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INAUGURAL TEDx COMES TOGETHER AFTER YEAR-LONG PLANNING

AHAD KHAN '19 | OPINION EDITOR • Wabash College hosted its first ever TEDx event this past Saturday. Many of us are aware of these talks and the inspiration that they stir among the masses. For a school with less than a thousand students, hosting a TEDx event is a remarkable feat. The event didn't come by as any regular public event on campus; rather, it involved approximately five months of planning by a keen group of students who formed the TEDxWabashCollege Executive Organizing Committee. Right from the beginning, the passionate committee members wanted

to turn the TEDxWabashCollege into a reality not just for themselves, but for the Wabash community and the Crawfordsville community as well.

The beginnings of the event started as a normal conversation between Samuel Stewart '19, President of the TEDx Executive Organizing Committee, and his lacrosse teammate Scott Purucker '16, who were sitting in a hotel room before their lacrosse match watching a TED Talk. It was in this casual environment that these men began their research and were soon able to present

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NO AFTERNOON CLASSES

Hi-Five to the Celebration of Student Research for getting students out of afternoon classes today. While Wabash will never cancel classes entirely unless we enter WWII, we can still look forward to either watching semi-promising presentations or opening that 30-rack at noon.

RHYNES GALORE

Wabash has never been safer from the potential danger of fighter jets invading Crawfordsville. Hi-Five to the 28 rhynes who are keeping Wabash skies clear with their repetitive and faithful chants of "AIR RAID!" By the time spring rolls around, there will be no grass for the Ultimate Frisbee Club to play on the mall.

YEAH...I STUDIED ABROAD

Welcome back to all the Wallies who studied abroad this past semester. The stories of how easy and amazing your semester was just brightens all of the other students faces. None of us are tired of hearing about your trip to Oktoberfest, not even after the fifth time. So please keep letting the rest of the student body know about how much you have changed as a person from the numerous nights of partying in European clubs and how you are now a connoisseur in wine and cheese.

PLAY BY THE RULES, BOYS!

Hi-Five to Violet Bengé for upholding a strict interpretation of the Gentleman's Rule when it comes to scheduling events on campus. We're just glad there will be no further emails sent out to all students regarding any remedial sessions.



FRATAGONIA

Hi-Five to There's nothing that says "fraternity" and "brotherhood" quite like guys wearing matching quarter-zips to class. Hi-Five to the brothers of Fiji for coordinating their Patagonia apparel so that half the house is wearing it on any given day. We're not jealous or anything; we just wish our fraternities/rich dads could buy us nice things too.

STUDENTS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CAREER EXPERIENCE

OLIVER PAGE '19 | STAFF WRITER • During the second week of January, most Wabash students—not including the seniors taking comprehensive exams—were at home, squeezing every last hour out of winter recess. A handful of others, though, were on campus, developing lifelong career skills through Wabash's Center for Innovation, Business & Entrepreneurship (CIBE) programs.

In addition to offering its flagship Fullbridge Program, the CIBE hosted its first Sales Immersion Program, which featured nearly two-dozen student participants.

In its inaugural year, the Sales Immersion Program featured intense classroom instruction and trips to Indianapolis to meet Wabash alumni. Alumnus Herm Haffner '77 lead most of the instruction. Haffner, who is President and owner of Total Solutions, a consulting firm that provides executive sales training and business consulting, taught both "heavy consultative selling" and how to employ the Sandler Sales Method. "The method is reading someone's body language and adjusting one's sales pitch by determining the personality of the prospect," Sam Stewart '19 said. This method, as well as the program as a whole, made an impression on several of the participants.

"The SIP [Sales Immersion Program] completely changed my opinion about sales," Stewart said. "I learned that if you focus on it as a career from the beginning, rather than leaving it as a



Sam Stewart

backup plan in your career, you can become extremely successful." As it is customary with several CIBE programs, the Sales Immersion Programs also gave instruction on how to behave in the workplace. To conclude one of the sessions, the students in the program attended a talk by Sara Drury, Assistant Professor of Rhetoric, titled "How Not to be THAT Guy." The presentation covered topics such as dress code and professional conduct. "Professor Drury's presentation really opened my eyes to the subtleties of working in a professional setting," Collin Brennan '19 said, "I'm glad that her presentation was incorporated into the program—I don't want to be THAT guy now."

The CIBE is hoping to have an equally impactful break in the spring, as it is offering various other programs such as the Marketing Immersion Program, the Health Care Immersion program, and the Fullbridge@Wabash Program.



ROLAND MORIN '91 / PHOTO

Students participate in the first-ever Sales Immersion Program.

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WALLIES EARN COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDY ABROAD

BRAXTON MOORE '19 | STAFF WRITER • Two Wabash students received the prestigious Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship to participate in internships and study-abroad programs around the world. Kasimir Koehring '18 and Christopher Roman '18 were among this year's winners and will both be studying abroad this semester. Koehring will travel to Shanghai, China to study at Shanghai University, and Roman is currently abroad in Europe, traveling to London and Granada. The Gilman Program offers grants to undergraduate students looking to expand their horizons through international study programs and prepares students to adapt to the ever-expanding global network.

"I hope to learn, change, and grow as an individual during my time abroad," Koehring said. "In my application... I talked about life, and how it's about the experiences and relationships that we share with other people. I thought that challenging myself to learn a different language

and culture was a good way to expand on that theory of life. I wanted to immerse myself in a new culture completely."

Fellowship Advisor Susan Albrecht, who guided Koehring and Roman through the application process, spoke about how students can qualify for opportunities such as the Gilman Scholarship and how she advised the applicants through their process.

"I take the list of 'off-campus study approved' students and look at which of those people qualify for Pell Grants as well," Albrecht said. "After that, I meet with the students one-on-one, talk to them about the timeline that they should be following, and offer ideas on how to strengthen

their application essays. One thing that makes the Gilman especially difficult is that there are no letters of recommendation; there is no one who can speak on your behalf. It is all on the students to present themselves as best as they can."

Koehring also expounded on the application process that he underwent in order to be selected for the Gilman Scholarship. "They ask you questions such as why you chose to pursue the program that you did, how you think you will benefit from it, and what challenges, if any, you face in the decision to study abroad," Koehring said. "I went through about three or four drafts of my application papers with Susan Albrecht to get her help and

comments. Some of the topics that I wrote about were broad concepts, so getting those ideas across were difficult, but I was able to stay on top of it with Susan's help."

