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## GLEE CLUB THRIVES ON BIG STAGE

**BRAND SELVIA '17** | STAFF WRITER • After the completion of their annual Spring Tour, which included a demanding schedule of performances in various venues, the Wabash College Glee Club demonstrated its polish and stamina opposite much larger men's choruses this past weekend.

The group participated in a bi-annual national conference hosting members of the Intercollegiate Men's Choruses, an organization of Glee Clubs and men's choruses from colleges and universities across the country. While the conference offers choruses the opportunity to showcase their talent, it is selective. Applications are submitted a year in advance, complete with concert programs and recordings of a group's performances. Over the three-day weekend, fifteen men's choruses presented concerts at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

The Glee Club participated in its first national conference in a decade since the chorus last sang in 2006 at the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire.

Participating in this year's program after the whirlwind of the spring travel was not a light undertaking. In addition, the process that determined the chorus' eligibility highlighted the prestige and unique occasion of the conference to demonstrate the talent of the Club.

Dr. Richard Bowen, Assistant Professor of Music and Director of the Glee Club, understood that he was putting pressure on the group to perform well at the conference, especially after the spring tour which entailed a rigorous schedule of its own. "It's a lot to ask of the Glee Club guys," Bowen said of the commitment. But he was also quick to point out that the Wabash Glee Club was the only Glee Club chorus coming from a college, while the rest came from high-density universities, such as the University of Michigan with at least 100 members.

He expressed that the Glee Club's performance at the conference not just met expectations, but went beyond them in demonstrating its endurance. "I told them that it was probably the best concert the Glee Club has ever performed," Bowen said. "What I mean by that is that a concert is not one number. What is difficult is to sing a half-hour program and to have every single piece be at a high uniform level of performance. And (their effort) was what was so extraordinary."

Bowen also expounded on the moments after the Glee Club's concert, where other Glee Club members and conductors extended their appreciation for how well the chorus performed. This was not only personally satisfying for him, but their recognition was a testament to the discipline that has been instilled into the group.



Richard Bowen



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## ENGAGING THE YOUTH

WDPD PARTNERS WITH INDIANA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE TO DELIBERATE ON THE CIVIC DUTY OF MILLENNIALS

**BRENT BREESE '19** | STAFF WRITER • It was an exciting evening for the Wabash Democracy and Public Discourse Initiative. Members of WDPD sat down with the Attorney General of Indiana on the campus of Indiana University-Purdue University at Columbus for a panel discussion. This event was hosted by the WDPD and the Office of the Attorney General of Indiana in an attempt to analyze civic engagement from millennials in the state of Indiana. Our generation has a tendency to be very vocal about governmental policies, but what is holding millennials back?

Prior to the event, the WDPD released some literature containing some foundational information. In general, they found that "the younger generations, the 'millennials' ...are not active as a whole in the traditional ways that are present in Indiana (voting, unions, etc.) The event was framed using a model called the "Word Cafe", a very popular style of discourse. A series of small groups present at the event would meet and individually discuss

the "issues they have noticed pertaining to civic health."

Adam Burtner of the WDPD said that the three biggest issues for Indiana millennials and civic engagement are "involvement, government adaptation, and lack of trust in government." According to the WDPD and the other panelists, these issues pose pressing and constant barriers to our generation taking a truly active role in state and national government. In the ensuing conversations, they attempted to address these issues and provide some ideas for potential solutions. The Democracy Fellows will compile a report that they will then send to the Attorney General's office. This report will serve as a tool for the state to solve these issues and help to get millennials into a position where they may take a stronger and more active role in government.

Some potential solutions brought up were a database of local candidates that is "completely non-partisan, non-profit, and presents primary source

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# HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY  
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

## A SPECIAL INVITATION

Earlier this week, the *Bachelor* caught wind of someone who had caught a single error in our usage of Latin terminology in last week's issue. With that said, we cordially invite Professor of Classics and College Latinist David P. Kubiak to apply for a position in our copy editing team. Our copy editors meet on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. We can be reached at any of the email addresses on the right hand side of this very page you're looking at now; you need not email the entire campus to get our attention. We look forward to receiving your application, Professor.

## LATIN LESSON 2.0

Following the trend of teaching the Wabash community about the beautiful language of Latin, the *Bachelor* would like to give another lesson on the proper use of the word "alumni". In the case of describing a single man, you would use the word *alumnus*, as *-us* is the nominative case for the 2nd declension masculine. Unless of course *alumnus* was used as the direct object in a sentence. In that case you would use the word *alumnus* as *-um* is the accusative case for the 2nd declension masculine. That is all for this week's Latin Lesson. Next week, we will discuss the proper case for the genitive, dative, and ablative. Until then... Valet!

## COME ON, GREEKS

In addition to the Phi Delt Bouts and high school seniors wearing letter jackets, Honor Scholarship Weekend brought the age-old tradition of dirty rushing back to campus. The best part about this fun pastime is that your fraternity probably looks a lot better when you tear down your Greek brothers. Seriously Wabash, please be better than this in future years.

## SORRY, PRESIDENT HESS

Hi-Five to President Hess's body shop for buffing out all of the dents WA1 sustained while it was parked behind FIJI's basketball hoop. On another note, the airballs suggest that FIJI will not be a likely contender this year for IM basketball. Looks like one less team stands between the Golf House and complete domination of the court.

## SHAKING OUR HEADS

We couldn't end this week's edition of Hi-Fives without mentioning the grotesque comment made by one of our fellow classmates via e-mail about the "low-functioning" recruit who lost his keys. The only person who is low-functioning is the person who is ungentlemanly enough to make that comment on the student listserve. Shame.

# CONCUSSION FILM PROVOKES DISCUSSION AMONG COMMUNITY LEADERS

**NOLAN CALLECOD '19** | STAFF WRITER • On March 22, there was a screening of the film *Concussion* followed by a panel discussion about the effects of concussions with Wabash faculty, staff, and experts in the field. The film *Concussion* is about Dr. Bennet Omalu's efforts to understand the effects of an American pastime, football. The event was sponsored by the Film & Lecture Committee, Wabash Wellness, Psi Chi International Psychology Honor Society, Wabash Psychology Department, and the Wabash College Lilly Library.

The film provided insight on the headaches that caused retired NFL athletes to go insane from a disease called chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE). CTE is caused by having several impacts to the head which leads to aggression, memory loss, and confusion. Along with the showing of the film were concussion goggles and finally the panel discussion on concussions. *Concussion* helped advocate for the issue of head injuries in the NFL and the panel discussion wished to enlighten attendees about the gravity of this issue.

At the beginning of the event, attendees had the opportunity to try on concussion goggles. Rithy Sakk Heng '19 stated, "My head went all the way left and I could see twice of everything." Roberto Uruchima '17 also stated that it "was a great experience. Now I know what a concussion looks like." After this demonstration, the attendees sat down to watch the film.

*Concussion* served its purpose to dramatize CTE in retired NFL players but showed a lackluster attempt by Will Smith to use a Nigerian accent. Even though "medical professionals" did not utilize gloves that much, the film served its purpose to inform the public about this head turning issue.

Dr. Ryan Rush, Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology, was the moderator of the panel. Rush began by posing the question, "What are the physical symptoms associated with a concussion? It's mostly associated with confusion, disorientation, and behavioral symptoms. Do concussions produce the symptoms... or is it that concussions may not be how we manifest them to be?"

To that question, Dr. Thomas Talavage, Professor of Biomedical Engineering at Purdue University

said, "So, the catch to that question is how the definition of concussion is associated with symptoms. It is a clinical definition not a scientific description. A concussion is fundamentally a syndrome of injuries that has led to the failure of one part of the brain to communicate with the other."

The discussion then went on about head injuries seen in other sports since the film seemed to demonize football. "We've seen concussions in just about every sport," Mark Elizondo, Head Athletics Trainer at Wabash, said. "It's more dangerous when [student athletes] can't recover. We've had football guys that are fine three or four days after recovery and for wrestlers it may take months to have the symptoms dissolve."

