

Five Professors Awarded Tenure



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Bradley Carlson, Associate Professor of Biology, was one of five Wabash faculty members to earn tenure this past December. Carlson joined the Biology Department in 2014 where his research mostly focuses on zoology, ecology and animal behavior.

ALEX ROTARU '22 | ASSOCIATE COPY EDITOR • Tenure is one of the most important parts of one's professorship: it is when the academic community recognizes your work and decides to give you a permanent position within an institution. At Wabash, five professors from the Art, Biology, and Philosophy departments have obtained tenure as of December 2019. The Bachelor will share their stories and plans for the future in a two-part series. Today, The Bachelor sat down with BKT Assistant Professor of Philosophy Matthew Carlson and BKT Assistant Professor of Biology Bradley Carlson.

Professor Matthew Carlson found his interest in philosophy during freshman year at a liberal arts institution, in an ethics course. "The course sounded interesting to me [...] so I took it," Carlson. "I pretty quickly realized that this was the sort of thing that I was interested in for a long time, but I didn't realize there was a name for it." Carlson then obtained his PhD at Indiana University. His dissertation was on the Epistemology of Logic. "Epistemology is the study of rational belief, of knowledge," Carlson said. "So, the guiding question for me was, 'What makes it rational for us to believe the things that we believe about logic?'

I got really interested in that question because logic seems like a very hard case for answering that question. [...] Part of what you're going to be doing [to justify something's rationality] is using logic and trying to answer that question. But if logic itself is the thing that you're trying to figure out whether you should believe it, and you're trying to use logic to believe that, then there's a kind of vicious circularity going on. [...] I wouldn't say that I've fully answered these questions, but I've gotten better at articulating them."

Carlson continues to explore how and why logic is valid in his research. At the same time, he combined his passion for video games with philosophy to both do research and teach a class in the Philosophy of Video Games. Carlson also teaches Symbolic Logic and Modern Philosophy, and, when he will be taking his sabbatical, he plans to overhaul Symbolic Logic. "During my time at Wabash, I realized that the way I currently teach this course is a good way to prepare students to do graduate level work in logic," Carlson said. "However, that's not why my students are taking the course. It's either required for their major or they want to get their quantitative literacy distribution, or because they want to prepare for the LSAT. So, I want to overhaul this course so that it still retains its mathematical rigor while making more contact with the sorts of things my students will actually find useful and valuable."

When Carlson came to Wabash, he encountered a two-fold culture shock: one based on tradition and another on the Philosophy Department's main school of thought. "Every campus has its traditions, and Wabash has some interesting ones," Carlson said. "For the first month or so that I was on campus, on Thursdays at around 11, I would hear this kind of droning chant out in the Mall. And for that month I really thought this was some sort of interesting performance art. It took me quite a long time to realize that actual words were being enunciated. And then I realized 'Oh, they're just advertising the Chapel Talk.'"

Professor Bradley Carlson was always

interested in nature and all living things. "I grew up in a fairly rural part of Minnesota, and we had probably about 100 acres of forest behind us," Carlson said. "I spent my childhood exploring, catching animals, watching animals, climbing trees and sitting there as night fell, and then wait for animals to come by as I just sat there. I just always loved observing what was going on and I loved books. [...] Ecology is basically going outside and then reading a book about it." Carlson decided to teach in light of a summer research opportunity he had his junior year at Bethel University, in Minnesota. "I like making discoveries," Carlson said. "I like being on the edge of our knowledge. That was a big motivating factor to go to graduate school, although I kind of already planned on it." Carlson obtained his PhD in Ecology from Pennsylvania State University.

Carlson's culture shock when coming in to Wabash related more to the size and level of interaction between students and faculty. "I was impressed when I interviewed here. I had meetings where I went out with a bunch of Biology faculty and they would be talking to each other about students on a first name basis."

Carlson's research focuses on behavioral differences within members of the same species. For instance, there are ducks that exhibit various behaviors that are different from one another, and, essentially, "there's no best way to be a duck," Carlson said. "Instead, there's lots of different ways to be a duck, and, somehow, they all do well enough to exist." Carlson's main focus is on conserving box turtles, who have two distinct behaviors: "'shy,' who hide in their shell a lot, and 'bold,' who emerge from their shell quickly," Carlson said.

Carlson teaches many classes, such as General Biology II (BIO 112), Ecology, Advanced Ecology, Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy, the Senior Seminar in Biology, and, occasionally, Freshman Tutorial. His class on Advanced Ecology has an immersion component to the Everglades.

The Bachelor congratulates Professors Carlson for their tenure.

Wabash Unveils Partnership with Purdue Army ROTC

WILL OSBORN '21 | STAFF WRITER • Over winter break, Over winter break, President Hess announced that Wabash will enter into a new partnership with Purdue University to become its first Army ROTC partner institution. Freshmen in the upcoming academic year will be eligible to apply.

The program provides students with the ability to attain a Wabash education with the added opportunity to travel to Purdue's West Lafayette campus and fulfill the Army ROTC class requirements. Per Paul Heslin, Purdue's Army ROTC Enrollment Officer, this program, "focuses on recruiting, training, and commissioning leaders of character for the future leadership of the U.S. Army. Army ROTC is a challenging, and exciting program of instruction that focuses on leadership development not only in theory, but also in practice."

As Dean for Enrollment Management Chip Timmons said, "The goal is to enhance our student's experience. We

hope they are able to thrive here in our classroom as well as thrive in their leadership training."

The extension of the Army ROTC program to Wabash will afford incoming students with the opportunity to qualify for substantial scholarship money. Students can potentially be eligible for two different scholarship packages.

The first scholarship, provided by the Army ROTC program, covers full tuition as well as room and board for all four years at Wabash. This includes various other costs that may be incurred during a students time in the ROTC program.

Additionally, five students may be eligible for the Wabash ROTC Scholarship, which covers room and board plus additional expenses during the first year. In years two through four, the students will receive a full-ride scholarship provided by the Army ROTC program. In total, this allows up to eight incoming freshmen to receive scholarships for attending Wabash and participating in the ROTC program at

Purdue. The application process for students interested in this program is slightly different in comparison to the normal Wabash process. Prospective students must apply for admission to both the Army ROTC program as well as Wabash. The ROTC program will determine eligibility for scholarships, as well as conduct interviews and physical fitness assessments.

Students who enroll in this program will primarily be Wabash students. They will attend classes here and will graduate from Wabash College. They will receive a liberal-arts education, where critical thinking and effective leadership are a hallmark in everyday life. At the same time, they will receive all of the benefits of being in Purdue's Army ROTC program.

Mr. Heslin remarked, "The Army ROTC program consists of a combination of classroom instruction and hands on leadership training. Wabash students will integrate with their Purdue counterparts in the ROTC program

depending on their academic class."

When looking at the core values of Wabash, it is not hard to figure out why Purdue chose our campus to be their first satellite institution. Our emphasis on leadership, critical thinking, humane living and responsible actions line up well with the values employed by effective candidates for the program.

Mr. Heslin agreed in stating, "the Army seeks well-rounded individuals from all different backgrounds who excel as scholars, athletes, and leaders to serve as officers and we believe that this perfectly describes the typical student at Wabash."

This partnership affords a unique opportunity for future Wabash men to establish strong connections both on our campus and in their program at Purdue. These bonds will allow students to have the best of both worlds: they will receive a top-notch liberal arts education while attaining a career path into leadership roles with the Army.



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Purdue Army ROTC Cadets perform training activity. Beginning next semester, Wabash students will be able to join Purdue's ROTC as part of its program satellite training.

Student Senate Reconvenes in Formal Session



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The Spring 2020 Wabash College pose for an official portrait. The Student Senate reconvened on Monday January 27 in a formal session.



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Chase Cochran '20, Environmental Concerns Committee Chairman, addresses the body.



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Student Body President Mohammad Dayem Adnan '20 leads senators in swearing their oath of office at the beginning of the session.



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Senators rap their knuckles on the table in a display of good-humored applause.



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Members of the Executive Cabinet deliberate during the Student Senate Session.

Mason Delivers Rogge Lecture

JAKE VERMEULEN '21 | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • The Rogge Lecture is one of campus' longest running events. Since shortly after his death in 1980, the College has welcomed a distinguished scholar for a lecture in memory of legendary Economics Professor and Dean of the College Benjamin Rogge. Rogge was well known as a free market economist and taught at Wabash for more than 30 years.