Koehring talked about his motivation for pursuing the Gilman scholarship as well, and provided advice to students who are considering studying abroad. "If it wasn't for the Gilman, I may not have been able to go abroad," he said. "I would have tried to find another way, but this scholarship helped me in a big way. One of the things about choosing to study in China was that I wanted to become more comfortable with being uncomfortable. I think that is the biggest thing with education: find those places where you are weak or need improvement, and think about how a specific experience may be able to help you work on those areas. You should feel a little of your comfort zone; it helps to put yourself in a situation that challenges you to learn."



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Kaz Koehring '18 will study abroad in Shanghai, China, while Chris Roman '18 is currently studying in London, United Kingdom.

WABASH FAMILY WALKS IN HISTORIC WOMEN'S MARCH

PROFESSORS AND FAMILY TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON D.C. TO TAKE PART IN PROTEST, DAY AFTER PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP'S INAUGURATION

BEN JOHNSON '18 | NEWS

EDITOR • Following the inauguration of President Donald Trump, millions gathered around the world last Saturday in marches to show solidarity for women's rights and stand against the president's controversial history with women. Women's marches took place near and far, from Indianapolis to Tel Aviv, where not only women, but minorities, religious groups, and immigrants advocated for their rights that they feel are now threatened by the new president and his cabinet. The largest march took place in Washington D.C., where expectations were blown away when over 500,000 protesters came out, much higher than the anticipated 200,000. Among those 500,000 were multiple members of the Wabash community.

Professors Kristen Strandberg, Jessie Mills, and Jessica Blum attended the Women's March that started on the National Mall and ended at the White House. Also, Jennifer Abbott, Associate Professor of Rhetoric, Professor of Theater Michael Abbott '85, and their daughter Zoe were able to experience the historic event with their own eyes last Saturday. Flying in on Friday for the march, it did not take long for the Abbotts to feel the excitement and passion of the thousands that would be at the event the following day.

"We weren't even flying to Washington; we were flying to Baltimore, and the plane was full of women going to the march," Michael Abbott said. "The experience began well before the march itself." Zoe, who is nine-years old, described the experience as "overwhelming."

"It felt electric," Jennifer Abbott said. "It felt affirming to be around a mass of people from all over the country that came together to say to our president that women's rights matter and we're going to work hard to defend them. It felt encouraging. Everyone was so friendly to each other and everyone was looking out for one another."

As the event began, the crowd in D.C. heard reports of the millions who gathered in other cities, not only within the U.S., but also around the globe. "That was truly exciting," Jennifer Abbott said. But for the Abbotts, it was much more than a protest or experience; it was also a chance to teach their daughter Zoe about what it means to be an active citizen.

In fact, the Abbotts were inspired by their young daughter Zoe, to travel all the way to Washington D.C. to be a part of the march.

"We have just heard then-candidate Trump say so many derogatory comments towards women and our daughter was not only being exposed to this, but asking us about them," Jennifer

Abbott said. "And after he won the election, she asked us how can any woman vote for him and that was a hard question for us to answer."

"I was acutely aware of Zoe being there," Michael Abbott said. "What we were showing her was what citizenship looked like. So on a parenting level, it was monumental for us."

The Abbotts did not hesitate to bring their daughter along when they chose to attend the march. For them, it was an opportunity to be role models.

"As soon as we heard about the women's march, I said I wanted to go," Jennifer Abbott said. "And Michael said 'I think we should go and I think all three of us should go, so she can see that we don't just sit down and accept horrible things being said about us, but that it's unacceptable and not just adults can respond, but she has ways of responding too.'"

As opposed to the women's marches of the sixties and seventies, this new generation of feminist protestors showed a larger amount of diversity among their ranks. "It felt like something old and new at the same time," Jennifer Abbott said. "It felt like the gatherings of women being politically active that I've read

about but was too young to participate in. But it also felt new with all the diversity. There were many men, along with all kinds of religious and ethnic diversity. So that felt exciting and new. But it felt like I finally got to participate in something I've been reading about all my life."

Michael Abbott attributes his activity in civic engagement and passion for others to experiences at Wabash as a student. "Wabash activated me," he said. "Wabash is the reason why I am a citizen that cares about these things. Wabash made me a citizen of the world and taught me to care about people that are not like me. I have Wabash to thank for sending me to the march in some ways."

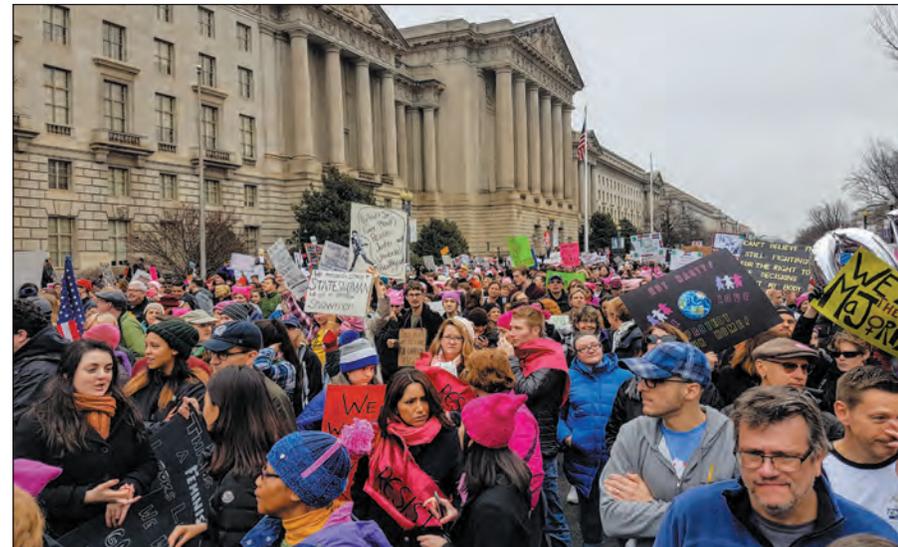
Of what she learned from this historical event, Zoe Abbott said, "You can't just sit back and let someone say mean things about you. But you have to take your place and protest."

Along with Wabash marchers in Washington D.C., there were also a number of participants at the women's rally in Indianapolis on the same day. The Indianapolis rally also blew away expectations when 10,000 people gathered around the Indiana State House in support of women's rights.



JENNIFER ABBOTT / PHOTO

Professors Michael and Jennifer Abbott pose in front of the White House with their young daughter Zoe.



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Over 500,000 protestors marched in Washington, D.C. last Saturday.



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the event to Roland Morin '91, Director of the CIBE, and Michelle Janssen, Dean for College Advancement.

Stewart and Morin remained in correspondence over the past summer with Morin suggesting to Stewart the guys he thought would suit the new committee. In no time, the committee was formed and already brainstorming the ideas about the topics for the event and the kind of speakers they were looking for.

