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NEW YEAR, NEW LANDSCAPE, NEW CHALLENGES

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HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

“DAINTY DALE”

Hi-Five to the Deans, construction workers, and Campus Services on the (almost) completed Martindale renovations. While it may be hard to admit, the refurbished dorm looks good enough to make the East-side fraternity men seriously doubt their allegiance to their houses. It is very clear that the days of the “Dirty Dale” are done.

CONSTRUCTION WOES

Freshmen arrived on campus this Saturday to the tears of their mothers as their babies left them. Little did the Freshmen know was that not only would they be locked into grueling hours of lectures on the Gentleman’s Rule as soon as they kissed their families goodbye, but also they would have to don construction hats and watch their step every time they went to eat at Sparks. For the unfortunate independents who still have to watch out for scaffolding and falling brick dust, you have our deepest sympathies.

WOODS CAUGHT ‘EM ALL!

A hi-five goes out to Rich Woods and Campus Security for protecting our college from devastation this summer. With an onslaught of Townies approaching campus for our Gyms, Pokestops, and spawn points, Woods was the very best like no one ever was, discovering the lure to campus was the new app PokemonGo. At this time, however, rumor is that Mr. Woods has not taken his training skills to any particular team.

VIETNAM WAR MEMORIAL

Local Vietnam War veterans and the wider Crawfordsville community were recently met by a humbling presence. The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall stood on the grounds of Lane Place from the 10th through the 14th. A memorial that travels all over the country, the wall allows veterans and family to remember their friends and loved ones while in their hometown. The memorial was voluntarily guarded by Reserve Guardsman Dr. Rogers, and a keynote address was given at the wall by Emeritus Professor of English Dr. Herzog on that Sunday.

BATTLE OF THE NET

Since the new housing has finished up, the battle for the beach volleyball court has returned between Sigma Chi and the independents who have easy access now that they are situated even closer to the volleyball court. Rumors have it that their will be a battle royale between the best of Sigma Chi and the collection of newly installed independent houses. It has been a long contested fight for years. With the independents’ advancement, the final battle to settle it all is soon to come.

COVER STORY

AHAD KHAN ‘19 | STAFF WRITER
• Plenty has occurred at Wabash over the past year to get the college prepared for the ringing-in ceremony of the Class of 2020. The endeavours didn’t just include the logistics of moving over 200 students, but other efforts as well, which Wabash had immersed itself. It is not unusual for the faculty, administration, and returning students to keep up with the everyday challenges they face each year around this time to welcome the new generation of men to the brotherhood. Fall 2016, however, has posed some unique challenges to all, be it on an individual or organizational level. From the construction of the new housing to the recolonizing of Delta Tau Delta, Wabash has welcomed the freshmen in a much different way than in recent years. These are the efforts of which every Wabash man is certainly very proud of and the accomplishment of them have required patience and resolve by everyone alike.

As Wabash men, we are informed about the “Wabash Always Fights” approach when we first step into the chapel, and Wabash takes pride that our men continue to be an embodiment of a true gentleman. In a similar manner, the fraternities have shown much of a gentlemanly behavior amidst the new establishments on campus, which may seem to affect them at least at a superficial level. In a place like Wabash, where Greek life plays a pivotal part in almost all we do, much attention is given to how the campus’ actions would affect their overall well-being. On the outset, fraternities face a definite challenge in terms of recruiting their pledge classes. “A great part of the job is to convey to the freshmen that there is a house on campus for everyone,” William Kelly ‘19, Phi Gamma Delta Rush Chairman, said. “Each house has different style, each house has different environment. I feel that freshman should choose a fraternity they feel comfortable at and also where they can make the most out of Wabash.” The rush chairs from majority of the fraternities have said that outcomes for their respective pledge classes look promising.

With great excitement and vigor, the students are welcoming the recolonization of the Delta Tau Delta house; not just the independents, but also fraternity men. The plans for the new housing had been in place for a long time

and the Inter-Fraternity Council played a vital role in embracing the improvements on campus, which they saw as a means to improve their strengths and capabilities.

“The IFC has taken a lead in that and each fraternity has found support within the IFC and we stand to support them as needed,”

Associate Dean of Students Marc Welch ‘99 said. It was very pleasing for him to see all

houses under a single banner of the IFC and he was full of praise for the way every house on campus dealt with the increasing competition. This healthy competition will be fruitful to the whole student body in unthinkable ways. At the moment though, it just highlights the school spirit and unity of the campus in a greatly positive manner.

Many students don’t visit fraternity houses during the rush period. They come to college with a certain notion about fraternities, which is quite hard to transform until they meet people from the various houses. “It all just starts with hello,” Anthony Pasquel ‘18, Phi Delta Theta Rush Chairman said. “A lot of the skepticism lies within what follows afterwards. When they realize that it is just a normal conversation between rush chairmen and them, a big perception change happens.” In order to tackle this obstacle, fraternity leaders have been devising various interesting plans for recruitment. In order to attract students, many events are planned and taking place. “We’ve had fights going on, tons of food cooking, basketball tournaments etc. Instead of letting them come to us, we are going towards them. So if we can catch their eye, hopefully they will go out of their way to be with us,” Kody Hall ‘19, Rush Chairman of Kappa Sigma house, said.

Phi Gamma Delta celebrates its 150th anniversary this year, making it one of the oldest houses on campus. It is expected that this auspicious occasion will bring favorable outcomes for the house in terms of recruitment. “Being in the 150th year is extremely special to us and we definitely try to push diversity of our house through academic natures, student involvement, and campus



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QUALITY OVER QUANTITY

HESS MAKES IMPROVING WABASH EXPERIENCE MAIN FOCUS



COLE CROUCH '17 | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • A West Coast offense. Exactly how President Gregory D. Hess described his future plan of attack for Wabash College in 2013. Along with ringing in the class of 2017, Hess entered o'er thy classic halls three years ago ready and committed to tackling the college's major challenges. Now, with institutional improvements and upgrades around every corner, his fast-paced tempo will downshift in an strategic attempt to reach every Wabash man at a more personal level.