During his time at Wabash, he served as Dean of the College, and organized a lecture series from Milton Friedman which eventually became the basis for his book *Capitalism and Freedom*, one of the most influential economic books in history. The Rogge Lecture has generally followed in the same vein as its namesake's economic ideas. Last year's Rogge Lecture was given by Douglas Irwin, Professor of Economics at Dartmouth University, who analyzed President Trump's trade policies from a free market perspective. This year's lecture was given by Professor Joseph Mason from Louisiana State University. Mason's lecture was entitled "Filtering Information in the age of Marketing Segmentation." It focused largely on how we do not learn to disagree when we're only surrounded by things we agree with, and the consequences for this in the marketplace, specifically for economic crises.

Mason made the case that many economic crises which are blamed on

'economic shocks' which could not have been foreseen actually had many warning signs beforehand. He discussed several examples, like the Great Depression, and the 2007 Financial Crisis. He argued that the information necessary to see both of these crises coming was available. The problem, he argued, was that it was not interpreted correctly. In particular, he said that disagreement in the market did not arise quickly or strongly enough to prevent the problems from growing, despite ample evidence existing about what might be coming.

Mason also discussed how we have moved forward from the 2007 Financial Crisis as a country. He criticized many of the regulation attempts as being either unenforceable or insufficient to prevent another crisis. He also criticized how the crisis has been treated as an unpredictable phenomenon and how efforts to learn from past mistakes have been hampered by this. He said, "Healthy risk management cultures review the causes of crashes and incidents" in contrast to what has occurred in the United States.

Mason also held a lunch talk more specifically focused on mortgage fraud in the 2000s while he was on campus. He drew extensively in his lectures on his experience at the Office of the Comptroller of Currency and the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. He has also written eight scholarly books and a number of other scholarly articles.

Pipe Bursts at Beta House, Causes Flood

DREW BLEUTHMANN '22 | STAFF WRITER • Beta Theta Pi had a chaotic start to the semester. They had a pipe burst on the top floor of their chapter house during the first week of the semester. Beta-President Chris McNally said, "I was in our seating area when it happened, and all of a sudden the fire alarms went off. Then I went into one of our brothers' rooms and there was literally a waterfall coming down from the ceiling." Water continued to rush throughout the house leaving damage everywhere. The flood happened in the evening and Beta brothers were scattered across campus and had to regain access to salvage their belongings.

Immediately after the flood, the 73 Betas on campus moved into the Holiday Inn in Crawfordsville. They were able to enjoy the pool, complimentary breakfast, and housekeeping for the remainder of the week. Following the end of the week, the Betas went to Nashville for

the weekend for their Formal. After returning from the weekend, more Betas were able to move back into the chapter house every day. "Dean Welch did a really good job getting hotel rooms set up for us [and helping us with the situation], so I want to thank him for that. At least we had beds and there was a pool and a hot tub there." McNally said.

The restoration was expensive. Included in the repairs were ceilings, pipes and plumbing, and the fire alarm circuit breaker. The house was dried with large industrial fans. Restoration crews worked around the clock to ensure a quick transition. During the restoration of the Beta chapter house, the Betas dined at the Frank Hugh Sparks Center.

"The house is now livable, and most are living there. A few guys are still living with buddies on campus," McNally said, on January 31. There are still workers in and out of the house at the moment.

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At What Cost?



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On December 30, 2019, I stepped inside a humidor for the last time until I turn 21. Over at Smoker's Choice by Walmart, I took some time browsing my favorite brands of cigars before picking out 3 to buy: a Java, a Macanudo, and a Perla del Mar. As I was checking out, the clerk reminded me of the new Tobacco 21 law that had been passed by Congress a few days before. He shared with me some resentment of how this would start to affect his business immediately, and I responded with the resentment of losing access to one of my favorite hobbies. After paying up, I thanked him for his service and the good times past, and I left. Looking forward, I will get by fine until my birthday on the 4 stogies I have. However, I will not be able to pick up congratulatory gifts for friends that graduate high school this May, nor will I be able to bond with friends and strangers at Pipe Puffers

near my hometown in Greenwood, Indiana. This is what concerns me. Amid the scare of a health crisis prodded by tobacco corporations and their appeal to young people, our democracy has sacrificed a portion of personal liberty in order to remediate individual consequences.

First of all, I recognize the truths that chronic tobacco use is a widespread health problem in the United States, especially for youth. I am sure that raising tobacco purchasing age will be affective in reducing tobacco-related health issues, which will instill the law as standard for years to come. By all standards, this law is good for America's physical health, but at what cost does it stand? Yes, there may be less hospital visits from young adults who abuse e-cigs and cigarettes, but there will also be fewer meaningful conversations between people over some good cigars. The federal government has successfully accounted for the health costs of smoking, but, in doing so, it has failed to account for a resource that seems to be growing more scarce in our society: social capital. Many readers may be unfamiliar with this term, and I was until I began reading *Bowling Alone* by Harvard Professor Robert D. Putnam. This book makes a frighteningly convincing argument about how Americans are less involved socially than they used to be and how this is, in turn, dwindling the benefits that result from people being engaged with others frequently. As Americans have

filtered out of churches and bowling leagues, they have done the same with the voting polls and volunteer organizations. In consequence, Americans have become less interested in their own communities, less empathetic to strangers in need, and, as a number of polls have indicated, less happy in general. It turns out that many of the benefits that our society reaps stem from our social capital, which refers to the intangible resource of human comradery and interaction within a society. I have had many meaningful conversations and met a few friends over burning cigars, and I know that I am not alone in this scenario. While this social activity is still available to many, it has been taken from people like us.

So, why is this trend overlooked? Why is it that our governments are constantly striving to meet higher health and economic standards, yet also neglecting the social structure that is foundational to our country? This diminishment is as evident as any health crisis our nation has ever faced, yet it seems that laws like Tobacco 21 are ushering society from a foundation of freedom and personal responsibility to, for lack of a better phrase, a "nanny state". As another example, entrepreneurship on a community level was once the prime innovation of young Americans and a pathway to an honest living, but now a wall of regulations and layers of red tape make this pursuit more difficult. Small businesses like Joey the Cat, a ski ball arcade in San Francisco, have been impeded

from doing business simply because zoning laws and regulatory review processes stand in the way. Innovation is, without a doubt, a valuable product of social capital, so why do cities and states diminish it so frivolously by stunting the growth of small businesses? I ask this rhetorically, but the passage of Tobacco 21 and business regulations show that our governments often overlook the factor of social capital when forming laws.

This is not to say that government is the enemy of social capital. In fact, I think it has done plenty to advance its growth in the past. Civil Rights Laws provoked Americans to bridge racial divides, parks and trails give us places for leisure and social interaction, and many of us would not have met our friends without public education. In writing this, I lacked examples of laws that explicitly deter American social capital, but the truth stands that our social foundation is harmed whenever the government impedes personal liberties. The Communists and Fascist governments of recent history have had a shocking dearth of social capital due to state authority over religion, business, and speech, and while I do not see a Red Scare on the horizon of American politics, Robert Putnam has showed us that something more valuable than our economy is at stake. In light of this, I urge all people that are or will be involved in American politics to recognize the value of our social sphere and to defend its development within our society.

Chill About Iowa



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The Iowa Democratic Caucuses earlier this week were a mess, but they were not rigged. To be clear, it was a complete disaster from an administrative perspective. No official results were released until almost a full day after caucuses were supposed to end, and complete results took even longer to come in. At press time, official numbers (with 92% reporting) had Pete Buttigieg leading in the number of state delegates won with Bernie Sanders in second place. Buttigieg narrowly trailed Sanders in the popular vote.

Before any official vote counts were announced, many people were already claiming that the results were rigged. Most of those people were supporters of Senator Sanders. They saw the vote

reporting app problems as a ruse for party officials to rig the caucus results. They bizarrely pointed to Mayor Buttigieg's purchase of software from the company that developed the app as evidence that he had paid off the company to help him cheat the system. They also said that his 'declaration of victory' on Monday night, before any results had been released, was evidence that the fix was in.

The simple truth is that all of these claims are bogus. The changes to the Iowa caucus that were introduced this election cycle make it arguably the most difficult election to cheat in the United States. Let's talk about how.

