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# **WALLIES BEHIND** THE INDY 500

'INDYCAR & THE LIBERAL ARTS' TO FEATURE USE OF LIBERAL ARTS IN CAREERS, ADVICE FOR STUDENTS

PATRICK BRYANT '16 I BUSINESS MANAGER • The 100th running of the Indianapolis 500 May 29 will capture the imagination of millions around the world. Putting on the largest single day sporting event is no easy feat.

"IndyCar & the Liberal Arts" will feature Wabash men associated with the race who will



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share their career stories, use of the liberal arts, and share advice in their execution of the "greatest spectacle in racing." The event

is sponsored by The Bachelor.

"I'm involved with a few of these (panels) every year and haven't been involved in one in 30 years that's as stacked as this one," said Curt Cavin (father of Quinn '19), a veteran sports writer for The Indianapolis Star. Cavin, in addition to his decades covering IndyCar and the 500, has written on "everything this

sports market has to offer." The panel will feature Mark Miles '76, President and CEO of Hulman & Company, the parent to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and Verizon IndyCar Series, team sponsors David '98 and Jonathan II Byrd '97, brothers and members of Jonathan Byrd's Hospitality and Restaurant Mark Miles '76

Group family, and their driver, Conor Daly, a two-time Indianapolis 500 starter.

"He's a rising star," Cavin said of Daly. The panel's moderator will be Chris Denari '83, the long-time turn 4 announcer for the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Radio Network

## **TRANSGENDER WALLIES? SENATE** SAYS'NO'

ADAM ALEXANDER '16 I EDITOR-IN-CHIEF. What does it take to be a Wabash man?

On Tuesday, Feb. 23, the Student Senate, in a near-unanimous vote, rejected a resolution which would have encouraged the Admissions Office to actively recruit transgender students to Wabash College. The resolution was rejected after the senators polled their constituents and determined the student body was not in support of the resolution. Still, the resolution made Wabash men talk about an issue which has seldom surfaced on campus.

The senator who introduced the resolution, Corey Leuters '19, was dismayed at the result, but said he plans to keep the conversation ongoing.

"Despite a unanimous vote against my resolution – besides myself because I had to abstain – I still remain hopeful," Leuters said. "It makes things harder that the majority of the campus is opposed to the idea of admitting transgender men on campus, but it only motivates me more to further



spread awareness and inform people on this. I don't believe this issue is closed for good, I believe that these are the beginning steps for the topic."

President Greg Hess said it is an emerging issue, and said we are nowhere near a resting point in the conversation about transgender students.

"It's early days," Hess said. "The College doesn't deal with hypotheticals. Our policy continues to be that we treat each student on an individual basis, based on the fact that we are a college for men in the state of Indiana. We are an educational institution, and in order to be a good educational institution, you've got to listen, and you've got to learn. But right now, the terrain is moving in multiple directions simultaneously, and so we view that it's best we continue to be good listeners at this point, and continue to

maintain our policy."

Leuters introduced the resolution after multiple conversations with his fellow members of 'shOUT, the College's gay, lesbian, transgender and straight student alliance. Leuters also met with multiple deans, professors, alumni, and student leaders to consult about the resolution. Ultimately, he decided it was an issue the College needed to address, because single-sex institutions in other states have



**Curt Cavin** 

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# HI-FIVES

**FIVE THINGS WORTHY** OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

### THANK YOU ADMINISTRATION

The Bachelor extends a heartfelt Hi-Five to the Wabash College administration for how it handled the events that shook the campus last week. With President Hess off campus, Dean Feller was left as the man in charge of the College as police officers converged upon her classic halls. Feller reacted quickly and efficiently, and working with fellow administrators, kept students out of any potential danger. We are very grateful to him and all of

### GOOD OL' INDIANA WEATHER

A Hi-Five goes out to the Indiana weather this week, as we have shifted from a mid-spring paradise last Saturday to a winter wonderland just 96 hours later. Nowhere else can you get the bro-tank sunburn on Saturday and then bundle up for snow midweek, then once again have the possibility of bringing out the tank, speakers and Cornhole the next Saturday again. Stay warm Wabash, for tomorrow Indiana weather will be sure to bring another surprise.

### **GOSSIP SQUIRREL**

The infamous Gossip Squirrel held a meet and greet outside of Sparks this Wednesday. Sadly, Wabash's most beloved rodent celebrity was upstaged by the police on campus.



### SOCIAL MEDIA GETS IT WRONG

Social media around Wabash lit up last week when police officers were spotted on campus. As it turned out, very few of the initial reports turned out to be correct. Facebook posts and Yik Yak comments were reporting the lockdown to be due to a local jailbreak, an armed student spotted on campus, and even a roaming tiger which had broken out of the zoo (what zoo?). The Bachelor prefers to stick to the facts, even if we aren't as fast as Twitter.

### THANKS BUSINESS OFFICE

Hi-Five to the Business Office for their gracious hospitality to two Bachelor staff members last Wednesday during the lock down. Thank you for opening your doors and refrigerators to the poor, stranded, hungry journalists who were separated from their lunches by the wide expanse of the Mall.

# **BRING YOUR DATES FOR RED VELVET**

MALCOLM X INSTITUTE MAKES ITS ANNUAL SOCIAL EVENT. RED VELVET. AN ALL-CAMPUS EVENT

#### **BRYCE BRIDGEWATER '19**

STAFF WRITER • The Malcolm X Institute for Black Studies will be holding its annual Red Velvet formal event this Saturday. However this year, MXI will be adding a special twist to the event.

"Red Velvet in the past has been us bringing in bands and musical acts, and we've sat down and eat and listened to them," MXI Public Relations chair Henry WebberHunt '18 said. But this year, we are doing something different and bringing in Jourdain Fisher for him to do stand up comedy."

Jourdain Fisher is a rising comedian that has been touring over the country for the past few months. Fisher is most known for his use of his life in his comedic sketches, and has opened for many famous comedians including Mike Epps, Tom Segura, D.L. Hugley, and Gary Gulman according to Fisher's Facebook page.

"We still want the dinner aspect to be apart of our formal, but we are also going to have something funny and more entertaining with the comedian," WebberHunt said.

With the added comedy night aspect, the club is hoping for a higher turnout among students on campus. The expected attire will be suit and tie for the students who are planning on attending the event. The formal is also not an exclusive MXI member event either.

"All students can show up to Detchon on campus and enjoy the night. We are all going to be dressed up in suit and ties as well," WebberHunt said.

For the MXI, the event is its biggest of the semester. Red Velvet is the spring comparison to the club's Xtacy event in the fall.

"It is one of the larger events that we put on. Red Velvet is one of the yearly events that we put on. It is what we are known for," WebberHunt said. "We are hoping for at least fifty people, but we would love for more of campus to be involved."

Jennifer Morgan, Senior Administrative Assistant for Professional Development and one of the faculty advisors for the event, said that "The event is February 27th at 7:30 p.m. in Detchon Hall."

The event should approximately take two hours with an after party following the event at 10 p.m.



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Comedian Jourdain Fischer will be performing at MXI's Red Velvet on Feb. 27.

