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Inside the newly renovated Lambda Chi Alpha house.



# HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY  
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

## WE'RE BACK, BABY!

Hi-Five to the young men who create fantasy leagues, collect the bets, and enable the most fun students experience on a week-to-week basis during the fall. As the season begins, please don't be that guy who drafts a defensive string in the first five rounds. And, please, please don't be the guy that checks his lineup during class. Prof. Hollander might call you out for non-academic distraction and ruin the fun for everyone else. Tips for 2017: draft lots of receivers, check the waivers weekly, and start anyone playing for the Cleveland Browns week 1. Good luck!

## BETA THETA THIEVES

Hi-Five to the pledge class at Beta Theta Pi for commandeering precious fraternal items (and then respectfully returning them) over the past week. Using their young wit, agility and imagination, the pledge class captured items from Kappa Sig, TKE, and Sigma Chi. With homecoming week on the horizon and almost a third of the fraternities now out for blood, only time will tell what shall fall upon the beloved Beta house.

## LUKE PODGORNÝ '20



## C'MON MAN!

Even though we are running a story on him, *The Bachelor* would not be keeping its Journalistic integrity if it did not ask, what the heck? Miguel. Dude. What bout of insanity hit you that made you think it was a good idea to reply all with that email about Scuba classes? Miriam Foster has more than enough other things to do than seriously or sarcastically respond to your statement. Do you really think it was a good idea to get snippy with the number one person who can ensure you don't graduate on time? Trust me, she can, and she knows how to do it without making it look like she's doing it.

## DO THE MATH

Hi-Five to the Wabash Commentary for receiving \$5000 for two issues, while we spent little over \$5000 to print all our issues for the semester.

# HIKING ON A CAREER PATH OF NATURE

## AGUIRRE-MORALES '19 SPENDS HIS SUMMER PROTECTING AMERICA'S MOST BEAUTIFUL LANDS

**NICHOLAS VEDO '19 | STAFF WRITER** • As many students at Wabash already know, college summers are a time for both personal and career development. Wabash students find internships that take them all over the globe, and often times these opportunities lead to self-discovery. Such was the case for Miguel Aguirre-Morales '19, whose two conservation internships this summer opened his eyes to a possible career in habitat restoration.

Aguirre-Morales first heard about the internships he participated in from an email sent by Roland Morin '91. The first took place in southern Texas near his hometown. "I worked at a national wildlife refuge and basically helped with the planning of events and basic operations," Aguirre-Morales said. This opportunity lasted five weeks and after its end, Aguirre-Morales immediately traveled to the University of California, Santa Cruz to begin the second of his two internships. The program Aguirre-Morales participated in was directed by the Doris Duke Conservation Foundation. This foundation serves to educate young people on the topic of conservation and give them

real world experience with research in this field. The program has branches in Washington, California, Michigan, and Arizona.

Aguirre-Morales participated in the California branch of the Doris Duke Conservation Foundation for eight weeks total. "We visited five locations in California and at each stop conducted small research projects to better learn how to do research and understand the process that goes along with it," Aguirre-Morales said. The final stop of the program was Yosemite National Park, which was recently the location of a presidential address on the need for improved conservation efforts in the United States.

In the future, Aguirre-Morales hopes to pursue a career in habitat restoration, specifically involving aquatic and marine systems. "I was always interested in animals when I was a kid, but I did not really have pets because my parents were not big fans of animals," Aguirre-Morales said. "As a family, we would travel a lot when I was younger and I remember going to a lot of beaches so I saw some very beautiful areas, and that made me feel like I should do all I could to protect those beautiful places for future generations."



MIGUEL AGUIRRE-MORALES '19 / PHOTO

Miguel Aguirre-Morales '19 during his internship in California.

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**AHAD KHAN '19 | STAFF WRITER**

• The Lambda Chi Alpha house might seem a little secluded from other houses and rest of the campus due to its location, but it is nonetheless as important a house as any other. This past summer, the 61 member fraternity underwent some serious changes to its interior appearance. These renovations have given a completely new look to the house, making it look at par with the new housing. The Greek life on campus did show some concern about recruiting new pledge classes with the establishment of new housing, but Lambdas were coolly nonchalant. Healthy competition is always welcomed in Wabash and in keeping up with the traditions, Lambdas deemed it the right time to let their house be renovated in order to give new housing a direct competition. It would also be important to note here that the house was last renovated more than a decade ago and thus the brothers felt this need to be fulfilled.

“It wasn’t necessarily to keep competitive but a general update seemed important for the good upkeep of the house,” Ryan Walters ’18, President of Lambda Chi Alpha said, who was also involved in the designing aspect of this project. He

was of the approach that this was necessary for improving recruitment prospects, yet the maintenance of the house had a precedent over all things.

The plans for this renovation had long been in place, but they were not formalized until last fall. The housing board, president, and chapter members all wanted to contract someone who had prior experience of working with sororities and fraternities.

“Architecture creates an environment; we wanted to work with skilled architects.” Gregg Estell ’85, member of the Housing Board and Project Manager told the Bachelor. He and Walters were approached by many contractors. They ended up choosing Rowland Design, a company based in Indianapolis, IN owned by Wabash alum Eric Rowland ’86. The two only had praises for the company and the way it carried out the project. No big concerns during or after the renovation have arisen for the housing board pertaining to the contractor, which was very satisfying for the whole house.

