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ROOM AND BOARD

PRICE CHANGES ACROSS LIVING UNITS

JOSEPH REILLY '18 | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF •

College is expensive. There's no way around it. With rising costs and fees, the cost of attending an institution of higher education has increased dramatically over the past four decades. Next fall, Wabash College will continue this trend with the implementation of an increased room and board rate for students who live in all Wabash fraternities.

The rate for fraternity room and board will be \$9,300 campus-wide beginning fall of 2018. This represents an increase of \$500 to \$2,900, depending on the fraternity. Chief Financial Officer Kendra Cooks discovered several motivations for the change after reviewing the College's finances when she took over from former CFO, Larry Griffith, last year.

"Part of my understanding of our budget and developing a path forward for a new financial model for the College included auxiliary services as a key component," Cooks said. "In understanding our key operations and the finances behind them while developing a financially sustainable model for the College, room and board rates constituted a key area of focus because they involve students, revenues, charges to students, and large capital expenses."

As Cooks sifted through pages of documents, she began to piece together previously unexamined aspects of the College's financial expenditures.

"Dr. Hess did not know there was differential pricing in housing and dining for students until I started looking into that," Cooks said. "I was surprised when I saw it too, and then when you really dig and analyze into how funds are spent, I realized our rates for independent housing and fraternity housing do not include depreciation or reserves for renovations or replacements. That is why our housing and dining rates are the lowest among our peers. Putting that into balance will benefit the entire College."

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LEVI GARRISON '18 / PHOTO

Students stand by the flags of member states in the European Union at the European Central Bank.

IMMERSION TRIPS ANNOUNCED

FALL SEMESTER LIST INCLUDES TRIPS TO PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC AND MORE

American journalist Lisa Ling once said, "The best education I have ever received was through travel," and Wabash echoes her sentiment. Opportunities for travel happen every semester, with various courses taking students around the world. The list for next year's approved immersion courses ranges from old favorites to new opportunities. France, Germany, and England are on the list, as well as the return of the summer Ecuador course headed by Professor of Spanish Dan Rogers and Associate Professor of Spanish Jane Hardy, as well as a new location for next year, Andrea Bear's

Czech Republic theater course.

Theater 303- Seminars in Theater: A Study in Czech Puppetry will be taught Fall Semester, 2018, and will include a week in Prague during Thanksgiving Break. This is the first time the class will be offered and will provide students enrolled to participate in a puppeteering workshop while abroad. "The class is going to focus on an overview of the Czech Republic in relation to art and puppetry," Bear said. "Essentially how the culture and history intertwine with each other."

Two summers ago, Bear took the Puppets in Prague workshop that

teaches marionette design and the carving process. Students, by the end of the trip, will also have designed and carved their own marionette. "Puppetry can push some ideas further, and Prague theater mixes many elements together," Bear said. "They combine straight theatrical pieces and puppet shows, which is unique compared to Western theater. Prague does it almost seamlessly."

Students who enroll in the class can expect extensive studies into Czech culture, history, scripts,

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HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

PITCH IMPERFECT

Have you ever tried to hit the high notes in “I Will Always Love You” by Whitney Houston? Well, Fergie did her best Whitney impression at Sunday at the NBA All-Star game during her rendition of our national anthem. Don’t worry Ferg, you probably did better than will-i-am would have without autotune. Or whoever else is/was part of the Black Eyed Peas. Fergilicious is still a masterpiece.

SWEAT IT OUT

Hi-Five to the campus this week for helping student’s bodies slim down for Spring Break. Between the excessive heat in the buildings to sweat that juicy fat out and the Mall sprints to dodge the rain, Wabash students are sure to be in top shape for the beach in only one week!

LIBRARY JUUL PARTY?

The Lilly Library was evacuated on Monday, February 19th due to the fire alarms going off. Many students speculate that a rogue Juuler snuck up to the attic just to catch his afternoon buzz. This rumor remains unconfirmed. Since the library has been a sauna lately, we guess the attic must have been a little cooler with a leak in the ceiling up there.

FRESHMEN: THE REAL FORTNITE FEINDS

A handful of prospective students stayed overnight Sunday for a Winter Class Visit Day. This was scheduled because many high schools take President’s Day off, however Wabash does not. For many prospective students, this meant much of their night consisted of playing solo Fortnite while Wabash students worked on assignments due the next morning. Rumor has it that visiting students who couldn’t break into the final 40 were asked to not return for future visits.

PARTY PLAGIARISM

Hi-Five to Sigma Chi and the members of the Miami Triad for attempting to replicate FIJI Island, but this time in the BASEMENT!!! They plan on controlling ten tons of sand delivered by dumptruck through the use of tarps. Prediction: It is a bad idea.

GAME-ON

AUSTIN RUDICEL '20 | STAFF WRITER • The Wabash curriculum is constantly adapting to study new fields that become prominent in today’s society. One of these topics, the study of video games, started to rise in popularity with multiple professors teaching classes that address different aspects of video games. In these particular classes, students purchase video games instead of textbooks and instead of reading stories, they play through storylines of games. In an attempt to make these classes more accessible for students, Wabash created a video game lab that allows students to play games required for a class, or just for fun.

The video game lab, located in the basement of the library near the vinyl section, is brand new and available for all students to use; however, priority is given to students who require it for a class. Professor of Theater Michael S. Abbott teaches THE-208 Games and Interactive Media, a course where students study video game design by reading about, and play video games. Abbott, a big gamer himself, sees the video game lab as an opportunity for students who do not have access to a video game console to be able to take these classes and learn about the artform without the financial burden of individually purchasing consoles and the games that go along with them.

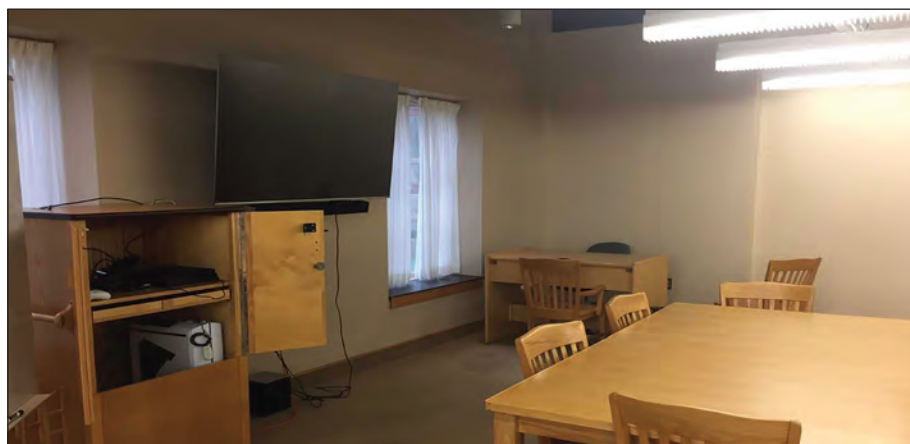
“Video games are a channel of communication and an art form,” Abbott said. “Having a lab for students to use shows that video games [is] a legitimate, viable study.” With a Digital Arts and Human Values Grant from the Mellon Foundation, Wabash purchased a PlayStation 4 and gaming PC for the video game lab so students may access a variety of games across different platforms. Students are also welcome to

use their own device for the lab.