"I think the thing that inspires me the most is how we've been able to try to tailor every Wabash College experience to almost a more individual level," Hess said. "Every year, I have a couple themes. The one that I keep pushing on this year is that every Wabash man counts. We try to create a very holistic education, but also find ways to make sure that there's accountability for every student here - both from the student side and from our side. It's getting after all the small things. It probably won't be as big of a splash from

time to time, but it will continue to make the institution stronger from within."

In shifting away from major institutional changes, Hess and his administration will focus on student growth and retention. In doing so, Hess will seek to improve the overall student experience. The changes may take hold even prior to Freshmen Saturday, as it begins with identifying and bringing in students that will truly succeed at Wabash.

"The hope is to continue to push the number up. When I first got here, I said, 'Look, we already bring a thousand students to campus a year, but we weren't actually retaining them.' The goal initially was to try to push that experience and that intimacy that the college has down so that every Wabash student knew this was the place for them. We're doing better on freshmen retention, especially with the students who would be least likely to stay at the school for whatever reason."

The chart to the left provides the number of students entering in each class over Hess' first four years,

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IAWM

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Part of getting involved in the college means connecting to our loyal alumni base. The IAWM serves the largest concentration of Wabash College alumni, located in the Indianapolis metropolitan area. Annually, we sponsor exciting and diverse events to support the Wabash community.

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- MLB Bus Trip • Wabash Night at Victory Field • Mitchum Crock Golf Outing • Opportunities to Learn About Business (OLAB)

WELCOME TO WABASH, CLASS OF 2020



WABASH MOURNS FELLOW CLASSMATE

JUSTIN MILLER '17 | STAFF WRITER • Luke Joseph Borinstein '19 entered campus twelve months ago. Until his death on Aug. 12, Luke selflessly served all who crossed his path because of his faith in Jesus.

"We all want to live happy and healthy to the end of our lives with our families around us," said Professor of Religion Robert Royalty, whom Luke had for EQ. "And when that doesn't work out for anybody, it's hard. You know there is a particular poignancy to the young person, to the high school-college student, the freshman who has so much potential that's cut short."

The Fairland, Ind. native, his mother, Lisa, and sister, Emma, died in a plane crash Aug. 12 in Fredericksburg, Va. They were travelling to see eldest brother Drew graduate from officer candidate school. He survives along with youngest brother Beau. John, Luke's father, passed away in March 2015.

Compassion characterized Luke's relationships with others. He never met a person whom he could not serve.

"Luke loved to go to sleep early," said his freshman roommate, Derek Scott '19. "Luke loved to be in bed by like around nine, but every night he would stay up until at least eleven, midnight, tutoring whoever it was on our floor, in whatever subject. I think that really showed how he valued others and how he humbled himself before God."

The willingness to assist others was not unique to Luke's time at Wabash. Professor Eric Wetzel, Director of the Global Health Initiative, recalled the same readiness from the global health class's recent trip to Peru.

"When I look at pictures from the Global Health trip to Peru, I can see in them Luke's compassion and patience with children, his being quick to listen as well as laugh, and his willingness to serve at whatever was asked," he said.

Luke was dedicated to attending to others, but he also had an uncanny joy and silliness to him. David Vavrinak '19 was with Luke in Peru and remembered seeing both Luke's care for others and goofiness on a bus ride.

"I was being my usual, annoying self," he said. "I guess I pestered him too much, because when I asked the (albeit common) question, 'Why do you hate me?' his answer was, 'Dave, I don't know why you always put words into my mouth. I never said I hate you, and you know I don't.' I guess my decision to respond with, 'Okay, sassy,' wasn't well thought out... From then on, he introduced me as his 'Sassy, French friend.'"

Isaac Hunter '19, who would have

been Luke's sophomore roommate, said such blends of joviality and gravity were not uncommon.

"Luke was a goofy, highly motivated, brilliant guy with a passion for spreading his faith," he said. "I remember studying with him for biology and chemistry. We'd go from studying, to ocean puns, and then to talking about God at the flip of a hat."

There was never a moment – even amidst the joking – that superficial answers were satisfactory for Luke. Long discussions about the meaning of a single word, current events, and God were commonplace in his presence. Aaron Becker '17 looked forward to being roommates with Luke for that very reason and recalled a discussion on predestination.

"I just remember that particular Bible study when that question came up," he said. "He just kept coming at it with more questions and more thoughts. Sometimes he would sit there and be like, 'Oh, man I think that's right, but that's hard to swallow.' But he'd stick with it and continued to ask those challenging questions and accept the answers whether they were hard or easy."

Luke's longing for understanding was also contagious.

"There are lots of people who can do very well for themselves: they can perform well in classes, or they can perform well on the athletic field," Professor of Physics and Luke's tutorial instructor James Brown said. "But they don't think about how to help others do that. Luke thought about how to help others in the class move forward... There was a lot of skill there – a lot of skill, a lot of heart."

Luke was not only passionate about serving; he was well equipped to do so. As Becker notes, the measure of a man's life is thankfully not its length in years.

"There's more to life than what we have here today," Becker said. "[Luke] lived for something greater than himself, greater than Wabash, greater than being a doctor which is what he really wanted to do. He just continued to trust and to have faith. That was just an amazing thing: in life or death, he wanted to glorify God, and that's ultimately what he did."

