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Freedom with Responsibility to Continue Under Redding



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Dean Redding addresses new Wabash men on Freshman Saturday.

ALEX ROTARU '22 | ASSISTANT COPY EDITOR • After Dean of Students Michael Raters '85 resigning on May 13 this year, after 11 years of service to the college and to the student body in the role, Associate Professor of German Gregory Redding '88 has taken over as Acting Dean of Students. During his time at Wabash, he was a brother at Lambda Chi Alpha and a member of the cross-country team member. After graduation, he held many positions at Wabash College, such as fraternity advisor, faculty athletic representative to the NCAC, and faculty athletic committee chair, which gave him experience relevant to his present role with the college.

In his experience with Wabash, a recurring theme for Redding has been that each generation of students wants to leave its mark on the institution by making it better than it was. “I think Wabash today, in so many ways, is demonstrably better as an institution than it was when I was a student,” Redding said. “[Students] have opportunities that we couldn’t even dream about: the immersion learning

opportunities, using technology in beneficial ways, Career Services [and many others].”

The same holds true for administrations past and present. While Redding has many initiatives in store for the college, he will also help the college grow by building on the foundation built by Raters and his initiatives. “The most important thing Dean Raters did was cultivate that ethos of freedom with responsibility,” Redding said. “I think this is so much of what makes Wabash College work. And all of that, of course, hinges on the Gentleman’s Rule. I’m going to continue all the years of work that Dean Raters did to hold students to that and make them live the Gentleman’s Rule.” Because of the Gentleman’s Rule, students have the unique opportunity to experiment and develop through trial and error in a safe environment, which makes Wabash a truly special place.

There are many initiatives Redding will be championing in his time as Acting Dean of Students. First, in light of the two tragedies that have struck campus over the past three years, as

well as those that have struck other institutions in recent history, mental health has been at the forefront of the Student Life initiatives. “We’ve become increasingly aware in recent years of the growing need to attend to everyone’s mental health,” Redding said. “So, we’ve provided a lot of training for faculty and staff, in the last couple of years, on how to help people who might be struggling with mental health issues. This year, we’re exploring options for providing more training to the student body in general, since the students are really on the front lines. They’re the ones talking to each other.”

Other areas for improvement include the check-out process in the Spring, so as to ease the Orientation and check-in processes in the Fall, as well as student activity planning, and general communication between departments. The goal for the college is to become as student-centered as possible, in order to insure the best possible outcome for Wabash men. While the Gentleman’s Rule enables and encourages students to seek their own paths in life at their own pace, “I think students benefit from a

little more structure and guidance from faculty and staff,” Redding said. An example of such a situation, according to Redding, would be the difference in recent fellowship outcomes, compared to when there was no dedicated staff to help with applications.

One of the challenges in turning the Dean of Students’ Office into a place for guidance which is student-centered is its association with it being a place of discipline. “That’s a very small part of what Student Life [including the Dean of Students’ Office] is at Wabash,” Redding said. “What Student Life does is help students have a better experience here,” Redding said.

In Redding’s opinion, the most important aptitude anyone can have, from students, to faculty, to the Dean of Students, is curiosity. “To me, not coupling raw intelligence with curiosity will cause you to under-utilize your intelligence,” Redding said. In his position, having curiosity enables him to challenge the status quo, and help the Student Life team come up with better ways to improve the quality of life at Wabash.

New Professors Take Wabash into New Territory

JAKE VERMEULEN | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • Every year, Wabash welcomes new professors onto campus. Those new professors have to adjust to new surroundings and navigate a unique academic environment while striving to teach students well. However, two of the newest professors on campus this year face an additional challenge.

In addition to teaching and adjusting to Wabash, Mark McCartin-Lim, BKT Assistant Professor of Computer Science, and Nicholas Snow, BKT Assistant Professor of Economics, are also in charge of building the new Computer Science and PPE (Philosophy, Politics, and Economics) majors respectively.

McCartin-Lim received his PhD in Computer Science from the University of Massachusetts- Amherst before coming to Wabash, and will be tasked with teaching much of the Computer Science curriculum, as it transitions from a minor to a major at Wabash. “I wanted to go to an environment that was teaching-focused, because I have a lot of ideas about how the Computer Science curriculum of the 21st Century should evolve,” McCartin-Lim said. He noted that, in spite of how rapidly the field is evolving, the Computer Science curriculum has not changed much in recent years. “If you look at Computer Science curriculums at a lot of universities, you’ll find that they’ve remained relatively stagnant since the ‘70s.

When asked about the challenge of building a new major, McCartin-Lim said, “The most daunting part is that I’m going to have to teach a lot of different courses. If you go to a large department, you might just teach the one course that you’re most passionate about, or that you studied the most. Here, I’m going to

get experience, basically teaching the entire Computer Science curriculum.” He noted that he is excited to get started on building the major, with the goal of making Computer Science seem more accessible to students of all types. “One of the things that I would like to do is dispel the myth that Computer Science is synonymous with coding... programming is to Computer Science as writing is to Political Science, or any major that is writing intensive. It’s how we communicate with the machine, but there are concepts underlying that.”

Snow has a shorter learning curve for adjusting to Wabash, as he has spent time here as a Visiting Professor a few years ago. He was familiar with Wabash from academic circles before he came to teach here. “I was actually familiar with Ben Rogge already from when I worked at the Foundation for Economic Education. I had known of Wabash’s reputation. Wabash is also the place where Milton Friedman’s “Capitalism and Freedom” was originally given as a series of lectures.”

Snow took a very similar view to building a department as McCartin-Lim did. “It is very daunting, but at the same time very exciting,” Snow said. “I don’t think I could do it on my own. Luckily, I’m not. I’m working with Professors Gower and McCrary as well. We all do still feel very overwhelmed, but at the same time it’s rather exciting. The good thing about Wabash in general it’s a very supportive community.”

Snow and McCartin-Lim are both coming to Wabash with a significant task ahead of them, but they will both have an early opportunity to leave their marks on Wabash, as they build the new majors at Wabash.



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After a brief stint at IU, Snow is back home at Wabash.