This semester, Eric Freeze, Associate Professor of English, is teaching a special topics course, ENG 210, Writing for Video Games, where students study how people write the storylines of video game stories and present them in a game. The video game lab is beneficial to more than just students as Freeze does not own a console and uses the lab to play some of the games for the course. Although Freeze is not label himself as a gamer, he understands and values the ability video games have to tell elaborate and interactive stories and the skills required to create games such as these.

“The level of writing in video games develop good writers,” Freeze said. Freeze enlisted the assistance of Logan Taylor '18 as a TA for this course and help design the syllabus as Taylor is well-versed in video games and has experience as a TA for Matthew Carlson, BKT Assistant Professor of Philosophy, for PHI 109 Perspectives on Philosophy, a course that focused on answering philosophical questions that were raised by video games.

To use the video game lab, students check in with the front desk and after signing in, will be given the keys to unlock the cabinet in the basement where the equipment is stored. Students are welcome to use the lab as long as the library is open and the lab is not reserved by a class or student given priority. Although the lab is in its infancy, plans for the future include a physical disk library where students will be able to rent games similar to how they can rent films. Other plans include to have couches and furniture for the lab so students can play games in comfort instead of in the firm, wooden chairs currently being used for the lab.



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The video game lab, located in the library basement, is open and available to students.

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These findings resulted in a decision to make an adjustment. The new rates aim to correct three specific issues with the current way the College charges fraternity-dwelling students for room and board.

First, standardized rates address rate inequality not just between houses, but also between freshmen and upperclassmen residing in the same house. Because the College owns the buildings and doesn't charge different rates for independents based on housing type, standardizing fraternity rates across campus replicates that practice. Additionally, the new rates ensure fraternity-dwelling freshmen, who nominally experience the same living environment as upperclassmen in fraternities, pay a more fair rate for that parallel experience.

"We charge freshman one rate," Cooks said. "There are reasons why we do that from an administrative perspective, we know what we are going to charge them before they are even here, so packaging them and doing all of the financial aid processes is easier. But also culturally, we want our young men to make a decision about where to live based on a good match for them. Not because of costs, but because they believe these are the guys who are going to support their walk and growth at Wabash."

Second, the new rates work to ensure financial aid students receive covers costs eligible for coverage. Within room and

board, these are costs associated with housing fees such as utilities, furniture replacement, and cleaning on the rooming side and costs associated with food purchasing, preparation, and storage on the board side. This plan provides revenue sharing with the fraternities for self-governance, cleaning, and hosting services that may be used for other expenses. Furthermore, the College can charge an additional fee at the request of individual fraternities if needed for other various budget elements.

Dean of Students Mike Raters '85 elaborated, explaining that some fraternities budget for certain events out of private accounts or utilize dues to finance events such as these.

Under the outgoing system, the College relied on the Gentleman's Rule to ensure the funds were going to the appropriate places. With the changes to the rates and the process, the College intends to continue to leverage the Gentleman's Rule with some additional structure developed in partnership with fraternity housing advisors and student fraternity leadership.

Third, simplifying the settlement process with respect to the transfer of funds for expenses benefits the College in the long term. The College will also create a capital fund guaranteeing capital costs (new roofs, unexpected damages, etc.) are planned

for, eliminating the need to dip into the endowment or other resources that would otherwise go to educational costs.

"I'm going to work with a small group of fraternity advisors and Dean Raters to work out some of the aspects of implementing and to work out a communication plan," Cooks said. "We really have to have those richer conversations to get everyone on the same page. Most of the conversation so far has been practical, dealing with contract agreements between the College and the fraternities and other logistical aspects of this implementation."

Students have expressed their recognition of the change's benefits as well as their lack of specific knowledge regarding the new rates.

"I understand why Wabash is doing this," Matthew Jackson '19 said. "[Phi Delta Theta] had a mold issue around two years ago and we lost a lot that held a lot of value to the house. Our budget suffered while we waited on our insurance check to arrive, and it was less than we were expecting. So I see these changes as just another change we must adapt for."

The change has just recently been announced and the details of the adjustment for fraternities are still being worked out. Most fraternity students know the change is coming, but do not know much more. Cooks and fraternity advisors are meeting on an ongoing basis to determine precise details of

the settlement process changes and to clarify the exact nature of the College's ownership of the property. They also hope to establish stronger communication between the College, advisors, and students.

It isn't surprising that independents Mohammad Dayem Adnan '20 and Kaleb Wood '21 stated they were completely unaware that the change was occurring, but the tendency towards oral explanation on campus left those directly affected largely out of the loop as well. Consequently, one fraternity president felt he was not well informed enough on the subject and declined to comment. Cooks hopes her meetings with fraternity advisors and leadership will result in enhanced communication systems that mitigate future misunderstandings and more effectively proliferate information about the administrative decisions.

On top of emphasizing the incredible value fraternity advisor bring to Wabash, Cooks stressed the importance placed on fraternity life at Wabash by all involved in the discussions. Nobody wants to see fraternal living's benefits disappear from the College.

"We want to be able to sustain [fraternity life], and we don't have a sustainable model currently to ensure consistent funding for renovations and replacements," Cooks said. "This will really help us get that going and to better manage this down the road."

folklore, theater, and more. Interested? Contact Andrea Bear in the Theater Department with any questions you may have.

For the forward thinking individual, Rogers and Hardy are hosting the first immersion course to Ecuador in five years. Entitled "Retracing the Steps of Ecuador's First Novel," the class will be held in the second-half of spring semester with a four week long immersion component in the summer and first-half independent study throughout the fall semester.

Rogers established the layout for the Ecuador immersion in 2003 with Hardy joining in 2008, and the courses have ranged from focusing on biology of the forests to the politics of the country. "The advantage of having a recurring trip to the same place is that we have contacts there at the University," Hardy said. "We

have a travel agent, which makes the planning easier and provides a safer and pedagogically sound experience for students."