On the matter of reducing brain injury, Rush asked, "What can players do, besides not playing [the sport], to reduce this injury". Dr. Eric Nauman, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, Professor of Basic Medical Sciences and Biomedical Engineering at Purdue University replied, "There's no particular reason why these sports need to be dangerous. Helmets can absorb twice as much energy as they do now... the technology is there and it shouldn't be an issue".

Erik Raeburn, Head Football Coach at Wabash added that, "There's things to do that are safer... Fitting helmets became important when the concussion issue became prevalent. I told the rep from Riddell that unless you fit the guys with the right helmet, I'm not buying from you".

Lastly, Nauman said that, "Any idiot can make a better helmet and we are getting there... it's not hopeless and the technology is there".

The concussion discussion proved that both coaches and engineers alike are keen on not destroying football. All panelists from the discussion wanted to raise awareness for concussions. The hope is that football, the American past time, will become safer for future game days.



Eric Raeburn

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material on each candidate's beliefs and platforms," Burtner said. In addition, many millennials look to social media as a reliable and prompt avenue for the retrieval of information. This is an area that many feel the government is severely lacking in, and in the future would like to see government on all levels become more involved and accessible through social media. Discussion then shifted to getting our generation inspired. "Millennials always seem to want to promote change, always complain and care about issues yet never seem to go through the proper channels of change," Burtner said. Active communication with representatives and other state officials was a point that many of the panelists saw as paramount.



Adam Burtner '17

The panel discovered some more specific and deeper issues pervading in the realm of involvement. Many millennials feel apathetic towards the government as they feel that their vote is basically worthless or meaningless, they don't know where to go to have their voices heard, and lack the desire to look at issues on a communal level. Instead millennials tended to be very

individualistic. Furthermore, millennials feel that the government does not truly have their best interests at heart, and seek only to represent rich people and not the average citizen. "They don't trust the politicians, they don't trust the government to do the right thing, they don't trust the laws," Burtner said.

Burtner saw the panel as one of "the best events" for the WDPD, as it brought together a great many people. Those in attendance were the Chancellor of IUPUC, members from the Attorney General's Office, Columbus City Council members and a state representative. Burtner thinks that many IUPUC students left the event with a "broader understanding of what they can do to promote civic engagement from friends and family." The event was also recorded by Wabash's own Richard Paige, the Associate Director of Communications and Marketing.

For the future, the WDPD wants to take this same event, using the same format and with the same goal in mind, to other campuses and parts of the state. They will then compile more comprehensive and detailed reports for the Attorney General that will enhance their ability to address civic engagement among millennials. Ultimately, the event wants to create a more educated and inspired millennial generation in Indiana.



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# STAR OF MANY HATS

## PURVLICIS '16 EXPLAINS HIS SUCCESS ON AND OFF THE COURT THROUGHOUT HIS WABASH CAREER

**JOHN JANAK '19** | STAFF WRITER

Daniel Purvlicis was born and raised in the town of Noblesville, Indiana. Purvlicis aimed for greatness when he decided upon Wabash and he has never looked back. He is not only well-known for his excellent play for the Little Giant basketball team the past four years, but also as a fantastic student. Along with his work in the classroom and on the court, he has been very active around campus. Purvlicis has been a part of the Rhetoric Department tutoring system, Sons of Wabash, Beta Theta Pi fraternity, W.A.R. Council, and the Cooking Club.

He spoke very highly of the Cooking Club and how impactful it has been on his Wabash experience. "Cooking Club is a great opportunity for anyone around campus to.....meet new people, and learn a little bit (sometimes through trial and error) about cooking," Purvlicis said. Sunday nights when we are able to hold meetings are always a good time."

Most wonder how Purvlicis was able to manage his time with everything that has been on his plate throughout his four years. The college already expects so much out of their students, and Purvlicis not only was able to meet those rigorous standards, but surpass them with flying colors.

"You can ask anyone on campus the same question and I bet they would answer with something true and important for success here," Purvlicis said. "For me I think my success stemmed from my ability to plan ahead and manage my time efficiently."

Teammate and friend Johnny Jager '19 spoke very highly on Purvlicis' behalf, as they played together this past season.

"Dan was all you could ask for in a teammate," Jager said. "He demanded the best out of you both on and off the court. He was a coach on the floor and also made sure you were on top of your classes. Dan is a great basketball player and he left a legacy at Wabash for being a great student athlete."

Purvlicis, a rhetoric major and economics minor with a 3.87 cumulative grade point average, has not only had success outside of just the classroom. During his time as a Little Giant basketball player, he was named team MVP each of his four years, an Academic All-American, DIII All-Star finalist, and an All-NCAC first team selection his junior and senior seasons.. He also led the Little Giant basketball team in scoring (17.8 points per game) and rebounding (8.4 boards per game). He finished the regular season ranked fourth in the nation in field goal percentage at 66.3 percent, best among NCAC players. He finished third in the NCAC in rebounding average and offensive rebounds per game (2.81) as well as blocked shots (37), total points (464), and double-doubles (7). As he finished his four-year Wabash career with 1,389 points, Purvlicis ranked ninth on the Little Giants' all-time scoring list.

Purvlicis is currently looking forward to life after college and pursuing his goals. Purvlicis was named an Orr Fellow this past year, a fellowship which only has a 9.5% acceptance rate. As Purvlicis wraps up his Wabash career, he will be remembered for his work spreading the fame of her honored name both on and off the court. Purvlicis is an example of Wabash encouraging young men to express their full potential. He truly is some Little Giant.



IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

Purvlicis will go on to become an Orr Fellow where he will join a host company full-time and learn from the experts in the business world.

From the student perspective, the conference was an opportunity to work on cohesion within the group. "Our Glee Club is smaller this year than it's been in years past", said Sam Vaught '16, President of the Glee Club. "So there's more time to focus on getting things right in difficult songs."

Vaught underscored the importance of the majority of members performing together during the spring tour, and what that did for the efficacy of the chorus. "Having such a large percentage of the Glee Club itself singing together...really takes our performance from one level to the next in terms of being polished and

being confident on stage, and being confident in singing with each other," Vaught said.

He also related that participating in the conference benefited the underclassmen, who will lead the chorus in the future. An important element was that the sophomore and junior members had the opportunity to connect with Glee Club members from other schools. As well, they saw how other choruses are managed and what kind of repertoire they produce.

"(The experience) will help (the underclassmen), I think going forward, both be proud of what we have here at Wabash, and also seeing the possibilities for what we can

become by looking at institutions that are very, very good," Vaught said.

Vaught believed that the months of practice, focus, and commitment from everyone culminated in their performance at Urbana-Champaign. "This was the payoff," he said. "Not performing for the biggest audience we ever performed for, but performing in the biggest space we've ever performed in as a group."



Sam Vaught '16

Vaught finally expressed that the four hours of practice per week, considerably less than the time utilized by the larger choruses, only means that the club must be held to the high standards that is expected of it. And this is in order to achieve the level of endurance and talent that has earned the College's Glee Club its reputation.

And whether they sing in a massive theater or in our own Salter Hall, their music will continue to awe and bring joy through "spreading the fame of her honored name." The chorus will perform next in its campus concert on April 10, followed by the Senior Concert on May 1.

# HELP WITH YOUR WALLET

**AHAD KHAN '19** | STAFF WRITER •

Over the summer of 2015, the Office of the Financial Aid received grant money from the Indiana Commission for Higher Education. Part of that grant was to develop programming for financial literacy. Overall, financial literacy is a very broad topic covering a variety of things, and often many students do not understand fully well how exactly their scholarships and financial aid work. Furthermore, there are many issues involving life after college, such as investing and retirement planning which students do not tend to pay much attention to. In order to help students get a better understanding of these matters, the Financial Aid Office decided to set up informative sessions on financial literacy that would be beneficial to students in both the short and long term.