The most important change made this year is in which results are reported. In previous cycles, the only results which were made public were the number of state delegates won by each candidate, and how many delegates that equates to for the Democratic National Convention. However, for the first time, this year's caucuses will report those numbers along with the 'initial alignment' (how people voted when they initially entered the caucus room) and the final alignment (how people voted once 'non-viable' candidates were eliminated). This is an incredibly comprehensive breakdown for a caucus to release, and when looked at

on a precinct by precinct basis, it allows the public to check the results of the caucus at the most basic levels.

That change was prompted by concerns from Sanders voters in 2016 over a lack of transparency and it is a big part of the reason for the delay. In order to facilitate this expanded reporting, the Iowa Democratic Party paid a company to develop an app that would allow them to do it relatively easily. It was a fine idea in theory. In practice, it was a disaster because the app did not work, and they had to switch to compiling and counting the results by hand, a much more time-consuming practice. However, the app failing still does not make it any more likely that the votes were rigged because there is still a trail of paper ballots.

These paper ballots are verified by local caucus leaders and make it almost certain that the end results will be correct. After the breakdown of the app, they switched to using the paper ballots. This is a much slower process, but it is also more likely to be correct. Election experts have repeatedly argued over the last few years that paper ballots are the most effective way to combat concerns over hackers manipulating websites.

The other feature of the Iowa Caucuses which makes it nearly impossible for

them to be rigged is the public nature of the caucuses. The votes are counted in the open, and most people walk out of their caucus knowing who won how many votes and how many delegates that translated to. In addition, the leading campaigns had volunteers at nearly every caucus site. This allowed the Sanders and Buttigieg campaigns to release results from 40% and 75% of precincts, before official counts were in, which are still remarkably accurate. The data Buttigieg's campaign collected was the basis for his 'declaration of victory' on election night. If the reported results varied significantly from what actually occurred, campaigns and voters themselves have the information necessary to raise the alarm. So far, despite the vote counting debacle, no credible reports of fraud have been brought forward, even as these are the most closely scrutinized caucus results ever.

To be clear, none of this is to say that caucuses are a good system overall. They are terrible, but that's an opinion piece for another day. The point is that the results for this year's Iowa Democratic Caucus are as close to 100% certain to be the truth as is humanly possible. In fact, it was arguably the most secure election in the United States.

Appreciate While We're Here



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Last Saturday, LeBron James passed Kobe Bryant on the all-time scoring list in Philadelphia against the 76ers. After the game, Dwight Howard said "We don't appreciate each other as much as we should as humanity. Something like that should be appreciated. We should appreciate people while they're alive." Dwight Howard felt like we have taken what LeBron does for granted and that we should be more appreciative to be able to see him. The day after, Kobe Bryant passed away along with his

daughter in a horrendous helicopter crash. Since Kobe's retirement and throughout his career, Kobe has always had his stats and accolades compared to Michael Jordan and Lebron James. We as a society seem to always have to compare different things. We compare restaurants like Little Mexico and El Charro and argue why one is better. We compare video game consoles all the time and argue that Xbox is better than PlayStation or vice versa. I say we should not have compared Lebron and Kobe, but we should have appreciated both their wonderful careers.

That is why I ask why can we not be more appreciative of each other and what we have? There are many things that I could complain about, but I feel like complaining doesn't solve anything. All complaining does is show negativity, so why be negative? There are many people in this world that would be grateful just to be in your position. I believe that we as men do not let people know that we appreciate them. That is partly from the societal stereotype of

what a man is, but that's not what I'm going after. I only believe we should be able to tell each other that we appreciate each other more. All it does is show that you care about a person, so why not let them know. I appreciate all that the school has done for Beta Theta Pi since the flooding happened, and I appreciate all the hard work that our leaders of the house have done. It's a bad situation, but complaining does not solve anything, it just makes the problem seem larger. If the problem is larger, you're going stress out about what you're complaining about. Why complain if it only brings unneeded stress? A lot of the struggles you go through in life are about the mindset, and there is no point in having a negative mindset.

This is where I come back to Kobe and this could go for many other celebrities and athletes. Why do we not appreciate the art that somebody has? Lamar Jackson was called a running back during mock drafts before he was drafted to the Baltimore Ravens. Teams tried to

get him to switch positions. Why did teams not appreciate the abilities that he had and be negative just because this quarterback is possibly the fastest player on the field. People always hate on Eminem because he is still making music, but they should be appreciative that they were able to listen to his music and be appreciative because he made good music in the past. For some reason, athletes and celebrities always get talked about their negatives, and what they cannot do. When society gets into the greatest of all-time discussion, we always pit Kobe, Lebron, and Michael against each other, but we can never just appreciate all the greats. Why can't there be more than one GOAT? Why can't Kobe be the greatest of all time in the 2000's and Lebron the greatest now? Why do we have to compare others from different times and situations to say "Yeah, that's how good they are"? After Kobe's passing, I feel like we should appreciate each other more while we are alive, because tomorrow may not always be here.

Revolt, Rebellion, Revolution



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As a Wabash man, the mantra Wabash Always Fights is everywhere: from shirts to bleachers, from the Sphinx Club to the faculty, from August to May. However, as Wabash men, we have to also act gentlemanly and responsibly, to think critically. Therefore, I invite you all to think critically about the core principle behind fighting: revolt.

The trope for any sort of revolt is adolescence: the time reserved for questioning and figuring things out by yourself. Yet, somehow, some people never reach the state of revolt, some are suppressed, and some might just be doing this from an early age. Going back to the tropes, people see rebels and teenagers as people who wear certain colors, dye their hair a certain way, have piercings and tattoos etc. Yet,

somehow, that 'revolting' might just be another way to conform with society's norms for that age group. To this day I still claim that I expressed my teenage revolt by refusing to break the rules and trying to understand why they exist.

So, revolt generally involves breaking laws or rules on purpose. Some might consider the protesters as lesser for doing so, because they do not see the rationale behind the laws. I certainly fell into that trap one too many times. For me, rules are made to be respected because they have a rationale, and only if that rationale is flawed or immoral should people break that rule. Yet, it might just be me not seeing how the rule is flawed or immoral that causes me to sometimes be narrow-minded, and why people are actually breaking it.

Take a look at the most widely known protests of the last century: Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s protest for equal rights regardless of race, and Mahatma Gandhi's protest for the liberation of India from British rule. They fought for principles not accepted by the ruling powers, because they saw that oppressing people for their ethnicity or race should never be accepted. At the same time, their protests were not violent. Therefore, fighting might not have to involve

senseless violence and gore.

Any sort of conflict involves fighting: be it armed, of principles, of interests, or of ideas. Debates illustrate how "fighting" can occur without violence and with utmost respect for the opposition. Two sides are defending their claims while refuting the others', and, at the same time, adapting to the facts and figures the opposing side brings to the table.

There is one more kind of conflict that occurs: the conflict with oneself. It is the very self-overcoming that Zarathustra talks about in Friedrich Nietzsche's "Thus Spoke Zarathustra" that results from this conflict. "You need chaos to give birth to a dancing star," Zarathustra says. The first instance of necessary self-overcoming is survival. After all, according to biologist Charles Darwin (sorry, creationists), those who survive are those who adapt. Yet, the American society has gone far beyond mere survival, with social protection programs where people who are struggling can get their lives back together without the fear of what tomorrow may bring.

The next point is at the top of Maslow's pyramid of needs: the need for fulfillment. This is where

the conflict with oneself becomes invaluable: because, out of this conflict arises the will to better oneself, and fulfill oneself through self-overcoming. This, in hyperbole, is overcoming human condition itself: "Man is something that shall be overcome," Zarathustra said. And, in that journey up the mountains of life, people can find true fulfillment. And the higher the last mountain escalated, the higher the next one shall be.