Few men are ever able to accomplish all that they set out to do in life. Luke Borinstein led a full life and achieved what he undertook to do: give all glory to God, forever. Even after his passing, Luke Borinstein continues to serve as an example to the world he left behind. In the weeks to come, the College will hold a service celebrating the life of our fallen brother.



JIM AMIDON '84 / PHOTO

Luke Borinstein '19 plays games with children on the Global Health Trip in Peru.



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President Gregory Hess enters his fourth year as president of Wabash College. The past three years, Hess has helped bring innovative change on and off campus.

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acknowledging that his administration was not responsible for bringing in the class of 2017.

"Ultimately, we would like the college to be a little bigger," Hess said. "We have got to push the number up at the college. The fact is that lots of Liberal Arts colleges are facing a lot of competition right now, and that inspires us; it doesn't scare us. Part of that is having more guys live on campus longer by bringing more fraternity-life back to campus by bringing the Deltas back and moving the Theta Deltas onto campus."

Hess believes community involvement can continue to bolster the complete student experience. The college worked together with the Crawfordsville community on the Stellar Grant to help open Pike Place, a pocket park at the corner of Pike and Washington that will feature a small performance area. The park project should be completed for the city next spring or early summer.

"Cities and counties and neighborhoods that place a lot of value on public spaces, amenities, quality of life create a much better social environment to live in," he said. "We've tried to be good public citizens. It's important for any college that wants to create the right kind of community feel get involved in the public spaces of city it lives in. We've been able to have good conversations with WDPD for the city and CIBE Global Health Unit Initiatives. It's something we will continue to do to make Wabash a more attractive place. There is more percolating that we can hopefully announce later.

In addition to improving student integration off-campus, integrating fraternity and non-fraternity students will impact chemistry in several living units on campus. Particularly, Hess said integrating fraternity and non-fraternity life together in buildings like College Hall as well as Cole Hall should strengthen the rush process.

"Well we have a lot of fraternity men living in non-fraternity housing. There is actually a more integrated feel about fraternity and non-fraternity life, which actually provides a better opportunity to go out and recruit a little bit better. Wabash College values the independence and ability for students and their peers to figure out the situations they are in."

While many fraternities anticipated a student rush towards the new or newly-renovated independent housing units, as well as accounting for the revival of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity, a few fraternities face major challenges filling entire pledge classes.

"In part, I'm not sure as many fraternities anticipated there would be this shift going on, but here we are and they've got to deal with it. They can reconsider how to and the ideas they use for rush. It'll take a year or two to get the shift right. As long as they stay in meaningful conversation with the Dean's Office, they'll give them enough good ideas to get students in there."

Hess will begin a conversation this calendar year discussing new fundraising that will be geared towards developing student housing. The college now owns every house and living unit for the first time since before 1992. In an effort to continue upgrading all campus living units, fraternity houses will likely be emphasized next.

"We did a fund for student housing which primarily went to non-fraternity housing, recognizing fraternity men are living in those houses. We'll probably have a conversation this year to have a mechanism to provide a set of resources to continue to upgrade the housing. It will be a year long conversation and we haven't really pushed it, but it will happen this year because it is important. Maybe think about it as the fund for student housing 2.0, which will help push that number up. I think there will be some good things happening."

LETTER TO UNCERTAIN FRESHMEN

When freshman year began, I had no idea what I wanted to study. I just knew I wanted to be at Wabash.

There was something about the college that put my fears of the unknown at ease. They were never entirely dispelled, and still haven't been, even as I move into sophomore year; however, my first year at Wabash was crucial in the process of understanding myself as a college student and figuring out the direction I wanted to take my studies. This proved to be no easy task as I began my first year and won't get easier with time – that's the beauty of it.

Although I was uncertain of what my expectations were for my time at Wabash, I was drawn to what the school offers: an experience in, and out of, the classroom that would prove valuable regardless of what I studied. Wabash offered me the opportunity to discover my interests by being a liberal arts college, but it was the experiences that I had while in interesting classes that



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showed me what Wabash really has to offer. While at Wabash, many skills are learnt that go above and beyond what can be seen in a GPA or even a major: English majors in chemistry, Computer Science majors in Theater; the list is endless. During freshman year, I was able to build up my expectations for myself through meetings with professors, discussions with my advisor and classmates and most importantly, through the classes I was in. It will likely turn out I never speak German after

school, but I learned study habits that I needed. The possibility of me founding my own democracy is even slimmer, but my Political Science class helped me understand the fundamentals of democracy. I may never become a huge fan of mathematics, but calculus developed my critical thinking abilities.

Now, although I have my major sorted out, Wabash still never ceases to push me out of my comfort zone. In every class, there is the opportunity for growth, knowledge and learning. It seems that students here strive to push themselves in these areas in order to better the experience of themselves and others. In turn, this builds on the phenomenal atmosphere built by professors and faculty, which allows students to have the full Wabash experience. Here, Wabash seems to set itself apart. From academics to professional development to lasting friendships, the school embodies what I, and many others in the brotherhood, sought in a college experience. When

the people surrounding you on a daily basis have bought in, it makes it even more worthwhile when you buy in.

For freshmen that have just picked classes, moved in, and finished orientation, uncertainty is common, but nothing to fear. These feelings will stick with you as you think about majors, receive your midterm results, and as you apply for internships, but the people around you will be there to guide and support you throughout. Things at Wabash never get easier, but the challenge makes it all worthwhile. This unique school is incredibly rewarding, but the work has to be put in – there are no handouts here. Although you may find yourself in classes you never thought you would take, it's what you take away from it that really counts. When you don't just do what needs to be done, but push yourself in every way, surpassing expectations while creating loftier ones becomes regular.