Students will spend two weeks with a host family, allowing time for cultural immersion and study at the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador. The following two weeks will consist of traveling through different locations from the first Ecuadorian novel, *Cumandá*.

"The trick with planning an event like this is that it's got to be a fantastic course, not just a fantastic trip," Rogers said. "If you set up the travel phase with a strong course, the travel phase isn't worth it." Look out for these strong trips and more during registration season near the end of the semester, and if you have interest in the Ecuador trip, contact Dr. Rogers or Dr. Hardy for more information.



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REMNANTS OF THE VIETNAM WAR

WALLIES EXPERIENCE VIETNAMESE CULTURE ON IMMERSION TRIP

CHRISTOPHER BARKER '20 | STAFF WRITER • Wabash College broke new ground in immersion trips this past winter break. Students in Sabrina Thomas, BKT Assistant Professor of History, and Associate Professor of History Rick Warner's HIS-300 course, "Lessons and Legacies of War: Vietnam", traveled to Vietnam in Wabash's first-ever immersion trip to Asia. The class spent their time traveling throughout the entire country, and this past Sunday and Monday, these students told their stories to the Wabash community. The group began in the capital, Hanoi. They then moved southward, passing through Da Nang and Hoi An before exploring South Vietnam from Ho Chi Minh City.

This trip served as some students' first adventure outside of the United States. As someone who has spent the entirety of his life in Crawfordsville, Heath Whalen '19 experienced a profound culture shock. "On our first day, we took a walking tour of downtown Hanoi, and it was hectic to say the least," Whalen said. "Traffic flooded the streets, and the sound of honking filled the air as motorbikes and cars whizzed past our faces. There is not an abundance of stop lights or street signs in Vietnam, so our tour guide Moon told us about 'sticky rice'; we had to be attentive and stick together at all times! I had never seen anything like it, especially not in Crawfordsville."

"Hanoi had the strongest Communist presence we saw," Wyatt Gutierrez '19 said. "We saw communist officers standing with their MP5s and AK47s in the streets, and it was intimidating. However, as we went south, the Communist presence diminished."

In Hanoi, the group visited the Temple of Literature, which is a Confucius temple built in 1070. The Temple has pillars that read of this ancient way of life, one of which read similarly to the Gentleman's Rule. "It talks about educating people to be a just member of society, and it reflected standing TALL," Jordan Hansen '18 said. "It's such a huge, old, quiet relic that once was a school for boys who were expected to be the next leaders of the generation. I felt this weird parallel between this place and Wabash."

As they journeyed south, the group walked over footprints of military boots, big feet, and small feet on the



PHOTO COURTESY OF JORDAN HANSEN '18

Students from Dr. Warner and Dr. Thomas' history course donned traditional Vietnamese 'non la' hats during their immersion trip over Winter Break.

concrete sidewalks of My Lai. This site is one of many where American soldiers indiscriminately killed Vietnamese villagers in the war. "When you walk over these footprints, it makes you uncomfortable, which is what you should feel," William Kelly '18 said. "I like to go to places like this by myself, take my time, and take it all in; I sat on the ridge of a trench where American soldiers laid Vietnamese villagers and shot them. It makes you realize your capabilities of inhumanity, which ties to what we discussed in class. I stood on the grounds of American inhumanities, and that was extremely powerful."

After settling in Ho Chi Minh City, the group visited the War Remnants Museum, which featured displays of protests around the world, American war equipment, American war crimes, and Agent Orange's aftermath. Agent Orange causes birth defects and disabilities that last for many generations, and this was evident when the group was there. The museum told an narrative that Americans might not hear. "A lot of it has photos there were

difficult to look at: Vietnamese bodies being dragged by tanks, Americans holding Vietnamese body parts, and other graphic and disturbing images," Joe Walters '18 said. "We are really good at remembering our humanity and the inhumanity of others, but we are bad at remembering our own inhumanity."

After arriving to what seemed like an ordinary picnic area, a brief tour of the Cu Chi Tunnels showed the group why the Viet Cong were so difficult for the Americans to fight. Vietnam was a foreign land to American soldiers, and they were unaware of the tunnel system. Americans unintentionally built a base over the tunnels, which explains how Viet Cong troops were able to infiltrate the base. The tunnels are still in nearly pristine condition 70 to 80 years after their construction.

"It was quite extravagant to see this ingenuity," Parker Redelman '18 said. "We also talked with a Vietnam veteran who was part of the Viet Cong and had been around the Cu Chi Tunnels for 11 years during the war. He said that he and other veterans didn't really talk

about the war anymore; they've moved on from that part of their lives. He only thinks of the war now as a good time for him as it was when he met his wife."

Later on in the day, the group drove to visit an orphanage where some of the orphans were victims of Agent Orange. The group felt very timid and unsure as to how to react; some of them felt responsible for the problem.

"It felt uncomfortable just staring at these kids with all these problems like they were on display for us to see; we were walked around the bunks like we were visiting them in a museum," Redelman said. "However, we saw them light up; they had people to talk to and be around. After the first 15 minutes, we got to start playing with the kids, and everybody loosened up. We played with toy cars, catch, and tag. The orphanage really opened my eyes to how everybody in life wants the same things: to be happy and have a good time in life. The owner is an extraordinary woman; she's owned the orphanage for 40 years. Unfortunately, a lot of kids, especially those suffering from Agent Orange, end up dying. She actually doesn't let anybody adopt the kids she takes in. This, along with the trip as a whole, brought full-circle the way that humanity is and that there's good in it. It was good to do this as part of the trip; it can really humble yourself."

These stories, along with other experiences in Vietnam, transformed the ways in which the members of the class think about gratitude, humanity, and how to come to terms with the past. Before the trip started, the students thought the Vietnamese wouldn't be welcoming due to the lingering negative sentiments of the war, especially among the older generation. However, these students were proven wrong. Rather, they saw that the Vietnamese attitude of the war is completely different from the American attitude. They see how the Vietnamese want to move on from the war, and how Americans are stuck in trying to come up with ways try to say the U.S. didn't really lose. "Everybody I talked to received me well, and the attitude of the younger generation was very happy to see us," Gutierrez said. "They are looking forward, focusing on building positive relationships with other countries, which will help develop their beautiful country economically when they are the leaders."



PHOTO COURTESY OF JORDAN HANSEN '18

Wallies got the opportunity to whip up some Vietnamese food in their own personal kitchen.



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Dr. Warner and Dr. Thomas' class pose for a group picture outside the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

“Wabash Always Fights!” In the four years I’ve been here, I have always taken this to mean that part of the definition of a “gentleman” at Wabash is that they are up for the challenge. Any challenge.