Being wholly content with the outcome of the project, Estell explained some challenges the construction brought. “Some of the real challenges for us were making

sure that design ideas were practical,” he said. “Engineering and structural challenges were also there as we were dealing with an over 150 year old structure.” In all these things, the college gave full support to the house and all board members were very appreciative of the helpful attitude

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**RYAN WALTERS ’18**

shown to them in this endeavor. “It was all green lights for us, we just had to figure things out on our end and they were all thumbs up,” Walters said. “It went off without a hitch.”

From a financial standpoint, the project was made possible due to contributions from several entities. The Home Association of the fraternity donated money through a couple of funds. One was the Brotherhood Fund, which donates money to the undergraduate chapter. Another fund called as the Legacy Fund, in which alumni brothers donate contributed generously. Furthermore, the house received about 10% of the financing from college which allowed for the sufficient funding that was required.

Telling about the physical details of the house, Walters said: “The house is more spacey now with a lot more inviting space. The idea behind the whole thing was we wanted rooms to flow more.” Walters also expressed delight at the great sense of excitement which is to be seen in Lambda’s pledge class this year. “The freshman class was really excited about all this; they had rushed in the spring for Honor’s Scholar and they came back and it’s all different.” he added.

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Brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha study in their new designed home.



# NEW MINORS BROADEN WABASH CURRICULUM

**BRENT BREESE '19** | STAFF WRITER • Wabash College prides itself on a well-rounded, traditional liberal arts education. In lieu of highly specialized majors and minors, students instead have broad disciplines such as Biology, English, Philosophy, and Political Science. However, this semester, the College is facing five new minors that many might consider counter-productive to our liberal arts lifestyle. Are these new minors threatening or weakening Wabash's educational experience?

According to Dean of the College Scott Feller, "The faculty and board of trustees approved five new minors for the academic year." These minors consist of Black Studies, Neuroscience, Global Health, Electronic Music, and Film and Digital Media. Students can declare these minors immediately, and potentially a graduating senior could declare one of these right now and graduate with one of these minors.

Certain difficulties arise when classifying these minors into one of our three divisions. One would think that Neuroscience would clearly fall under Division I. However, Feller explains that this is not the case. "All of these minors are interdepartmental programs. Neuroscience draws from both the Biology and the Psychology department; Global Health draws from Biology as well as several Division III departments." Most of our minors here at Wabash clearly fall under a Division, but with these new minors, one would have to take a variety of courses.

Associate Professor of Music and Department Chair Peter Hulen confirms this regarding Electronic Music. "Students will of course learn Music Theory and various components of the Arts, but also the programming and acoustic aspect of Electronic Music," Hulen said.

A key factor in creating these minors was the fact that all of them consist of courses that were already part of the Wabash curriculum. Therefore, the transition was very easy, as new courses were not necessary.

The process of adding these minors has taken years. First, according to Feller, a committee of faculty propose an idea for "the pedagogical aspects of

a new minor." After they are confident they have a solid plan and good course requirements, they bring it before the Academic Policy Committee, who in turn give it the first review and feedback. It then goes before the entire faculty, who consider it over two consecutive faculty meetings. Upon passing, it is finally sent to the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees, who brings it to the entire board.

These new minors were all proposed by committees of faculty members that believe these minors to be in true keeping with the spirit of the Liberal Arts. With these minors combined with our Liberal Arts framework, a student can approach new fields, such as Neuroscience, from many perspectives. Therefore, both Feller and Hulen firmly believe that these new minors not only fall within the realm of the liberal arts, but in fact strengthen it.

"Our liberal arts education is about becoming effective in communication, analytical and critical thinking, the ability to work with others, and the opportunity to bring together multiple points of view in order to solve a problem," Feller said. He firmly believes that these minors fit in very well here.

Hulen praises these new minors as they relate to our way of life at Wabash. "The liberal arts provide students with vehicles that challenge them to engage in highly detailed and yet broadly systemic modes of cognition, and that teaches students to think critically," Hulen said. "Electronic Music, as my specialty, is my vehicle to challenge students."

Ultimately, the true nature of Wabash has hardly changed with the addition of these new minors. Feller feels that the only way changes such as these could negatively impact the College would be to add highly specialized majors to our curriculum. As long as Wabash students have classes such as Enduring Questions, Comprehensive Exams, distribution requirements, and constant challenges to think critically, the liberal arts at Wabash will always be alive and well.

"The most important aspect here at Wabash is the commitment of the faculty to Liberal education," Feller said. "Even in Biology, a student is assigned plenty of writing assignments." Feller feels that the mindset of the faculty truly impacts our experiences."



Scott Feller

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# FAMILIAR FACE HOPES TO BRING POSITIVE CHANGE

**BRYCE BRIDGEWATER '19 | STAFF WRITER** • Wabash welcomed Steven Jones '87 back to campus this past Monday. Earlier in the summer, President Gregory Hess announced that Jones has returned to Wabash to become the new Dean for Professional Development and the Director of the Malcolm X Institute of Black Studies. Jones will be replacing Dean Alan Hill, who returned to his alma mater at DePauw University.

"Spending Freshman Saturday on campus rekindled many found memories," Jones said. "I thought of the freshmen I entered with in 1983 and smiled as I reflected on the relationships [I] have developed over 33 years. Wabash College truly is a place that creates opportunities for lifelong friendships."