“In the beginning, we were very ambitious and wanted to host two events a year, but quickly realized that it was a huge mistake because one event alone takes many months of planning,” Stewart said about the profound enthusiasm of the committee members.

While the idea of a TEDx event garnered tremendous support, certain concerns were raised too, such as why Stewart and the committee members shouldn't work toward the events that are already on campus like Chapel Talks or the Wabash Alumni-Faculty Symposium. Finally, it was agreed that the students wanted to host a TEDx event, and they were granted a green signal from the college. Morin was given the charge of overseeing the Committee.

Stewart started working with the team regarding practical aspects right at the beginning of the fall 2016 semester. PJ Hadley '18, Matt Fahey '18, Dalton Vachon '19, Joey Lenkey '19, Will Yank '19, Erich Lange '19, and David Dougherty '19 were some of the many core personnel who helped him greatly in making the event possible. He also reached out to the freshmen to get more people on board and got some students from the class of 2020. Max Atkins '20 and Nate Young '20, along with other volunteers, worked diligently to make the event a successful one, and Stewart was thankful to everyone on the team whose hard work paid off.

The committee reached out to thirty speakers and ended up with a group of twelve. As the event drew closer, some

couldn't be available, and the event commenced with eight speakers. Stewart expressed his satisfaction over the number of speakers, especially bearing in mind that this was the inaugural event for the club.

The event was free and open to the public due to the generosity of the sponsors; however, tickets were required beforehand. Over a hundred people showed up for the event, but around twenty students who bought the tickets didn't show up.

“We learnt that if you don't have a way of charging for the ticket, you never know whether the people would attend or not,” Stewart added.

Nevertheless, Stewart and his team received a lot of positive feedback from the students, faculty, and staff. President Gregory Hess also attended the event.

“The quality of the speakers we were able to bring in, in our first year, was greatly appreciated,” Stewart said. “Some of the speakers talking about a lot of powerful ideas struck many people.” He was also very thankful for all the mentorship he had received from Chris Carpenter '96, who organizes TEDxIndianapolis.

The current goal of the Executive Committee members is to integrate the committee into the CIBE a little more and create more of a business experience for those involved with the event planning and execution.

“Right now, if you ask a lot of committee members, they'd tell you it felt a lot like a startup company,” Stewart added. “We dealt with all the different aspects. Our budget was thousands of dollars for the event, and we paid all the expenses for our speakers. Going out and meeting with the companies was a huge part of the learning experience.”

On the whole, the event turned out to be enormously successful for everyone who got themselves involved with it. We hope to see more of these events in the coming years.



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Konye Ori Obaji, Professor of Conflict and Communication at Independence Community College, speaks at the inaugural TEDxWabashCollege event.

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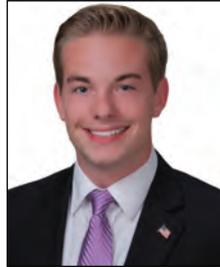
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WHY I MARCHED



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This past weekend was the first time in my life that I feel I was able to witness firsthand what democracy, social protest, and civic engagement on a large scale looks like. Saturday, I attended the Women's March in Indianapolis at our State Capitol. I was surrounded by every ethnicity, gender, and sexual orientation, and walked alongside an elderly man to my left and three young toddlers to my right. I left inspired, fascinated, and optimistic. I felt proud to be one of the more than three million people around the world who witnessed such a display of public discourse.

However, after posting a few pictures from the event, I started to receive many texts and direct messages regarding my attendance and message of support. Some were positive, but most were negative. Many were surprised that I would not only go to the march, but also have the audacity to post on social media for the world to see. Some were "disappointed" or "sad" that I would support such a cause. Others were worried about what my current political employers might think. Much of this seemed to be based on the underlying

assumption that, since I am a Republican (seemingly the only Rockefeller Republican left in this country), and work in politics, I was betraying the party and its ideals.

If being a Republican means that I cannot support women's rights, free speech, democracy, or peaceful protest, you can count me out. Principles still matter. It should not be controversial that I support equal opportunity and equal pay for women. But since it seems to be a revolutionary idea that I would advocate at such an event, I decided I would share exactly why I marched Saturday.

I marched because I was raised by a single mom who knows first hand the struggles women in business face, and the

glass ceilings present even for those who are more experienced, more skilled, and work harder than their male counterparts.

I marched because most studies show women earn 79% of what men make in the same positions and only 4% of CEOs in our country are female. I marched because I think it is reprehensible that America is the only nation in the world, besides Oman and Papua New Guinea, who does not have guaranteed paid parental leave, and that we are ranked 45th in the world for female equality.

Even though I am one of his fiercest critics, I didn't march against President Trump. Rather, I marched because I want the 65 million people who voted for the first female major party nominee in history to know that just because she didn't win, it doesn't mean they do not have a voice and a place in the conversation alongside those of us across the entire ideological spectrum.

I marched because the "boys will be boys" and "locker room talk" culture is alive and well, and it makes me sick to see the way some Wabash "Men" talk about women on this campus.

I marched because the United States Congress that represents a 51% female

population is 81% male; because I think it is unjust and disrespectful for those legislators to decide the health care decisions and prenatal care options a woman receives while they tax tampons and pads as "luxury items" while making Rogaine and Viagra tax exempt "necessities".

Friends, I marched because I hope that my future daughter doesn't face the same challenges and inequalities that my future spouse is facing right now.

I am hopeful that when people like me stand with this movement and share their thoughts, it engages the very audience that was first discouraged by my attendance. "Women's issues" should not be an Republican vs. Democratic debate. It's a human rights issue that should interest our fathers, brothers, and sons, and be on the forefront of policymaker's minds and agendas no matter their gender.

I know as a 22-year old, white, straight, Christian, middle class, fraternity living, all-male school attending, Republican male that I cannot relate for one second with the struggles women in America face. But I'll be damned if I can't stand by their side and show my support as they fight for equality. That's why I marched.

THE RE-BRANDING OF PHI DELTA THETA

Coming to Wabash College for the first time my senior year of high school, I was terrified to even set foot on campus. When I filled out my application for the Honors Scholarship Weekend, I said that I wanted to be placed in independent housing. I walked into the Allen Center, received my red folder, and saw that I was placed in Phi Delta Theta. To say the least, I was pretty upset because of all the movies and things I had seen online about fraternities, and the whole culture surrounding them.