Wabash Mafia Keeps Wallies Busy Over the Summer

ALEX ROTARU '22 | ASSISTANT COPY EDITOR • When people hear the word 'internship,' most think of that one experience they must have had the summer of their junior year, which would make or break their career. This is not the case at Wabash, where any student, from any graduating class, can have a summer and/or semester internship. This, in large part, is due to the efforts of the Professional Development team at Career Services, and alumni contributions.

The Bachelor staff sat down with two of the many students who have had amazing summer internships: Nicholas Winter '20, who interned with the financial planning software company Adorant Group; and Lukios Stefan '21, who interned at Stanton Chase, in Washington, DC.

Winter was a sales intern, whose role involved anything from cold calls to sales development. Having completed the Sales Immersion Program, offered by the Center for Innovation, Business, and Entrepreneurship (CIBE) in January 2019, Winter has had the opportunity to apply the skills and methodologies he learned to real-world situations over the summer. "Bond and rapport

are very important - building a general sense of trust and respect with the person you're trying to sell to -," Winter said. "The upfront contract - establishing that there are ground rules to the game of sales - is the [single most important ingredient to success]." Other important skills to have in sales, in Winter's opinion, are asking good questions and being resilient in the face of the multitude of no's a salesman gets while cold calling.

As President of the Delta Chi chapter of Sigma Chi fraternity, Winter will use the skillset honed and acquired this summer for the remainder of his term to improve internal communication and unity within the house. The experience also enabled him to gauge his interest and abilities in sales.

Stefan has had two roles at his internship at Stanton Chase: research associate intern, who helps source candidates; and executive assistant for alumnus Jeff Perkins '89, where Stefan was tasked with managing Perkins' and his team's schedule. One of the biggest challenges he had to face was adapting to a whole new culture and atmosphere in the nation's capital. "DC is such a diverse place, both ethnically and in

terms of ideas in general," Stefan said. "DC is [also] a very high stress area. Everyone there is really putting in the hours."

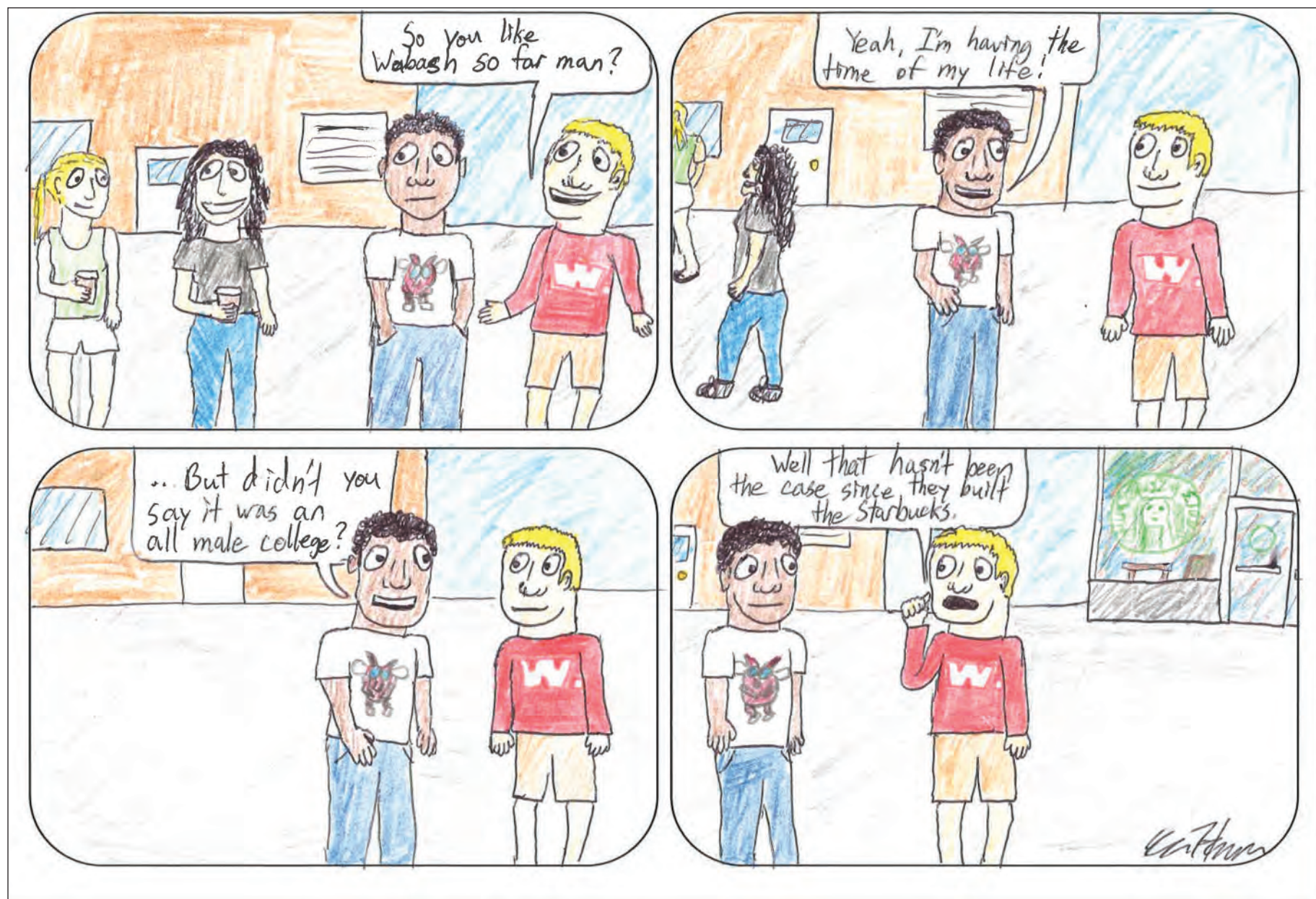
The experience enabled Stefan, who is a Los Angeles native, to find out what life is like at a large company. "I learned quickly that, especially in executive recruiting, being detail-oriented is an essential skill when you are in the workplace," Stefan said. "People don't recognize when there's a lot of detail in the work you do. But they do notice it when it's not there [...] [Also,] as a student, you're just thinking about how your personal work affects the way teachers and other students look at you. But, when you're working for a big company, you're representing a bigger entity. And if you do something wrong, you're making the firm look like they're responsible for what you have done." Adaptability and time management are the most important skills Stefan developed through this experience.

