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INDYCAR PANEL MAKES BIG HIT AT WABASH

PATRICK BRYANT '16 | BUSINESS MANAGER • Most days, something like closing down the mall so an IndyCar two-seater can lap around Center Hall, the Chapel, and Lilly Library would make for a pretty big event in and of itself. That was only the beginning. The

exciting finale to the day was the all-star panel of Indianapolis 500 notables who spoke to students, families, friends, and local racing enthusiasts at “IndyCar & the Liberal Arts”, a panel put on by The Bachelor.

The panel consisted of Mark Miles '76, Hulman & Company President and CEO, Jonathan Byrd '97 and David Byrd '98 of the Jonathan Byrd's Hospitality and Restaurant Group, sponsors of the Dale Coyne Racing Team, the Byrd's driver Conor Daly, a two-time Indianapolis 500 participant, and Curt Cavin (father of Quinn '19), a longtime motorsports

writer for The Indianapolis Star. The panel was moderated by Chris Denari '83, longtime Pacers TV announcer and turn four announcer for the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Radio Network. Sunday Denari was inducted into the Indiana Sportswriters and Sports Broadcasters Hall of Fame.

Miles, head of the company that owns both the Verizon IndyCar Series and Indianapolis Motor Speedway, spoke both of the events of the 2016 racing season as well as the preparation for next month's 100th running of “the greatest spectacle in racing.” Miles, who also

chaired the planning committees for Super Bowl XLVI in Indianapolis in 2012 and the Indianapolis Pan-Am Games in 1987, led the Central Indiana Corporate Partnership and Association of Tennis Professionals prior to taking the top job at Hulman and Company.

Preparing for the 100th running, Miles said that careful consideration has been given to this year's race being a salute to the past but a look to the future and growing the support, just as the race's

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HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

WIFI LIVES UP TO EXPECTATIONS

Horror struck the campus on Monday as students walked out of their morning classes and checked their phones to see that the Internet was down. Evidently, the entire city of Crawfordsville gets Internet from a single cable that runs from Indianapolis, and this cable was cut by some evil villain - presumably one of the Dannies. Having been forced to live without the Internet for almost four hours, students led riots across campus, smashing windows and setting fire to classrooms. All was restored to normal, however, when the sacred cable was repaired around 1 p.m.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Take one look at the front porch of the Beta house and you'll find eight, count 'em, eight unpainted benches lining the porch. Aside from the fact that you may think you're at the C'ville Cracker Barrel with all the porch seating, it makes you wonder if they bought all those benches to practice for the big one out back of Center. We see you, Beta artists. Practice makes perfect, gentlemen!

TOWNIES INVADE NATIONAL ACT

Hi-Five to the several hundred high school students in the greater Crawfordsville area. While you thought you were being sneaky by ditching the letterman jacket to blend in with the college students, it was easy to distinguish you from the guests of Wabash students, who were paid for by those students, and the Dannies who showed up in NBA jerseys. At least all you 9-12th graders have enough fashion sense to realize not to do that.

WORK THROUGH THE PAIN

On Monday, Wabash students had the opportunity to ride in an IndyCar around the College Mall. Not everyone seemed to enjoy it, however. Perhaps the driver's seat was just uncomfortable, or perhaps the gentleman driving was expecting to get to drive around sorority girls instead of Wabash guys. Oh well - we certainly appreciated his driving skills, and we thank him for taking time to drive us around for a while!



ROCKING ALL NIGHT

A big Hi-Five goes out to Daniel Bowes' band, Apunxta. We're sorry that our news editor spelled the band's name wrong last week, but on the bright side, it was a little free marketing for Apunxta's stellar show at Beta-Mania. Rock on Apunxta!

WABASH PARTNERS WITH MONTGOMERY CO. HEALTH DEPARTMENT

NICHOLAS VEDO '19 | STAFF WRITER • In our modern world technology has revolutionized human interaction. Countries that previously had little connection to each other are now bound together for better or worse. Nowhere can this be more clearly seen than in the issue of health care. The recent outbreaks of zika virus have brought international attention to the epidemiological links between different nations. This connection makes it imperative that healthcare officials see disease outbreaks in terms of common humanity and not national borders. This concept of global health is very important for the future health of the global population and the Wabash College Global Health Initiative is doing its best to join the fight.

This past Wednesday, a memorandum of understanding (MOU) was signed by President Greg Hess and the head of the Montgomery County Health Department, Amber Reed. This formal agreement makes public a partnership between Wabash College Global Health Initiative and the County Health Department to work together in order to give interested students an opportunity to conduct public health in the city of Crawfordsville and help improve the overall health of the city.

Eric Wetzel, Norman Treves Professor of Biology, serves as the Director of the Global Health Initiative.

"For the last couple of years we have reached out to Amber Reed, who is the head of the County Health Department, and we have collaborated with her in terms of creating student opportunities in public health within the health department," Wetzel said.

"She has had Wabash students working as summer interns and they do things such as learning about every aspect of the public health department, which is more than just giving vaccinations and getting people's birth certificates."

One of the larger Public Health Department projects that many Wabash students contribute to is the mosquito surveillance project. The students do this in order to combat the onset of West Nile virus in the area. This partnership also helps frame the concept of global health in a more local lens that makes it more applicable to the daily life of students.

This coming summer, the Global Health class led by Wetzel will be embarking on a trip to the country of Peru.

"The trip to Peru is embedded in the middle of the global health class, and is a way to expose students to different cultures and show them global public health issues that exist particularly in areas of poverty," Wetzel said. The trip serves as a method of giving Wabash College students a method of practicing global health in its purest form.

Sam Hayes '19 is one of the students who will travel to Peru.

"One of my main motives for going on the immersion trip is to not only break cultural barriers, but to immerse myself in a new environment where there are different challenges that do not exist in our country. I am hoping to gain a broader perspective on global health itself, and a better idea on the global health issues that face societies that are not high income, and develop a better reasoning of why these problems occur and possible solutions to them," Hayes said.



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Greg Hess, Eric Wetzel, and Jill Rogers pose with officials from the Montgomery County Health Department.

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motto this year “always faster, always forward” suggests.

“In a way there’s an alchemy to it when you think about tradition and what the Indianapolis 500 fundamentally represents, what’s just habit, and how do we cherish the past but make sure that this huge occasion is a time we turn the chapter,” Miles said.

“I think one of the coolest things was that you really don’t get these kinds of people that are just chock-full of experiences, with different people they’ve met and different events they’ve been a part of,” Maxwell Roberts ’19 said. “We got a really great first-hand account of what they’ve done.”

Roberts, who like Daly is a graduate of Heritage Christian School in Indianapolis, was the lucky student that won a pair of tickets to the 100th running

of the Indianapolis 500 next month.

Daly spoke about the entrepreneurship that one must practice as an IndyCar driver today, the work that he must do in securing sponsorship and building and maintaining a brand.

“Oddly enough you spend 95 percent of your racing career out of the car and that’s what the hardest work is trying to find the Byrd Brothers to sponsor you and it’s an incredible effort,” Daly said. “I say it’s the most underestimated sport in terms



Conor Daly

of behind the scenes. It’s been a very zig-zaggy road to get to this point. I basically raced everything you could race until the IndyCar peak and where we are now.”

A favorite element for Carson Powell ’17 was the discussion of cost-benefit analysis for sponsors like the Byrds when they make a financial investment in racing.