After one night in the house, I had never felt more included in my life. It was an amazing experience between rush, the brothers at the house, and, most of all, the annual Phi Delt bouts. Finally, after I left and had received my bid from my current pledge father, I had a big decision to make; Greek or no Greek. Over the summer, I talked to Collin Bell multiple times, with him really trying to get me to attend



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Wabash. After returning to campus for Freshman Saturday, I accepted my bid to the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Now as most of you know, Phi Delt hasn't quite had the greatest connotation to its name for quite some time. The start of this era was around the turn of the millennium. Since then, people have had a bad feeling or negative vibe towards the house, and even the people within the house. When I pledged the fraternity, it was our then president Addison Hummel who told us

that it was us, the pledge class of 2019, that was going to be the begin of the new era. The new Phi Delt. The rebranding.

I have recently become co-rush chairman within the house. Being the now furthest east campus fraternity house and already having a bad brand, the process is quite difficult. We've really been working with all the brothers to come together and make a collective effort to help with this rebranding. It has been a process that the whole house has worked on.

I have just recently been invited into rhyneship, and that's one way that I wish to improve the Phi Delta Theta brand across campus. There really haven't been very many Sphinx Club members in the house. Last year, we only had Nathan Bode, who added Ephrem Chedid, who then in turn added Bryan Roberts and Nicholas Pollock. As a first-generation Wabash student, I wanted to be a part of

something bigger than myself and leave my own legacy. I want to do this thru choosing the next pledge class of Phi Delta Theta and being a part of the campus-wide leadership club.

Nathan Bode was a huge part of Phi Delta Theta, and he left his legacy with his talk at Fraternity Day last year. He spoke on the movement within the house that was aforementioned and said that it was time for us as a fraternity to take upon ourselves to get involved.

So as a proud Phi Delt and dirty, yet proud Rhyneship, I ask all of you to forget the stereotypes of all houses and give everyone a chance. Being the house with the worst rep on campus sure as hell hasn't been exciting for me or any of the brothers at Phi Delta Theta. This is in no way a job at anyone, just a simple plea to give a house you may not truly like a chance. And I'm damn proud to be a Phi.

IF YOU'VE MET A WABASH MAN...

If you've met a Wabash man, you have probably heard stories about the famous Monon Bell Game that we usually win. Or maybe someone has told you that busloads of women come to campus each weekend. Any Wabash man could honestly tell you the first statement is true, and the second statement was probably made up by a someone that went to Wabash. However, the one thing that is timeless at Wabash is the quality of education. Since 1832, Wabash College has served as a place where young men from all over the world come not only to claim an education, but also to ask the difficult, and often uncomfortable, questions that life offers. One of the main places these tough questions are raised is in EQ. The purpose of Wabash College is best expressed in *The Traditions We Inherit*—a book written by William Placher '70 that all students read in EQ, "How to analyze a problem, how to see through a phony slogan, how to express your ideas clearly, how to understand another person's point-of-view, and how to imagine new solutions. This is the goal of a Wabash Education." Wabash College's purpose is timeless, and many of the issues surrounding society today remain the same as they did in 1832.

Whether it be EQ, a religion course, a rhetoric course, or even a math course—the topic of women or feminism always seems to find a way into the classrooms



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of Wabash College. This is not to say that every student understands and supports the feminist movement. In fact, I would argue that Wabash is similar to most places in the sense that there are students who recognize and support the feminist movement, students who do not, and students who do not understand the movement as a whole. When the Women's March took place on Inauguration Day recently, many of the questions surrounding the movement and our campus were, "What is the march about? What exactly is Trump threatening? What do the marchers hope to gain?" These are all good questions that are worth exploring. Unfortunately, many of these questions go without pursuit of an answer by some men and are too easily dismissed by others. These are the kind of questions Wabash men should seek to answer.

Any person who takes an honest look at the Women's March would notice that the

movement is about much more than getting President Trump out of office. In truth, the Women's March is more about maintaining a progressive society, which in this case (and many others) means keeping ideologically oppressive candidates out of office. It is no secret that much of the language Trump used throughout his campaign was demeaning and supported a society that is oppressive to women. Some argue that women, who make up just over half of the population, should be grateful for 17 percent representation in Trump's Cabinet, but this perspective leads to the core of why hundreds of thousands of women and men were eager to march on Washington, D.C., and other cities around the world, in protest.

Some of the most common arguments against equality for women are, "things have always been this way," or, "men are just better at XYZ," which, apart from being a prehistoric ideology, are just false. Women all over the world have shown their capability to perform just as well or better than men in government, education, health, athletics, and many other areas of life time after time. Furthermore, if society were to do things, "the way they have always been done," people would still be using telegraphs and sawing off body parts every time someone gets shot. Thankfully, to our benefit, society keeps reinventing itself. In reality, some men refuse to part with the power we have always had, and others do not want to take

orders or be led by a woman, even if there is reason to believe it would be beneficial. Men should pay more attention to the good that could come of women's equality. Equal opportunity for moms, daughters, sisters, etc., would be much better in workplace settings, which could ultimately lead to things like higher family incomes. There's a huge difference between the wealth of non-Western societies, where women are uneducated and unable to contribute to the economy in a meaningful way, and Western societies where women are educated and can contribute. Feminism also seeks to deconstruct a harmful gender norm that pushes men to "man up." In the end, as the main perpetrators and beneficiaries of the sexist oppression of women, men have both a unique capacity and responsibility to help end it.

It is important that men everywhere take a hard and honest look at the feminist movement, and I believe places like Wabash can lead the way. Wabash is not about advancing the interests of men, but about educating men to advance everyone. I do not mean to say here that if you do not support the Women's March you are a bad person, but if you have not attempted a close examination of the movement, if you have not applied your education to the problem and not encouraged others to do the same, then you may be unaware that you are part of the problem.

LESSONS FROM CAMBODIA

When I arrived at Wabash my freshman year, I couldn't make heads or tails of what it was that I really wanted to do during my time here. I was worried about where my degree would take me in terms of career, and I vacillated amongst the ideas of becoming a lawyer, a psychologist, and/or a historian, among others. However, just a short year and a half later after Freshman Saturday, my life and aspirations have already changed beyond measure. I never would have even contemplated that my Wabash journey would lead me to spending two and a half weeks in Siem Reap, Cambodia.

My own path toward reaching that decision certainly wasn't a simple one. When I moved into College Hall my freshman year, two of my neighbors were Cambodian international students. Initially, I had absolutely no idea about anything regarding Cambodia except that it was located in Asia, but after getting to know my neighbors, I began to become curious. Among other information, I learned that Cambodia is home to the world's largest temple, Angkor Wat, and that recent historical research has revealed that its old capital city of Angkor was the largest city in the entire medieval world with a population of over a million inhabitants. For me, however, an important question was raised – if these historical facts



Walker Hedgepath '19

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are true about Cambodia and seem to be at least somewhat significant, why hadn't I heard of any of them before?