All Wabash summer interns are required to write a blog on their experience, reflecting on what they have learned, what they have done, and how it helps them in the

future. "I think it helps the student who writes the blog to start talking about their experience with their summer employer," Alejandro Reyna '17, member of the Professional Development team, said. "If you are unable to talk about your summer experience once you're done, it will be difficult to use that experience to get a better internship or full-time position once you start applying." We invite you to check them out at blog.wabash.edu/summerinternships/.

In preparation for this year's summer internship application season, Reyna has a few suggestions on what to do to get ahead of the game. First, make sure you read your e-mails. This cannot be emphasized enough. Every event the college has is announced via e-mail. Also, make sure you RSVP for any career sessions that pique your interest, stay updated with any events posted on Handshake by checking it at least weekly, and use all of the career resources available for free to all Wabash students. Career Services is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m to noon and 1 p.m to 4.30 p.m, for any student interested in getting on top of their professional development.

Comic Relief by Samuel Hansen '22



Wabash in the Princeton Review 2019

Wabash has been featured in Princeton Review's Best 385 Colleges since 1992. Here are the highlights for this year:

- Overall academic rating of 92 with scores of 99 in the categories associated with teaching, faculty interest, and accessibility
- Top 13 percent of more than 2,500 U.S.-based four-year colleges
- Top-20 in 13 categories overall, including six rankings in the top-five nationally

No. 2 in "Best Alumni Network"

No. 3 in "Most Accessible Professors"

No. 3 in "Best School for Internships"

No. 4 in "Lots of Greek Life,"

No. 5 in "Everyone Plays Intramural Sports"

No. 5 in "Best Career Services"

No. 10 in "Professors Get High Marks"

No. 10 in "Best College Newspaper"

No. 13 in "Best Class Experience"

No. 13 in "Great Financial Aid"

No. 13 in "Best-Run Colleges"

No. 15 in "Best Health Services."

No. 29 in "Best Value Colleges"

People Don’t Want The Radical Left



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Free healthcare? Forgive all student debt? Open borders? Major restrictions on firearms? \$15 minimum wage? These are just some of the policies that have been proposed by multiple Democratic (Far Left) Presidential candidates. If any of these policies seem too radical for you, don’t worry, you are not in the minority.

If you have been keeping up with the 2020 Democratic Presidential hopefuls, saying that they have been interesting to watch is an understatement. In my time of keeping up with politics (which is not that long, considering my age), I have never seen such a radical shift as the one in the Democratic Party. When presidents such as Bill Clinton or Barack Obama were in office, the Democratic Party, as a whole, was not so removed from everyday Americans. Ideals such as ending

the conflict in the Middle East, more affordable healthcare (not Obamacare though), and better wages for teachers were realistic and good issues championed by the Democrats. Now, we have members of Congress that are unabashed in their support for socialism. Common sense ought to kick in when we consider everything that contemporary radical Democrats are pushing for. I mentioned free healthcare earlier, and Senator Bernie Sanders is just one of eleven presidential candidates on the Left that are not only promising free healthcare for all Americans, but also for persons who enter the United States illegally. The latter is immoral to me, because it would take away funding from programs that could help struggling American families, hungry children in our own towns, and homeless veterans who have not been taken care of. I am not against foreign aid; I am against policy that would make struggling Americans take a backseat to those who entered The U.S. illegally. Simply put, promising free anything via government program is deceitful by nature because the ‘free’ thing is financed by the American taxpayer.

Contemporary radical Democrats are poisoning the minds of American youth into accepting a sense of entitlement. This sense of entitlement leads young Americans to believe they deserve ‘x’

for whatever reason. Free ‘this and that’ sounds great, but that funding has to come from somewhere. I have always been taught that you only deserve what you earn; that is the way of the world. I don’t deserve free college just because I attend college. I don’t deserve free healthcare because I am an American. I don’t deserve to be paid \$15 per hour because I am willing to work. These excessive government programs proposed by radical Democrats drift closer to socialism, which, as we know, is responsible for the death of millions over the past century. I will say that we deserve to own firearms. We deserve to be able to govern ourselves as a sovereign state, free from the influence of a foreign power. We deserve to be safe in the communities that we choose to live in. I won’t list much more of what we deserve, as you can simply interchange “we deserve” with “the right to...,” as per the United States Constitution.

Another issue that caught my eye comes from recent anti-American and anti-Semitic remarks made by the freshmen Congresswomen (Reps. Ilhan Omar, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Ayanna Pressley, and Rashida Tlaib). Not even ten years ago, such open hatred for the United States and Israel would not have been tolerated by most Americans, whereas now, the four Congresswomen

were applauded by the Left for their remarks. I support free speech and would not advocate for the censorship of these Congresswomen, even though the Left continually advocates for censorship of conservative voices (but that’s a different issue for another time). One of my greatest takeaways from PSC314 (Topics in Constitutional Law) with Professor Himself is that attacking free speech does always end well, even when the speech is considered hateful.

Reading this article, you may think I am too narrow-minded, or that I am against diversity and novelty. I support diversity of thought, but not diversity of value. The radical Left has different values than America, and what is moral. Right now, in 2019, America does not need socialism, the radical Left, or the radical Right. We need to stay away from identity politics. America needs young men and women who will stand up for what they believe in, and live a life guided by their convictions. There was a time when America had a good moral compass. Feelings now guide a large number of America’s youth, instead of convictions and morality. The issue that arises when we are guided by feelings is that we can be deceived by those who play on our feelings, such as the radical Left, to get what they want. Let us not sway based upon how we feel. Let us get back to living by our convictions.

800 Days at Wabash



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These 4 years are all we have at Wabash, and they go by so fast. Even now, I’m astounded to see myself as a sophomore: it feels like only a couple of months ago I was walking into the classic halls of our campus for the first time, back in August 2018. The questions I will address today are, How are these years going by so quickly? And why are we graduating as soon as we’ve settled in? Let’s do some quick calculations. A semester is 14 weeks long. There are two semesters per year, resulting in 28 weeks per year. There are 4 years, resulting in 112 weeks. Add orientation week,

comps week, and seniors’ week, and you got 115 weeks. There are 7 days in a week, resulting in 805 days at Wabash. Making corrections for breaks and the afternoon when classes are canceled for the Celebration of Student Research, early Spring semester, the final result is that each of us has about 800 days to spend learning and evolving at Wabash. The Math does not include international freshman orientation week, any breaks spent in immersion courses/programs, or any sort of internships with on-campus housing. Studying abroad takes away a semester, equal to about 100 days, from students’ time on campus, so they only have 700 days to stay.