My husband, Professor Matt Carlson in Philosophy, describes Wabash students as earnest and willing to work. The Wabash struggle of over-commitment, high-standards, and rigorous coursework is real but Wabash Always Fights, so you students are up for it.

So when I recently attended a lunchtime talk discussing the #MeToo movement, I was

disappointed that the #WAF was missing. Though a few students asked questions indicating they were struggling through the slippery issues of sexual harassment, how to be a gentleman on a date, consent, etc., I also heard a reluctance to struggle and improve.

The biggest round of applause came for a comment giving the student body a pat on the back for making it eighteen years with an unblemished record. The implication was that the bar for conduct is set higher at Wabash than other colleges. Even if we grant that, do you really want to stop at

being better than, say, the guys at the school down south?

I can promise – no matter how great a guy you are, and no matter how kind and caring for women – you have examining to do and actions to take. Listen to how your teammates motivate each other to push harder. Pay attention to the ways women are talked about when there are no women around. Think about how your porn habit might influence your views on women and sex. Evaluate the methods used to initiate (never haze!) new brothers into your fraternity. *Think critically* about every aspect of your Wabash experience.

If you don’t see an issue in any of these areas, this is where your challenge begins. Once you do see it, the struggle may be over how to address the issue or how to make it right. Questioning whether something is or is not sexual misconduct is a very valid part of this process. The #MeToo movement is asking you to critically evaluate the way you and the men around you interact with women. It’s not meant to be easy.

I think you’re up for the challenge.
Brea Carlson

SHARING YOUR PERSPECTIVE

When I was approached by my good brother, summer roommate, and maybe even the most liked Wabash man on campus, Ahad Khan '19, to write an opinion for *The Bachelor*, I was curious as to why anyone would care what I have to say in a short writing piece in the student newspaper. I read the opinion section each week, and while I am often impressed by the work and thought put into those pieces, I seldom come across anything that has really changed my perspective. Am I too close minded? Maybe. Do I think the opinion section is garbage and has no worth in a news publication? Certainly not.

However, I don’t think I have any hot takes, earth-shattering critiques, or anything all that funny to offer my Wabash College brethren. I don’t think every opinion piece has to be world changing and while appreciative of the opportunity to write this piece, I was curious as to why I was asked to do this. The best reason I could come up with is Ahad needed to fill up some column space, and I can appreciate that. Similarly, as a second semester senior removed from many of the



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obligations and responsibilities I once had as a student here, I often find myself trying to fill time. So selfishly, I will offer a few thoughts about things I care deeply about and a bit about how I hope I can spend the rest of my semester with you all.

As a former football player at Wabash, one subject I’ve wanted to write an opinion about all year but never got around to is concussions and football. I was recently asked by a friend if I was worried about the future of football in regards to concussions and player health later in life and my answer is for the NFL maybe, but realistically not any other level of the game. While some of the recent research findings on the subject is concerning and

should be taken seriously, I think many things are overlooked in this discussion. One of these issues is the technology and focus on player safety now relative to the era many of the players seeing health issues played in. Without digging into the weeds on this, although I would love to discuss this with anyone curious to hear my thoughts, I think player safety is in a much better place than it once was and will continue to improve. Football is an incredible game, and I believe the changes and focus on safety to ensure the long-term health of its participants will allow it to be around for a long time.

Another topic I want to offer my thoughts on that was recently discussed by another summer roommate Jade Doty '18 is the ego and perception of the Wabash man on campus. In the past few months, I have grown increasingly disgusted by the narrative that the Wabash man is the consummate male and is somehow morally or ethically superior to men on other college campuses. While I love and care deeply about Wabash and the people here and I do think we are different in many ways than other men and other campuses, the way

we speak about it bothers me. If we are a different breed and we are actually about that, I don’t think we need to discuss it and praise ourselves for doing the things we perceive to be right. I hope moving forward we can all have a bit of humility in addressing the way we see ourselves both on campus and as men in the world, myself included.

To address how I hope to spend the rest of my time on campus, I want to reflect on what I appreciate and will miss most about this experience. Bell games, weekend events, and Chapel Sing are great memories, but the moments I appreciate most and will miss when I graduate are simple nights and afternoons spent with my best friends and the people I love here, or as a wise coach once called it, “bullshittin’ with the boys.”

I plan to do this as much as I can for the remainder of the semester and hope many of you can join me. I am committing right here on paper to spend every Friday afternoon (before TGIF) for the rest of this semester on the mall enjoying cold beers and the company of the people I care about while I still can. I hope to see many of you there too.

ARE YOU MAXIMIZING WABASH'S BENEFITS?

To current Wabash students: Why did you choose to pursue an undergraduate degree? What was your goal in coming to Wabash College? *Think critically* for a moment, as we claim we do so well here. In addition to the intellectual and personal growth that is developed at Wabash, I feel most agree or understand the goal as a means to an end, a progression to a graduate degree or a full-time job. However, the purpose behind a four-year-long pursuit is routinely neglected and not given enough attention.

In my time here, I have observed many students, myself included, get "too busy" with their academics, sports, and extracurriculars that they begin to disregard part of their original rationale for choosing to attend Wabash, the professional opportunities it can offer. Should you be involved outside of the classroom? Absolutely. However, it is crucial to understand your schedule and prioritize what you take on. Yes, it can be daunting to balance everything Wabash throws on your plate in addition to trying to network, land an internship, or find a job. But, passing along the inevitable to another day will only



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make these career-based pursuits even more challenging.

One of the selling points to Wabash College is its extensive alumni network. As such, a significant amount of Wabash men will attribute professional advancement in their respective careers to the help of another Wabash man. Our alumni are willing and eager to assist you in the career path of your choice. However, these opportunities are rarely handed out. No one is searching for the hard-working, intelligent student who is involved in extracurriculars but just doesn't have the time to network, build an outside skill set, or learn about a career path.

Fortunately, Wabash men and many working professionals are eager to help, but the initiative must

come from you. If this message is pertinent to you and I still have you reading at this point, I present you a challenge. Next week, make it your goal to wake up 30 minutes earlier each day. With that extra time tap into our alumni network, connect to professionals via LinkedIn, email them to schedule a phone call, utilize your connections outside of Wabash, and ask for guidance from professors and classmates. If connecting, come prepared with thoughtful questions and a response to a question you will be regularly asked, "how can I help you?" Make it a priority to include these simple tasks in your daily routine, and you will be amazed by the opportunities that present themselves with persistence, passion, and intellectual curiosity.