My interest in this question substantially developed as a result of the liberal arts education I've had the privilege of experiencing here at Wabash. Particularly after becoming a Democracy Fellow within the Wabash Democracy and Public Discourse Initiative, I've come to appreciate the idea that human communication is only half influenced by the substance of the information we are trying to communicate. As this pertains to history, every general history textbook has to make choices regarding what parts of world history it chooses to capture. In so doing, these choices come to influence students' broader understanding of the

world at large. As an example, none of my history or social studies textbooks in middle high school ever mentioned Cambodia or even significantly the entire region of Southeast Asia at all, choosing instead to only emphasize China and India in their Asian history units. At Wabash, this situation marginally improved – in my history 101 class textbook, the classical Cambodian empire was granted an awe-inspiring one page within hundreds of pages of other material. This choice communicates not just only very minimal knowledge of Cambodian and Southeast Asian history, but also the relative historical value that historians attribute to Cambodia. Additionally, because of this choice, most students never really encounter a chance to understand what Cambodia is at all during the course of their historical studies.

This final point strikes me as the most troubling of all regarding traditional history curricula. Again, I know that it is impossible to have a textbook that contains every single aspect of world history within it, but my trip to Cambodia highlighted the consequences of regions of the world that we choose to emphasize and others that we tend to gloss over. Nowadays, if people have heard of Cambodia (and in my personal experiences, that is a major if), they tend to associate it with being A) a "third-world"

or "developing" country and B) the Khmer Rouge genocide. However, my visit to Cambodia highlighted the tragedy of those oversimplifications. Although the entire archaeological city of Angkor is magnificent and thousands of tourists including myself have made the journey to see its wonders, many Cambodians are deeply troubled by how fast the temples seem to be eroding away from a lack of adequate government support and a lack of significant concern from the international community. In other words since so many people view Cambodia as a "corrupt little country" in Southeast Asia, our window into perhaps one of the most influential medieval civilizations in the world (at least in terms of sheer population size and the grandeur of the remaining structures) seems to be shrinking rapidly. Accordingly, it is my hope that new historical scholarship encourages reconsidering how Cambodian history is factored into our textbooks and dialogue.

I urge all of you to go out, explore, and learn more about the world around you. Whether people are aware of it or not, open-mindedness and a willingness to engage new cultures can revive interest in places such as Cambodia across the world and save valuable human treasures from simply sinking into the periphery due to ignorance and indifference.

WALLIES EMBRACE THE FIRST WEEK BACK



LEVI GARRISON '18 / PHOTO

Rhynes start the second home basketball game of the semester off right with some good ole rhynie burgers.



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Luke Soliday '19 and graduate Michael Haffner '16 catch up prior to the TEDx Event.



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New student body president, Jack Kellerman '18, and other Student Senate members sworn in.



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Wallies pumped after a three-point shot from the Wabash basketball team.



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NOLAN CALLECOD '19 |

STAFF WRITER • *REFRAIN*, an exhibit by Giang Pham and Binod Shrestha, opened in the Eric Dean Gallery last Monday. The exhibit consisted of visual art in different mediums, varying in handmade and digital art. *REFRAIN* exists as a form of visual art for an audience to contemplate the growth and loss of the body, displacement, and cultivation. These themes play into the narrative of each piece.

"My hope is that for people to slow down and contemplate," Pham said. "We all have associations with the visuals around us. How do we stop and examine them and these associations to wonder where did they come from and why did you have that particular meaning or had that particular association with that image, material, form, and color? These associations come from somewhere and it is important for us to become more curious. You [the audience] begin to investigate on your own. It's not the work telling you all the answers it's the work stimulating the audience to investigate."

On the matter of inspiration, Binod Shrestha found inspiration through research. Shrestha stated that on the pieces *Nine Steps*, *Diadem*, and *Passage* that, "the pieces with the broken pots and house shapes are based on research that I did on the Civil War," he said. "The recent piece I'm working on [*Passage*] is a video of the Mississippi River. This [piece] is our relationship with rivers and how we shape rivers or how rivers shape us, but yet again the notion of cultivation on how it nurtures us shows how we sometimes destroy it." Additionally, Shrestha wrote in his Artist Statement that, "my work invokes rituals, mediated and permeated through materials (ritual pigment, salt, muslin, felt, velvet, wood, paper, video, projections, plaster, resin, ritual incense, etc.). These materials are resuscitated by vivid experiences and memories of places." The aforementioned materials can be seen in the pieces *Nine Steps*, *Diadem*, and *Passage*.

Students and staff were in attendance for the exhibit's

opening. "Both of the artist's work compliments each other very nicely," Damon Mohl, BKT Associate Professor of Art, said. "The aesthetics are pleasant even down to the color choices. It terms of the materials and the narrative, there is a lot of interesting stuff going on here."

"It's really fascinating, I think my favorite thing about this installation so far is how there is a vast of a difference in media

here," Dominick Rivers '19 said. "My favorite piece was probably *Diadem*. Also, *The Portrait of Yudhistir* has different thumbs in it. The time and dedication that [Pham and Shrestha] put into this is amazing. There are over 100 or so different casts of thumbs and the piece is aesthetically pleasing. The exhibit also manipulated the senses by the incense."

By using incense in the exhibit to alter the senses in her piece (*ant*)umbra... another, Pham utilized it to build on the theme of growth and decay.

"The materials I use that go back to this idea of growth is by using incense as a ritual material," Pham said. "The way that it is created as a ritual material is by lighting it to feed the spirit of the person burning it or for the departed. So when you lit incense it burns away over time. I grew up on a rice farm and seeing things grow around you and this expansion of growth eventually comes as a cost."

REFRAIN offers a glimpse into displacement, cultivation, and conflict through visual media. As members of the Wabash community and the liberal arts, Pham wishes for the exhibit to stand as a place for us to contemplate and investigate our associations with materials used the different pieces. The exhibit is open Monday through Friday from 9 to 5 p.m. and will be closing on April 8, 2017.