The next question would be, What can you do in one day, in 24 hours? There is only so much time and so many things you can sacrifice in order to make the most out of your time. And there are so many things you can do around here – you have athletics, myriads of clubs, the possibility to start your own, interesting courses, the potential to double – even triple-major –, and, naturally, many awards to obtain at the end of the year at Awards Chapel.

I am fully aware of the fact that you can do anything you want, but not everything you want – mainly because I tried to do so. And there are still many things I would like to do before I leave Wabash for the world out there.

I am fascinated by how much we evolve in just 800 days. We become fully-fledged citizens, ready to make a difference in the world using the skills they have gained in these 800 days. We get to explore any topic we want – and are encouraged to do it time and again – at all times during these 800 days. We get the chance to immerse ourselves in a supportive environment filled with unique traditions and rigorous academics and leadership opportunities, to lose ourselves in order to find our better selves by doing what each of us love, and to learn how each of us thrives, how each of us thinks, how each of us learns. We have the chance to know ourselves in ways we never thought of before. I certainly did, even after just one year.

Our professors only have 100 days to teach us how to think through the material of their course and how to gain

and nurture the skills needed to thrive both in and out of the classroom (50 days, for half-semester courses). I am amazed by how much we can learn in just 100 days. We can grasp the basics of Constitutional Law, Developmental Psychology, Linear Algebra, Ancient History, Inorganic Chemistry, and any other topic we could desire in just 100 days, so long as we have the pre-requisite courses.

In the end, these 800 days at Wabash are special: we have the chance to learn, to explore, to grow, and to have fun in an environment where everyone’s goal is to support the students in their initiatives to improve life, both on and off the campus. Yet, these 800 days go by so fast, and there are always regrets in the end, mainly because there is so much to do that you most likely will not be able to do after Wabash. Therefore, I invite you, all of you, to reflect: How do you spend any one of the 800 days at Wabash? Are you happy with your choices? Are there any things you want to change? And how do you plan to make the most out of your days at Wabash?

In Hot Water Across The Pond



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We should all be very concerned about what is happening in Britain. With yet another deadline for Brexit coming up on October 31, the United Kingdom’s new Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, convinced Queen Elizabeth II to allow him to suspend Parliament between September 11 and October 14. This is all a political ploy by Johnson to try to force MPs to accept

whatever deal he can negotiate to leave the European Union. The more likely result of Johnson’s maneuver is to all but guarantee a ‘No Deal’ Brexit. Johnson’s predecessor, Theresa May, resigned after realizing that there was no possible deal that could get support from the majority of Parliament. By shortening the time for debate and action even further, Johnson eliminated whatever chance of compromise still existed.

A ‘No Deal’ Brexit would be a huge problem for the UK when it happens, if it were to happen. It would cause significant disruption to the British economy, as well as that of its trading partners in the European Union. The British government also predicted, in a memo called ‘Operation Yellowhammer,’ which was recently leaked to the public, that such a situation could cause shortages of food and medicine as

trade between the UK and the rest of Europe slows. The same memo also predicted that they would need to establish a hard border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, which could reignite sectarian violence after more than 20 years of peace.

Moreover, Johnson’s actions are problematic in a democracy. The head of state for “the world’s most stable democracy” is actively undermining Parliament’s ability to debate and consider a plan that will have a profound impact on the country’s future. All people who value free and fair democracy should be concerned about this. The Speaker of the House of Commons, John Bercow, called Johnson’s actions a “constitutional outrage.” He went on to say, “However it is dressed up, it is blindingly obvious that the purpose of prorogation now would be

to stop Parliament debating Brexit and performing its duty.” Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn joined Bercow’s sentiments, saying on Twitter, “Boris Johnson’s attempt to suspend parliament to avoid scrutiny of his plans for a reckless No Deal Brexit is an outrage and a threat to our democracy.”

Johnson appears hell-bent on securing a ‘No Deal’ Brexit, regardless of the costs, but preventing the legislature from doing its job is a tactic of dictators, not leaders of developed democracies. Members of the House of Commons should call for a vote of no confidence before Parliament is dissolved like a banana republic legislature. If they will not do it because of his irresponsible policy on Brexit, then they should because he now poses a threat to the institutions of liberal democracy in the United Kingdom.

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Wabash Student and Businessman Donates Clothes to Local Boys and Girls Club

ALEX ROTARU '22 | ASSISTANT COPY EDITOR • Living humanely in today's society can be difficult, especially in light of the many injustices that are rampant in today's society. Yet, where some see difficulties, others see opportunities to make an impact on a struggling community. Such was the case of James Despain '22, who founded the clothes company Fly Kicks, which has donated 60 t-shirts and 20 pairs of shoes to needy children at the Boys and Girls Club of Montgomery County, within the Kicks for Kids community outreach event at the beginning of August. "I decided to give back to [the Boys and Girls Club] because they're just awesome kids, and they really deserve it," Despain said.

"I have always been big into fashion," Despain said. "I started out with sneakers in middle school, and, throughout high-school, I just tested the waters in different types of clothing brands. I finally figured out that I wanted to make my own clothes, rather than spend my money on other designers."

Despain has had the idea for about a year and a half, and what determined him to get started was his summer experience with the Center for Innovation, Business, and Entrepreneurship's (CIBE) Business Immersion Program (BIP). "The biggest [skill I've learned is] being able to use Microsoft Excel efficiently in order to hold inventory, know how much the product costs, and know how much I'm making off of profit," Despain said.

For Despain, the most important part of life is remaining true to oneself, and using that to create one's own, unique path. These are also the principles that govern his business. "My brand motto and my motto go hand-in-hand because I'm putting so much into the brand," Despain said. "At the end of the day, I want to go to bed knowing that I was the best James I could have been that day. I don't want to be the best person out there, but I want to make sure I give my best effort. That's all that matters at the end of the day."