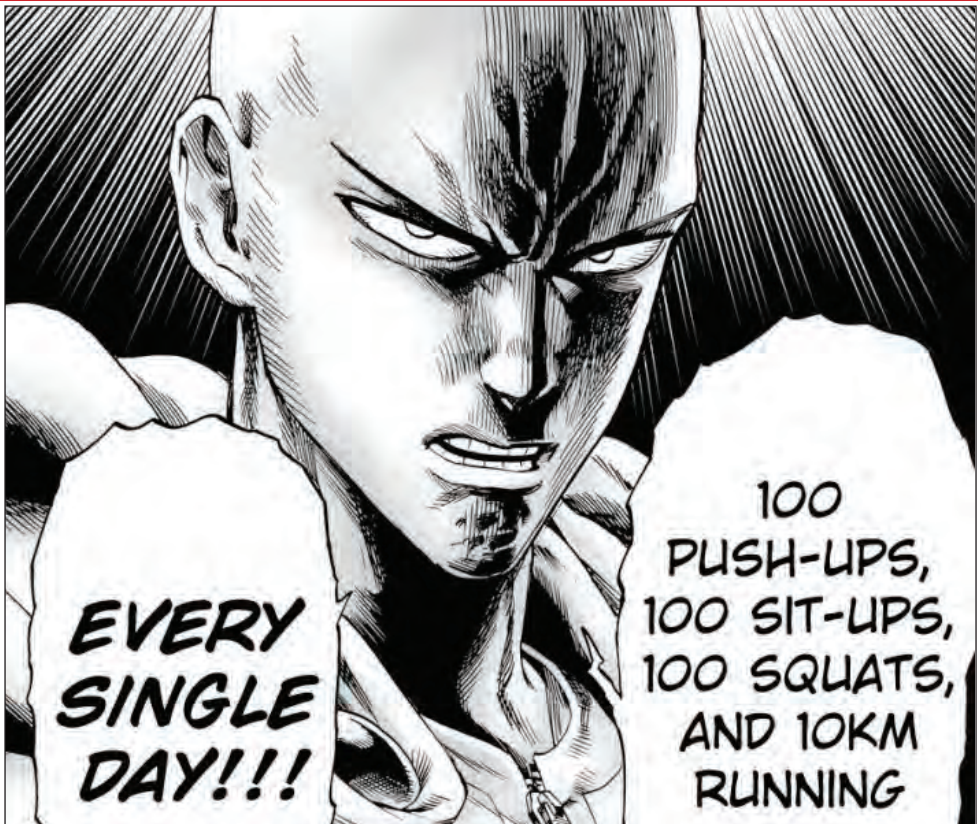
Speaking of Nietzsche, who was an existentialist, when nothing is defined – as it is for all existentialists –, what is moral? Here, the conflict with oneself, the inner conflict, can serve as a moral compass. I can imagine that we all had gut feelings about things being good or bad. When nothing is defined, these gut feelings can serve as a starting point for what is moral.

So, there you have it: thinking critically about fighting. Now, the list above is not comprehensive, but, as you can see, some of the most deeply-rooted traditions and cornerstones of Wabash spirit interact with each-other in significant ways. That being said, I ask you to reflect: how do you always fight in your own, personal or public life? And what makes you keep going in that fight?



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A Busy Student’s Guide to Spring Break Bods

AUSTIN RUDICEL ‘20 | CAVELIFE EDITOR • With Spring Break less than a month away, students will soon face one of the most challenging dilemmas of their college career. What will be their Spring Break bod? Will they work for the perfect, yoked body or embrace the rounder, dad bod aesthetic? It might seem like a no-brainer to want nice abs and mini biceps on top of your biceps, but there are many barriers keeping students from attaining this goal. Not everyone can make time for daily trips to the gym or afford a \$50 spin class, but there are simple exercises you can implement into your daily student routine to get jacked.

One of the easiest ways to find exercise in the life of a student is to take the stairs. It is tempting to use the elevators to travel to those perilous third-floor classrooms, but rock-solid calves do not come easy. Buildings like Center Hall lack an elevator and force

students to do leg day. As your knees creak in harmony with the wooden stairs you can ring the bell of victory once you reach the top.

But what if all of a your classes are on the first floor? If you do not encounter stairs, another way to incorporate exercise in your commute to class is to carry a heavy backpack. Books and your laptop are a good start, but if you are serious about getting a fit body, you should fill your backpack with rocks. Rocks are all over campus, but if you are struggling to find some, there is a large pile of rubble from the former football stadium that should suffice. For the fitness overachievers, offer to carry other peoples’ backpacks to class. They will regret letting you carry their bookbags once they see your toned body down in Fort Lauderdale.

Everyone knows that parking is an issue at Wabash, and no one wants to see a fellow student get tickets or

towed, so another exercise opportunity is to push illegally parked cars to a legal parking zone. You don’t have to push them very far, just past yellow curbs, fire hydrants, handicapped spots, and the signs that say “No Parking”. The lazy Wabash student would park in a legal spot to begin with, but this robs one of the workout that comes with pushing a car. This can be especially beneficial if the driver used the parking brake as it provides a bit of extra resistance training.

A training exercise that will prove itself useful now, and when you are on the beach, is the art of keg lifting. An average keg weighs about 160 pounds, which is an ample amount of weight for weight training. Ways to use a keg for working out include loading it in/out of your car, carrying it upstairs, keg deadlifts, and keg bench pressing (We recommend a spotter for this one). If the keg is too heavy for you, try drinking

some of the beer to make it lighter.

A kegstand is the best maneuver for making the keg lighter as it makes you exercise while you drink beer.

Perhaps you prefer a more traditional workout. Through researching several workout regimens, the one that produces the best results comes from the manga/anime *One Punch Man*. In the anime, the main character, Saitama, was a regular person until he began his special workout routine. His routine consists of doing “100 push-ups, 100 sit-ups, 100 squats, and a 10km run every single day.” This workout caused Saitama to go bald, but in return he gained the strength to defeat any foe with a single punch. Seeing as though anime is almost always based on true stories, if you do this workout, you will get the same results. Although you will be bald, you can defeat all the Chads trying to fight you for spilling their Naturdays while you are at the beaches.

Lil Bill Releases New Music

CHRISTIAN REDMOND ‘20 | OPINION EDITOR • Last year, Rashawn “Lil Bill” Jones ‘20 opened for Jack Harlow for the National Act in Chadwick Court. Since then, Harlow’s song, WHATS POPPIN, has reached number thirteen on the Spotify playlist RapCaviar and number thirty. During the same time Harlow has blown up, Jones has also made substantial moves in his rap career.

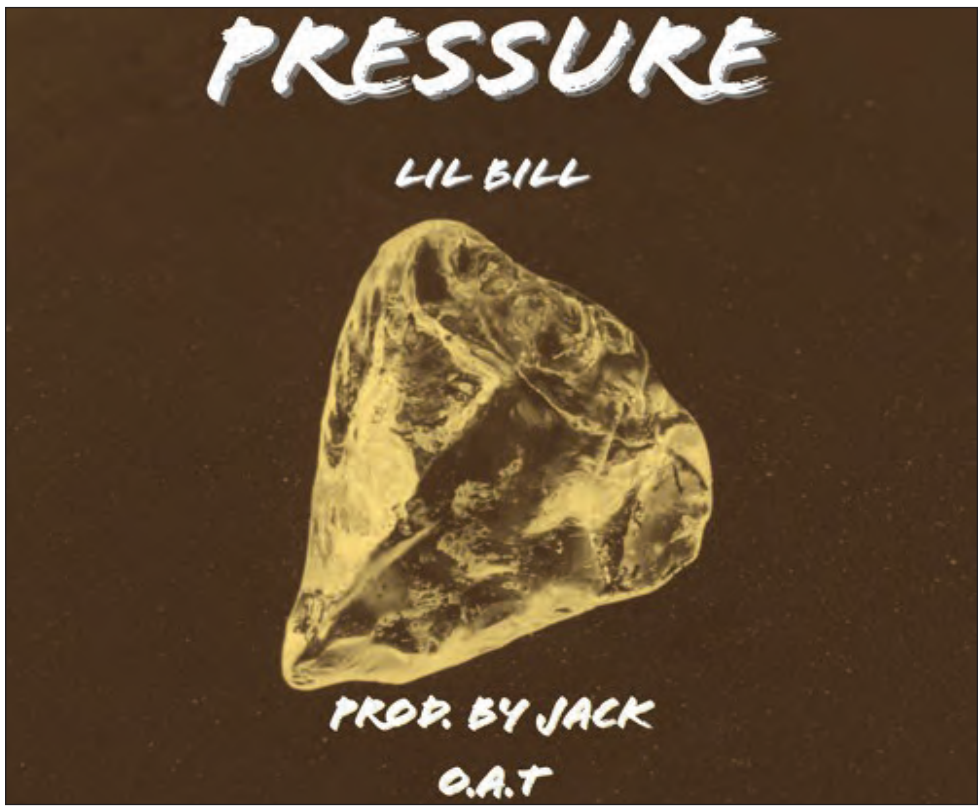
Every attendee of Wabash parties has heard Lil Bill’s single, Blue Dream. The quality and appeal of the song regularly confuses Wabash students as they think Blue Dream came from a top-ranked rap artist rather than their own classmate. Lil Bill also recently dropped another single, Pressure, on Spotify that carries the same amount of impressing production value and vibes as his other work. With two singles already under his belt, Lil Bill is continuing the string of bangers with his first album dropping in late February – March 2020.

