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TENURE REVIEW: PROF. SARA DRURY “EXCITED TO BE HERE FOR LONG TERM”

CHRIS BARKER '20 | STAFF WRITER • As *the Bachelor* begins our series of stories on Wabash's recently-tenured professors, we turn first to Assistant Professor of Rhetoric Sara A. Mehlretter Drury. Throughout her time at Wabash, Drury has worked hard as a rhetoric professor and as the Director of the Wabash Democracy and Public Discourse initiative (WDPD) for the past three years, also known as the Democracy Fellows. Upon learning she received tenure, Drury was ecstatic. “I’m just thrilled to be a part of Wabash for the long term,” she said.

Drury’s idea for the WDPD came as a collaboration with her rhetoric colleagues. The roots of the WDPD, she said, go all the way back to the early 20th century, when Professor W. Norwood Vergance believed free speech was essential in a democratic society. Drury, like other rhetoric professors, teach in Rhetoric 101 that public speaking is not only standing up and talking in front of people, but also an essential part of being an active community member. As such, the program

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GLORY REBORN

BRYCE BRIDGEWATER '19 | STAFF WRITER • Wabash College has prided itself on the prowess of its athletic department since collegiate sports started. From the victories over the University of Notre Dame in football to the 1982 National Champion basketball team, sports are the backbone of this college. This past year, John Kerezy '77 wrote *Glory Reborn: A History of Wabash College and its Athletics from 1977 to 1982*, a book about the strength of the school’s athletic department. The book focuses on the years from 1977 to 1982, but includes sports history from the 1890s to Mason Zurek’s ‘16 dominance in the recent Monon Bell games.

Kerezy, who is an Associate Professor at Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland, Ohio, took a sabbatical in the spring of 2016 to dedicate his time researching the material necessary for this book. During this period, he met with former president Thaddeus Seymour and many others. While at Wabash, he was Editor-in-Chief of the *Bachelor*, worked at WNDY, and was a part-time writer for the local newspaper.

“Wabash only won the Monon Bell my last semester on campus,” Kerezy said.

“Our football team wasn’t bad, but we were in a conference with Valparaiso, Butler, Indianapolis, and St. Joseph’s. We were in a little above our pay grade.”

In 1977, Wabash officially joined NCAA Division III athletics. In the following five years, Wabash dominated the athletic playing fields, including playing in the Stag Bowl, the Division III National Championship football game, the first year in the division. They lost by three points.

“Chapters 2-13 talk about each sport from 1977 to 1982,” Kerezy said. “Chapter 1 talks about the history of sports before 1977 while Chapter 14 talks about sports since 1982. I found all of this information in the archives. It was a trip down memory lane for me.”

As an alumnus, he covered some of the basketball teams’ games on the way to the National Championship in 1982. He covered the game at Kenyon College where Wabash beat Ohio Northern University. The team then avenged an earlier season loss against Hope College.

To play Potsdam College for the title later

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HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

RATERS '85 RELIVES THE GLORY DAYS

Hi-Five to Dean Mike Raters' daughter on getting married to Josh Bleisch '16! Not only did Dean Raters stay up all night to guard and paint the bench, he has guarded it for the last month. Fraternities, where you at? Give this man the Father of the Year Award!!

CHECK YOUR CALENDARS

Hi-Five to the W.A.R. Council for being generally confused and incompetent when it comes to scheduling events. It warms our hearts to see three people RSVP, but we don't need it blowing up our inboxes or smartphone calendars.

SERIOUSLY, TRUMP?

Hi-Five to all international students who may be kicked out of the United States after graduation if they are unable to earn more than \$130,000/year, due to new proposals by President Trump's administration. Too bad Wabash grads only begin earning around \$50,000 post-graduation. We thought The Princeton Review appropriately lauded us for even earning that much. Still, thanks for all your hard work, guys.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Have your own Hi-Five ideas? Submit them to us via cacrouch17@wabash.edu. Also, Hi-Five to Indiana for beating Penn State in 3OT. It's time to put in Johnny.

ANARCHISTS OR RHYNES...WHY NOT BOTH?

Hi-Five to the Rhyne whose Air-Raid is "Jack Kellerman is not my president". Just another example of how the Sphinx Club is a group of anarchists that are only bad influences on our campus.

PACTOR '04 PLANS TO MAKE RAPID MOVES FOR CAREER SERVICES

DAMION DAVIES '19 | STAFF WRITER • Spring cleaning has begun, and with it comes changes to the Arnold House. The Arnold House, where Career Services resides, has adopted a new director in the form of Jacob Pactor '04. Pactor left Wabash to pursue a career in education, having spent time leading classrooms in North Central and Speedway High Schools. He has now returned to assist students at his alma mater develop skills necessary to succeed in the professional world.

Pactor's first goal is to increase the efficiency of Career Services. Students shouldn't expect to see immediate large-scale changes, but the planned ones will lead students to have a greater understanding of the help Career Services provides. One example is that Pactor intends to publish a list of students who have visited the Arnold House recently to foster a healthy competition in Wabash students. "I will try to raise the level of expectations and help Wabash students reach them," Pactor said. Pactor hopes it will force students who would not usually seek help from Career Services to see the opportunities their friends, roommates, and brothers are seizing with that assistance.

Another plan that Pactor wants to implement is the consolidation of smaller Career Services events into larger, more advertised showings to bring in more students. For example, if Career Services were to host three lunch-time speakers in a week that may only garner a small student showing each, Pactor would want to organize these into a single event. The event itself would be larger and would likely bring in more students than the smaller ones combined.

Events like this would be beneficial to both the employers as well as students because the businesses would see a larger sample of the great men Wabash has to offer, and the students would be able to see opportunities they would have otherwise missed. Pactor's central goal is to ensure

every student understands the services and assistance that the Arnold House has to offer.

"So far, he has given us the right push that Career Services needs. Ahad Khan '19, Peer Career Advisor said. "He's got a very proactive approach. He's really getting in touch with alumni and he's revamping many of our career events."

Pactor also wants students to grasp professional development in a way that is more than, "will I have a job?" One example of this was this week's "Summer at Wabash" info session. It provided the attending students with information about more than 175 summer internship and work opportunities that Wabash offers. "His managing capabilities for the Arnold House are very well suited and he is very approachable to help students with professional development," Khan said.

Outside of Wabash specific examples, Pactor and the rest of the Arnold House wants students to understand how any activity they are involved in will help benefit their development. Questions they want students to ask themselves are "what experiences am I gaining from this?" and "how can I better talk about this that relates to the skills I learned from it?"