Jones has spent the last 23 years working with IU Health. He has held a multitude of positions during his time with IU Health in the Human Resources department. In addition, he has worked for the Indianapolis

Star and the Indiana Department of Transportation.

As part of being the Dean of Professional Development, he will oversee the Schroeder Center for Career Development and the Wabash Internship and Student Employment (WISE) program.

"I want to build a solid working relationships," Jones said. "I believe this will be critical to the success of Career Services, CIBE and the MXI. That work will set the foundation for those entities becoming more visible on campus and being more of a resource for the Wabash community."

Jones would also like for students to feel more confident upon graduation with the career path that



Steven Jones '87

they have chosen.

"I would like to ensure that each Wabash student graduates and leaves campus feeling extremely comfortable that he is prepared to be successful in his chosen career and be an outstanding citizen," Jones said.

After 20-plus years with IU Health, community service has been at the forefront of Jones' life. He loves helping young people development their futures and wants to continue this calling at the place he once called home.

"My career has included great jobs, yet I am most proud of my civic and community experiences," Jones said. "Giving back to my community has always been a priority. I also have a deep respect for the work done by the Center for Leadership Development to prepare young people for the future."

Jones will also be become the director of the MXI. As a student here at Wabash, Jones was chairman of the institute as a junior.

"He won best member of the MXI as a student here," Kevin Griffen '18, Associate Chair of the MXI, said. "He has given a lot back to the Wabash community already as a student."

His goals for the MXI align well with his goals for the college itself, and also aims to make the MXI more of a campus-wide organization.

"He knows a lot of the alums that work here currently," Griffen said. "His goal for the MXI is for students to have good careers after Wabash. Also, I think making the MXI an institution for all students in the community and also focusing on African-American culture is a positive."

While making the transition from leaders, the MXI does have a great future. Jones has aimed to hold a wide range of activities for the campus itself. Jones would also like to add a more multicultural view to the institute. Jones started his work for the college on September 5th.

## NATIONAL SEARCH UNDERWAY

**COLE CROUCH '17 | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF** • Scott Crawford is no longer an employee at Wabash College. The search began earlier this week for a new Director the Schroeder Center for Career Development. In the 2017 Princeton Review of the "Best 381 Colleges" that includes detailed profiles of the best schools with rating scores in eight categories,

the College's Schroeder Center for Career Development ranked No. 5 in "Top Internship Opportunities" and "Best Alumni Network" along with a No. 8 placement in "Best Career Services." Additionally, over Crawford's more than decade long tenure that began in 2005, the College ranked as high as No. 6 in "Best Career Services" in 2013.

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## HOW TO BURN A STRAW MAN

On Friday, August 26th, Colin Kaepernick sat for the National Anthem at Levi's Stadium before his game against the Green Bay Packers; it was a peaceful protest against racism. I stand with his motive, but sit at the fact that his actions have pitted the Black Lives Matter movement, once again, against a large subset of Americans that could help the cause. Today, this subset waves confederate flags and denies that police brutality is a race issue; this subset values the flag over the heritage for which it stands. America has become America's religion, creating zealous, blinded, and disproportionate ideas of justice. I now wonder how BLM got pitted against our national heritage, and how long Americans can call this budding idea of heritage anything other than racism. The hate-driven responses against Kaepernick (burning his jersey, telling him to leave the country, and calling him racial slurs) concern me. Anyone who casts stones at the Black Lives Matter movement, but doesn't lift a finger to help it, concerns me. I believe that some Americans will not defend the Black Lives Matter movement because it competes with our national heritage. But Black America is our heritage, one we should support. This should not be a divisive topic.



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Americans exemplify moral elitism when they point the finger at Kaepernick because he disgraces American soldiers. They suggest that Kaepernick's actions directly disrespected soldiers—as if that is all that the national anthem represents. This divisive rhetoric separates Kaepernick supporters from Americans who do salute the flag and supposedly value the human life more. In other words, this subset frames Kaepernick supporters as entitled, immoral traitors, making it more difficult for people to back Kaepernick's horse, and by extension, the Black Lives Matter movement.

I would like to subvert the idea that the flag is more important than what it represents. Black Americans have fought

and still fight in wars for freedom. The black soldier has been a part of our American heritage LONGER than any flag, including the Confederate Flag. The black community is the American community, our American heritage, and our people. Each American has a calling to their country to defend its people, and when anyone disregards the black community, they besmirch their flag. Kaepernick's actions are not an act against the country but an act for it because soldiers do not fight and die for a country that oppresses people; they fight for a country that frees people. If America oppresses marginalized people, and current Americans ignore that, they do not deserve the freedom that is their supposed privilege.

I believe that Kaepernick and other Americans not only have a right to peacefully protest, but also conviction. Yet some suggest that he should "go to Canada." If an American is a natural-born citizen of the US, it is their right, not privilege, to live here. Kaepernick could speak poorly of America every day for the rest of his life and still deserve to live here. The founding fathers created this country so that everyday citizens could create justice. That's what Kaepernick did. I don't see his actions as a direct insult to soldiers. In fact, Kaepernick

and soldiers have the same goal in mind: to improve America.

