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# HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY  
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

## WRESTLING GETS NEW HOME

High-five to the Wrestling team for getting a brand-new facility on the growing west side of campus. The dedication is scheduled for this weekend, even though the building is uncompleted. Rumor has it that the NCAA sanctions from 2013 are to blame, but don't worry - if it's on the Scheduler, we can be assured God himself approves.

## RETURN OF THE RHYNES

The Wabash community was once again graced with the sounds of air raids and bells jingling on shoe laces this week. The Sphinx Club invited the Rhyne Class of Spring 2016 into its fold after multiple rounds of serious questioning, featuring such topics as sports cheering, campus leadership, and expelling high volumes of liquids from one's stomach. Clearly, the brothers of Beta Theta Pi trained hard to meet these high standards, as a whopping seven rhynes hail from the Beta house. Congratulations gentlemen!

## FIJIS FLEE THE FIRE

On Monday night of Senior Comps week, the Phi Gams were forced to leave their house mid study-sess. A fried circuit board shut down the fire alarm system and, for safety reasons, restricted the senior brothers from sleeping in the living unit. While the Fijis tried to find comfort from the distracted night in the hot tub of a local hotel, other seniors found comfort in an uninterrupted night of productive studying. That's one way to create a level playing field...

## SENIOR'S "FAIL" SCARE

Monday morning, seniors received an email from the Registrar's office titled 'Comps Grade Information.' Several students found relief when they realized that the email wasn't the negative news that the seniors dread. Besides a near heart attack, the results tease has created anxiety among the Class of 2016.

## BOOKSTORE BLUES

For the whole first week of school, a few classes lucked out on their readings, as there were none. This was due to the fact that the bookstore was strangely not able to order books on time for select classes. Did students plot with the book store in order to have an extra week to get away from the grueling grind of Wabash? It's all a mystery.

# KENNEDY '16 COMBINES LIBERAL ARTS WITH BUSINESS EXPERTISE

## KENNEDY LAUNCHES BUSINESS; PARTNERS WITH ESPN AND AMC

**NICHOLAS VEDO '19 | STAFF WRITER** • Not all paths are direct, as James Kennedy '16 has proven. After graduating from North Central High School in Indianapolis, Indiana, James found himself drawn to Wabash College. At first this was due to his attraction towards a career in architecture. He felt that Wabash's engineering opportunities were the best choice for him.



James Kennedy '16

"I knew that Wabash had a 3-2 program in engineering, so I wanted to do the structural engineering track and go to Columbia University for engineering; then while I was at Columbia, get my architecture degree as well, and so I took the most roundabout way to getting to study architecture," Kennedy said.

Soon after beginning the required physics and mathematics courses, James began to see that engineering was not the right choice. He began to feel drawn to a career in the arts, and had a complete switch in mindset after a winter architecture internship. James began to believe in the liberal arts education more fully, and his path began to come together.

"I became more open minded and began to embrace the liberal arts education philosophy more. So I switched my major my sophomore year to a studio art major and a rhetoric minor instead of a physics major and math minor."

Students have probably seen James' work hung all over the campus. As the Editor-in-Chief of the Ur'nal Review, Kennedy works to disseminate networking tips in the most aesthetic and persuasive manner possible. James has been a large part of the Career Services team for the last two and half years, and likes the direction that the

program is headed in.

"Career Services does a great job of utilizing their alumni connections nationwide. They have been reconstructing their infrastructure, pushing for more opportunities in all fields. Ideas are definitely in motion."

Besides working for Career Services, Kennedy is also the Merchandising Director for Wabash College Dance Marathon, and has studied abroad in the United Kingdom. However, it is what he does outside of academics that is his passion.

"I started a business. I've been working as a freelance designer for the past three years; I started out with small businesses creating little logos. This past summer in LA, I gained five new clients, one of which is ESPN and another is AMC, and I've been working with a lot of financial advisors with presentations and a whole bunch of materials for them, so on top of being a freelance designer I've become a sort of freelance presentation specialist."

When asked about his summer internship with 3BlackDot in Los Angeles, Kennedy credited Wabash with providing him the skills needed to adapt and succeed in the ever-changing entertainment industry.

"I feel like I have really honed on to the things the liberal arts teaches you to do not necessarily tells you to do. All of these key things like how to network through Career Services and how to effectively argue and reason and stuff in rhetoric, and art with how to make something aesthetically pleasing for your clients. So I'm taking everything from my undergraduate education and I'm applying it to my practice."

Kennedy's future plans are to remain a freelance designer and attempt to learn as much as he can from all of the different branches of the entertainment industry.

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# WARNER ELECTED WHA PRESIDENT

**JOHN JANAK '19 | STAFF WRITER** • Year after year, Wabash professors continue to excel not only in the classroom but other areas as well. Earlier this month, Associate Professor of History and department chair Dr. Richard Warner was named the new president of the World History Association. The World History Association is the most important scholarly organization that supports the teaching and research of world history. Warner has a prominent role in the history department and predominantly focuses on teaching courses in Latin American, African, and world history. He is also active on campus in groups such as Unidos Por Sangre and Alpha Phi Omega.

Warner is a 20 year member of the World History Association. He joined when he was a graduate student and has stayed active since then. Warner has served on the Executive Council several times, though during these past two years he has served as the Vice President / President-Elect.

"We elect our President-Elect every two years. This person serves as vice president for two years, and president for two years. Many presidents are well known because of their publishing in the field, such as my newly elected vice president, Merry Weisner-Hanks," Warner said. "To be honest, I was elected to help make necessary changes in the organization, to make it more sustainable economically. Over the past two years, President Benjamin and I have led the organization in new directions, most notably moving to Boston where our costs are far lower than in Hawaii. There were many emotions involved in these changes, and to be frank I was elected for my ability to help people get along better."



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Professor Warner lectures some of his students during class time. Warner has been a part of the Wabash faculty since 1999.

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# CELEBRATION HIGHLIGHTS THE LIBERAL ARTS

**AHAD KHAN '19** | STAFF WRITER • Every year at Wabash, all classes on campus are cancelled for an entire afternoon. When one thinks about our school, this may seem like a pretty rare occasion because the college is well-known for carrying out regular activities in no matter what happens. So, what is it that makes one afternoon so special for everyone at the college that they stop doing whatever they are doing and just relax for a while? The occasion is that of The Celebration of Student Research, the one time when the whole campus congregates to appreciate the efforts of student research and to express how proud Wabash is because of their accomplishments. For more than a decade now, this celebration is held at the beginning of the spring semester and has become an integral part of the strong traditions we hold at Wabash. "It is nice to slow down for a minute and to appreciate what we have in the grand conversation of the liberal arts," Associate Professor of Chemistry and the event's chair Dr. Lon Porter said.

The whole idea of The Celebration of Student Research is based upon the fact that students are doing work that goes beyond the regular assignment of the classroom. The work done in classrooms is phenomenal, but it is even more exciting to celebrate the work which students do that goes above and beyond a stipulated coursework. There is a lot of diversity in projects and students from all different majors are taking part in showcasing their research and what they've achieved. This year about 90 students are participating. There will be 41 oral presentations and talks about 32 poster exhibits. Many students are presenting works that cross different subjects. Interdisciplinary work has become very popular in the recent times. "Understanding and exploring the concept of a lifelong learning is a model that we teach and hope students will take beyond Wabash," Dr. Porter said.