His goals only serve to help students achieve a future that they did not believe possible at the onset of their Wabash education. Being an alumnus, he is better able to understand what students at Wabash need, but he also understands that he has been removed from the atmosphere for some time. Pactor is not trying to build the Career Services that he needed as a student; he's building the one that current students need. Pactor's last piece of advice speaks to his belief in proactivity: "The better opportunities go to those who look first," he said.

Wabash College just came in first and third for alumni networking and internship opportunities respectively in The Princeton Review.



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Jacob Pactor '04 helping Aaron Becker '17 with career opportunities.

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CORRECTION:

The *Bachelor* misspelled Riley Lefever's '17 name in the sports section of the January 27 edition of the *Bachelor*. We couldn't resist the Fever.

SCIENCE GETS FUNNY

NPR PODCAST "YOU'RE THE EXPERT" TO BE BROADCASTED IN BALL THEATER

NICHOLAS VEDO '19 | STAFF WRITER • There is a tendency in our country for the general public to have an unintentional ignorance towards modern scientific advancements and research. This lack of communication between professional researchers and the common person can have a very negative impact on our society and ultimately lead to an uninformed voting base. College students especially must work hard to overcome this divide and become



Laura Wysocki

informed on what is happening in all fields. Wabash College students will have an opportunity to have their horizons broadened February 10 when the podcast/live show "You're the Expert" comes to campus.

"You're the Expert" is a very popular, nationally-sourced podcast that originates in Boston with NPR. This show was first discovered by Sara Drury, Assistant Professor of Rhetoric, at an American Association for the Advancement of Science conference. The show was founded/ hosted by a man named Chris Duffy. The program runs by bringing in one expert and three comedians. The job of the comedians is to figure out exactly what the expert does for a living. Immediately, Drury was struck by the message within the podcast. "The goal of the program is to highlight why the person's work or research is important for the public good," she said.

"But it does so through the use of humor using these comedians who do not know what it is that the expert does. The main reason the show works is the comedians are willing to ask the questions that most of us are too nervous to ask someone who is an expert in their field on their field. Chris's point is that in order to get people to understand this important research that is happening, we have to be willing to start asking some of

those questions."

Bringing the show to Wabash's campus took a lot of effort and collaboration between the Visiting Artist's Series, the Lecture and Film committee, and the National Science



Jessie Mills

Foundation grant given to Drury and Laura Wysocki, Assistant Professor of Chemistry. "We were very excited about this event because it fits so well with Wabash," Jessie Mills, BKT Assistant Professor of Theater, said. "The podcast is a very interdisciplinary event that combines theater, science, and communication. We are excited about how many people and fields that this event will touch." The expert for the Wabash event will not be revealed until the night of the show. However, Wysocki assured that he is a very accomplished researcher. "The expert coming is a friend of mine who is a leader in his scientific field and often works




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NPR's "You're the Expert" will be broadcasted February 10 at 7 p.m. in Ball Theater.

alongside Nobel laureates," she said. "As a scientist, I find the podcast hilarious because it is revealing of not only the scientist's work, but their life as well."

The event will be open to the public and students can reserve their tickets now, free of charge. Students are advised to reserve their tickets as soon as possible to insure that they are able to get a seat at the event. Demand is expected to be very high.



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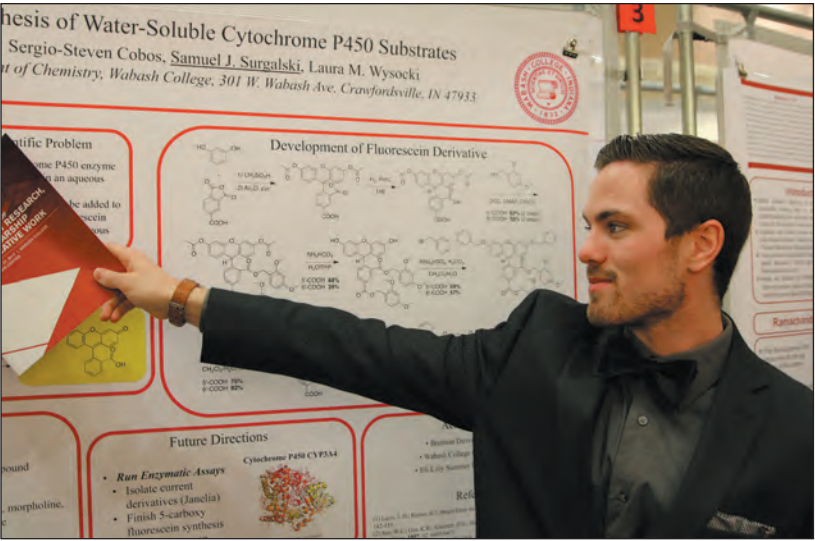
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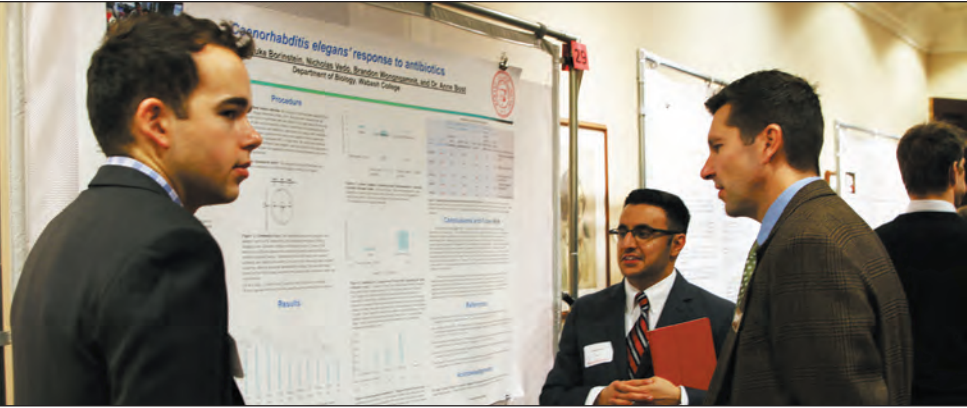
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Sam Surgalski '18 shares his chemistry research last Friday.



LEVI GARRISON '18 / PHOTO

Students from all areas in life sciences, humanities, and behavioral sciences presented at the Celebration of Student Research.



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aims to “encourage students to think about problems and public issues in a deliberative fashion....and multiple ways of solving them...and teaching students to actually lead these kind of discussions outside of the class,” Drury said. As echoed by Democracy Fellow Wesley Virt '17, the WDPD is designed for Drury to collaborate with the students on deliberating the issues we face today. The organization is also set up to let students hold leadership roles in deliberation projects, while receiving guidance from Drury. Drury believes that WDPD has the potential to positively influence many communities across the country. She sees the organization potentially working with other institutions about having difficult

discussions about controversial issues “in a way that is productive, inclusive, and that ultimately helps local or campus communities move forward on the issue,” she said. Though encouraged with the progress and experience of the WDPD in the past three years, Drury sees a lot of room for growth and possibility in the group and its involved students.



