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GONE TO THE DOGS

IFC TO PROMOTE GREATER PHILANTHROPIC FOCUS ON ANIMAL SHELTER

JADE DOTY '18 | CAVELIFE EDITOR

Pets and dogs in particular are a staple among American life. It is seldom that a family does not have some sort of pet, and with the population ever increasing in major cities, it is becoming more popular to own a cat or a dog than have a child in many urban settings across the United States. The happiness that comes from spending time with a dog, a cat, or any animal for that matter is well known by young individuals like the students here on Wabash's campus, but it is only recently that these same animals and pets are beginning to be included in different forms of mental therapy.

Two years ago, Mason Zurek '16 wrote an opinion piece for *The Bachelor* stating the benefits of spending time with a dog and how he thought it would be a good idea to change the rules of having a pet in a living unit at Wabash College. "Having a happy dog to play with and take of is a great way to escape from the rigors of the Wabash grind" Zurich said.

Understanding the ways dogs benefit one's mental and emotional

health, more and more students have become familiar with Montgomery County's Animal Welfare League just off of Arch Road. The animal shelter states that, "[Their] mission is to save lives, to prevent pain, fear, and suffering, and to provide sanctuary and permanent homes for the unwanted, lost and neglected animals." Over the course of the past few years, Wabash has made an effort to increase the level of sanctuary that the Animal Welfare League provides to these animals by having freshman orientation groups spend time at the shelter, helping anyway possible.

This introduction to the Animal Welfare League early on in their Wabash experience has made students want to continue spending time with the animals that the organization shelters. Yet, even though many Wabash students visit the Animal Welfare League when they can, these dogs seldomly have any interaction with people outside of their pens except on the weekend, when it's most convenient for Wabash students.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF BRAIDEN SLAVENS '19

The IFC looks to increase partnership with the Animal Welfare League of Montgomery Co.

WRESTLING HEADS TO NATIONALS

JAKE CHRISMAN '20 | STAFF

WRITER • While hosting the NCAA Central Region Qualifier this past weekend, five Little Giants punched their tickets to move onto the individual national tournament on Friday, March 9 and Saturday, March 10. Three Wallies, Owen Doster '20, Austin Bethel '21, and Kyle Hatch '21, claimed their

respective weight class titles. Both Darden Schurg '19 and Hunter Bates '20 qualified as well, both finishing second.

"As a whole, every guy in our lineup went down fighting," Doster said. "For the five that made it through to the National Tournament, those guys showed grit in their wrestling through the weekend and secured spots. Those

five who didn't, finished their seasons scraping as hard as they could. I was very pleased with the guys."

Doster will return to the national tournament after a great showing at this past weekend's regional. He started off with a 9-3 decision over Heidelberg University's Richard Bogetich. This was followed up with Doster's 10-2

win over Iain Whitis from John Carroll University. Doster returned on Saturday with an 11-4 win over Case Western Reserve's Alec Hoover to punch his ticket to nationals. However, Doster finished even stronger by pinning Nolan Wochna from Mount Union

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HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

SAND IN THE CRACKS

Sigma Chi has learned what every FIJI finds out as a freshman: sand is coarse and rough and irritating and it gets everywhere. Our prediction from last week was spot on. At least the stains on the floor will get a good scouring as people walk over them for the next decade.

LOCKERS & LAXATIVES

Low five to the visiting wrestlers of the Central Regional meet this past weekend. The Little Giants hosted the meet over the course of two days for 18 teams, and the gentlemanly hospitality was not returned. Last minute efforts to cut weight overwhelmed the Allen Center's plumbing, resulting in a burst pipe and locker rooms full of sewage. Congratulations to the five wrestlers who are going to Nationals, go kick some discourteous hiney.

LIKE HERDING CATS

Last Friday, the IFC organized a trip for 75 students to go to a Chicago Blackhawks game. With so many students at a crowded event, keeping track of everyone became a struggle. Within ten minutes of arriving at the stadium, Wallies had scattered to all corners and IFC President Braiden Slavens '19 spent the rest of the game trying to herd them. He achieved success by the end of the game through various sedative techniques.

SUNDAY FUNDAY

Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb signed Senate Bill 1 on Wednesday, and the government of Indiana finally crawled out of Prohibitor as this action legalized Sunday sales starting March 4th. Next step: Minority Rights.

'DUDE, WHERE'S MY TRUCK?'

Hi-Five to Assistant Dean of Students Marc Welch for working so hard recently that he forgot where he parked his truck on Tuesday. Welch reportedly approached several students as he aimlessly wandered campus parking lots in his search of his ride home. He was last seen Tuesday evening walking in between FIJI and Kappa Sigma with his key fob out, endlessly clicking the unlock button. It is uncertain as to whether he made it home or spent the night in his Center Hall office.

Correction: *The Bachelor* recognizes Charles Frey '19 as the author of the unattributed cover story 'Immersion Trips Announced' of last week's issue.

WABASH FOR SENATE

THREE WABASH ALUMNI REPRESENT GOP IN DEBATE

BENJAMIN JOHNSON | STAFF WRITER • Last Tuesday, February 20, College Republicans hosted a viewing party for a typical event with some rare circumstances. As midterm elections get heated up across the country with the beginning senatorial and house primary races, the Indiana Republican Party hosted their first formal debate between its three frontrunners to represent the Party against incumbent Senator Joe Donnelly (D-IN). Amazingly, all three frontrunners on stage were Wabash College alumni.

Polling in first place prior to the debate was three-term House Representative Luke Messer '91 (R-IN), a brother of Phi Delta Theta and member of the football team while attending Wabash. Messer appearing to be the most moderate of the three candidates, mainly emphasized beating Donnelly in November's election and playing defense against his other two opponents on stage.

Second in the polls prior to the debate was House Representative Todd Rokita '92 (R-IN), also an experienced politician and state

bureaucrat as Indiana's attorney general and representative of Indiana's 4th district. But despite his experience, Rokita's campaign has framed him to be a political outsider and not an establishment Republican. Unlike Messer, Rokita has consistently leveraged President Donald Trump and his unwavering support for him as a signal of his rejection to be a part of the Washington establishment. It has not been uncommon for the brother of Sigma Chi and former *Bachelor* Editor-in-Chief to wear a "Make America Great Again" hat at his campaign rallies.

Third in the polls prior to the debate was businessman Mike Braun '76, president and CEO of Meyers Distributing in Jasper, IN. Throughout the debate, Braun also leveraged Donald Trump to emphasize his "real-world experience" as a businessman who has hired thousands of employees. While he was previously a state legislator for Indiana, Braun, who also served as Student Body

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From left to right: Luke Messer '91, Mike Braun '76, and Todd Rokita '92 are three Wabash alumni engaged in the Senatorial race.

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ZONING DRUMS UP DEBATE

WDPD FACILITATES ONGOING MONTGOMERY CO. DISCUSSION

JAKE VERMEULEN '21 | STAFF WRITER • When people think about controversial political issues, the ones that typically come to mind include gay marriage, gun rights, abortion, taxation, and environmental protection. The list goes on and on. One issue that frequently gets left off the list, however, is zoning. It is not a sexy issue, but zoning is one of the most hotly contested (and important) issues at the local level in Montgomery County currently.

Zoning laws help determine what kinds of things can be built where, and most counties in Indiana have some form of zoning laws. Montgomery County does not have any zoning, however, and the County's ongoing efforts to institute some form of zoning has led to quite a bit of contentious public debate.