For those of you who have benefitted in any way from what I have mentioned above: give thanks and pay it forward. Have you said thank you to the person who helped you or even gave you your first opportunity, internship, or job while at Wabash? Have you acknowledged the professors, classmates, or fantastic resources from career services who have been the reason for your accomplishments? In

today's technology-driven world, a handwritten note sent in the mail speaks volumes more than an ordinary message sent over email. Also, help those around you. Are you an upperclassman who understands this message? Great, go and help someone along the path you were once on. Share what you know along with your trials and tribulations. You may not even realize how much it could mean or help someone in their time here.

Wabash College is an incredible place, and I will be forever grateful for the opportunities it has presented me. I am extremely fortunate for how Wabash has challenged me, developed me, and has given me lifelong friendships and memories. At Wabash, we take pride in our unique and rigorous liberal arts education. We claim that we set ourselves apart in our ability to *think critically*. If true, it is imperative we take advantage of the opportunities that await us and maximize our individual means to an end. Now, *think critically* about what you want to obtain from Wabash College, prioritize the things you do, stay persistent, and go make it happen.

EVEN BIGGER NEXT TIME...

The Lip Sync battle two Fridays ago was, in my opinion, a big success especially when compared to the talent show earlier this semester. Each of these shows were put on by the Dean's Presidents Council and sponsored by the Robbins Family Fund. However, the first event had a total of some thirty people in the stands including the judges. That was partly due to outside issues and inability to properly market the event, but it was more so an issue of people being unwilling to get off their asses and head to Salter.

After each event, upon returning to my dorm and seeing people around campus, just about everyone I saw asked, "how it went?" or told me how entertaining my snapchat story was. This was really disheartening as it clearly indicated that, in both cases, many more people knew about them and would have thoroughly enjoyed them had they attended themselves.

Rich Woods hit the nail on head when he said, "We always want to preach more campus unity, but until



Spencer Newmister '19

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we can get guys out of their damn rooms none of it is going to make a bit of difference."

I completely agree with Mr. Woods, and I would also include those whose first thought on Friday is to leave and go home, rush to their girlfriend's school, hop on Fortnite for the whole third shift, and even those who bury their heads in their books negating all human interaction. Wabash College is all about connections and experiences, and the Robbins Family Fund is all about creating those for everyone.

Next time wait until the next day to go see your mom because I promise

she will love you just as much. Next time, if you don't want to go alone, force a friend to go with. Next time when you die in 74th place because someone has a purple assault rifle and you're still stuck with a green shotgun, hop off the sticks and get out of the room. Next time you want to finish the chapter remember that the book will be there when you get back but watching Bennett Sayre become Stacy's Mom is a once in a lifetime experience. Next time you're not sure what to do with a recruit one night, bring him along. Next time bring your girlfriend (and her friends) here to campus to enjoy the show with you. Whatever the case, next time GO!

This isn't an everything's bad, the horizon is dark and gloomy, and winter has come opinion though. On the contrary, I would really like to congratulate the other members of the DPC, specifically Braiden Slavens, Jacob Woodward, and Oliver Page for making the Lip Sync Battle a great event to attend. Salter was probably just over half capacity and

with eleven solid acts to occupy an hour and a half of the viewers time, all who came seemed to enjoy it even if there was some debate as to who should have been included in the top three.

In addition, I would like to thank all of the participants from both events and once again congratulate the winners. I hope that all of you will be on the lookout to participate again in the future and will encourage others to do the same. I hope that this piece will encourage everyone to pack the house next time rather than leaving it a little under half full. In the meantime, the DPC will continue to look for and think of new ideas to keep hosting exciting events for this college to rally around.

If anyone has ideas that they would like to propose, then please approach any member of the DPC, and we would love to hear them. My email is sjnewmis19@wabash.edu and I check it as often as I do Twitter or Snapchat, so I will see what you have to say. Thank you.

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SOPHOMORE REFLECTIONS AFTER THREE SEMESTERS

IAN WARD '19 | ONLINE EDITOR

As many of us know, sophomore interviews are when sophomores officially declare their major, minor, and give an in-depth look at what their Wabash experience is. The student life team, consisting of Dean of Students Mike Raters '85, Associate Dean of Students Marc Welch '99, Title IX Coordinator Heather Thrush, Director of Security Rich Woods, and Assistant Basketball coach Patrick Sullivan, conducts these interviews. "I remember the interview, however it was much less in depth that it is today," Raters said. Part of this more in-depth approach is due to a change this year to an paperless interview system as now all interview information is collected through iPads.

According to Raters, this new approach is to simplify data collection and make looking at trends and similarities easier. The new system also provides a "rating of Wabash" section where interviewees can rate their Wabash experience on a standardized scale. This scale ranges from academic experience to specific areas such as faculty availability. One such area that seemed to be a non-factor is housing, since was little discussion on pros or cons. Overall, it is very clear that Wabash is doing things right as

students average around a 4 out of 5 in Wabash categories and above a 4 on there overall experience.

Apart from the ratings scale, the sophomore interview collects the major and minor intentions of the class. "The new electronic system makes this data tracking much easier," Raters said. "Obviously, you get the intended Biology to Religion type cases," Raters said, meaning that some students plan on being one thing and overtly change topic once arriving at Wabash College. As of February 15, the leading major of the class of 2020 is Economics. Regarding other majors of interest that are not offered, the class of 2020 has a lack of energy towards a Computer Science or Business major. "That has not been a point of conversation like in years past," Welch said. According to Welch, about three years ago was the loudest talk of such a major in the sophomore interview process. As far as Business major question, the lack of conversation was essentially the same from Welch's perspective.

However, even though sophomore students are largely happy at Wabash and are enjoying their overall experience, there are also similar trends across the class regarding desired changes on campus. "The first thing is Campus Unity," Raters said. Campus

unity is a complex topic, Raters and Welch explained. "You have four types of campus unity, Independent and Greek relations, Independent and Independent relations, Greek and Greek relations, and relations that have no residential life requirement at all," Welch said. "The challenge we are trying to tackle is how to solve these four sub issues within a greater scope of campus unity."

One event Welch attributed to trying to help this is Casino Night, as it gathers a large group of men from across the spectrum to unify the campus. Another thing that the Dean's office is challenged with is using the Robbins Family Fund to schedule events that all students will enjoy, and Welch attributed to recent events that get students involved. Another facet of Campus unity Raters stressed was sports attendance. "One of my favorite stories from this year is a football player telling me that we need to support [other sports like] basketball more and not just football," Raters said. Also, Raters stressed creating



Marc Welch

better attendance at games that do not simply involve DePauw University. "How do we get students excited to go see a game against Hiram as much as DePauw?" Raters said. "That is what we are looking at."