Sara Drury

With being granted tenure, Drury has also been granted the opportunity to go on sabbatical. During this time, she plans to work on a research project about

deliberation. She will be able to analyze different public discourse and deliberation events in a comparative way for their quality and character. She wants to better understand what happens as far as the rhetoric of deliberation goes. Drury knows that other researchers have found certain structures/formats of this process that have a trend of producing more satisfactory results; however, she wants to look at the “language and communication that happens in these settings” to better understand the different stages of deliberation.

Though she has pursued this in fragments over the past few years, she plans on utilizing this opportunity to concentrate on this subject to compare many diverse

national case studies. She plans to contribute to the knowledge of different rhetorical forms and their effectiveness, a subject that not many rhetoricians have touched on or researched, according to Drury. She wants to know “specifically how communities come to judgment, so that communities not only agree to disagree, but overcome tensions to find a way to come up with...a new way forward, and a greater understanding,” she said. Drury said she won’t enter this subject with a predetermined hypothesis or conclusion, but with an open mind so that she can truly learn as much as possible. Drury will start her sabattical research on comparative deliberation in the fall semester of 2017.

ARE WE BETTER OR WORSE OFF WITHOUT TPP, NAFTA?

STEVEN BAZIN '18 | STAFF WRITER • Last week, President Donald Trump pulled the United States from the Trans-Pacific Partnership. The Trans-Pacific Partnership was a free trade agreement between the United States and several countries in the Pacific Rim, excluding China. The agreement was the first to go because it had not been officially approved by Congress. Amid the technical and legal jargon, many average Americans were unsure of what this meant for the nation's economy.

The Trans-Pacific Partnership would have been no different from any other free-trade agreement between the United States and other nations "I saw it as a way to get a bunch of countries together to counter balance the huge economic importance of China...[but] it's the same thing as any free trade agreement...", Joyce Burnette, Professor of Economics, said. "You get a bunch of countries together who agree to lower tariffs on each

other, and they negotiate other rules regarding health and safety and what things can be imported and exported. There's usually a lot of different rules that go into a trade agreement."

Trump's decision to abandon the agreement comes as no surprise, given the anti-trade sentiments he expressed during his campaign. Burnette cited several common economic misconceptions for the growing support of the president's anti-trade policies. "I think there's so much anti-trade opinions now because people think that if we just cut back on trade, they'll get their manufacturing job back," she said. "A: that's probably not going to happen because you realistically lost your manufacturing job to mechanization rather than



Joyce Burnette

other countries. And B: no one ever pays attention to the jobs that are created by exports." The true decline in American manufacturing has come more from increased mechanization in factories than it has from economic competition with other countries.

In addition, the average American does not understand the true nature of the trade deficit. "People always worry that we have a trade deficit," Burnette said, "The reason we have a trade deficit is because... so many people in the world want to buy U.S. bonds because they are so incredibly safe [to invest in]. When we're looking at the trade balance, we're looking at merchandising imports and exports, but we don't look at U.S. government bonds as exports." The flexible exchange rate in U.S. currency will automatically allow the trade to balance. We sell more financial instruments to other countries, so we have to buy more goods to compensate for this. The amount of trading that the United States does is balanced, but we sell more bonds than goods, which is often not taken into account.

The decision to pull out of the Trans-Pacific Partnership will likely lead to more tariffs being placed on American goods by the countries in the agreement. Consumer goods are definitely going to a rise in price, and some jobs in exports will be lost; however, it will not lead to a huge economic destabilization for the United States or the other countries involved in the Trans-Pacific Partnership. "The world is not going to sit back and let the U.S. put tariffs on their goods without returning the favor," Burnette said. "The result will be less trade, and I think we'll be worse off."

The real danger to the American economy is Trump's proposed 20 percent tariff on Mexican goods. Burnette believes that the Trans-Pacific Partnership was the first of many free-trade agreements in the Trump administration's sights, and that a tariff on Mexico would be disastrous for our economy. A tariff or the United States' exit from NAFTA would interrupt the infrastructure and established trading patterns of all North American countries. "People have already adjusted their expectations

and built factories under the assumption that they could sell things under a different country," Burnette said.

Setting aside the alarmist rhetoric that seems to accompany most of Trump's executive orders, the United States' decision to back out of the Trans-Pacific Partnership is not going to hurt us as much as some of his others policies. "There have been swings in trade before," Burnette said. "This is not the first time that things have moved back and forth. The 19th century was sort of the rise of free trade and at the beginning of the 20th century, people became more isolationist."

"The world is not going to sit back and let the U.S. put tariffs on their goods without returning the favor."

JOYCE BURNETTE

Since World War II, there has been a huge increase in trade, and a huge decrease in tariffs.... Tariffs have come down tremendously in the second half of the 20th century, so maybe we'll go back the other way. It all depends on how long this anti-trade sentiment last."

The U.S. seems to be on a 100-year cycle in which the balance between free trade and isolationist policies shift. While there is no conceivable economic benefit to Trump's policy, the United States will not likely collapse from the decision to leave the Trans-Pacific Partnership. Removing ourselves from NAFTA will certainly have more immediate adverse effects on the economy; however, America will probably survive the ramifications. Things are not as bad as they seem, at least in an economic sense.

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responsibility they enjoy. We encourage all in our community to engage in the important and difficult work of civil discourse and debate, because listening to the opinions of others that differ from our own is an essential part of a liberal education. We believe that institutional statements are less effective than the actions of faculty, staff, and students. Every day, we rely on the voices of our students, faculty, and staff to sustain our excellence, and in difficult times we have faith

that this community will engage in critical conversations. Only rarely will we find it necessary to supplement these voices with an institutional statement. And in this way, we take pride in being different from other colleges. We will continue to monitor new policies and track the effects they have on our students, faculty, and staff. Our focus will remain on the success of every Wabash student. Our commitment to work with students is our foundation, and the challenges of our times are a sharp reminder of the importance

of producing critical thinkers who practice effective and responsible leadership. Indeed, the most useful way for Wabash to support our students is most often one-on-one, behind the scenes work, which does not draw much attention, but is indeed the lifeblood of our College. As leaders of this College, we will continue to take this less talk, more action approach.