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The Bachelor is a member of the Hoosier State and Indiana Collegiate Press Associations (HSPA and TV voice for the Indiana Pacers. Cavin said event attendees should realize the panelists "were in their seats" once before. He said the

event will be a great opportunity for him and his colleagues to share their stories and offer advice, to which a key dynamic of the group is its diversity in terms of background

and experience.

"On this panel are the top guys in their fields," Cavin said. "I think we bring a wide swath of sports influence.

fourth year as President and CEO of Hulman



previously serving seven years as the President and CEO of the notfor-profit Central Indiana Corporate Partnership. Miles served as Chairman of the Board of the host committee for Super Bowl XLVI in Indianapolis. From 1990 until 2005,

Miles was CEO of the Association

of Tennis Professionals and before that spent two years as an executive

director in corporate relations at Eli Lilly and Company. Miles also led the organizing body for the 1987 Indy Pan American Games. Denari, a



Chris Denari '83

member of the College's 1982 Division III National Championship basketball team, has announced for the Pacers on Fox Sports Indiana since 2006. He spent two years as the sports director at WXIN-TV, the Fox affiliate in Indianapolis. Denari has a long history at Butler University, spending 17 years as the radio play-by-play announcer for the basketball team as well as serving as an Assistant Athletic Director and Director of Sports Marketing.

David Byrd graduated from Wabash double majoring in philosophy and religion. He currently serves as Vice President

and Director of Operations for Byrd Hotel Group, based out of Arizona, and a business development

consultant for Ionathan Byrd's Hospitality and Restaurant Group, Indiana. David is a founder of Academia Church of Goodyear, AZ and involved as a TV host on the **Total Christian** Television Network.





Jonathan Byrd II '97



David Byrd '98

top-five finish in the race. Jonathan II lives in Greenwood and works on the business development side of the Jonathan Byrd's Hospitality and Restaurant Group.

Indianapolis 500 Champion, in a

Though not a Wabash graduate, Cavin said he lived in Crawfordsville for a time growing up. Cavin, a graduate of Franklin College said he looks forward to the opportunity to give back to some of the Wabash students like he's done with Franklin students.

"While I'm not a Wabash man, I've spent the last calendar year learning, investing monetarily, and I'm deeply invested in my son being here," Cavin said.

The event will be in Ball Theater, at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 11, and will be free and open to the public.

"I'm looking forward to meeting these young men and it's invigorating for me," Cavin said. "We think back to where we were and what it took to get here and it sparks me again."

# BEYOND EXPECTATIONS

### STUDENTS ARE MORE THAN SATISFIED WITH THE DORMITORIES IN WILLIAMS HALL

AHAD KHAN '19 | STAFF WRITER • This semester started off with a more than usual excitement for around 80 men of Wabash. Before the winter break, these men were exhilarated for the month-long holidays, but they were anticipating their return to



IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

campus with an even greater fervor. The students were going to shift to the new college housing from Martindale Hall – the oldest living unit on campus, frequently called the "Dirty 'Dale."

"Moving from Martindale to the new housing was a pain, because of having to move everything over the winter break into the storage but finally it was totally worth it," Ethan Shultz '19 said.

Construction crews worked throughout the winter holidays to accommodate the students' return to campus; they were allowed to move in immediately upon their

Although there are still some final touches with construction continuing in the hallways and outside the new buildings, the rooms are completely finished, along with the common areas which are attached to triple and quadruple rooms. The students who have shifted into the new housing said they like almost every aspect of it, from big shower faucets to high ceilings and adjustable air conditioning. From elevators to owning a little kitchenette right outside the room, the dorm experience has been greatly upgraded with the establishment of these

"The appliances that we have are very

useful. It feels a lot like home," Sawyer Donovan '19 said. The level of comfort in Williams and Rogge Halls is definitely a welcome change.

950 AM in 2005. That same year the

Byrds sponsored Buddy Lazier, 1996

A lot of students also noted their appreciation for their increased personal space. Whether the ones in single rooms or the ones in quads or triples, all suggested that their comfort levels had risen with having so much personal space. The attached bathrooms are another source of comfort, as students do not have to walk all the way outside their dorms to the hallway, and may simply stay where they are. The students noted that with the ease of having their own bathrooms, they could keep them all cleaned up without any difficulty.

The new housing is also very quiet, as students mostly remain inside their dorm rooms, and not much activity is to be observed in the hallways, unlike Martindale.

"Before moving here I used to spend a lot of time in the library studying because Martindale used to be noisy but now I've got my own big room and it's quiet," Hasan Iritija '19, who lives in a single room, said. In terms of dorm activity, many students said the social aspect of Martindale was much better because of everyone being in one single hall.

"One of the big things is that all doors shut automatically, so you just can't talk to people as they walk by," Shultz said.

Student interactions with one another were a lot more prevalent in Martindale than they are now, primarily because of the splitting of students into two buildings. However, some of the men also said that they liked and enjoyed being in quads and triples, as their interactions with a couple of other guys were further solidified.

"In a quad, all four of us interact a lot, but I haven't seen many people from last semester," Justin Raters '19 said.

Students expressed their concern about the construction to get finished as soon as possible.

"Construction is pretty loud and it makes me wake up early in the morning," William Robinson '19, who lives in Rogge Hall, said.

David Morgan, the Director of the Campus Services, said he expects the construction to be completed around May 1. Additionally, when asked about the completion of all the landscapes and sidewalks, he said that if the spring came in early and stayed mild, that side of the construction effort could be done by April or May. If not, it will be completed during the summer break.

already adopted progressive policies on the issue of transgender students.

"Wabash is kind of behind," Leuters said. "We look at institutions like Wellesley College, Mills College, Smith College, all same-sex institutions only accepting females, but all leading in the liberal arts scene. They all accept transgender applicants, and they only accept male-to-female transgender students, not female-to-male. So they accept any self-identifying female applicant, which is what I want to have done here at Wabash."

Wellesley, Mills, and Smith Colleges, however, are located in Massachusetts and California, states which are traditionally known as more liberal states than Indiana. The Indiana General Assembly has refused to legislate on the issue of transgender Hoosiers, despite efforts from interest groups such as Freedom Indiana. Wabash has a short history of providing civil rights protection by siding with Freedom Indiana, both on the issue of Indiana's proposed same-sex marriage ban of 2014 and

# "I have absolutely no regrets bringing forth the resolution."

**COREY LEUTERS '19** 

the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 2015. But the "T" in LGBT brings different questions than the issues of societal acceptance faced by same-sex marriage.

If Wabash were to admit transgender students, a legal battle could ensue which could result in the College being forced to become coeducational. This is because Wabash relies on a 1972 piece of civil rights legislation which allows the College to discriminate against women in the practice of admissions because Wabash has a tradition of admitting only males. Activists for the transgender cause argue that "males' could be extended to self-identified gender identity, but opponents argue that the clause, written in the 1970s, could never have been intended to support transgender protections. When legislation does not define its own terms, courts are instructed to turn to a dictionary to determine the meaning of the law. Indeed, most dictionaries define males and females by their reproductive capabilities, not by a claimed identity. However, a 2014 Indiana Court of Appeals case did rule that in certain circumstances,

a transgender individual can change the sex marked on his or her birth certificate. This could potentially suffice for a legal definition of male, but the issue is unresolved.