Another topic of discussion regarding how to make campus was hours at the Allen center and food service hours. "The weekend hours at the Allen Center have been a topic for sure," Welch said. "The issue is how do we address staffing in the facility for our students?" Another issue within the Allen Center discussion included that of Knowing Fieldhouse hours, as where sports practices used to be from 4:20-6, however know go into the night hours interfering with drop-in basketball. Darian Phillips '20 agreed with the notion that Allen Center hours are an issue. "I wish the hours were more open for activities, especially on weekends," Phillips said. Along with that notion was the lack of "late night" at Sparks Center this year, as the decision to create such a program came out of sophomore interviews a few years ago. "Those are things we will look at for sure," Welch said.

So, as you can see overall, students love Wabash, but there is always room for tweaking a system, making the greater Wabash experience even better.

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JAVONOVICH GIVES TAKE ON FOREIGN ECONOMY



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Trustee Ray Jovanovich '84 has served as an executive to several different investment firms in Asia over the course of his career.

JACKSON BLEVINS '21 | STAFF WRITER • Tuesday afternoon, Trustee Ray Jovanovich '84 returned to campus to present his presentation titled "American Prestige in Asia... Diminished?", as a part of the Asian Lecture Series. Jovanovich spent most of his career in Asia as an executive at many investment firms where he also interacted with government officials from across the globe. He meshed personal and professional experience with his educated opinions to give the jam-packed classroom his take on political, social, and economic issues facing the teetering relationship between the United States and Asia. Jovanovich argued that American prestige in Asia has not diminished, but there was disengagement on behalf of the United States.

He admitted early on in his presentation that his thoughts were not a direct solution to all of the diplomatic issues, but rather a unique outlook on the status of American prestige in Asia. Jovanovich addressed scores of issues, but honed in on a few that we could reflect on and showed how the United States could influence geopolitical issues moving forward.

Some of these issues included Asian countries' treatment of Donald Trump, China's advancement in the South China Sea, and how volatile North Korea is affecting the global political climate. Jovanovich was impressed by many Asian capitals that rolled out the red carpet for Donald Trump and acknowledged while Trump has been very blunt and sometimes disrespectful, many Asian countries respected his focus on making progress in the region. The South China Sea is a region full of valuable resources and strategic military positioning, and Jovanovich cited the importance and perhaps danger of China's growth in the waters. China now has four man-made islands that have been turned into military bases, and this body of water is becoming a hotbed for potential conflict as the United States continues to patrol the

waters. Finally, Jovanovich looked at North Korea and how they continue to present problems for the United States with their nuclear program and humanitarian crises.

Jovanovich threw many highly debated ideas out into the open in a limited amount of time, and it was evident that the audience had mixed reactions. He was not scared to challenge the opinions of his peers in the audience, and he did it with a smile on his face. Jovanovich stayed after his presentation for almost an hour, as he welcomed debate and greeted many members of the audience.

"Ray's point of view is different from other people, so it was nice hearing a different point of view," Shaun Khoo '18, a biology major from Malaysia, said.

"I am an Asian Studies minor and am very interested in learning about Asia and possibly working in Asia," Justin Woodard '19 said. "I thought it was a strong presentation. He really highlighted the big issues in Asia right now which was interesting to hear about."

Jovanovich made it clear that he loves Wabash and was excited to speak in the Asian Lecture Series for the seventh consecutive year.

"I found that the Wabash education provides a great foundation for success," Jovanovich said as a biology major who reminisced on his mother's motives for him to become a doctor. "This school is a national treasure. Wabash provides one with intellectual agility, confidence, and courage. It became very apparent to me that a foundation in the hard sciences was applicable across other disciplines, particularly in finance and economics. Also, I chose to speak on this because I heard so much about American prestige in Asia diminishing, and with the exception of a few governments, this idea does not fit reality." Jovanovich's presentation exposed issues that will be prevalent for many generations of American citizens.

BREAKFAST COMPANY REVIEW

DAVIS LAMM '20 | STAFF WRITER

• Former Vice President of the United States and Wabash class of 1892 alumnus Thomas Riley Marshall once said, "What this country needs is a really good five-cent cigar."

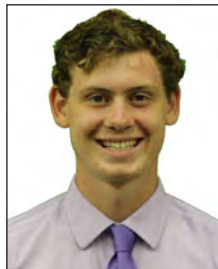
Updating the quip, I say that what Crawfordsville needs is a really good six dollar breakfast. My call has been answered by The Breakfast Co., a restaurant opened early this year in the Crawfordsville Square strip mall.

For \$5.99, one can order the 2x2x2, which includes two eggs, two pieces of meat, and two pancakes. Not only is this deal cheaper than a meal swipe at Sparks, but it is available every day from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. The menu boasts every American breakfast standard, including well-executed oddities like cinnamon roll French

toast and potato pancakes with apples and sour cream.

"My roommates and I often find ourselves at Breakfast Co. on Sunday mornings for delicious food at a stellar price," Keith Owen '20 said. "By the constant flow of patrons, I think the rest of Crawfordsville agrees with me."

Part of a family of three restaurants (Flap-Jack's in Indy and Zionsville), Breakfast Co. is run by Doris Kline Maples, who has been in the business since 1993. That experience shows



Keith Owen

in everything from the quality and prompt delivery of the food to the décor and training of the staff.

"Many diners in small towns have a dreary atmosphere, flies everywhere, and can't seem to cook eggs properly," Wabash girlfriend Nora Pearson said. "I love Breakfast Co. because it is clean and reliably fantastic."

This place knows exactly what it is and doesn't attempt to be a Swiss Army kitchen. It exists to provide the day's most important meal in a quick and delectable manner, untarnished by tacky table cloths, inflated prices, and half-hearted dinner options. Food quality is consistent and on par with similar establishments in larger markets like Indianapolis and Fort Wayne.

The presence of a quintessential breakfast spot doesn't only remedy the doldrums of hungry students on weekends, but helps solve the biggest logical fallacy of American eating habits. That is, we treat the day's first meal as optional, then have our largest calorie intake (dinner) a few hours before being totally sedentary for six to ten hours of sleep. Our energy needs are akin to those of the space shuttle. It uses its largest tanks of fuel to get off the ground and out of Earth's gravity. Similarly, we need our largest meal to get up and going, and relatively little to sustain our various missions throughout the day.

Whether your goal is a morning rocket boost or a brunch date, Breakfast Co. is the first choice in Crawfordsville.