Sincerely,
Gregory D. Hess
Scott E. Feller

WHY POLITICAL OPINIONS ARE NOT JUST OPINIONS

While studying abroad in Victoria, Guatemala, an ex-guerrilla fighter told me that our election was a choice between cancer or AIDS. It's wild to me how folks are just now peeping that. My neighbors in Nicaragua were telling me how they were nervous about the election either way. The Honduras coup happened up north from them in 2008. To them, the Democrats and their party head, Hillary Clinton, were not a lesser evil, but a more direct one. The Cubs won too while I was abroad. I was shitty. Not because I missed the celebrations, but because, as a Sox-sider, it's the Cubs. The next week, we got Donald Trump. Then the man -- after successfully running a campaign logic of "them vs us" and "them" being the immigrants, Muslims, Blacks, etc. and "us" being "Americans," white folks -- assembled an administration of racists and oligarchs like Steve Bannon, Jeff Sessions and Rex Tillerson. These "alt-right" folks, these neo-fascists, and blue tie imperialists. One might be taken aback though



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(and this is a good thing) and say: "well, aren't immigrants, Muslims, and Black folks Americans?" Of course. But fascism produces this dissonance; it relies on a sort of double speak, a set of "alternative facts" amongst other things. What is most strange to me is not that the Cubs won, or that we've elected cancer to head the drone program (also know as: that which none greater can be conceived), but rather how fast all of this has been normalized. It's frightening and I hope it causes alarm. Right after *The Atlantic* posted a video of Richard Spencer shouting

"hail Trump" at a white nationalist convention, CNN questioned if Jews were even people. A real life debate on the humanity of a group of people. Later, Roland Martin had Richard Spencer on his show. Trevor Noah had Tomi Lahren on his show too. These ideologies are standing full frontal, bear, and uncovered. It seems like the liberals and moderates are more keen on keeping up the debate rather than stopping the material realization of fascist ideology. Trump's inauguration was met with relentless protest. Richard Spencer got his shit rocked by a Black Bloc participant. In his first week alone, Donald Trump moved to ban immigrants from seven majority Muslim countries including Syria, a country facing one of the worst humanitarian crisis in recorded history. This too was met with protest as dozens of travelers were detained in airports. He moved to further encroach on the sovereignty of indigenous people by expediting approval of the Dakota Access Pipeline. He literally ordered EPA workers to

shut up about environmental science! Yes, I'm calling the Trump administration a fascist administration. It is one that was elected by a minority segment of the population and has threatened to send "the feds" into Chicago as, I'm safely assuming, an occupying military. So since this is fascism, and we are confident in saying so, the Trump administration requires an additional logic in response: one that is not traditional or relies on existing institutions. Put bluntly: anti-fascism, disobedience. This political climate -- politics as usual -- is not a space for debate akin to Cubs vs. Sox. It's fascism or liberation. Our political choices have real implications for real people and we must understand that. So if you support Donald Trump, I cannot respect your choice as "just your opinion." If you rooted for the Cubs, I certainly can. If you supported Hillary (outside of lesser of two evils logic) I cannot respect your choice as "just your opinion" because it is not. It is the lives of my neighbors abroad.

ON THE ELIMINATION OF THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

Art is the perpetual motion of illusion. The highest purpose of art is to inspire. What else can you do? What else can you do for anyone but inspire them? – Bob Dylan

Trump's intended defunding of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) is no more than a gesture that serves its purpose as a symbolic move than one of actual merit and reason. By defunding the NEA, as well as 16 other programs, Trump hopes to show his constituents that he is a man of his word, aiming to turn our mountain of debt into a molehill, and attempting especially to appease The Heritage Foundation, which he commonly refers to the NEA as "...welfare for the cultural elite."

However, according to *Time* magazine, the NEA costs an average of 46 cents per American. The defunding of the NEA will essentially make no impact on the deficit. The total cost of all 17 programs together is a mere \$22.36 per American per year. *Time*



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magazine further reports that, "By contrast, housing subsidies, like the mortgage interest deduction, which are disproportionately used by the wealthy, cost \$296.29 per American." It is almost ironic that Trump is looking to cut funding for creative programs. After all, he did hold the role of a performer, acting in the television series *The Celebrity Apprentice*.

Last year was a rather groundbreaking year for the Art Department of Wabash College. We installed the first makerspace in the history of the college. The Ghost in the Machine, offered in the

spring of 2016, was the guinea pig of one of the most freeing courses regarding creativity and expression. One of the most rewarding experiences from the course was a visit from the performance and video artist Miwa Matreyek.

Matreyek stepped in as a guest lecturer for two weeks, inviting us to explore the possibilities of projection and pushing us to work beyond the typical formats/limitations of the projector and screen. Her work was absolutely stunning. I was pleased to find out that her visit was possible thanks to the fact that she was a recipient of an award from the National Endowment for the Arts. For those of you that are unfamiliar with her work, I highly recommend checking her out. A good starting point would be her 2010 Ted Talk performance.

The language of art need not be translated; it supersedes all boundaries. It allows, neighborly demands, for further exploration into what it means to be human. Art and being are inseparable.

Merriam-Webster defines an 'artist' as "a skilled performer," and "one who is adept at something." We are all artists. No matter how you approach your particular field of interest, you are an artist. In times of political and social unrest, art, music, and the humanities have thrived.

Erich Fromm, philosopher and psychoanalyst, put it best: "...freedom and the capacity for disobedience are inseparable; hence any social, political, and religious system that proclaims freedom, yet stamps out disobedience, cannot speak the truth." So, for those of you out there feeling concerned and threatened by the Trump administration's stance on the elimination of the NEA, not to mention immigration and the environment, keep rebelling and find your forbidden fruit. Remember, the role of an artist is to make life more enjoyable. Van Gogh said, "There is nothing truly more artistic than to love people." It is clear to see that Trump isn't much of an artist.

TAKE A STEP BACK AND REFLECT

It's hard to take a step back from all the homework, studying, and extracurriculars to reflect on your Wabash experience. I have heard so many people complain about how hard Wabash is, and some even say they want to transfer to an easier school, but they don't see Wabash for what it is.

This opinion isn't meant to tell you to quit complaining about school, but rather to ask you to take a step back and think about your individual experience and how you have changed during your time at Wabash.

This school is meant to be a challenge. Wabash isn't a place that everyone can handle, nor should it be. It's a place where you come to be challenged and to grow not only



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as a student, but as a man.

By no means am I saying that I've never complained about how difficult school can be; I've definitely done my fair share.

One of the most challenging times at Wabash for me was the time leading up to my Senior Comprehensive Exams that all

seniors have to take and pass to graduate. I had been thinking about this moment ever since I heard about comps my freshman year.

The thought of having to take a test that is based on your entire college experience stayed in the back of my mind ever since that day.

I was so intimidated by comps, and part of me wished that I didn't have to take them. For those who don't know what comps are, I'd say that it's basically four years of accumulated knowledge into three days of testing.