TOGETHER, WE START OUR JOURNEY

Dear Class of 2020, This past Saturday, we took our first steps onto the shoulders of giants as our class was rung in by President Hess. We join the legacy of thousands of men before us as we start our journey here at Wabash. The mantel we assume is not a light one. The moment we became Wabash men, we were charged with upholding the Gentleman's Rule, with striving to embody this ideal of a gentleman and a responsible citizen.

The rigor of Wabash College will constantly push us to grow. College is a whole different game. The challenges we face are bigger, better and stronger than the ones we have faced before, but so are the rewards. Do not be discouraged by failure. Adjusting to the new caliber of expectations at Wabash will take some time, and we will all fall short of the mark during our time here. Instead of dwelling on these moments, learn from them and make them valuable lessons to ensure the next attempt is a success. Wabash will not just prepare



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us for a career; Wabash will force us to better ourselves everyday. Wabash turns students into scholars and bonds into brotherhood. I cannot wait to see how we grow and develop as men during our four years here.

We chose Wabash because we recognize the unique characteristics that make this such an incredible school, and I encourage you to take full advantage of every opportunity for growth that Wabash provides. Push yourself beyond your comfort zone both in and out of the classroom. Take a class simply because it interests you, join some new clubs,

audition for a theatre production or musical ensemble.

Immerse yourself into life at Wabash in the fullest way possible. Get to know your pledge brothers and dorm mates. One of the greatest benefits of attending a small school is the accessibility of so many different experiences, but it is up to each of you to recognize these opportunities and to take them. As President Hess pointed out on Saturday, we only have roughly 900 days here at Wabash. Make every single one of those days count.

Although, we have started our journey to becoming giants, we are still human. So, it's likely that many of you join me in having a good bit of nerves mixed in with all the excitement. A new atmosphere, new people, new expectations and new challenges can all seem very overwhelming at times. But as overwhelmed as we may feel, remember: Wabash Always Fights.

The entire community of Wabash wants to see us succeed. They want

to help and support us. So, if you find yourself struggling, do not be afraid to ask for help. There are so many resources available to help us succeed. Whether your struggle is academic, physical, mental or emotional, turn to those around you for support.

With 226 students, the Class of 2020 is one of the smallest in recent years. But just because we are small does not mean we are not great; we are called little giants for a reason. This class is made of leaders. From the classroom to the field to the community, the Class of 2020 has shown its potential for leading effectively, and the expectations for our class are dauntingly high. But if any group of men can reach that potential, it is the Class of 2020. I look forward to every moment I will spend with you all here. I am excited for every obstacle we overcome, every game we play, and every lesson we learn. While these next four years will not always be easy, they will be some of the best of our lives, and it is an honor to spend them with the men of the Class of 2020.

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WABASH IS WHAT YOU MAKE IT

Dear Class of 2020,
Congratulations on making one of the best decisions of your life in coming to Wabash. Now comes the hard part: making the most of your next four years. To really come to appreciate and garner all the knowledge and experience Wabash can afford, I offer two strong pieces of advice. First, you must be willing to put yourself out there. Second, enjoy each year at Wabash as if it was a stage of life.

As Lao Tzu once said, "The journey of a thousand miles begin with one step." The saying provides an easy framework to really drive home what I think it means to become immersed here at Wabash. Most students come into Wabash with high aspirations like wanting to be a pre-med or pre-law prodigy who also breaks a few records in his respective sport(s) and wins a few competitions or prizes in their respective extra-curricular activities. We want to join many clubs, and meet many people. It can feel overwhelming to want to experience so much and still have time to be an 18-22 year old college student.

These thoughts can inhibit your behavior, but as a freshman, just know you have four, seemingly long (at other times short) years exploring and diving into what you can here. It's an a thousand mile journey, and it starts with you making the first steps. For this first part, my advice is simple. Explore. Join a few clubs, take a course you've never experienced in high school, meet new people, especially meet people that are so unlike you.

I can't emphasize that last part enough, for those who may see the world from a completely different lens will challenge what you may hold to be true. If you are



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left leaning politically, find someone who sits across the aisle to joust with you about such a seemingly divisive campaign cycle. You will find more commonalities than you realize, and come away with a profound respect for those who disagree with you. This exchange of ideas is how we discover the Truth in the middle. Or perhaps that's my respect for the "golden mean" Aristotelian thought championed when it comes to finding a middle ground between two extremes.

It's also important to realize this is a journey. I would take the liberty to say most people's connotation of the word does not include a single, narrow path. There will be pitfalls, hardships, high points, and lows. You will win some and lose some. You will wander and discover a path may not be for you and quickly explore a new one. There is no better place to explore and discover you than at a liberal arts college like Wabash. As Confucius said, "Learning without reflection is a waste, reflection without learning is dangerous." In terms of failing, reflecting and growing from these experiences make the endeavor worthwhile. Think critically about your experiences, with special attention to

failures, and you will be a better man for it. Your freshman year is the most optimal time to try different things and experiment with your interests. Which leads me to my second point; enjoy each year at Wabash as if it was a stage of life.

I closely relate this second piece of advise to connecting to something we all have experienced, the stages of life. Each stage of our lives gives blessings as well as hardships, as do the different years at Wabash. Freshman year is like your childhood. You're young and full of different interest, unrefined by the blade of college experience. This is the year you will have the most leisure time, and it can be spent two ways: by going through the bare minimum and enjoying the pleasures of life, or exploring and discovering you interests by getting involved. I would recommend the later.

Sophomore year is like your young adulthood. It comes time after experiencing an assortment of activities and courses that it comes time to prioritize your time. You must declare your major, start thinking which clubs and activities you want to spend more time in and contemplate growing responsibilities and leadership. This is a hard trade off, but sophomore year for me is when reality hit that I can only do so much with such little time. It's a tough lesson to learn that you can't take all the courses you want, be involved with every club you are interested in, and be at every event you hope to attend.