At the first glance it might appear that only upperclassmen, especially seniors would be participating in the student research, but that is not the

case at all. There are students from all four years. In the past, there have been presentations from freshman tutorials, Enduring Questions class, and other freshman courses. There are also a significant number of sophomores who have done research over the summer or want to talk about their internship experiences. There are juniors and seniors as well who have taken the opportunity of internships as a means to identify what they want to do after Wabash. "I don't ever want it to be something that is restricted to only a certain group of students," Dr. Porter said. The college wants this event to be a real celebration of the passion that students have for learning beyond regular



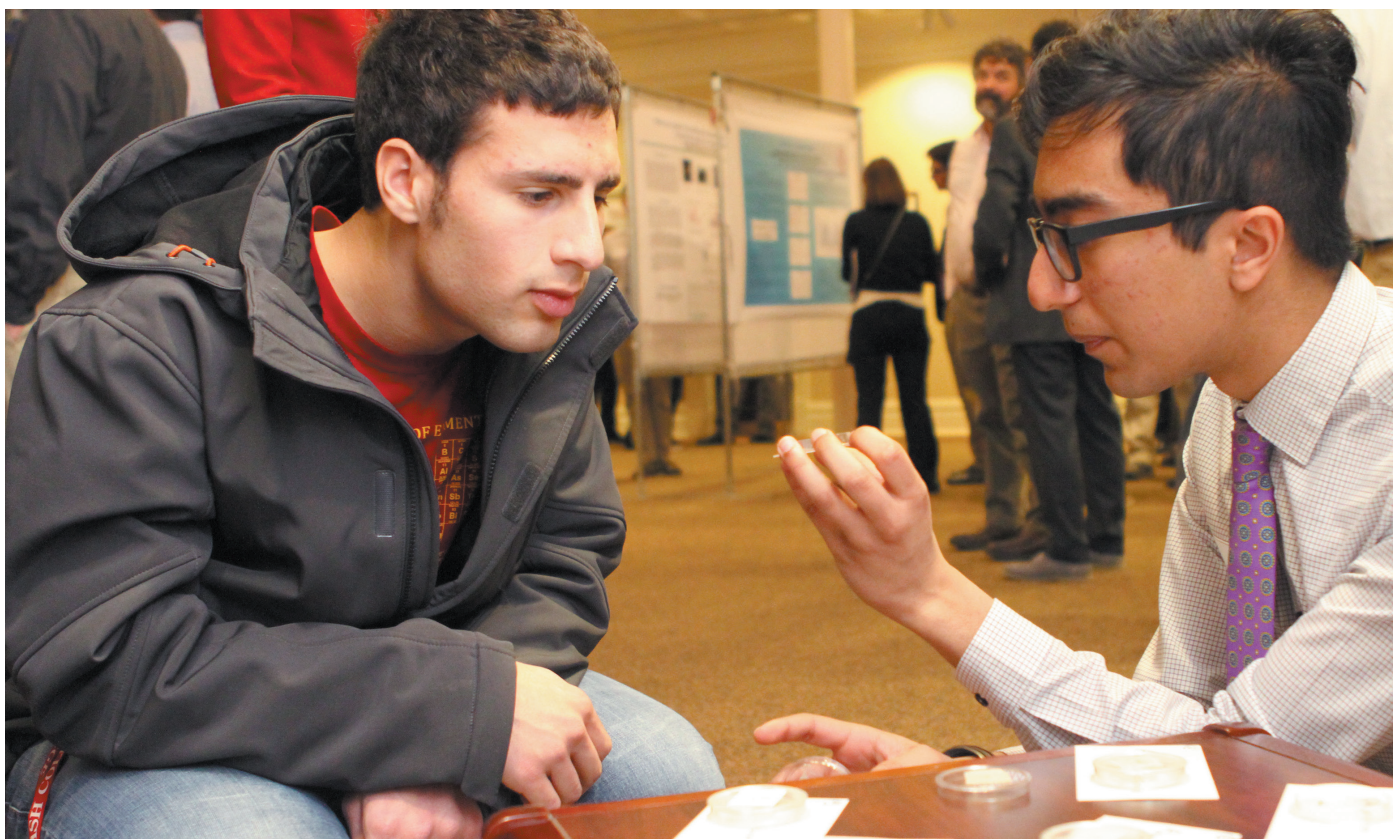
**Dr. Lon Porter**

classroom assignments.

Students are presenting either individually or in the form of groups. Jonathon Daron '16 and Timothy Riley '16 will be presenting on the research they did with Professor James Brown of the Physics department over the summer break. Their presentation is on a topic of nuclear physics and the research they carried out in that subject. From designing circuit boards to working on software solution, the students did quite a few things in summer with Dr. Brown. "It was a steep learning curve, we had to learn a lot of different things prior to kicking off with the research," Daron said. He considered this internship and also the student research celebration as a vital part of Wabash's top-notch liberal arts education. "As a science student, this event forces us to sharpen other skills like public speaking," Daron said.

Students who are presenting as well as those who'll be coming to

see the event will have lots to learn. These projects and presentations force the students to step out of their comfort zones in order to successfully display their research efforts. Those students who are not participating could also reap many benefits by showing up to the event. Students can explore various topics which might incite their interests. For instance, if there is a class of a specific course that a student hasn't taken but is really keen about, he can actually go to a talk and identify how well that particular course or subject suits him. Freshmen and sophomores could also gain a great amount of benefit by interacting with other students, as it can help them in determining which major might be the best suit for them. Every member of the Wabash community is highly encouraged to actively go and be a part of The Celebration of Student Research this Friday afternoon as it will amount to greater knowledge and learning for all.



**Bilal Jawed '17 explaining his research to a fellow student at the 2015 Celebration of Student Research.**

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During Warner's presidency, he will focus on the culture of the organization. Aside for helping to produce the next two annual conferences in Ghent, Belgium and in Boston, he is working to expand the infrastructure to serve the members better. Warner has started a new research committee to help young and seasoned scholars produce and promote world historical research. He will be leading a fundraising campaign to repair the endowment of the group. Finally, he is encouraging the teaching committee to provide stronger outreach to the secondary teacher members of the association, which is a significant portion of the group's membership.



**Dr. Rick Warner**

Warner is very thankful and honored to have been elected. Not only can he continue to teach the subject he loves at the college, but can spread that same passion and desire to other places around the world.

"I believe that world history is a very important avenue for building the understanding and trust between diverse peoples," Warner said. "The subject has been growing quickly in schools at all levels, and we need to provide the best research and support for teachers. It is an opportunity for me to use whatever skills I possess to help people work better with

one another, which is a role I like to find myself in."

Sean McGrath '16, a senior student and history major, spoke very highly of Warner's teaching ability and knowledge.

"As a history major, I am proud to say it is a great honor to have such great faculty in the history department," McGrath said. "Dr. Warner has made significant contributions to the study of World History, but is also a leader in the study of World History and in its entirety. Dr. Warner's election as President of the World History Association is significant for not only the History Department, but for the entire Wabash community; this is a great example of how the college truly provides students with a great faculty and staff. Warner's recognition with the World History Association shows the significant contributions our professors are making outside of Wabash's campus."

Warner credits his colleague, Stephen Morillo, Professor of History and Division III Chair, for having a major impact on him. He is grateful for all the years they have worked together, discussing and arguing about world history, but most importantly building the history department up to be one of the most enrolled-in majors at the college.

The students of the college are truly blessed with wonderful professors, but mentors as well. The faculty lead their students every step of the way, from the time you step foot on campus as a freshmen until the time you walk at graduation.