Jones’ is a senior religion major with a minor in theatre at Wabash College. However, Jones’ rapping career started far before college. He was tasked with creating an educational rap in middle school, and has developed a love for the art since. Recently, Jones’

says he has pursued his passion more vehemently because of a desire to contribute something substantive to the rap scene.

“I felt like it is what the game needs,” said Jones. “You know how J. Cole talks about the meaninglessness in mumble rap? I felt like I brought rap with meaning.” Between his two singles so far, Jones discusses fundamental human emotions such as betrayal and addresses controversial issues such as police brutality. “When I sit down and write a song, I think about what I want the listener to get from my song,” said Jones. “I do not try to confine myself to a single way of producing a song because good music comes from all different ways.” In reference to his opener for Jack Harlow, Jones said “It was very liberating. I wouldn’t say I was nervous because I have done performances here at Wabash, but it was just me in a different realm of performance.”

Jones plans to continue his venture into the music industry after graduation. Lil Bill’s singles, Blue Dream and Pressure, can be found on Spotify. Stay tuned for his upcoming first album releasing in late February – March 2020.



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Jones’ single “Pressure” can be found on Spotify.

How to Get Employed

JOHN WITCZAK ‘21 | COPY EDITOR • Obtaining an education and expanding one’s knowledge is a respectable pursuit in its own right, but the reality is that each and every one of us will have to get a real job, and ideally a career, at some point. Earning decent grades at Wabash takes time and work, and when coupled with athletics, jobs, and other extracurricular activities, a student’s schedule gets filled up fast. In the context of this busy schedule, the idea of searching for an internship or career can get put on the back burner, especially for an underclassman. Of course, this is incorrect and can lead to stress, anxiety, and a humbling move back into the parents’ place of residence. This article hopes to convince you, the guy who thinks that everything will “work itself out”, that it won’t, unless you lend “it” a helping hand.

Luckily for you, Wabash has the 5th highest ranked Career Services team in the nation. Additionally, Wabash provides every student with access to amazing internship and job-oriented sites like Handshake and Ascend. It also offers resources that will sharpen your job-hunting skills, like Big Interview, which, as I hope you surmised, helps you prepare for internship and job interviews. Listed below are the 6 steps you, the guy who hasn’t logged into Handshake since the summer, can take to get that internship or job as soon as possible.

1) Log into Handshake and complete your profile

90% of current Wabash students have logged onto Handshake. This is an impressive number in its own right, but when compared to the average percentage of our peer institutions, 24%, we can see that it is in fact exceptionally good. However, only 48% of current Wabash students have completed their profile, and while this is still far better than the 7% of completed profiles at other schools, it can be improved upon.

The benefits of taking the time to create a detailed and professional looking profile may be hard to see. However, potential employers can and do search Handshake for suitable applicants, and it doesn’t bode well for your chances of getting hired when they come across your incomplete profile right after viewing a competing applicant’s pristine and detailed profile. Additionally, the process of completing the profile is a great exercise in learning how to frame yourself, your experiences, and your skills to employers in a persuasive light.

2) Get your résumé approved

You may have noticed that, in order to apply for a position on Handshake, you have to get a Career Services approved résumé. This rule does not exist to make your life hard, but is instead meant to help you stand out from the pack. The Wabash résumé format is the product of intensive research and is designed to work well with the automated résumé readers many companies use. That’s

right, the first person to read your résumé is often not a person at all, but a computer that extracts certain information that the company places the most value on. The Wabash format ensures that these automated tools will find and relay all the important information and impressive experiences you have listed on your résumé, so that potential employers will be aware of all the outstanding qualities you bring to the job.

3) Start browsing for internships/jobs

Once you have a complete profile and a proper résumé, you can begin searching for internships and jobs on Handshake. Some of these positions may require a cover letter, and Wabash has provided all of us with several examples. To find these, just Google “Wabash cover letter” and the first result is a detailed set of instructions on how to craft the perfect letter. Of course, you can always pop into Arnold House to get an in-person consultation, to really make sure you’ve got everything nailed down.

4) Join the Ascend Network

As great as Handshake is, it doesn’t have every employment opportunity in the world. In order to make sure you have access to as many opportunities as possible, you need to join the Ascend network. This process involves completing an interview with Wabash’s Ascend representative, which serves as great practice for more high stakes phone interviews you will have in the future. Once

you are a member, you can browse a huge number of internship and job opportunities, and after you apply, Ascend will put in a good word for you and increase your chances of getting an interview at your dream employer.

5) Take Big Interview

Big Interview is a hugely helpful and informative web-based tool that breaks down the interview process. It fills you in on what employers are looking for, the questions they ask, how to answer them, and how to ask impressive questions of your own. You can take it whenever you like, and don’t have to finish it all in one sitting. If you get nervous about interviews, Big Interview can help you alleviate those nerves.

6) Visit Arnold House

If you get stuck in any of these steps, or just aren’t sure how to go about getting that internship or job, Career Services at Arnold House is always there to help you out. Peer Career Advisors are there to polish up your résumés and cover letters, and help orient you with tools like Handshake, Vault, which allows you to get an inside look at companies, and others. Also, the professional staff can help answer more nuanced questions and get you on the right path. Remember, Wabash Career Services was ranked 5th in the nation by *The Princeton Review* for a reason!

In all, only you can decide to put in the work to get where you want to be, but Wabash is always there to help you along the way.

2020 Oscar Predictions



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Nine films are nominated for the Best Picture catagory. Who do you think will win?

The Oscars are on Sunday Feb. 9th at 8PM EST.

REED MATHIS '22 | ONLINE EDITOR

• The end of the award season is upon us, and that means the Oscars will again close off the major awards given out for the previous year in film. The Oscars stand as the biggest celebration of the year in cinema and allow recognition for the year’s most innovative examples of filmmaking. The Oscars will be held at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood on Sunday, February 9th at 8:00 PM EST.

The year in cinema offered a plethora of films that explore different periods in time and movies that address social issues present in the United States today. Also, we saw streaming platform mega-giant, Netflix, dominating the night with twenty-four nominations and two of the nominees for Best Picture, “The Irishman” and “Marriage Story”. Nonetheless, there are still movies like “1917” and “Parasite” that many of us may not have seen, but have heard are either “Oscar Gold” or “Oscar bait”, depending on who is talking.

This year, it appears that the Oscars are yet again unable to escape the inevitable criticism they receive over controversial matters, such as the lack of nominated women and the overall lack of diversity. Even for the non-award show individuals, social media and the film industry

faces challenges like #OscarsSoWhite and constant pressure over the fact women are having a hard time making headway toward being recognized. This year it is no different, as there were no women nominated for Best Director. Even though films like, “Little Women”, “The Farewell”, and “A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood”, directed by Greta Gerwig, Lulu Wang, and Marielle Heller, respectively, all received mass acclaim and were well-represented in other categories.

Usually, the Golden Globes, Screen Actors Guild Awards (SAG), and the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA’s) give viewers a glimpse into what the Oscars could look like and the trends involved in what the industry favors. Sadly, it is looking like the Oscars will be more of the same. Many of the awards given out so far have seen themselves going home with the same winner - Brad Pitt for Best Supporting Actor in “Once Upon a Time in Hollywood”, and for other awards too. However, there are some differences in the Best Picture Race, with “1917”, “Once Upon a Time in Hollywood”, “Joker”, and “Parasite” all taking away the prestigious honor at different award shows.

I will give predictions for the “Big Five” Awards, which are Best Director, Best

Screenplay, Best Actress, Best Actor, and Best Picture. Without any further ado, let’s look into the award categories.

Best Director
 Nominees: Bong Joon-ho (Parasite), Sam Mendes (1917), Todd Phillips (Joker), Martin Scorsese (The Irishman), Quentin Tarantino (Once Upon a Time in Hollywood)

Familiar names like Scorsese and Tarantino headline a category that possesses many different styles and personalities in the film industry. Being a big fan of “Once Upon a Time in Hollywood” and knowing Tarantino STILL has not won for Best Director, this could be where he finally breaks through. However, with films like “1917” entering the picture late and immediately winning the prize at the Golden Globes, it is difficult to see anyone else winning. I will say the snub of Greta Gerwig for her work “Little Women” could be the lasting narrative of the award. She masterfully adapted her own take on the challenging of society’s interpretation of gender roles, which still rings as true today as it did in 1868.

