer? We're not entirely sure - do any golf athletes currently live there? But with effort like that, we cordially invite them to have their little elves compete in Chapel Sing next fall semester.

CORRECTION:

The December 4, 2015 issue of *The Bachelor* miscredited “A Wabash Pillar Retires.” Jade Doty '18 was the writer.

DESIGNING A WORLD OF YOUR OWN: 3-D PRINTING

JADE DOTY '18 | STAFF WRITER •

Today, when shopping on Amazon, you can buy a pair of shoes and pick the brand, color, and size. Imagine a world where you could go online and not just purchase a pair of shoes, but design a shoe to your liking and have it shipped to you in the next two days. This would not be just changing the color scheme or the laces, but physically changing the appearance of the shoe, the width, the length, adding different expenditures, and the only limit you have is your own imagination. Well this world may not be far away.

Lon Porter, Associate Professor of Chemistry and Department Chair, imagines that within the next decade we will have the technology to design and easily create anything our minds can think of. What is this technology? Well it's the 3-D printer, a machine that has been taking off in multiple industries and has been accomplishing feats that seem almost impossible.

“We have been able to 3-D print incredible things,” Porter said. “We scanned dinosaur skeletons and printed missing bones, we have made the first 3-D printed car. I think we are just beginning to think about the possibilities of 3-D printing.”



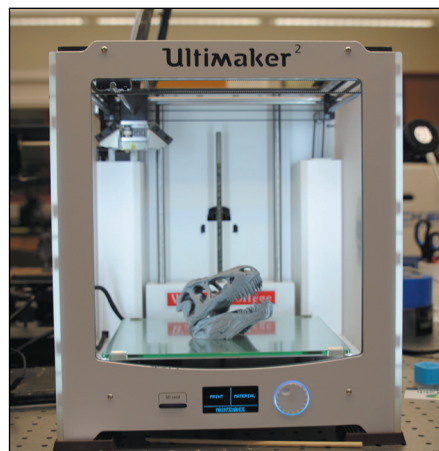
Lon Porter

Porter is correct in that this new technology is just in the beginning stages. And this new technology is starting to create numerous opportunities, specifically job opportunities. And this is why David Woessner '01 is coming to Wabash; to discuss the new possibilities the 3-D printer is creating. At lunch today, Woessner will discuss his work as General Manager at Local Motors and how this newfound technology is creating products like the 3-D printed car. But this talk is not only for students who are pursuing a career in engineering or technology. This talk is also to help shed some light on how new technology like this is creating hundreds of new business opportunities.

“David is going to talk about how to use your own Wabash education

to prepare for a new technological landscape or the way you have to think how entrepreneurship and business might integrate with new technology like this,” Porter said. “This technology is going to open the door for such expansion of business and companies and we want Wabash guys to be at the forefront for that.”

Eventually, this technology will be a common device that almost everyone in the country will use. Just imagine the computer; only 20 years ago, computer printing was an amazing feat, and today everyone has a super computer sitting in his



JACOB FERGUSON '18 / PHOTO

A 3-D printer can bring the imagination to creation. From dinosaur skeletons to a car, the 3-D printer is engineering a wide-range of possibilities.

or her pocket. But not everyone will use this 3-D printing efficiently, only those who are prepared and have an imagination will be able to use this technology to its full potential. And Woessner hopes to help prepare Wabash students for the bright technological future.

“As a college, Wabash has to prepare students to navigate the complex challenges and implications technology application can have on the world,” Woessner said. “Technology application can have broad implications in today's society, and as a liberal arts college, Wabash will help students think broadly and critically.”

To hear David talk about 3-D printing and the new ways students can prepare for the technological future, come to Hays 104 at 12:10 p.m. today!

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BOWEN IMPRESSES STUDENTS IN CLASSROOM

SAMUEL VAUGHT '16 | STAFF WRITER

• Every semester brings a flurry of visiting professors to campus to teach alongside the tenured Wabash faculty. One current visiting professor is unique in that he is also the Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Stephen S. Bowen '68, trustee since 1996 and chairman since 2008, just finished teaching Religion 370: Contemporary Theology: God and Ethics. The unique situation was preceded by a few years of conversation. The administration and Bowen first talked about the possibility while Pat White was president, but nothing came of it at the time. After retirement from the law firm of Latham and Watkins in Chicago, he raised the question with Derek Nelson of the religion department in the spring of 2014. The timing was right, and Bowen began to get ready to teach.

He brought a lawyer's work ethic into preparing for the class. "I spent a year preparing," Bowen said. "During that time, I spent more days working on it than I didn't. I really had to do as good a job as I was capable of."

As a lawyer, he is not unfamiliar to ethics. Nelson said of him, "Ethical problems and ways of thinking about them are not hypothetical for Steve. His long career

in law has given him occasion to puzzle through really complex issues."

But why religion? Bowen's interest in theology and ethics began as a student of Eric Dean and Raymond Williams at Wabash in the mid-1960s. A first-generation college student, Bowen thrived in the political science and religion departments. "This school absolutely changed my life," he said. He took as many theology courses as possible, which were taught by all members of the religion department. "I've been interested in theology ever since," he said. "It's a life-long love, and it started here."

Bowen matched his love for the discipline with a skill that did not go unnoticed. He is too humble to point it out to anyone, but the preface to James Gustafson's Ethics from a Theocentric Perspective, one of the texts for the course, included this acknowledgment: "Stephen S. Bowen, a lawyer with a theological mind, whose critical reading of the penultimate draft noted both editorial and substantive matters to which I have attended."

Nelson said, "He is unrelenting in his logic and has the capacity to draw clarity out of others that even they themselves didn't realize. Most of an iceberg is under



LEVI GARRISON '18 / PHOTO

Stephen S. Bowen '68, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, finished the semester teaching REL-370.

water. Most of a class is not on the syllabus. The number of books we talked about, and that Steve read, that *didn't* make it on to the syllabus is huge. His engagement with the academy in all kinds of ways makes him extremely well-informed about the live issues in ethics and theology."

Bowen makes it a habit to read every

book published by Wabash professors. This has given him an engagement with the faculty rare among alumni and trustees. But what he enjoys most of all is interaction with students. "I've enjoyed having students in class," he said. "They are inquisitive, interested, and have shown me that they can deal with the material."

Beyond the six students he sees in class, he has enjoyed meeting other students – young men considering law school, performers in plays and concerts, and athletes. He gives the same level of dedication to a law school applicant's personal statement that he does a reading for class.

Bowen impressed his students. "Mr. Bowen showed an incredible breadth of knowledge which extended not only to the works we were reading for class, but also to the greater corpus of each author," Abraham Hall '16 said. "This allowed for an increased capacity for discussion, as Mr. Bowen would routinely provide us with information pertinent to our current reading which would not have been available to us otherwise."

Would he do it again? To that question, Bowen gave an unhesitating "yes."

"This was really rewarding," he said. "I couldn't have asked for a better experience."

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EMPLOYEES' INSURANCE WILL INCREASE

PATRICK BRYANT '16 | BUSINESS MANAGER • The average health care premium for Wabash employees will increase by approximately two-thirds starting July 1 (current employees currently pay nothing). Not only will the 15 percent insurance cost that the employee pays increase to 25 percent, on average, the increase will occur on a progressive scale.