Giang Pham

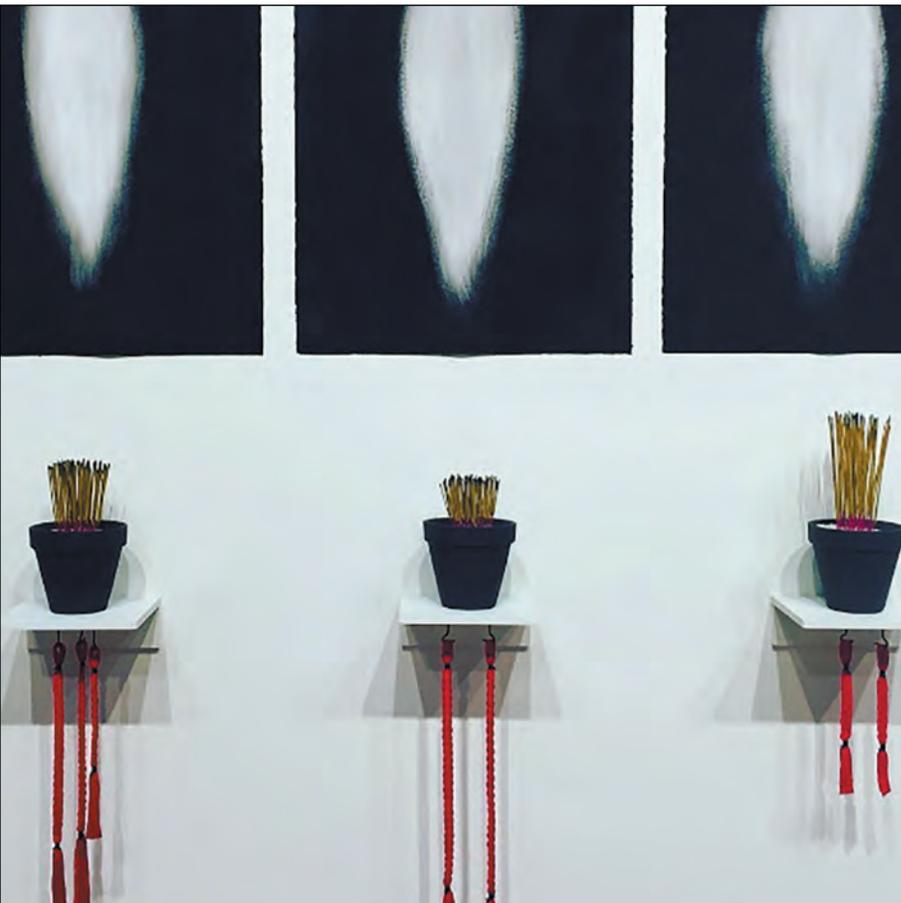


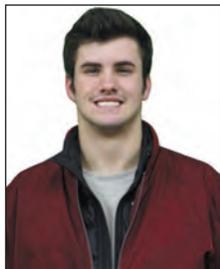
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Giang Pham demonstrates feelings of individuality and growth through artificial plants.

DANK BEATS FOR YOU

NICHOLAS VEDO '19 | STAFF WRITER •

The new year may not have started out on the best of notes for some, but with a very enticing set of new music releases on the way there is still reason to be optimistic. The end of 2016 brought with it new records from chart topping acts such as J. Cole and Childish Gambino along with a number of lesser known groups such as the XX, Bon Iver, and the 1975. Childish Gambino's new album *Awaken, my Love!* in particular is a funk masterpiece that can melt through the coldest of blizzards. "Childish Gambino is different, his music is part of the psychedelic rock/funk trend that has emerged recently," music major Max Roberts '19 said. "Kendrick always has funk in his music too."



Max Roberts

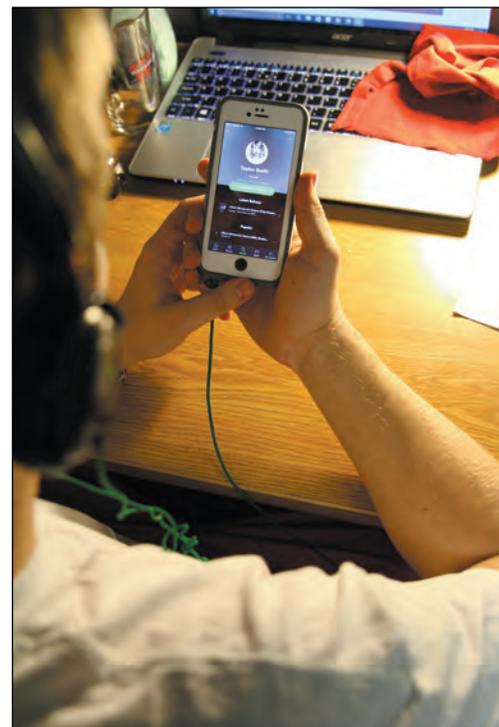
Within the first month of the new year, there will be new releases by John Mayer, Big Sean, and Migos. Culture, Migos' new album is currently sweeping the nation with his most popular track "Bad and Boujee" leading the charge. The rapper has also announced a new

international tour.

The coming spring weather calls for upbeat electronic music of which 2017 will not lack. Martin Garrix is scheduled to release a new album in the next two months. Also, Major Lazer will be releasing *Music is the Weapon* in the coming month along with new releases and tour dates from the very popular dj Marshmello. If students are looking to see Marshmello live somewhere near campus, they will be very happy to hear that the artist has announced a performance in the Snake Pit on May 28 at the Indianapolis 500.

This coming summer will also be a plentiful time full of concerts and festivals. Classic rock band U2 has already announced a world tour in which they will only play music from their 1987 hit album *The Joshua Tree*. The lineup for the Chicago music festival Lollapalooza has not been announced yet, but many bands are rumored to be playing including Vampire Weekend, Fleet Foxes, Chance the Rapper, Muse, Arcade Fire, Gorillaz, and The Strokes.

The beginning of the semester can be a grey and dull time for most students, but nothing brightens one's day like listening to some new and innovative music. So don't forget to browse the latest playlists on Spotify or check the latest tour announcements online.



LEVI GARRISON '18 / PHOTO

Wabash student ventures to find new music on the Spotify app.

CLUBS TO JOIN THIS SEMESTER

DAVIS LAMM '20 | STAFF WRITER •

With pledgeship maturing into brotherhood and new difficulties becoming stale routines, now is a prime time for freshmen to populate their schedules with productive and exhilarating activities. Luckily, Wabash is undergoing an extracurricular renaissance, and it is easier than ever to find diversions beyond the three academic divisions. I've searched through the darkest corners of the AFC balance sheet and student email list to find the best clubs to join this semester.

Coffee is the most abused substance in the United States, and its prevalence as a study aid is obvious to anybody who has been to the library. For those who want to be coffee connoisseurs instead of caffeine junkies, the Coffee Brewing and Roasting Club is the place to learn new preparation techniques and experience vibrant tastes.