Who Will Win: Sam Mendes
Who Should Win: Bong Joon-ho

Best Screenplay
 Nominees: Noah Baumbach (Marriage Story),

Bong Joon-ho & Han Jin-won (Parasite), Rian Johnson (Knives Out), Sam Mendes & Krysty Wilson-Cairns (1917), Quentin Tarantino (Once Upon a Time in Hollywood)

Who Will Win: Bong Joon-ho
Who Should Win: Bong Joon-ho

Best Actress
 Nominees: Cynthia Erivo (Harriet), Scarlett Johansson (Marriage Story), Saoirse Ronan (Little Women), Charlize Theron (Bombshell), Renée Zellweger (Judy)

Who Will Win: Renée Zellweger
Who Should Win: Scarlett Johansson

Best Actor
 Nominees: Antonio Banderas (Pain and Glory), Leonardo DiCaprio (Once Upon a Time in Hollywood), Adam Driver (Marriage Story), Joaquin Phoenix (Joker), Jonathan Pryce (The Two Popes)

Who Will Win: Joaquin Phoenix
Who Should Win: Adam Driver

Best Picture
 Nominees: Ford v Ferrari, The Irishman, Jojo Rabbit, Joker, Little Women, Marriage Story, 1917, Once Upon a Time in Hollywood, Parasite

Who Will Win: Parasite
Who Should Win: Parasite

Word on the Street

This week’s question:

If you are stuck on a desert island, what professor would you take with you?



Latham Davies ‘22

“Dr. Gary Phillips because he would find a way to justify my existence on that island and make me not feel damned and like I have potential. ”



Ben Manahan ‘21

“Professor Warner, because he would know how to make food out of anything.”



Cruz Garcia ‘20

“Professor Olofson, because he’s resourceful and would help us keep sane. And I enjoy him. ”



Rogeno Malone ‘20

“Karen Quant because she has a very funny, dark sense of humor and could make me laugh. Or Clyde Morgan, because he’d figure out how to get us off the island.”

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College Fares Well in Princeton Rankings

AUSTIN HOOD '21 | NEWS EDITOR •

The College once again fared well in the annual ranking of U.S. colleges and universities published by The Princeton Review. The publication, which assigns rankings based on a combination of statistical data and written student opinions, included Wabash on 18 distinguishing lists, including “The Best 385 Colleges,” “Best Midwestern” and “Best Value Colleges.” The all-male liberal arts institution made it to the top 10 of 7 lists, including the #1 spots in “Best Alumni Network” and “Best Schools for Internships.”

The website praised The College’s effective Career Services, the 5th best in the nation, as opening doors for students, writing that “the school has a ‘great alumni base’ that will help develop a student’s ‘career while [...] in school and make it easier to get a job after [they] graduate.’” It also spoke highly of its well-renowned alumni network, affectionately known as the “Wabash Mafia” as the means by which Wabash men “can share a bond, despite the other man being 10, 20, 30, 40, or even 50 years older.”

The Princeton Review spoke highly of Student Life at Wabash, which came in at #4 on “Lots of Greek Life” and #5 on “Everyone Plays Intramural Sports.” The website mentions that “there is plenty of ‘opportunity for students to take leadership positions on campus,’ with students having ‘a lot of control over their budget,’ as one example.” Moreover, the administration was praised, as Wabash came in at #13 for “Best-Run Colleges.” However, notably, Wabash was included as #9 on the list “College City Gets Low Marks,” meaning students’ opinion of Crawfordsville was among the relative lowest in the country.

Perhaps unsurprisingly to most Wallies, Wabash was distinguished for its academic rigor and excellence. The publication ranked The College at #13 for “Best Classroom Experiences,” #10 for “Professors Get High Marks” and #3 on “Most Accessible Professors.” The liberal arts school was described as being “backed by an ‘exceptional’ academic reputation and preparation for graduate professional schools.”

Most importantly, Wabash ranked at #10 for “Best College Newspapers.”

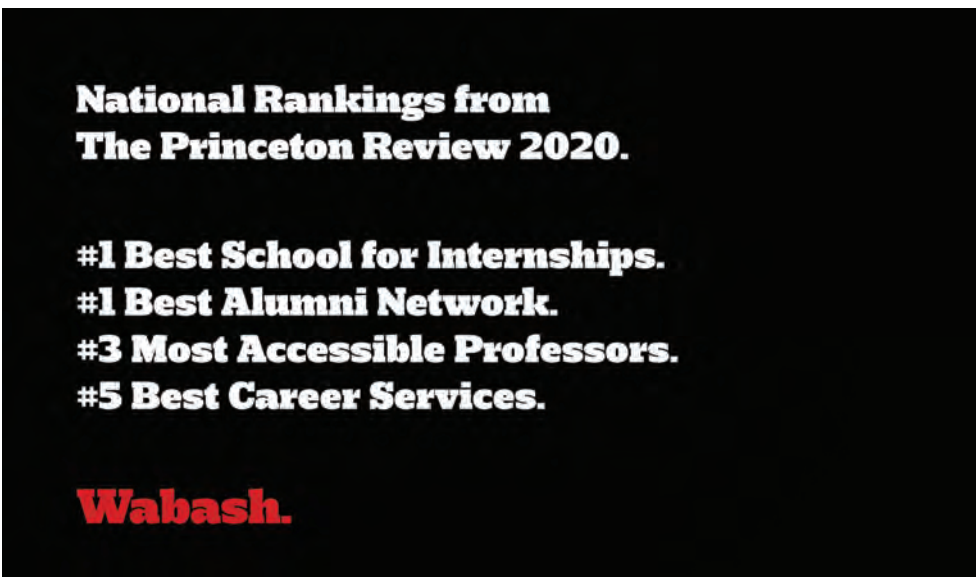


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Wabash ranked highly in many lists published yearly by *The Princeton Review*.

HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

BIG RED WINS THE SUPER BOWL

Hi-Five to the Kansas City Chiefs for winning the Supebowl for the first time in 40 years. We're all pretty happy with Patrick Mahomes right now, but it's still hard to overlook that he puts ketchup on his steak. That's pretty messed up.

TKE'S INFINITE FLAMES

Hi-Five to TKE for making a bonfire that lasted a week. Rumor has it that, when they ran out of wood, they start burning some issues of The Commentary.

BABY NUTS

The Planters' Super Bowl ad surprised audiences by killing off the original mascot for rebranding. In a weird crossover event, Baby Nut was born (grown?) from the corpse of Mr. Peanut and Kool-Aid Man's tears. It's a nice look, but Baby Nut is the ugliest baby compared to Baby Groot and Baby Yoda.

EMAIL MEDIOCRITY

Hi-Five to the Student Body for sending increasingly bad e-mails to the whole campus. I mean, syphoning someone's Hulu account to watch Fast and Furious? Really...? At least try to watch a good movie.

J-LO AND SHAKIRA

Hi-Five to Superbowl LIV for offering the halftime show of a lifetime, with Shakira and Jennifer Lopez front and center. Word has it that many men took a 5-minute break from the Superbowl that upset many girlfriends, wives, and mothers.

SPORTS

Basketball Wins Third–Straight, Downs No. 17 Wooster

BLAKE LARGENT '22 | SPORTS EDITOR • The Wabash basketball team grabbed its most impressive win of the season on Saturday, defeating The College of Wooster 68-67. Wooster entered Saturday’s contest ranked No. 14 in Division III and sat at second place in the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) standings, one spot above Wabash. The Fighting Scots had also defeated the Little Giants earlier in the season, winning 79-74 on December 7. Despite the tough opponent, Wabash arguably put together its most complete performance of the season thus far.

In the first half, the teams went back and forth in the opening minutes. Wooster tied the game at 5-5 with 17:57 remaining in the half. Wabash then took control. The Little Giants went on a 20-5 run over the next eight minutes, shooting 7/14 from the field and 6/12 from behind the arc. Jack Davidson ’21 accounted for nine of the 20 points scored in that span, all from three. A 25-10 Wabash lead forced Wooster into a timeout, much to the delight of the Chadwick Crazies. Wooster, though, did not back down. After Wabash retained the 15-point lead, 28-13, with around eight minutes left in the first half, Wooster began to claw back. The Fighting Scots went on a scoring run of their own, and trimmed the score to 34-27 with 4:44 left in the half. Wabash kept the lead at seven for the remainder of the first half, and entered halftime leading Wooster 37-30.