Many people view zoning as essential for economic development. They believe it is easier to convince a business to open up or a family to buy a home if they know what is going to be around them. Others, however, have serious concerns that zoning will restrict what they are able to do with their property. They view it as a potential government overreach that will infringe upon their rights. Both sides of this issue care deeply about it, making this a particularly tricky debate to oversee and promote. That's exactly the job that Wabash students have stepped into, however.

During the course of this semester, the Wabash Democracy and Public Discourse Initiative has been actively involved in facilitating this debate. There is a long and complicated process that has to be followed in order to pass zoning, beginning with compiling a comprehensive plan, which can take up to a year.

As Montgomery County begins compiling this plan, The WDPD has been holding focus groups and public deliberations to get public input on what should go into that comprehensive plan. Eventually, the WDPD will submit a report on their findings that addresses all the different viewpoints members of the community have expressed.

While they have no political agenda, WDPD is focused squarely on promoting civil debate about an issue that is remarkably contentious. When asked about their goals, Senior Democracy Fellow Ben Johnson '18 said, "we want people to come out, voice their opinions, feel free to say whatever they want about the matter, and—hopefully—do it in a civil manner." He told us that it does not matter what kind of feedback they get, but they want to make sure members of the community have an opportunity to put in their feedback.

The WDPD focuses on the facilitation of civil debate and, as Dr. Michael Bergmaier, the WDPD Coordinator, said, "the promotion of quality discourse." This work has given Democracy Fellows the opportunity to work on complex issues like zoning and given them experience, as Johnson told us, "balancing different stakeholders and working in a lot of ambiguity," skills which he believes will pay off in his endeavors after Wabash.

The WDPD has further public discourse tentatively scheduled for March 21st at Southmont High School and welcomes members of the Wabash and the Crawfordsville community to come and provide their input on zoning in Montgomery County. There will also be a number of OneWabash, which Dr. Bergmaier said will be, "about how we see ourselves and how we see others on campus."

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President at Wabash, consistently emphasized the point that he has not been a part of the Washington establishment, making him most qualified to fight the political elite in Washington D.C.

"It was really cool to see three Wabash men debating on stage in a fairly civil manner," Caleb Dickey '21 said. "They were actually sticking to substantive policy, and that's what people want to see in American politics."

While all three candidates agreed on a number of issues, such as a less regulated and more competitive healthcare system, rebuilding infrastructure, and defeating Donnelly, most candidates seemed to part ways when it came to answering questions about fiscal spending.

When asked about voting yes for a defense spending bill that would increase debt, Messer answered, "That vote was a vote for our troops, a vote for our national

security, and, frankly, a vote for this president and his policies." Rokita, considered by many to be a deficit hawk, rebutted Messer's claims, calling Messer's reasoning a "false choice" and saying the bill would place a financial burden on our children and grandchildren. Braun sided with Rokita, noting, "This [spending] is systemic in DC because the people who are there."

"I like Braun a lot. I like his ideas," Nick Winter '21 said. "I'm definitely going to do more research and see who I like the most, but Braun definitely impressed me."

As we are still months away from the primary on May 8, there will surely be more debates to come for the Republican race. But as of last week, we know it's too close to tell who will be representing the Republican Party in Indiana's Senatorial race come November. Whoever the representative is, he will be a Wabash man.



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OLYMPIC WRAP-UP

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COPY EDITOR • The Olympic Winter Games ended this past weekend in Pyeongchang, South Korea. The small Scandinavian country of Norway dominated the games with 39 medals. Also, the Olympic Athletes from Russia only won 17, down from the 33 that “won” in Sochi four years prior. As fans of the games, *The Bachelor* will look back to the most memorable moments of the games.

5) Lindsey Vonn ends her Olympic career with Bronze in alpine skiing. One of the toughest American alpine skier of all time finished her comeback story with a third place finish in alpine skiing after injuring herself before 2014, keeping her from competing in the Sochi games. The 34 year-old said she couldn't commit to four more years on her body.

4) Nathan Chen withering under the pressure. The 18 year-old did not live up to the lofty expectations set by the media entering the games. The teenager had a poor team short program and a horribly unforgettable short program, which he fell multiple times. He bounced back with a record setting six quads in the long program, but still missed podium in men's figure skating.

3) Jesse Diggins final sprint in the women's team sprint in cross country skiing. For those that haven't heard the ending of this epic race, the announcers are going wild. This is the first cross country skiing medal for the U.S.A. The excitement captured at the end of the race is one of the most memorable events from the games.

2) U.S.A women's hockey team won gold for the first time since 1998. This game ended in a shootout and was the first time the Canadians did not win the event since the 1998 games. Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson scored the game winning game by faking out the Canadian goalie on a convincing double move.

1) U.S.A. Curling slid into gold. The men's curling team won the hearts of millions that's already being called the “Mircurl on Ice.” The team was on the brink of elimination before winning five straight games to win gold. Matt Hamilton and Jon Shuster led the team, defeating the best in the world to capture America's first gold in the sport.



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The U.S. Men's Curling team took home the gold during the Winter Olympics, the first ever for America.

Olympic Medal Tracker

Total Medals

Norway - 39
 Germany - 31
 Canada - 29
 Netherlands - 20
 United States of America - 23
 Olympic Athletes from Russia - 17
 Japan - 13
 China - 9

Gold Medals

Germany - 14
 Norway - 14
 Canada - 11
 United States of America - 9
 Netherlands - 8
 Japan - 4
 Olympic Athletes from Russia - 2
 China - 1

LEVI GARRISON '18 / INFOGRAPHIC

When the Winter Olympics drew to a close, the final medal count placed Norway on top for overall medals, with Germany tying them in total gold medals.

HUMAN RIGHTS ORDINANCE

COMMISSION LOOKS TO PROTECT GENDER AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

COREY LEUTERS '19 | STAFF

WRITER • On May 27, 2015, Mayor Todd Barton '00 announced the creation of Human Rights Commission due to the number of concerns voiced to the Mayor's office about human rights issues within the Crawfordsville community. These concerns catalyzed the office to evaluate current human rights ordinances and begin reforming the Human Rights Commission.

The commission looks to add sexual orientation and gender identity as protected classes of discrimination in education, employment, businesses, public conveniences, and accommodations. Current protected

classes under § 94.01 (B) and (C) of the 1979 ordinance include: race, religion, color, sex, age, handicap, national origin, or ancestry. 39 years later, the newly formed commission proposed an amendment to the City Council Petitions & Ordinances Committee on February 5th, where it passed unanimously, sending it to its first reading at the City Council meeting the following Monday. After brief discussion amongst the council members and the audience, the ordinance passed unanimously in its first reading and will be up for a second and third reading next month.

The purpose of this ordinance aims to formalize a way of life that

Crawfordsville has already been operating under as Barton puts it.

"The largest impact is the clear signal that Crawfordsville is an opening community," Barton said. "It doesn't change how the city operates, because we already operate in such a manner." When it comes to fostering a community that welcomes young-professionals and families, "People are savvy in how they do their research and homework about communities," Barton said. "People want to know that even if states haven't addressed the issue, they want to know that local bodies have." Barton strives for the similar goal of the Stellar Grant, which the

city received two years ago, aiming to attract a wider range of young professionals and developing a more suitable economy and community for those prospective citizens.

If passed in both readings next month, Crawfordsville will become the eighth city in the state of Indiana to have formalized anti-discrimination laws for LGBT individuals, along with Bloomington, Evansville, Hammond, Indianapolis, Muncie, South Bend, and Terre Haute.

The Ordinance will be up for its second reading March 5, with the third reading to be held on March 12. Updates will follow shortly after.