“I’ve always had a hard time trying to figure out the return-on-investment for a sponsor,” Powell said. “To hear directly from the source why they have a vested interest in sponsoring a driver was really interesting.”

Jim Nossett ’84, a member of the IndyCar medical team said he learned a lot about some racing colleagues, their backgrounds, and how they approach a race weekend, that he hadn’t heard before.

“My perspective is focused on drivers and medical and the track activity, crashes and so forth, and it’s awesome to hear from the sponsor perspective, the business perspective, (Miles’) perspective, and all the experiences that have brought him where he is,” Nossett said. “(Daly) is a great young driver, an awesome guy, and I’m excited to hear the energy that he has leading up to the race.”

Nossett was one of three special guests recognized at the beginning of the event including two Crawfordsville residents, Bob Jenkins, former voice of the Indianapolis 500 on radio and television as well as public address and Louis “Sonny” Meyer, Jr., former team mechanic and son of three-time Indianapolis 500 winner Louis Meyer (1928, 1933, 1936).

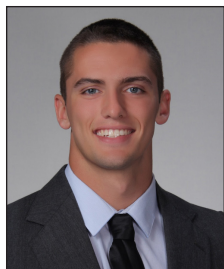
A MODEL WABASH MAN

ZACHARY BLEISCH ’18 | STAFF WRITER • Whether you look backstage at a theater production or on the pitch at a rugby match, you may find a Wabash man that looks like the guys on a Hollister wall. That man is Taylor Miller ’16.

Miller is a senior from Lafayette, Indiana. He is majoring in English on the creative writing track with a minor in theater and he is a brother of Lambda Chi Alpha. Miller’s choice to attend Wabash came from the recruiting of football as well as the alumni involvement and academics the college offered.

“With the reputation Wabash has, I knew it would be a good school to have a degree from,” Miller said.

In Miller’s time at Wabash, he was



Taylor Miller ’16

given an interesting opportunity to become a model.

“I was at Career Services going over my resume,” Miller said, “and Scott Crawford asked me if I had thought about modeling.” Miller had had previous experiences with modeling for Hollister in high school and being involved in the Madonna halftime show for the Super Bowl in Indianapolis. Miller said, “I visited an agency once in Indianapolis, and it kind of seemed like a scam to me.”

However, with the help of Scott Crawford, Director of Schroeder Center for Career Development, Miller was set up with an alumnus in the modeling industry in Chicago.

One of the challenges of Miller’s modeling career is staying in shape for his photo shoots. “I have to drop a bunch of weight,” he said, “When I signed up I was probably 215 pounds, and I dropped down to 190.” Although there is a significant demand to stay in shape with modeling, Miller enjoys

the extra incentive to work out. “I’ve always enjoyed working out, and it’s just one more thing to push me at the gym.” Miller’s modeling has given him experience outside the basics of being at a photo shoot. Miller said, “It’s sort of like being a small business owner.”

“I never would have thought as a senior in high school that I would be modeling,” Miller said, “it’s kind of odd sometimes. People from that industry are often from big cities and here I am, a kid from Indiana living in between corn fields.”

Although Miller is a theater minor, he focused on design. “I should have been in acting classes to try to hone in those skills,” Miller said, “because when you’re in front of the camera you kind of are acting.” However, Miller loved his involvement in with various productions. “Seeing the all actors every day act every day, I was always amazed by it,” Miller said.

Another experience Miller has had

in his time at Wabash that has helped him in all areas is his development of a personal work ethic.

“I had an ethical realization my sophomore year when I quit football and started playing rugby,” Miller said. “Not playing in an organized sport, and not having a coach in your ear telling you to do one last rep. I started asking myself what’s stopping anyone from being their own coach and pushing themselves.” This thought did not only stick with athletics but it also translated to academics. Miller made the Dean’s List every semester since quitting football. Miller continues to push himself and keep a good work ethic in all parts of his life.

After graduation Miller has not decided on a specific plan, but he is looking at continuing with his modeling in New York.

“I would like to get a good nine to five, but if I can just model full time, I’ll do it full time,” Miller said.

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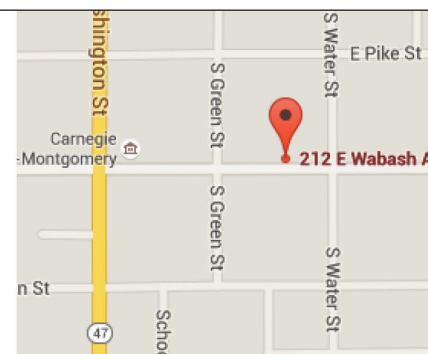
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FRESHMAN TAKES TOP PRIZE

BEN JOHNSON '18 | NEWS EDITOR • This past Tuesday, the Rhetoric Department hosted the 142nd Baldwin Oratorical Contest in Korb Classroom. Out of 12 auditions, four were selected to be judged by real estate lawyer Adam Collins '02, speech and debate coach Helen Hudson, and Dean for Professional Development Alan Hill in the finals. The competition was opened by the Master of Ceremonies John Janak '19, who introduced the judges and featured speakers for the night.

Speaking on a wide range of topics, all speakers featured a variety of majors ranging from Biochemistry to English. "We really appreciated the effort of the finalists to tackle challenging problems," Jeff Drury, Assistant Professor of Rhetoric and Department Chair, said. "They all talk about topics we don't really know about, so many of the problems that the finalists talk about are hidden."

Graham Redweik '16, a biochemistry major and brother of Theta Delta Chi, opened the night with his speech entitled, "Antibiotics: An Alternative Perspective." While Division I majors tend to be an oddity in the Baldwin Contest, Redweik was well received by the audience and received a great deal of interest from the audience during the Q&A portion of the night. Redweik spoke on overprescription of antibiotics in the health industry and agriculture, and how this could affect the state of our global health in the future. "I wasn't planning to do this until Drury emailed me about it," Redweik said. "I did this same speech in Rhetoric 101 and I thought this would be a great experience as someone who plans to give talks about science in the future and learn how to put together a speech." Redweik



Dr. Jeff Drury

plans to attend Iowa State next year where he will pursue a PhD in microbiology.

The other senior who made it to the final round was Paul Snyder '16, an English major and brother of Lambda Chi Alpha, with his talk entitled, "Food Recovery Network: Fighting Food Waste and Hunger." Snyder spoke on the huge problem of wasted that existed especially in fraternities. Food Recovery Network has been a non-profit organization that Snyder has been involved with and recently brought to Lambda Chi Alpha. With his speech, Snyder hopes to bring this attitude toward food waste to other fraternities and living units on campus. Snyder fell runner-up to Brandon Arbuckle '19, a political science major and brother of Delta Tau Delta.



Paul Snyder '16

As a member of the Environmental Concerns Committee, Arbuckle gave his speech on recycling, but had a unique spin on the topic. "One of the things I liked about Brandon's speech is it's not a typical recycling speech," Drury said. "In terms of the environment, he talked about the direct health effects to humans when plastic enters our food supply, which gave a more direct and unique perspective on our lives." As a freshman, Arbuckle presented poise and confidence throughout his whole speech, which eventually earned him the top prize.

Jacob Stone '17, a brother of Phi Kappa Psi, offered a more personal speech as he discussed PTSD, a disorder which affects thousands of combat veterans like his stepfather, who lost many of his comrades from a roadside bomb during a tour in Iraq. Stone advocated for the sensitivity people ought to have for people who suffer from PTSD. Stone also advocated for non-profit organizations, "Wounded Warriors Project" and "Paws and Stripes," two organizations that offer services to veterans who suffer from PTSD.