The Financial Aid Office decided to set up four such workshops for the 2015-16 academic year. Two took place already in the fall semester and their topics were saving and debt, respectively. The remaining two workshops are scheduled to be held this semester. This past week,



Justin Wilderman

the Financial Aid offered a workshop about retirement planning. The next one scheduled will deal with the topic of investing. Speaking about the benefits students could get from these workshops,

Justin Wilderman, Assistant Director for Financial Aid, said "We are trying to educate young men about their financial aid and to help them become more responsible." When it comes to student loans, not repaying them not only affects students and their future, but it also affects the college in the long run. The Financial Aid Office really wants to make sure that students understand the importance of paying loans in a timely manner in order to avoid problems in the future. Knowing what that means and what one can do in getting these good practices working early can help in managing college debt and

also help towards retirement planning.

Unfortunately, not many students attended the first two workshops. Thus, it is difficult to say how well the students have benefitted because of the very low attendance. Just one person showed up on the first one. "We try to entice students to go by providing food, gift cards, door prizes etc," Wilderman said. The big prize that is to be given to students is a 32" inch television at the conclusion of the last workshop. The take away for students is similar to the experience they are getting in their academic classes, only the setting is a bit more intimate because students can ask personal questions on a particular issue without hesitation and can get one on one help.

It's been a learning process for the Financial Aid Office, as well due the fact that it was just the first year of conducting these workshops. The grant that the office is utilizing is spread over five years and this year was focused on setting up the program. "I personally think it was a lack of advertising," Kaleb Morris '16 said. "The first event had little to no advertisement and thus only

one guy showed up." For the second one, the number of students increased to seven. "We're getting more aggressive with advertising and possibly getting flyers," Morris said when asked about improving attendance for the remaining two. He also suggested that next year should draw a lot more students because the program would be more established, which would be helpful in raising more awareness among the student body. Students are encouraged to take advantage of these workshops as they provide some very insightful information. The upcoming workshops have not yet been scheduled, but tentatively, the first one this semester would be in a couple of weeks followed by the second one that would take place next month.



Kaleb Morris '16

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# WALLIES OF THE 500: BARNEY '36 AND FRAN H'85 HOLLETT

**PATRICK BRYANT '16** | BUSINESS MANAGER • Barney '36 and Fran H'85 Hollett had seats in turn one of the Indianapolis Motor Speedways for nearly seven decades. Those who were invited to attend the race with them

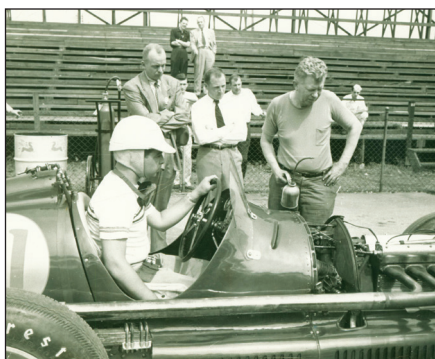
still today have very fond memories of the experience. Chief of Staff Jim Amidon '87 and his family were invited by the former chairman of the Board of Trustees for a number of years.

Amidon said that the Hollett's section of bench seating sat approximately 16 people seven rows back from the track at the end of the main straightaway.

"They were the best seats in the house," Amidon said.

Amidon said for the last 20 years of their going to the race it was typically Wabash coaches that would be invited but he called the arrangement of different Wabash figures and families from different eras "disparate."

Hollett, a distinguished attorney who counted among his clients pharmaceutical magnate Eli Lilly II, had a relationship with the United States Auto Club. USAC, which was the sanctioning body of the Indianapolis 500 between 1956 and 1997, gave him a parking spot at their headquarters. Amidon said the location was perfect,



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**Barney Hollett '36 at the Motor Speedway in 1951 where he and his wife held seats for seven decades.**

"a literal stone's throw from the Speedway" at 16th and Main Street.

Tradition meant a great deal to the Holletts. Amidon said some cornerstones of the 500 tradition included box lunches and a pool where the Holletts and their guests

cut out and drew driver names from The Indianapolis Star and gave awards to those who had the first driver out, second place finisher, and the winning driver.

After the race, Amidon said the Holletts would invite the attendees back to their home where activities would include rides in their pontoon boat.

Amidon remembers Barney calling out from his headset certain passes or accident happening on the other end of the speedway that they couldn't see themselves from where they were sitting. At that time, headsets were far less common than today.

Amidon recalls fondly attending the 500 with the Holletts describing it as a time when Wabash men and friends enjoyed each other's company and did some "networking", before it had that name. Like so many seat holders of the Indianapolis 500, the Holletts were loyal and faithful for so many decades, just as they were in supporting their alma mater.



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## BEGIN (Y)OUR JOURNEY

Last August, I wanted to start a business. So, naturally, I called someone I knew would help make it happen: my brother Jake. This is not a story of how hard it is to be an entrepreneur or what our business plan is, but instead, an attempt to help others understand why cape2crawfordsville is so important to us. So, what do we do? It seems simple really: we sell t-shirts. But to us, it stands for so much more.

With a population less than half of the student body of Purdue, the name “Crawfordsville” is a tough sell to the wider world. Even more so than that, the city of Cape Town, on the tip of South Africa, is hardly on the radar of many people. So, at first glance, our business name is meaningless to anyone besides those of us who have traveled from Cape Town to Crawfordsville. But it is the message that counts.

So far, Jake and I have been lucky enough to have anything but normal lives.



**Nick Budler '19**

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We've been lucky enough to be offered great opportunities: we've moved from Illinois to Cape Town as kids and back again as teenagers, with as much traveling in between as possible. Many lessons I've learned have been from some encounter on a random street in another country or from someone I'll never see again. It's part of who I am, it's part of who Jake is, and it's what inspires us. Now, we're not hoping to see everyone hop on a plane and fly from Crawfordsville to Cape Town

and back; however, we are hoping that every time someone throws on one of our shirts and goes out to do whatever inspires them, everyone they meet will be inspired too, and will begin their journey. The goal is to get more people interested in seeing the value of life experience, regardless of where you go.

This was important upon my arrival at Wabash. It became apparent to me that there is no better time to be daring and bold and for everyone to learn to live beyond the classroom. The opportunity to do the things we're encouraging, such as adventure, life experience, and living well, have never been so readily available. For students, these four years at college are the best chance you will have to get life experience: after you've been freed from your parents embrace and before you get wrapped up in being a real adult. It is a chance to explore more and find what you're interested in, even if it's not traveling. We want

the message behind our shirts to inspire you to do whatever it is that you may be captivated by. Beyond our fledgling company, we truly hope this message will stay a part of everyone we interact with.

My mum is infamous in our household for saying, “If you want something done, do it yourself,” and so here we are, following her mantra. After the message of cape2crawfordsville, it is about experience as well. We're not trying to make millions; we're trying to learn, while living out our mission to inspire others. They say starting a business is one of the hardest things anyone can do, and we didn't know the meaning of that before we actually tried it. Still, there's no better time to do something important. Things are slow, we're students, we don't always know what we're doing – but that's the point. So, be bold. If you've got an idea or a message to share with the world, then go begin your journey.

## SHIFTING THE WRONG WAY RIGHT

Four years ago was the first election that I could participate in... well, vote in. Back then, I was a huge Ron Paul fan. Back then, I thought I knew what I was talking about. I believed some things back then that make me shake my head now. Back then, I considered myself a strong libertarian, and four years later and four years wiser, I've become more moderate, but am still leaning libertarian. Now, I see that going to the gold standard is ridiculous, cutting the deficit immediately will send shockwaves through the economy, and I recognize the presence of externalities, meaning the Nash equilibrium is the most efficient. But I still believe that personal freedom and liberty are essential in order to maximize utility and keep the notion that America is the place that you can accomplish anything you want if you work for it.