The second half continued to be a back-and-forth battle, and both teams traded baskets early in the half. Wooster eventually cut its deficit to just five points after a three-point basket by the Fighting Scots’ Keonn Scott made the score 42-37. With 10:46 remaining, Wabash responded and pushed the score to 57-45 after another Davidson three. At this point in the game, Wabash held a 12-point lead and was shooting 40.43% from the field, 34.38% from the arc, and 100% on free throws. But the high-powered offense that had led to the Little Giant lead began to fall flat. Over the next 5:14, Wabash was held to 0 points on 0/7 shooting from the field, 0/4 from behind the arc, with two turnovers and two fouls. Wooster’s stifling defense brought the score to 57-52. Wabash finally broke the shooting slump on a Kellen Schreiber ’22 layup,



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Kellen Schreiber ’22 goes up for a layup over Wooster defenders. Schreiber hit the game-winning shot against Wooster for the second year in a row and had a clutch defensive stop to seal Wabash’s 68-67 victory over the Fighting Scots on Saturday.

giving the Little Giants a 59-52 lead with 5:32 to play.

The momentum of the game seemed to be in favor of Wabash, and with 1:47 remaining, the Little Giants held a 66-59 lead over the Fighting Scots. Scott, though, provided Wooster with some late-game heroics. Scott banked in a desperation three at the shot clock buzzer with 1:27 left to decrease Wooster’s deficit to four, 66-62. On the next possession, Scott stole the ball away from Davidson and earned a trip to the foul line, making both of his free throws. With 1:09 remaining, Wabash held just a two-point lead, 66-64. Another Little Giant turnover with 00:41 to play gave the Fighting Scots the ball, and Wooster took full advantage. And, with 00:13 remaining, Wooster’s Danyon Hempy hit an off-balance, fade-away three to give the Fighting Scots a 67-66 lead. Wabash elected to not take a timeout, and Connor

Rotterman ’21 took the ball up the court. With no set offense, the Little Giants seemed to be approaching a heartbreaking loss. The ball found its way into Schreiber’s hands, who was in the paint heavily guarded by Wooster defenders. Schreiber handled the contact, shot a turnaround jumper over the defenders, and nailed the game-winning basket with six seconds left. After a timeout, Wooster ran an inbounds play down the court to try and get a last-second shot off. Schreiber again showed his clutch play, forcing a Fighting Scot turnover with one second remaining and sealing the 68-67 victory.

The Little Giants had a player trio lead in scoring, with Davidson, Schreiber, and Tyler Watson ’22 all finishing with 15 points. Wooster’s Hempy led all scorers with 27 points, and Scott ended with 10. Saturday’s win is Wabash’s first victory over a ranked opponent this season, and its first win over Wooster since December

8, 2018. The Little Giants also had one of the best defensive performances of the season, finishing with two blocks and five steals while also forcing the Fighting Scots into nine total turnovers.

Wabash has won three-straight games and remains undefeated in home conference games. Against conference opponents at home this season, the Little Giants are 5-0 and are averaging 80.2 points per game while holding opponents to 62.2 points per game. Out of the six remaining games this season, Wabash will have four at home. This home-heavy schedule may provide the Little Giants with an opportunity to make a late-season run before the NCAC Tournament begins on February 25. Wabash (12-7, 8-4 NCAC) will attempt to grab its fourth-straight win and preserve its undefeated home conference record in a home matchup against Allegheny (11-8, 5-7 NCAC) at 6 p.m. this evening.

Wrestling Takes No. 4 Ranking into John Summa Invitational

SAM HANSEN '22 | STAFF WRITER
 • February is officially here, and for collegiate wrestlers, this month is nearly equivalent to March for college basketball. Not only does the last weekend of the month bring the NCAA Regional Tournament to Alma, Michigan, but it includes two tournaments where the No. 4 Wabash College wrestling squad will face many of the opponents that they will see at the Regional. The first of these tournaments is the John Summa Invitational, hosted by No. 7 Baldwin Wallace University just outside of Cleveland, Ohio. The Little Giants will make the six-hour bus trip there

this weekend to face regional opponents Mount St. Joseph, Ohio Northern, Ohio Wesleyan, and the host, Baldwin Wallace, among other teams.

With six returning national qualifiers in the Wabash lineup and Daylan Schurg ['21]'s recent advancement to No. 9 nationally ranked at 184 weight class, the team has high hopes for showing out at the NCAA National Tournament in March. While a good seed in the Regional is not necessary to qualify for the National Tournament, it sure does help. Only the top-three placers make it out in each weight class, so defeating regional opponents ahead of time is

often the difference between competing for a national title and watching from the stands.

What makes the John Summa Invitational interesting is when other highly-skilled NCAA teams are factored into the tournament brackets. The Little Giants will once again go toe-to-toe with West Liberty University, who is ranked No. 16 in Division II wrestling. "This is always a big test for our team", Assistant Wrestling Coach Lincoln Kyle '17 said. "We have a lot of big competition at this tournament in comparison to where we compete in January, so it's always fun to see how

we stand before the end of the season."

With almost 50 wrestlers on the roster, Wabash consistently throws a lot of talent into the mix when everyone gets the chance to compete. "Even guys that aren't at the top of the lineup get exposure to high levels of competition, and a lot of times that brings some awesome results," Kyle said. The season is wrapping up quickly, and the Wabash College Wrestling team is going full steam ahead on tough competition. As they continue wrestling at the front of the pack nationally, a good showing for the whole team is highly expected this Saturday morning in Berea, Ohio.



DAKOTA BAKER '22 / PHOTO

Kory Cavanaugh '21 faces an opponent on the mat. Wabash will wrestle in the John Summa Invitational tomorrow at 9 a.m.

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Track Focusing on Health and Training for DePauw

LOGAN SMITH '23 | STAFF WRITER
 • After a successful trip to Terre Haute, at the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Wabash track and field is off to an incredibly hot start in their season. With first or second place rankings at each meet so far, including the Rose-Hulman Engineer Invitational, it is clear the track and field team is all business. Head Coach Clyde Morgan attributes this success to a big emphasis on teamwork and trying new things. "Our staff is constantly assessing our guys' talent to see if we have them in the right spot, or is there some other events they can be successful in. It's all about what's best for the team. One of our team slogans reads: Us and we and not about me." This strategy of testing people in different areas is certainly proving to be effective, and could continue to blossom into better things as the

season goes on.

Along with switching people around to find the best fits, a lot of young athletes have shown great potential this season. Morgan talked about the guys who stepped up: "Brandon Peck ['21] has been a big surprise in the throws coming off of his injury from last year," he said. "He has worked hard to change his body and mindset. Freshman Brandon English ['23] has also impressed us in the throws. Sophomore Leo Warbington ['22] has been having a great year in the hurdles. Sam Henthorn ['20] and Jon Deem-Laureiro ['23] in the distance events. Freshmen Ethan Hurt ['23] and Juan Montenegro ['23] are also coming along in the sprints. Those young men are not afraid to compete. Those are just a few. I am more impressed with the team's grit and grind so far, but we must be more consistent." Being

able to build off of young stars will definitely help as the season goes on, and they will continue to get better with constant training and leadership from the more experienced members of the team.

Morgan showed strong emphasis on training and team health when he decided to switch from the Mevo Invitational at Notre Dame to an individual meet with Depauw. "We made the switch From Mevo at Notre Dame to DePauw because we will be taking some guys to IU and DIII powerhouse North Central next week for a more competitive weekend. It fits our training plan a little better," Morgan said, showing that he would rather make sure his guys stay healthy than try to get better rankings. Morgan chose DePauw because he wanted to be able to train through the meet and prepare his guys for

the bigger competition later in the season. He went on about the Depauw meet, saying, "We will not treat this meet any differently because it's Wabash's top rival. We are focused on conference and nationals and will not blow our training for the DePauw Invite." It is clear Morgan is still not satisfied, despite the great start the team has had, and expects to continue to get even better up until their last meet. Along with getting better, Morgan puts his athletes' health above everything else, allowing them to get better safely.