As tradition has gone since the beginning of the contest in 1873, all four finalists were awarded The Complete Works of Shakespeare. Arbuckle won the contest with a cash prize of \$300.



JACOB FERGUSON '18 / PHOTO

Brandon Arbuckle '19 won the 142nd Baldwin Oratorical Contest on Tuesday night.



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VANDALISM SCANDAL AT TKE

BRENT BREESE '19 | STAFF WRITER • Many students consider their fraternity to be more than their "home away from home". Many Greek students consider their house to be their true home. But what happens when the security of our homes are compromised, resulting in vandalism that could potentially cost the College and a fraternity thousands of dollars?

The brothers of the Alpha Alpha Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon are engaged in sorting out who broke into their home and estimating the damages they left behind. Early in the hours of Monday, April 4th, someone broke into TKE via a door that was accidentally left unlocked.

TKE President Cameron Brown '17 estimates that "at least 600 to 2,000 dollars worth of damage" was done to the house. "It's difficult to estimate exact numbers as some of the property belonged to the College such as armoires, drawers, etc," Brown said.

All three floors of the house were vandalized with spray paint and trash. The vandalism was discovered by TKE's house managers, who immediately informed Brown. "We're led to believe this may have been a group of people, as they were confident to move to the residential areas of our house and vandalize it with brothers sleeping right

behind closed doors," Brown said.

Director of Safety and Security Richard Woods declined comment, noting the events at TKE are being investigated. The College has extended an invitation to those who are responsible to come forward. TKE and the College are pursuing a full criminal investigation with the Crawfordsville Police Dept.

"TKE has been fairly busy as of late between Fraternity Day, our Foam Party, and our faculty dinner," Brown said. "But our house has definitely been whipped into shape, and motivated brothers to be more conscientious of taking care of our house, and really appreciating the value we have in our home."

Ultimately, the brothers have been working with the House Managers, and even passed Campus Service's inspection on the very same day of the vandalism. Brown sees it as a testament to the unity of the chapter. Even though they have faced adversity, TKE wants to see the incident as a positive experience to bring the house together.

Some houses such as Sigma Chi have electronic keypad systems to practice 24-hour security, and this is an avenue that would certainly help to combat any future theft or vandalism. Houses such as TKE

often depend on brothers to make sure that doors are locked behind them; in this case, however, it was a slip-up in communication that resulted in a chance for the vandals to enter TKE. "Do we trust brothers more, or do we take the extra step to install a keypad?" Brown said. "It's a difficult decision."

TKE members are confident that the vandalism was likely perpetrated by more than one or two people. Further investigation will decide if the action

was undertaken by Greek students, independents, or somebody outside of Wabash.

Brown was pleased that presidents of other fraternities reached out to TKE and offered emotional support and were willing to help TKE in any way they could.

"Messing with each other is one thing, but a line was crossed here," Brown said. "Here, the fun stuff ended and criminal actions began."



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The aftermath of the break-in at TKE.

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WHAT IF YOUR DEGREE WERE NO OBJECT?

I often find myself listening to the late philosopher and speaker, Alan Watts. It is my dose of calm during the days and weeks of stress and calamity that we all live in. We embrace fast-paced lives and day-to-day survival, simply trying to stay above water, hoping we can just scrape by. We are so focused on the now, the end of the day, the upcoming weekend. The idea of doing anything more than is necessary to pass, may seem absurd, or not even cross our minds. Our culture dictates that we are bound to a single track: study, find a career, get married, die. The usual. We get stuck in a rut of complacency and the mundane lives we live. This cultural phenomenon is truly a tragedy as we lose our drive, passion and excitement for the simple things in life. It hampers us from being who we have the potential to be and curbs our enthusiasm for being the best we can be.

As I listen to his speech, “What Would You Do If Money Were No



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Object”, in which he talks about the things his students would do if they were not bound by monetary means. I cannot help but think about what we would all do if we had absolute control over our lives and if we were not bound to the life of a liberal arts student. So, one must ask what would we study at Wabash, where would we live or in what field would we work, if we had been given this ability to choose entirely for ourselves. Would all, or any, of us even have ended up at Wabash? My answer is yes. I would

argue that Wabash offers respite from this culture of complacency. We simply cannot focus on a single field or topic of interest but are forced to find interest in a variety of fields. It matters less if you are the best in one of your classes, because you love it, but it matters more that you learn to love the studying as a whole. Liberal arts, in my opinion, is different than simply immersing oneself in a single topic and, despite the cliché, we really are required to think critically in order to succeed. The strange compilation of classes one must take pushes against the norm of complacency and forces Wabash men to learn how to learn, instead of learning for the sake of the mundane cycle of life most people are swept into. It is a place to escape from the attempts that society makes to dictate our lives.

So this raises the question, what would you do if your degree were no object, if people understood what we stand for, if we weren't liberal arts or

if we were just like any other school? Who would you be? Would you be a Wabash man regardless? No matter what you do after you leave our college, it will be with the mindset of a liberal arts man and that is something truly unique. A trait that is a huge part of the Wabash College we know. No, you may not be the top in your field, but you will know how to love what you do, even if you never could have imagined what you would be doing. Your degree will be your way to avoid the vicious cycle so many people fall into, and it will be your way into the career you are passionate about, showing the way you think and the way you have expanded your mind far beyond what you ever thought possible. It will be the way you stay interested in a wide variety of things, the way you can have an in-depth conversation about anything, and the way you can easily wrap your mind around concepts others struggle with. Your liberal arts degree is no object. It is part of who you are.

INCLUSIVE PRONOUNS IN EDUCATION

Back in high school, I used to carry what some would call a “man-bag”. I had a messenger bag, one of those satchel type things that Indiana Jones would always wear. It was easier to carry than a backpack, and I was able to sling it over my shoulder and carry my books in it class to class with all of the supplies that I needed. I had been doing this since grade six, and everything was fine until I began high school. My assistant principal looked at me walking into the lunchroom with it and said, “If you bring that bag back to my school again, I will suspend you. They are not allowed”. Never mind the fact that I saw my white classmates not policed in the same way – the fact that she had used the pronoun “my” instead of “our” was disturbing.

Think a little more deeply about it – what kind of sense of ownership



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is a student supposed to take in a supposedly collaborative learning environment when it's not his or hers? This is indicative of a larger problem in education. It's treated as a commodity owned by the administration or higher academics. It's treated as a privilege, with only those having the status or means to achieve it actually attain it. Education is a right, and this belief is heavily

influencing my desire to go into education policy with my law degree after teaching. It was not her school, nor has it ever been her school. Clay-Chalkville High School belongs to the state, the local school board, the superintendent, the teachers, the custodial staff, the students, the people who built it. There would be no CCHS without the people who came before her, but there damn sure could be a CCHS without her. What annoyed me about her remarks is that it makes students not want to take ownership of their own education. When a ninth grader hears that this isn't his or her school, they no longer have any buy in or investment if they weren't already a heavily motivated student. What's a kid supposed to think? How's a kid supposed to feel? “Well, this is her school... so what can I do to enact change, effect policy, make my voice

heard?” You undervalue everyone who works around you when you recklessly use your words. A kid will also feel like they can take less responsibility for their actions when they feel like they don't own a part of the school. If a student feels like they have no skin in the game, how are they supposed to feel welcomed in that environment, and want to make it a better place? Its not their school, so taking care of it just isn't up to them.