## PROFESSORS RECEIVE TENURE

### • GRIFFIN LEVY '17 | STAFF WRITER

Over winter break, President Hess and Dean Feller granted three Wabash professors tenure. Professor Deborah Seltzer-Kelly of the Educational Studies department, Professor Adriel Trott of the Philosophy department, and Professor Bronwen Wickkiser of the Classics department will all become associate professors of Wabash effective July 1st of 2016.

After speaking with Dr. Seltzer-Kelly, who came from Southern Illinois University in 2012 about what she hopes to accomplish now as an associate professor, she said "I'm looking forward, actually, to continuing to build on across campus conversations about students reading and writing. These are areas I am particularly interested in as an educator and coming out of high school education." Dr. Seltzer-Kelly also looks forward to continuing teaching special topics classes, such as the one she's teaching right now: EDU 370, an education class on colonial and postcolonial education. Reflecting upon her relations with Wabash students and what she loves about the

college, Seltzer-Kelly said that, "The reason that I came here was because I was really committed to the idea of liberal arts education, and I also wanted to have closer relationships with my students".

Dr. Trott came to the Philosophy Department in 2013 after teaching at the University of Texas-Pan American. Dr. Trott's specialty is ancient continental and political philosophy. he is currently teaching a section of GEN 101: Intro to Gender Studies and PHI 218: Philosophy of Commerce.

Dr. Wickkiser came to Wabash to the Classics department in 2013 after previously working at Vanderbilt. Her specials are in Greek history and culture, with a particular interest in religion and medicines. This also is also the topic of her special topics class, Classics 213, Medicine and Miracle: Healthcare in the Greco-Roman World. Wabash is lucky to have such dedicated and hardworking professors, and we are all lucky to have three more join the ranks and continue to teach us Wabash men to lead.



## ADVICE FROM A SENIOR SURVIVOR

**C**omprehensive exams: the dreaded series of tests are likely the most intimidating, arduous tasks that most Wabash students have been faced with in their academic careers. But what are they really like? To be honest, they are exactly what you would expect from the promise of the word comprehensive. They are challenging and require at least a small amount of knowledge about every main topic that you study in your major classes. It is important to remember, however, that you have been well prepared by your professors and through your individual work for the task at hand. That is not to say that studying isn't important, because it most definitely is, but it is more than that. In some ways, it is like you have been running sprints in each of your classes. They are short, and the end is always in sight, though it may not always feel close. Comprehensive exams are more like a marathon. You have to understand a variety of techniques and have the stamina to complete the lengthy challenge that only comes from training.



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It is also important to remember that comprehensive exams are different for each major. Some majors require nitty-gritty details. Others require you to study broad concepts that are more important for justifying and defending your points of view. In most cases, the more deeply you study topics, the better your answers are going to be. From a student standpoint, it seems to me that this creates the separation between an answer worthy of distinction rather than simply a pass.

Always remember that it is important to be active in talking about comps with people that are willing to help you, either by studying with you or by giving you tips and tricks on how to make the experience less intimidating. Each person you talk to will have different advice. Here is a list of suggestions compiled from faculty, staff, alumni and fellow students that were kind enough to share their expertise with me and that seemed to prepare me for comps week:

1. Find someone willing to help you deal with the stress, whether that be by watching movies, taking drives around town, blasting music, or simply eating tubs of ice cream.
2. Set strict study times and find some good study buddies. You need a plan, and someone to make you stick to it.
3. Believe that you can do it – you've been preparing for this for the past three years. You're probably more capable than you think.
4. Take time to think and stop to breathe when you feel overwhelmed. Taking a moment to collect your thoughts and giving

a high quality, well-constructed answer will always be better than jumping in too quickly. This is especially important during oral comprehensive exams.

5. Meet the professors that are on your oral comps board. It shows that you are taking it seriously and makes it more comfortable for you when you sit down in the chair at your assigned time.

6. Schedule time to relax if you have to. If you study the entire week prior to comps, you will be worn out by the time they roll around. Study hard, but make sure you relax.

7. Prepare as much as you can so that you can be confident going into the test and so that you don't have anything to regret if the worst happens.

So, long story short, comps are formidable, but you are able to rise to the occasion with some effort. We tend to thrive in tough, academic environments, which is why most of us chose Wabash. So, look at this as another opportunity to face a challenge and conquer it. After all, Wabash Always Fights (and survives comps).

## NOT REALLY "SEPARATE"

**"T**he separation of Church and State." Everyone is quite familiar with this expression, but most people are probably not as familiar with its origin. If you were thinking the phrase originated in the Constitution, you would be incorrect. Actually, the Constitution does not ever mention "separation of Church and State" or anything close. The Constitution discusses the relationship that government and religion should have in the First Amendment: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." This amendment was not intended to separate religion from government. It was simply designed to prevent the right of freedom of conscience in religious beliefs to be invaded upon by the national government. It was designed to protect religion.

What about the Declaration of Independence then? Nope, the "separation of Church and State" does not appear there either. The actual origination of the phrase comes from newly-elected President Thomas Jefferson in 1802. Jefferson wrote a letter to a group of Baptists who were being persecuted in Congregationalist-dominated New England. In his letter, Jefferson reassured the Baptists that the administration would "make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," thus building a wall of separation



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between Church & State." So, that famous phrase is actually a metaphor that Jefferson used in a letter. He used this metaphor for the purpose of assuring religious citizens that their right to practice religion freely and openly would not be obstructed. Effectively, Thomas Jefferson has been misunderstood and his metaphor misused.

Why should we care about this metaphor today? Well, we should care because the misuse of this metaphor too often leads to the separation of religion from public life. It is often used to justify the censoring of private religious symbols, the denying of public benefits for religious entities, and the excluding of religious citizens and organizations from full participation in civic life on the same terms as their secular counterparts. This would have widely alarmed the Founders, for they

viewed religion as an absolute necessity for the success of the American republic. President Washington is just one of the Founding Fathers who felt strongly about religion. His farewell address contained one of the most famous endorsements of religion when he stated, "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, Religion and Morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of Patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of Men and Citizens." Obviously, the systematic and coercive removal of religion from public life that we see today is in direct opposition to the historical and cultural traditions of our nation. Not only does the use of "separation of Church and State" in its incorrect connotation communicate a coldhearted indifference towards religion, but it also blatantly offends the basic notions of freedom of religious exercise, expression, and association in our democratic and pluralistic society.

This "separation" that has been recently constructed greatly inhibits religion's ability to perform key tasks in our representative society: It is now more difficult for religion to influence the public ethic and policy; religious citizens are deprived of the civil liberty to participate in politics armed with ideas informed by their spiritual values; and the rights of religious communities to extend ministry into the

public square has been infringed upon. The most important of these religious tasks that is currently being limited is the ability to keep the government balanced and in check. The Founding Fathers constructed much of our governmental format around the idea that men are naturally sinful, and if anyone had the chance, that person would become a tyrant. Therefore, they instilled a system of "checks and balances" into our government and society. Religion is meant to act as one of those checks and balances. Religion provides a sense of ethics and morality for society. Without the presence of religious principles and morals in government and community, the state becomes the ultimate authority of what is right and what is wrong. This is especially dangerous because the people no longer have the ability to hold representatives and officials accountable for their actions when those same officials are defining right and wrong.

We should not be suppressing the right to practice religion, for it ostracizes one demographic and diminishes the core concept that makes America great: diversity of perspective. Suppressing such a crucial aspect of our representative society and forcing citizens to conform to the single ideology of anti-religion would be tragic, for such an action would forever reduce the value of America's unique pluralistic society.

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# WHAT IF TRUMP WINS?