If you are a man who prefers gaseous substances to liquid ones, follow your nose to the savory vapors purveyed by the Cigar and Pipe Club. Like the Coffee Club, the Cigar and Pipe Club offers a chance to socialize while also offering a vast selection of samples.

While some derive dopamine releases from tobacco and caffeine, others require a hearty meal. Satisfying those culinary desires is the Cooking Club, which not only provides good food, but also trains members on how to prepare it. What better way is there to win a woman's heart than to whip her up a plate of chicken and waffles?

For those who aren't enticed by smooth moves, but enjoy art and innovation, the new 3D Printing Club is a valuable opportunity. The club will offer access to 3D printers, plus the skills needed to operate them. With many manufacturing industries already relying on 3D printers for prototyping and production, this experience could give you a competitive edge when applying for a job.

Now, a keen reader will have noticed that all of the previously mentioned clubs require students to stay indoors. In order to achieve balance in life, we all should venture outside for some adventure. And, no club offers better adventures than the Extreme Sports Club, which takes regular trips from paintballing to snowboarding.

Snowboarding may be too tame for some adrenaline seekers. If you are a person who has looked at the Chapel and wished to touch the weather vane at the top without using the stairs, the Climbing Club is for you. The Club makes frequent trips to indoor climbing gyms and gives members a respite from Indiana's low elevation.

While this isn't an exhaustive selection of clubs, it is a testament to the multifarious interests of Wabash students and the willingness of the college to support our hobbies and fascinations. Whatever you do, don't languish in boredom. The ticking moments will pass with or without you, so fritter them away productively.

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JADE DOTY '18 | CAVELIFE EDITOR

- Nominations for The Academy Awards were announced this past weekend. *La La Land* tied the record set by *Titanic* and *All About Eve* with 14 nominations and contrast to last year's Awards, six African Americans were nominated for acting roles such as Denzel Washington, Viola Davis and Naomie Harris.
- President Trump signed an order on Wednesday afternoon to begin building a border between Mexico and The United States. Trump is also planning to set up a plan to block Syrian refugees from entering the U.S.
- The federal debt is projected to grow \$10 Trillion over the next ten years according to Congressional Budget Office.
- Numerous reports are circulating about the New York Knicks being interested in trading Carmelo Anthony. Over the past two seasons, there have been many reports on the poor relationship between All-Star Melo' and President Phil Jackson.
- According to Spain's Interior Ministry, the European police have arrested 75 people and recovered about 3,500 stolen archaeological artifacts and other artworks as part of the dismantling of an international network of art traffickers.
- A team of China and United States scientists have discovered an extinct species of otter that roamed the earth nearly six million years ago. The newly discovered ancient species was about the size of a present day wolf with jaws that tell scientists that these otters were possibly more fearsome than adorable.
- Tiger Woods is making a comeback on the PGA tour after a 17 month break. Woods is scheduled to play at Torey Pines this Thursday at 1:40 p.m., a course he has won eight times previous.

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Harrison Hallstrom '20 puts up a jumper in the second half of the Wabash vs. DePauw game last week. Hallstrom had a strong game with ten points.

BASKETBALL SEESAWS OVER BREAK

BASKETBALL PUSHES TO .500, AFTER PACKED WINTER BREAK SCHEDULE

ZACH MOFFETT '20 | STAFF

WRITER • The Little Giants basketball team have been making improvements in these past few weeks. They went on a four-game winning streak against Kenyon, Hiram, Franklin, and scored a win over Earlham College, 101-63. The momentum they built before a short break did not seem to move forward, as they lost to Allegheny.

“With a young team like this you are going to have those setbacks, but the process would be how they handled the adversity,” head coach Kyle Brumett said.

The team played three tough games before returning for the start of school. The first was against

Oberlin, which Wabash won 58-48, gaining back little momentum. Despite this win, they went to Wittenberg and lost sight of their competitive edge, losing 39-68. The loss would be challenging to overcome. “Taking a loss showed that our team was at the crossroads of the season,” Brumett said. The Little Giants came back home against Denison and played very well, shooting 53.8% from the three-point line, and 58.8% from the free throw line. They could not pull off the win though, losing 53-66.

Losing those past two games leading up to a big DePauw game might have worried some people, but it didn't concern the team. This game highlighted not just individual players, but what the team has worked towards all season. The Little Giants got off to a big lead in the first half, going up by 18 with 10:55 on the clock. This was set up by several players, but the big role player was Colten

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WRESTLING ON WINNING STREAK

JACOB CHRISMAN '20 | STAFF WRITER • The Little Giants wrestled in several events over the Holiday Break and encountered some highly-ranked teams. The most notable performances were the Spartan Mat Classic at Manchester University on Saturday, January 14, and the 54 Annual Ken Kraft Midlands Championships at Northwestern University on January 29-30.

The Little Giants placed 16 total wrestlers in the top eight, six of which took first on the day at Manchester: Owen Doster '20, Griffin Schermer '19, Nick Bova '17, Connor Brummett '17, Myron Howard '19, and Riley LeFever '17.

"I definitely think that the youth of the team was apparent against some of the teams," Brummett said. "They came out and punched us in the mouth and our young guys didn't really respond to that very well. Moving forward, I think we made gains and we will be ready when we see those tough guys again."

The only Wabash wrestler at the Midlands Championships, traditionally a Division I tournament, was LeFever. LeFever finished 2-2 at the tournament and fell short of placing. However, LeFever defeated two Division I wrestlers, Tyrus Kemp from Central

Michigan and Cash Wilcke from Iowa.

"Riley got sick two weeks before the tournament and still wasn't clicking like he normally does," head coach Brian Anderson said. "I think the hardest thing to watch was the Nebraska kid win the tournament after beating him earlier in the season. All in all, it was still a good weekend and one that exposed some things Riley needs to tighten up as we head for the backside of the season. I couldn't be more proud of his effort and how he carried himself at the tournament."

The Little Giants resumed action at home on January 19, wrestling Trine University and celebrating senior night. Nine seniors were honored just before the beginning of the match: Allen Betts '17, Jeff Mucha '17, Luke Davis '17, Mark Maldonado '17, Lincoln Kyle '17, Christian Rodriguez '17, Bova, Brummett, and Lefever.

The Little Giants steamrolled the Thunder, winning the match with a final team score of 45-5. Sam Hipple '20, Brummett, Howard, and LeFever all won by fall. Connor Guzior '19, Darden Schurg '19 and Schermer all scored



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Riley LeFever '17 stares down his opponent before earning a pin in a meet last week.

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three team points each with minor decisions. Chris Diaz '19 and Brice Everson '20 both collected forfeits for the Little Giants.