From a student's perspective, it seems like an impossible task to relearn and remember everything you've done over the past four years, but from a professor's perspective, it's a chance to hear

about what you've learned and what you've accomplished during your time at Wabash.

The great thing about comps or even a tough week at Wabash is that we are put through adversity so that we understand what the real world is like. There will be times at your job or internship where you are asked to handle a big project or do something that you don't exactly feel capable of doing, but that's exactly what this school has been preparing us for.

I'm sure many of you can remember a time where you slept less than ten hours in a week because you had several tests, presentations, and assignments to do. And I'm sure that there will be similar situations later in life regardless of the path that you take.

TO DAD BOD OR NOT TO DAD BOD?

JADE DOTY '18 | CAVELIFE EDITOR

• The sound of immense breathing, the clattering of metal hitting the floor, and the slight whisper of rap music from 2012 being played on an iPhone speaker. These are the sounds that fill the Allen Center weight room during the months of January and February. Over winter break, many Wallies indulge in grandma's freshly-baked cookies, enjoy the infamous *A Christmas Story* four times in a row on TBS, and relax at home due to the harsh, cold weather of the winter months. But as seniors finish comps and underclassmen return to their lavish new housing or unkempt fraternities, all have one thing on their mind: spring break is only two and a half months away.

Yes Wallies, it is that time of year again. The time where everyone faces the same decision: "do I dedicate myself to the gym and attempt to have those things called abs so I can flaunt my Greek god-like figure during strolls on the beach, or do I relax until spring break and hope that dad bods are in this spring?" If you're unfamiliar with the term "dad bod," it is a phrase coined in 2014 that college males use to describe the body of a young male who looks like he works out twice a week, but tends to have multiple beers and slices of pizza on the weekends. In short, it's someone who has a layer of fat covering their muscles from high school sports. Now, this can be a difficult question to answer, but don't worry; the fitness and romantic experts here at the *Bachelor* are willing to give some great advice.

For those who aren't going anywhere for spring break or whom the beach just isn't your type of scene, my apologies. However, for most young males living in Indiana, the opportunity of lying on a beach and being surrounded by women for five days straight with your close friends does not come very often. This is why so many students decide to spend their WISE money on cheap motel rooms in the great state of Florida.

While there may not be a true answer to this question, there are several pros and cons for both sides. The answer to this question truly depends on the desires and goals one has for spring break; even when you have clear and set goals, the dad bod and fit bod might be interchangeable.



CAL HOCKMEYER '19 / PHOTO

Should you live in the weight room for two months or sit back and enjoy some cold Busch Lights?

Now to address the most important issue of this question: what pros are there to having a dad bod? A 2014 article from a highly-credible website (TotalFratMove.com) states two pros for the dad bod that are still true in today's current trends: one, the dad bod is not intimidating; and two, dad bods automatically make your partner the more attractive one (a.k.a the center of attention). So if you have the intention of wooing someone during spring break, the dad bod might play in your favor if that someone is conceited. But regardless of who you plan on wooing, confidence is of the utmost importance.

Things tend to go well if you seem calm and comfortable when trying to flirt with the opposite sex. "Since we are at an all male institution, we seldom get an opportunity to meet girls," Connor Armuth '19 said. "So I try to make the most of my spring break experiences, which for me means being in the best shape possible."

Some students might feel this same way: that looking physically fit will make you feel better about spending

the majority of your time shirtless on a beach. But for many, having the dad bod can make one feel the same level of comfort. "I honestly enjoy just working out a couple times a week and eating whatever I want," Zack Carl '18 said. "I feel completely fine walking up to anyone with my shirt off; I have nothing to hide."

So comfort and confidence might go both ways in terms of a beach bod or dad bod, so real life pros and cons might better distinguish these two options. Having a dad bod can be time-efficient for many students. By not worrying about getting a workout in, you have more time for school, club activities, or just relaxing. Starting homework at 4 p.m. instead of 7 p.m. on weekdays while just working out twice a week is a good way to keep sane. But perhaps the best aspect of having a dad bod is not caring about the quality of food you're served. The acceptance of the dad bod comes with being able to eat a whole Johnny P's pizza on Friday Night and not worrying about working it off later.

"I hate worrying about what I eat all the time," Carl said. "I have a busy

schedule and I don't want to worry about making my own food if the food at my fraternity isn't super healthy."

Watching what you eat might be a pain, but having a fit bod increases your overall health. Having a regular exercise routine and a healthy diet gives you more daily energy and prevents you from getting sick, which is like a death sentence here at Wabash. Armuth believes he sleeps better and functions at a higher level if he tries to stay healthy during school. "I just physically and mentally feel a lot better on the days I commit to working out and eating healthy," he said.

So both options have pros that are also cons against the other, but again, the biggest factor is your goals for spring break. If you're focused on meeting girls and looking good while doing it, having a fit bod might be in your best interest. But if you're just looking forward to catching some sun and drinking cheap beer on the beach, you might as well embrace the all the glory that is the dad bod.



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CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY

CHARLES FREY '19 | STAFF WRITER

Wabash has done a lot to improve the African American quality of life on campus over the past century, and continues to strive for more equality and excellence today. As far as we have come though, it is important to know just a handful of the many key people and events that helped shape our college and curriculum for the better.

The first African American to graduate from Wabash was John W. Evans, Class of 1908. After graduation, Evans became the principal to several schools in for thirty-two years. The college received a letter from Evans in 1940, in which he wrote, "I am the first Negro to have received a degree from Wabash and I must admit that much of what little success I have had in life was due to the fine Christian influence of 'Dear Old Wabash' and the inspiration received from those most excellent instructors." In 2008, 100 years after his graduation, the college began the Evans Lecture to commemorate him and his accomplishments.

Another notable alumnus is Robert Wedgeworth, Class of 1959. Wedgeworth came to Wabash in 1955 to play basketball. He received a tuition scholarship from Wabash and a three-year scholarship from the National Scholarship and Service Fund for Negro Students. In 2010, Wedgeworth was

nominated by President Barack Obama to serve on the National Museum and Library Services Board of the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities for Black Studies.

Finally, the Malcolm X Institute for Black Studies, originally known as the Afro House, was founded in 1970 and continues to be a valuable resource and reminder for all students about the history and struggles of the African American community in this country. A pamphlet from the twenty-fifth anniversary of the MXI gives a brief history, stating that the catalyst for this organization was the desire of two of the students to keep their afros during an altercation with the traditional Chapel Sing. The afros were a symbol of cultural pride and solidarity and keeping them showed that Wabash's African American population had to stay together to protect their interests. The MXI today is still very much involved with the lives of African American students on campus. Due to their efforts, Wabash's curriculum has expanded to yield courses like "Multicultural American Lit" and "African American Lit," as well as numerous others.