I was hoping that the Republican Party would shift more toward this and away from the social conservative view they've had since the 70s. Seeing that the previous election was so hard on the Republicans, I thought that this might be a year where the Republicans would break. At times,



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especially with Romney in the general, it looked like the Republicans were uncaring. The moment that immediately comes to mind is when Mitt Romney was talking to a patient that only medical marijuana would help his treatment for muscular dystrophy. I'm not going to pretend that I know all of the specifics of this person's case, but it looked pretty bad for Mitt and the Republican Party. Moments like this made me think that social conservatism is dying, and if the Republican party is going to win elections, they needed to change their platform. After two big losses for the White House, I thought there might be a break in the Republican Party. With

the growing support of Rand Paul from the 2008 to 2012 election, I thought they were going toward the path of classical liberalism. But obviously, this was a naïve thought.

The rise of Trump wasn't a sudden change. This break in the Republican Party is coming from years of frustration and inactivity in Washington. But these same people who are behind this movement want to accomplish things that are either unachievable, complete nonsense, or don't look viable after a cost benefit analysis. What I'm trying to say is that it is a movement that doesn't know what they're talking about and will be short lived.

For example, not “winning” anymore when it comes to trade policy, is ABSURD! It infuriates me when people think of this as something that we can accomplish, because first and foremost, trade is not a zero sum game. To think of it as such is an oversimplification that is a danger to the trade discussion. Allowing free trade allows a country to increase its overall efficiency. For example, in Brazil, where they are very protective of their domestic companies, they have huge tariffs on cars.

In 2012, a Jeep Grand Cherokee, which costs about \$30,000 in the US, costs about \$80,000 in Brazil, according to Forbes. Not only do tariffs make everything more expensive, but now someone is doing a job that can be done more efficiently in another country instead of having a job that will be much more productive to the country's economy. Instituting tariffs hurt economies in the long run, plain and simple.

Also, this talk about immigration just economically doesn't make sense. Illegal immigration is going to happen; in fact, we need to allow more people to immigrate to the US. There's talk about a wall being built, but it's just not feasible. Not only will it not stop illegal immigration (most illegal immigrants overstay their visas), but it won't stop drugs, and it creates problems for places where there is a wall. Some places where the current walls are built have a couple hundred feet of US on either side of the wall.

These issues show what this movement and their solutions really are: garbage. Hopefully we can quickly throw them aside and get back to the real solutions.

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# WHY “RUSH” INTO IT?

Should freshmen be allowed to rush their first semester at Wabash College? I propose this question and respond to it in this piece not to express my individual opinion (which I am still deciding for myself), but to stimulate a needed conversation on campus. With the changing climate of fraternity life nationally and the expansion of new independent living units make this question all the more pressing.

The first crucial part of the conversation is to evaluate the drawbacks of first semester pledgship and compare it to what would second semester look like. Pledgship is an integral part of the process of becoming a brother. It is time for individuals to bond closely with their fellow pledge brothers as well as get to know the brothers of the house along with their proud history. However, no one would contest this is easy. There are sacrifices that are made, such as time in the form of opportunity cost. You learn to work as a team for the betterment of others. It can be rough at times, you miss out on events and give up a little bit of your freedom during the semester.

First semester pledgship takes away the opportunity to fall in love with the campus. This is a radical notion, but please give it some thought. It wasn't until second semester of my freshman year that I found all the opportunities that the College and community could provide, along with the freedom to branch out and live the life of a college student I wanted. It wasn't that the



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brothers didn't bar me from exploring these things, but the environment surrounding pledgship is that you should give every task your all, nothing but your best work or the house. You can't do that if you start to explore different clubs and organizations.

However, the sacrifices are not without rewards, such as brothers and memories that will last a lifetime. For some, it teaches excellent study habits and work ethic that they might not have had in high school along with a support network unlike any other. The tradeoffs of freedom and time do come with benefits. Nonetheless, pledging a fraternity is a big decision, one that should not be hastily made.

Postponing rush and pledgship until second semester freshman year benefits both the freshman and the fraternities at large. During Honor Scholarship Weekend and Freshman Saturday, the freshmen only get a snapshot of the fraternities; as

well the fraternities only get a snapshot of the freshmen. If we allowed freshman to make the transition as an independent first semester, interact with the fraternities through various clubs and sports, in and outside of the classroom, rushing would become easier for all fraternities and freshman could make a more informed decision.

Many would be interested to see how second semester rush would incorporated with Wabash's existing system. Now I'm nothing but a dreamer, but bare with if I could make an ideal freshman year experience. First semester, freshmen come and live independently. They meet individuals on their floors, and in their units. They meet others involved with their sports or classes, some upperclassmen in fraternities, some not. The freshman start to get to know the upperclassmen, and the upperclassmen get to know the freshman. Then, fraternities could invite the freshman over to hang out and get to know the brotherhood. There would be more of an exploratory time that both the house and freshman would benefit from.

A major drawback from taking away first semester rush is the strong support network freshman from the start of college. The study tables, the close brotherhood of pledge brothers, and the various brothers in the house whose past experiences and majors can help assist freshman with academic achievement cannot be underestimated.

However, who is to say you can only supply these things only during pledgship? Freshman will be in classes, you can invite them over to study with you and your brothers, or connect them with someone who can help tutor. Doesn't this achieve both academic excellence for someone in the makings of a Wabash Man and a potential future brother, as well as advertise well your fraternity?

Now, what about cold dorms? I would admit pledgship would be different with the freshmen not living in the house. But, what about sophomores live together in the cold dorm? It would allow bigger brotherhoods, the house to be used to the fullest capacity. This is something DePauw does, and while we are vastly different, the emphasis on our Greek life is comparable. This would allow freshmen to make friendships with floor mates that may join other fraternities, and these bonds would create more campus unity. I always felt it was harder to be acquainted with fellow freshman of other fraternities until second semester. Besides, the new independent living units may drastically change the independent and Greek ratio. It may help mitigate by expanding numbers of each house by having freshman live outside their freshman year.

My intentions are to excite conversations about the idea, and for the campus to start thinking about these potential benefits and drawbacks to the switch. I open any and all criticism, to continue the conversation.

# THE CREAN OF THE CROP

Hoosier nation is not an easy crowd to please: they expect to beat Purdue, to win conference championships, and to compete for national championships. Tom Crean took over an Indiana program that had been decimated by recruiting violations under Kelvin Sampson and was at the bottom of the Big 10. It took a few years to turn the tables and eventually, IU was competing again for Big 10 championships and making runs to the Sweet 16 in the NCAA tournament.

This has been an interesting year for the IU men's basketball program. There were high hopes heading into the season with the signing of Thomas Bryant, a highly recruited center out of high school. Bryant, coupled with the offensive power of James Blackmon, Jr. the freakishly athletic Troy Williams, and the all-time assists leader Yogi Ferrell, had fans and alumni very excited about the possibilities. Sharpshooters Collin Hartman and Nick



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Zeisloft added much-needed firepower from deep and graduate transfer Max Bielfeldt added a much-needed big body down low.

The Hoosier's rattled off three wins to start their season before dropping two out of three games in the Maui Invitational to a sub-par Wake Forest team and a young UNLV team. Many supporters felt as though the reason for the tough losses was because of a lack of coaching. Next came the Big 10/ACC challenge, where the Hoosier had

to travel to Cameron Indoor Stadium and play the defending national champions Duke University Blue Devils. The Hoosiers were down nine at the half, but the second period was blown open by the Blue Devils and defeated the Hoosiers by 20. Coach Crean was immediately put on the coaching hot seat and websites attempting to raise money to buy out the remainder of Tom Crean's contract started popping up.

It looked like the fan base, so loyal to the program through all of the bad, had suddenly turned on the coach that initially turned the program around. Despite the lack of support from a large and outspoken population, Crean and his team continued to grind. After the demoralizing loss to Duke, the Hoosiers rattled off 12 straight wins. Those wins included two wins over NCAA tournament teams in Notre Dame and Wisconsin and seven straight conference wins before losing in Madison, Wisconsin in an

overtime thriller.

The body of work that the Hoosier and Coach Crean have put together is impressive. The Big 10 was one of the most competitive conferences in the country this year, and they managed to pull off an outright conference championship. They beat seven tournament teams and were undefeated at home. Couple that with two tournament wins and the Hoosiers have beaten up on nine of the top 68 teams in the country and this season has without a doubt been a success. Crean has earned the respect of the fans and the continued faith that he is the leader of the beloved Indiana Hoosiers.