Political Theorist John Rawls suggested that society can justify inequalities only if they helped the oppressed. This idea makes me wonder why many Americans, in the fight for black equality, still vehemently support straw man arguments—like honoring the American flag—to rebut the Black Lives Matter movement on moral grounds. They defend the American flag with a moral argument but do not feel morally convicted to defend the black community. It's about unity, and if Americans continue to throw stones at the BLM movement without laying a brick or two for the movement's foundation, they are not honoring fallen soldiers of this country, they are ensuring that soldier sacrifices for this country will be in vain. I regret that Kaepernick's actions widened the schism between Black Lives Matter and true American solidarity. But more than that, I respect that he did not stand for this national anthem, because I believe our national anthem isn't a song, but an action towards real justice. When Kaepernick remained seated, I think he sang a national anthem of justice louder than anyone in the room.

## TRYING TO LIVE HUMBLY

As Wabash men, every one of us has an awful lot to be proud of. Whether your achievements are in the classroom, in extra-curricular, or on an athletic field, you have something that you are personally successful in. Even if you are the absolute worst in everything, all of us can proudly say that we attend Wabash College, a school that was recently lauded (again) by the Princeton Review in a variety of areas ranging from our talented professors to our outstanding theater department. However, when does pride stop being pride and begin to border on arrogance and hubris? Furthermore, do we even consciously recognize when we hear and see the difference?

Believe it or not, Wabash is a fairly elite place. Whether you are a senior who is a short eight months from graduating or a freshman who was just dropped off three weeks ago, you attend an elite educational institution. From our 61% acceptance rate to our \$50,250 tuition and fees cost, it should be very obvious that not just anyone can come to school here (especially if you're a member of the opposite



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sex). The academics and opportunities for students are also superior, with most students performing well enough to attend graduate school or to start their careers at a business they have previously interned for. However, this shouldn't be groundbreaking news.

What might be interesting though is your answer to a couple questions. How do you treat other people who don't attend Wabash? For example, what do you think of the person who takes your order at B-Dubbs or is manning a register at Wal-Mart? More broadly, what do you think of "townies" in general? Do you look with

disdain at minimum-wage employees and blue-collar workers who maybe haven't attended college or even finished high school? Have you ever thought why?

In addition to realizing that we go to an elite school, you may want to keep in mind that your \$200,000 tuition and fees cost for four years at Wabash is what some less fortunate American families struggle to net earn after seven or eight years. An all-nighter here might be the only way you can get a paper done; an all-nighter shift for some workers is how they eat at the end of the week. For the majority of students here, your longest, most rigorous days of working to get an A at Wabash pale in comparison to the student at a community college working two jobs to do the same. This is not to diminish the hard work done by students here, but merely to put into perspective what those who don't attend Wabash face every day.

One would think that Wabash men, guided by both the Gentlemen's Rule and our Mission Statement, might be some of the least susceptible people to fall into this sort of hierarchical thinking; in our

minds, we think critically about those who have less but work more, live humanely by treating them fairly, and act like gentlemen to those around us. But every year, new students from Crawfordsville feel inclined to apologize for being a "townie", members of the administration remind us that Wabash is not somehow above the rule of law, and people would rather go without jobs than succumb to the "embarrassing" status of near minimum-wage. Making jokes at less-fortunate peoples' expense is not critically thinking, humane living, or gentlemanly behavior, and therefore, has no place at Wabash.

It doesn't matter whether it is in a class, in your living unit, or out in the real world, your status as an accomplished student at Wabash should not include regarding with contempt those who are not as fortunate as you. If you truly are a successful student at a superior institution, show it through your actions rather than stepping on everyone else. I'll be the first to admit that I'm guilty of doing this, but remember: the first step in solving a problem is to recognize that it exists.

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# THE PARTY IS OVER

It is no secret that frustration with the two major American political parties has reached a distinct pitch this election season. The notion that the parties offer up the same choice in every election has a tough time squaring itself with this particular election, as the nomination of Donald Trump represents an upheaval of everything your Republican grandfather stood for. The principles of limited government, fiscal restraint, and strong international presence have been abandoned in this election, in favor of racial animosity. The interesting bit about this is that racial animosity hardly constitutes a principle, it is thoroughly irrational. It offers no constructive means to alter the way we order society. There are many Americans who disagree with the conservatives' values of the 20th century, but at least most people could recognize them as some sort of principled stand. The ascension of the Donald shows us that principle of any sort is no longer what conservative voters are looking



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for in a candidate. The proof of this is in the candidate's own statements. Rather than offer serious policy proposals, he has offered blanket characterizations of Mexicans, proposed banning a religious group from entering the United States, picked fights with judges, parents of deceased soldiers, and flirted with language that implies violence against his opponent.

For those who have been following the news, this is a very familiar list of blunders Trump has made, but it is worth repeating to highlight the fact that making comments like those seems to be the central feature of

his campaign strategy. The Donald willfully goes out there and says things he knows will stir the pot, hoping to build support among voters who are tired of politics as usual. The problem is, that strategy offers nothing. It is one thing to propose that we find a new starting point in terms of who we elect, it is another to try and burn it all down with no plan for rebuilding. It is clear that all of Trump's bluster does not underly anything deeper, or more useful to the average American, it merely gives voice to fury directed at the direction of the country in the last eight years.