Hess acknowledged that the law on the issue is unclear, and he does not believe it is the College's responsibility to clarify the confusion.

"Society is evolving. The laws have not evolved so much, but perhaps their interpretations have, and obviously the regulations are changing," Hess said. "It's a world where those definitions don't always match up. We're not in a position to rewrite law, nor in a position to broadly interpret law as we see fit. And given that we are a college for men, and we have that as a historical basis, we have to stick to our historical standard while at the same time being an institution that is educational in nature, which means that we serve students first and we're very good listeners."

Hess said he was willing to entertain one hypothetical though. If presented with a Wabash student who chose to transition from male to female during their time at the College, Hess indicated he would support the student.

"You have to look closely at the laws of Indiana and the federal government," Hess said. "We would work closely with that student with their best interests in mind, once again being mindful of the laws of Indiana that provide our charter. We would have a thoughtful conversation with the student. Because ultimately, as we all know, Wabash's genuine interest is in the welfare of its students. If they're a student at the College, we will maintain that all the way through."

Leuters said he plans to bring another resolution to the Senate in the near future. He said he hopes his efforts will encourage students to think critically about an issue few have considered, despite the fact that his first resolution was rejected.

"I have absolutely no regrets bringing forth the resolution," Leuters said. "This is the beginning of a larger conversation. I am honestly surprise that it has gained the 'popularity' that it has – although it mostly seems controversial to others. But I'm happy that it's being discussed. "

Hess said he looks forward to the conversations the Wabash community will hold on the issue as it develops.

"We're an institution that places a high value on conversation and free speech," Hess said. "New issues emerge, so we have to be good listeners and participate, and make sure that everyone has a respectful presence and that they feel their voices can be heard. We've only just begun."



Student Senate voted nearly unanimously on Feb. 23 to strike down the student resolution on admitting transgender males into Wabash.



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## HISTORICAL DAY

**BENJAMIN WADE '17 I COPY EDITOR** 

As Wabash continues to move past the tragic events of last Wednesday, few answers have arisen to address a number of questions posed by the community. Many concerns from the students have been focused on the amount of information passed on from the College. "The only thing that's kind of strange about it is that campus didn't really tell us what was going on," said senior Chris Biehl, according to the Indianapolis Star. However, it appears that information had a hard time finding the College as well.

"Dean [of the College Scott] Feller got word at about 11:00 a.m that there was a potential public safety issue with regard to an employee, and I think the employee was named," said Chief of Staff and Director of Strategic Communications Jim Amidon '87. "Dean Raters was notified at about 11:40, and I got notified about 4 minutes later. So at about 11:40-ish, it became clear that there were gonna be a lot of police here really fast.'

The shelter-in-place order came approximately 20 minutes later, while the majority of the administration was still generally unaware of what was occurring.

However, this information asymmetry did not keep the College from acting.

"...our concern is first and foremost: keep the students safe, get them into a location where they can at least hunker down," Amidon said. "Within about two minutes, you couldn't see a student standing out on the mall."

While no immediate threat was ever present to students, every action of the day was geared towards protecting the community. Even the emails sent from Campus Security reflected this mentality. Though many students wanted more information, neither the school nor the authorities knew if the suspect was watching campus listservs for news or intelligence. If the situation had been any different or more severe, these actions could have provided key for campus safety.

It is easy to look back on events and see the many ways they could have gone better. However, we must keep in mind how they might have also gotten worse. The actions of the administration, the faculty, the staff, and inevitably the students were remarkable given the general lack of information available, and truly reflect the nature of this great college we call home.



Dean Feller led police officers across campus during the lockdown last week. It was the first time classes were canceled across campus since JFK's assassination.

## **DEALING WITH THE AFTERMATH**

**ZACHARY BLEISCH '18 | STAFF WRITER** 

• A little over a week has passed since Wabash College was put on lockdown due to the search for Mr. Hamilton. As the students of Wabash continue on to the road to recovery, the Counseling Center works to assist in any needs students and faculty may have. Kevin Swaim, the Director of the Counseling Center, has worked hard to be available to anyone in need. Both Swaim and Counselor Jamie Douglas have made a commitment to reach the Wabash Community.

"We are both on a heightened sense of awareness," Swaim said. Swaim said that some individuals may have a heightened reaction as a result of past experiences. "For example, if there was a group of people who had a previous trauma such as loss of life in an accident," Swaim said. "If we identify anybody in this group, we try to reach out and provide some assistance with normalization."

"The Counseling Center was staffed more in the days after the event, but we're not considering the need to be done because we know people in their own time may recognize things they need to come and talk to us over the next weeks," Swaim said. Swaim and Douglas have worked to be flexible in allowing time for meetings with students. "We schedule the times people can come in based on when they need to be seen and when we are able to see them,"

Swaim said. The Counseling Center allows walk-ins with no appointment from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m on Monday thru Thursday.

"There is not one event that everybody

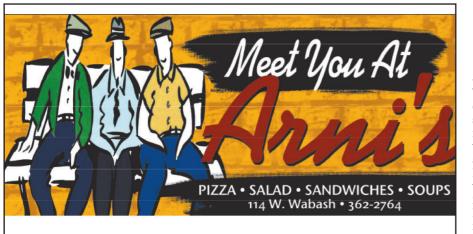


Kevin Swaim '83

suffered," Swaim said. "It could be linked to a previous trauma." This can cause a variation in responses between individuals. "Therefore, there isn't a few things we can tell people to help get over it," Swaim said. "Each person will

deal with what they were exposure was in a unique way." Swaim also said that reactions are still normal even if they are different than other people's reactions. "Since the event, we've had students talking to students and students talking to faculty and staff," Swaim said. "And that's a great way to normalize and understand the range of reactions."

The Counseling Center is located in the basement of the Chapel, and is willing to talk to anybody in need. The Center can be contacted through email or phone to make an appointment, or by walking-in from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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# **OPINION**

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

any people could speak or write more eloquently and more insightfully than I could on the events that transpired during on the morning and afternoon of February 17. And so I will not attempt to make sense of the senseless or provide commentary on things that I cannot understand.

Instead, I write to urge the community to take notice of what happened Wednesday night.

When you are immersed in the Wabash community on a daily basis it can be difficult to appreciate the College for what makes it different besides admission being restricted



Alex Robbins '13

to men. What makes the Wabash community uncommon is the willingness to be different in its actions. Perhaps a better way to describe it is an unwillingness to do something because it's what other

places and people would do.

If you polled faculty and students at other colleges and universities, gave them a hypothetical using the events of Wednesday, and told them they were going to play a game that night, the ones who didn't call you crazy would have told you it was inappropriate.

But for Wabash, it could not have been more right. Watching that game — the effort from the men on the floor, the dedication from the men in the stands — from home was assurance that the College and people that I love so much are going to be fine.

When you leave Wabash, it

doesn't take much time looking at the community from the outside to realize that things like playing that game, things that seem normal to those immersed in it, are not commonplace. And it is in those moments that are so Wabash that alumni can become even prouder of their alma mater than they were the day before, even on the darkest of days.

In Wabash,

Alex Robbins '13

## STARTING THE CONVERSATION

abash, by now 1 III sure that you are aware that, abash, by now I'm sure this past week in Senate, a shOUT representative introduced a resolution in regards to the admission of female to male transgender students to the college. While the resolution was ultimately defeated, there are other things to be gained from this than merely the symbolic support that would have come from the resolution.