We should be much more intentional in centering student voices in learning environments, and highlighting the contributions that people behind the scenes make in helping a school run. This isn't a call for “participation awards for everyone”, but a call to action to make schools collaborative and welcoming rather than business like and lofty.

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BATTLE HYMN OF THE CENTRIST

Boats crept in the Charleston Harbor, patrolling the grounds upon which they would soon rain fear. Grey-clothed men in boats navigated the waters until the clock struck 4:30 a.m. The canons, filled with built up emotion, blasted a message to their blue-clad enemies: the message of succession. It was an event unlike any other; an unveiling of a conflict that many consider still persists to this very day. This week we memorialize the 155th anniversary of the Battle of Fort Sumter, the commencement of the American Civil War.

What caused the Civil War? Many of us are unclear of these answers; and honestly, the answers cannot be given concisely. Textbooks in high school have led us to believe that slavery, and the fight for and against abolition, was the sole cause for the Civil War. This is simply untrue. Taxations, imports, states rights, and more fall under the infamous Causes of the Civil War category. Suffice to say, the Civil War was inevitable ever since the United States gained its independence from Britain in 1776. It was only a matter of time before it erupted.

Today we see an inadvertent Civil War being fought on American soil again. One can make the



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case that many are actually being fought at the same time. The conflict that catches my eye is the war between political parties and their ideologies: Republican v. Democrat – conservative v. liberal. It seems as though a wedge is being driven between the American people that is splitting us apart. We're straying away from "One Nation, Under God" and migrating towards "One Nation, Under the G.O.P./Democrats." Social norms are requiring us to pick one side or the other, and there can be no in between. This is extremely dangerous.

Each president that has been elected has, at one time or another, called to mind the lessons of our forebears: the struggles they faced during our nation's fight for liberty and freedom. I call to

mind our Revolutionary lessons again, the lesson of uniting as one, not as many. A nation fragmented into bitter pieces cannot stand. A nation that compromises for the betterment of all will prosper. I choose the latter.

It is not that being either a Republican or a Democrat is bad, but it is when we let these ideologies blind us from the true goal of America – to live free, spread liberty and freedom, and be the best we can be as a nation – is when we flirt with a civil war. Recently, minor issues that have inhibited us from seeing the bigger picture have blinded our nation. Party victories of national victories now take precedent, hindering us from doing our duty as Americans. We, as American citizens, must first help out our fellow Americans; white, black, blue, yellow, or orange – we are all Americans. Regardless of ethnicity, religion, belief, or education, we are all Americans and should all help each other be the best we can be. Then, after we solidify our unity as a nation once again, we can take our newfound unity to the rest of the world to help our fellow citizens of the world. Not to spread democracy or our American values, but to spread

the values of our human contract, of human need and compassion. Doing the right thing, in the right manner, should not have a political label attached.

As Americans we love to voice our opinions, but just because another individual has a different opinion does not mean they are wrong, stupid, or unjustified. It simply means they have a different opinion. These differing opinions are what fuels compromise. And as a nation built on compromise, I suggest we practice what has made us so great. Become educated on the opinions of other people and use that to our advantage. Help and consider all Americans because we all strive for the same goal: to see America succeed. Help and consider all people, because we are all citizens of the world and we all want to see the world succeed.

In remembrance of the 155th anniversary of the Civil War, we recognize the brave men, women, and children – regardless of political affiliation – that fought to see America succeed in their eyes. It is not right to condemn one side or the other for their actions. They all wanted the best for the United States of America, and they are all more than worthy of honor.

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DATING LONG DISTANCE

BRYCE BRIDGEWATER '19
STAFF WRITER • For the many students at Wabash, every romantic relationship involves some distance. Shocker. However, some students fail to realize that some distance is not always having partners at Butler, Purdue or DePauw. Honestly, here at Wabash, that is hardly a distance. Distance, for Wabash purposes, involves a drive that is more than two hours.

Those relationships over two hours away are even harder to maintain. Phone calls and constant texting are good, supposedly. Face time is better than both, but at points, it can become redundant. If it is a nightly thing, there becomes a lack of conversation between the couple. We all go to Wabash; the workload is not easy. A two-hour phone call every night is not something that is entirely accessible to have consistently. However, there are multiple couples on campus that make it work.

Nick Etter '19 has been dating his girlfriend, Emily, for two-and-a-half years, as they attended the same high school. However, Emily now attends Baylor University in Waco, Texas. That is a 14-hour drive passing through five states; it's not your average trip to see the significant other. Also, there are other hardships in seeing each other. "The hardest part is saying goodbye," Etter said. "Not knowing when I get to see her again is also very difficult."

Every long distance relationship runs the risk that every goodbye might be the last time the couple will be together. It is not fair to either member in the relationship, but sadly, with texting as big as it is, the simple, "we are over" text is a valid possibility. However, there are benefits to the relationship.

"The easiest part is not spending money on dinner for two every weekend," Etter said. "However, when we do see each other, I'm spending money on plane tickets."

Saving money is a major benefit. Although 14 hours seems like a long right, it is nothing in comparison to Eric Chavez '19. His girlfriend Stephanie goes to the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, New Mexico. It is an 18-and-a-half hour drive for the couple.

"The hardest part is not being with her as often as I was used to," Chavez said. "The easiest thing is getting through the days because I know I'll get to be back with her once school ends."

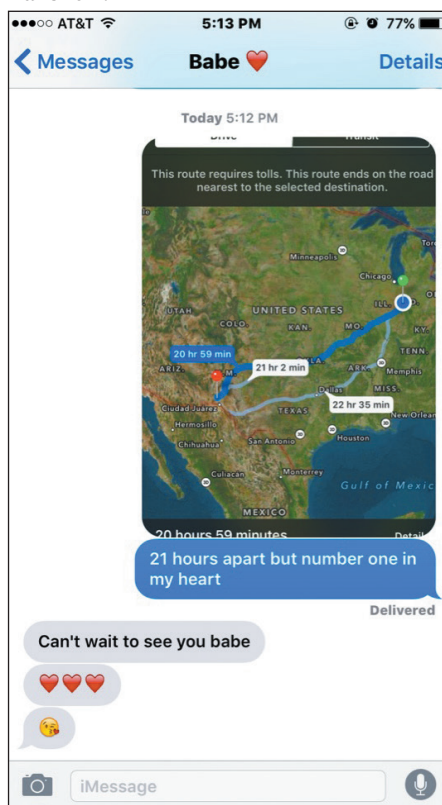
Couples get used to seeing each

other every day. Even a little distance can seem like a transatlantic journey. Transatlantic is exactly what Zach Bleisch '18 got. His girlfriend Hallie Nolan lived for a semester in Rome, Italy. That is an 11-and-a-half hour flight from Indianapolis. There is also a six-hour time difference from Crawfordsville to Rome.

"Technology has really helped make it easier," Bleisch said. "We would FaceTime at least once a week, and we could talk a lot which was nice."

With social media, communication is the easiest it has ever been. Imagine using only handwritten letters. Ultimately, long distance relationships require love at the core of the relationship. Despite common belief, love is needed in a relationship. Without it, what is the point of the relationship?

There are a few suggestions for those in a long-term relationship. One, remind your partner to focus on the positive aspects of the relationship, the fun and the trust in each other. Two, live your lives. Do not be miserable in your room because your girlfriend is upset that you have not seen each other in four weeks. Go out to the parties and have fun.