Nearly 5 months ago, I wrote in this very publication a column titled: “Don’t Believe the Hype” regarding Donald Trump’s sudden rise to the top of GOP nomination polls and the prospect that he could win the race. I argued that Trump’s ceiling of support was in the 30’s due to his net unfavorability ratings with prospective primary voters, and thus could not statistically become the standard bearer of my already fractured party. I opined that the compilation of the inevitable obscene and offensive statements made on the campaign trail, would eventually burst the hot air balloon that is the Donald J. Trump for President Inc. sideshow. Well, beloved Bachelor reader, yours truly was dead wrong.

Here are the facts, as personally disconcerting as they are. Trump is leading in the polls in 48 out of 50 states. He is a theoretical lock to win New Hampshire due to the failure of establishment Republicans to coalesce behind Jeb Bush, Chris Christie, or John Kasich. He is now again leading Ted Cruz in Iowa, and is leading by “huuuge” (say it with his voice, you know you want to) margins in South Carolina. Is it now plausible and maybe even likely that Donald Trump could win the nomination? Absolutely. So what if that happens?

I am man enough to admit that I missed the mark with the September piece, but I’m also too stubborn and



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principled to concede defeat to The Donald quite yet. I, along with many Republicans I know and respect, will never vote for Donald Trump in the general election. Party loyalty has its limits, especially when the person at the top of the ticket threatens the future and legacy of the very party of which they “represent”. As someone who has worked for and supported the mainstream centrist governing wing of the Republican Party, on top of having career aspirations of pursuing a life of public service as a Republican, a Donald Trump nomination scares the hell out of me as I look toward the future of the GOP.

When given the option between Hillary Clinton/Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump, myself, like many independents and moderate Republicans, would rather pick a reasonable 3rd party candidate than pull the lever for any of those three. This past week, there were rumblings that former NYC Mayor Michael

Bloomberg is looking towards an Independent bid, and as always, there are op-eds being written about Paul Ryan coming in on a white horse during a floor fight in a brokered convention, or Mitt Romney running 3rd party and giving it a shot one last time. Bloomberg only has a chance if Sanders wins the Democratic nomination, a brokered convention is still very unlikely, and Romney really doesn’t have a chance electorally if not the Republican nominee.

This time, it is no longer about winning however. Thanks to Donald Trump, Ted Cruz, Sarah Palin, and others this year need to be about saving face as a party and a brand. The Tea Party and the radical right wounded the party as a whole in 2010, and Trump is delivering the kill shot in 2016. Think about it: a student in high school just beginning to pay attention to public affairs, sees the Republican Party as one that is choosing Donald Trump as its nominee for President. It is the party of Trump for that kid, not Lincoln, Reagan, or Teddy Roosevelt. The same holds true to the millions of Independents all across our nation who struggle to find a place in either party. Trump is setting us back decades on the progress Republicans need to make themselves appealing to young voters, minorities both demographically and socio-economically, and women, in order to stay viable as a governing party or at least have a chance at the

White House again. It is too late for the blame game among the establishment about how he wasn’t stopped before now; it needs to be accepted and a plan to counteract him needs to be developed.

The time is now for a grassroots movement of the center right; governing conservatism hungry people who can pick a candidate that doesn’t make them frightened or embarrassed. If it means the party splits in two, maybe that’s what is best. If it means John Kasich or Chris Christie runs as an Independent and spends every day on the trail trying to steal the mantle of Republicanism away from Trump only to not win a single state, then so be it. If it means Hillary Clinton beats Trump with numbers resembling the 1964 Barry Goldwater election, then great. Then the anti-establishment pitchforks can pat themselves on the back for handing it to her on a silver platter.

With a 3rd party alternative, humane and decent conservatism can find a temporary home. I don’t know who could craft a platform and campaign to save face with the majority of Americans who do not support Trump or his lies, bigotry, and asinine policies, but the bottom line is there is no other choice. There’s a silent majority of hopeful, practical, pragmatic Republicans, and they to have their voice heard. Our party is being hijacked and we can’t go down without a fight.

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# GOIN' CLUBBIN' WITH THE AFC

**JOSEPH REILLY '18** | CAVELIFE EDITOR • It's that time of the semester. Club leaders gather to plan out their interest group's events for the next several months. The planning includes the most treasured ritual which each club performs at the beginning of the semester. The ritual consists of filling out a budget form and submitting it to the Audit and Finance Committee (AFC) in the hopes that it will be recommended for the Senate's approval. Along with the new Senate this semester is a new Treasurer of the Student Senate, Alejandro Reyna '17, and a rookie AFC looking to hunker down and get to work on the business of making it rain up in the clubs.

Most clubs have members who are familiar with the budgeting process, and the information is passed down to the new leadership as needed. When this is not the case, however, Reyna has followed previous precedent such that in order for a budget to be approved as early as possible, the leaders of the clubs must have attended the Leadership Summit. Implemented to train the club leaders in the budgeting process and adapted to ensure that clubs submitted their budgets early enough to be discussed at the War Session, the Leadership Summit is a staple in the early semester calendar of a club leader.

The Summit is also a chance for students involved in club leadership to interact with their AFC representatives for the first time. The four members of the AFC

split the club categories amongst themselves to prevent any one club member from being overwhelmed with questions from clubs. By being present and open to discussion about their budget questions, the AFC representatives embody their role as advocates on the clubs' behalf.

"The big thing to remember is that the AFC is more than just the financial people. They're also the advisors for these clubs," Bilal Jawed '17 said. "They do a lot more than just saying 'you can have this much, or this

amount.' They also do a lot to help with planning and logistical thinking to assist all the clubs in bringing their ideas to fruition."

Jawed, a former AFC member, has significant experience with the budgeting process. He emphasized the goal of the AFC not as one of miserly intent, but instead focused on ensuring that the Student Senate funds, which are drawn from each student's Activities Fee, are spent in a fiscally responsible manner. This semester, it was much the same as it has been in the past. Starting this past Sunday, with the Leadership Summit, the clubs have until today at 4:00 p.m. to turn in their completed budget. Then, over the course of this weekend, Reyna and the AFC will meet and decide how much in funds to recommend be allocated to each club. Brent Tomb '16, the previous Treasurer of the Student Senate, outlined the details of the infamous War Session.

"The War Session is essentially the AFC holing themselves up in a room for anywhere from 10 to 12 hours," Tomb said. "They take time to look over all the budgets the clubs have submitted. Some are revised and edited, some are just rough drafts. The AFC looks at the budgets and asks 'can we allocate this based on the financial policy;' 'does this request fit the club's mission statement;' 'are we being good stewards of the money if we allow them this much;' and 'how many of these events affect all of campus versus just affecting specific groups?' After answering these questions, the AFC is able to get an idea of what they can actually allocate. In reality, it is a really in-depth, long AFC meeting."

Many students are very familiar with the weekly AFC meeting. From petitioning for additional funds to dropping off a check request form, many finance related questions are brought up each week. The format is relaxed and structured towards fostering a discussion and better understanding of the processes for

procuring funds.

"A normal AFC meeting starts with the AFC and the Treasurer seeing the specific clubs that have additional requests or clarifications," Tomb said. "These can be something they didn't receive funding for or something they received only partial funding for. They have the ability to come in and give the necessary details. Or they can come in if they've come up with a new event idea or they need more money for an event because they didn't foresee that they needed food or that they needed to pay for some specific aspect. Then, after all the clubs have gone, there's an executive session, if you will. The AFC talks about the recommendations, if they follow the financial policy, and if they're good expenditures of money."