Part of being the best he can be also revolves around giving back to the community. "Staying close to your community, and just letting them know that you will always have their back is an awesome way to treat people,"



COURTESY OF JAMES DESPAIN '22

James Despain '22 with children from the Boys and Girls Club of Montgomery County.

Despain said. It is the community that keeps people together, helps them grow and evolve, and, sometimes, a little gratitude goes a long way. "I think a lot of people don't have a lot in life," Despain said. "So, being able to use what you have to make someone

else's day – that's the best way to make my day."

The unique feature about Despain's t-shirts is that they have a picture of a fly on them. "The fly is representative of being cooler, different.," Despain said. "The term 'flies', like swag, I

literally interpreted as an actual fly." So, next time you see Despain, or anyone else, wearing a t-shirt with a fly on it, know that similar t-shirts made the day of 20 needy kids at the beginning of August 2019, due to the generosity of the clothes' creator.

How to Make the Most of Your First Year at Wabash

AUSTIN RUDICEL '20 | CAVELIFE EDITOR • Arriving to Wabash can be an intense experience for incoming freshmen, as they start learning about Wabash culture, and the challenges that await them in the classroom. For many, this new atmosphere can be hard to navigate without guidance, luckily, The Bachelor has some helpful tricks that will lead any Wally to a first year of success. As long as you abide by these guidelines, you should end your first semester as the coolest freshman on campus.

1) Wear your high school apparel as much as possible

Students from Wabash come from all over the world, meaning they also come from a diverse list of high schools. It is crucial to not forget your educational roots. If high school consisted of the best years of your life, you should embrace this and let everyone on campus know about your glory years by wearing a shirt with your high school mascot on it, while you tell them about how popular and talented in sports you were. If you brought your varsity leather jacket, wear that over your high school t-shirt for maximum pride.

2) Send an all-student email (preferably really late at night)

The student email server is intended for announcements about campus events such as Chapel Talks, club call-out meetings, and other events held for the benefit of the students. Thankfully for us, students have found many more, albeit less practical, uses for the student list. Although you should only send emails to this list if you have taken the Event Planner Training, you can play the 'I didn't know' card even though the training session email said in bold, red text that this meeting is required to send all-student emails. The most common unintended use of emailing students is to announce lost

items. Those should be reported in the classified ads, but that is a far too practical approach, so students will turn to sending an all-campus email about their lost wallet when it is most likely somewhere in their room under a couch. This tip pairs well with the next one about the convenient 'reply all' feature.

3) Reply All to your emails to assert dominance

For those who do not know, the 'reply all' button sends your response to all of the recipients of the original email. This means when you reply all to a club call-out meeting, and let them know you cannot make it, you are announcing your absence to the whole student body, to let them know they will be missing out on you. This is important because most students were counting on your attendance, and, without it, they will most likely cancel the club meeting, as you were the life of the party.

4) Believe in your brainpower

You probably noticed the library is always packed with students studying at all times of the day, and for good. While Wabash may not be easy, perhaps you breezed through your high school classes without studying. Therefore, you might just be better equipped for the challenge of Wabash than all the students in the library. Your professors will warn you about trying to do large projects or study for a test the night before, but they have never seen someone like you, so you will probably be the first student in the history of Wabash who can accomplish everything the night before and get a perfect score. You will feel so proud when you receive that 45% on your first test knowing you saved yourself hours by not studying.

5) Please do not take any of these tips seriously



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An example of a model student ready for his first year of college.

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New Chef Comes to Phi Delt

BENJAMIN HIGH '22 | PHOTO EDITOR • A clatter of silverware and murmur of voices fill the communal dining room at the Phi Delta Theta fraternity house. Brothers of the house and new hopeful Phikikeias alike line up and wait eagerly for the upcoming meal. Over the clamor of competing conversations, several statements stand out. "This is the first time I've ever seen every brother waiting in line for food." "I'm actually excited to eat now." "I'm going to put on so much weight because of how good this food is." And of course, the chorus of "Thank you chef," as students return their empty plates to the kitchen.

The fraternities of Wabash College have had a strong culture of independently operated house chefs for longer than most can remember. In the hopeful light of recent events, that culture may be coming to change. The expansion of Bon Appetit, the company that services the independent students who dine at the Frank Hugh Sparks Center, into the fraternity scene is a discussion which has been circulating for a few years now, but which has never garnered much support. With the retirement of the Phi Delt house cook at the end of the last semester, these past discussions were brought back into the forefront, and a new frontier was opened when a contract between the house and Bon Appetit was worked out over the summer.

While this may seem like a major change to fraternity life, the chefs and executives at Bon Appetit are quick to assure independence and fraternity men alike that the shift is entirely for

the benefit of the students. They have confirmed that if this trend was to expand to other fraternity houses, each house would maintain the tradition of having their own personal house chef, as well as having their own food supplied directly to the house. While these traditions will be maintained, it is hoped that the more bothersome nuances of the fraternity dining experience will be phased out. These include introducing weekend meals to fraternity men and streamlining the financial workings of food services across campus. These cultural shifts are currently seeing their first steps in the Phi Delt house.

Bon Appetit promotes good food and fresh, locally sourced ingredients. They also promote a friendly, student-oriented atmosphere, with personable cooks, events at Wally's, and the occasional holiday special. With the potential increase of its presence on campus, Bon Appetit hopes to also increase in these foundations. There are aspirations to increase student events and outreach, all while maintaining the promise to provide fresh, locally sourced food. Jason Anderson, the executive chef for Bon Appetit here at Wabash, emphasized that the dining experience here at Wabash should be comfortable for all students. Since students call Wabash their second home, their dining experience should feel as comfortable as the one from their own home. He hopes that, as Bon Appetit continues to expand in the future, they will be able to bring the comfort of good food and friendly staff to all students.



BENJAMIN HIGH '22/ PHOTO

The kitchen of Phi Delta Theta has plenty to offer for the fraternity with the new meal plan.

A Class of Their Own

AUSTIN RUDICEL '20 | CAVELIFE EDITOR • Every year, Wabash brings in strong incoming classes, with diverse backgrounds and experiences. This year, the Wabash community welcomed 235 new students, and with them comes a variety of interesting stories. From surprising events that occurred during the summer to unique paths that led them to Wabash, the class of 2023 has a lot of character and is ready to make an impact on campus.