LEVI GARRISON '18 / PHOTO

DENNIS '16 PREPARES FOR A PHYSICS-AL TRANSITION

JOSEPH REILLY '18 | CAVELIFE EDITOR • Cameron Dennis '16 was first influenced to come to Wabash like many other Wallies: through the past experience of relatives as students. As his father and uncle before him, Dennis now looks to the future and his life after Wabash. As he moves forward, he will take with him the skills he learned here, as well as those he gained elsewhere that were enhanced by his experiences at Wabash.

Dennis is a math and physics double major. After receiving distinction in both areas, Dennis began looking towards his next step. He's been accepted to Indiana University, Purdue University, and the University of Oregon. As of right now, Dennis is leaning towards Oregon. He will be continuing his education in physics.

"I'll likely be studying condensed matter, and maybe astrophysics," Dennis said.

Dennis arrived at Wabash knowing he wanted to study math, but he did not fully comprehend the rigor he would encounter.

"In high school, obviously I did math and physics, but it took a lot of work to get up to speed," Dennis said. "As with anything, you just can't be afraid to fail. And when you do, you just revise and try a different approach until something works. Just keep driving away at it, that's my approach."

However, one thing that did prepare Dennis for Wabash while he was in high school was the Boy Scouts. He was very active in his troop, and later worked on staff at Camp Kikthawenund in Frankton, Indiana.

"I enjoyed the community service, and on the whole the program was more fulfilling than school," Dennis said. "The philosophies are similar. We have the Gentleman's Rule and the Scout Oath and the Scout Law are pretty closely related to it. The underlying concepts are the same."

"It feels somewhat like a continuation with the all-male, likeminded people. Camp staff really applies to Wabash. When you work on staff, it's every hour of every day, and that work ethic really translates. You become good at budgeting your time and getting everything done that you need to do."

While at Wabash, Dennis has worked in the Writing Center and as a QSC tutor. He truly enjoys spending time "helping other people learn and understand the concepts," Dennis said.

"It's also good to spend time explaining things outside of the class, which I think every Wabash student does a lot when we collaborate or work together on group assignments or when someone asks for help. But being able to explain a concept really helps solidify it in your mind."

Dennis believes the that best thing



Cameron Dennis '16

about Wabash is the professors. "Actually having the opportunity to talk to them and interact with them and understand what their experiences were so that you don't have to start from the ground up as you get to where

you want to go," Dennis said. "Coming here has changed my goals completely. Originally, I didn't have a specific focus in mind. I came here because I wanted to do everything." Dennis took his interest in many different high school courses and followed it to Wabash.

While taking advantage of the liberal arts, Dennis focused on math and physics, doing summer research with Professor of Physics Dennis Krause and at the University of Notre Dame where he worked with a large cosmic ray detector. Dennis truly believes in the importance of a liberal arts education. He mentioned his love of English, and recommends every student take a class with Professor of English Warren Rosenberg before graduation.

In addition, Dennis recommends that every student spend time discussing their classroom experiences. He especially recommends actively seeking out conversations with people who aren't in your major.

"To be able to talk with people in other majors and see people with other experiences widens yours," Dennis said. "Just have lots of conversations. It's one of the best things you can do while at Wabash."

THE BACHELOR WINS MOST AWARDS EVER

JOSEPH REILLY '18 | CAVELIFE

EDITOR • For the third year in a row, *The Bachelor* defeated its rival newspaper *The DePauw* at this year's Indiana Collegiate Press Association awards conference. This distinction for *The Bachelor* was bolstered by eight 1st place awards with a total of 25 overall awards for a second-place finish as the Best Newspaper.

The awards encompassed the spring and fall semesters of 2015 under

Editors-in-Chief Patrick Bryant '16 and Adam Alexander '16.

Of the 25 overall awards the staff received, a number of different staff members from the 2014-15 and 2015-16 school years were recognized. Receiving 1st place awards were Bryant, Alexander, sports columnist Samuel Hanes '16, Caveliflife Editor Joseph Reilly '18, News Editor Cole Crouch '17, Photo Editor Colin Thompson '17, photographer Ian Ward

'19, and cartoonist Joey Dierdorf '18.

Additionally, there were five instances in which the two entries from *The Bachelor* swept first and second place. These were Best Special Issue, Sports Column, Feature Page, Special Section/Front Cover, and Editorial Cartoon.

One of the pieces to receive high praise from the judges is Thompson's photo "Religious Protestors," a photo from last fall's appearance of religious protestors on campus.

"A genuine, real moment of a peaceful confrontation is captured in this image," the judge said. "You can see the conflict in her gestures. It's a fantastic news photo, framed expertly."

The Bachelor received 3 more awards than its most decorated year previous.

"We've never won as many awards as we did this year," Alexander said. "I think that's due largely to the fact that our staff really takes pride in their work. We have a very committed group of student journalists who are essentially writing a story every week in addition to their regular Wabash workload."

"Our guys take their assignments seriously, and the recognition they

received at ICPA is confirmation that we have a fantastic staff at *The Bachelor*. We went up against many newspapers which are full of students majoring in journalism, and for us to not only compete but come in second place among all of them is an amazing feat. I'm very proud of our staff."

While *The Bachelor* didn't repeat its "Newspaper of the Year" title from two years prior, it was a tough competitor for Goshen University. The school put up 57 points in pursuit of the top honor. *The Bachelor* received 52 points with Anderson University at third with 27.

"While it's always great to be named newspaper of the year, I was thrilled we not only won more awards than any other paper in our division but more than *The Bachelor* has won in any previous year," Howard Hewitt, *The Bachelor* Advisor, said. "Having nearly 20 *Bachelor* staffers recognized for their journalist efforts is remarkable at an institution where there is no formal journalistic training. We're proud of that and I'm proud of the young men who produce a quality campus newspaper weekly."

ICPA AWARDS

1st place awards

Best Special Issue: Patrick Bryant '16, Staff
Best Staff Editorial: Patrick Bryant '16
Best Sports Column: Samuel Hanes '16
Best Feature Page: Joseph Reilly '18
Best Special Section Front/Cover: Adam Alexander '16, Cole Crouch '17, Colin Thompson '17, Ian Ward '19
Best Overall Design: Patrick Bryant '16
Best News Photo: Colin Thompson '17
Best Editorial Cartoon: Joey Dierdorf '18

2nd place awards

Best Themed Issue: Adam Alexander '16, Staff
Best Special Issue: Adam Alexander '16, Staff
Best Sports Feature Story: Tucker Dixon '19
Best News or Feature Series: Taylor Kenyon '15, Luke Doughty '18,
Best Opinion Column: William Kelly '18
Best Sports Column: Michael Lumpkin '18
Best Front Page: Cole Crouch '17
Best Feature Page: Joseph Reilly '18
Best Special Section Front/Cover: Adam Alexander '16
Best Photo Essay/Picture Story: Jacob Ferguson '18, Colin Thompson '17
Best Editorial Cartoon: Joey Dierdorf '18

3rd place awards

Best Single Issue: Adam Alexander '16, Staff
Best Themed Issue: Adam Alexander '16, Staff
Best Entertainment Story: Joseph Reilly '18
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MULL '16 REFLECTS ON WABASH EXPERIENCE

GRIFFIN LEVY '17 | STAFF WRITER

• If you have ever walked by the FIJI house on a nice afternoon or evening, there is a good chance you have seen Jacob Mull '16 out on the front porch enjoying a nice cigar. Mull is a History major, Political Science minor. Besides spending time on his academics and learning about military history, he can be found at a variety of clubs, on and off campus, making a difference in the greater Crawfordsville community.