Once the AFC has arrived at a consensus on the allocations they will recommend to the Senate, they end the meeting. That evening, the Treasurer presents the recommendations as proposed amendments to the budget. The Senate then votes on whether or not to approve the amendments as they are recommended. Additionally, if a club is dissatisfied with the recommendation that the AFC makes to Senate, they may petition their case to the Senate directly. After the Senate votes, the funding is available for the clubs the next day.

In addition to the four student representatives and the Treasurer, William Oprisko, the Director of Wabash Student Employment and Student Activities, attends the weekly AFC meetings and Student Senate meetings as well as the War Session. As a source of historical and professional insight, Oprisko defines his role as one of support for the AFC if any of its members are uncertain on how to proceed.

"This hasn't been difficult or a challenge, but if there's a point where the AFC seems to be making decisions based on emotions instead of principles, I would be there to bring them back," Oprisko said. "And I think that there has been a lot of great work with that in the past before I was here, with the efforts of Betsy Knott, Patrick Bryant, and, just previously, Brent Tomb, that I am not concerned."

Oprisko has also seen the process

develop into one that is streamlined and standardized. By sticking to its policies and principles, the members of the AFC have been able to design and implement a Financial Policy in the hope that it will make budgeting as stress free as possible for the clubs. His main advice is once a club gets an idea of what they want to do, to sit down and develop a thorough plan for how to implement the idea. Oprisko went on to voice the concern that sometimes students believe simply because they are in a student group, they do not have to take the process seriously or professionally.

"When you are dealing with a quarter of a million dollars, or more, in a given year, it is a serious process," Oprisko said. "And one of our themes at Wabash is the 'Seriously' campaign.

We take things seriously. In reality, the skills they develop here; creating a budget, following through to enact the budget via the set process, all of those are aspects that all students will have to know

how to handle and navigate when they graduate. So either you learn how to do that here, or you learn the really, really hard way. Simply put, you can avoid problems if you take the time to fill out the budget correctly and get someone else to give you feedback."

Jawed and Tomb offered their own advice on how to avoid the most common pitfalls they witnessed over the course of their tenure with the AFC. Both of them focused on the need for a clear and concise mission statement as well as the importance of details throughout the budget.

"Lots of times we'd have these clubs that were trying to carry out events that were not related to their mission statements," Jawed said. "And that was a big idealistic thing that lots of people miss."

The mission statement is one the AFC's litmus tests used to determine



**Brent Tomb '16**



**Bilal Jawed '17**



**Will Oprisko**



## GPA ACHIEVEMENTS

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## ADMISSIONS READS MEAN TWEETS

**NICHOLAS VEDO '19** | STAFF WRITER • In our modern age, technology is practically ubiquitous. It invades every aspect of our lives for better or worse, and has completely changed the way people communicate. Gone are the days of pay-phone calls and pony express delivered mail. Now with the simple press of a button, one can immediately inform all 3,000 closest friends what one just gorged on for a snack. Truly revolutionary.

After the dawn of Myspace, it became quite clear that a new frontier was on the rise. Social media and all that it entails has changed our world. People from opposites sides of the world can now talk as if they were next door neighbors. However, along with the many blessings come an assortment of liabilities, foremost being the raw amount of information that social media sites leave open to anyone who wishes to search for it. If we are not very tactful in our online interactions, this exposure can be very detrimental to us in a number of different ways.

For example, in the very relatable case of a student applying for the first time to college, their social media presence could play a role in the admissions committee's final decision. When completing a college application, students often focus more on the core parts such as the essay/questions and do not spend much time thinking about what their social media profile says about them. By no means do colleges value social media presence over the core application, but it still doesn't hurt to be safe and tie up the loose ends.

"At Wabash, we may consider a student's presence on social media in the decision process," Tyler Wade, Assistant Director of Admissions at Wabash College, said. "I have seen

other schools do social media checks to inform the recruitment process, either to weed out students who make explicit, insensitive, or distasteful posts or to identify students who are excited about being recruited by a particular school."

This factors into applications for graduate schools as well, and in the professional world after graduation. Many schools intentionally create social media groups for admitted students to not only form fellowship between them,



**Tyler Wade '12**

but also to monitor the social media presence of the students.

"We intentionally create these groups within Facebook's 'Groups for Schools' platform, which requires students to use their .edu email to gain access," Cathy Heinz, Purdue University's Senior Associate Director for Communications Admissions, said. "This virtually eliminates social media 'trolls' -- individuals who just want to provoke other community members into arguments or other kinds of bad behavior."

In the "real world" employers will often begin sifting through job applicants by first googling the name, and analyzing how they interact on social media.

Of course, everyone wants to get that job or to get into that one really great graduate school, so it is best just to be safe and make sure your social media presence is as polished and perfect as it can possibly be. If that does not work, then bribery cannot hurt either.

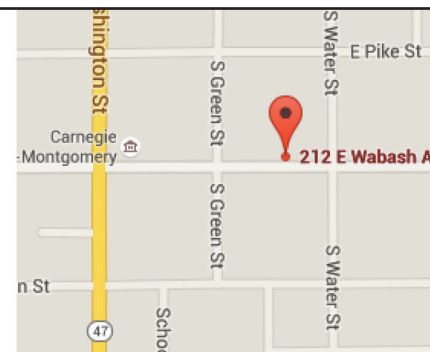
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# LEO GOES FOR GOLD...AGAIN

**JADE DOTY '18 | STAFF WRITER** • This year's Academy Awards have already broken several records and streaks before the curtain has even opened. John Williams increases his nomination record to 50, Jennifer Lawrence sets the record for youngest person ever to receive four nominations, the company New Regency goes for its third Best Picture in a row with *The Revenant* (previous winners *Birdman* and *12 Years a Slave*), and Sylvester Stallone breaks the record for greatest time apart for being nominated for playing the same character. But none of these streaks are on the same level of discussion as Leonardo DiCaprio's nomination for Best Actor for his role in *The Revenant*. When asked to give comments about Leonardo DiCaprio's career, most students will agree with Max Rowley '18: "Personally Leo is overdue for an Oscar. In past years, I thought he had little competition to win, but if anything they have to give him the Oscar this year for being able to play such a dramatic

and powerful role." This is what most people think this year when reviewing Leo's performance in his most recent film. However, what most people don't comment about is whether it even matters to Leo all that much?

This is Leo's fifth time being nominated for an Oscar: he had previous Best Actor nominations for his roles in *The Aviator*, *Blood Diamond*, and *The Wolf of Wall Street* and he had a Best Supporting Actor nomination for his role in *What's Eating Gilbert Grape*. Leo sits fourth in total Oscar nominations without a win, sitting behind late greats like Peter O'Toole and Richard Burton, as well as the actress Glenn Close. Even though the movie industry glorifies those gold statues given out every year, some of the most influential actors and movies of the past 30 years have not won a little golden statue.

A lot of the most noticeable actors in the world have never been inside the winner's circle when it comes to Academy Awards. Actors like Johnny

Depp, Tom Cruise, Will Smith, John Travolta, Samuel Jackson, and even the smooth Harrison Ford have never won an Oscar. Just reviewing that list makes you ponder why a majority of the most influential actors and icons in film have never graced the podium at the Academy Awards. If this list astonishes you, it will be even more shocking to hear that some of the greatest directors and film innovators that haven't won an Oscar. Masterminds like Stanley Kubrick, Alfred Hitchcock, and Orson Welles have never been given the annual title of Best Director.