One of these students, JT Bryant '23, spent most of his summer bass fishing and hunting in his hometown of Elizabethtown, Kentucky, until one unforgettable night put him in the news as a life saving hero for saving a family from a house fire.


Bryant happened to be driving around that night when he noticed a bright glow and smoke rising not too far away and he decided to check it out. Upon getting closer, he saw a house had just caught fire, and the fire was spreading up the siding and front porch. With all the lights off in the house, he realized the family was still asleep, so he tried to wake them up by making lots of noise.

"I banged on the windows to wake them up, I even tried honking my horn, but the lights were still off," Bryant said. Bryant then ran around to the backdoor and tried kicking the door in

so he could alert the family. Luckily, his kicking finally woke the family and they ran downstairs and could make it safely out of the house before the ceiling collapsed, mere minutes after they exited. Besides saving lives, Bryant is looking forward to playing lacrosse for Wabash.

Another incoming freshman, Cross Gibson '23, is well prepared for the challenges of Wabash, after spending his past year in Georgia for unit training for the National Guard. Initially looking to attend last year, Gibson learned about the benefits of enlisting in the National Guard, and decided to enlist before beginning college. Gibson lives in Avon, Indiana, but spent January 4 to May 3 this year at On Site Unit Training (OSUT) in Fort Benning, Georgia, learning many useful skills that will prove helpful during his time at Wabash.

"I learned time management skills by following a strict schedule," Gibson said. With many similarities to military life, and functioning as a Navy training base during World War II, Wabash will be a familiar setting for Gibson. He continues his involvement with the National Guard, going to their base one weekend a month during the school year. Gibson is most excited to put his physical training to the test with the Wabash Rugby Club.



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A Belated Welcome to Alex DeLonis, Director of Financial Aid

JOHN WITCZAK '21 | COPY EDITOR
• Wabash is a small school. It's rural, unique, and everyone knows everyone else. For many new Wallies, acclimating to such a secluded and intimate environment can be something of a challenge. Nobody is more familiar with this culture shock than the new(ish) Director of Financial Aid, Alex DeLonis. Coming from the country's largest community college, Indianapolis's Ivy Tech, DeLonis was handling the financial aid packages of over 23,000 students amidst a bustling urban environment. Now, he oversees less than one thousand students' financial aid in a town with a smaller population than his previous school's campus.

When asked how the stark transition was going for him, DeLonis replied, "I really appreciate the small town community feel that Wabash offers. It's very easy to get to know everyone. [At my previous institution] It could feel like the students were just names on paper. Now, at Wabash, those names have life to them. I'd say that's been the most fulfilling aspect, for sure." Given that Director DeLonis is from South Bend, and wrestled against the Little Giants in his college days, it's safe to say that he knew what he was getting himself into.

It is also safe to say that he has a passion for what he does. When explaining his role as the Director of Financial Aid, DeLonis said, "We're all about providing access. College can be expensive, and 99% of students attending Wabash receive some kind of financial aid, which all gets filtered through our office. So, we know that we're the access point. If a student is

coming here, they have to, in some way, shape or form, filter through our office so they can attend the institution, which is something we take great pride and care in." Though this may be the first time you have read DeLonis's name, you can rest assured he's read yours before.



Alex DeLonis, Director of Financial Aid

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DeLonis does more than oversee the financial aid office. He competes in mini-marathons, his two most recent being the Indy Mini in Indianapolis and the Sunburst in his hometown of South Bend. One can often see him working out on the track, preparing for his next competition, though not so much of late, as he has recently become a father and has more than enough work to attend to at home. The next time you visit the financial aid office, or see DeLonis around campus, make sure to introduce yourself and welcome him to our little, giant college.

HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

HAPPY TRAILS, CAPT. ANDREW LUCK

Hi-Five to Andrew Luck for deciding to prioritize his ability to walk and think clearly over football. While we'll miss watching you play, we wish you the best of luck in the next phase of your life.

AMAZON ALIGHT

Hi-Five to the world literally being on fire. The Amazon Rainforest, home to the most biodiversity in the world and to trees that account for 1/4 of Earth's oxygen, is burning. Brazil reportedly refused international aid to help put the fire out... so, there's that.

WABASH ALWAYS ULTRAMATHONS

Hi-Five to Dean of Students Gregory Redding for living the Wabash Always Fights mantra. This summer, he ran a 90-mile ultramarathon for 32 hours straight, finishing the last 10 miles in critical health. While this is an incredible feat of sheer dedication to an activity, we implore you to not do something like this. Your thoughts should be critical, not your health.

PHI DELT WHITE HOUSE

The Phi Delta Theta house was painted white over the summer to resemble their old house before it was rebuilt in 2005. Following White House procedures, the president of Phi Delt recieved a complimentary spray tan and toupée.

FRESHMAN GROUNDHOG DAY

Hi-Five to President Hess for continuing his own Ringing-in Tradition. We salute him for being so committed to the traditions of the college that he would say the same exact speech every year. We're all the more impressed that President Hess is able to give the speech every year in the exact same tone of voice without ever changing it.

SPORTS

Soccer Looks to Continue Successful Run

BLAKE LARGENT '22 | SPORTS EDITOR • After putting together a fifth-straight season with 11 or more wins, as well as making a return to the North Coast Athletic Conference Tournament for the third-straight season, the Wabash soccer team will open up the 2019 season looking to continue that success streak.

"We're expecting to get results and to win," head coach Chris Keller said. "We're expected to compete and get to the postseason. Those expectations are what we've been working for. Now it's almost not enough to get there. We want more."

After posting a regular season record of 12-4-3 last season, Wabash battled top-ranked Kenyon in the NCAC Tournament before being defeated off of a last-second goal in double overtime. Despite the devastating loss, Keller wants to use that game as a learning opportunity for the future.

"Every year is completely different," Keller said. "Our conference is so strong that it could be Kenyon winning it one year, it could be us another, it could be DePauw, it could be Denison, or someone else. It's a super competitive conference. We learned from that game. We had five freshmen start that game in the conference tournament against a team that eventually went to the Sweet Sixteen, so it was a good experience that we are using as motivation moving forward this season."

With the conclusion of the 2018 season, the Little Giants lost four key seniors that played a huge role in the team's success. While attempting to fill in those spots can be challenging, Keller believes his team will be able to do so.