This game against North Carolina is the first time the two programs have met during March Madness since 1984 when the Hoosiers downed the #1 seed Tar Heels and their star of Michael Jordan. Their Sweet 16 game against the Tar Heels is this tonight at 10 p.m..

## DR. GELBMAN, INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WEIGH IN ON THE ELECTION

**AHAD KHAN '19 | STAFF WRITER** • With Presidential elections drawing closer and closer, a great deal of activity and awareness seems to be spreading out around campus. Students are actively discussing events that might take place during this year's elections and the majority of the student body appears to be in a state of simultaneous excitement and anxiety.

However, one section of the Wabash community looks somewhat apathetic towards what is happening in current politics. That segment of the Wabash brotherhood is the international students. These students on the surface may seem nonchalant towards the current political scenario, but they are mostly just cautious of staying out of religio-political conversations. In addition, there are also several international students who do not have a good idea about how the elections work in the United States and because of this, they do not delve deeply

into the campaign happenings in their conversations with peers.

Dr. Shamira Gelbman, Assistant Professor of Political Science, explained the workings of electoral system in the US quite eloquently to The Bachelor so students can get to have a basic knowledge of the process. "It is a complicated system because it is not a very cohesive one," Gelbman said. There are two dominant parties, each of which is split into 50 state parties. This whole system culminates into two nominating conventions, one for the Democrats and one for the Republicans, that will happen in the summer. At the end, a nominee is chosen by having all the delegates at the convention vote and whoever has more than 50% of the delegates' votes wins that party's nomination. "Where it gets complicated is how those delegates are chosen," Gelbman said. "That's where every party in every state has a different system. Some states hold a caucus but

most states have a primary which is like a mini election." For the primary, each state has different set of rules. There is an open primary and a closed primary. In a closed primary, only officially registered members of a party are allowed to vote in order to participate in the election.

Gelbman said that things are complicated this time on the Republican side because there are so many candidates running. It's really hard for anyone to get 50% of the delegates in such a case and thus, there have been speculations of a brokered convention: if no one candidate has at least 50% of the delegate votes, it will go into a second round of voting and negotiation over who will get the party's nomination. When asked about why there are not more than two parties competing, she explained that basically it was just the way things were structured and how practices over time made them the way they are today. People feel like they are wasting their vote if they are voting for a third party.

"The media, in ways it covers everything makes it a lot more Democrats vs. Republicans and if there is third party or independent candidate, the media really treats them like a joke," Gelbman said.

She explained the working of the Electoral College as well and how it comes into play for the general election. The Electoral College makes the official selection who among those candidates becomes the president. Each state has a number of electors equal to its number of congressional representatives. Indiana has a total of 11 electors. There are 538 electors in total. Electors are required to vote mostly on how popular vote in their state looks like and it is winner takes all. There are some occasional elections where winner of the popular vote is not the same as the winner of electoral vote and that's what annoys the public.

"The people who wrote the Constitution, they weren't big fans of direct democracy," Gelbman said. "They weren't very supportive of the people making direct decisions. This was setup up to filter the public view."

International students expressed concerns about the upcoming elections, but also conveyed that they were cautious for the most part. "If Trump gets elected, given his rhetoric, it will be very divisive." Mohammad Hasnat '17 from Bangladesh, said. Nevertheless,

## WHAT'S ON? IAN ARTIS '16 TACKLES THE NEW DISNEY MOVIE



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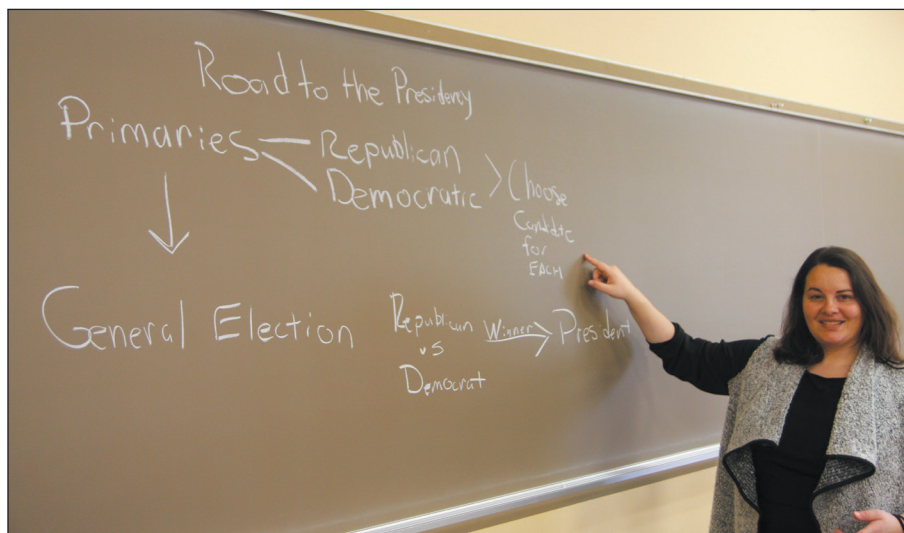
Not without its faults, Disney may be onto something with its new film Zootopia. An animated film set in a world divided up into 12 regions based on geography, Zootopia is a bustling metropolis where "predators" and "prey" have put aside their biological differences and live in harmony. In short, no one believes (or openly says) animals that typically hunt must do so and have no choice outside of their biology. Many saw Zootopia as a timely film making a comment on race relations in the U.S while serving as a heartwarming tale in favor of diversity and inclusion for children. I didn't subscribe to that theory. Not even when the protagonist, a bunny named Judy, declares in a stage play that "anyone can be anything" amidst her worried parents desires for her to "settle."

Judy is the first bunny to ever don the police academy greys. It's an obvious nod to diversity initiatives in the U.S, especially affirmative action, which seeks to put minorities in spaces they are not traditionally represented. The film is filled with these quasi-hidden meanings, and teaches many important lessons. But although the film was a light-hearted and wonderful way to introduce children to these concepts and provide something for adults to read more critically, it is not without its faults. It completely fails to acknowledge how systematic the problems it addresses are, and it fails to recognize the various ways in which just having diversity doesn't mean anything.

Judy's parents gave her a can of fox repellent to carry with her during her time on the force (foxes are rabbits' natural predators). She eventually befriends and falls in love with a fox, but at a crucial moment in their friendship, he confronts her about the repellent. She contends she is liberal, open-minded, and trusting, but he tells her "you're just like the others if you carry fox repellent" – which happens after she claims that predators are biologically savage.

Overall, the movie was well executed, with both the music from Shakira and the animation to die for – I give 4/5 stars for content, message, and production.

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Dr. Gelbman illustrates the 'Road to the Presidency' in United States politics.

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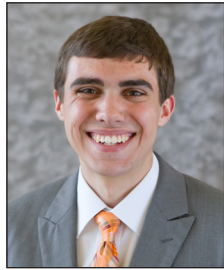


# HOLY WEEK REFLECTION VITAL FOR MORNING PRAYER GROUP

## PATRICK BRYANT '16 |

**BUSINESS MANAGER** • Imagine a dark, quiet night on a second-floor wing of Center Hall. Flickering candlelight illuminates the small Tuttle Chapel where a small group of students has gone up the creaking steps each night of Holy Week to celebrate Compline of the Anglican tradition.

The nightly services were organized by Sam Vaught '16, who for the past two years has led a group that practices Morning Prayer out of the Book of Common Prayer each weekday morning at 8 a.m. in the same location.



Sam Vaught '16

The idea came in the summer of 2014 when Vaught was going up a mountain in Ecuador with Professor of Spanish Dan Rogers and the two talked about the solace they found in doing Morning Prayer.

"We kind of looked at each other and thought 'gosh, why aren't we doing that together?' Vaught said. "That's really where it started."

A donation of prayer books and a few copies of the Bible from Jan Oller, the rector at St. John's Church in-town, kicked off what has become a ritual for the small group that has met for its fourth semester and counting.