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"In my experience, walking dogs at the Animal Welfare League, the workers there mention that they get several Wabash guys to walk dogs on the weekends, but few come during the week and so most of the dogs stay in their cage Monday through Friday," Braiden Slavens '19 said.

Slavens, Wabash's current IFC President, is implementing a way for several students at Wabash College to walk dogs during the week. He plans on creating a schedule for walking dogs between all the fraternities on campus in order to both benefit the dogs at the Animal Welfare League and to give a more systematic opportunity for students to get philanthropy hours.

"A calendar should be coming out soon where a fraternity can sign up for a day that works best for them," Slavens said. "They are then expected to go out to the shelter for an hour or two and walk several of the dogs. Somedays it might be just five guys that go, and other days it could be twenty, either way, it'll help the Animal Welfare League. Between all fraternities we should get five or six days out of the week covered every single week and make sure dogs are being walked every day."

Slavens is the organizer behind this new IFC initiative, but the idea of fraternities being more active at the Animal Welfare League came from dog and cat enthusiast Nick Vedo '19.

"I like to run when it's nice outside," Vedo said. "Back home, I have a golden retriever and we run

at the dunes all the time, so I'm used to running with a dog by my side. Earlier this year I decided to stop by the Animal Welfare League and see if they had any dogs that would want to run with me. I knew that a lot of dogs spend a lot of time inside and that was so sad for me to think about, so I wanted to run with some dogs so they could get a little fresh air."

After running with some of the dogs, it dawned on Vedo that some sort of program could be implemented in the greek community in order for dogs to get walked more often. So he approached IFC President, Slavens, with the idea of working with fraternities to get more students walking dogs at the Animal Welfare League during the entire week.

"The whole idea behind contacting Braiden was the duel purpose a system like this could have," Vedo said. "It's a great philanthropy opportunity for fraternities and the dogs could really benefit from constant interaction. I was hoping to make it a competition between houses so there are people going to the animal welfare league everyday to walk dogs, it should be easy especially since it's starting to get nice out."

Dogs are labelled as man's best friend. Wabash College labels itself as the College for men, so the pairing between students and the Animal Welfare League might be a perfect match. This is a great way to connect with man's best friend throughout the semester.

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APPLAUDING YOURSELF IS NOT GENTLEMANLY

Nearly 22 years ago, I was born in Crawfordsville and have lived here ever since. In fifth grade, my family moved into a house across the street from Wabash, and the campus became my playground. I ran around the arboretum, colliding with trees more than a few times. I went to sporting events, art exhibits, theatre productions whenever I had the chance, and walked around the academic buildings, hoping that I would learn something. My senior year of high school, I was accepted to Wabash and decided to turn my old playground into my future alma mater. With that decision, I embarked on my journey towards becoming a “gentleman,” as so many Wabash grads have before.

Four years later, I want to reflect on that idea of being a gentleman. We all know the rule: “The student is expected to conduct himself at all times, both on and off campus, as a gentleman and a responsible citizen.” I have incredible respect for this rule and the bar Wabash has set for each of its students. The College expects each of us to be gentlemen, and we call ourselves such. However, during my time on campus, I have



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seen students abuse this title and, as my roommate phrased it, use the Gentleman's Rule as a shield.

The most recent example of this took place a few weeks ago when the Gender Issues Committee and the Lecture and Film Committee brought Eleanor Clift, a Washington correspondent for various media outlets, to campus. Part of her visit included a panel, consisting of Mrs. Clift, Professor Adriel Trott, and Coach Don Morel, discussing the #MeToo Movement and how it relates to men at Wabash. Baxter 101 was completely full, with several attendees standing or sitting on the floor. The panelists

talked about what the movement meant to them and how problems of sexual assault and sexual harassment can be solved.

I thought the panel was going well until it came time for audience Q&A. Several students, along with Coach Morel, used this time to speak on how incredible Wabash men are. Multiple students commented on the idea that we are gentlemen, while Coach Morel praised us for holding ourselves to a higher standard. The panel was organized to educate students—who attend an all-male college—on the issues that women are facing in this country; however, the students put up their “Gentleman's Rule shields” to distance themselves from the topic at hand. *We are gentleman, so we would never do these things and therefore, we do not need to learn about them.* I went to the panel to hear a discussion on a movement that I care deeply about, but instead had to listen to a room full of students applauding for themselves.

I cannot deny that Wabash students tend to hold themselves to higher standards. But that does not make us better than other people. That does not give us the right to

ignore real problems in this country and on our campus. By ignoring these problems, and by lessening the importance of the #MeToo Movement panel, students are bound to make mistakes. I have heard stories from more than one young woman about being uncomfortable at Wabash parties. These things would not happen if we were all truly gentleman. Congratulating ourselves for being above such pervasive problems makes them worse, though it does not mean they cannot be solved.

Wabash's mission statement is that we “think critically, act responsibly, lead effectively, and live humanely.” Clapping for ourselves is not thinking critically, nor acting responsibly. If students want to be gentlemen and live by the mission statement, they need to educate themselves on issues such as racism, sexism, homophobia, and others, instead of ignoring them because *we would never do those things.* This college has always meant a lot to me, and I will always speak highly of it, but we need to stop using the *Gentleman's Rule* as a shield and actually start acting as the gentlemen we say we are.

WABASH IS NOT GREAT

I remember four years ago reading *The Bachelor* as a freshman, and I told myself I wanted to write a senior opinion piece about how great Wabash College is. To be frank, Wabash College is NOT as great as we say it is. I recently went to the LGBT college conference MBLGTACC and had a wide variety of discussions with students who went to many different colleges throughout the Midwest, and I was embarrassed talking about Wabash. Wabash, compared to just about every college in the Midwest, is falling behind in many areas. Here are reasons why Wabash is not great.

Professor Jeff Drury gave a chapel talk my freshman year about privilege, and it was the single most important talk that I heard outside of a Wabash classroom. “We do a disservice to the student body if we say come to Wabash, you will have great relationships with your professors, but only if you can physically reach them” he said. If Wabash College is serious about recruiting and retaining people that represent all form of diversities and backgrounds, Wabash needs to understand its privileges.

Understand privilege? The word privilege has a negative connotation and is often misunderstood. According to Merriam Webster, privilege is a right or immunity granted as a peculiar benefit, advantage, or



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favor. If you have a privilege, you should not feel ashamed because you cannot magically change your upbringing, race identity, etc; but you need to understand your privilege, and take advantage of your privilege to help those who are less fortunate.

Drury's chapel talk was October of 2014 and very little has been done, from my knowledge, to help students with physical disabilities to reach their classes and professors. For a college in the 21st century it is ridiculous that less than a third of the living units on campus and half of all other academic buildings are not handicap accessible. As a senior English major, seven of eight semesters at Wabash College I had at least one class on the second/third floor of Center Hall—often multiple classes. Furthermore, all of my advisors have their

office in Center Hall. If I were disabled and unable to use stairs, I would have never had the opportunity to drop into my professor's offices to talk about my work, class, and life. I would have not been able to practice my Rhetoric 101 speech this Sunday with the tutor. While it is true that accommodations can be met to help students with disabilities, these accommodations are a headache that can be avoided. This is a case where I am privilege, and I need to help those who are not.