"I think our seniors have taken a great step in the leadership role, along with some of our juniors as well," he said. "Two-thirds of our team is made up of freshmen and sophomores. [The upperclassmen] have done an excellent job at setting the foundation and the leadership mentality for them. They've done a great job replacing last season's seniors both on and off the field."

Keller continued to speak about the upperclassmen, and also listed some expectations the team has for the upcoming season.

"I think we always get fixated on wins and losses, but I think the expectation is for the core of these seniors and juniors to lead the program in a responsible manner," he said. "We want to get our heads down and grind out results. I think having execution on game day is key, and those results will



IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

Michael Tanchevski '20 attempts to keep the ball inbounds.

come if we execute. We're the most fit we've ever been coming into preseason, so that's exciting to see."

Despite the team's consistent success in recent seasons, Keller did acknowledge some of the challenges his team may face this season.

"I think our biggest challenge will be to mesh," Keller said. "As I previously mentioned, two-thirds of our team are underclassmen. We want to be able to help them grow quickly so that when we get to conference play, it's a whole

other animal. We want to try to get those young guys in a lot early and give them some experience leading into conference play, which is always really difficult to do."

Keller also had comments for fans who will be watching and keeping up with the team throughout the season.

"The future of the program is really bright. I'm really excited about the freshman and sophomore class. We just have to continue to buy in to what the leaders of this team want. I think

we're going to have more possession-style soccer and you're going to see a lot more creativity. I hope we'll see more goals than we did last year, where we had to win a lot of one-goal games and it would be really tight."

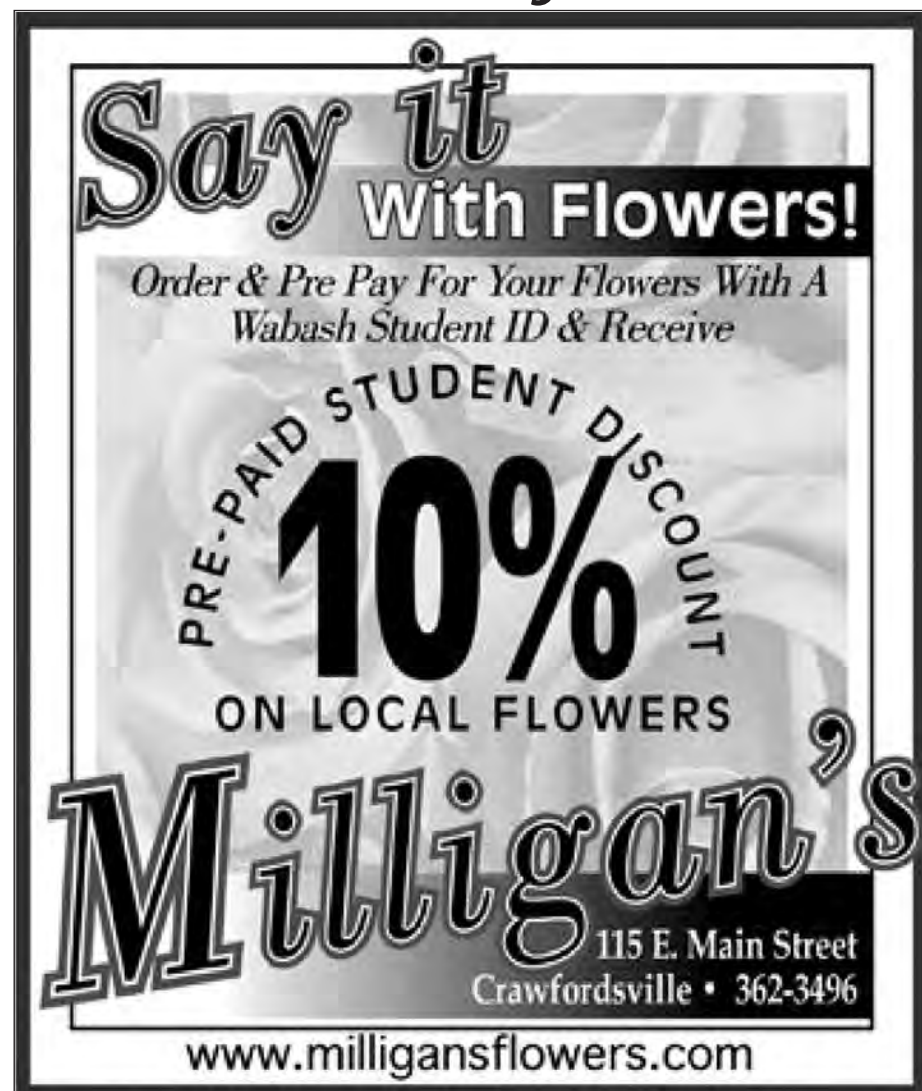
The Wabash soccer team will kick off its 2019 regular-season campaign this evening with an away match against Franklin College at 7 p.m. and will have the first home match at Fischer Field on September 4 at 5 p.m. when they take on Earlham College.

D3football.com Preseason Football Rankings

1. *Mary Hardin-Baylor*
2. *Mount Union*
3. *St. John's*
4. *UW-Whitewater*
5. *North Central (Ill.)*
6. *Johns Hopkins*
7. *St. Thomas*
8. *Muhlenberg*
9. *Hardin-Simmons*
10. *Bethel*
11. *Whitworth*
12. *Linfield*
13. *Brockport*
14. *Delaware Valley*
15. *Illinois Wesleyan*
16. *Berry*
17. *John Carroll*
18. *Wittenberg*
19. *RPI*
20. *Centre*
21. *Washington and Jefferson*
22. *Wheaton (Ill.)*
23. ***WABASH***
24. *Randolph-Macon*
25. *St. Norbert*

NCAC Preseason Football Poll

1. ***WABASH***
2. *Wittenberg*
3. *Denison*
4. *DePauw*
5. *Wooster*
6. *Ohio Wesleyan*
7. *Allegheny*
8. *Oberlin*
9. *Hiram*
10. *Kenyon*



Player Profile: Maxwell Atkins '20

ALEX ROTARU '22 | ASSISTANT COPY EDITOR • Most know Maxwell Atkins '20 from his amazing performance on the lacrosse field, guarding the Little Giants' goal in one of the most difficult conferences in the nation. He is also working for the Center for Innovation, Business, and Entrepreneurship, and serving as an officer at Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. And, on top of all that, he is a triple major, with each major being in a different division.