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WABASH BASKETBALL SEASON CONCLUDES AFTER A THRILLING GAME AT OWU

ZACH MOFFETT '20 | STAFF

WRITER • After Little Giants basketball team took a hard loss in their last home game against the team from down south. They looked ahead as they played their last regular season game against Denison University in Granville, OH. The Little Giants were in search of redemption after an upset from DePauw University.

The Little Giants went on the road Saturday to take on the Denison Big Red. Coming into the game Wabash was 12-12 while the Big Red was 13-11. The first half proved to be a tight match up for Wabash and Denison. The Little Giants struggled again on the offensive side of the ball,

only shooting 36% from the field and 20% from three point range. Denison had a similar struggle in the first half on the offensive side, but were able to break out of their shooting struggles in the second half. At the end of the first half, Wabash led 30-28.

The second half was a disaster for the Little Giants on defense. The Big Red managed to put up 65 points in the second half, shooting 67% from the field and 65% from behind the arc. Denison had 40 points off the bench and five of their players scored in double digits. Wabash turned the ball over 13 times and only put up 35 points in the second half. The final score was Wabash 65, Denison 93. The Little Giants didn't build the momentum they wanted heading into the NCAC tournament, but were still determined to fight to earn the respect they deserved.

The NCAC quarterfinal matchup for Wabash would prove to be a thriller. Tuesday, the Little Giants traveled to Ohio Wesleyan

University for their first game in the conference tournament. The Little Giants were optimistic to prove themselves as a force to be reckoned with. OWU came into the contest as the three seed while Wabash held the six seed. OWU entered the game with a 17-8 record overall while Wabash sat at 12-13.

Wabash had the edge in the first half since their offense took their shooting struggles to heart after a rough week last week. The Little Giants shot 48.3% from the field and went 15-31 from the field in the first half. Wabash ended the first half with 37 points. On the defensive side of the ball, the Little Giants held OWU to shooting just 35% from the field and 28% from behind the arc. At the end of the half, Wabash led OWU 37-32. In the second half, the Little Giants fought hard against a strong offensive OWU team, but the experienced offense managed to

put up 40 points in the second half. However, the Little Giants pushed back behind Harrison Hallstrom '20 and Jack Davidson '21 who put up 21 and 17 points, respectively. Wabash scored 44 points alone in the paint while OWU only had 24. At the end of the second half, the score was tied up at 72. The Little Giants dug deep in overtime, but their efforts came up just short. The final score of the exciting contest was Wabash 86, OWU 89.

Wabash finished the season 12-14 overall, but look to continue their growth next season. The crew will not lose a single senior to graduation this year. The age of the Wabash roster is very young compared to many of their conference opponents. The Little Giants will look to come back in the 2018-2019 season with some revenge and hope to claim the conference title.



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Logan White '19 goes up with a shot in the paint against Allegheny.



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LACROSSE FALLS TO TRINE IN SEASON OPENER

IAN WARD '19 | ONLINE EDITOR

This past Saturday, the fourth season of the Wabash College lacrosse program began with a matchup against Trine University. The Little Giants fell to Trine 16-6. In less than ideal conditions including sleet and bitter cold, the campaign for Wabash started strong, scoring within the first four minutes of the first quarter of the season. Collin Brennan '19 started the Little Giants off with a dodge down the middle of the field and left-handed shot that put Wabash up 1-0 early. From there however, Wabash fell captive to a dynamic Trine offense as Trine went on a 10-0 run. Wabash went into the locker room staring at a nine goal deficit. "Coach Culpepper told us at halftime," Chase Cochran '20 said. "The first half happened, now lets see how we respond." From there, we nearly tied them in the second half.

The second half went much better for the Little Giants but they weren't able to manage a full comeback. Dajon Thomas '18 led the second half with two goals. Jake Taylor '20 and Tucker Dixon '19 both added goals in the third quarter. Brennan added Wabash's

final goal in the closing minute of the game to give him his second of the day. Steven Stark '19 finished the game with three assists. Trine had 37 shots, 23 were on goal compared to Wabash's 20 shots on goal out of 38 shots. Cochran led the team with six ground balls with Adrian Tejeda '18 closely following with five. Moving forward, Wabash has three more games to polish their squad before beginning NCAC play March 11. The next home game is Sunday is at 1 p.m. versus Wilmington College of Ohio. Let's get out there and support our Little Giant Lacrosse Team.

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FEBRUARY

vs. Wilmington 2/25

MARCH

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@ William Peace 3/7
@ Kenyon 3/11
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Collin Brennan '19 dodges towards the goal with a defender on his shoulder.



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TENNIS LOSES SECOND NCAC MATCH TO KENYON

TUCKER DIXON '19 | SPORTS

EDITOR • The Wabash College tennis team competed in its second NCAC match of the 2018 season against Kenyon College last Saturday. The Lords of Kenyon traveled to Crawfordsville looking to improve their record to 3-2. Wabash looked to earn its first conference victory of the season. A strong 25th-ranked Kenyon roster proved too much for the Little Giants and the Lords took the victory by a team score of 8-1.

The Little Giants struggled against the powerful athletes from Kenyon. Kenyon swept the singles matchups and claimed victories in all but one of the doubles matches. “Kenyon, being one of our toughest matches, was a great test for us right before we travel for spring

break,” Jordan Greenwell said. “Our number one doubles pulled out a great win and both two and three doubles battled really hard. Singles was less competitive but it was a good opportunity to improve against better players.”

The bright spot for the Little Giants in this match was dominant play from the number one doubles team of William Reifeis '18 and Patrick McAuley '19. After starting the doubles season 6-0, Reifeis and McAuley were determined to continue stringing together victories. The duo started the match by breaking the serve of their opponents, Weston Noall and Alex Reiger, to award the pair the first game of the match. From there, it was smooth sailing for

the Little Giants' doubles team. Reifeis and McAuley claimed the only team point of the match for Wabash at a score of 8-6. This win extended their season performance to 7-0. “We are playing with a lot of confidence, both in ourselves and in each other,” McAuley said. “It is translating into solid chemistry and a competitive mindset on the court.”

The Little Giants, now ranked 3-4, hope to rebound in their next match this weekend when they host the visiting Thunder from Wheaton College before heading out on their spring break trip to Florida. Competition begins at 11 a.m. at the Collett Tennis Center. Come out and support your fellow Little Giants.



IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

Will Reifeis '18 returns the ball with a strong backhand.

WABASH: 8

KENYON: 1

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Andrew Denning '20 tests his opponent with an accurate forehand.