Ultimately, I consider these events successful, in that we are now having conversations about trans identity, and how that translates into being a Wabash Man. We can pontificate all day about what being a Wabash Man entails, but I think all can agree that there's more to our experience here than our collective Y chromosomes. Wabash College is the Liberal Arts College for men, not males, which is a significant but tricky distinction.

For those wondering, male refers to someone's physiology-the presence of a Y chromosome, and all of the biological implications thereof- while man refers to someone's gender-



Cramer '17

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which is one of the most subjective concepts I've encountered, and is generally informed from a cultural perspective. For many folks, this is fairly straightforward in practice, to the point that it's taken for grantedthey're cisgender, meaning their physiology and gender 'match' in some way; being male and identifying as a man, for instance. However, for other folks, things aren't so simple. When someone's gender doesn't match their physiology, they're transgender. Specifically, the folks who have female physiology but consider themselves male are the subject of this conversation, from

my perspective.

Interestingly enough, Indiana's laws do not recognize trans identity. This means that male-to-female students would have no problems at Wabash, despite the fact that they've clearly decided being men is not in the cards. On the flip side, though, female-to-male students would cause problems with our staying a single gender school. Because legally we are a single sex school.

Had this resolution been passed, the student body would be vocalizing support for the notion that identity is more important than physiology. I would also like to see the college take steps to work with trans students to resolve these situations. But I don't see not passing this resolution as a denial of that notion. It all boils down to respecting others' right to self determine, and because we are all, in our own way, working on being Wabash Men, we jealously guard the right to use that label.

For some of us, the facts of this resolution, like trans identity, Indiana's laws, and the College's

policies are unclear. I know in some ways, the legal technicalities are fairly unclear still, and we at 'shOUT will be doing our best to fully understand the broader implications of what we thought would be a simple request. I hope that this article helps explain some, and I understand completely that this type of change comes slowly.

However, I am here to remind everyone that we are no longer dealing in hypotheticals. The question is not "what will we do if a trans student applies," it is "what do we do when a trans student applies." These questions are ones that I believe Wabash should answer on our own terms, and I'll happily be involved in the asking. We live in a chaotic world, and if we don't act now or soon, I fear we will be stripped of the luxury of deciding if and when and how a trans applicant will do with Wabash College. In front of the rest of the world, I'd like to see us display internal unity and policies in line with our mission statement's imperative to live humanely.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

never met Lu Hamilton. I had never even heard of him before last week.

As I went to sleep last Wednesday night, the voice in my head was asking: "Who is Wabash? What is Wabash?" The answer was boring but right in my face: our mission statement. "Wabash educates men to think critically, act responsibly, lead effectively, and live humanely."

To begin, I would like to suggest a particular interpretation of that mission statement. I do not see the statement as a simple list of things Wabash educates men to do. Rather, those tenets should be considered holistically because they pervade each other.

When a Wabash man does anything, he must think: "Step 1: think critically.' In order to choose to act responsibly, lead effectively, or live humanely in any situation, you must be thinking critically.

So, as a community of people with integrity, we must process the Lu Hamilton tragedy with our mission in mind.

We must absolutely not try and forget Lu Hamilton, although doing so would make it much easier on us.



Peter Robbins '12

It makes me think of that famous photograph of Stalin with one of his henchmen, later doctored out of the photo after Stalin disposed of him. We could dispose of memories of Lu by sending them to the Siberias of our minds. But if we do that, we will not learn from his tragedy. We must talk about him, and impress upon each other how a person can change, and how feelings can marinate, and what a man's emotions, insecurities and illnesses can push him to do under the worst of circumstances.

As the community of Wabash, we could have helped Lu. He had worries that other people have. Many of us have had moments on the brink of emotional, financial, physical, or other

illness, and the support of our Wabash family has helped us get back on track. But Lu did not seek our help, at least not as much as he should have.

That senseless killing of two innocent souls could not have been a crime "in the heat of passion," as they say. It was premeditated, the evil result of years and years of emotional fermentation, building up pressure as his exterior person seemed normal enough. Years and years neglecting the mission of the College he represented and the diploma he held.

All he would have had to do was to think critically one time and this would not have happened.

It is sobering to wonder: "How short was Lu's transition from the man whose reputation and talents got him a job in the development office to the man who died a wretched murderer?"

Lu's is a lesson in humanity, and however brutal it may be, as the College that we proclaim to be, it is a compulsory lesson for we, the community of Wabash, to reflect upon.

What went through Lu's mind when he read or heard or preached our mission statement? "Yeah sure whatever"? "Just a trite marketing tactic"? "Platitudes"?

What goes through your mind when you hear or read or preach our mission statement?

Those words were chosen for a reason. They mean something. And even before that sentence was invented, Wabash men have been expected to live that way, for the mission statement is merely an embodiment of what Wabash is all about. We must always always remember what those words mean, whether that is by using that mission statement or some other way.

You are either a Wabash man, or you are not.

Lu Hamilton was a man of Wabash. Forevermore, that will be a painful truth.

But he was no Wabash man. Still, redacting him from the yearbooks in our minds would be just as frivolous as doing so in the yearbooks in the Lilly library.

So let's be the people who we say we are. Let's honor the slain by buttressing our brotherhood, and by making a promise to always be ready to help, and, just as importantly, to always seek help when we need it.

Let's think critically. Let's be brothers. Let's be Wabash.

# DEFENDING WABASH'S NATURE

abash has always prided itself of its character as a college for men. It is an institution that has been dedicated to educating young men to think critically, act responsibly, and lead effectively. To this end, the Gentleman's Rule embodies the very source of the word "virtuous," which in Latin comes from the word vir (meaning man, as in human male specifically not as in human general). Our school centers its entire image, culture, and unique identity not on exclusion of women, but on the service to cultivating brotherhood and authentic manhood.

Because of this, it seems highly disruptive to the culture of a maleonly education for the student body to support a current cultural trend that supports confusion of gender. Furthermore, it is unproductive to push for the admittance of women who claim to be men, not only because it would cease to make Wabash an allmale school, but it would utterly distort the nature of authentic manhood on campus.

Logistically speaking, there would



Audie Kaufman '17

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be a major change in living units, bathrooms, showers, sports, culture, fraternities, and recruitment. At what point is a line drawn, and how is corruption prevented to stop a young lady from lying about her "perceived gender" in order to attend our renowned college? How can the administration handle any such woman who does so and authenticate the false claim? Will the fraternities, religious organizations, sports, etc. that disagree full-heartedly with this move and its implications be forced into silence about their disagreement? Will quotas of transgender students now be a

recruitment goal of the college to "get with the times," or will we continue to recruit students who we believe actually characterize Wabash's identity on merit and academia?

The college admits men not because it finds women to be incapable of higher learning, devalues the feminine, or somehow finds the nature of woman lacking, but because it finds the best way to teach men is alongside other men. To the same degree, the college does not admit women who dress in men's styles and have stereotypic conceptions that manhood means beer and sports.