Mull was recruited to Wabash similar to most legacies. Mull's dad graduated Wabash in 1987, and his first visit to campus was his junior year of high school during the annual Monon Bell Classic.

He said, "I just fell in love with the place. The spirit of the whole thing. The fact that it was just peaceful yet fun at the same time" He has had no regrets about coming to Wabash. "The minute I got my letter offering me admission I took it in a heart beat, came down during Honor Scholars, and haven't looked back

ever since."

During Honor Scholars, Mull rushed every house, but ended up at FIJI. "FIJI was the house I got along with the most. I knew guys because we've visited before," Mull said.

Mull is an active member of the Freemason lodge in Crawfordsville. The Freemasons are similar in structure and function to fraternities, hold weekly meetings, philanthropy events, and have ceremonies.

"I went and volunteered at a philanthropy event in town, met a group of the guys there. We hit it off really well and I really liked the mission statement." Mull grew to really like the Freemasons and became an active member, taking on leadership positions with ritual related tasks and volunteering. He is proud to see the lodge grow and change so much in the last four years.

Mull also had the pleasure of studying abroad his second semester junior year in Lancaster, England.

"I always wanted to go abroad I always liked traveling." Mull said.

"There's no real better time to travel. The way the college makes it easier to do then a lot of other schools. It was an opportunity that I feel like I couldn't pass up." Mull said. "The difference in academic systems made me even more appreciative of everything we have here at Wabash."

Mull took the untraditional path of being a first semester senior Rhyne. He went out for Rhyneship each semester and was accepted last fall. Although it was difficult, he is proud to be part of the Sphinx Club and doesn't regret a single moment.

Mull plans to pursue a career in the governmental sector after graduation.

People with the love and dedication to Wabash like Mull's are the people that help keep our College alive and thriving. We know Mull will be back as often as he can to support our Little Giants in everything they do. "There are times where you don't want to be here, you want to leave. You want to quit, but you stay, and that's mentality gets you through life." Mull said.



COLIN THOMPSON '17 / PHOTO

Jacob Mull '16 can often be found on the front porch of the FIJI house with a cigar.



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WALLIES TEACH IN TAIWAN

NICHOLAS VEDO '19 | STAFF WRITER

• This summer, three Wabash men will take their liberal arts learning far beyond campus; about 7,677 miles from Crawfordsville to be exact. Due to the creation of a new program called "RemoteCamp Taiwan" these lucky students will have the opportunity to explore a culture extremely different from their own, and learn valuable teaching skills at the same time.

The idea of "RemoteCamp Taiwan" was first proposed by DePauw University's Professor of Chinese Sherry Mou, and Wabash's Professor of Chinese Yao Li was quick to express interest in a possible collaboration.

"RemoteCamp Taiwan" is an English summer camp program for grade-school and middle-school students in remote areas of Taiwan. Sponsored by the Republic of China's government, the program, now in its third year, recruits Taiwanese college and graduate students to be councilors. These week-long English camps are designed 'to rouse students' interest in learning English, to balance the resource differences between urban and rural areas, and to open students' international vistas," Mou said.

The program has existed for a number of years, but this summer marks the first in which English-

speaking students will participate. Upon arrival in Taiwan, the students will first undergo a period of basic training in teaching techniques.

"Each of us will be placed in a group of 7 or 8 graduate students, and each group will go to a different rural, remote area of Taiwan and will teach basic english skills to the middle school kids in that area," Lucas Soliday '19 said. "The kids that aren't exposed to English at all don't have many economic opportunities, but if you have minimal English skills, their job opportunities increase exponentially."

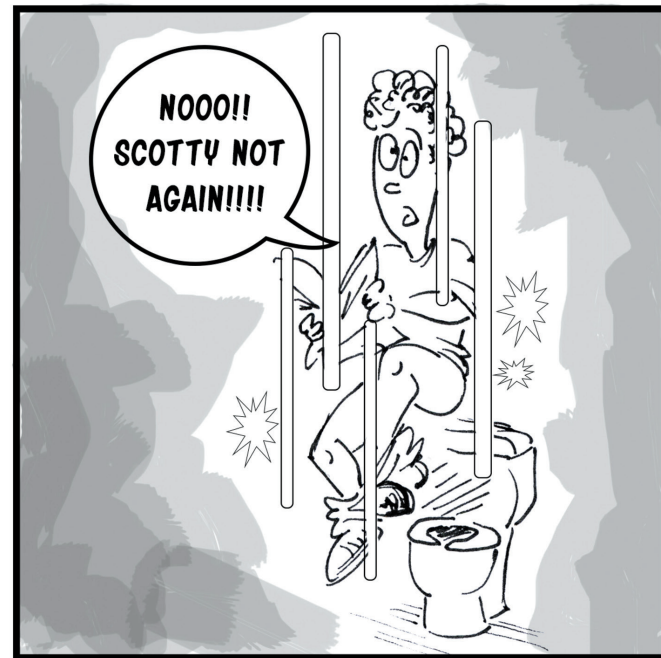
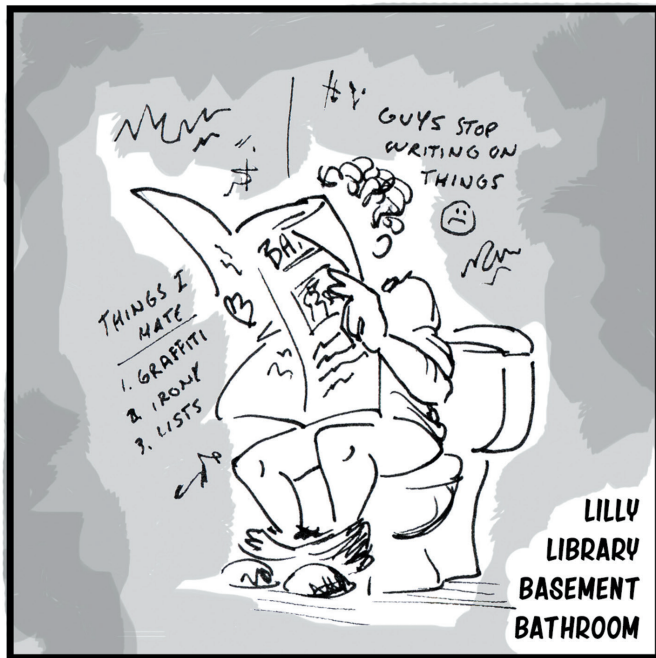
When choosing students for the trip, Li searched for those with a passion for exploration and helping others. The trip is meant to be a learning opportunity for both groups. "I got the answers from those determined eyes -- love, respect, willingness to help kids as 'Native English instructors', to interact with peers from another culture, and of course, to explore this big, big world," Li said.

The trip begins June 27 and runs until August 8. Each member is optimistic about the potential the collaboration has for future years. This historic expedition will give those chosen an opportunity to live out the Wabash College mission statement in a very exotic location.



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BYRD BROTHERS FLY BACK HOME

BYRD BROTHERS, AMONG OTHERS, CREDIT WABASH WITH MUCH OF THEIR PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS

TUCKER DIXON '19 | STAFF WRITER • Last week I wrote an article regarding my personal experiences with the Indy 500 and in that article, I failed to mention the influence and presence Wabash has in the Indy 500. As many of you saw firsthand Monday night at *The Bachelor's* IndyCar and the Liberal Arts event, the Indianapolis shares its rich history with many colleges around the state, including Wabash. Two such alumni that are currently writing their part of the Indy 500 story are Jonathan II '97 and David '98 Byrd.