Although the move may appear to be a cost cutting move, the change is not expected to reduce the College's draw on the endowment. According to Scott Feller, Dean of the College, his goal is to find other ways to reduce cost but limit the impact on quality.

The College has a self-funded insurance plan which means the College assumes risk up to a catastrophic level. Scott Feller, Dean of the College, said a recent analysis of the College's health care costs revealed it had far higher expenses than in the past. Rather than being purely an anomaly, the analysis said similar costs should be expected by the College in future years.

"We had a run of real good luck," Feller said, "we had not needed to increase employee's insurance premiums for a number of years, which is pretty unusual in the whole health insurance game."

Although a change had to be made in order to address this year's health care costs, Professor of Economics Frank Howland, who sits on both the Budget Committee and Benefits Committee for the College, said he is not sure how the analysis can predict future healthcare costs.

"It's very hard to predict the future so it's very hard to know if we were exceptionally lucky in the past and we'll not be so lucky in the future, it's hard to know," Howland said. "I guess I would say that I don't think that we will go back to lower premiums for the staff and faculty even if we get lucky again."

Both Feller and Howland said that decision is a matter of bringing the health insurance plan more in-line with peer institutions.

HOW THIS ORIGINATED

When the College's Budget Committee met, which consists of President Gregory Hess, Chief Financial Officer Larry Griffith, Feller, Howland, and Associate Professor of Classics Jeremy Hartnett '96, Feller said they discussed "broad parameters for the budget." At that time the determination was made that it would not be prudent for increased health care costs to be paid out of the endowment. The Budget Committee's plan was made in consultation with the Benefits Committee.

"I think historically we've often felt that since we had a large endowment we could absorb various costs that way and I think there's a change in thinking that says we've drawn too large on the endowment for probably two decades," Feller said.

Howland said the cost of the premium will vary by individual plans, for an individual plus a dependent, or for a family. That, in addition to the aforementioned progressive rate and overall 10 percentage point increase, will occur based on essentially two salary cutoffs, of which Howland declined to divulge the exact salary information.

"For most categories, there's going to be a minimum, an upper limit, and when I say straight percentage, it's a percentage of your salary up to an upper limit where nobody's going to pay more than that upper amount," Howland said. "Some colleges have like a straight percent, some have tiers, like DePauw has five or six tiers and it's crazy."

Making the employee contribution more of a function of salary, Howland said, makes the program more equitable than it had in the past when everyone, regardless of salary, was paying the same amount.

"To me it's a selling point, but I don't think most people would buy that," Howland said. "I think it's an important question but if you're being told that you're going to have to pay much higher premiums, it only makes you slightly more happy to know it's a fairer system, but everybody's paying more."

EFFECTS ON RECRUITING

As the College looks to recruit faculty, Feller said that although the medical insurance component of the College's benefit package has gotten more expensive for employees, he said he believes the College still offers a very competitive package.

"I'm always very sensitive to the College's compensation for faculty because we're in hiring season right now and I know we're competing with other colleges," Feller said.

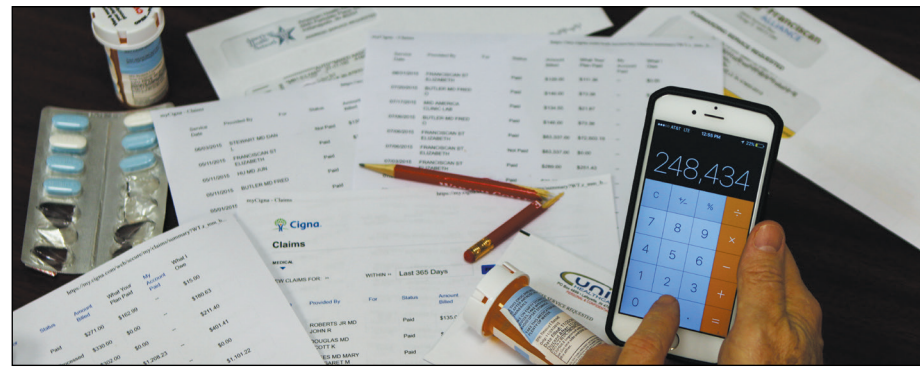
Howland said he agrees that this shouldn't have an impact on hiring, especially considering the College wasn't marketing the generosity of its previous plan.

"My suspicion is it's not going to have as much of an effect on us because I don't think many people look at the benefits," Howland said. "I think that most people are pretty concerned with the salary and most people assume the benefits are kind of standard, so I think that's actually not going to hurt us that much, but that's just my guess."

THE REACTION FROM EMPLOYEES

Feller said it's a hard conversation to have, but he was very encouraged by the dialogue he and the Benefits Committee were able to have at a faculty meeting last month.

"Among the jobs I have at the College, this is a less fun one to talk this through," Feller said. "I think we got to a place where obviously no one's happy about it, but I



IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

Employees, on average, will increase pay from 15 to 25 percent for health care premiums starting July 1.

think people understand the need to move in this direction."

He said he recalls a change to the College's tuition exchange rate when his daughter was in college and he recalls what it feels like to be on the receiving end of a benefits reduction.

"I have a lot of empathy for some individuals who have not the highest salaries but have been here a while and are getting all their family's insurance through the College and they're looking at a substantial increase," he said. "It is new for me to be on this side of explaining it."

REDUCING DRAW ON THE ENDOWMENT

A point of emphasis for Hess and the Board of Trustees has been decreasing the draw on the endowment, which is currently about six percent. That decision to increase the employee premium does not decrease the draw but keeps the College from having to spend even more.

"This is not helping us on the draw," Feller said. "All we've done is not be worse stewards, we're still looking to be better stewards and that's going to be a close examination of all the College's expenditures and that's ongoing. We're a ways away from having a budget put together, but certainly everything I'm doing in my office is to think about how do I do things more efficiently, how do I make sure we're not wasting money. And some of those are small things."

Feller said among some of the things he's looked at lately include adjusting the way journal subscriptions in the library are paid for, instead of paying for a full subscription like much larger schools, the College is looking to purchase tokens based on the number of uses. Feller also said he's looking at computer labs to see where computers are being used and if the College is replacing more machines than it should.

"Again, I'm not saving millions here," Feller said, "but I'm trying everywhere I can. I'm looking to find where I can accumulate

small savings on low impact and build up a number of those savings.

When it comes to larger ticket items and programs, namely immersion learning, Feller said his priority is to look at reducing recurring costs rather than cutting the programs he said were investments in the College and its mission.

"I actually want more immersion learning," Feller said. "Part of it is I don't think it's responsible to cut and cut, we also have to invest, and I consider that to be a signature program of the College."

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HIGHER PREMIUMS

Regarding implementation, Howland said effective Jan. 1 all those with an individual policy will see their premium increase approximately 20 percent and all three insured groups will see their premiums increase to approximately 25 percent of the cost on July 1, the start of the new fiscal year. Howland also said that the College's vision and dental plans are not subject to the increase to employees.

Feller said he doesn't want to discount the impact this premium increase has, but he said the College is trying to maintain its strong position among liberal arts colleges, one where it hasn't had to compromise its mission in order to protect the bottom line.