Our school, men of Wabash, is one of three places left in the United States that remains all-male, despite pressures over the decades, because it exists for the very essence of brotherhood. That brotherhood exists due to the very nature of our experience grounded in and shaped by our biological masculinity that sets us apart, but not above, women. Once we make one move to change this standard, it will compromise what manhood means at this institution and we will never

recover from that.

To claim that because a woman dresses like a man, is into "tom boy" activities, and maybe even looks like a man makes her a man is an insult to the very nature of manhood and womanhood (in saying women cannot do these things or look that way). In the same way none of us will ever be able to identify with what struggles, joys, and sentiments women go through, how would a woman be able to know what it means to be a man simply because she conforms to male gender stereotypes? Manhood is not something defined by the surface appearance of midwestern male stereotypes, but of the very intrinsic nature of our genetics which leads to our unique experience of the world and fosters specific expressions

Wabash College is a liberal arts school for men. It is not now, nor meant to be, a coed school in all but name. To this end, we should stand against resolutions before the Student Senate for the Body's unnecessary support of admittance for females who incorrectly identify as males to our Scarlet Halls.

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# CAVELike

## **UPPERCLASSMEN LEAD GRAD SCHOOL ADVICE PANEL**

BRENT BREESE '19 | STAFF WRITER • Wabash men do exceptionally well in graduate school and go on to lead in their fields, whether it be research, education, or pursuing justice. Three Wabash gentleman, Korbin West '16, Derek Andre '16, and Shane Xuan '17, held a panel discussion yesterday detailing their application process and experiences at Wabash that have led them to seek postgraduate education.

Shane Xuan, a Political Science and Mathematics double major, plans on pursuing graduate studies in Political Science, specifically in Methodology. "People tend to think of Political Science as not a true science, and that it is solely qualitative," Xuan said. "However, a current trend is that Political Science is becoming more and more quantitative, requiring the use of statistics and data." Xuan believes that his extensive experience in Mathematics will aid him significantly in Methodology, which in many ways is purely a blend of his two majors. Ultimately, Xuan's goals are to act as a middleman between the mathematicians and political scientists, helping to determine that the data and statistics they use are correct. Xuan was accepted to UC San Diego, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and Washington University.

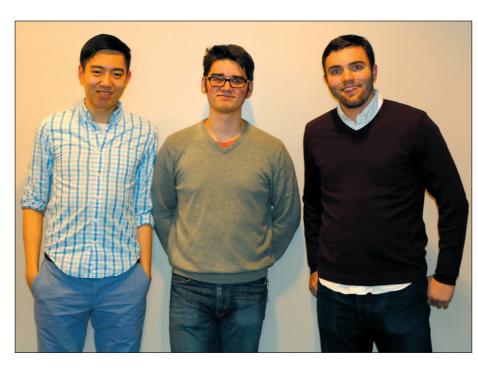
Derek Andre is a Pre-Law Political Science major planning on attending law school, but is unsure at the moment of what sort of law he would like to practice. Andre said that the LSAT exam was extensive and time-consuming. "I arrived at the testing site at about 11:30 a.m," Andre said. "Änd I didn't leave until 6:30 that evening." The LSAT is a hugely important factor for any aspiring lawyer, and definitely determined many of Andre's plans after Wabash. Law school in general is driven by the numbers according to Andre, which makes it very unique from other graduate schools. "An internship would certainly have made my application stronger but I did not require nearly the amount of field-work and laboratory time that my colleagues did," Andre said. So far, Andre has been accepted to Duke, NYU, the University of Chicago, and Columbia.

Korbin West is a Chemistry and

Mathematics double major planning on attending graduate school in Chemistry. He plans on pursuing a PhD and teaching at the collegiate level while doing research. Currently, West serves as a QSC tutor, which heavily influenced his choice of education as a career. When describing the qualifications that came with the application process, West said, "Without any internships or lab experience, it would be very rough to get accepted." West has pursued internships through alumni connections here at Wabash. Preparing extensively for tests was also a major contributor to the application process. West logged many hours reviewing and studying his old notes. "For anyone interested in attending grad school, you have to keep your old notes and organize them," West said. West also inquired heavily among professors as far as choice of graduate schools, and help with his resume. West stresses that starting early and being proactive helped him immensely. West is currently considering Purdue, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, University of Wisconsin at Madison, and Yale.

The three panelists all reflected that Wabash has prepared them excellently for graduate school, both academically and in professional experience.

Particularly, the law school preparation courses have been a great benefit to Pre-Law students like Andre. Between the LSAT boot camp and the experience of Visiting Associate Professor of Political Science Scott Himsel '85, Andre feels very confident about his chances in law school. "Professor Himsel has read every single thing I've submitted, edited everything I've written for an application." Andre said. For West, the involvement and experience of Wabash's academic staff has been equally as helpful. West has also made it a habit to have several professors review and edit almost everything he put in his application. In Xuan's case, he believes your professional preparation at Wabash depends on your self-motivation. "Career Services is a great place to start when searching for grad schools, but it's up to you how far you want to go," Xuan said. "Talk to your professors.



LEVI GARRISON '18 / PHOTO

Shane Xuan '17, Korbin West '16, and Derek Andre '16 hope to pass along advice on the graduate school application process.

Especially if they are younger, the process of applying is fresh in their minds." Additionally, the ability for Wabash's staff to accommodate Xuan's double major allowed him to have an edge in the competition for acceptance to graduate schools.

Academically, these three Little Giants are superbly confident in their abilities and believe the long hours of studying have paid off. For Xuan, as a junior graduating early, he was forced to take extensive independent studies and prepared individually for certain classes he could not take. His professors were confident in his ability to prepare and he has no doubt he will succeed in graduate school. For Andre, he subscribes to the belief that Wabash is harder than law school. "The old adage goes, it's harder to get in than to get out," Andre said. He believes that Wabash has given him the tools to participate and do the best that he can. West trusts in the fact that these excellent graduate schools have accepted him is a testament to his

abilities in the classroom. "No one can be truly sure about their performance after Wabash, but "even if there is a subject I don't know, professors here expect you to learn material on the fly," West said. "If you give me a crash course in something unfamiliar, I'm confident I can learn it within a few weeks and be just as proficient as the next guy."

Xuan advises underclassmen to have a long-term timeline and to have backup plans. Andre added that "Underclassmen need to take their GPA seriously. A lot of the time it is the single most important factor in your acceptance into graduate school." Lastly for West, it is all about preparation. "You need to start early and be very organized," West said. We should all be proud of our brothers going on to spread the fame of Wabash's honored name. Like true Little Giants, these men are more than happy to help any and all students even considering graduate studies and want to see us all succeed after Wabash.

# **ALUM CAPTURES SPOTLIGHT**

## PACHECO BRINGS HEART TO HOLLYWOOD

**CHARLES FREY '19 | STAFF** WRITER • Lights. Camera. Action. One of Wabash's very own has hit it big time, and he won't be leaving the silver screen anytime soon. Reynaldo Pacheco '06 was on campus Saturday night where the college screened his latest movie, "Our Brand is Crisis." It is a political comedy based on a documentary of the same name. It follows American campaign strategist Jane Bodine (Sandra Bullock) as she attempts to help Pedro Castillo (Joaquim de Almeida) win the presidency in the 2002 Bolivian election. Pacheco played the role of Eddie, a volunteer for the Castillo campaign that Jane is working for.