As I'm a rising junior, I won't try to speculate too far, but I can only imagine that it's like being a matured adult. It's when college students start to seriously think about what first job they desire to

obtain, start to apply for fellowships and study for the MCAT, LSAT, and GRE. You've built up quite a bit of experience and pretty far in your coursework. It's time to take your experiences that were led by interests to start making these tough, potentially life changing experiences that may affect the rest of your life. I would say that could be comparable to the tough decisions of a matured adult that may have to make tough decisions such as where to start a family, and what career path that is best for him.

Senior year is like a middle-aged man starting his journey to retirement. You start to step down from your leadership positions in clubs, your GPA is pretty secured, and at some point you lock into what you are doing post-graduation. Most seniors start to reflect and celebrate their time here at Wabash with their pledge brothers, close friends, and professors. Seniors spend more time together and reminisce on their rich life here at Wabash (and maybe late night Cactus runs). They part wisdom on the younger guys with coursework, professors, internships, and life advice. I recently read a piece titled "The Wisdom of the Aged," by John Leland with the New York Times that the best way to find happiness after retirement is to find the fulfillment by parting wisdom with those who are younger and staying in touch with friends. To me, those are two key ingredients for a successful senior year.

In summary, enjoy your time, don't be afraid to push yourself outside your limit, and enjoy each year as it was meant to be. These are four years to last a lifetime. I can't wait to see the future of this great institution take their first steps on their journey through Wabash in the coming weeks.

WELCOME HOME, FRESHMAN

Wabash,
It's hard for me to believe the school year is about to start again. Before we know it, the mall will be abuzz, the Sparks Center will be full of laughter, and the freshmen will begin mastering Old Wabash. Needless to say, the fall is probably my favorite time of the school year. However, along with all the fun moments yet to be shared, I'm sure there will be a lot of reflection this fall off the 310 Crawford St. porch among others.

When I arrived at Wabash three short years ago, little did I know what my career as a Little Giant would hold for me. Since then, I, like many others, have switched my major, joined a club I had no intention of joining, and made



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life-long friends with some of the most fun people I've ever met. Wabash has also provided me with invaluable support as I traveled to present research, led the Student Senate, and pestered for medical school application help. Every time I see the Wabash sign coming down

Wabash Avenue, I breathe a huge sigh of relief because I feel like I'm home. So, while I don't know exactly what this year will bring, I hope you will join me out and about on campus to find out for yourself. Drive down Wabash Avenue, create and feel that sense of being at home.

Make sure to watch a cross country race, soccer match, or football game. As I am sure you will soon find out, there is nothing better than being out with your brothers and friends on campus on a beautiful fall day. Wabash offers a lot, but the feeling of camaraderie in spending time together might be our greatest tradition. While you are just getting started in your Wabash career, I hope you find something

you are passionate about and get involved in, whatever that might be. All of the upperclassmen in those clubs were in the same seats you were in three years ago, and three years from now you will allow others to continue to have the fantastic experience you all are about to have. On behalf of the student body, I would like to say welcome and challenge you all to take advantage of the opportunities we have here at this amazing place.

As I look forward to all of the "lasts" my senior year will bring, I can't wait to get to know some of you and your stories. This has been a great home for me, and I hope it will be for you as well. Wabash always fights and always means always. Welcome home!

THETA DELTA ON THE MOVE

BRAXTON MOORE | STAFF WRITER • In addition to the new townhouses and many renovations to independent halls the college endorsed over the past spring and summer, the brothers of Theta Delta Chi left behind their previous abode at 415 S. Washington, and will now reside in the first floor of College Hall. An invested group of Theta Delt alumni perpetuated the move along with college administration.

“From the College’s perspective, the move went over very smoothly,” Associate Dean of Students Marc Welch ‘99 said. “We really attribute this to the energy and excitement amongst the Theta Deltas. Other than a few accommodations that needed to be made to the kitchen in College Hall, the house was ready for Theta Delta Chi to move into this fall.”

Welch also discussed the issue of having a hall divided between the Theta Deltas on the first floor and the independent men occupying the second floor.

“This model of housing is not one that is new to us,” Welch said. “We have experienced this situation before with

the TKE house and independents, in both situations we are willing to work with the RA’s as well as the leadership of the fraternity.”

Levi Garrison ‘18, President of Theta Delta Chi, addressed the possible challenges that the Theta Deltas will face this fall.

“This move for us is definitely a positive one, not only will it allow us to expand in the upcoming years, but it will also bring the current brotherhood closer together in terms of facing new diversity as one unit,” Garrison said.

“We really don’t foresee many complications arising out of this move. I think that the main issue that could arise potentially is the relationship between the fraternity and the independents upstairs technically living in the same space. However, I can’t see this becoming a larger issue because, ultimately, we’re all Wabash men, and I think that both groups will be able to work out issues together.”

Not only did the administration of the college and the fraternity express their views on the move, but the brothers of Theta Delta Chi were also quick to voice their excitement.

“This move is a step in the right direction for our house,” Mason Hooper ‘18 said. “The college has been supportive in helping us make [College Hall] better suited to house the Theta Deltas. It’s going to be nicer now that the college is able to help us with maintenance and repairs ... back at the old place it seemed like we had to fix everything with duct tape ... but now we have a strong support structure coming from the college.”

Theta Delta Chi’s move was proposed, prepped, and finalized within a two month period this past summer in cooperation with both the Dean’s Office and the leadership of the house. After outfitting the kitchen area to better suit the brotherhood’s needs, painting the walls blue to better reflect the fraternity, and organizing each brother’s individual living spaces, Theta Delta Chi faces a new school year from the comfort of their new digs.