The Byrd brothers both called Wabash home during the late 90's and left their mark on the campus and community. At Wabash, Jonathan was a manager for the Wabash College basketball team under Coach Mac Petty and hosted a pregame and halftime show during football games on WNDY was the play-by-play announcer for basketball his senior year.

The Byrd brothers spent much of

“Wabash taught us how to think, problem-solve, and interact on a professional level.”

JONATHAN BYRD II '97

their college life working back home in the family business. In 1982, their father the late Jonathan Byrd founded Jonathan Byrd's Racing, where its roots can be traced back to the Indianapolis Speedrome where the team quickly found

championship-caliber success. Jonathan Byrd's Racing soon made the leap to IndyCar in 1985. Since the team has successfully fielded seventeen entries into the 500 and accomplished six top ten finishes with their best finish, 5th place, coming in 2005 at the hands of the 1996 Indy 500 champion, Buddy Lazier.

After Wabash, the Byrd brothers assumed roles within the family business, Jonathan Byrd's Hospitality and Restaurant Group, which was started in 1988. David Byrd is currently the Vice President and Director of Operations of Byrd's Hotel Group, based out of Arizona and acts as a business development consultant for Jonathan Byrd's Hospitality and Restaurant Group back here in Indiana. Jonathan II works on the business development side of the company.

The Byrd Brothers have always had one real passion, IndyCar. This passion began at an early age with heavy influence coming from their father. Throughout their teen and young adult lives, they knew they wanted to get back to IndyCar. “It's a dream come true. I've always wanted to be in IndyCar racing, growing up in it my entire life,” Jonathan Byrd II '97 responded when asked what working with IndyCar has been like, “You just get hooked. There were some times where we weren't racing the 500; we were just spectators, and it killed me. It just wasn't the same. So being a part of the 500 every year now, with a car that has a chance to win the 500 is what really motivates me.”

Having accomplishments such as these is no easy task, and the Byrd brothers credit a lot of their success to the habits and characteristics they learned and picked up while studying here at Wabash. “Wabash College educates men to think critically, act responsibly, lead effectively, and live humanely.” As men of Wabash, this mission statement is nothing new. We hear it nearly every day and a lot of times we shrug it off and go about our very busy lives. But we can see how effective the College is in

accomplishing this statement when we look at the vast community of successful alumni like Jonathan II and David Byrd.

Wabash does a lot to prepare men for the real world, and many alumni credit Wabash with giving them the skills to make a successful career in multiple different fields. “In combination with being in a family business and working with my dad, Wabash taught us how to think, problem-solve, and interact on a professional level,” Jonathan II '97 said, “We are in a very face-

to-face business, and Wabash really helped with being able to talk to people. All those skills are useful each and every day.” It is these kinds of skills that provide Wabash men an advantage when entering the job market. David '98 stated, “Creativity, advanced and forward thinking, constantly looking for the next opportunity, generating creative solutions to problems, and anticipating problems before you know there are problems were some of the biggest things Wabash taught me.”



David '98 (left) and Jonathan II '97 (right) Byrd spoke during “IndyCar and the Liberal Arts” about their Wabash experience and their success since.

COLIN THOMPSON '17 / PHOTO

TENNIS ACES NCAC-MIAA CHALLENGE

WABASH TENNIS LOOKS TO CONTINUE STRONG RUN INTO CONFERENCE PLAY

JOEL JANAK '19 | STAFF WRITER • As the Wabash College Little Giant tennis team nears the last few weeks of the season, the team has seen some real success, especially last weekend. Wabash College participated in the NIAA-NCAC Challenge last weekend in Holland, Michigan playing: Adrian College, Alma College, and the host school, Hope College. The Little Giants would sweep the weekend by beating each opponent fairly easy. When speaking with Head Coach Jason Hutchinson, he was very excited about the success his team had this past weekend saying, "The weekend went well for us going 3-0 moving our overall record to 15-10." The team is still trying to keep that solid record carrying over from last year's record of 20-9.

Freshman, Jordan Greenwell '19 has an undefeated record of 9-0. Playing at the #3 singles position for the Little Giants, Greenwell '19 has not lost a match since Spring Break! Coach Hutchinson emphasized the importance of team FIRST, but he also included a few words on his super-Freshman, Jordan saying, "As I have said in the past, we are all about team first, but freshman Jordan Greenwell has been on a tear since coming back from Spring Break. He is undefeated in the #3 singles position, a perfect 9-0." For a freshman to play that consistent for almost a month and a half at the college level is very impressive and will hopefully lead to a very solid career here at Wabash College playing under Coach Hutchinson. All of the college's tennis faithful should be very anxious for their new superstar.

The next three matches for the Little Giants are at Depauw and home against the Big Red of Denison and the Wittenberg Tigers. Unfortunately, I do not

have any information on the match at Depauw on Wednesday, but Coach Hutchinson did speak on the match against the Dannies saying, "DePauw tomorrow, which I understand will not make this edition. We are in a very important conference stretch. Traditionally, DePauw and Denison are near the top of the NCAC, so we need to dial in for those matches as they are very deep teams." Depauw also seems to have tough teams, so it will be interesting to see how the team reacts to a big rivalry match against the Tigers.

Hutchinson's mentioning of Denison is important too in that; the Little Giants would fall to the Big Red on the road last year. The score turned out to be 7-2. Another great test for the team to show their worth towards a top tennis program in Denison. Hopefully, Wabash will prove they belong against one of the top programs in the NCAC. Finally, the team welcomes the Tigers of Wittenberg Saturday morning. Last year, the Little Giants would easily defeat the opposition 8-1. This is a game the Little Giants need to win to remain near the top of the NCAC standings. Coach Hutchinson said

a few words about the match on Saturday saying, "Wittenberg has some good talent as well, so it is important to be prepared for them." They fear not to overlook any opponent in the conference season.

End of season goals are always important. By this time in the season, the team has hopefully already accomplished their early-season/mid-season goals and are working towards the postseason. Coach Hutchinson spoke on the goals saying, "My goal every day is to make sure the guys are staying engaged in every drill that we do. This time of year is tough because students have a lot of things going on as well as preparing for finals in a few weeks. They need to manage their time well so that when it is time to compete, they are not stressed about their academic workload." Like Coach said, the team is nearing the end of the season, but also finals. The NCAC tournament falls at the end of the dead week and the beginning of finals. It is a very busy time for the team, but as Wabash men, Coach Hutchinson and the rest of his staff believe the team is up for the challenge.



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Jordan Greenwall '19 returns the ball with a well placed backhand while playing in Wabash's indoor facility.



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BROADCASTING HALL OF FAMER DENARI '83 CALLING THE SHOTS, MANY MORE TO COME

BRYCE BRIDGEWATER '19 |
STAFF WRITER • Chris Denari '83 is a very common name around most of Indianapolis. For the Pacer fans, he has been the play-by-play announcer for the Indiana Pacers since 2006. In Denari's tenure with the Pacers, he has seen the team make the playoffs all but five times. However, Denari had no NBA career or journalism program to give him a start in broadcasting. He owes his start to Wabash.

On April 10, Denari was inducted into the Indiana Sportswriters and Sportscasters Hall of Fame. Despite all his fame and accomplishments, Denari credits Wabash with his start in broadcasting.