"The institution is still going to own most of the risk, most of the cost, but we're going to shift a little bit more to the employees and it's part of our responsibility to provide the highest quality education we can," Feller said.

Howland said he agrees and that the College is doing the responsible thing.

"If you look, President Hess is right that we need to reduce our draw on the endowment," Howland said. "Wabash had a very generous insurance benefit and now we're just catching up to the rest of the world, it's just a sad fact."

STUDY ABROAD CONCERNS

AHAD KHAN '19 | STAFF WRITER

Study abroad opportunities are something that most students wish to avail while at Wabash. The learning experience and the chance to see new places is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for many students. Thus, each student who wishes to participate in the study abroad program has to compete quite rigorously in order to get this chance of a lifetime. Once selected for the program, the work doesn't end for those students. Rather, it is a beginning of a lot of new tasks that they must accomplish before making their way out of the US. All of these tasks often lead to a great deal of stress and worry for students. The range of concerns for students vary from "what should I pack" to making sure "I am academically prepared."



David Boyer

"For me, the biggest worry is after I get there, it would be a big culture shock and that I'll have to adapt myself to not getting homesick," David Boyer '17 said, who is travelling to Germany this spring semester.

That is just one side of the spectrum; on the other side, worries from parents

are also very great in terms of their child's safety. Parents usually talk to the College about what precautions are there to ensure student safety.

Wabash does a number of things to make sure that students are safe at all times. One thing the school does is that it uses a list of preferred off-campus study providers and programs. On the list, only those off-campus study abroad providers are chosen with whom the school has a track record. Some organizations have been around for more than 50 years, and they have staff members who are dedicated solely to students' health and safety. Over the years, the College has established that those organizations have built in safety infrastructure, so if a mishap happens, there could be swift communication and action between the College and that study abroad organization.

"Student safety is principally overseen by the study abroad provider," Amy Weir, Director for International Programs, said. Wabash relies heavily on study abroad providers to give important updates to the College.

When students are looking for study abroad, they are mainly concerned about their academics. Usually, they know beforehand what courses they are going to take, but sometimes it is not until the very end that they come to know about a

particular course that is no longer provided by the university they are going to. Although this does not happen very often, it has happened in the past. So students get worried about what other course they can take instead of the one already planned, and how can it be made sure the credits get transferred. The College has an online application system where students can enter the information on the course and send a link of detailed course description to the correct approver - be it the registrar's office or a department chair. The application system helps students know pretty quickly whether a course can be taken or not.

"Generally, I haven't seen students coming to me with a lot of problems in getting their credits transferred," Weir added.

Recently, the US Department of State issued a Global Travel Alert. This means travelers are advised to use caution while travelling abroad. Most people mistake it for a Travel Warning, but that is more severe. In case of a Travel Warning, the public is asked to reconsider their decision of travelling in a particular country. Wabash College has never encountered a scenario before where students wanted to go to a country for which a Travel Warning had been issued. Currently, the College is just making the students aware of staying responsible and cautious. No one has been asked to cancel their trips.

"We have told the students who are currently abroad to avoid any protests and not to mingle a lot in big public gatherings," Weir said. Similarly, if students observe something suspicious happening or someone behaving in an odd manner, they



Cole Crouch

are advised to walk away from such a situation without engaging into any argument.

"I'm not so much worried about security threats abroad or my personal safety. There are just as many if not more threats and attacks

to our safety here in the United States," Cole Crouch '17 said, who is traveling to Greece next semester.

As of now, none of the study abroad providers have canceled any of their programs. All programs are moving forward. The immersion trips that the College is planning are moving forward as well. So if a student is thinking about studying abroad, the College encourages him to keep thinking that way. The administration firmly believes that there won't be any interruptions to the study abroad programs.

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THE MOST POWERFUL WORDS

It was after my last cross country season of my high school career that I received the call that set up what would define my career at Wabash. It was Coach Roger Busch, and he wanted me to run at Wabash. Through my four years at Wabash, he has inspired me to run when I wanted to quit, he saw my potential before many people saw it, and he was there to listen when what I needed was someone to hear me.

The most powerful words any coach has ever said to me was "I love you". The second most powerful words were that he believed in me. This past season, both of these statements took on new meaning when Coach Roger Busch accepted another coaching position. My coach for the last four years would now be encouraging me from a distant office, in another school, and from another state. Yet for a sport that celebrates endurance over insurmountable distances, this expansive separation felt crippling, seemingly dashing initial expectations for the season before it had even begun. The "Wabash Always Fights" mantra seemed distant too, somehow inadequate for coping with the feeling of loss.



Fabian House '16

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But is in the most difficult times that the resilience within rises to the surface. The first glimmer of hope came during those late summer nights that Wabash men bond together; I distinctly remember the long conversations with fellow seniors Adam Togami and Jared Santana, and while we commiserated, we discussed and outlined a plan of action for our senior season at Wabash. That glimmer grew to a steady glow when Coach Young was introduced as our cross country coach at the onset of our season. Everything that came after is a blur of storming, norming, and performing, as we realized our potential and believed in the plan Coach Young prepared for us.

There are many people to thank for what has been one of the best Red Pack seasons this college has ever had. First and foremost, thanks goes to Coach Rob Johnson, who diligently explored for who would be the next coach, and was tasked with the unenviable task of making that person a thorough expert on Wabash and on our culture. Thanks also goes to Coach Young himself. He took on the more unenviable task of coming to Wabash at the start of a new season, and while that alone made me question his sanity, his knowledge and expertise dispelled questions and made believing in him that much easier.

Thanks also goes to the people here at Wabash, from the alumni who faithfully came out to cheer on the Red Pack to faculty and staff who gave us encouragement and sought us out to learn how the team is performing; people like Sue Schneider, the never-failing bastion of support of Wabash sports, and the Red Pack's biggest cheerleader; to all the students who congratulated us on our recent successes, knowing the challenges that came with it. Your support meant everything.

But one person I do not want to forget to thank is Coach Roger Busch, who set into motion the years prior the success we would have this season. The banner we are lifting tomorrow at the half-time of Wabash's basketball game is for our 8th place finish in the country. It is a testament to the faithful endurance that is Wabash and that is Wabash distance running. Not many remember that it was a mere six years ago that we placed 12th at regionals and missed qualifying for nationals. The very next year, the Red Pack celebrated our 2nd place finish in the Regional meet and placing 13th at nationals as a watershed moment for a program that had experienced steady decline. Since our 1995 season, which was the last time Wabash placed in the top ten, we have been struggling to find success in our identity.

The most powerful words any coach has ever said to me was "I love you". The second most powerful words were that he believed in me. Thank you Coach Busch for bringing me into the Red Pack family, and a sincere thanks to my fellow Wabash family for loving and believing in Wabash Cross Country.