"It became something the four or five of us really valued for our days and so it stuck," Vaught said.

One of those faithful members is Helen Hudson, a retired teacher and former Wabash instructor. Hudson, an Episcopalian for a little over ten years, said she finds the setting of Morning Prayer to be in some instances as spiritual as the prayers and psalms the group recites responsively and together.

"I love that we come up here in all seasons of the year," she said. "We watch the sun, we have our beautiful big windows looking out to the edge of the Arboretum, and we get to watch the seasons. That's a part of the holiness of the place."

Next year, Vaught will join St. Hilda's House in New Haven, CT as he discerns a call to the priesthood. As part of the Episcopal Service Corps, Vaught said in addition to community service work by day, he and those other young adults will have a structured prayer life similar to that of a monastic community.

"We will be doing Morning Prayer

every morning at 8 a.m. and I have a two year head start on that," Vaught said. "It has affirmed for me, in a way, a piece of that call. (Rogers) said, when we first started that, 'spiritual exercise is like physical exercise, you just have to get up and do it.'"

The nightly Compline services, in addition to usual Morning Prayer, highlight the importance of Holy Week for Vaught and Hudson. Hudson said she believes every reason is a good one for reflection at this time of year, whether the reason be a religious one or not.

"Whether you are a deep believer and this is the most important week of the year or because it's the edge of spring and this is a very important transitional time of the year," Hudson said. "It is vital, before you start your day, in a world where there are no pauses and we run ourselves ragged checking social media and email, writing papers, and all the other zillion things, (to take time and reflect)."

Vaught said the significance for him in observing Holy Week is an ability to follow the life of Jesus Christ in a timeline that exactly matches the days between Palm Sunday and Easter.

"Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, he broke bread with his disciples on Thursday, he was killed on Friday and he rose again on Sunday," Vaught said. "Holy Week provides for us to follow the exact same timeline in real-time and there's something really powerful about that. Now, in terms of our time, it always seems to come at a terrible time when everyone's busy, but I like to think of it as one continuous service where we're keeping vigil essentially for an entire week to remember what Christians believe to be the holiest event in human history. And so we're not going to let the opportunity go by without taking advantage of diving as deeply as possible."

A concern for liturgical prayer-goers, Vaught admitted, is complacency. Spiritual complacency is the tendency to just go through the motions which can detract from the magnitude of the practice. He said similar to physical exercise, the change isn't noticed everyday but over a period of sustained prayer commitment.

"It's hard sometimes and some days you don't want to be there, but you get up and do it anyway," Vaught said.

"Doing daily prayer really allows the prayer to become a part of you and get deeply ingrained not only in your head but in your spirit and stick with you."



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The morning prayer group meets daily in Tuttle Chapel on the second story of Center Hall.

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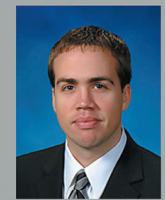
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# ADVICE TO AVOID A LONELY FORMAL

**JADE DOTY '18** | STAFF WRITER

Here at Wabash College, beautiful women do not necessarily fall into the laps of students as they walk across the mall or get a cup of joe from the brew. It's quite obvious that Wabash men have to work a little bit harder than the average college student to get a date to their fraternity's formal. For some, it's quite easy to ride off the coattails of their fellow fraternity brothers and take a girlfriend's friend and have awkward conversations all night about how different her school is from Wabash. Or one can just call up an old friend from high school and see if she's doing anything that Saturday. Finally you have the squares that actually have committed relationships.

Unfortunately, many of the students on Wabash's campus don't have these connections, nor do they have the required skills to flirt their way into getting a date. Heck, you can't expect a young man that chose a small, all-male school in the middle of Indiana to have the great flirtatious skills. I'm not saying that every Wally fits into this category;

I'm just saying some of us need a little help when it comes to getting a random girl to spend the night with you at a hotel in Indianapolis. But don't worry; like Aristotle says where there are inferiors there must be superiors and I have only asked the most smooth talking of Wabash men to give their advice on how to woo your way into getting a formal date.

After talking to many students who consider themselves to be aficionados in the art of acquiring formal dates, it seems that there is quite a lot of overlap when it comes choosing the "right" date. When describing the ideal female to bring to a Wabash College formal many students use words and phrases like "chill", "cool", "not a stick in the mud". One might say that she needs to be ready to "go with the flow" essentially. When going over the type of girl to bring to formal one student in particular put it quite eloquently when picturing his dream formal date.

"I want a girl that is capable of having a good time," Kenneth "Teddy" Harnden III '18 said. "I'm never looking

for anything serious when on the search for a date. I'd rather be with an outgoing fun girl than someone who is trying to be romantic the whole night."

So when one is trying to find the 'right' girl to bring to formal, he should look for a girl that is more of a friend than a romantic partner. Now, it would be nice if you met your soulmate when trying to find a formal date, but that usually isn't the case. So advice that one could give is to drop your Wabash mindset at the door when searching for a date, meaning don't try to shoot for the stars. If you want to find a romantic partner, I suggest taking the girl to a party before taking her to a formal.

Now that it is known what type of girl one should bring to formal now comes the important part: how the hell does one find this type of woman and how does one go about asking her to attend a formal? Well I assure you that the process is not as difficult as you think; as the Cowardly Lion would say, it just takes a little bit of courage.

Some say that the first step to take when trying to find a date is to download the notorious app Tinder. This is quite a low step to drop down to, but one must be open to all possibilities when he attends an all-male school. But after talking with many students, the overall consensus was that one wants his date to feel comfortable when at a Wabash formal. So the best place to meet your date might be in a Wabash setting, aka a Wabash party. This doesn't fix the biggest problem though: how do you invite her to your formal? Well like previously stated, only the smoothest Wabash men on campus were asked to give advice in this matter.

"If she's (the intended formal date) familiar with Wabash she is probably familiar with how grandiose the formals are," Benjamin "Brad" Shank '16 said. "So you have to go bold in selling the formal, the hotels we go to are nice, the food is usually pretty good and there most likely will be an open bar. Then I would say a buddy system is your best bet in getting her to come so offer for her to bring a friend that one of your pledge brothers can take. But overall you just have to be flexible and realize the challenge you're up against."

Flexibility is the key to success, meaning that you need to cater to your date and not yourself. All Wabash students should find this easy to do because of our experience with the "Gentleman's Rule". So being kind and open to all sorts of possibilities is what most can advise you to do when asking a girl to be your formal date.

Now that you know who to take to



LEVI GARRISON '18 / PHOTO

**Deakon Doub '19 is one of many Wallies who struggle to find a formal date.**

a formal and how to ask them, the question remains: how do I not this formal awkward? This a problem that Wabash men face every year. Taking a woman that you have never really talked to can be quite a challenge when it comes to having a good time. One doesn't want the entire night to be filled with boring and awkward small talk. Several students gave their take on how to overcome the awkward stage of going to a formal with a random girl and most of them came to the point of being positive and open.

"I think it's best to be positive when first talking to your date, because no one is going to want to be with someone that comes off as mokey or sad," Zach Biddle '18 said. "Usually I try to talk about something other than the basic stuff like where we go to school and such. I think it's also wise to crack a few cheesy jokes to see how deep their sense of humor is. My advice is to hang out with your date at least twice before going to the actual formal so you avoid those first awkward encounters."

Well, there you have it folks. From who to ask to how to make it not awkward, you should now be able to successfully get a formal date. I would like to point out that even though I said these men I have mentioned are the smoothest on campus, that might not mean that much. Because in reality, how smooth can one be if he has spent a good chunk of his life surrounded only by men his age? But good luck to all those of you still searching for that perfect formal date. Don't worry, she's out there somewhere.