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SWIMMING AND DIVING TAKES FOURTH AT CONFERENCE

PATRICK MCAULEY '19 | STAFF

WRITER • This past week, the Wabash College Swimming and Diving team placed fourth at the NCAC Conference Championships in Granville, Ohio with an overall score of 1,154 points. The Little Giants trailed DePauw University by one point, however, this was the team's best overall finish in school history.

Team chemistry develops confidence on this swim squad. As an all-male college of 800+ students, cohesiveness and brotherly support were two factors that play into the overall Wabash experience. When it comes to the pool, it is hugely important that guys commit to each other to further progress the success of the season and the

program as a whole. This seems to not be a problem. Head Coach Brent Noble attests to the tight-knit nature on his team and how it helps them get work done in the water. "Our guys like each other, they like training together, and they understand that they have worked toward something together this year," Noble said. "All the guys have a great time and that typically translates to good swimming." Not only are the guys very close, but they truly enjoy the experience of being an athlete at Wabash. Changes in training play just as much of a role as the fun factor.

End of the season swimming requires new tactics during practice. For swimmers, this adjustment is known as tapering: the declination

of practice before a big race or meet. The height of the squad's training occurred over winter break when they headed to sunny Florida. For the past three weeks, however, coaches have been focusing on the finer details and improving the minor flaws of the guys. There is still hard work during practice, but having rest is essential to performing come championship time. This year was different.

The guys are tasting success. A lot of how a team performs comes down what they did to prepare and how the team went about doing it. Noble believes swimmers and divers had a different mindset during practice as opposed to past years. "Guys worked harder this year and prepared a little better by asking

more of themselves," he said. "The attitude was good and they were eager to get better and work to get there." The results show the effects.

Finishing fourth was not the final goal but some individuals played significant roles to create a solid performance. Jan Dziadek '21 gained all NCAC honors in the 100 medley, after scoring a time of 51.34 seconds. Chris Dabrowski '18 ruptured his personal school record in the 1650 freestyle event with a time of 15:49.50. In the final race, Dakota Rhodes '18, Benny Liang '20, Dziadek, and Wesley Slaughter '18 finished fifth in the 400-yard relay. The Little Giants still have the DIII Diving Regionals and the DIII Swimming Nationals coming up, so stay tuned!



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Ben Manahan '21 competes in the breaststroke in the Class Of 1950 Natatorium.



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Sam Colaiacova '19 races down the lane in a freestyle event.

WRESTLING THEIR WAY TO REGIONALS

WABASH PREPARES TO TAKE ON THE NCAA REGIONALS

JAKE CHRISMAN '20 | STAFF WRITER • This weekend, Wabash will be hosting the NCAA Regional Wrestling Tournament in Knowling Fieldhouse. This tournament starts today and ends Saturday evening. It will feature the ten starting Little Giant wrestlers, who will be competing for a chance to qualify for the national tournament. Hunter Bates '20 said, "I think we look really good. We have had great practices all week and everyone seems to be dialed in. I think we could have a really good showing this Saturday."

Sunny Nier '21 will be competing in the 125 weight class for the Little Giants. Nier will be competing for his chance to go to nationals in his first year with the Little Giants. Nier has ended up on the podium several times this semester.

Owen Doster '20 will take the mat for the Little Giants at 133. Doster is a returning national qualifier for the Little Giants, placing seventh last season as a freshman. Doster, going into regionals, is ranked second in the nation. After battling small injuries earlier in the season, Doster had an impressive showing at the John Summa Invitational Saturday, February 3, placing second, losing 6-2 to Dustin Warner from Wheeling Jesuit. Doster will be looking for his second appearance at nationals and another chance to end up on the podium. "We will get to see Owen wrestle some good competition on Saturday," Jared Timberman '20 said. "I have no doubt that he will win the regional, but I think he will win it in a dominating fashion."

Bryce Everson '20 will be representing Wabash at 141. In his second year with the team, Everson

will be competing for a chance to go to the national tournament. Everson has had an impressive year, landing the top eight at several tournaments.

Austin Bethel '21 will be competing for a spot in the national tournament at 149 on Saturday. One of many strong freshmen in the Wabash lineup, Bethel placed in many tournaments this season. He took first in the John Summa Invitational and the Spartan Mat Classic. Bethel enters the tournament ranked eighth in the nation and is looking for his first national appearance.

Kyle Hatch '21 will be competing for the Little Giants at 157. Hatch has come on strong with an impressive freshman season with the Little Giants. Hatch claimed five first place finishes at individual tournaments in his first year. Hatch is ranked seventh in the nation and will be competing for his first appearance at nationals.

Timberman will enter the ring for the Little Giants Saturday. "I feel really good going into this weekend," Timberman said. "I have been doing really well in the room wrestling with Darden Schurg and Coach Reece Lefever. I am excited to wrestle." Timberman has had an impressive year as a freshman, pacing in most of the tournaments he has wrestled in and winning the Adrian College Invitational.

Darden Schurg '19 will represent the Little Giants on Saturday and will be fighting to return to the national tournament. This season, Schurg finished on top the podium multiple times this semester. Schurg enters Saturday ranked fourth in the nation.

Bates will be competing for his first national appearance on Saturday. "I think Hunter is going to show out this weekend," Timberman said. "He has struggled at times this season, but he seems really focused and ready to get out there. He definitely has the ability to place top three and get to nationals." Bates had a good

regular season with the Little Giants. Bates had an impressive showing at the Adrian College Invitational where he went 4-0, finishing first. "I think I am just excited that it is time for regionals," Bates said. "It is time to lay everything on the line and see who is ready to buck up and punch their ticket to nationals."

Grant Gough '18 came on strong in the latter half of the season and will be competing for his last chance to qualify for nationals Saturday. Gough placed in the top eight at multiple tournaments this season.

Wade Ripple '21 took on the role of 285 this season as a true freshman and has done a great job thus far. Ripple will be competing for his first national appearance this Saturday. Ripple placed in the top four at many tournaments this

season. His second place finish at the Spartan Mat Classic on January 13 came after grappling his way into the finals match where he lost a tough match to nationally ranked Gabriel Mahaney from Baldwin Wallace. "If Wade wrestles well, he will make it out this weekend. He has the chance to show everyone how good he really is," Timberland said.

Wrestling begins at 11 a.m. on Friday morning at will go throughout the day. It resumes Saturday morning at 10 a.m.. The top three wrestlers will advance to the NCAA National Individual Tournament held on March 9 and March 10 in Cleveland, Ohio. "This week has been about positive vibes and being focused," Timberman said. "We have all realized what is in front of us and we are not backing down."



Grant Gough '18 tries to his opponent into position for a takedown.

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