A CULTURE OF CARING

On December 5th in Lyon, France, the 2015 edition of the "Fête des Lumières" (Festival of Lights) was supposed to begin and last until December 8th. Unfortunately, the event has been cancelled. The mayor of Lyon declared that he didn't want the three million tourists that the festival draws every year to take any risks, and that he wanted to avoid any panicked reactions. Besides, he concluded that the festival could not have been celebrated in the usual poetic, festive, and merry way. Even though it is understandable, hearing this news has been very painful. The main thing that comforted me after the attacks in Paris was hearing compatriots saying that they will keep living as they usually do. They will keep drinking a coffee "en terrasse" (outdoors, on a terrace) and they will keep going to concerts because this is the way they enjoy life. I hate the fact that some barbarians changed our way of enjoying life, even though it is hopefully temporary. Inspiringly, one of the six cafés that was attacked four weeks ago has recently reopened its doors to the public and tens of clients were there, waiting to enjoy their 7:00am coffee "en terrasse". That made me smile. I love my compatriots for not giving up. I think this is where France stands right now: still recovering- half cautious and half fighting,



Aude Sellier

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wounded and angry.

A few days after the attacks, I read an article about how French expatriates experienced this situation while abroad. I wanted to know if others felt the same pain I felt while far from home. Practically all did. However, some expats experienced drastically different reactions because they lived where similar attacks happen frequently. They didn't receive the support they expected from the locals. Some locals said "It feels weird when it happens to your country, right?" Yes, it does. It is so painful. I learned my lesson. Now that I know how it feels when your nation and its values are attacked, I wish I would have somehow supported every country and people of the world who had been attacked before. I

regret every time I saw grim news on TV and barely paid attention to it. I'm sure it doesn't happen only to me. Who is still shocked when a bomb explodes in Middle East or in Africa? Very few people. Why? Psychology tells us that increased exposure to any one stimulus lessens our reaction to it. We have been culturally desensitized to these atrocities, making them banal, unimportant, or merely the way things are.

Why did France receive so much support from political leaders and on social media? I heard this question from a lot of people. A few days before and after the bombings, other attacks happened in countries without fielding as much emotion. I don't understand why either, even though I am very grateful for the support that I received. Is it just because attacks in Europe are rare that people were more shocked? It is probably part of the explanation, but I wonder about other reasons. Could it be that France is seen as a powerful nation? Could it be because France is a European nation that we feel more strongly for them? Is it possible that we hold the lives of white Europeans more valuable than those of African or Middle Eastern people who are so often attacked, just as we were in France? Right now, my biggest wish for every country that suffers is that they would receive the same support

as France did, no matter how often they are in trouble.

I feel that this is what we all must do. As we move further towards a globalized society, we should strive to create a culture of caring. Each of these attacks hurt not only the victims of that state, but hurts us all. When those bombers attacked Paris, they didn't attack just the French nation, and when Boko Haram kidnapped and raped hundreds of women in Nigeria, they didn't attack Nigeria alone. In each country those terrorists attacked the values of the nation; values that we all cherish; values that are universal to the human race. In France, those are "Liberté, Égalité, Fraternité": Freedom, Equality, and Brotherhood. These are values that many people and nations can agree on. By remaining silent when they are threatened, we let the values we believe in slowly go away. We tend to take them for granted although history shows us that we shouldn't.

My brothers were attacked last week in California. Your sisters were attacked that day in Paris. Our family was attacked in Beirut even before that. We are a global family and we must begin to act as one. Just as Americans say "Never Forget", I urge you to never forget that it is our family who is being attacked here at home and abroad.

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Categorization thrives in today's society. We love to place people in distinct groups and know exactly what you are, where you come from, what religion you follow, what occupation you hold, where you went to school, and so on. To break away from this tangled cluster of categorization would be impossible; however, the least we, as citizens of society, can do is analyze what it means to have these titles that we so hastily pursue.

Although speaking broadly, the majority of us are Americans. Even if you are reading this article and are not American, you still hail from a specific country of which you have a patriotic affinity for. The question asked is what does it mean to be an American? On the surface, this question seems simple and easy to answer. We think of the Fourth of July, hot dogs, baseball, apple pie and Chevrolet. But where does our "American-ness" stem from? Where do the roots derive from? The beauty of this question is that it is vague and ambiguous. It is open to your specific and personal definition that no one can touch or harm.



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For me, being an American is being a part of a near 240 year-old rich heritage that has involved blood, sweat, tears, glory, honor, and sacrifice. It means continuing the melting pot of ideas, faiths, fortunes, ethnicities, and concepts that are open to our own additions. Most importantly, it means that I have been bestowed with the responsibility of personally continuing my education about our nation, about our values and morals, and the history that is responsible for where our country is today, both good and bad. So, what does it mean to

be an American?

Now, let's localize the question. What does it mean to be a Wabash Man? This title is bestowed on us as President Hess rings in our class freshman year to start our journey at Wabash. However, do we find ourselves just "going through the motions" throughout our four years? Or do we truly live and fulfill the title of a Wabash man? Once again, this is a beautiful question that can be answered fully by only each individual Wabash Man on campus. We should take into account the path that Wabash College has taken to get to where our College is today. All the way back to 1832, through the Civil War era, through the coeducation crisis of the 1890s, through the antiwar movement of the 1960s and 1970s, all the way to 2015; each era serves as a lesson we can learn from to mold our own meaning of what being a Wabash Man entails. Especially as we wind down the semester on campus, and as we pack our cars and hurry back home for Christmas, think about what it means to be a Wabash Man on your ride back home. What does it mean to really be a Wabash Man?

We can focus the template of this question further and on an even more personal level. What does it mean to be a son? A brother? A significant other? These questions are imperative to living our lives to the fullest each day. We should not take for granted our place in our housing unit, the friends we have made or the relationship we have with our family. These relationships fly by before our eyes, and far too often do we simply take them for granted. It is also important to know where you came from. Take the time to educate yourself on your family history, heritage and culture. This information can open your eyes and change your view on life! So ask yourself, what does it all mean?

Continue to finish your semester strong and start the next one stronger. Do not take for granted the opportunities at Wabash and do not simply "go through the motions" in life. Take a look at your history, the history of Wabash, and the history of the United States of America to gain a great appreciation where you came from. Gaining knowledge of what this all means is a task that is surely not too tall for Little Giants.

TAKING AWAY YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE

After Congress passed the Voting Rights Act of 1965, African Americans saw a huge increase in their ability to vote. The VRA used the power given by the 15th Amendment to the federal government to ensure the right to vote was extended to a large portion of citizens, predominately African Americans in the South. The VRA was a sweeping success; voter turnout increased dramatically and African Americans held a record high number of seats on local, state, and federal levels. Over the passage of time, the VRA has been reauthorized and expanded to help "lingual minorities," people whose native language is not English, vote. After the Shelby County v. Holder decision, the VRA was gutted. The floodgates have opened for states to again restrict rights to vote. The new restrictive voter laws that are now allowed disproportionately affect African Americans.

While states traditionally have power over their voter laws, the VRA ensured minorities' right to vote was protected. Some contested that section 5, the "preclearance" clause, was an unconstitutional power the federal government took. Preclearance forced any state, city, or any political subset that fell into a formula that indicated that they had discriminatory pasts to submit any changes in voting laws to the Department of Justice or to a federal court for preclearance. The Attorney General additionally had the power to bail in and bail out entities at his or her discretion. The Supreme Court



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found it constitutional and necessary.