"We are fortunate to have good depth and rotate new faces into the lineup and still get the needed results for the program," Anderson said. "We have a few guys nicked up right now, so we are resting certain guys when we don't need them."

The Little Giants wrestled back to back events at home, dominating the Max Servies Duels this past weekend. The Little Giants went 4-0 for the day. The Little Giants started the day with a near perfect score against Calumet College, winning 59-0. They then defeated Otterbein University, 45-12. The Little Giants wrestled a hard fought match against Heidelberg University, and ultimately won 26-17.

SPRINTING FOR SPRING

CONNOR ARMUTH '19 | STAFF

WRITER • The Wabash College Little Giants put on an impressive performance at the non-scoring Indianapolis Collegiate Challenge indoor track and field meet last Saturday. Hayden Baehl '18 was able to win the 800-meter run with a time of 1:58.26, securing a season-best time. Baehl was followed by Chandler Stewart '20, who secured a fifth place finish with a time of 2:08.30. Also placing for the Little Giants was Nicholas Morin '18 and Free Kashon '17, earning seventh (2:09.99) and tenth (2:11.97).

Parker Redelman '18 finished the 600-meter dash in 1:27.42 to secure a heat win and an 11th place overall finish.

Cole Seward '17 placed in two events,



The Wallies would finish the day with another shutout against Thomas More University, 56-0.

Good performances were numerous at the Servies Duels, but the most outstanding performances came from Doster, Guzior, Brummett, Schurg, and LeFever, who all went undefeated on the day.

"We are where we need to be right now," Anderson said. "We could always be doing better, but we still have time for our guys to fine tune some areas before the regional qualifier. I believe in our guys and know that they will be taking things up a notch over the next month."

The Little Giants return to action Saturday, February 4, at the 31st John Summa Invitational at Baldwin Wallace University. Wrestling begins at 9 a.m.

finishing third in the 400-meter dash with a time of 52.08 and fifth in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.69.

Austin Ellingwood '18 had an impressive showing, finishing sixth overall out of 52 competitors in the 200-meter dash after winning his heat with a time of 23.28. Shortly after Ellingwood crossed the finish line, Brady Gossett '19 secured an 11th overall finish with a time of 23.74. Ellingwood didn't stop after the 200-meter dash, he was also able to leap 6.44 meters for an 11th place finish in long jump.

In the throwing category, Dallas Pitts '19 had a breakout meet, finishing fifth in shot put with a season best, 13.84 meters.

After the meet, Ellingwood was proud of the team's performance. "The team competed at a high level," he said. "The young guys are putting in work and it is showing. We had two young throwers really shine this weekend, and it is getting the team excited for conference. We are all excited for Rose Hulman this weekend."

The excitement Ellingwood expressed is not only shared by his teammates, but also all of us Little Giant fans as we look forward to the rest of the season. Wabash will travel to Rose Hulman for the Engineer Invitational this Saturday.

IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

Wabash track & field's competitive has prepared them for their move to the outdoor track.

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SWIMMING PREPARES FOR THE NCAC CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

PATRICK MCAULEY '20 | STAFF WRITER • The Wabash swimming and diving team has been focused on doing more throughout the entire season. This year, the college brought in ten impressive freshmen to replace the decorated class of seniors that had left the prior year. Coaches have made it a goal to bring in guys that are good for Wabash College, which in turn has improved the overall team energy.

“We are getting the most out of them,” head coach Brent Noble said. “They are happy and excited about the guy next to them.” This new set of guys can be viewed as a transitional phase, which has sparked challenges that have proven no match for this unique team.

The first half of the season saw a learning curve develop, which created moments of stagnation that has pushed the team to create solid development. This development occurred because of the willingness of each athlete to do his part, an attitude necessary in improving team structure and competitiveness. The team has been happy with the first half of the season, and they are looking to finish strong at conference on February 8. In order to finish how they want, coaches are allowing more rest time so that the Little Giants can perform at their highest level.

“You do more to gain a lot during the season,” Noble said. “And then you do less at the end and swim your best times at the end of the year.”

Conference will be held at Denison University, with sixteen spots available to qualify for nationals. Along with the hard work, the team took time to train in a different environment over winter break.

In the years past, the team travelled to Florida with goals of training hard, and, in doing so, gained a higher sense of who they are and what they stand for as athletes of Wabash College. This year, the team went to St. Petersburg, Fla. with a much different team chemistry.

“In previous years we have relied on a training trip to come together as a team,” Noble said. “This year, it had already happened before we got down there.”

The team competed in a relay and scored some high in season times. However, the team captain took more away from the trip than just high scores.

“More importantly the team mentality for training was amazing, which made the experience one to remember,” Anthony Repay '17 said.

The team has also named a meet after a very special teammate, Leo Abdalla. Abdalla was a Beta, a swimmer at the college, and a member of the class of 2018. During his time, he made a lasting impact as a true friend and teammate to many of the guys. Unfortunately, he left the college a year ago for personal reasons, but there is chatter that he may return. In his



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Aaron Embree '19 takes a dive in a meet earlier this season. Embree has been a strong diver for the Little Giants all season.

memory, the team named a meet after him while competing in an informal time trial against the Purdue swimming and diving team last year. “We named the meet

after him to remember him and his awesome legacy,” Repay said. This year, the team will be traveling to IU-Bloomington to compete in a similarly styled event.



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Garland '20. He went 9-10 for three-point shots, 12-17 for total shots, and 4-4 on free throw attempts. Another extraordinary performance was Logan White '19. White played spectacularly on both ends of the floor, putting up 15 points and holding DePauw's Luke Lattner to only 24 points on 19 shots. Last year, Lattner put up 55 on Wabash. Overall as a team, they held their

“These guys showed a lot of resilience after losing two tough games.”

KYLE BRUMMETT

own, losing some momentum in the second half, but not losing control of the game. “These guys showed a lot of resilience after losing two tough games,” Brumett said. This was for sure a highlight of the season, as Wabash won in overtime 86-80.

Their next game would be against a very talented Wooster team, who defeated the Little Giants 95-54. They could have been fatigued or too focused on the previous win against DePauw, but they did not expect the performance they had.

Brumett is looking forward for the next month of basketball. “We must play our best in February,” he said. He mentioned that his team has been raising the standards throughout the season, but what he strives for is consistency in week by week growth. Time will tell how the team will respond. He looks forward to this Saturday's against Kenyon, starting at 3:00 p.m. They will also be celebrating the 1982 National Championship team. This will be a great game to experience with countless alumni in the stands.



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Colten Garland '20 had a huge game in Wabash's OT thriller against DePauw. Garland finished with a career best 37 points, including nine three-pointers.

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