Ableism aside, another area that plagues our community is our refusal to discuss the admission of transgender individuals. Two years ago, the campus had a huge debate about the admission of transgender individuals, and the Wabash College administration told us transgender activists that, “We do not work in hypotheticals.” ‘Sorry’ Wabash College but this is no longer a hypothetical situation. Wabash Administration has denied a few transgender students within the past three years with a three sentence denial letter. As someone who worked in the admissions office for five semesters, I know a denial letter is at least three full paragraphs long. This is an insult from the college to transgender students. If someone's gender is male, regardless of his or her sex, they should be admitted to

Wabash College, or we should change our college sign from, “The Liberal Arts College for men,” to, “The Liberal Arts College for Penises.”

Lastly, Wabash College needs to further its discussions about toxic masculinity and its relation to mental health. Toxic masculinity does not demonize men and is not an insult to masculinity. Toxic masculinity points out the harmful effects of conformity to traditional male gender roles—such as self-reliance, competition, and dominance. In relation to mental health, tradition male gender roles tell men that they must be self-reliant and emotionally cold. Young boys are told to not cry, to be tough, not gay and feminine, because that makes them weak. This is a recipe for disaster. Men do not seek help when they need it most because of these societal norms about men. Women attempt suicide three times more than men, but men are always twice as effective in completing the suicide. Wabash must continue these discussions about toxic masculinity, because men suffer from it.

I am sure I have not completely changed people's minds, but I encourage you all to further discussions about ableism, transphobia, and toxic masculinity in a productive matter.

I AM A TEACHER, AND I NEED TO BE ARMED

Over the past four years, I have been fortunate enough to be on the track to becoming a secondary teacher. While I studied at Wabash, I taught in Chicago, I substitute taught, and I coached. I have been able to experience education first hand as both a student and a teacher. In all this time spent in the classroom, I have learned one thing: teachers everywhere need to be armed, but not with guns.

President Trump and the NRA claim that teachers should be armed and trained to carry guns in school. Trump even suggested that there would be a bonus for teachers who did so.

One of the biggest problems that jumps out to me with this claim is the cost. Schools are already struggling with low budgets. Many school corporations are so short of funds that they can't provide transportation. According to the Brookings Institute, Trump's 2018 budget suggests a 13.5% spending cut. It provides \$0 for student support. Such cuts would mean the federal government would not give any money for mental-health services or anti-bullying initiatives. Meanwhile, President Trump identifies mental-health as one of the main reasons for the recent shooting in Florida.



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But for the sake for the argument, let's just assume that we start arming teachers with guns. Then, we have a whole new group of problems.

Where should the teachers store the guns? If we kept them in our desks, would that truly help in the event of a school shooting? If we 'needed' the gun in an instant, being in the desk wouldn't help. So would teachers have to have them on their persons? Teachers often dress business casual. There's nowhere to hide the gun, it would have to be visible. This would cause a huge distraction in class. It becomes the focus of the classroom. Are kids going to be able to focus when Mr. B is packing heat? As a middle school teacher, I can confidently say they won't.

Then in the event of a school shooting, do I help escort my students to safety or look for the shooter? Killing human beings is not in a teacher's job description. If I come face to face with the shooter, and it's one of my students, am I supposed to end their life? I have some students that can get under my skin and can be mean, but even if they had a gun, I do not believe there is any way that I could bring myself to pull the trigger, even in self-defense. I have talked with many of the teachers at Fishers and they feel the same way.

We are educators because we love kids, all of our kids! To ask somebody that has spent their life's work helping create a future for children to end one of their students' lives is unimaginable. That should never be an expectation for a teacher.

So what should we arm teachers with? Teachers should be armed with the resources that will help them continue to make impacts in children's lives. Resources such as school psychologists, so we can help students with depression, anger, or other problems that young adolescents face. This way students can receive the emotional support they need and deserve. We can have a huge positive impact on our society if we teach kids that seeking mental

health counseling is not a sign of weakness.

Teachers should be armed with more amazing co-workers. Schools need funding for more teachers. At Wabash, we all know the benefits of small class sizes and the relationships that can form from them. At Fishers Junior High, I have a class with more students than desks, and this is in Hamilton County. In terms of schools funding, they are pretty fortunate, but they still lack enough money and space to have manageable class sizes.

Teachers should be armed with funded supplies for their students. It's inevitable that a student will forget a pencil or pens to grade their homework. I'm sure that many of us even as Wabash men went to a class in middle or high schools and didn't have a pencil for whatever reason. Teachers are responsible for self-funding the resources in their classes. Using their own money for whiteboard markers, pencils, and pens for students. Even as a student-teacher, I have had to buy tools for the class. If we are funding guns in schools before we are funding basic school supplies, we have gone far off track as a country.

There are so many more things that schools and teachers need; deadly weapons are not on that list.

LISTEN TO THESE FEMALE ARTISTS

Since spending time last week listening to Eleanor Clift, members of Wabash's faculty, and students speak about the #MeToo movement, I have been thinking about the many women who have impacted my life in countless positive ways. My mother, sisters, aunts, grandmothers, teachers, and countless others have been essential to my development throughout my life, and I can't thank them enough for making me who I am today.

There are many women outside of those with whom I have personal connections who have contributed to my life as well. Many of these women are recording artists, whose talents, experiences, and perspectives have combined to make compelling art. The music of artists like Nina Simone, Lauryn Hill, and SZA have been the driving force of many of my late-night study sessions. These women are fantastic entertainers, but they also provide a viewpoint, or rather, many viewpoints, which make for music that offers listeners the opportunity to gain insights and expand their own perspectives in ways that wouldn't be possible in a world without them.

Though women like Rihanna, Katy Perry, and Lady Gaga consistently make music that dominates the charts, female artists are generally underappreciated and overlooked. Not a single song in Billboard's Top 20 Songs of 2017 (based on radio airplay and sales data), for instance, was performed by a female artist (though two of them featured female artists). The last song by a



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female artist to top Billboard's year-end list was "Rolling in the Deep" by Adele, which released in 2011, a year when 11 of the top 20 songs were performed by female artists. Years like 2011 are rare, though, and recent trends don't suggest that this will change any time soon.

At the end of every year, Spotify publishes a Year in Music report wherein they list the top 5 most-streamed artist of the previous year. In the last three years, only one of these artists (out of fifteen total spots) is female, Rihanna. This uneven distribution isn't limited to Top 40 music, of course. There are countless female artists who make incredible music with idiosyncratic styles who go unnoticed by the vast majority of their potential audience. Men (myself included) are largely responsible for this, as we often don't pay attention to music by women, especially when it's a genre other than pop. Though I know that music sales aren't the most pressing issue in the fight for gender equality, I'd like to encourage anyone who

may end up reading this to check out some modern female artists whose music may not be on your radar. By doing so, you will have the chance to step into the world of someone whose experiences can broaden your outlook.

There are quite a few notable female rock artists whose music has broken into the mainstream in years past, but if I asked a group of my peers to name an active rock artist who wasn't a man, I'm not sure any of them would be able to. This is really a missed opportunity, as there are currently a multitude of women producing much of the best the genre has to offer. Courtney Barnett, for instance, makes a unique brand of music which is partly inspired by grunge and psychedelia. Barnett's lyrics often have a stream-of-consciousness feel and are delivered in a deadpan voice. *Rolling Stone* named her album, "Sometimes I Sit and Think, and Sometimes I Just Sit", the sixth best album of 2015. If you're looking for something more conventional, Angel Olsen is another woman who makes great rock music. Olsen's powerful, polished anthems draw inspiration from country artists like Hank Williams but also happen to be powered by electric guitars. "Shut Up Kiss Me", which Pitchfork listed eighth on its list of Best Songs of 2016, is as good as any rock song that has been released in the last five years.