“[The brothers] were initially hesitant about this move because we have such strong ties to the old house,” Garrison said. “But once we leveled the playing field, we found that this would be the best move for us as a brotherhood.”



LEVI GARRISON '18 / PHOTO

Brothers of Theta Delta Chi take down their sign to move it to their new housing.



DR. SCHMITT

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PROFS GET ON TRACK

JOSEPH REILLY | CAVELIFE EDITOR • Wallies will take classes from three new tenure track professors this fall, and one returning professor who has been promoted to a tenure track position. In the upcoming weeks, the Bachelor will give you a brief introduction to each of them. Additionally, there will be trading cards for you to cut out and fold in half and trade with your friends.

The first professor is Dr. Schmitt. Schmitt is a physical chemist and is excited to begin teaching at an institution he considers very similar to his alma mater, Hillside College.

“I’m very excited to take charge of a course and present material exactly how I want to present material. That’s one of the perks of being a professor versus a graduate or undergraduate ta. I just really have a passion for teaching

and I think there’s some good ways to do it and some not good ways to do it.” Schmitt said.

As far as what students should expect in the classroom, “the best advice for students in my course would be that it’s okay for them to be wrong about something. It’s like investing. If there’s no risk there’s no reward. One could just keep their money in an account and not invest it, but there’s never going to be any gain, any growth. Learning is the same. If you close off your mind and aren’t willing to step out for a second and try to understand something even though it’s going to be hard, or answer a question even though you might be wrong, then it’s hard for learning to take place. But if you keep an open mind, then I think learning, real learning is much easier. So it’s okay to be wrong.” Schmitt said.

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leadership. We also make sure that we have room to grow. We want the freshman class to know that there is a place for them and they may come in." Kelly '18 of Phi Gamma Delta further added.

For the past three years, the split between Greeks and Independents has consistently rounded around 60% and 40% respectively. "While this year's exact figures remain to be determined, an active, intentional, and successful rush process has us over 50% Greek. Perhaps trending towards our

typical 60/40 split, for the incoming class." Dean Welch told *The Bachelor*. The many intricacies faced by the school this year may have challenged the Greek life, but their various endeavors are coming to the fore as significantly rewarding. The rush process seems somewhat slower rather than inactive this year. The hope of Wabash men – fraternity members or independents - for the class of '20, is only that they are successful in finding out their correct match for the next key four years of their lives.

O CAPTAIN! MY CAPTAIN!

EDITORIAL STAFF • Howard Hewitt left a lasting impact on those of us fortunate enough to write for *the Bachelor* as he advised, enabled, and even chastised the paper to success. Hewitt's impact was felt strongest by the Editor-in-Chief each year, as evidenced by the testimony of two former Editors below. Even though Hewitt is no longer with the College, his coaching and high standards will continue to drive us to do and be better each issue we produce.

Riley Floyd '13 worked for *the Bachelor* his entire time at Wabash. He led the newspaper staff as Editor his senior year.

"Howard's wit and passion for good storytelling helped us all to maintain our journalistic edge," Floyd said.

"Howard let each Editor in Chief leave his mark on the paper. Each Editor during my time on the staff led differently, and Howard had the vision

to allow that to happen. But Howard inspired each of those editors (perhaps without them knowing it) to do the same thing--to push the staff to find (and tell) the story buried beneath the story. The qualitative ones--the Wabash students to whom Howard was not just an adviser but also a coach, mentor, and friend--leave a lasting legacy."

Scott Morrison '14 worked as Editor of *the Bachelor* his senior year.

"Howard was one of the biggest mentors I had during my time at Wabash," Morrison said. "He was always there to talk about not only the Bachelor, but anything I had going on in my academic or personal life. He was instrumental in helping me improve my writing, become a leader, and he definitely helped me get where I am in my professional life today. I consider Howard to be a mentor, a friend, and an integral person in my Wabash experience."



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Under his tenure, Hewitt taught not only journalism lessons, but also life lessons.

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BORN TO RUN

JOEL JANAK | STAFF WRITER • As the fall season approaches, the Wabash Cross Country team is beginning to train towards another great season. Last season, the Little Giants finished 8th in the 2016 NCAA DIII Cross Country Championships. The team opens their season Saturday, August 27 with the Charlie Finch '51 Alumni Meet. This meet is for all former Wabash College runners to break out their old shoes once again and compete with some of the current athletes in the program and offers a great bonding experience for everyone.

For the current team, Head Coach Colin Young returns for his second season, trying to build off his team's success from last fall. Unfortunately, the Little Giants did lose their top two runners from last year: Fabian House '16 and Adam Togami '16. Both men left great marks on Wabash's cross country program and will be deeply missed, but Young expects other members of the team to step-up in their place.

"All the student-athletes are expected to be leaders," Young said. "But the team selected Mason McKinney '17 and Murphy Sheets '17 as captains." McKinney and Sheets were both solid contributors for the Redpack last fall, and Young noticed as well. "These two have led by example with their hard work and positive attitudes, and have consistently reached out to build up their teammates," he said. Young explained that McKinney and Sheets are always ones to set the tone and lead by great example for young runners in the program. Sheets shared that the team just finished their first week of camp in Brown County State Park, which was a great bonding experience for returners and freshmen members to get to know each other better. "While at camp, we set the tone for our upcoming season," Sheets said. "We are entering the season both mentally and physically prepared. We have no injuries, the team is excited to train hard, and we have our goals in clear sight."

With the Little Giants' 8th place finish in the DIII National Championships, Coach Young believes the team is

"We are entering the season both mentally and physically prepared."