Now, after the 5-4 decisions in Shelby v Holder, the VRA's formula no longer applies. The court held that the formula was outdated and that our country is a drastically different place than what it was. No one would contest that our country has come a long way when it comes to civil rights, but the court erred that the VRA was no longer needed.

In a post Shelby v Holder world, states are free to change voter laws as they see fit, with no oversight or check by the federal government to ensure there is not a discriminatory affect to minority groups. Without the VRA, voter turnout has decreased, disproportionately affecting African American voters.

Voter ID laws, shortening early voting, and getting rid of same day registration has replaced voting tests and poll taxes. The new voter ID laws have made it difficult for college students, minorities, and retired persons to register to vote.

The new voter ID laws have a disproportionate effect on minority voters. Conservatives argue for that voter IDs are to stop voter fraud and to keep the integrity of voting, which is a compelling state interest. Who wouldn't be against voter fraud? However, Justin Levitt, a Loyola University Law Professor, found only 31 instances where voting fraud potentially could have occurred in over a billion votes the past 14 years. However, new voter ID laws decrease voter turnout beyond 31 cases. In Texas, Zachary Roth reports a voter turnout for minorities drop from 37.5% to 33.6%, despite a high profile governor's race as a result of the new restrictions. This is a difference of 271,000 voters. That's 271,000 in a single state. Voting fraud does not pose a large enough threat to disenfranchise such a large number of voters.

It isn't just voter ID laws that are disenfranchising African Americans from voting. Early voting and same day registration are both used much more by African Americans. Additionally, measures such as absentee voting, have been untouched. Absentee voting requires no voter ID and has been the main culprit of voter fraud, but has remained intact. One possible explanation stems from the fact that conservatives disproportionately use absentee voting more than liberals. But wouldn't the argument for voter integrity get rid of the main culprit of fraud, absentee voting, or at least require a voter ID for it? This indicates that voter integrity is a

Trojan horse for another ulterior motive: political security.

Conservatives are in support of the new restrictions, as they disable voters for the opposing party. Conversely, it should be noted liberals introduced a lot of the progressive voter laws that are now being restricted in the early 2000s to secure more votes. But enabling more voters to vote and increase the voter turnout seems more democratic than restricting and making it tougher to voter for individuals.

The new voting laws that restrict citizens in the name of voting integrity have done little good and a lot of bad. The laws are politically motivated in an attempt to bar minorities who tend to vote Democrat from voting. There have been pushes to update the formula for the VRA, in hopes of revamping the VRA's power over the voter restrictions; however, conservatives who voted for the VRA's reauthorization in 2006 no longer support the amendment. Why would they, if they benefit from the new voting restrictions?

While Voter IDs and other stricter measures seem good on its face, they have a dangerous effect. Without the VRA, there is no quick remedy to reverse the trend of disenfranchising members of the population. For a more robust democratic process, members of all races and ages should have a say in the process. If we see a decline in enfranchisement, we see a decline in the democratic process that we as Americans value above all else.

THE PIONEER CHAPEL HOSTS THE 48TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND READINGS



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The Glee Club sang multiple songs throughout the Festival.



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In addition to the voices of the Glee Club, many instrumental pieces were performed.



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It was a packed house in the Pioneer Chapel for the 48th Annual Christmas Festival of Music & Readings.



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Wamidan performed the East African Christmas song, "Kristu Azaaliddwa."

DRIVERS PREP FOR WINTER GETTING OUTTA DODGE

NICHOLAS VEDO '19 | STAFF WRITER • With the end of the semester fast approaching, students begin to pack for the journey home for the holidays. The weather this time of year often can be unpredictable and even dangerous for driving. To help combat this Amy Weir arranged an informational event this past Wednesday to help educate all of the Wabash community. The speaker was Bob Hendrickson of AAA Hoosier Motor Club, and he offered helpful for driving in winter conditions.

Weir's idea for this event stemmed primarily from a desire to educate students from warmer climates on the hazards of automobile travel through snow. However, Hendrickson's advice held value for everyone, even seasoned veterans of Indiana winters.

"Even though I'm accustomed to driving in a colder climate, there were still several useful tips I picked up and have added to my driving practices. Novice drivers can learn some good habits to implement, and experienced drivers can brush up their existing skill set," Weir said.

Audie Kaufman '17 understands the true danger icy conditions can pose after his recent automobile accident. While driving back to Crawfordsville from Lafayette in his Ford truck this past Sunday, Kauffman found himself on a small bridge. With a car fairly close behind he decided to attempt a lane change, and then his back tires began sliding sideways. He tried to correct the motion, but overcompensated and wrecked into a divider.

"Even when you think you are paying attention, take special note of bridges and areas with signs that warn of possible high water, ice on bridges. We get so used to driving that you forget an accident could happen at literally any time," Kaufman said.

Hendrickson has been working with



LEVI GARRISON '18 / PHOTO

Bob Hendrickson discusses winter driving.

law enforcement and automobile investigation for over 45 years, and touched on tips ranging from vehicle maintenance to actual driving practices in his talk.

Before ever entering the car drivers should check the tire pressure, engine oil, antifreeze, and fuel levels of their vehicle. Then, after the physical check proceed to turn on the engine, and let it idle for at least a minute or so. This will properly lubricate the engine to insure proper performance. After all these steps are finished the driver is ready to buckle their seat belt and drive.

If a driver begins to slide on an icy road, the best thing to do is keep driving and attempt to steer away from hazards. The brake should not be used because it will cause the car to begin spinning out of control. "Every action has an equal and opposite reaction" Hendrickson said, quoting Newton's third law. The final portion of Hendrickson's talk focused on making sure emergency equipment, and resources were kept in all cars in case of an emergency.

CHECKLIST FOR LEAVING MARTINDALE

JOSEPH REILLY '18 | CAVELIFE EDITOR • Finals week this semester marks the beginning of a mass exodus for independents. Dozens of Wabash men will be displaced from their current home in the hallowed halls of the Dirty Dale to the freshly erected new housing on the West side of campus. Before beginning their arduous trek, however, *the Bachelor* staff compiled a checklist to ensure the smooth transition that Dean Welch and the RAs have worked so hard to achieve.

[] Keys. Make sure to turn in your key to the proper person before you leave. Please don't leave it laying around for a vandal to come in and let off stink bombs that will mask the stench of Martindale for generations to come. Because, as we all know, no amount of renovations at any price could get rid of that funk.

[] Keys. On the other hand, if you are staying on campus over break for any reason, be sure to contact Dean Welch so you have a place to stay and are able to enter said space over break. If this proves to be too burdensome for you, the press box and the decking on the side of the Armory should prove to be a temporary home as the lounge appears to still be locked.

[] Clothes. Dirty, clean, questionably soiled. It doesn't matter, just throw them all in the same 40 gallon garbage bag and drag them home. You'll get to them over break eventually.

[] Furniture. If you have any large items that are honestly not worth the buck and a half (or Craigslist bartered service) you spent on them, there is a portable storage container that is available for you to store them in. To save the effort of bringing them home and then back to campus a month later, you can take advantage of this service by signing a liability waiver

and bringing your literally falling apart goods to the container yourself.