Female artists in the Hip-Hop/R&B realm deserve just as much attention. Jamila Woods, who actually visited Wabash two years ago, is an artist from Chicago who

has collaborated with Chance the Rapper on "Sunday Candy" in the past. Her solo material is criminally underappreciated, though. Her debut album, "HEAVN", contains sweet, melodic tunes, and powerful protest music which is informed by her experience as a black woman. Kelela is another R&B artist whose sound is closer to that of modern pop and electronic music. It's far from generic, though. Her innovative style of music shares DNA with much of today's most popular music, but is far better than the vast majority of it. Her most recent album, "Take Me Apart," was named the fourth best album of 2017 by Pitchfork. Though I'm reaching my word limit, I'd be doing a disservice if I didn't mention at least one of my favorite female hip-hop artists, who face more discrimination than female artists from any other genre. Noname, who has collaborated with both Chance the Rapper and Jamila Woods, makes soulful rap music, which tells stories of her upbringing in Chicago. Her performance on NPR's Tiny Desk Concert Series is a good place to start.

I hope that anyone reading this considers expanding their music library by checking out some of the artists mentioned above. If even just one person discovers a new favorite artist, I consider myself successful in my endeavor. If anyone feels compelled to check out any more talented women who aren't mentioned above, consider doing searches on St. Vincent (Rock), ANOHNI (Electronic), Princess Nokia (Rap), and Kacey Musgraves (Country). Happy listening!

“AN EXPERIMENT IN HUMANITY”

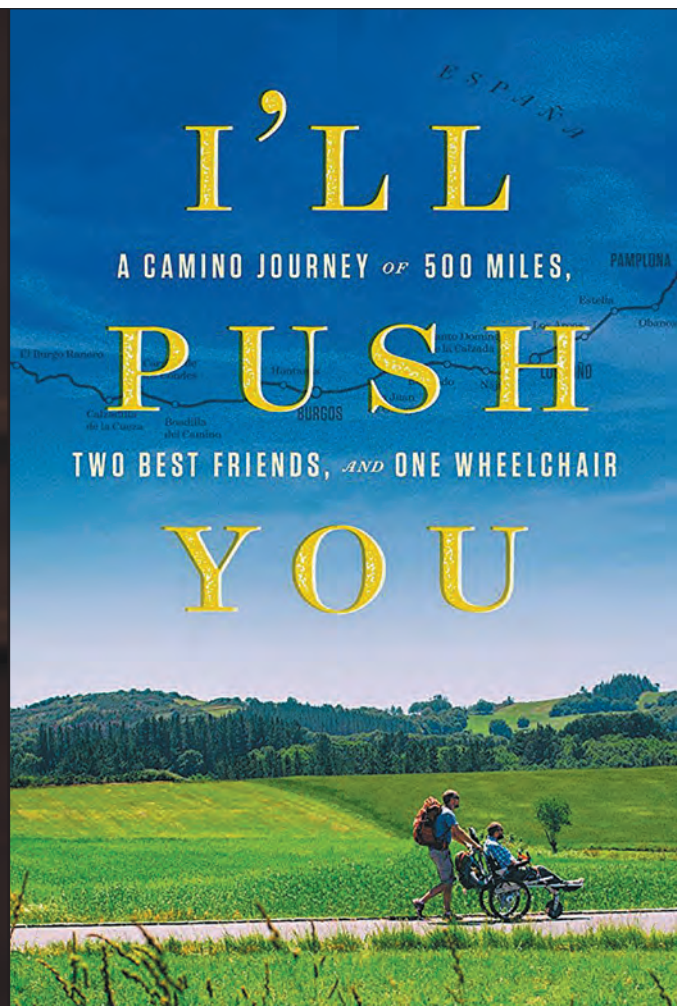


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I'll Push For You was released as a film in 2016 and then was adapted as a novel in the summer of 2017. The authors, Justin Skeesuck and Patrick Gray, tour the United States sharing their story with colleges and various charity organizations.

AUSTIN RUDICEL '20 | STAFF WRITER • Last Sunday, Wabash had the privilege of not only screening an award-winning documentary, but was also able to bring the two extraordinary men who the documentary is about to campus for a question and answer session following the film. *I'll Push You* is a heartwarming tale of two lifelong best friends going on a seemingly impossible journey across the Camino de Santiago, a 500-mile long pilgrimage route across Spain. Although the trail is a difficult for anyone to traverse, the challenge in this story is that one of the men is confined to a wheelchair.

Patrick Gray and Justin Skeesuck were born merely hours apart from each other and have been bestfriends

for 43 years. From childhood shenanigans all the way into adulthood, the two developed an unbreakable bond that can overcome any challenge thrown at them. When Skeesuck was diagnosed with Multifocal Acquired Motor Axonopathy (MAMA), a rare disease similar to ALS that can cause weakness in movement and even complete loss of mobility, Gray stood by his best friend and was willing to assist in any way he could.

One day in 2012, Skeesuck watched a special from the Public Broadcasting Service that talked about Spain and described the pilgrimage across the Camino. When hearing about the struggles pilgrims were forced to overcome on the trail, he had an

overwhelming urge to go on this journey and knew exactly who he wanted to go with. Without hesitation, he called Gray and told him about the trip. The title of the documentary came from Patrick's response; "I'll push you."

The idea to make this adventure into something beyond two people's journey and into something that can be shared with the world came to Gray when he requested to his boss that he would need six weeks off to make the trip.

"My boss told me this idea was too inspiring that we would be "selfish and irresponsible" if we did not document it," Gray said. From that, Skeesuck contacted a friend from college who works at a video production company

and informed him on his plans to film the trip. After two years of careful planning, the journey began.

On their trip, the two had opportunities to learn things they had never known about themselves, each other, and people in general.

"It was more than a journey," Gray said. "This was an experiment in humanity." Along the way, the two met strangers who were willing to help out and push Skeesuck and share in the experience. As Skeesuck was pushed by new friends, he asked them to talk about their life and shared his with them. Gray also learned to open up

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WICKKISER CELEBRATES NEW BOOK

JAKE CHRISMAN '20 | STAFF

WRITER • Bronwen Wickkiser, Theodore Bedrick Associate Professor of Classics, celebrated the publishing of her third book with the Wabash community this past Wednesday. The reception, located in the 1832 Brew Lounge, provided a great opportunity for Wabash students to see another side of faculty life.

The Thyme at Epidauros: Healing, Space, and Musical Performance in Late Classical Greece is a 10+ year collaborative project undertaken by Wickkiser and her colleagues. It discusses a round building in the Ancient Greek city Epidauros.

The building is a closed round building, which is a rare form of building in ancient Greece," Wickkiser said.

Wickkiser also disclosed a unique labyrinth style basement. This building has always troubled scholars, but Wickkiser and her colleagues took a new approach to understanding it.

"We are proposing that it was used for musical performance," Wickkiser said. "Music would have been performed inside the building that would have been amplified by the unique substructure. Since it is in a healing sanctuary, we are also arguing that the musical performance was therapeutic."

Wickkiser is thrilled to finally have this book published. "The expectations for teaching are very high at Wabash,"

Derek Nelson '99, Chairman of the Religion Department, said. "We work very closely with students and teach more classes per semester than at research universities. It is harder to find the time and energy to do that. So the fact that Dr. Wickkiser has done that multiple times is amazing."

Wickkiser has previously published *Asklepios, Medicine, and the Politics of Healing in Fifth-Century Greece* and co-edited *Aspects of Ancient Greek Cult*. *The Thyme at Epidauros: Healing, Space, and Musical Performance in Late Classical Greece* is her third publication and her first collaborative publication.