Born and raised in La Paz, Bolivia, Pacheco felt strong ties to his homeland while filming the movie. "The script was very important to me," Pacheco said.
"I was devastated to see what was happening in Bolivia, in the world... I've always been aware of politics. You have to be to be connected as an artist. What this film has done for me, it has made me more...scared. Strange things were happening. We were getting phone calls from the real characters. Strange people were showing up on set. We were all very protected... It was just politics." Even with just a supporting role, Pacheco received a call from the man Castillo's character represented in the movie, Gonzalo Sánchez de Lozada. Pacheco's Eddie soon became a fan favorite, although initially he was a minor character.

In an early screening of the film, Eddie was voted the "best

character" by the viewing audience. "We added a lot more scenes," Pacheco said. "In the ending, I was supposed to die. I think it was too intense, maybe, for some of the viewers." Luckily for Pacheco, Eddie became an integral part of the movie, guiding Jane through her cynicism and hypocrisy, as well as providing comic relief in a party scene. Jack Rico from NBC News is even quoted saying, "Reynaldo Pacheco is the beating heart in 'Our Brand is Crisis.'

And indeed he was.

Not only is he the "beating heart" in the movie, but in real life as well. Humble and calm, Pacheco is passionate about politics and world events. He graduated from Wabash with a B.A. in French and theater, with a minor in political science. "I think Wabash, in a way, gave me that ability to see different stories, different humanities, because of the liberal arts education" Pacheco said. "There's also a lot, a lot of reading."

Moving forward, Pacheco has had one big project he has been working on recently.

"In two weeks I will release The Fall, which is a song that I created for Warner Brothers. The song is a reminder that there are people out there with this situation, and it's going to be connected to a nonprofit organization so people can start signing petitions and following different ways to finding a voice." Pacheco said.

You can keep up with Pacheco's progress on social media. His Twitter handle is @reynaldoandres and his Instagram profile is @reynaldo\_pacheco.



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Pacheco '06 at the premiere of 'Our Brand is Crisis'.

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## WALLIES ASCEND HEIGHTS

WRITER • Winter has finally come in full force and with it, many students have probably begun taking shelter within their fraternities or residence halls, and a general state of slothfulness has ensued. The short number of daylight hours can make it hard for people to find the motivation to get out there and exercise. Fortunately, the members of the Climbing Club have found the cure for such seasonal blues and extend

it to anyone interested in joining.

Originally founded last year, the Climbing Club was started with the goal of making it possible for students to engage in the activity they love despite the minor hurdle of living in an entirely flat state. The club is funded by Wabash College to go on weekly trips to climbing gyms in the area. All of the equipment, admissions costs, and even the food afterward is covered by the school. "We are basically a student activities club that allows students to have fun together and promote campus unity. Our club has a variety of members from all different ethnicities," said President

Jade Doty '18.

After going on their first climbing experience with the club last year, President Jade Doty and Vice President Jason Vanmeter were hooked on the sport. They spent the entire summer climbing, and returned to Wabash in the fall with hopes to increase the club's size. After a successful first semester, Jade and Jason still have their eyes to the future and would like to see the club go on longer trips to Kentucky and Colorado. They also would like to begin competing in local climbing competitions, and perhaps even collegiate competitions with fellow Indiana schools. "We don't want to see Climbing Club die, and hopefully as our involvement grows it will make our more long term goals, like out of state trips and competitions, possible," Doty said.

To join the climbing club on their next exploit, simply email Jade about your interest. The club has a trip every Driday, and the trips only take about three hours. So join today and step outside of your comfort zone, even if it is warm in there.

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## **WINTER PLAY PREMIERES**

**GRIFFIN LEVY '17 I STAFF** WRITER • From February 24th to the 27th, the men of the Wabash College Theatre Department will once again take the stage for a production of Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead by Tom Stoppard. Dr. James Cherry, Associate Professor of Theater, directs the production. The last production Dr. Cherry directed was spring of 2014, when he directed Macbeth. In a similar style, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead is a production based on two minor characters from Hamlet, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern, and follows their wacky adventures through the world of Shakespeare. Along the way, they meet an interesting group of performers who begin to make Rosencrantz and Guildenstern question their existence and the purpose of their lives. The show is funny, but has a deep dark meaning behind it as well and captures some of our greatest fears and secrets. The cast list is as follows:

Jared Cottingham '18: Rosencrantz Quinn Cavin '19: Guildenstern Donovan Whitney '16: The Player Rory Willats '17: Hamlet Nathan Muah '18: Alfred/Player Oueen/ Gertrude

Noah Eppler '16: Claudius/Tragedian Zachary Anderson '18: Fortinbras/



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Members of the cast in costume.

Player King/Tragedian

Brennan Davenport '19: Horatio/ Fauxencrantz/Guard/Tragedian

Griffin Levy '17: Ambassador/ Fakenstern/Guard/Tragedian

Tucker Mark '16: Laertes/Solider/ Tragedian

Dan McCarthy '17: Polonius/ Tragedian

Methuselah Gee '16: Prisoner/ Tragedian

Megan Prichard: Ophelia

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## **DELTA TAU DELTA RECOLONIZES AT WABASH**

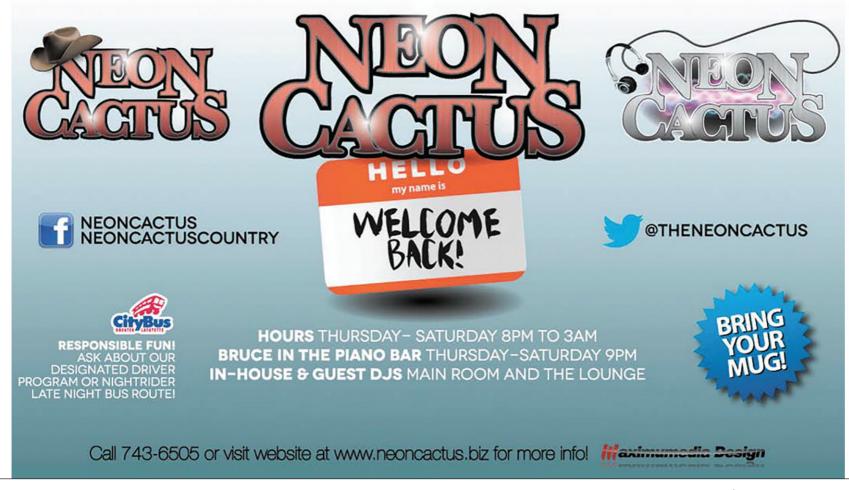






COLIN THOMPSON '17 / PHOTO SPREAD

Clockwise from top left. New Delta Tau Delta colonists sit together in the Chapel during the post initiation presentation. The colonists stand proud at the front of the Chapel after being initiated. Zach Campbell '18 and Reno Jamison '17 stand with the Delta Tau Delta flag after the initiation ceremony. Campbell and Jamison are the new colony's Vice President and President respectively. The new colony has 69 members and boasts an average grade point average of 3.36.



# **SPORTS**

# A SEASON TO REMEMBER

**MASON ASHER '18 | STAFF WRITER** 

• By most standards at Wabash, the basketball team would have been said to have had a down year. While they finished 13-13, that may be the case, but if you look at the whole picture you could say that the season was a success.