Over the next three weeks, *the Bachelor* will provide a more in depth look at the MXI and above stated people. Be on the lookout, also, for MXI-sponsored events throughout the month.

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EXPLORING RELIGION IN ASIA AND AFRICA

BRENT BREESE '19 | STAFF WRITER

• Every college student dreams of spending a semester abroad away from the routine of academic life in favor of immersing themselves in a new culture. Wabash students are very fortunate in that we are readily offered such opportunities. Students can virtually choose any program they wish, with the more popular programs travelling to Ireland, the United Kingdom and mainland Europe. But Wallies are unique. For two Wabash students, the typical semester abroad in Germany just wasn't enough.

Sam Surgalski '18 and Trey Harnden '18 spent last semester in India and Morocco, respectively. Both religion majors, they were drawn by the opportunity to explore exotic and foreign beliefs, rounding out their religious studies.

Surgalski is a religion major, chemistry minor planning to attend medical school. "Logistically speaking, I was able to finish out my major," Surgalski said. "But I knew that I wanted something totally different from the typical Western Europe abroad experience." Surgalski participated in a Buddhist studies program, which included living in a Buddhist monastery.

"Life at the monastery consisted of meditating for two hours every day, and

following five precepts of Buddhist life," Surgalski said. Ultimately, this foreign and fairly stringent lifestyle was what drew Surgalski to the program. "I was very attracted to how different it was," he said. "I've studied Christian theology all my life, and I was ready to do something completely different." Surgalski saw Buddhism as a widely popular religion, but one that was very foreign to him.

Living in a monastery would be a

culture shock to any American, but the program completely immersed Sam in a new lifestyle. "You can't eat after noon, you have to shave your head, you have to wear robes," Surgalski said. After living at the temple, Surgalski traveled to the Himalayas to study Tibetan medicine, which is highly spiritualized and infused with Buddhism. "Living at the monastery was a once in a lifetime opportunity," Surgalski said. "We were

silent for the first five hours of the day, including meals." This urged them to be completely aware of their surroundings at all time.

The highlight of his trip, aside from seeing the Dalai Lama, was receiving instruction from a Tibetan monk believed to be the reincarnation of a Buddhist demigod. "He was speaking in Tibetan, with a translator speaking in English, and another person translating the English into Chinese," Surgalski said. "All at the same time, the Muslim call to prayer comes over a speaker." The entire experience can be described as cross-cultural and definitely cross-religious.

The primary benefit of his experience that he could not find at Wabash was the complete detachment from the outside world. "I would go on the internet for about thirty minutes per week," Surgalski said. "The biggest experience of me was living in the now, not on the internet. I've never experienced that before."

Trey Harnden spent his semester in Morocco studying Arabic and Islam. Originally, he had planned on studying Islamic politics in Jordan, but ended up changing plans to Morocco. "My host sister could speak English, but most of the time I was there it was either Arabic



SAM SURGALSKI '18 / PHOTO

Sam and other students abroad immerse themselves in the Buddhist culture.

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SENIORITIS SWALLOWS WALLIES IN SPRING SEMESTER

CHARLES FREY '19 | STAFF WRITER

• Welcome back, Wabash. The spring semester is fully underway for students and faculty, which means new classes, new sports, new rhymes, and New Year resolutions. For many freshmen, this is the first semester as brothers of a fraternity. For many sophomores and juniors, this is just another semester in their Wabash career. For many seniors, however, this is their last semester before receiving their sheepskin diploma and being thrown into the real world.

There are two types of seniors for this semester: those that have plans for after graduation, and those that don't. But fret not for those seniors who haven't planned ahead; they are going to be alright. For example, take Austin Heise '17. He has strived for success his three and a half years here and is taking it easy this last semester.

"I worked really hard as a sophomore and junior," Heise said. "I knew I would be really stressed during this time, so I felt that I should take an easy semester. I'm taking only electives and focusing on internships and the job search."

Heise is currently looking to go into the Cultural Ambassador program in Spain. This program allows junior and senior college students to learn about the Spanish

education system and Spanish culture through immersion in Spain. Seniors that don't have pressing plans for the rest of your lives, go visit Graduate Fellowship Advisor Susan Albrecht in the library and look into this opportunity.

There are multiple paths to making it through senior year, though. Making the most of his last semester is Wyatt Tarter '17. So far, he has hung out with his friends and relaxed this semester.

"This is the first time I've been in the library in a week and a half," Tarter said. "I'm only in three classes, two of which are 100 level courses, so I've been playing a lot of video games, watching a lot of TV. Once swimming ends, I'll start looking for jobs."

He plans to take a gap year before deciding whether or not to pursue a master's degree. His job for the year in between? "As long as it pays the bills, I don't really care," he said.

There are some that already have a job lined up as well. Drew Biddle '17 had a hectic fall semester, but he is reaping the rewards now.

"Scheduling is easier because I don't have upper-level econ course," Biddle said. "I'm in a lot of lower-level 100 courses. Besides that, I've been filling up my time with leadership

roles and just hanging out with friends. This is the last time that I'll have all my friends in the same place for a continued stint of time."

Biddle is interested in finance and knew that financial jobs were accepting applications in the fall. Because of his planning, he already has a job at Cancer Treatment Centers of America.

"CTCA was founded by a Wabash grad, so a lot of Wabash people work there," Biddle said. He will be working for CTCA as a management fellow for the next two years, which will allow him to travel across the states.

While seniors are wrapping up their time here at Wabash, they did have a few suggestions for underclassmen.

"Make sure you do internships, or something over the summer so employers can see that you've done something with your time," Heise said. "Working for non-for-profits is actually a really useful way to gain

skills for real life and help out the community—that's two birds with one stone."

"Look for opportunities the summer between your junior and senior year," Tarter said. "Internships are a way for you to build your resume and develop skills useful for the job you want out of college. Just be diligent."

"A lot of people have misunderstanding of senior year being 'easy,' which it is, but to a certain degree," Biddle said. "You can have an easy first semester or an easy second semester. My first semester was harder because I was calling five people a week to find connections and other job opening. If you put that off, you'll have to do that second semester."

So seniors, whether you have a job or not; congratulations. You've almost made it through the liberal arts school for men. Underclassmen, this semester may be the last time you will have with all of these people in the same living unit. Spend as much time learning from them and connecting with them. Take some time out of your busy schedules to be with them. Remember, you'll be in their shoes in the next year or two, so make every moment count.