"This was a different kind of book," Wickkiser said. "We are hoping that this becomes a bit of a model for how research is done in Classics."

Wickkiser plans next to release another edited volume of *Aspects of Ancient Greek Cult*. Wickkiser said, "It is always a big deal in academia to write a book. We are thrilled to have this finally see the light of day."

Wickkiser is very thankful for the Wabash Community and their support of her new book. "This is my third book but my first book party," Wickkiser said. "It feels great to have this support from the Wabash Community. It's awesome to see so many faculty and students coming out and taking an interest in this kind of work."



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Dr. Wickkiser's new book, *The Thyme at Epidauros: Healing, Space, and Musical Performance in Late Classical Greece*, took over 10 years to complete.

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to strangers and allow them to take over for him and push his best friend when he needed a break. Through this openness and vulnerability with other humans, the two were able to overcome something that seemed impossible.

"Nothing is too difficult if you embrace others," Gray said. As humans, people often want to do things independently and are often afraid to ask for help, but the two learned that this is the key to success in life.

"It opened new doors and allowed us to exceed our weaknesses," Skeesuck said. Once the journey ended, the process of turning over 600 hours of footage into a film began. Gray and Skeesuck had little experience editing film, so they let the video company guide them in their creative vision. There was one aspect that Skeesuck required to be in the film and that was a particular song, "Live it Well" by Switchfoot.

"When I first heard it, I knew it had to be in the film," Skeesuck said. The song gives a fitting, inspirational ending to the documentary that left audiences

with warm smiles and appreciation for humanity. The documentary went on to win awards at Newport Beach Film Festival and the Audience Choice award at Heartland Film Festival and continues to inspire people to embrace strangers with compassion.

"It is about humanity at its finest; a story of the purest love and compassion," Gray said.

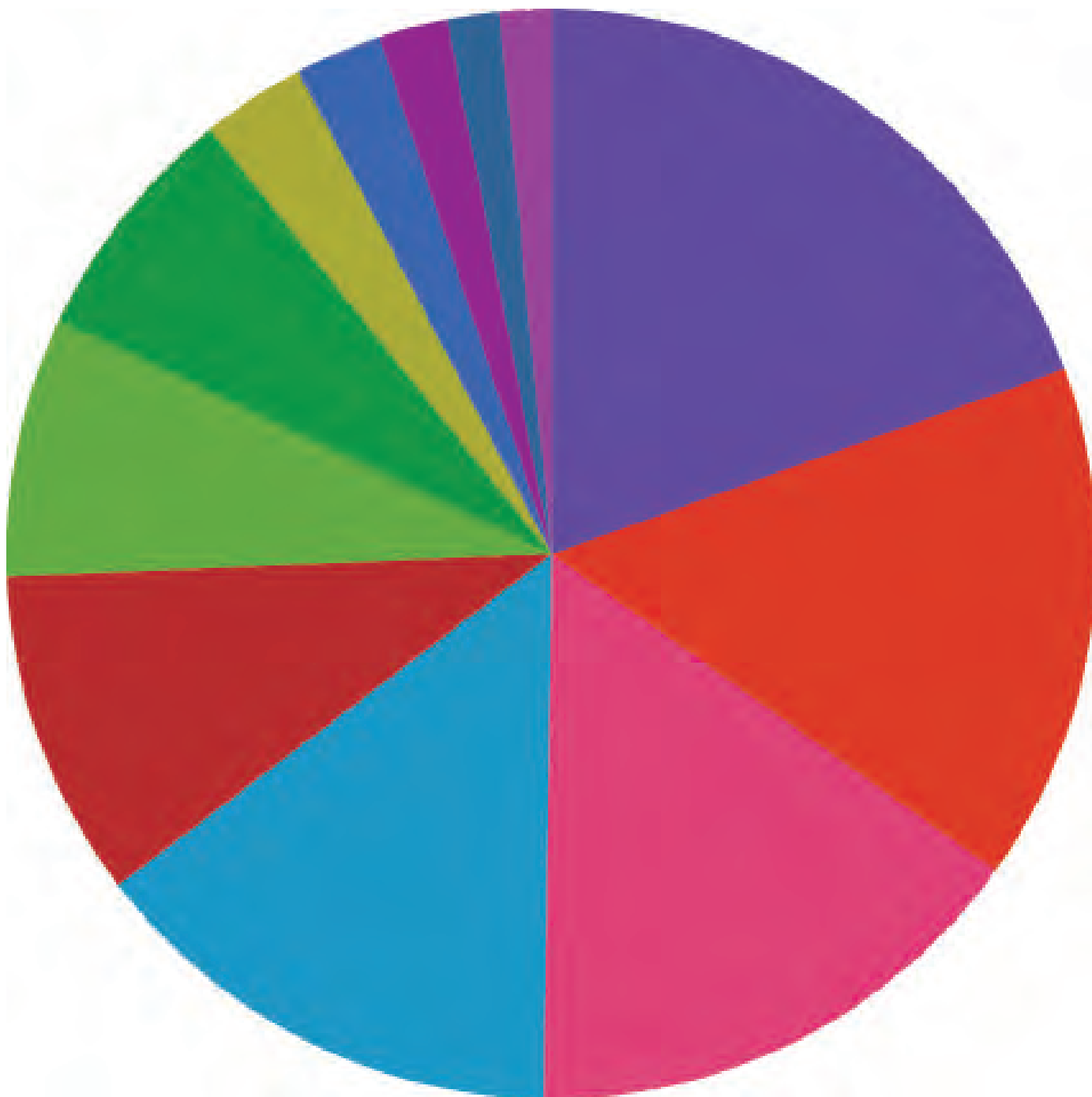
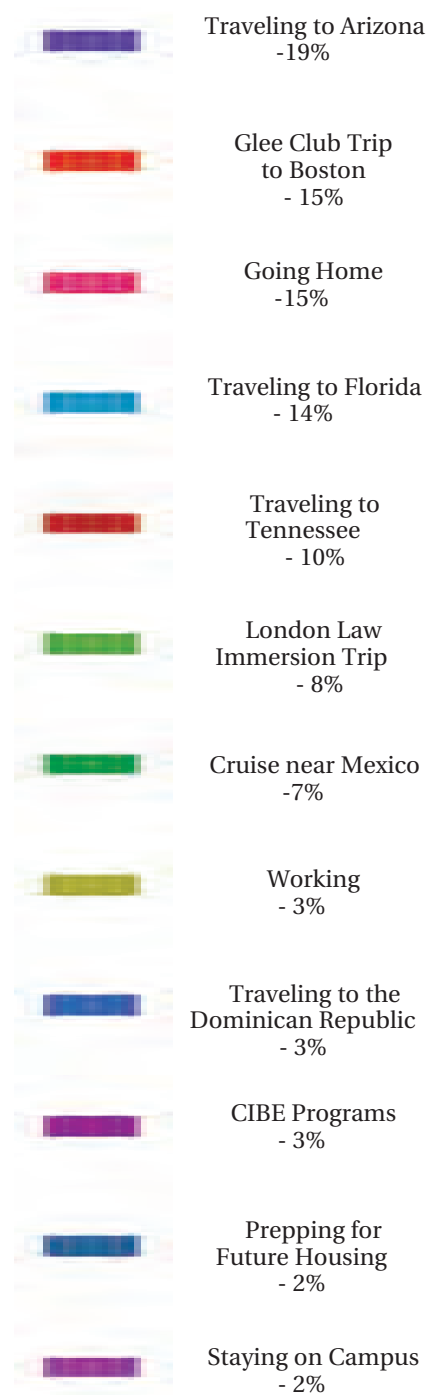
A driving force on the journey for Skeesuck and Gray was their willingness to create meaningful relationships with others and their desire to make each other better men. These ideas can be integrated into the Wabash brotherhood as the campus should always look for ways to help others overcome their weaknesses and make them into better men.