Wabash's upcoming meet with DePauw will be at 6 p.m. later today in Greencastle. Both teams will be looking to get plenty of training in for the upcoming meets against stronger competition. This week will help push the men to their limits, and help them prepare to be better each week.

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Athletics and Athletes: More Than a Game



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Fans mourn Kobe Bryant outside of Staples Center in Los Angeles after his death. Bryant spent his entire 20-year NBA career playing inside Staples Center for the Los Angeles Lakers.

BLAKE LARGENT '22 | SPORTS EDITOR • On January 26, 2020, NBA legend Kobe Bryant tragically passed away in a helicopter crash in Calabasas, California. He was 41 years old. Bryant's 13-year-old daughter, Gianna, was also killed in the crash, as well as seven other victims. While tragic deaths occur every day, Bryant's sudden death had a global impact. Athletes and non-athletes alike united to mourn the death of Bryant after news of his death became publicly known. Kobe Bryant's personal life was not always perfect: a notorious 2003 rape accusation against Bryant, which was eventually dismissed, has been held by many against Bryant since then. Kobe Bryant, like every human being, was not perfect. But Bryant was more than his mistakes. He was known as a gifted athlete, a devoted husband, a loving father, an equal rights advocate, and much more. Bryant's impact is larger than the Los Angeles Lakers, the NBA, or the game of basketball: Kobe Bryant exemplified how sports and the athletes within them are more than just a game. Wabash College, other than its academics, is known for its athletics. People from across the world know of the Little Giants. Student-athletes at Wabash face some of the hardest academic rigors while still participating in a collegiate sport. And as a Division III school, Wabash's student-athletes do not receive athletic scholarships, and often do not receive the same perks of a Division I school. Why then do athletics have such a huge impact for Wabash? "Athletics are part of the fabric of the educational experience at Wabash," Matt Tanney '05, Wabash director of athletics and campus wellness, said. "It's hard to imagine the absence of athletics at Wabash."

Athletes are not typically seen as more than the sport they play. Titles such as football player, basketball player, or baseball player are often all that is used to describe an athlete, and nothing more. Many don't even believe athletes have any specialties beyond the specific sport that they play. After world-renowned NBA

superstars LeBron James and Kevin Durant publicly criticized President Donald Trump in February of 2018, Fox News host Laura Ingraham blasted the two, saying that James should "shut up and dribble" and that the pair's comments were "ungrammatical" and "barely intelligible." Ingraham also urged the two to stay out of politics and focus on their basketball careers. But as Bryant, James, Durant, and many other professional athletes have shown, athletes are more than their profession. And at Wabash, student-athletes and those involved in athletics are more than their involvement in a specific sport. "Approximately fifty percent of all students participate in a varsity sport program, and our coaches and staff serve as exceptional teachers and mentors," Tanney said. "Athletics at Wabash, in particular, is an extension of the classroom experience for students on the court, field, track, or mat."

Many would consider athletics simply to be a type of competitive game or hobby. But can't athletics, even at Wabash, be more than just that? "Yes, and it extends beyond our current student body," Tanney said. "The athletics experiences of our alumni often serve as a central rallying point. Athletics creates opportunities, such as homecoming, for alumni to return to campus and reconnect with their teammates and coaches. Athletics also offers a glimpse into the life of the College for prospective students and families."

Athletics can certainly go beyond the scope of a specific sport or event. For student-athletes, athletics can apply to everyday life as well. "In addition to the obvious physical fitness and health benefits inherent in athletics participation, the mental wellness benefits derived from athletics are equally important," Tanney said. "Emotional attachments to a particular team, coach, or program, are also powerful. It can be hard to measure, but manifests itself in the great attendance and support we receive at our home events. More broadly, athletics and sports have a unique place in culture. In most



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On the court, Bryant will be remembered as one of the greatest players in NBA history. Bryant averaged 25.0 PPG, 5.2 RPG, and 4.7 APG during his career.

cases, athletics positively enhances other sectors of our daily lives, such as business, education, law, and medicine."

In terms of "mental wellness benefits," Kobe Bryant was known for his 'Mamba Mentality' on the basketball court. The 'Mamba Mentality' is in reference to Bryant's well-known nickname, 'The Black Mamba.' When asked about the mentality in an NBA postgame interview, Bryant said the mentality was the "simplest form of just trying to get better at whatever you're doing." This mentality that Bryant possessed is similar in use to the athletic mantra of Wabash College: 'Wabash Always Fights.' But like 'Wabash Always Fights,' the 'Mamba Mentality' extends itself beyond the athletics it represents. As Kobe Bryant went on to have one of the greatest NBA careers of all time, his 'Mamba Mentality' started to gain traction among both athletes and non-athletes.

"Kobe Bryant's unexpected passing is an example of the 'cross-over' effect possible by a professional athlete into the broader culture," Tanney said. "Anyone that's followed the news following Kobe's death heard alot about the 'Mamba Mentality,' which reflects more of his brand and persona than anything else. In a major media market like Los Angeles, his [personal] brand transcended his on-the-court performance."

Kobe Bryant, whether adored or hated, had one of the biggest impacts on world culture of any athlete in history. He exemplified how the term 'athletics' extends beyond a competitive game, as well as how athletes are more than just the sport they participate in. Kobe Bryant retired from basketball in 2016, and his potential outside of basketball was just beginning to be seen. In reflecting on his tragic death, one must remember the effects of his impactful life. Kobe Bryant showed

Swimming Focused and Prepared for NCAC Championships

WILL OSBORN '21 | STAFF WRITER • The Wabash College swimming and diving team will travel to Granville, Ohio in the upcoming week to participate in the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) Championships. Denison is the host university, and events will take place February 12-15. This event has been circled on the calendar of the swim and dive team since the beginning of their season; this is the pinnacle of all the hard work that the team has put in all season. A strong performance here will enable them to build on their results from this year while also raising the credentials of the team as a whole for recruiting purposes. Everything comes down to one weekend, but there is an aura of confidence and readiness among the coaches and athletes.

Preparation for the conference tournament is different than for any other meet, said Head Coach Will Bernhardt. "For most of our meets, we are working hard in the weight room and the pool without a lot of breaks. During the dual meet season, they are

definitely grinding it out. Leading up to the conference championship, we are tapering down that workload." The goal is to keep the swimmers fresh while still feeling explosive and ready to go. Their load in the weight room comes down, and the focus shifts to keeping their bodies in mint condition. "The main purpose is to get them healthy, fit, and ready to perform at their top level when conference comes around," said Bernhardt. Naturally, this is a difficult line to walk. It takes a tremendous amount of planning to keep the athletes in top shape, particularly when you consider the wide range of events that the team will swim. But the preparation is not purely physical. Bernhardt testified to the importance of visualization and the proper mentality going into a big tournament. "We talk a lot about getting into the right frame of mind, getting into a kind of beast mode mentality. We want to get their minds more focused ready to compete."

Their team has lofty goals for their conference tournament.

Unfortunately, Wabash competes in a very tough conference, as Denison and Kenyon are both notoriously good swim and dive programs. From day one of training, the goal for the team has been a top-three finish at conference. Bernhardt expects his team to compete and swim hard against those top schools. He also pointed to the last few years as motivation to place in the top three. "Over the last two years, we've lost to DePauw by a combined total of about 30 points. We've come in fourth the last two years, and this year is shaping up to be a battle again." With those narrow losses to DePauw come an added edge to beat them at the conference meet and to get over the hurdle of fourth place. Bernhardt seemed optimistic that the team could overcome those challenges. He looked at leaders on the team, particularly Wes Slaughter '21 and Hunter Jones '20, to push them over the hump. "From an individual perspective, we are hoping to come home with a few individual conference champions. Besides Wes and Hunter,

we have a lot of guys that are sleepers that I think are going to open some eyes and do some really good things." On top of the individual events, Bernhardt pointed to the relays as a real strength of the team. "Our relays are right now seeded solidly in third behind Kenyon and Denison. I think if our relays are popping off at their top level the goal is to get a relay or two to the NCAA Championship."

At the end of the day, the swim and dive team is anxious to get in the pool and compete, but they have done a good job at keeping the atmosphere light. "This is one of the most fun teams I have coached," said Bernhardt. "They always keep it light and the vibe on the deck is super positive." In his eyes, if the team is able to be themselves at conference, there is little doubt that they will race hard and fast, and ultimately succeed. Make sure to wish the swim and dive team the best of luck at their conference meet if you see them around campus before they leave for Ohio next week!