The list goes on and on of influential films, directors, and actors that have never been awarded the shiny statue by The Academy. It makes one start to wonder: is winning an Oscar all that big a deal? Many actors have expressed that an Oscar is a great honor, but not something they strive for.

Leonardo DiCaprio said that winning an Oscar is not the motivation he uses when producing these films. Like any artist, these actors are not striving to be Academy Award winners; these actors are striving to be great performers and entertainers and in the process they might be given a gold statue. Some

actors admire the Academy Awards but don't seek the yearly awards as an ultimate goal.

When asked about winning an Academy Award, Jeff Bridges said that "It's a nice pat on the back." Many others, including Leo, claim that winning an Oscar would be nice, but it doesn't make one's career. Many great artists in film will profess that their purpose is to entertain an audience. Peter Jackson said it well when asked about winning an Oscar for directing *Lord of the Rings*: "To get an Oscar would be an incredible moment in my career. But the *Lord of the Rings* films are not made for Oscars; they are made for the audience."

So Leo's portrayal in *The Revenant* this year might get him his first Academy Award and it probably will not be his last, but I'm fairly confident he will not break out into a magnificent speech like everyone think he should and if he doesn't win I'm sure he will not break into tears. Either way in the end we, as viewers, will not remember him, or any other actor for that matter, for how many Academy Awards he won, but rather for how many great performances he put on.

## STUDENTS CURATE STATUES

**JACOB ROEHM '18 | STAFF WRITER** • On Friday, Jan. 29, the Wabash College Art Department presents the opening of *Generations: Sculpture in Stone* from Zimbabwe, Africa. To start the exhibition there will be an opening reception from 4:30-6 p.m. in the Eric Dean Gallery of the Fine Arts Center.

*Generations* is curated by Art Department Chair Elizabeth Morton and, for the first time, Wabash students: Cole Chapman '16, Nick Bova '17, Jacob Roehm '18, Hai Nguyen '17, Forrest Lowery '18, and Kyle Louks '19.

The exhibition features large-scale stone sculptures from Zimbabwe, revealing to the Wabash community one of the 20th and 21st centuries' most vibrant and creative art movements. Zimbabwe's tradition of stone sculpture goes back a half century through one of the most tumultuous periods in the nation's history.

Throughout this time, the artists of Zimbabwe have proven their resilience in providing beautiful and hopeful



Elizabeth Morton

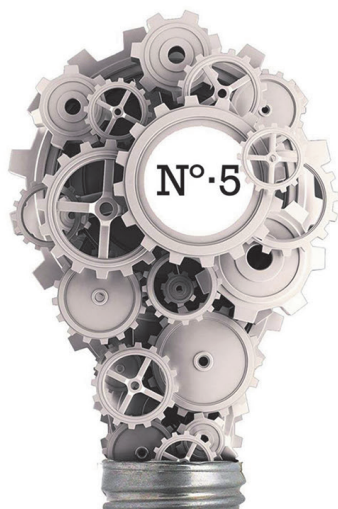
art pieces that highlight the poignant theme of family throughout the movement. This exhibition is the end product of the work of students in an art history class this past fall.

Using a large cache of previously unknown Zimbabwean sculptures from the Hans Dietrich Huebert Collection, the class identified and classified this work before developing the exhibition. The result, *Generations: Stone Sculpture in Zimbabwe*, is the first student-curated exhibition the college has ever hosted.

The exhibit continues through April 9. The exhibit is free, open to the public and is handicap accessible. The hours for the Eric Dean Gallery are 9-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10-2 p.m. on Saturday.

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# HOOSIER DADDY?...HOOSIER MAMA?

**IAN ARTIS '16** | STAFF WRITER

• Student loan debt is real, and crippling. Books are expensive, tuition is rising across the country, travel to and from campus costs money – not to mention meal plans, nights out (thank God the Cactus is cheap), and hidden fees in between. What if there was a way to alleviate some of this cost? What if there was an alternative – something, maybe someone, who could help out even more than mom and pop? There is – and, bear with me – they can be found on seekingarrangement.com, a website for the wealthy and the broke.

The wealthy: older men and women.  
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“It’s a place where like-minded people can meet,” Rachel Kolinowski, Public Relations Coordinator for seekingarrangement.com, said. “The fact is that seekingarrangement is a matching site where people can look for other people who are generous and wealthy and who are willing to spend money on them, and that can be found on this site.”

The site is split into two factions: the wealthy and the wealth seeking. In

laymen’s terms, it is divided into sugar mommas/daddies and sugar babies, the term for the generally young people seeking rich older people to give them gifts.

While this idea may seem ridiculous, one of the most densely populated pockets of people with profiles is located not too far away – at Indiana University, Bloomington.

IU is among the fastest growing schools in terms of new profiles created, with 594 total sign ups. According to the website, \$3K a month is the average allowance that sugar babies tend to receive. The days of just sugar daddies seeking young women are over; the website is host to hundreds of women seeking young men to spoil as well.

“Just in 2014 alone, there were 240 new sign ups from IU. We offer a free premium profile upgrade to students who sign up using their school email address, and that’s how we are able to get so many students and track their numbers,” Kolinowski said.

Overall, the school with the highest total number of student profiles in the country is New York University.

Most new memberships come from students who refer each other to other the site after finding success to “share the wealth”. First and foremost, Seeking Arrangement is a dating site, where like-minded people are seeking relationships and partnerships based on wealth. That wealth can be anything from a doctor’s salary to something of a celebrity’s – salaries on seeking arrangement are displayed, ranging from 300K to 300 million dollars. “

“Funds and income are self-reported, and usually they report honestly, because if you’re making 100K but say you’re making 100 million, then a sugar baby will expect a lot more from you,” Kolinowski said. “We do have a special membership called a diamond membership, where they submit tax information which enables us to verify their salary, and we can put a verified badge on their profile. We actually are one of the only sites that offers background checks as well, so we can make sure they don’t have any violent crimes, and that they are who they say they are.”

How to a few Wabash students react to the site? Opinions varied.

“I would feel as though I was getting a handout, and I wouldn’t really like that,” Anthony Repay ‘17 said. “I prefer to work for my money.”

Arturo Granados ‘16 also weighed in on the issue: “Most of the people who sign up are probably young women seeking older men, and I think they’re just looking to get their tuition paid,” Granados said. “I wouldn’t sign up, because I wouldn’t want a sugar momma. But I think this speaks to how expensive college is these days.”

“There’s a small line between prostitution and sugar mommas/daddies,” Justin Woods ‘16 said. “I’m not one to make that call, but personally, I think there are some people who are doing it for companionship or friends but there are unfortunately a lot of people who use it for sexual favors.”

“I think that for those individuals, the site is legal because they’re paying for company,” Ivan Koutsopatriy ‘16 said. “I think that’s fine, and I think both parties benefit. It’s consensual and as long as people aren’t being forced, I think it’s fine. That money can go far for those people.”

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whether or not a club should receive funds that they are requesting. It is an easy tool to begin discussion on the validity of a club to host an event. Once an event is determined to fall into the purview of a club’s mission statement, the AFC typically moves along to details of the event.

“We want people to explain in their budget breakdown, a worksheet in the budget, how they planned the event,” Tomb said. “We always give clubs the advice that the AFC should be able to plan their event with no other information than what they have provided in the budget spreadsheet. Clubs should have exactly what food they are going to get, how many people will likely attend, and what room they need. People tend to get sloppy with the details because they think they’ve gotten the money for that event in years past that they are going to get again without providing those details.”

Additionally, Jawed stressed the need for good communication.