Skeesuck and Gray are currently traveling across the country to share their experience with others. With one book released in June 2017 and a children's book coming out in the near future, the two have a lot to share and inspire from their experiences and lessons learned from their time on the Camino de Santiago.

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WALLIES TRAVEL FAR AND WIDE FOR SPRING BREAK



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AN ATHLETE'S SPRING BREAK

AUSTIN HOOD '21 | STAFF WRITER • For many Wabash Men, and college students in general, spring break is a week to take a break from hitting the books, escape from campus (and the cold Midwestern air), and relax to prepare for the second half of the semester. Indeed, the archetype of the fun-filled beach vacation, complete with plenty of volleyball and adult beverages, looms large around this time of year.

However, many Little Giants never see this dream of a Hollywood-esque spring break materialize. For spring athletes at Wabash College, spring break is a time for hard work and competition, and many find that during this week the beach seems farther from Crawfordsville than Mars.

Adrian Tejada '18 is a defenseman on the Wabash lacrosse team since his freshman year, and team obligations have kept him busy every spring break. This is far from the spring break fantasy that Tejada had before coming to Wabash.

"I think the typical idea for a college spring break is to go somewhere down south and just party," Tejada said. "That's definitely far from the reality for me. There's never been any beaches and definitely no girls."

For Tejada, spring break is a week almost completely dedicated to his sport.

"My spring break has typically been pretty busy," Tejada said. "We play games,



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Spring athletes at Wabash College forgo their spring break in order to travel with their team and compete out of state.

we practice, they keep us occupied. If you're not doing something directly related to your sport, you're either eating or sleeping."

This spring break will be no different for the senior from Seattle, Washington.

Wabash Lacrosse is hitting the road to play Piedmont College in Demorest, Georgia on March 4, William Peace University in Raleigh, North Carolina on March 7, and Kenyon College on March 11.

Spring athletes from all over the Wabash community find themselves grinding through the week, splitting time practice, competition, and sleep. This can be taxing, and many find themselves envious of friends who are able to get away for the week. For Tejada, however, the jealousy isn't born out a desire to party.

"I think the envy really resides in a desire for relaxation," Tejada said. "Having to grind through the only break of the spring semester is a pretty demoralizing feeling."

Spring break is not all doom and gloom for Wabash's Spring athletes.

"I get to do what I love by playing lacrosse," Tejada said. "Playing at the collegiate level is something that not everyone gets to do, so obviously I'm grateful for that. Plus, you get to go somewhere new and the travel costs are all expenses paid."

"A lot of people say, 'awh that stink that you don't have a real spring break,' when I tell them the baseball teams traveling," Cody Cochran '18 said. "But, it's awesome to have a week where the only thing you have to do is play baseball and hang out with your teammates."

These athletes revel at the opportunity to compete in the sport they love. For many seniors, it is the last time that they will have an opportunity to play the sport they grew up loving.

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University in the first period.

“Going back to the National Tournament for me was part of the plan from the very beginning of the year,” Doster said. “Obviously, I am ecstatic to make another trip there, but we have bigger aims and goals in mind. For myself and my coaches, our goal for the season is to bring home a National title. So, for me, the trip is a business trip and four matches separate me from that goal. That is the focus now, but since I have been there before, I will be able to enjoy the scene and the atmosphere without all the nerves of being there for the first time.”

Bethel performed outstanding in his first regional tournament as a Little Giant, going 4-0 through the two days. Bethel exploded out of the gate on Friday with a first round fall over Waynesburg University’s Robert Hall. He followed this up with a hard fought 6-4 win over Samuel Florentino from Washington and Jefferson College. Bethel made quick work of Stanley Bleich from Baldwin Wallace to kick off Saturday and secure his spot in the national tournament. Bethel received a medical forfeit in the finals.

Hatch had little trouble qualifying for his first national tournament this past weekend. “This past weekend went well. We went in to the second day strong, but we lost some guys in the storm,” Hatch said. “It felt great personally to get to Nationals and I cannot wait to get after it. We have a young team and we know it is going to get better as the future draws near.” Hatch pinned his first opponent 27 seconds into the second period. He then capped off Friday with a technical fall over Jimmy Traub from Thomas Moore. Hatch punched his ticket to the national tournament on Saturday with a 12-2 victory over Ohio Northern University’s Gavin Nelson. Hatch carried this momentum into the finals where he pinned Mount Union’s Michael McIntire midway through the second period.

Schurg and Bates both went 3-1 in their second place efforts on Saturday. Schurg will return for his second national appearance. Bates



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Grant Gough '18 stares down his opponent at the start of one of his matches during the Central Region Qualifier.

will be making his first national appearance after an impressive weekend, beating several, very good wrestlers to put himself in the first place match.

“This past weekend was awesome,” Bates said. “We had all 10 wrestlers make the second day of the tournament, and we pushed five through to the national tournament. We also had a few guys that were right on the verge of making it in, Jared Timberman '21, Grant Gough '18, and Wade Ripple '21. Overall, it was an awesome tournament, and I’m excited

for the years to come with this young team.”

Five other wrestlers competed in the regional tournament to help the Little Giants take second in team points, just behind Baldwin Wallace University. In his final tournament as a Little Giant, Grant Gough '18 lost a heartbreaking 7-5 match to Waynesburg’s Ken Burrs to finish fourth in the tournament and fall just short of a national appearance.

The five qualifying wrestlers will return to action on March 9-10 after getting a weekend off.

The national tournament will be held in Cleveland, Ohio at the Cleveland Public Auditorium and Conference Center. “I would say I’m looking forward to wrestling the most,” Doster said. “I love it, and the National Tournament is the biggest stage available to me to compete on. I enjoy competing, letting it all hang loose, and just giving our supporters a show. The roar of the crowd and the electric atmosphere are like nothing else. I am excited to share it with my teammates and make some noise this year.”



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Anthony Cicciarelli '21 celebrates after winning a match.



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Darden Schurg '19 prepares his next move against his opponent.



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OPENING WEEKEND WAS A HOME RUN

WABASH BASEBALL CLAIMS TWO VICTORIES OPENING WEEKEND

PATRICK MCAULEY '19 &

JACOB CHRISMAN '20 | STAFF WRITERS • This past weekend, the Wabash baseball team opened up their season with three consecutive games. Traveling back and forth to Westfield, Indiana on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, the Little Giants were able to capture two out of their three games. Friday evening, the squad took it to Transylvania

University in a 12-4 victory. After coming off a solid victory to begin their season, the team finished a close game against an experienced University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh on Saturday with a 5-4 win. Finally, on Sunday, the Little Giants played against Transylvania once again but dropped the game against the Pioneers. The weekend was successful, and much of it came from good prep throughout the prior weeks of practice.

"I thought we played very well in our first weekend," said Charlie Brewer '20. "The conditions were not great, but we reacted well to that."