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# CHICAGO PERFORMANCE ARTIST VISITS CAMPUS

## IMMANUEL SODIPE '18 |

**GUEST WRITER •** What do First Lady Michelle Obama, Gabby Douglas, Angela Davis, the Black Madonna of Soweto, and Jamila Woods all have in common? Black girl magic, clearly. Or at the very least, “blk girl magic” is the latest musical installment from the singer, poet, educator, Chicagoan, and Ivy League graduate (Brown University) Jamila Woods. She’s also featured on Chance the Rapper’s “Sunday Candy” laying down soulful vocals straight out of the black church and Macklemore’s “White Privilege 2,” again, blessing the track with some vocal sorcery.

Woods came up in the Chicago letters scene participating in Louder than a Bomb, Chicago’s biggest youth poetry slam. She is currently an educator at Young Chicago Authors and helped found its Teaching Artist Corps, helping Chicago’s young people develop literary prowess and express themselves. She published her first chapbook, *The Truth About Dolls* (New School Poetics Press) in 2011. She and Professor Marshall are friends, and both are part of the Dark Noise poets collective and educators of color. The Chicago Tribune calls her “a modern-day Renaissance woman.”

Woods is also a Dorothy Sargent



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Woods poses for a promotional photo on twitter for an upcoming blk girl soldier video.

Rosenberg Poetry Fellow from the Poetry Foundation.

She is bringing it all to Wabash College on March 29th at 7 pm in Korb Classroom in the form of a talk and poetry reading. The talk is sponsored by the Wabash College

English Department, the Gender Studies Committee, and the Malcolm X Institute. Jamila Woods has been published in *Radius Lit*, *MUZZLE Magazine*, the *Winter Tangerine Review*, and more. You can follow her on Twitter: @duhnilo.

students said that they felt a lot more comfortable at Wabash and how they could talk to various members of the community to express their problems.

“When Trump called to ban Muslims, two professors asked me ‘are you really disturbed by his rhetoric?’ They were really sorry,” Hasnat added.

Talking about the American values of freedom and unity, one anonymous student from Asia said, “The American democracy is seen as an ideal all over the world and the kind of rhetoric we’ve seen is very contrary to the best democracy and the ideals it claims to have.” Regarding Trump, he said that, “Trump generally is playing with the fears and emotions of the people. He understands how the whole process and the media works and he purposefully says those things to stay relevant in the news because he knows many of the voters are disconnected from politics.”

International students also expressed their appreciation for the current Obama government and said that it was mostly very comfortable for them to be in the states during his time, but now things may change which could lead to international students not being able to come here for education.

Regardless of national politics, international students will always be welcome on Wabash’s campus where we are proud to call them brothers.

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**MICHAEL LUMPKIN '18** | SPORTS EDITOR • As Wabash men we are held to high expectations across all facets of our lives. It's the Wabash way. None of us would change that, it is why we chose this great institution. As we meet these expectations, the bar is then raised. There is no better example that encapsulates this more accurately than Wabash grappler Riley Lefever '17, or should I say Wabash three-time National Champion wrestler Riley Lefever. Each year Lefever has walked out of his final match a National Champion. Three is surely enough, right? It seems that answering yes wouldn't quite fit the Wabash narrative we as students embody. In light of Lefever's third National Championship victory, here is the transcript of a conversation I had with Lefever.

*What were your expectations heading into the DIII National Championship?*

I was just excited to compete in Iowa again with my teammates. It was nice returning back to the building where I ended up winning my first title, but more than anything, I was excited to have the opportunity to do what I love in front of thousands of people.

*What separated you from the rest of the wrestlers and led to you coming out on top?*

I think my love for the sport has grown each year with the help of my family, coaches, and friends. My perspective has changed greatly after having the opportunity to train with the best wrestlers in the world at the Olympic Training Center over the past two summers. At times before this, I was still wrestling for my love of the sport, but now I do it because I hope to inspire others. I am grateful for the opportunity to compete because it is what I love to do. Having this new perspective has helped me improve drastically everyday and compete at my best.

*What about the Wabash College wrestling program helps propel you to #1 in the nation?*

The support is really what I believe has helped me be the best wrestler I can be here at Wabash. The support wrestling has gained over my 3-year career here so far has been incredible. It can be deceiving, to go to a Division III college and still try to

get a top of the line experience athletically, but here at Wabash, I get that along with a top of the line education. Not only do I get a world-class education, I also have multiple opportunities to wrestle year-round at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, and am able to compete in prestigious tournaments like The Midlands in Chicago. The support and opportunities I receive all the way from the coaches to the faculty make my job as a student-athlete very easy; all I have to do is work.

*How would you compare this national championship run to the two previous championships?*

This year has been the most satisfying, personally. I had no nerves at nationals this year and had a great time with my teammates, coaches, and fan base. Our team dealt with some adversity with our 2 seniors losing the All-American round, but we bounced back and every point earned by our 6 qualifiers helped us earn 4th place as a team. Compared to the previous two years, this year I had a better outlook on the tournament itself. I knew what I had to do to prepare for each match, but most importantly, I just stayed relaxed and knew that if I wrestled the whole match I was confident no one could stay with my pace and my wrestling.

*How are you going to approach next year's season, with the potential to win four national championships in four years?*

I'm already looking forward to next year. To me, it is just going to be another year that I get to compete and represent my school, coaches, and family. I want to improve as much as possible between now and nationals next year in hopes that I can continue to wrestle after I graduate and then later in life give back by coaching. I hope to showcase my love for the sport every time I step on the mat and also inspire others in some way. But, in order to do so, I still have a lot of work to do and a lot of improving to do. I'm already working towards getting stronger, more athletic, and working towards becoming a better technician on the mat as well. I'm excited to compete with my teammates one last time next year, whether it be through the grueling workouts the coaches put us through, or at nationals in March, I'm most looking forward to it because I love this sport.



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Riley Lefever '17 eyes an opponent in a meet against Ohio Northern University in the teams 2016 campaign. Lefever is now a three-time National Champion.

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# THE HEAT IS ON

BASEBALL ATTAINS AN UNDEFEATED WEEKEND DESPITE CONTENTION BETWEEN COACHING STAFF AND PLAYERS

## TUCKER DIXON '19 | STAFF

WRITER • It's official: spring sports are underway. With a slow start to their travel season, the Wabash College Baseball Team was staring down the barrel of a gun. Starting the season 0-5 in their trips to Emerson, Georgia and Raleigh, North Carolina against LaGrange College and William Peace University, the Wabash College Little Giants Baseball team could have thrown in the towel and moved on. But our beloved motto is "Wabash Always Fights" for a reason, because always means always. This is the mentality the baseball team had when they were taking the field against William Peace University for their matchup against the Pacers in a two-day span. The Pacers swept day one's double-header including both a 5-4 and an 8-0 win over the Little Giants. Wabash bounced back and righted the ship during their third contest with a decisive 7-0 victory.

Since that game, the Little Giants have managed to turn their season around, boosting their record to 9-7. The team went 4-2 during their spring break trip to Fort Myers, Florida with wins against Bluffton University, United States Merchant Marine Academy, and Rockford University, pushing their record to 5-7.

The team's latest venture was two double-headers against Robert Morris College from Chicago over Honor Scholars Weekend. In this endeavor, the team dominated the Eagles, sweeping both double headers with victories of 6-0, 17-1, 5-3, and 13-1. Top performers from the double-headers include David Olinger '16, Taylor Canter '18, Jared Wolfe '19, Cody Cochran '18, and Erich Lange '19.



JACOB FERGUSON '18 / PHOTO

Alex Dickey '18 follows through from the hill in a game against Robert Morris last weekend at Goodrich Ballpark. The Little Giants swept the Robert Morris Eagles in two days of double-headers and outscored the team 41-5 in the four contests.

As some of the campus has heard this late winter and early spring,

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a little dissension may be arising between the players and coaching

staff. The team has had trouble keeping returning older players in the past few years. This season, the team only has four juniors and two seniors. The team has lost multiple players since the beginning of the season. The culture within Head Coach Cory Stevens' baseball team was made apparent by an anonymous player who has since left the team "Practices were monotonous and unorganized," the anonymous former player said. "They took all the fun out of the game, which is the main reason you play a Division III sport."