COLIN YOUNG

capable of competing at a high level very similar to last year. "Most of the guys ran their best races at the end of the season," Young said. "They were healthy, mentally and physically prepared, and came together as a team to succeed, especially at Nationals and Regionals." This is incredibly important if the team wants to be able to compete at the highest level with some of the top DIII programs. Young also noted that there are a few key factors that go into the fall season; it is crucial the team acts out these each and everyday. "The keys are consistency, staying healthy, coming together as a team, hard work, confidence and patience," he said. "This is an experienced group that is cohesive and motivated to achieve. They also enjoy the process of training and racing together." The whole

process of training and racing together creates an important bond that must be established early on. This allows the team to compete against one another, which makes everyone better as the season progresses.

A majority of the meets in the fall are very spread out, which creates some adversity during training. Runners may lose motivation because their next meet may not be for a couple weeks. Every meet, the team must look to improve upon their last time. "All the meets are important as benchmarks to see how we are getting better and how we can improve," Young said. "We are especially focused on doing our best at Nationals. We need to qualify for Nationals at Regionals. Conference is a meet we want to go after. And it would be great to place high at the Indiana Intercollegiate at Indiana University, Pre-Nationals in Louisville, and the Inter-Regional Rumble at Oberlin along the way."

Finally, the team goals were set before the season even started, created by the seniors and the coaching staff. "Through the process, we want to improve as runners, build character, evolve as a team, enjoy each day, and give our best," Young said. "If we do that, we can consider the season a success." If the team strives to better themselves each and every day, there is no reason the Redpack from Wabash College will not be finishing at a high position at the National Championship.



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The Little Giant runners are preparing for the upcoming Charlie Finch '51 Alumni Meet on Saturday, August 27th.



LEVI GARRISON '18 / PHOTO

The Little Giants' Football team returned to campus August 14 to begin training camp, a week of meetings, film sessions, and practices.



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Evan Hansen '19 rushes the quarterback against the Fighting Scots in their contest last year.

ONE TIME, AT "FOOTBALL" CAMP

EVAN HANSEN '19 REFLECTS ON A WEEK OF TRAINING CAMP

EVAN HANSEN | STAFF WRITER •

The hot and humid weather welcomed back the Wabash football team on August 15. Amidst old familiar faces and excited new ones, there is an electric feeling in the air for the upcoming season. This excitement can be found in the leadership of upperclassman and a phenomenal coaching staff.

On the topic of coaching staff changes, there are several great additions to the "Wabash Always Fights" mentality. On the offensive side of the ball, there have been two new additions. Bryan Watson '10 returns to his alma mater to coach tight ends and later throwing for the track and field team. He was named team captain as a senior and was selected to the All-North Coast Athletic Conference Second Team in 2008 and 2009. To fill the offensive coordinator slot, Craig Knoche has been brought aboard. He spent the past seven seasons coaching at the University of Chicago and brings a tremendous amount of experience to the table. Knoche has shown great knowledge and dedication as the strength and conditioning coach; as a result, as the season progresses, our players will be more mobile and

agile than ever. Teaching both the freshman and the new coaching staff the Wabash way has been a fulfilling task best represented by the bellyflop competition in the natatorium.

As a linebacker, our defense faced a major change during the process of

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EVAN HANSEN '19

hiring a new defensive coordinator this past spring. We needed a coach that could add on and improve a defense that showed great dominance last year. Wabash has been privileged to have Jeff Ramsey and his son CJ Ramsey

join the staff. He [Jeff] spent 15 seasons at Oberlin, producing the second-most wins by a head football coach in school history (42). Twice he led the Yeomen to 5-2 NCAC records, the best mark ever for the team. Long story short, Ramsey has seen a substantial amount of football. Not only is he a knowledgeable coach about football, but also about life in general. He aims to shape you both as a player and as a man, and that is exactly what our team needs. All in all, there have been some big changes, but the same determined team is back again.

If I could describe team camp in a paragraph, it would be best summarized in the words of Bill Brooks. We were honored to have William T. Brooks Jr., a former wide receiver for the Indianapolis Colts and Buffalo Bills, speak to our team before we began the process of team camp. One of the most resonating messages was that each day during camp should be viewed as an opportunity, not a process. Each repetition should be taken advantage of, not taken as a play off. Bill has been with some great teams and with the Bills, as he assisted them to a championship appearance in Super Bowl XXVIII in the 1993 season. He described the players that found success took advantage of every chance they got to get better. The players that put in the work before and after practice would have the confidence and skill to perform at the optimal level. Though he did not play with Peyton Manning,

he described how Manning would always be the first to arrive and the last to leave. There was always something more that could be improved. Football is a very competitive game, and life is very competitive as well. This process can be applied to more than just something on the football field. Whether you are in a classroom, at home, or in the community, if you want success there must be an inner determination to be excellent. With a combination of knowledge from current seniors, the coaching staff, and Bill Brooks, the upcoming season has been set up for great success.

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@ Wittenberg - 09/24 - 1:00

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@ Hiram - 10/01 - 1:00
vs. Oberlin - 10/08 - 2:00 (Homecoming)
@ Kenyon - 10/15 - 1:00
vs. Wooster - 10/22 - 1:30 (Community Day)
@ Ohio Wesleyan - 10/29 - 1:00

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GOING FOR GOLD

JOHN JANAK '19 BREAKS DOWN THE 2016 SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES IN RIO AND TAKES A LOOK AT WABASH CONNECTIONS



John Janak '19

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JOHN JANAK | STAFF WRITER For the past few weeks the world has been eagerly watching the world's biggest, fastest, and strongest men and women compete for their nations on the largest stage. The Summer Olympics just wrapped up in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. People from all across the globe had the chance to cheer for their home country in various athletic competitions spanning a two-week stretch. More than 11,000 athletes competed in events ranging from archery to weightlifting.