During the first few weeks of practice, the team focused on

high-intensity game scenarios. With the pressure on and players possessing a competitive mindset during training, the improvements came quickly. Some of the set-ups included live hitting with pitchers throwing with a game-ready mentality and runners at third base putting pressure on pitchers by trying to score. The team also took a trip to Indianapolis for a stop at Bishop Chatard High School for an inner squad match up. These game-like settings give players a chance to hone their physical and mental abilities by essentially forcing them to conform to the competition. A strong mental attitude also profoundly contributed to the team's victories this past weekend.

In game one, Eric Chavez '19 recorded 4 singles and a triple, driving in two runs and scoring one on the day. Jackson Blevins '20 also had a great day at the plate recording a single and a double in three at-bats. Blevins drove in three runs in the 12-4 win. On the mound, Bryan Roberts '18 recorded the win. He threw six complete innings recording five strikeouts and allowing only one run. Erich Lange '19, BleTyler Cooper '18, and Sean Smith '21 all contributed to the victory on the mound as well. Brewer said, "It was good to see some young guys performing well at the plate and on the mound. The future of our program looks very bright right now."

The team has a winning attitude. For any college-level baseball team, weekend openers can show signs of jitter or signs of fire. Bryce Aldridge '20 attests to the team's strong desire to win that stems from having clarity in their minds. "I think we came out of the gate pretty well and our mental attitude was the best sign...As long as we keep focusing on that, we can keep chipping away at the little things," Aldridge said. When a team possesses a strong mentality, then practices are more successful. Guys are not worried as much about their emotions, and they can focus in on improving their play. Nonetheless, many Little Giants that embraced the first few weeks of practice came out strong in the openers.

On Saturday, Aldridge '18 went two for two at the plate, plating one run. Blevins also recorded his fourth RBI of the season and went one for two at the plate on Saturday. Chavez picked up where he left off driving in his third RBI of the season. Zach Moffett '20 recorded his first collegiate win on Saturday. He threw in the 8th and the 9th innings striking out one batter. Cody Cochran '18 started on the mound and threw six innings, before Lange came in



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Sean Roginski '19 retreats to third base after making initial moves to head for home.

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the 7th, who handed the reins to Moffett in the 8th.

Wabash rallied on Sunday, but it was too little, too late. Starting off on fire, Blevins plate three more RBIs on Sunday on two hits. Other Little Giants with good games at the plate on Sunday were Sean Roginski '19 and Jared Wolfe '19. At the plate Ryan Thomas '19 took the loss, throwing three innings. Also throwing in the 10-9 loss was Lange, Smith, and Moffett. "Obviously, it would have been nice to sweep and take all three this weekend, but 2 out of three is a good start," Jordan Hansen '18 said. "A multitude of freshman saw their first collegiate action and performed at a high level. They are going to be integral pieces to our success this season."

The whole team combined for 31 hits over the weekend. Chavez

battled .282. Playing his first game for the College, Jackson Blevins '20 drove in six runs in two games. Aldridge, one of the team's captains, hit five out of his eight at-bats for a combined batting average of .625.

The Little Giants are coming off of a 22-16 season under Head Coach Jake Martin's first season as the head coach. "I think the biggest take away from this weekend and something Coach Martin reiterates is two-fold," Hansen said. "First, we have a lot to work on. Second, the expectations are set and we have a little taste of what we can do and accomplish as a team this season." The Little Giants are traveling to Tuscon, Arizona for Spring break. They will be playing seven games throughout the week and open with Simpson College on Sunday, March 4th.



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Bryan Roberts '18 releases a curveball towards homeplate.

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TRACK AND FIELD STARTS CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

ZACH MOFFETT '20 | STAFF WRITER • The Wabash indoor track and field team traveled to two events this past weekend. Their first event was the conference championship hosted at Denison University, while the other event they participated in was the Fred Wilt Invitational hosted at Anderson University. Wabash only participated in certain events during the NCAC Tournament at Denison and will continue the rest of the tournament this week as it is hosted here at Wabash.

At the conference tournament, the big story was the heptathlon event where Wabash had three tough competitors. Angus Edmundson '21, Hunter Baehl '20, and Ballard Suiter '20 all three

competed in this event this past weekend. Edmundson finished sixth overall with his highest finish was in the 60-meter hurdles where he recorded an 8.95 second time to gain 757 points in the event. He had a total of 3,752 total points after the weekend. Baehl followed close behind as he took an eighth place finish with his top event being the 60-meter dash that he finished in 7.42 seconds, recording 739 points in that event. He finished with a total of 3,693 points and Suiter brought in some more points as he took 11th, finishing with 3,319 total points.

The other portion of the team competed in the Fred Wilt Invitational in Anderson, which was non-scoring. PJ Mays '19 and PJ Shafer '18 both finished in the top three in Saturday's event in the high jump. Shafer tied for first with a height of 6 feet, 1.25 inches, and Mays finished third with a top height of 5 feet 9.25 inches. Soon following this performance, Pete Trotter '21 placed third in weight throw with his best throw of 54 feet, 2.5 inches. Josh Wiggins '21 and RaShawn Jones '20 displayed a very competitive race when they finished with a hair difference of .01 second. Wiggins took the first spot with a time of 8.47 and Jones merely behind with a time of 8.48. Also to add Joe Deiser '21 took fourth place in the 800-meter race, Drew Lukens '20 placed fifth in the 5,000-meter race, and finally Austin Ellingwood '18 finished fifth in the 400-meter dash.

The Little Giants will gear up for the final part of the conference championship. Wabash will be hosting the event on March 2nd to March 3rd. There will be live coverage of the meet covered by the NCAC.

LACROSSE STRIKES BACK

IAN WARD '19 | ONLINE EDITOR • This past Sunday, the Wabash lacrosse team bounced back from an initial rough start to their season, defeating Wilmington College, 19-6. The Wabash offense dominated the game. Led by Steven Stark '19 and Collin Brennan '19, tallying 10 points each, both players broke the Wabash College lacrosse record for most points in a game. Stark previously held the record with nine points.

Off an assist from Brennan just 67 seconds into the game, Tucker Dixon '19 scored the first goal of the game making the score 1-0 early. From here, the first period ended with Wabash leading 4-2. Dixon added another off a second assist from Brennan. Dixon then returned the favor and Brennan scored his first goal of the game off an assist from Dixon. Jake Taylor '20 contributed the final goal of first quarter.

In the second quarter, both the Wabash offense and defense were dominant scoring five goals to Wilmington's two. Stark led the quarter making a hat trick of goals within three and a half minutes, with Dixon also completing his hat trick late in the quarter.

In the second half, Wabash deconstructed the Wilmington defense

outscored them 10-2 in the half. Dajon Thomas added four goals in the second half off assists from Dixon, Taylor, and Stark.

"It was nice to play a similar sized squad, and be able to capitalize on that," Chase Cochran '20 said.

By the end of the game, Wabash had outshot Wilmington 43-23 and forced 28 turnovers. One key to victory was Wabash's control of the ground ball game; Wabash capitalized on 42 ground balls, giving them more possessions and opportunities to score. Wabash went 4 of 9 in extra man opportunities where Wilmington scored just two goals off 12 opportunities.

"I'm proud of how the team responded after Saturday's loss. All week we worked hard to correct our mistakes and it paid off," Stark said. "We like to recognize that one guy who scored a lot of goals or made a cool play, but in reality, this team made plays all day that put us in a position to be successful."

With their first win of the season in the books, Wabash will be heading south to Georgia and North Carolina over spring recess for two more non-conference games, before starting their 2018 NCAC campaign on March 11 at Kenyon College.



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Rogeno Malone '20 sprints down the lane.



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Chase Cochran '20 pursues a Wilmington ball carrier as he races down the field.