"We are always going to have high expectations and high hopes," Wabash head coach Kyle Brumett said. "The culture at Wabash is to aim high and to put the work in to deserve the success. I think our team did a good job of continuing to improve and grow in certain areas, I hope we also grew from the adversity and the low points."

The Little Giants had a win over DePauw. They defeated the #10 ranked team in the country when they took down Ohio Wesleyan. Wabash placed third in the Lee Pfund Classic and they made it to the conference tournament.

Only having three seniors on the roster in Austin Burton, Marcus Kammrath, and Daniel Purvlicis could have pointed to bad things for a team with 13 freshmen but it did not. The group of seniors provided leadership all year long and led them to the conference tournament.

"They improved every week," Brumett said. "They gave us more than we probably should have or could have asked for. You start with John (Jager) he is a potential all-conference player and the other guys had huge contributions too. Ben Stachowski '19 if he could have played a full season without injury and progresses like we anticipates he needs too with Evan Frank '19 and Duncan Roy '19, all those guys are potential 1000 point scorers."

Purvlicis was the senior on the court who contributed the most throughout his time at Wabash with many top-20 spots on the career leader board and on the season leader board as well. This fact was highlighted by Purvlicis being third on the career leader board in blocked shots, blocked shots average, games started, and rebounds. Purvlicis also is part of the 1000 point club with 1389 career points which ranks ninth all time.

"It was easy to see what kind of leader and what Dan meant to our program was," Brumett said. "Dan leads with great work ethic as a student and he is in the best shape coming in. He is a really good player and it is really easy to see what kind of leader Dan has been for this program."

Burton also was an impact player during his time at Wabash. Burton owns the sixth



JACOB FERGUSON '18 / PHOTO

Daniel Purvlicis '16 goes up high for a rebound in a home conference game against Ohio Wesleyan University. Purvlicis was one of three senior leaders for the 2015-2016 Wally ballers.

most made 3-point field goals in his time at Wabash, but that was also with being a starter for just two years. With what Burton did on the court, he may have been more beneficial off the court as a leader.

"Our young guys immediately took to Austin's personality," Brumett said. "Austin's nickname with our freshmen was 'Dad' and they looked to him for approval in a lot of ways. He did a really good job of taking on the internal leadership with the young guys."

Kammrath did not fill up the stat sheet, but he did do things that are not noticed. Kammrath came in as a freshman and played in 26 games to help the team and kept improving year after year. Kammrath was the big guy in the middle that no one wanted to mess with, standing 17th on the career blocks list.

"Kammrath's basketball improvement has been huge since we got here," Brumett

said. "He took himself more seriously as a player and basketball has become more important to him. He played really well in the last two games but you cannot really measure his statistics with the impact he had on his teammates. He lightens the mood and he was a really good complement to my demeanor and personality. Our young guys loved that."

Despite losing these three seniors, the future is bright as the Little Giants will return one senior, a junior, and thirteen sophomores. Both CJ McMann '17 and Zach Patton '18 will be the upper class leaders of the team. Wabash will return six players that played major time and three sophomores that started all year long. One of the best recruiting classes in Wabash history will be moving up to sophomores and welcoming in a new group of freshmen.

"We put a lot of pressure on Zach to kind of bridge the gap from seniors to freshmen," Brumett said. "I think his injury slowed him down and he will have to continue to grow. CJ did not even get to play until December because of the football team. It was not even until the end of January until he got some regular minutes."

The legacy that these seniors left on the table at Wabash has rubbed off on the freshmen and the returning players will have to implement the leadership and success onto recruiting classes down the line to instill the success that coach Brumett and Pat Sullivan want here at Wabash.

"You cannot assume success in one year will translate to the next," Brumett said. "My job and coach Sullivan's job is now to go out and recruit the right Wabash men and those guys will have to integrate themselves into our team. Many different people will have responsibility and then we will just have to see what kind of team we grow into."

## DEPAUW BATTLE AN INSTANT CLASSIC

**WILLIAM KELLY '18 I SPORTS** 

WRITER • The 209th meeting between the Wabash College and DePauw University basketball teams may very well have been the longest and most exciting. In front of 975 fans, Wabash dropped a 114-110 triple overtime thriller to the Tigers.

The Little Giants trailed 49-44 at the end of the first half before falling behind by as many as 10 points with 5:47 left to play in regulation. Wabash whittled the DePauw (8-16, 4-13 NCAC) lead to four points off baskets by Ben Stachowski 19 and Daniel Purvlicis 16 along with a free throw by Johnny Jager '19. The Purvlicis jumper in the paint brought the margin to 90-86 with 2:17 remaining in the second half in favor of DePauw. The two teams traded baskets before Austin Burton '16 buried a three-pointer to bring the score to 92-89. Stachowski followed with a game tying three-pointer to even the score at 92-92 with 53 seconds left to play. Neither team scored for the remainder of the half, bringing forth the first overtime.

"By giving up 49 points in the first half, we let them [DePauw] get confident and

comfortable," Wabash head coach Kyle Brumett said. "That's not who we are. We are built on defense, and we've been defending pretty well. I'll have to go back and watch the film."

Momentum was on the Little Giants side heading into the first overtime. Stachowski started the scoring with a lead off bucket to put Wabash up 94-92. Then, Logan White '19 contributed a huge block, followed by an even bigger basket at the other end. From that point, Wabash would try to fend off the Tigers, but DePauw would mount a scoring effort to eventually tie the game up at 98-98 at the end of the first overtime.

The energy from the Wabash fans stayed at a consistent high to begin the second overtime. With fatigue mounting, each team had fallen into the double bonus and would utilize the free throw line down the stretch. Wabash trailed 105-100 with 48 seconds to play in the overtime. DePauw seemingly had the game won, when the Little Giant fought back with a timely Jager three-pointer, followed by a Stachowski bobbling layup to tie the game at 105-105.

Entering the third overtime, both

teams were bordering on exhaustion. Wabash struck first with a Stachowski jumper, but was quickly answered by a DePauw layup to knot the game up for the 11th time, 107-107. DePauw nailed a timely three-point basket with 1:37 to play in the third overtime. Wabash would fight back to bring the score to 112-110 off of a Jager three-point basket with under 30 seconds left to play. However, Jager's game-tying pull up jumper with six seconds left fell away from the basket. DePauw snatched the rebound, added two late free throws and won the game.

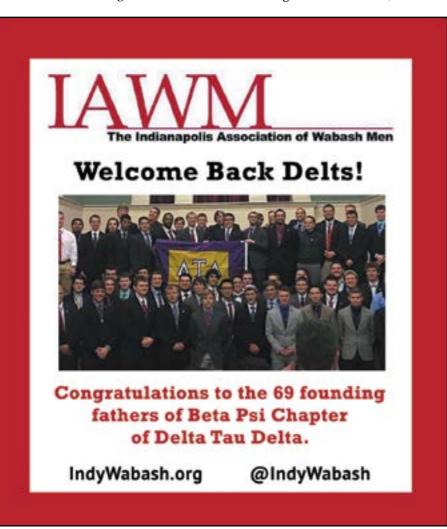
The host Tigers finished 42-of-83 from the field, with most of the shots coming from Luke Lattner '16. The guard scored a game-high 55 points to set a new North Coast Athletic Conference record, eclipsing the mark of 50 set by Ohio Wesleyan's Scott Tedder in 1987. Lattner also grabbed 10 rebounds. Cris Burrogh added 21 points.