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JADE DOTY '18 | CAVELIFE EDITOR •

- Gunmen opened fire in a mosque in Quebec, Canada on Sunday night, killing six people and wounding eight others. Two suspects have been arrested and detained.
- A political crisis continues to build after President Trump closed the U.S. borders to refugees and visitors from seven predominantly-Muslim countries (Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen).
- Serena Williams became the record holder of Grand Slam single titles last weekend with a win over her sister, Venus, at the Australian Open.
- A plan to construct housing as floating vessels in response to climate change became a reality this week, with the French Polynesian government agreeing to consider the project. A California company, Seasteading Institute, has already raised over 2.5 million dollars for the project. Randolph Hencken, the group's executive director, said work on the project could start in French Polynesia as early as next year, pending the results of environmental and economic feasibility studies.
- Scientists are studying an area in Ethiopia called the Danakil Depression to get a better look at what life would be like on Mars. The Danakil Depression is one of the lowest and hottest places in the world, located 100 meters below sea level with an average temperature of 94 degrees Fahrenheit. Scientists are looking at hardy bacteria that thrive in this hostile environment of heat, acidity, and salinity to understand life in extreme conditions.
- At 22-0, Gonzaga is the last undefeated men's basketball team in the NCAA. Even though the program is currently ranked first in the NCAA and holds 18 consecutive appearances in the Division I tournament, many still doubt the elite status of the small Jesuit college.
- Super Bowl LI will played this weekend, where Tom Brady and the New England Patriots face off with Matt Ryan and the Atlanta Falcons. With the start, Tom Brady will break the record for most Super Bowl appearances by a player.

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TREY HARNDEN '18 / PHOTO

Trey Harnden admires the camels while spending some time in the Moroccan Desert.

or French," Harnden said. Trey studied in an American center with Moroccan professors, taking five hours of Arabic every day, and a few other classes after that.

Harnden describes his initial time as a definite struggle, particularly with the Arabic. "Many people there want to learn English and know it to some degree, but the moment you try to speak Arabic with them they became ecstatic," Harnden said. On several occasions, Harnden met people who stopped whatever they were doing to have a simple conversation with him because they wanted to see a total stranger improve his understanding of the language.

In order to fully immerse himself, Trey would occasionally attend Mosque on Fridays with his host family. As well, he took trips to surrounding cities. The highlight of his trip was travelling to Merzouga, a small village on the Sahara desert, and staying with a tribe. "The stars out there are unbelievable," Harnden said. "You could see the Milky Way and almost grab it with your hands. To see people still living a traditional lifestyle was amazing."

Harnden was also fortunate to participate in the Eid al-Adha, which is in some ways similar to Christmas in that one celebrates giving. "We sacrificed some sheep and goats, and

you cook a head in some couscous," he said. "It was pretty bizarre, and I never thought I would say that goat brain tastes good,"

Unfortunately for Harnden, Wabash does not offer Arabic. Therefore, his semester abroad was absolutely essential to his education. "You see the world from another perspective," Harnden said. "Especially when you live with another family you start to see their point of view, their virtues, their morals and it changes your world perspective."

Today, the Muslim world is at best misunderstood by many Westerners. Living in a Muslim country with a Muslim family opened Harnden's eyes as to their world, and how off our perceptions can be. Many of us picture women wearing highly concealing outfits in public. Trey described his experience very differently. "Morocco as a whole is fairly progressive, I saw older women wearing hijabs outside of the home, but many younger women chose to go without the hijab outside of the home," he said. "However, I did not

speak with them in public." Hijabs are not required by law, but is more of a traditional garment.

When it comes to mandating certain aspects of Islam by law, it all depends on the progressive mentality of the government. "Some countries interpret Sharia more or less strictly. Morocco is fairly progressive and liberal, so some things that are taboo in other Muslim countries are fine in Morocco," Harnden said. "Just like in the Christian tradition, some Muslims are extremely pious, some not so much. The Muslim world can be highly progressive, with liberalism and Sharia living side-by-side," Harnden said.

Harnden advises anyone studying abroad to dive in. "If you are going abroad, do crazy things that you wouldn't think you would do to get yourself out of your comfort zone," he said. "That's how you grow. To anyone even considering study abroad, do it,"

We are all used to giving people a hard time over bragging about their semester abroad. We say that their magical stories get repetitive and annoying. But after listening to Sam's time spent as a monk in the Himalayas and Trey's countless nights of looking up at the stars from the desert, I don't know if you'd mind hearing the stories a second time.



Trey Harnden

In the book, Michael Holcomb '82 described the game as the toughest of the year.

"Augustana was a war," Holcomb said. "We were probably the best two teams in the country, and in a way, it's sad that we met in the Regional finals and not in the National Championship game."

"Augustana was the biggest hump for the team to overcome during the run," Kerezy said. "It was by far the hardest game for the team to play."

The team went on to defeat California State University Stanislaus in the semi-finals. The team then

defeated Potsdam in the National Championship.

As mentioned, the final chapter contains the school's sports history from 1982 to the present day. Kerezy ended the book with the last words of the second verse of Old Wabash.

"In a sense, Wabash's athletic glory days are right now," Kerezy said. "We have great football, wrestling, and cross country teams. The dominance across those sports in today's athletics is phenomenal."

Glory Reborn can be found in the Wabash College Bookstore for any sports junkie to buy.



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Riley Lefever '17 prepares to make his next move as he holds onto the leg of an opponent in a match he won decisively.

FEELING LEFEVER

JACOB CHRISMAN '20 | STAFF WRITER • There's not many Wabash athletes as decorated as senior wrestler Riley Lefever, a three-time national champion, three-time All-American, three-time Most Valuable Wrestler, two-time Scholar All-American, Robert E. Pete Vaughn Award winner, and 119-3 in his first three years here at Wabash. He was also the first ever national champion wrestler from Wabash. Despite all these accomplishments, Riley didn't start where he is right now.

Lefever started wrestling in grade school, following his brothers Reece Lefever '15 and Conner Lefever '15. He then competed all the way through high school, where he was a state runner-up. The next chapter led him to the Little Giant wrestling room to compete on the same team as his two brothers. "My brothers definitely had the biggest impact on why I chose to come to Wabash," Lefever said.

Though undefeated his freshman

year, it still wasn't easy. He had to take The College of New Jersey's Brian Broderick to overtime to get his title, where he won 3-1. Sophomore year got a little easier for him, defeating Devin Peterson from Wartburg University 5-3 in regular time. Things started to come together last year when Riley defeated the Messiah wrestler Josh Thompson 12-4 in the finals. "It's been awesome to see a guy at that level and continue to make the jumps he has made every year," wrestling head coach Brian Anderson said. "I know it comes from his hard work and hunger to learn more."