[] Books. You may hate that 20-pound multivariable calculus textbook, but is it really worth the cathartic satisfaction to burn the sucker? Pass it along to the next unwitting student at a used price. You'll fill the hole left by the diminishment of your GPA with less cash than you had at the beginning of the semester.

[] Pets. It doesn't matter how attached you've become to the mouse living in the shoebox you originally brought to hold all of the copies of the Bachelor for when they become collectors' items. Mice are known to be the worst offenders in academic dishonesty cases, so unless you want to be chucked out, chuck him out.

[] Appliances. Yes, you'll finally have to clean out the gunk that has been festering in your microwave. And since that funky smell that pervades the second floor each time you make coffee in that Keurig hasn't deterred you from using it yet, why throw it out now?

[] Food. Some of the consumables in on that shelf you promised yourself you would keep clean this semester should still be good. Box of oatmeal? Keep it. 5-hour energies? If you haven't drank them all yet, you probably will before finals are over, keep them. Slightly curved black lump of mush that attracts the flies you are constantly killing? Probably a banana that you took from Sparks for the express purpose of learning how to use those balloons the sh'OUT passed out.

[] Calendar. Don't forget, 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 19 marks the absolute final time to be completely vacated from the Dirty Dale. The plans for moving into Rogge and Williams Halls will be sent out as they get confirmed over break.

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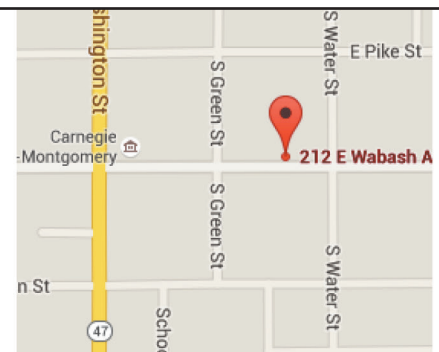
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REINDEAR RAISE FUNDS

JOHN JANAK '19 | STAFF WRITER

• With finals just around the corner, the College is involved with a special program to give students motivation to finish the semester strong and raise a little Christmas spirit. The program's name is REINdear (Reaching Everyone in Need), and has been in existence since 2003. REINdear's mission is to coordinate community efforts to support children who would otherwise go without receiving presents during the Christmas season.

REINdear is a county wide Christmas assistance program. Through this program families may apply for Christmas assistance for their children ages 2-15. Children are then matched with community donors who provide two “needs” and two “wants” for each child. By having one centralized program providing the assistance, duplication or abuse of the services is reduced or prevented. Along with families, several community groups have been active in the program. These groups include all three Montgomery county schools systems, the Family Crisis Center, the Youth Service Bureau, and the Department of Children's Services. These groups meet and compile lists of families in need, and typically help around 1,200 children in Montgomery County each year.

This is Wabash's first year of involvement with REINdear. The College's goal is for each living unit to raise enough money to support two children each.

Michael Krutz '18 is the philanthropy chair of Beta Theta Pi. Krutz has played a pivotal role in the REINdear program at the College. Krutz has coordinated with the other living units on what exactly the College wants to accomplish this Christmas season. He also mentioned that a competition is taking place between the living units. The competition is amongst the fraternities and living units on campus

to see who can raise the most toys (any money raised will be counted as 7\$ = 1 toy). The house/living unit that raises the least amount of toys will be going out into the community and singing Christmas carols.

“I am very blessed that I was asked to be a part of REINdear this Christmas season. I think this program is something very special that most counties cannot say they have. I really hope they continue REINdear for years to come. Not only does it go towards a great cause, but it brings the entire campus together to make a difference in the community. The Beta house has set up a YOUCARING URL for people to donate as well. I have been in contact with the CEO of Sagamore News Media, Mr. Tim Timmons, as he too is promoting the College's efforts in his newspaper,” Krutz said.

Cole Payne '19 has been a major contributor for REINdear. He is proud of the excitement the College has brought towards the new program and is thrilled for the years to come.

“The community (Crawfordsville) was so supportive of REINdear when we went around to the local business and homes asking for donations. I could definitely could that tell that REINdear has a special place in people's heart. I love that. Such a cool experience. I also like to show that we (Wabash) too care about the community that we go to school in. I'm all for making a difference,” Payne said.

The toy/money raising will be continuing until Dec. 12. On the week of Dec. 14 through 18, the College invites students that are available to help organize all of the toys in Knowing FieldHouse.

“Do not be afraid to get involved today. You are not only making a difference in a family's life, but your own life as well. It truly puts everything in perspective. After my work with REINdear, the Christmas season has little more meaning to me,” said Krutz.



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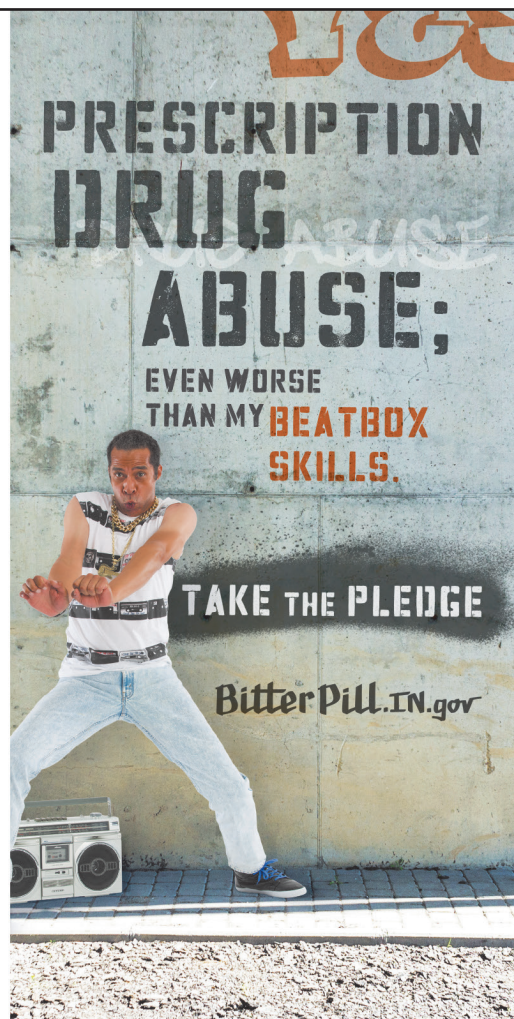
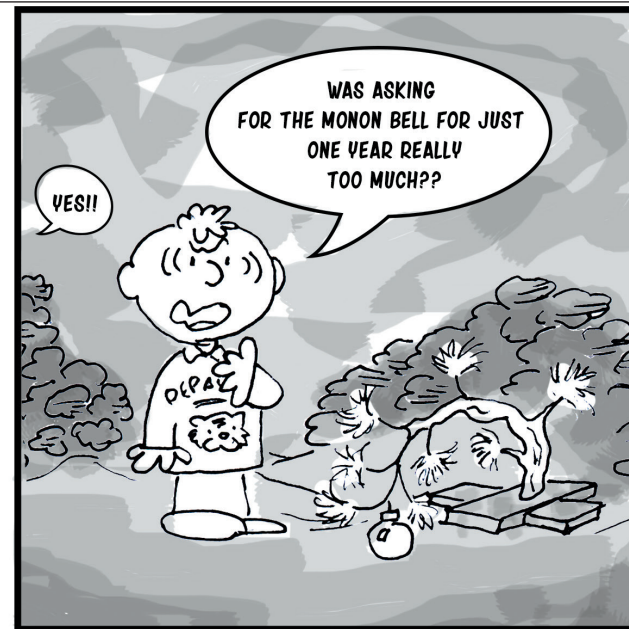
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SETTING A NEW STANDARD