“All of the problems which I experienced on AFC, which were very few, all stemmed from lack of communication,” Jawed said. “Information was not properly conveyed or people were confused about what was going on. The clubs I

had the best relationships with asked questions and I responded to those questions. The clubs that I didn’t have as good a relationship with were the ones that I didn’t hear from at all. Again, AFC reaches out to you as you reach out to them also.”



**Alejandro Reyna '17**

Looking to the rest of the semester, clubs are encouraged to bring any and all issues to their AFC representative to be resolved. Reyna hopes that the AFC and the various club leaders can work together to foster an environment of cooperation that will extend throughout his term as Treasurer for 2016.

“This semester, I want to focus on increasing the interaction with club leadership and their AFC representatives,” Reyna said. “Their AFC representative is present to help them. They are the liaison between you and the rest of the AFC.”

The AFC meets Tuesday mornings every week. Be on the lookout for emails from Reyna regarding the exact time and location of future meetings.



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## COVER STORY

# UPS AND DOWNS

LITTLE GIANTS TRY  
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VICTORIES; START THE  
SEMESTER WITH BIG WIN  
OVER THE DANNIES

**JOEL JANAK '19** | STAFF WRITER

The young Wabash College Little Giants basketball team had an up and down Christmas Break. Coach Kyle Brumett described the season as a, “rollercoaster ride” because of the general youth of their team. Many teams in the North Coast Athletic Conference have a core group of juniors and seniors who they can lean on. Wabash College has a solid group of older guys, but constantly has three freshmen in their starting five. “I have had to put several young guys in positions that many teams are not faced with,” Coach Brumett said. Although the basketball team has a very bright future ahead of them, Coach Brumett emphasized the importance of positivity throughout the season.

Though the rest of the student body was enjoying the vacation at home, the team opened their Winter Break with a victory at Chadwick with a score of 92-76 against Franklin College. Coach Brumett was very proud of the way his guys played. “Coming off finals...with the way our guys played was tremendous”, Coach Brumett said. The team then traveled to Ohio on a three-day road trip at the beginning of January. The team had not played yet back-to-back nights, so it was a new experience for everyone. After losing to a tough Hiram team, the team picked up a solid win at Allegheny. “With such a young team, all these new experiences are great for the growth of our team moving forward”, Brumett said. The freshmen group is learning quickly what it takes to be successful in our tough conference. The team followed the road trip with a

beat down on Denison the following Saturday, but followed with a loss at 8th-ranked Ohio Wesleyan. Though in Division III, Ohio Wesleyan is one of the most winning programs in all of the NCAA; Coach Brumett compared them to North Carolina at the Division I level. Despite this, the team fought really hard and only lost by twelve against the Battling Bishops. “I was very proud of how our team performed, fighting hard the entire game”, Brumett said.

The DePauw Tigers would travel to Crawfordsville a week later to take on the Little Giants. Wabash would tame the Tigers with a final score of 80-75 in a thrilling back and forth game. “The entire gym was packed, and we were glad to have a lot of the student body supporting us for the big rivalry game”, Brumett said. Freshman Johnny Jager played the best game of his short career, carrying the Little Giants with 31 points. He played exceptionally well down the stretch for the team. They came out really hot from the start, but we knew we had to stay the course. We would have a run of our own too,” Jager said. He also talked about his own performance, saying, “It was one of those nights. The basket seemed to be a little bigger that night. They were clogging the paint, so I had to step up and make some big shots.” Jager '19 has performed well throughout the season, becoming one of the team's leading scorers.

The Little Giants face their toughest two tests of the season, going on the road against Wittenberg and The College of Wooster. Coach Brumett summarized that he is anxious to see his young team perform against two of the top teams in the nation. “It will be a great test for our guys to perform at a high level.” Hopefully, the Little Giants can finish this week on a high note. Students are excited for what is to come with their up and coming basketball program.

The Wabash Basketball team will next see action tonight at 7 p.m. at Chadwick Court. Come out and support your Little Giants!



JACOB FERGUSON '18

Daniel Purvlicis '16 goes up for a bucket in Wabash's 80-75 victory over the Tigers.

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**MASON ASHER '19** | SPORTS WRITER • A hot topic around the Wabash football community recently has been that defensive coordinator BJ Hammer '01 has stepped down and accepted an offer to be the head coach of the Allegheny Gators, a North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) rival. A new face will step in as the defensive coordinator for the Little Giants as Jeff Ramsey will come from the west coast and switch from the University of Puget Sound to Wabash as the defensive coordinator.

"From a selfish standpoint," Wabash head coach Erik Raeburn said, "I wish we could have kept him [Hammer], he did a great job for us. I am happy for him. When we hired him he had been a head coach and it did not go the way he wanted. I know he wanted the opportunity to be a head coach again. I am glad he got the chance."

Hammer was the defensive coordinator at Wabash for five years and continually coached the Little Giants perennial defensive juggernaut; during his five years, the defense ranked no lower than 12th and was ranked the best in the nation once.

Before coming to Wabash as a coordinator, Hammer spent eight years at Whittier College spending three seasons as the defensive coordinator and five as the head coach. Hammer went 12-33 in his tenure as a head coach. Prior to being at Whittier, he spent one season at Heidelberg College and before that, he was an assistant coach here at Wabash.

While he attended Wabash, Hammer was a four-year starter on



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Delon Pettiford '17 and LV Bowden '17 were two leaders of the highly touted Wabash defense that will be returning in 2016.

the defensive line and set defensive records for most tackles for losses in a game, a season and a career. He also set the single season sack record and was tied for the most sacks in a career. Hammer was a two-time All-American and a three-time All-Conference selection.

Hammer takes over an Allegheny team that in the last three years has a combined record of 1-29, including 1-26 in NCAC play. Before this recent slump, the Gators were 79-62 since 1999 according to d3football.com.

"We will have to change some of our calls he is familiar with," Raeburn said. "It will not be a huge deal. I think it be a little strange to see him on the other sideline but I think it will be equally as strange for him to come to Wabash and stand on the other sideline."

Ramsey will take over an already dominant defense and will look to fine tune the squad. He led the Puget Sound defense to consecutive top-three finishes in their conference after years of being

near the bottom. The greatest mark that Ramsey has on his resume his coaching experience in the NCAC conference. In 15 years as the Oberlin College head coach, he accumulated 42 wins, the second-most all-time at the school.

"He will be a great fit for us," Raeburn said. "He has done an excellent job everywhere he has been. He took over as defensive coordinator two years ago at Puget Sound and when he got there they were at the bottom of every defensive category and now they are at the top-three in nearly every category."

Before coaching at Oberlin, Ramsey made stops at Sonoma State University, University of Nevada, Marietta College and his first stop, the University of Illinois.

Ramsey played his college football at UC Davis playing as a starting wide receiver for two years and serving in the backup quarterback role. Ramsey was part of two conference championship teams in his playing time at UC

Davis. Ramsey obtained his masters degree from the University of Illinois in kinesiology and athletic administration and jumped into coaching, with his next stop being Wabash College.

Ramsey will have big shoes to fill with Hammer's departure, but Raeburn thinks that he will be just fine in the role with his experience of being a head coach before, something Raeburn is very fond of in his assistants.

"The thing I like the most is his experience," Raeburn said. "He was a head coach and I think that is an advantage and certainly helps me as another resource to use when thinking of ways to help our program. A close second is that he coached in our league for fifteen years and I think that will make the transition a little easier."

Hammer will make his return visit to Wabash College on September 17th when Allegheny visits Wabash.