"My broadcasting career started at Wabash in the WNDY station here," Denari said. "I [joined], and I started from day one as a freshman, and I was locked in."

As a student, Denari was also a

Sigma Chi and part of the 1982 NCAA Division III National Championship basketball team. The broadcaster

"He's as well-prepared as any play-by-play guy I've ever worked with."

QUINN BUCKNER

was recently on campus to moderate the "IndyCar and Liberal Arts" panel with several other alumni that are involved in the race.

"It's great to be back on campus

for this event," Denari said. "I have not been back in a long time. The event was great to gather these influential men."

In addition to the Indiana Pacers, Denari broadcasted Butler Men's Basketball games for 17 years. He continues to broadcast turn four for the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Network, as well as the Indiana Fever games and the Indiana High School Athletic Association's state championship events.

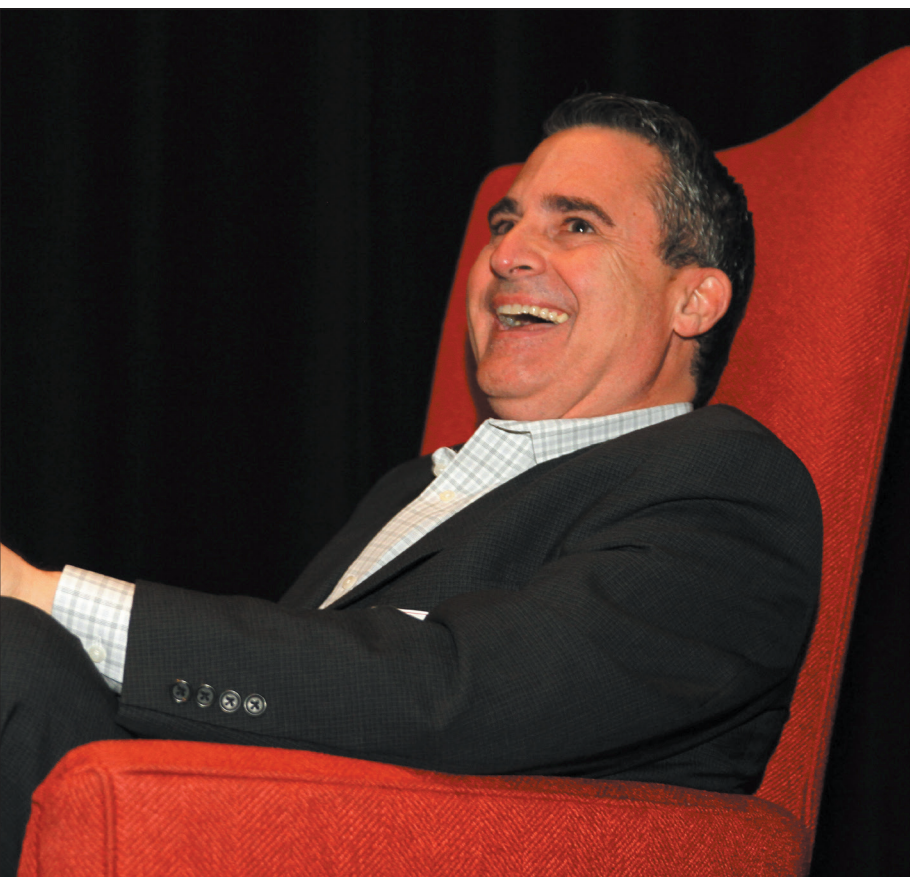
Wabash gave Denari an opportunity to pursue his dream that other universities could not. His experience at the WNDY opened the door his long and fruitful career. Quinn Buckner, the color commentator for the Pacers, commented on his partner.

"He's as well-prepared as any play-by-play guy I've ever worked with, so it makes it very easy for me," Buckner said. "He does a terrific job in pulling things from me. He works very hard at

his craft."

He has called many great games throughout his career. From the Pacer-Heat games of the early 2010s to the Butler successes in the recent tournaments, Denari has had his filled with excitement on the basketball court. However, he was also at the memorable Indy 500 when rookie JR Hildebrand crashed on his turn four on the final lap so Dan Wheldon could pass Hildebrand for the win. Another memorable moment was at the end of the 2006 Indianapolis 500 when then-rookie Marco Andretti was believed to be on the way to winning as a rookie too.

Denari has seen it all. Denari has a very long and successful career behind him, as well as a bright future in the future for broadcasting. He used the experience he gained at Wabash to follow his dream of sportscasting. He is a true Wabash man.



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Chris Denari '83, a Sigma Chi, returned home for the "IndyCar and the Liberal Arts" event held in Ball Theater.

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JOHN JANAK '19 | STAFF WRITER

• Do I smell a rivalry in the works? The longtime defensive coordinator for the Little Giant football team, BJ Hammer '01, was named the head coach at Allegheny College. Hammer replaces Mark Matlak, who retired at the conclusion of the 2015 season. But what is so unique about this maneuver? Was it the fact that Allegheny was in the same conference as Wabash? Can we call Hammer a traitor for leaving Wabash for a school that is a potential rival? Perhaps. Along with the departure of Hammer, former All-American linebacker AJ Akinribade '15 was hired as well to be the linebackers coach.

Akinribade, a native of Indianapolis, Indiana arrives at Allegheny College after a fantastic playing career. He was a four-year starter for the Little Giants and was also named a four-time All-North Coast Athletic Conference honoree linebacker collecting a career of 272 tackles, 46.5 tackles for a loss of yards, and an impressive 16.5 sacks. Along with Akinribade individual success, he helped the Little Giant post a record of thirty-nine wins and only six losses during his

career. Hammer, a native of Carmel, Indiana, arrives at Allegheny College with plenty of defensive experience and success. During Hammer's time as the defensive coordinator for the Little Giants, as his team posted an overall record of fifty-one wins and seven losses, making three appearances in NCAA Division-III playoffs and winning the NCAC championships in 2011 and 2015.

Newly hired head coach for the Little Giant football team, Don Morel, spoke very highly of

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CONNOR RICE '17

Akinribade and Hammer, as he had the pleasure to coach and work with both individuals.

"BJ Hammer is an excellent coach and earned the opportunity to be a head coach again by the success he had as the defensive coordinator at Wabash. He will do well. It's exciting for me to see AJ enter the college coaching world. He is a dedicated worker and will provide high

energy and support to the program. Allegheny football will get better there is no doubt about it," said Morel.

Connor Rice '17 also gave his insight on the hiring of both Akinribade and Hammer at Allegheny when he said, "I'm really happy for them; this is a great opportunity for them to turn that program around. They will always be a part of our brotherhood, but this is a chance for them to make a difference. I think as a team we are excited for Coach Morel. He has done a lot for this program as far as preparation and making us more dynamic on offense. He doesn't like his players, he loves us, and I think that's something we appreciate. I believe the future looks bright; I'm

excited for this season and for years to come. Coach Morel and the rest of this coaching staff are going to continue the excellent traditions that are inherent to Wabash College, and they are going to make this program even better than it already is."

Rice expressed his gratitude to both Akinribade and Hammer, as he is very thrilled for both men on their new journey. Hammer and Akinribade are just a few of many examples of Wabash graduates continuing great success in their daily lives. As a college, we wish them the best of luck and hope to see them on the field when the two teams are set to square off come next September here on campus.



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AJ Akinribade '15 (right) recorded 77 total tackles and 4.5 sacks during his senior season.

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