There are plenty of legitimate issues to be critical about, but the number of Latinos and Muslims in the country are not among those things, which is why it is truly disturbing that those attitudes have taken center stage in Republican electoral strategy. So far, national polls and swing state polls would show that some majority of Americans agree, which is comforting, and yet all the more baffling that a major political party

could seek to win by embracing a racially charged, nationalistic campaign in an era when the minority population only continues to grow. To my mind, this embrace of all things Donald in the Republican party is not just a major practical blunder in this election, but a moral failing that, if left untreated, will continue to fester in the soul of the party for the next several elections.

That should give Republicans, especially young ones, pause. If your idea of your party looks more like Ronald Reagan than it looks like that one uncle of yours who rants about immigrants at Thanksgiving, you should stop and think about whether you recognize the Republican party today. If not, then despite all the cynicism about the two party system, this election does offer a real choice: to embrace momentary anger as a long term path forward, or to reject the sound and fury that Trump stands for, and seek a return to some notion of principled conservatism that offers America a real option for the future.

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Typically, the AFC will give feedback on budgets turned in early, so it pays to submit as soon as it is complete.

5. TALK TO YOUR AFC REP IF YOU HAVE DISPUTES ON THE BUDGET, AND WORK WITH HIM TO REACH A RESOLUTION.

Often the reason the AFC will deny a request is because it does not have enough detail. A simple clarification often suffices to obtain the funds.

4. WAIT FOR THE BUDGET TO BE CREATED.

This part is the hard one, but let the AFC members do their work. They spend about 10 hours on a weekend reviewing every budget.

6. HEAD TO SENATE IF DIRECTED TO BY THE AFC

A common reason that the AFC will not recommend funds is they feel a decision is better left up to the Senate as an elected body. Therefore, it often occurs that a club will get funding from Senate after presenting a good case. But this can only happen if the club leadership actually shows up.





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# MONG SETTLES IN

**JOSEPH REILLY | CAVELIFE**

**EDITOR •** Dr. Derek Mong, BKT Assistant Professor of English, has settled into his new tenure-track position in the English Department, and felt at home as he began his life at Wabash College. Mong completed his undergraduate at Denison University, and remarked that the similarities between Denison and Wabash helped him adjust to the new environment.

"The architecture reminds me of Denison," Mong said. "The bricks look like they came from the same place. The campus layout is similar, and the faculty are incredibly warm and welcoming."

Mong has had experience in the classroom throughout the course of his graduate career. However, he has mostly been confined to teaching low-level classes narrowly focused around his primary discipline, Creative Poetry Writing. Because of this, Mong is very excited to be teaching a class on what he received his Ph.D. in, American Literature, as well as looking forward to high level poetry writing courses.

Also helping his adjustment to Wabash are Mong's students. While he's only been teaching for less than three weeks, Mong is impressed by how dedicated his students are. He said that the engagement they have shown proves they are eager to learn and that is what teachers look for the most. Mong was especially impressed with the high level of extracurricular involvement among the students.

"I'm amazed at how many things Wabash men are involved in, particularly the ones that play sports," Mong said. "Which I get the impression are a lot of them. I mean, ten percent of

the student body is on the football team alone. Most of my students are engaged in something. I don't understand how they have time to do the readings."

Mong recalled an instance in his American Literature class as his most Wabash experience thus far.

"I was teaching the Puritans, and there's a gentleman named Thomas Morton who is not a friend or fan of the Puritan settlements in New England in the 1620s-30s," Mong said. "He is complaining as William Bradford, the governor of Plymouth, is trying to ramrod him into a ship to be sent back to England, that part of the reason that he and the rest of his band of merry revelers are causing a ruckus is that they have want of wives, as it is a mostly male group. I said to the students, this is surely not an experience any of you have any familiarity with."

Outside classroom, Mong also indicated his son's swimming lessons as a very Wabash experience. The care and skill of the swimmers impressed him.

Mong is still learning about the campus and history of the College. He politely requested leniency for his ignorance of aspects Wabash's culture and traditions, but is excited to learn.

"I feel very lucky to be here," Mong said. "I feel very lucky to be teaching here, I feel very lucky to have the colleagues I have, and lucky to have the students I have. That's probably not a very new or surprising thing to say, but it's true. It's a good place. I look forward to getting to know it a little better and I ask forgiveness of the students while I'm still parsing the various traditions and strange headwear which I have only started to understand."