In spite of having a full schedule on his hands, Atkins is managing all his responsibilities, and still has time for some other, amazing initiatives: "Starting next year, me and two other guys are starting to redo the college radio station," Atkins said. For him, the secret is all in the way he unwinds after long days, and in what activities and initiatives he chooses to pursue: "If you're doing something you love, then it's not as much of a grind," Atkins said. Also, having a routine helps maintain things in check: "Having a cycle is important," Atkins said. "You know what you're doing every day, working from 8-9 a.m. until 7 at night. It's a struggle during those hours, but, then, you can really let loose [after that]."

Atkins has found what he loves to do through trial and error: "I had a couple of seniors that helped me out with getting situated, exposing me to different routes," Atkins said. "Once, Logan Kleiman '17 introduced me to Student Senate, and that was not really something I

was super interested in. But then, one of the guys on the lacrosse team, Sam Stewart '19, who started TEDx, introduced me to TEDx and I got interested in it." This constant trial and error led Atkins to one of the most important lessons he learned: "you either win or you learn."

Atkins is majoring in Mathematics, Philosophy, and Economics. "I just chose all three because I just loved all three," Atkins said. "I really didn't think about law school until the end of my sophomore year. But, then, I've started taking constitutional law, just because it's offered here as part of the liberal arts education. And, then, all my majors play into it, because Philosophy and Math give you a very good foundation on law's logical side, as well as the philosophical side, like an ethics to the practice of law."

He loves a good challenge, so, while studying abroad in the Fall of 2018 at the University of Amsterdam, he took a Masters-level course in Logic. "It was a great opportunity to honestly learn from people who are way smarter than me," Atkins said.

Having a schedule like Atkins' requires making many sacrifices and difficult choices. "There's so many classes I wish I could have taken, but I just didn't have the time," Atkins said. "Professor Trott is offering a Feminist Philosophy course next semester that could not fit into my schedule."

When he does have time to relax, Atkins loves to watch movies and to surround himself with music. "I've been trying to learn guitar this [past]



Maxwell Atkins '20

semester," Atkins said. "I'm getting there. I'm still not great, but it's fun to pick it up in my free time. And then, I also really like indie music. So, it's fun to learn about the stories of a lot of new up and coming artists."

His life goal is to make an impact by

helping those less fortunate than him, one step at a time. Right now, he is focusing on making the Wabash lacrosse team better, so that they will be able to become more competitive in one of the most difficult Division III conferences in the nation.

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Cross Country Embraces Youthful Roster

BLAKE LARGENT '22 | SPORTS EDITOR • With well over half of its roster comprised of underclassmen, the Wabash cross country team will begin its 2019 season with hopes of developing its youth throughout the year. “I think they’ll handle it well,” head coach Tyler McCreary said of his underclassmen. “But even with youth, it’s a bunch of guys who are eager to be good. We’re going to take a big shift towards culture this year and see how that helps us for where we want to go.”

Now in his second year at Wabash, McCreary looks to this season as a chance to apply his experiences from last year and become more focused for the team’s season.

“I think if anything, that first year you just feel it out a lot,” McCreary said of his experiences last year. “There’s so much with coming to a new environment. You have to learn the college, the people, and the athletes. Now that all that is out of the way, I think I feel more focused this year. I know the guys way better, and there’s been some great recruits that have come in, so this just feels like more of a cohesive unit that we can start to go in a good direction.”

Prior to the start of the 2018 season, McCreary joined a team coming off of a third-place team finish in the 2017 North Coast Athletic Conference. This team included Dominic Patascil ‘19, who, in addition to helping his team capture the third-place finish in the conference tournament, captured the individual NCAC title with a career-best time. Then, during last season, Patascil went down with an injury, altering the team’s outlook for the year.

“Last season was good, it was a year of growth more than anything else,” McCreary said. “We had our number one runner, who was shooting for national championship status, go down with an injury. That kind of shifted our focus for the season. We had a young team anyways, so that was a good chance to develop culture and the professionalism of training. I think we did a really good job and ended up performing well. It was a good year of growth and we’re just looking forward to this year.”

Despite the large number of underclassmen on the roster, McCreary sees the team’s youth as a strength going into the season, albeit with some challenges.

“I think it’s going to be a strength, but it depends on how you look at it,” he said. “If you look at freshman in particular, transitioning from a 5K race to an 8K race is pretty big. But I think the guys we have are very talented. They work really hard and they come from really good high school programs. I think they’re going to be ready as long as they don’t try to do too much. If they let themselves progress, I think they’ll handle it well. That’s kind of the same thing with our sophomore class. We have a lot of



COURTESY OF WABASH ATHLETICS

John Kirts ‘20 battles for position during a meet last year.

big players there but it’s still a transition for them as well. We have some good veteran leaders that know what they’re doing and we’re going to feed off of that. I think the excitement and energy from the group will be good this season.”

As for the team’s expectations, McCreary continued to speak of building culture.

“I mean, culture is our number one, we want to establish a culture. That’s going to set us up down the road and that will drive our results. We certainly, with the veteran talent we have and some of the youth as well, have to go into conference hoping to win. That’s going to be a goal of ours, but it’s not the end of the world if it doesn’t happen. Last year we wanted growth. We wanted to do well at meets but we knew we were just missing some pieces. We have expectations this year. We want to go into every meet to be competitive and get better every time and go for conference as well.”

McCreary will look to continue building upon his team’s youth throughout the season. The Wabash cross country team will open up the season this evening at the Butler Opener, which will take place at Northview Church in Carmel, IN at 6:45 p.m.



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Dominic Patascil ‘19 runs in a meet.

2019 Cross Country Schedule

Friday, August 30 at Butler
Opener 6:45 p.m.

Saturday, October 19 at
Oberlin College Inter-Regional
Rumble 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, September 21 at
John McNichols Invitational 9
a.m.

Saturday, November 2 hosting
NCAC Championships 11 a.m.

Saturday, October 5 at NCAA
DIII Pre-Nationals 10:45 a.m.

Saturday, November 16
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