Jager led the Little Giants in the scoring column with a career-high 32 points. Stachowski tallied 19 points, while Evan Frank chipped in with 14 and Austin Burton added 13.



JACOB FERGUSON '18

Johnny Jager '19 was a bright spot for the Little Giants with 32 points at DePauw.





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# IN THEIR ELEMENT

JOEL JANAK '19 I STAFF WRITER • As playoff time is approaching for the Wabash College Little Giants wrestling team, the team continues to ride the end of the season quite well. In the last two competitions, the Little Giants have came out on top both times. The team is fortunate to host the Midwest Regional for the third straight season. "It's a huge advantage to try and qualify for the National Tournament in your own facility," Head Coch Brian Anderson said. With the huge end of the season the team is currently having, the Little Giants have high expectations for the Regional this weekend. Last year, the team sent five guys to the National Championships. The three Lefever brothers all won their respective weight classes. Coach Anderson and the team does not expect anything less this upcoming week. "We have high expectations for this weekend, hopefully send all ten qualifies to the National Championships," Coach Anderson said.

With the off week last week, the team should be ready to go. "The guys had a great week of training last week and will get a nice taper week in this week, so everyone should be feeling rested and ready for battle this Saturday," Coach Anderson said. The wrestling team has really slowed down this week to focus on resting their bodies for Saturday. They do not want to see one of their top guys go down due to a silly injury during taper week. Not only was coach excited about this week, but he also went into detail about the results for this Saturday. He believes his team is talented enough that if all ten guys wrestle to their potential, the fans should see a lot of red at the top of the leaderboard.

The Midwest Regional happens to be the hardest of the six regionals at the Division III level. That should not stop the Little Giants from performing to their best of their ability. The top teams that are going to be at the Regional with the Little Giants will include

Wisconsin-La Crosse and Wisconsin-Whitewater. Both Wisconsin schools have very strong wrestling programs. They also happen to be two of the top three teams from last year's Regionals, so the Little Giants may encounter some similar faces this year. Coach Anderson stressed the importance of beating these two teams saying, "If our guys wrestle to their ability and if each individual does what he needs to, the regional title will happen." The team has proven that throughout the year; however, the results will be determined by whether or not they will fulfill this request from Coach Anderson. I spoke with freshman Chris Diaz earlier about this weekend's hosting of the Regional and he said, "It's going to be an exciting weekend and I think we're going to perform really well as a team. Everyone should come out and see us, Little Giants perform this weekend at Chadwick. "Diaz '19 has had a fantastic freshmen year, wrestling at the 125 pound weight class. He has

proved a lot of doubters wrong and has a big future for Wabash College wrestling program for the next three years.

The team sent five to Nationals last year and finished third out of 55 teams. They also had a repeat national champ in Riley Lefever '17 at the 184 pound weight class. Connor Lefever '16 and Ethan Farmer '16 also scored points for the Little Giants which helped them finish as high as they did. In that, it goes to show how successful the program has been and will continue to be for years to come. The Regional at Wabash College this weekend is just another stepping stone for the team to hopefully be National Champions in March. The Little Giants would love a huge crowd at Chadwick on Saturday. This would be the third year in a row the squad could potentially send individuals to the National Championships. The entire campus has faith the team is going to represent Wabash College well and come out on top.

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Riley Lefever '17 looks across the mat at his opponent in a home match at Chadwick Court. The DIII Regional Championship will be in Knowling Fieldhouse this weekend.

# **SPORTS**

# **GRASPING THE GRUNT**

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• Put yourself in a stadium filled with nicely dressed civilians eager to spectate the most graceful form of athletic art known. A talent so majestic that it is oddly serene when the howl of a natural born competitor expels a shout of such grace and ferocity that it sends shivers down the spines of those in attendance. A soft fluorescent ball being launched back and forth in perfect rhythm with the exuberant cries that are released with every effort to send this golden sphere past the opponent. This is tennis.

Tennis would not be the sport it is without arguably the most recognizable aspect of the sport: the tennis grunt. Made famous by supreme athletes like the Williams sisters, Roger Federer, and Novak Djokovic, the grunt has became a huge topic of question within the realm of sports for the debate over whether such a frightful cry is necessary when playing this sport. To inquire a little further about this highly sought after answer, I took to the expansive campus of Wabash College in search of experts on the tennis grunt. I ventured for days and nights, through the ever-changing hormonal Indiana weather across an entire city block of Crawfordsville, IN to find the experts I was hoping to find. Holed up in the Collett Tennis Center, avoiding the hazardous outside conditions, the team of Little Giants were hard at work perfecting every aspect of their game: forehand, backhand, serve, and grunt.

After speaking with these masters of the tennis grunt, I quickly realized there was much more to this phenomenon than I could have ever imagined. There is much to consider when staring in the eyes of your opponent, different tactics and strategies, methods and habits. After further research, I came to a few generalizations about our own masters of the grunt. The best grunts of the Little Giant team belong to Michael Makio '17 and Head Coach Jason Hutchison. Makio, a junior from Carmel, Indiana has spent years developing his distinct grunt. In the words of his junior teammate Harrison Schafer, "Makio has a smooth, elongated 'eh.' It even varies from stroke to stroke." Makio commented on his own grunt, "I think I am the only one on the team that has a distinct grunt, but Coach Hutchison has a mean grunt. He sounds like a ravenous lion after every shot he hits." I looked deeper within the team to determine if it is true if Coach Hutchison has a truly frightful grunt. Sophomore George Go said, "Coach has the greatest grunt. Every time I play against him, I start to tremble in fear.'

After coming to the conclusion that Coach Hutchison has the most intimidating battle cry, I wanted to know why his grunt was the best. To do this, I had to determine what the true purpose of the grunt is. "It is necessary to have a good tennis grunt because it defines your tennis character," Makio said. "Nobody has the same exact grunt, so your grunt is very unique and something that only you can do." Harrison Schafer added that, "It is necessary in order to intimidate your opponent, though it is a pretty weak method. In reality, it keeps you consistent and puts you into a rhythm."

After finding the purpose behind the grunt, I was curious to find out who on



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Michael Makio '17 was cited by the team as having the most impressive tennis grunts.

the team possessed the worst grunt. After extensive searching, I found that worst grunt on the Little Giants' roster belongs to junior Nathan Neal. Go commented on Neal's attempts at intimidating the enemy, "Every time he grunts, I feel like he is going to have a heart attack."

I also found that professional influence has affected the grunts of many Little Giant tennis players. "I don't grunt like any pro player, but if I could, I would model myself after Maria Sharapova," Mazin Hakim

'17 said. "Because I am absolutely sure if I sounded like her, I would throw-off just about every opponent I will ever see in division III men's tennis." There are also other motives for trying to mimic a professional's grunt. "Andy Murray; I'll do whatever it takes to get a supermodel wife," Harrison Schafer said.

So for all of you up and coming tennis stars that lie among the ranks of Wabash College, be diligent in your training and always remember to focus on the grunt.

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