## DR. MONG

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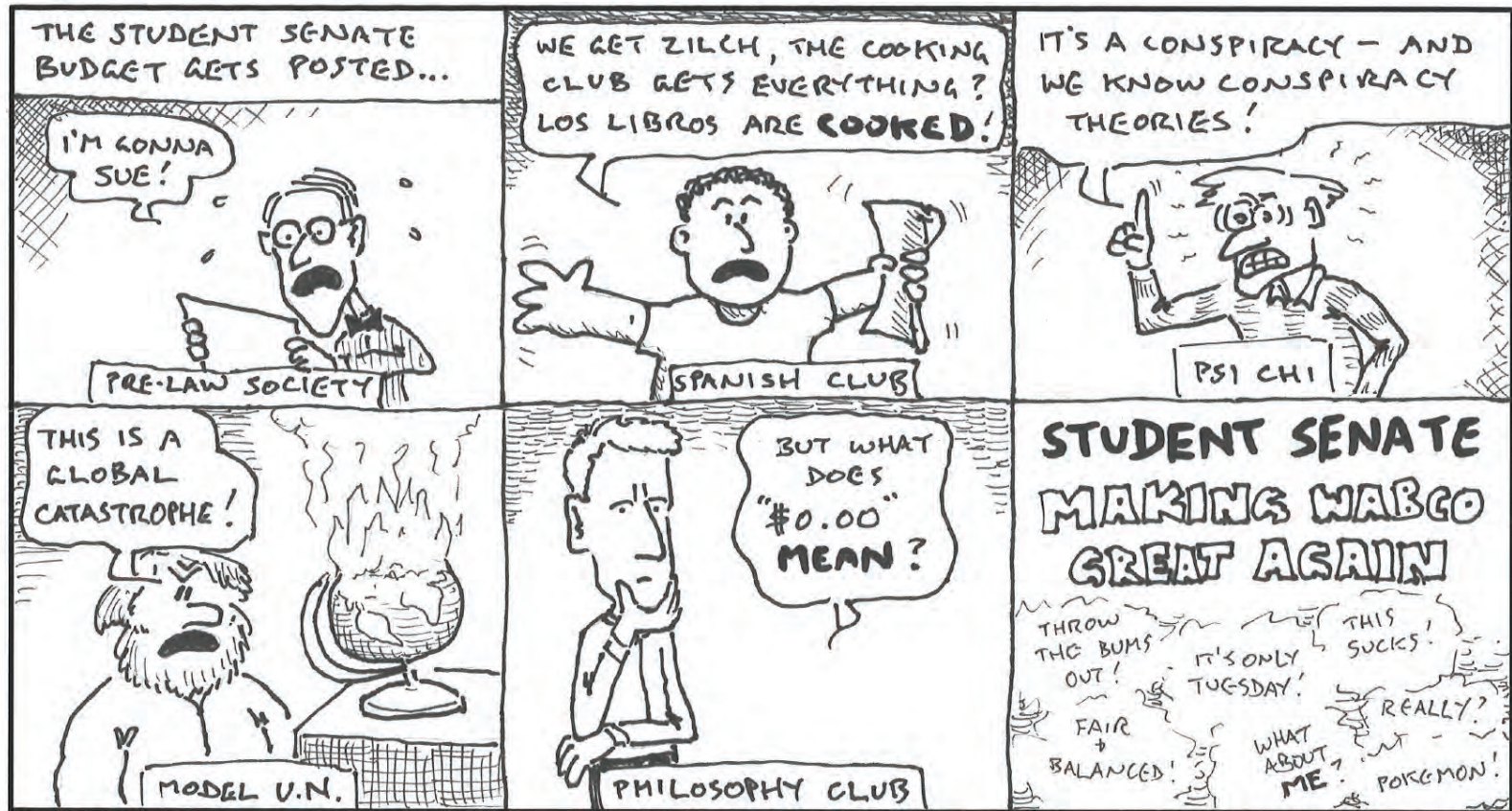
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## AFTER AN INJURY RIDDLED PRESEASON, SOCCER LOOKS TOWARDS ROBBIE DREHER CLASSIC

**JOHN JANAK '19** | STAFF WRITER  
• For most, the end of August marks the beginning of classes and the start of a new school year. For Wabash College, the end of August also kicked off the season for the Little Giant Soccer team. The team opened up their season at home against a tough in-state rival, Franklin College. Both teams fought hard to the 90th minute, but the rubber match ended in a 2-2 tie game. However, the effort was a memorable one for Gabriel Anguiano '20, who scored his first collegiate goal for the Little Giants.

Head Coach Chris Keller is extremely happy with his team's efforts in this early part of the season, but feels as if the squad has definite room for growth. "Franklin was an interesting game," Keller said. "We created a lot of shots and opportunities. Six of the starters did not play in the preseason scrimmages due to injury, so it was their first game back and that led to a

little bit of first game jitters. We played decently enough to win, but most definitely had some mental mistakes and too many fouls."

Quickly after the Franklin game, the team had a short turnaround as they faced an even tougher opponent in Hanover College. The Little Giants hung tough, but the Panthers eventually won out, 1-0. Keller was once again was happy with the Little Giant play. "The Hanover game was an improvement," he said. "Hanover, in my opinion, is a much better side than Franklin this year. We outshot them and missed on 5 clear chances. One post, two good saves, one goal line clearance and one missed shot. Hanover had one shot on goal, and unfortunately won the game, but I will take one shot on goal any game this year and believe we win most of them." With two games under the team's belt, they look forward to this weekend's Robbie Dreher Classic. This classic is a round-robin tournament,

and the Little Giants are set to face off against Monmouth College on Saturday (9/10) at 4 p.m. and Carthage College on Sunday (9/11) at 1 p.m. The Little Giants are eager for both matches, as both schools typically have lots of talent.

With all of this weekend's action, Wabash will also remember the memories of Wabash Soccer as the team celebrates their 50th anniversary. Not only are the players from the current team being recognized for their great efforts, but players from various teams in the 1970s and 1980s are coming back as well. This truly is a momentous time for the team, as players from many decades are able to come together with their teammates and reflect on the past. "It is a special year for soccer at Wabash," Keller said. "We are excited to welcome back many former players from many different eras. We are excited to not only play, but interact and watch the long awaited documentary. Since taking the program over, I have had great connections with players from the 70s, 80s, and pretty much all eras. It's an honor for our guys to be the 50th anniversary team. We

want to show our former players that this year's team plays with class and works harder than their opponents. It is our goal that the way we play will make all the alumni proud of our program as much as we are proud to represent Wabash College."