The games were set to begin on August 5th and conclude on the 21st of August. In typical fashion, the United States essentially wiped the field in every event as they finished with a total of 121

medals while the next closest country, China, finished the Olympics with a total of 70 medals. Impressively, the U.S. received a total of 46 gold medals in all events, while Great Britain was ranked second in total gold medals with only 27. This decisive overall victory for the United States just extends our lead over the overall medal count. The United States now sits atop the all-time medal count leaderboard with 2,520 Summer Olympic Medals followed by the now disbanded Soviet Union.

Recapping, the only non-American to have any extensive success was Usain Bolt of Jamaica. Bolt is on a completely different level than any

other athlete that lined up against him. Pictures were released of Bolt almost laughing at his opponents while he was running. Perhaps he found it funny that he was that much better than everyone else or he enjoyed sporting his country's colors in a tradition like any other. I will leave that up to your interpretation. But whether you think Bolt is egocentric and arrogant or just a very forward personality, there is one thing everyone can agree on: Usain Bolt is really fast. Bolt will likely go down as the fastest and most dominant individuals to ever touch foot on a track at the Summer Olympic Games.

Along with Bolt's success, Michael Phelps of the United States ended his swimming career on an extremely high note. The Rio Games were Phelps' fifth and final Olympics. At age 31, Phelps claimed 3 gold medals in his final Olympics. Most may have forgotten, but Phelps has been representing the United States in the pool since he was 15 years old. With Phelps calling it quits after the 2016 Olympics, where does the U.S. go from here? This man was considered not only the face of swimming in the United States for several years, but was well known and recognized by cultures all over the world. Who knows? Maybe a Little Giant will become the next face of the U.S. Olympic team.

Wabash College does already have a bit of history at the Olympics. Coach Rob Johnson was a longtime Wabash College Track and Field and Cross Country coach. Coach Johnson was also one of five assistant coaches on the 2000 Olympic Track and Field team. He was the first DIII track and field coach to earn that status. Along with Coach Johnson, Orda Wayne "Sammy" Johnson, a 1923 Bloomfield High School graduate, ran in the 1924 Olympics at Paris. Johnson participated in the 10,000 meter run, but did not place in the event. Although Johnson did not medal in the event, he displayed that he was a Wabash man with his desire and skill to qualify for something such as the Olympics. Johnson went on to be an inductee in the Class of 2015 Indiana Track and Cross Country Hall of Fame, and will go down as one of the most remembered track athletes in Wabash and Indiana history.

Not much changed overall in this particular Olympics. Usain Bolt proved he is the fastest man on this earth, while Phelps proved he is the fastest in the water. The United States continued to dominate in pretty much every sport. The world said goodbye to one of the

USA (1ST) : 121

CHINA (2ND): 70

2016 SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES

greatest Olympians in Michael Phelps, and even Wabash has had a chance to write their own history in the games. Cheers to the school year starting up and sports taking it in full stride.



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Sammy Johnson ran the 10,000 meter race in the 1924 Olympics in Paris, France.



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SHOOTING FOR THE STARS

LITTLE GIANTS SOCCER HAS HIGH GOALS FOR UPCOMING CAMPAIGN

TUCKER DIXON | SPORTS EDITOR

As students began moving into their living units this past week and faculty finished preparations for their courses, the Wabash College Soccer team was already hard at work. The team had plenty to do as well, with practices and meetings before their season-opener at home September 1 against Franklin College. To get a early start, the team moved onto campus late last week to begin preparation for what should be a big season for the Little Giants. A week later, preseason workouts and practices are nearing an end, regular season play will be beginning soon, and the team is getting themselves into shape while building strong team chemistry in the hopes of getting off to a hot start when September rolls around. "The team is off to a decent start to preseason and

the guys are meshing better with each other better every practice," Head Coach Chris Keller said.

The Little Giants will be returning the vast majority of their roster from last year after losing only one senior to graduation last year. The team is in a fairly comfortable position, returning many strong players and leaders that will put the team in a position to not miss a beat as they prepare for the early part of their schedule. Senior leadership will play a much larger role this season than years previous with a strong senior class. "This season, senior leadership will be very important," Keller said. "All four seniors should have solid seasons along with an experienced junior class." After the impressive season the team had last year, many older members of the Little Giant Soccer team will be expected to have big seasons including seniors Dayton Jennnings in the goal, Spase Dorsuleski, Riley Pelton, and Rodrigo Porras in the field.

The returning members of the team are also welcoming a large freshman class that will have the opportunity to

receive some playing time, contribute in some big games, and potentially play a big role all season. "We have a handful of freshmen that will play and possibly

"Anything less than a conference tournament appearance this season is just not good enough."

CHRIS KELLER

play a big role," Keller stated, "But ultimately, it is just too early to tell."

One thing is for sure though: the team has very high hopes for themselves this season. After a very strong 11-5-2 season last year, the coaching staff and senior members of the team have established big goals for the team during their 2016

campaign. Just barely missing post-season play last year has given this team a new identity and ideal to set their sights on. When asked about the overall goals for the season, Coach Keller was straightforward and to the point. "Anything less than a conference tournament appearance this season is not good enough," he said.

With another winning season on the agenda for the Little Giants, the athletes are going to take things one game at a time and worry about opponents and challenges when they get there. Some early season opponents for the Little Giants include Franklin College, Hanover College, Earlham College, Monmouth College, and Carthage College. This five game series will be played in a quick two-week time span, but Keller stated that the goal for these early season games is simple. "Win September 1," he said. "We will focus on other things after that. But our season-long goals for this season are continue to have a winning season and earn a place in the conference tournament.

The Little Giants have ten home games this season that will be played at Mud Hollow Stadium here in Crawfordsville. As such, there will be

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Francisco Trejo '18 moves the ball down the field in a match against the Wittenberg Tigers last season at Mud Hollow Stadium.