One more thing Lefever has done in his fast, but accomplished career here at Wabash was compete against Division I talent and win. Early in his junior year, he won the Eastern Michigan Open Tournament where he beat returning All-American from

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AFTER THREE GAME LOSING STREAK, WABASH LOOKS TO REBOUND ON LONG-DISTANCE CONFERENCE TRIP

ZACH MOFFETT '20 | STAFF WRITER • The Little Giant basketball team has struggled as of late in their three most recent games. Wabash faced two very tough conference games against The College of Wooster and Ohio Wesleyan University prior to the alumni game this past Saturday against an average team from Kenyon College. The recent difficulty has led the team to an 8-11 record. The unfortunate part about all of this is that they are 4-5 away and 3-6 at home. "We really need to encourage more students to come to games,"

head coach Kyle Brumett said. "The atmosphere changes drastically when students attend games." The Little Giants must prove in February that they have the Wabash fight.

The Little Giants have also gone cold in shooting since the big home game against DePauw University. Against Wooster, they only came within ten points twice, managing to make 31.3 percent of three point attempts, and shooting 30 percent overall with 56 attempts. Ronald Ryan 19', Colten Garland 20', and Alex Eberhard 20' all finished the game with nine points; however, Wooster managed to get four

**"We need to
play our best in
February."**

KYLE BRUMETT

IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

Ronald Ryan '19 brings the ball up the court while the rest of the offense gets settled.

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FINDING THEIR STROKE

WABASH SWIMMING & DIVING CLOSES OUT REGULAR SEASON; LOOKS AHEAD TO POSTSEASON MATCHUPS

PATRICK MCAULEY '20 | STAFF WRITER • With conference right around the corner, the Wabash swimming and diving team is making a few changes in their training style that should prove to enhance performance next week. Tapering, as this technique is called, focuses on decreasing the intensity and length of exercise around three weeks prior to an important competition. In doing so, the athletes are able to find a balance between good technique and high oxygen intake in the water. This period is also marked by more rest so that the team can have better feel in the water. Captain Anthony Repay '17 gives all the credit to head coach Brent Noble for his commitment to understanding

the training cycle. "Our coach does a really good job for it," Repay said, "I know our whole team drops tons of time when it comes to taper compared to conference teams, which is exciting." This preparation is putting the team in good condition to compete, but the young group has a large task going into next week's meet.

In years past, the conference field has been dominated by Denison University and Kenyon College, both ranking as the top two schools in the country in the past few years. Next in

"It's a hard spot because the top of the conference is so high."

BRENT NOBLE

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players with double digits. Wabash could not come back and lost 95-54.

Next, they faced another challenge at home against Ohio Wesleyan. The Little Giants were not ready for this game, as they did not seem to have a lot of energy going into it. Wabash

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KYLE BRUMETT

only shot 47 percent in the first half, which reflected their timid attitude. OWU took the lead going into the second half 46-29, and they soon took even further, going up 52-29 early in the second half. The Little Giants finally answered with a 22-4 run, pulling them within five late. The game highlighted on offense the unselfish play of the team as they had several assists that helped them score more in the second half. While Wabash tried to come back,

they could not finish and went on to lose, 73-65.

This past Saturday was the big alumni game as Wabash faced off against Kenyon. The first half of the game for both sides was disappointing, as Wabash shot 23 percent at three-point range, and Kenyon went 18 percent. The momentum built up for Kenyon as they shot above 50 percent in the field and behind the arch; four of their players went on to score double digits. Wabash could not pull a similar performance together, as they shot 20 percent from the field and a paltry 1 for 12 at three-point range. The Little Giants were outscored 45-23 in the second half and lost 70-45. To say the least, Brumett was not pleased with his team's performance. “It is not going to get any easier,” he said following the game. On the bright side, Wabash also celebrated the 1982 basketball team's National Championship title. They were honored at center court and received a standing ovation for their success and story.

The Little Giants will go on the road this weekend to face Hiram College on February 3 and then Allegheny College on February 4. The games will be a test to see if the Little Giants can face the adversity of the offensive drought that has recently plagued them. “We need to play our best in February,” Brumett said, and the team will have six more opportunities to show it.

IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

Duncan Roy '19 (pictured right) goes up with the ball while a Kenyon defender pressures him hard.



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line is DePauw University, who usually ranks within the top-15 nationally on a yearly basis. DePauw University joined the conference back in 2012. The Little Giants have had very close encounters

“I know our whole team drops tons of time when it comes to taper compared to conference teams.”

ANTHONY REPAY

with the school down south, only losing by less than 100 points in their past dual competitions.

Also, the College of Wooster placed

fifth in conference last year and will set up as a competitive team next week. Noble knows it will be a tough challenge, but the team is right there. “It is sort of a hard spot because the top of the conference is so high, but we are inching that way,” Noble said. With good competition ahead and an opportunity to swim their best times, the Little Giants are looking for guys to step up.

Some guys that are of particular interest vary from each class year. The freshmen duo of Benny Liang and Hunter Jones have had a strong showing this year, especially in the 200-yard medley relay. Sophomores Kyle Louks and Sam Collaiacova have also competed strongly; Louks recently won his event in the 50-yard freestyle against Illinois Wesleyan University.

Juniors Dane Grey and David Johnson also look to improve their times, as well as Seniors Anthony Repay and Wyatt Tarter. The NCAC Conference Championship meet takes place next week, February 8-11, at Denison University.

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Ohio State, Kenny Courts. He will continue this into his senior year, taking second at the Eastern Michigan Open and winning the Cyclone Open at Iowa State. In his senior year alone, Lefever has defeated eight Division I wrestlers, including sixth-ranked Kyle Studebaker from the University of Nebraska. “It’s a blast to get guys that are hungry like this,” Anderson said. “You have to feed guys like him more obstacles. It’s fun as a coach to sit there and bark at an Iowa coach about his wrestler as the Wabash coach.”

Though Lefever is ranked number one in nation in his respective weight class and is the favorite to win the NCAA Tournament again, it’s not really what is on the front of his mind right now. “I haven’t really thought about what it would mean to win a fourth national title because I haven’t really done it yet,” he said. “Obviously, it would probably mean a lot, but right now it’s sort of just talk. I just want to go out there and compete.”

Lefever is undoubtedly a big part of the Wabash wrestling program and Anderson will be sad to see

him go. “The thing I dread most is the banquet at the end of the year because you always lose good guys, but it’s part of my job,” Anderson said. “I don’t really know what it will be like to lose a wrestler like Riley though because I’ve never had it before.”


Lefever isn’t quite sure what he is looking at next, but he wants wrestling to be a big part of his life. He is considering working out and giving the Olympics a try, but also moving past the competition and becoming a coach. Whatever he chooses, he isn’t worried and knows the skills that wrestling has taught him will help him through. “Hard work and consistency are the biggest things wrestling has taught me,” Lefever said. “If you’re consistent over time and you work hard, you can do pretty much whatever you set your mind to.”



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