Along with Coach Keller, midfielder Max Rowley '18 provided some insight on this year's anniversary team. "This upcoming weekend is the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Wabash soccer, and a lot of soccer alumni will be in the stands for the games on Saturday and Sunday," Rowley said. "Also, there is a banquet on Saturday night where a documentary that has been shot over the past couple of years will premiere. I'm really proud to be an integral part of something with such a rich history, and I am excited to show these ex-Wabash soccer players how far the team has come both on and off the pitch."

Whether it is to support our soccer team on the field or to connect with some of Wabash's former greats, be sure to get out to Mud Hollow Field at some point this weekend.



JACOB FERGUSON '18 / PHOTO

Wabash Soccer celebrates its 50th anniversary this weekend along with the Robbie Dreher Classic. The Little Giants will both Monmouth College and Carthage College.



# OVERCOMING ADVERSITY

## WABASH CLAIMS OT WIN AT ALBION

**MICHAEL LUMPKIN '18** | STAFF WRITER • Life is a lot like football: you never know when you will be tested. Often times, challenges arrive suddenly and unexpectedly, like the challenge Wabash College football endured in its first matchup of the 2016 season against the Albion Britons.

The meeting in Albion, Mich. marked the second time the Little Giants squared off against the Britons in the last year. Wabash football ran into Albion in the first round on their way to the "Elite 8" of the Division-III Playoffs, resulting in a 35-14 Wabash victory.

The 2016 game provided much more unease from the supporters of Wabash football. "It is the tale of a first game," first-year Head Coach Donald Morel said. "You are going to have ups and downs, you are going to have highs and lows." The high Morel is referring to was

the 20-3 lead the Little Giants took into halftime. The low Morel mentioned was

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CONNOR RICE '17

punting the ball to the Britons down seven points with only five minutes remaining in the fourth quarter. Wabash football embodied the motto "Wabash Always Fights." One aspect the team was fighting Saturday was a lengthening list of injuries. Morel listed team members Deryion Sturdivant '17, Shamir Johnson '17, Drake Christen '17, Jalen Alston '17, Austin Brown '17, Kirby

Cox '18 and CJ McMann '17 as all being banged up for the first game.

Being down such a high number of starters required many to step up and perform. "I think it shows the resilience of this football team, when everything could go wrong went wrong, then fight back against a giant momentum swing, swing it back the other way, and win a game we really should not have won," Morel said. "It is a real tribute to these

guys and to our football team."

Despite harsh circumstances the first half of the game was incredibly strong for the Little Giants. "I thought we did a great job starting off the first series with a score," Connor Rice '17 said. "Our defense played extremely well and we fed off of their energy going into the half."

The second half was a challenge in large part due to a tough Albion

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Tyler Downing '18 rushes in the game winning touchdown in OT to give the Little Giants a 41-34 victory against the Albion Britons.





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Connor Rice '17 dives toward the endzone against Albion. Rice finished the game with 129 passing yard and a touchdown to Oliver Page '19 with 12 seconds left in regulation to force OT.

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opponent. "We knew Albion would be a tough team," Rice said. "They play well within their system, and they are a playoff caliber team." That resilient Albion team showed itself in the second half. The big difference maker was Albion's ability to create turnovers and plays on special teams. The last two touchdowns from the Britons came from a punt return for a touchdown and a 56-yard interception returned for a touchdown. The Britons also ended up accumulating 282 yards through the air by the end of the contest.

Rice echoed the pride of his head coach in regards to his team's gritty performance on Saturday. "My biggest takeaway is simple: we have a special team," Rice said. "We relied on one another and we found a way to win." Rice gave great praise to his offensive line and the defense. The offensive line opened up holes for Tyler Downing '18, as he helped the Little Giants accumulate 255 yards on the ground. The defense was able to come up with a key stop when Wabash punted the ball away to Albion with nearly five minutes remaining in the contest. The Little Giant defense that was exploited all half stood up tall when it was needed most.

The Little Giants now look ahead to a much needed bye-week. "I was never a big believer in the bye after the opening game, but I am now after my last few years here," Morel said. "After going through camp, the scrimmage, and the

game, that is about a month's worth of work and we do need the bye." The early bye does mean that Wabash will have to rattle off nine straight games. Morel was not as concerned about being able to maintain the health of the players over that stretch of time due to the less rigorous practice schedule that will occur during game weeks.

In one short week, Wabash will welcome Alleghany to Hollett Little Giant Stadium. The matchup against the NCAC Conference foe is incredibly intriguing due to their new Head Coach, former Wabash Defensive Coordinator B.J. Hammer '01. Morel and his team are excited, but are not ready to make the transition toward gearing up for the Gators just yet. "This week, we are just trying to get healthy," Morel said. "We are not even looking at Alleghany; this week is about Wabash and next week will be about Alleghany."

The gritty performance exemplified by the Little Giants is a true reminder of what it means to be a Wabash man and represent our "W" on the playing field. The early season test for the Little Giants is something they did not experience last year. Being battle-tested at an early stage allowed the team to show what they are made of right out of the gate. Rice was upbeat about the result. "We will get more comfortable as the games go on," Rice said. "I am excited for what this team can do and I think this is going to be a special year."