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PREDICTION FOR  
SUPER BOWL 50

**MICHAEL LUMPKIN '18 | SPORTS EDITOR** • Superbowl 50 will be the first to include two quarterbacks that were both drafted #1 overall in the NFL Draft. The two share that in common, but not much else. Both will have to square off against the other's top-tier defense if they want to take home the title.

Cam Newton is a 260-pound, young, dual-threat phenom who has enjoyed success both with his feet and his arm. His legacy that he will leave on the NFL is in its early stages

of creation. He has a charismatic personality that he shamelessly flaunts as he leads his team to a near flawless record.

Then there's Peyton Manning, who's still the hero of the Indianapolis Colts. Some would say he turned Indiana into more of a football state than a basketball state. Now in his fourth year with the Denver Broncos, he has already led them back to their second Super Bowl. Now granted, this year wasn't what the last three were, but four AFC Championships speaks for itself. Now number 18, in his 18th year, has the chance to go out on top. Yes, I understand it is not guaranteed that he will retire after this year, but him reportedly telling Bill Belichick that this may be his last ride is enough for me to make the claim, especially with a victory next Sunday.

That victory will be hard to attain. If it weren't for a slip-up against a poor Atlanta defense in Week

16, the Carolina Panthers would be challenging the 1972 Dolphins for the second team ever to go a complete season undefeated. What's impressive is how that loss proved to be no hindrance to their performance. With two statement wins in the first two rounds of the playoffs, the Carolina Panthers look to be a well-oiled machine.

Not so fast, though. How do you not put your money on the Broncos? Coming in as the underdogs once again in the playoffs, people seem to forget that they had the number one overall defense in football this year. Which brings to light the idea that if Manning wins, will it be because of his play? Sure, he did outplay what looked like a frazzled Tom Brady in the AFC Championship, but that again just amplifies the skill of the Denver Broncos defense. It is sad to say, but if the Broncos are able to pull out the victory, it will likely be due to Manning effectively managing the game rather than picking apart a defense like the Peyton we saw in blue and white.

Let's continue on with the idea that this is Manning's last game; where does it leave him? With a win, he will have won two Super Bowls, ten years apart from one another. Four AFC Championships with two different teams to go with it means there's a great case for him as one of the all-time greats.

And of course, it would be unsportsmanlike of us not to immediately draw the comparison of his body of work against that of his foe, Tom Brady. I find this argument to be without a for-sure answer. What one considers great is completely dependent on where one places the highest value. Is it rings? MVPs? Passing yards? Overall record? Everyone will give you a different answer. Especially those people from Indiana compared to those basically anywhere east of Pennsylvania (or so it seems). I personally can't deny how high the return on investment turned out to be for Tom Brady, being the 199th pick of the 2000 NFL Draft. But Manning, in 18 years, only had three seasons where he did not eclipse the 4,000 yard mark. On the flipside, Brady missed that mark six times, not including his first year in the league and the year he missed as a result of injury.

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A big difference that I think is undervalued in the conversation is the coaches for which each of them played. Tony Dungy was a great head coach that everyone wishes would have stayed longer. I think if he did continue his career in Indianapolis, the conversation that would occur now would be much different. He didn't, but Bill Belichick did. Belichick, as much as I hate to admit it, is a mastermind of the game of football. Don't even try to throw the cheating acquisitions at him; he has Lombardi trophies surrounding him that will take the blow. Brady has benefitted from this mastermind at the helm in Foxborough more than people acknowledge. I also think that Brady has played for better complete teams for a large part of his career than Manning did, especially in their early meetings.

In conclusion, you guessed it: I'll always take the Manning side of the argument. He did more with less for most of his career. He is and will always be a better quarterback. In contrast, Tom Brady is a winner, but became one because of who surrounded him. Robert Kraft and Bill Belichick have to be more intently considered in this Manning/Brady debate, as the argument will forever continue.

Now, to get down to next Sunday's prediction. Eli Manning claims that this one game shouldn't affect big brother's legacy, but deep down he knows better. Peyton and the Broncos aren't going to get the respect they deserve leading up to their game against the Panthers. I will give them the respect they deserve, but I can't let that cloud my judgment. There's simply not a more complete team than the Carolina Panthers in the NFL, and the train they have conducted since Week One doesn't stop in Santa Clara. Carolina will win the game 27-20. Peyton Manning will end his career as one of the all time greats, but only a one-time Super Bowl Champion. Finally, after he gives it long thought, he will retire a member of the Indianapolis Colts.



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## GRAPPLING IN A NEW VENUE

**TUCKER DIXON '19** | STAFF

**WRITER** • Today marks a big day in Wabash College athletics. The official opening of the brand new Shelbourne Wrestling Complex will be held this evening, January 29th, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the complex itself. The event will be a large gathering with some light refreshments, along with speeches from those involved with the construction and management of the build. The event will also include the official ribbon cutting and tours of the state of the art facility. The only problem with this is that there are rumors that the facility will not be completed by the ceremony. There happens to be some truth to these speculations as the complex will not have all of the finishing touches of certain areas of the complex fully installed. Although a few minor details might be missing for the ceremony this evening, the building is fully functioning and ready to welcome its Little Giant Wrestling team.

The team will begin practicing in the new complex very soon and look to continue their success this late fall and winter with practices being held in their new home. When asked what this new facility means to the team, junior Riley Lefever said that, "I think the new Shelbourne Wrestling Complex really proves that Wabash Wrestling has solidified itself as a top tier wrestling program in the nation and also as one of the premier athletic teams on campus."

Over our much-needed winter break, the wrestling team was hard at work, training for their ultimate goal

of winning the NCAA DIII National Title. The Little Giants had two very decisive victories in Chicago at the University of Chicago Duals on January 2 against Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Lakeland College, and University of Chicago, with final tallies of 31-13, 32-9, and 42-9 respectively. Top performers from those meets include Connor Brumett '17 who knocked off two very notable opponents in his three total victories. In addition, Chris Diaz '19, wrestling at 125 pounds, and AJ Belden '18, wrestling at 133 pounds, both added victories in the first dual. In the second dual, big victories by senior Tim Locksmith and freshman Kellen VanCamp gave the Little Giants the boost they needed to secure the victory.

After a big weekend in Chicago, the Little Giants returned to Crawfordsville to prepare for arguably the biggest Duals of the season. The National Duals held in Fort Wayne host the best wrestling teams from around the nation and Wabash rose to the challenge. The Little Giants left the Duals with three victories and a second place finish overall. "This break helped our team realize that we can win a national title in March," Lefever said, "We took 2nd at National Duals in Fort Wayne, which means we are the 2nd best dual team in D3, still, not the best, which is where the team and coaches want to be, but it is a big step for our program and representing Wabash. It also gave us a great amount of confidence heading into the final training cycle heading into Nationals that will conclude



IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

The Shelbourne Wrestling Complex when it was in the final building stages.

in March." Top performers include Michael Venezia '16, Riley Lefever '17, Ethan Farmer '16, Brett Thumm '16, and Nick Bova '17.

Heading into the final meets of the season, all eyes are towards the title. The Little Giants wrestling team is determined to not let anything get in the way of their goals. "One of my favorite sayings we break down to after practice is '1,2,3 Teamwork, 4,5,6 Together'. The team has really

bought into the idea that we can win nationals and that we are right there," Lefever said. "I would say our mindset is set on a fun ending to our season with the National Championship trophy in our new Shelbourne Wrestling Complex."

The Little Giants' next meet is against Mount St. Joseph University on February 4, which will be held right here in Crawfordsville at 7 p.m. Come out and show your support!

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