Additionally, the Wabash Little Giants baseball team has not had a winning record since 2009, although the team did go .500 in 2011, winning the NCAC Championship and making the

College's first NCAA Tournament appearance in school history. There is one difference between this season and last: this year's schedule has been filled with some lower quality teams that the team hasn't bothered to play in previous years. Nothing is for sure, but with the recent struggles of the Little Giant Baseball team, it will be interesting to keep an eye on the players and coaching staff over the remainder of the year.

The Little Giants start their conference schedule on April 2nd and 3rd with a double-header each day against Ohio Wesleyan University at home in Goodrich Ballpark.

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# HOT AND COLD

## LACROSSE HOPES TO GAIN STABILITY ON THEIR SEASON; LOOKS TO DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PLAYERS

**JOEL JANAK '19** | STAFF WRITER •

This season has been a real roller coaster ride for the Wabash College Lacrosse Team. Aside from the basketball team, the lacrosse team is one of the younger varsity athletic teams on campus. When talking with Tucker Dixon '19 about the team's youth, he said, "There have been many times throughout the season, where the team has shown their youth. As the season carries on, especially conference play, hopefully our team will fix our mistakes from early on and grow as a team." Dixon '19 is one of the ten freshmen who play

quality minutes for the Little Giants. All the youth on the team will hopefully lead to more success for the team as each younger player matures. When talking to Head Coach Terry Corcoran about the latest home stand, he said, "We have had moments where we have played some very good lacrosse. When we have shared the ball and communicated on defense we have played well. However, we have struggled when we have forced the ball on offense or thrown it away on a clear." Corcoran emphasized the importance of communication as a building block for future success, especially with such a young team. Without solid communication, the team will struggle. At times, the team's future looks very bright, beating some very strong lacrosse teams early on. However, consistent play is one of the team goals moving forward.

For the remainder of the season, Coach Corcoran has discussed a few other goals for his team moving forward. Costly errors have often times hurt the team. With such

a young team, guys are still figuring out how to play together successfully. Coach Corcoran recently set a list of team goals for his guys, saying, "We need to continue to focus on fundamentals and cut down the turnovers due to unforced errors." Coach Corcoran also said the team will begin to struggle once they start playing too fast and trying to do everything all at once. If they slow down and make the easy pass, "there will be success," Coach Corcoran said. If the team sticks to their fundamentals and removes countless turnovers from gameplay, the team will start seeing wins showing up left and right.

The Little Giants travel to Ohio to take on Muskingum University on March 26th. The Fighting Muskies are 2-3 on the season, dropping their last game to Hope College. The Wabash lacrosse team does not have a history of playing Muskingum, but that does not stop Corcoran and the rest of his staff from game planning. Coach Corcoran indicated that the Muskies are a very

beatable team. "The outcome of the Muskingum game will be determined by how well we control the ball on offense and reduce our turnovers," Corcoran said. He also summarized his team's goals: if the team takes care of the ball, everything will take care of itself.

The team will play their second conference game on the 2nd of April against Kenyon College. The team fell to the Lords last year to a score of 25-0. "Kenyon is going to be tough opponent, being third or fourth in the NCAC," Dixon said. "If we play to our potential, there is no reason why we cannot compete with the Lords."

As the young Little Giant Lacrosse team continues with their season, it will be interesting how it all plays out. If the team follows Coach Corcoran follows the team goals he set for his men, the team will see success. If they share the ball and stick to fundamentals, it will be a very fun end of the year for the Wabash College Lacrosse program.



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Steven Stark '19 makes a turn in a home game this year at Mud Hollow Stadium.

# FEEL THE RAEBURN

## COLUMN: THE POTENTIAL END OF AN ERA

### MICHAEL LUMPKIN '18 |

**SPORTS EDITOR** • The profession of coaching is unique from many other occupations. It is different because of the sense of loyalty and connection a coach can gain to a place that few other occupations can match. The relationships a coach develops with his players, fellow staff members, administration, and community are the staples of a coach's life and breed a feeling of security and trust between that individual and his organization. This idea rings even more true here at Wabash, where we are entrenched in tradition and a community embedded in 184 years of men that have come before us. Once you join the Wabash community, it is hard for most to leave. Take current Head Golf Coach Mac Petty for example: a revered Wabash man that has been here for decades and has coached countless Wabash sports teams.

It is because of that loyalty that we sometimes forget that being a coach is, at its base, an occupation. When viewed objectively, it is a job just like any other, and in the workforce, it doesn't seem wrong to most when someone does indeed switch from one place of work to another.

This information is pertinent today because our Head Football Coach Erik Raeburn is a finalist for the Head Coaching job at Savannah

State University. The finalist spot is familiar to Raeburn. Just one year ago, Raeburn was a finalist for the Wisconsin-Whitewater head coaching vacancy. However, Raeburn did not end up receiving the position at one of the powerhouses of Division III football. We will learn today if Raeburn will receive the Head Coach title at the Division I FCS school Savannah State University.

To paint the full picture, I will provide a bit of background on Savannah State University. As I mentioned prior, the football program is at the Division I FCS level, a step below the top Division I FBS level. The team made the move to the FCS division in 2000, and has won more than two games in a season just one time since. In the last three years under previous Head Coach Earnest Wilson III, the team went 2-32. The team is 12-77 since the 2008 season.

In conclusion, Savannah State University has an abysmal program. On Friday, Raeburn could be taking this program over just a year after making it to the "Elite 8," or quarterfinal round of the Division III playoffs.

Under Raeburn, the Wabash College Football team has been a force to be reckoned with. Countless All-Americans, two quarterfinal berths since 2011 in the Division III playoffs, 7 straight Monon Bell victories, and a 2015 undefeated regular season record and NCAC Conference Championship.

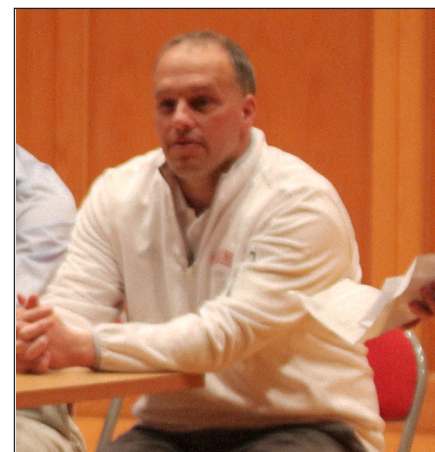
Raeburn's potential departure

comes at what is already a delicate time in the Wabash Football program. BJ Hammer '01 recently departed from the Defensive Coordinator role. During his tenure, the Wabash College defense was a staple of the team's success, topping NCAC Conference and DIII rankings year in and year out. The sting of his departure also lies in Hammer's new coaching position, as the Head Coach of fellow conference opponent Allegheny College. Losing a Head Coach and a Defensive Coordinator is not exactly the ideal condition for maintaining your stable dominance, no matter who the successors to those vacancies may be.

There are a few points to take away from this situation.

First, coaching is a business, even at Wabash College. It is to our great benefit that we have such great coaching stability. We are able to keep great men at the head of our athletic teams for great lengths of time, but we are not to look down upon any coach who simply isn't able to let the Wabash Way woo him into a lifelong career at this great institution. The Wabash Way isn't something you can force upon people; it has to be something you feel.

The second point is that we do not want Erik Raeburn to get the coaching job at Savannah State University. Wabash football is in a great place under Raeburn's guidance, and stability at the top is crucial, especially when there has already



LEVI GARRISON '18 / PHOTO

Raeburn at the *Concussion* screening.

been turnover in the coaching ranks.

But if Raeburn does get the job and tells us good riddance? Guess what? Wabash Always Fights. If we can't get Coach Raeburn to stick around, we will go out and find another resilient and great football mind that can keep us on the successful path the program seeks out on a yearly basis. The task will not be easy, with a dwindling number of weeks left until summer break and the first game occurring on September 3rd of the fall, the amount of time for a new coach and system to be implemented is miniscule by football standards. Wabash has worked with worse odds before and came out on top, and there's no reason to believe this time will be different.

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