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## CROSS COUNTRY FINISHES STRONG IN FIRST HOKUM KAREM MEET OF 2016 SEASON

**EVAN HANSEN '19** | STAFF WRITER

Cross Country began their season this past week with a solid 3rd place finish in their first meet at Manchester University against Trine University, Manchester University, and Huntington University. A duo of freshman gave a great performance for Wabash College this past Thursday. Sam Henthorn '20 and Chandler Steward '20 combined for a time of 40:58.2 to place sixth at The Hokum Karem. The Hokum Karem event was started just over 50 years ago by famed Little Giants coach J. Owen Huntsman. The event partners two runners together, alternating loops over a one-mile circuit for a total of eight miles. This unique event started off the season with promising results as

Henthorn and Steward averaged 5:07 per loop over the course, with Steward recording a time of 4:54 for his fastest individual circuit. Hayden Baehl '18 and Robert Wunderlich III '18 finished one spot behind Henthorn and Steward in seventh place with a combined time of 41:45.2. Spencer Shank '20 and Steven Reidell '20 posted a total time of 47:06.4 to finish 18th. Henthorn summarized the event, saying, "The meet had a relaxed but competitive atmosphere. It was really cool to rep the Wabash colors for the first time and run fast," Head Coach Colin Young said. "The main purpose of this race is to transition to 8k racing for freshmen...and to have a freshmen trip where they can bond. It's a low pressure meet and a lot of fun."

On September 16, the Little Giants will compete at the Indiana Intercollegiate at Indiana University. "We're building strength that will help us for the race in Bloomington and for championship racing come conference on Oct. 30, regionals on Nov. 12, and nationals on Nov. 19," Young said. "The guys are developing as a team and

gaining a lot of confidence from training and racing better than last year." This race is a great opportunity for returning runners to see their improvements and

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COLIN YOUNG

incoming runners to make a statement.

Looking forward at the rest of the season, there are high hopes for the Redpack. "I want to be a top-five team at Nationals," Henthorn said. "Of course I don't have super great perspective on how realistic that is being new to the college 'game', but from the talent the guys on the team have and the hard work I see everyone putting in, I think it's absolutely a possibility." Coach Young also commented on the team's goals for this season. "The main goals are to be as best prepared for our championship season as possible, including physically and mentally," he said. "We hope to have fun along the way and keep learning through the experience of this season. We hope to stay healthy and push our limits. If we meet these objectives, we should challenge for the conference and regional titles, and run our best team race at Nationals."



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Wabash's cross country Redpack looks ahead to Indiana Intercollegiate to be held in Bloomington on September 16.



# SWINGING STRAIGHT

**JOEL JANAK '19 | STAFF WRITER**

As the fall sports season gets underway, the Little Giant golf team begins their season this Saturday. The team travels to Anderson to play in the Anderson University Fall Invitational. Last year, the Little Giants placed last in this particular event, but Head Coach Mac Petty expects vast improvements with his returning golfers. Petty and the rest of his staff brought in five recruits, all looking to contribute early on for the squad.

"The fall season is a time to set goals and work on weaknesses," Petty said. John Janak '19 also spoke on the upcoming fall season. "As of right now, this fall season is sort of a mystery," he said. "We have some very skilled freshmen that have come in and played very solid. We also return a core of our top five from last season, so needless to say, the keys are all there whether or not we put them in place is the question." He would like all his fellow golfers to set goals for themselves, so that they can strive for greatness day in and day out.

"My goal is to see improvement from one match to the next for this fall season," Petty said. "We can use the fall season as a stepping stone for the spring season." The fall season is crucial for the golfers to fine tune their game in order to be ready to compete in the spring season.

The Little Giants host two home matches in the fall. The first home match is this upcoming Wednesday against the Fightin' Engineers from

Rose-Hulman at the Crawfordsville Country Club. In past years, Petty and the rest of the team have really enjoyed this match. With the rigours of Wabash's academics, a mid-week match gives the team a chance to take their mind off their studies and play some golf. The next home match the Little Giants host is the Wabash College Golf Classic where the Little Giants invite many teams from around the midwest to compete. The fall season limits the amount of travel the team has to do, especially with two home matches.

"It's nice having these matches in the fall because of not having to travel to play away from home," Petty said. It also gives him a chance to play everyone and see where everyone stacks up against one another.

Petty specifically mentioned a few individuals that he is looking to have breakout seasons. "I'm looking at Collin Bell '17 to have a breakout season this, his final year playing for Wabash," Petty said. "I'm also wanting Mason Asher '18 to be better than last year and make all conference in the spring." The fall season is a building block for the spring season for everyone, and Petty would like to see who will step up and play cool under pressure.

Petty also believes that pre-season preparation will enable each player to get better and has changed his style of practice a little bit accordingly. Instead, of hitting a large sum of range balls and playing a few holes, players focus on improving individual skills.

"We will work on individual skills to allow the golfers to lower their scores," Petty said. "Improvement on accuracy and distance on drives will be important along with getting on the greens in regulation for better opportunities to score low."

"Coach Petty has adopted a new practice plan for this season, and the team has really taken it and really

put it to the test," Janak said. He too, like everyone else is looking forward to Saturday. Not only is working on individual skills important, but also each golfer must practice on their own. It requires each player to find challenges in their game that they feel are important to spend time on. Hopefully this new strategy will help lower their scores.



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Wabash Golf looks to improve on last season with solid play during their fall matches.



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