JOEL JANAK '19 | STAFF WRITER •

On November 21st, Wabash College Little Giants finished 8th at the NCAA National Championship in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. It is the highest finish for a Wabash Cross Country team since 1995. "They ran solid races at Nationals," Head Coach Colin Young said. "A couple guys could have been a few places higher, but we beat a lot of strong teams." The team outperformed several top programs in Division III. The Little Giants finished higher than #4 Amherst, #7 Haverford, #8 St. Lawrence. The team also beat two Regional competitors in Calvin and Allegheny, who finished 23rd and 26th respectfully. The progress of the team over the season has been significant, especially since their season started without a coach.

Young was hired right at the beginning of the season and was able

to transform his men into running machines. It is impressive to see how well his team ran throughout the entire season. "Early in the season, we were pretty much running the show on our own," Adam Togami '16 said. "I wrote a few workouts for our team to help us prepare for the season. Once Coach Young came in to help us we really did a good job as a team buying into his program and worked hard to perform the best we could." Young said when he first arrived to Wabash, he felt the school brought him in with open arms. "The team and the athletic department, the deans, the president, professors were very supportive and encouraging," he said. He mentioned the outstanding alumni network and how that was important for him before he decided to take the position.

Coach Young believes his team is

capable of another top ten finish at Nationals. The team returns 8 out of their top 10 guys. Unfortunately, they also lose their top two runners, Fabian House '16 and Adam Togami '16 to graduation. Coach Young believes this is a good thing, though. "We like difficulty and the team can use this season to build their confidence and to be hungry to reach a higher level next year." There may be a challenge replacing two fabulous runners in Adam and Fabian, but Coach Young feels his team his up for the challenge.

Coach Young mentioned earlier of all the returners to the Little Giants next year.

"Colin Rinne '18, Mason McKinney '17, Dominic Patacsil '19, Cordell Lewis '17, and Luke Doughty '18 all got the chance to run at Regionals and Nationals." It is great experience for the team and puts them in a

great position for a solid lineup of runners. Coach Young hopes for a solid freshman recruiting class to come in and make an impact too.

Young's overall thoughts were very positive too. He was very proud how the team handled the coaching situation. The team seems very close, which can help any team be successful. He was very happy with the team cracking the top 10 for the first time in over 20 years, and with the success the team had with both Regionals and Indiana Intercollegiate Championships with winning both events.

The team does have high goals for the upcoming season. The team, hopefully, can remain healthy, continue to train hard, and also enjoy practices and races.

"If we are able to do all these things, I believe our team will be successful next fall," Young said.



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The season began with the Alumni Fun Run and ended with the Red Pack finishing in the top ten in DIII. The finish was one of the all-time bests for the Little Giants.

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MASON ASHER '18 | STAFF

WRITER • The Wabash College basketball team is off to a strong start this season and can only grow from here until the end of the season. There are always growing pains when you have 13 freshmen on the team and just three upperclassmen, but the team is confident everything will come together soon as the conference slate comes into full swing.

"We need to continue to grow," head coach Kyle Brumett said. "You know we can do the work, we have good players and good returning players and good young players. We are going to get better as we go along. When you get into conference play

the better teams are the ones that have a healthy mix of older guys."

The Little Giants had their first two conference games on December 2nd and December 5th, suffering losses to Wittenberg University and Oberlin College and falling to 4-3 on the season.

"It is not a time to panic," Evan Frank '19 said. "We are still in good shape. We have a lot of young guys and a lot of young guys that have to play pretty big roles. We are still trying to figure out how to play together and what everyone's strengths are."

Wabash has been playing very well as of late, despite having a two game losing streak and a 0-2 start to conference play.

"There are times where we look really good," Frank '19 said. "There are also times where we look out of sync; if we clean a few things up we will be in good shape."

In both games, the Little Giants led by more than seven points.



JACOB FERGUSON '18

Johnny Jager '19 breaks away from the Boyce College defense in an early season win.

However, costly turnovers and the experience of both teams allowed them to come back and win against the Little Giants.

"If you talk to some of the guys, they feel like they have played well for an extended time, finishing games against good teams come with experience," Brumett said. "Everyone enjoys learning and gaining experience while having success, but sometimes it does not work that way; you learn from mistakes and adversity."

The play of inside guys Daniel Purvlicis '16 and Marcus Kammrath '16 have helped the team immensely to start the year, especially in terms of rebounding.

Purvlicis '16 is averaging 8.1 rebounds per game so far this year and Kammrath is averaging 5.7 per game. Frank '19 has also had a solid year on the boards, as well as the main back-up for the duo with 7.7 boards a game.

"They are great guys and a lot of fun to be with," Frank '19 said. "They are great leaders and great people. They are great teammates and want us to do well as a team. They understand that we have to play as one and have helped the freshmen so much. They really have made the transition to college basketball much easier."

As a team, Wabash is pulling down 43.1 rebounds a game and outrebounding opponent by eight, which bodes well for their defense

and offensive outputs.

This year on offense, the Little Giants are performing admirably. Johnny Jager '19 leads the team in assists per game with 5.7 and Purvlicis leads in points a game with 16.4. Jager trails by just a bit, averaging 15.7 points a game.

"Johnny has played at a higher level than I thought he would at this point," Brumett said. "Some of our returning guys are still trying to figure out how to grasp and grow in their roles with this being a different team than last year. We are a team built on size and Purvlicis and Kammrath are still trying to figure out how to play together."

The Little Giants know that they have been in each game so far this year, but also know that there will continue to be growing pains. Despite the adversity, the team is coming together and growing in every game that they play. The coaching staff knew there would have to be an adjustment period during this season and, although it has not come yet in full force, it will happen at some point this season. The coaches hope that the time is sooner than later.

"I am disappointed that I cannot speed the process up for us," Brumett said. "I really was hoping I could speed the process up for our older guys. I want to see those guys taste success because they deserve to have good senior years. The fact that we have to battle through this is natural."



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THE WINNING MENTALITY

MASON ASHER '18 | STAFF WRITER •

The Wabash College Little Giants football team had their season cut short last weekend when they matched up with the St. Thomas Tommies in an Elite Eight matchup by a score of 38-7. With the loss, the Little Giants failed to meet all their team goals for the year, but they did have one of the best seasons in history and managed to set some records along the way.

"I am incredibly proud," Wabash head coach Erik Raeburn said. "To win the conference championship outright, to go undefeated in the regular season, to make it to the elite eight those are all incredible accomplishments. To win a seventh Bell game with the great season they were having as well."

Coming into the season, expectations were to win conference, win the Monon Bell game, and go undefeated. Only two of those things happened this year, but the team did something not many Wabash football players have done in the history of the program: they beat DePauw to keep the Bell for a seventh consecutive year, won 12 games in a season for only the third time in school history, and made it to the Elite Eight.

"We really developed as the season went on," Conner Rice '17 said. "It was a great for these seniors, they really deserved a season like this. Obviously losing in the elite eight was not the way we wanted it to go but hats off to the seniors, I am really proud of them."

In addition to the team accolades, Raeburn won both the NCAC Coach of the Year and the North Region Coach of the Year after the success of Wabash this season.

Zurek '16 finished with 2,011 yards rushing on the year becoming the only player in Wabash history to eclipse the 2,000 yard mark in a season. Zurek '16 also broke the single game rushing record on two separate occasions. First with a 278 yard performance in the Monon Bell game, then the next week broke his own record by rushing for 326 in a blizzard against Albion College in the first round of the playoffs.

"He had an incredible season," Raeburn said. "He has done an incredible job and Wabash has a tremendous tradition in football and to be in the record books in any category in football is saying something. It is a hell of an accomplishment."

The records do not stop there for him though. Zurek set career records for



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Mason Zurek '16 carries the ball in last week's season ending defeat against St. Thomas University. The Little Giants finished the year NCAC Champions with a 12-1 record.

Wabash for rushing yards and average yards per carry. He is tied for second in career rushing touchdowns and ranks third in career rushing yards per game. Zurek did this despite only starting as a senior and only playing in 11 games as a freshman and sophomore. Zurek now hold the record for most touchdowns in a season with 23 and in total is the record holder of seven different single season records and in the top-10 of 13 of the categories.

Zurek took All-NCAC first team for the second straight year and won the NCAC Offensive player of the year. Zurek also was named the Regional player of the year being only the second Wabash man to do so. Zurek also garnered a CoSIDA Academic All-America Division III First Team selection.

Connor Rice made the Little Giants a dual threat team. Rice completed 176-of-334 passes along with 19 touchdowns against eight interceptions.

"Conner has really improved," Raeburn said. "From his freshman year to now he has improved a ton from hard work and work ethic."

Drake Christen '17 was a favorite target of Rice catching 67 passes for 604 yards and five touchdowns. Sammy Adams '17 also had a solid year finishing with 25 catches for 436 yards and three touchdowns. The unveiling of two freshmen in the middle of the season helped Rice as well. Oliver Page '19 caught 22 passes for 465 yards and five touchdowns and Ryan Thomas '19 caught 14 passes for 164 yards and a touchdown as well in 14

combined games.

"Our receiving corps is fantastic," Rice '17 said. "They make me look so much better than I am because they make plays all the time. They have bailed me out so many times."

Rice '17 and Zurek '17 gave all the credit to the offensive line for the offensive output. About the line, Zurek said, "Those guys never get to talk to anyone and are the whole reason for my success."

"I am glad Mason and Conner give us credit like that," Stucker '17 said. "Mason is an unbelievable talent, it's a great feeling to know that if I do my job Mason will do his and more. Conner also has been great. He is athletic and can make plays happen and he has an incredible arm. Both those guys make our job easier."

Wes Brown '16 was a huge contributor on the offensive line as evident by his placement on the All-NCAC first team roster for the second year in a row and Brown was also selected for the All-North Region second team as a tackle. Not to be outdone by Brown, Stucker '17 made the second team All-North Region as well and also the first team All-NCAC team. Deryion Sturdivant '17 also made the first team of the All-NCAC team and Jordan Culp '17 made the second team. Due to these awards and being around each other for three years now, Stucker '17 said it was one of the most cohesive units he has ever been around.

The defense may have been the strong suit of this Wabash team. The Little Giant defense was strong and in your face all season long



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was looking for in a school.”

During his career here at Wabash, Zurek has excelled, once again, both in the classroom and on the football field. Maintaining an impressive 3.8 grade point average with a Rhetoric major and History minor, Mason has one of the highest GPA's of the members of the football team to go along with his numerous collegiate rushing accolades. This season, Zurek tallied over 2,000 rushing yards and 23 touchdowns. He was the workhorse of the Little Giant offense this season, inspiring the popular “Feed Mason” chant.

Some of the biggest personal achievements Zurek had this season include the Monon Bell game rushing record, when he rushed for 278 yards and two touchdowns in the Little Giants' domination over our rivals from down south. Just one week later, he broke the single game rushing record with his dominating ball carrying during the first round of the DIII college football playoffs, where Zurek rushed for 326 yards and four touchdowns in a snowy game that many will always remember. This past week, Zurek was also named D3football.com's North Region Offensive Player of the Year. Eight other Little Giants join Zurek on the 2015 All- North Region Team: Tyler McCullen '16, Andrew Tutsie '17, Kyle Stucker '17, Wes Brown '16, Ethan Buresh '17, Connor Ludwig '17, Delon Pettiford '17, and Austin Brown '17. “I just tried to keep playing football, especially towards the end. Every game, from Bell onwards, would be my last ever if we lost,” Zurek said, “I just wasn't ready to stop playing football. The records are nice and something that I'm gonna get to look back on fondly at a personal level, but I really couldn't do it without a fantastic offensive line ahead of me.” One final achievement that should definitely take precedent over the previous ones is being named to the DIII Academic All-American Team. When asked about what this honor meant to him, Zurek replied in his normal jokingly fashion, “I went to Wabash to play football good and to read even gooder. I would like to think I accomplished both of those.”

After Wabash, Mason looks to head to law school, where he will surely be just as successful as he has been here. Zurek has left a mark on this campus that will not be forgotten when our fun-loving, academically gifted football star graduates this spring.



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LV Bowden '17 lunges to block an extra-point in Saturday's loss.

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and showed a “bend don't break” mentality in many games. The defense was led by Tyler McCullen '16, who was named All-NCAC Defensive Player of the Year and earned a spot on the All-NCAC first team.

Seven defenders were All-NCAC first team, one to the second team, and two to the honorable mention team. They also had one All-Region first team member, four All-North region second team members

The defense was led by Austin Brown '17 with 97 tackles but not far behind was Conner Ludwig '17 with 92. Standout freshman Evan Hansen '19 was third on the team with 67 tackles. What the defense was great in was stopping the run behind the line and getting to the quarterback. The defense had 121 tackles for loss this year and 52.0 sacks on the quarterback.

In the secondary, we were introduced to cornerback Brian Parks '18 early in the season when he had three interceptions against Wittenberg. On the opposite side of the field, Delon Pettiford '17 had a huge year as well getting 59 tackles and five interceptions.

As a whole the defense allowed under 12 points a game and just 2.2 yards per rush. The opponents only gained an average of 241 yards a game while throwing 26 interceptions and fumbling the ball a whopping 25 times.

“We had a pretty incredible year,” Raeburn said. “It was not the same guy leading us every week. Each week it was two or three different guys leading us and coming up with the big plays and having a great game. Everyone played consistently throughout the season and I could not be more proud.”

These seniors went undefeated and won the conference for the first time. Wabash will undoubtedly have to fill some holes but there is as good young group waiting to step up and make another run in the playoffs next year. This football season can be summed up as three words, “Wabash Always Fights.”

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