



FEBRUARY 1, 2019

STUDENTS SHOWCASE IMPRESSIVE RESEARCH FOR CAMPUS



IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

Sam Marksberry '21 presents his research on the Montgomery County Health Department.

ALEXANDRU ROTARU '22 | STAFF WRITER • Last Friday, January 26, classes were cancelled in the afternoon so that all students could attend the 19th edition of the Celebration of Student Research in the Detchon Center. 87 Wabash men came together to present 39 talks in the classrooms of Detchon, and 28 posters in the International Hall. For many, choosing which lectures to attend, as well as which posters to check out, was a difficult choice – mainly due to the incredible variety of subjects and project types Wallies embarked on during their summers.

This celebration showcased more than just research. “It’s scholarship and creative work,” Professor of Chemistry and Chair of the Celebration of Student Research Organization Committee Lon Porter said. “And so, I think one of the things that’s most important to remember about the event is it’s reflective of the broad view of the liberal arts across campus.” While students showcase their work at national conferences and symposia, they seldom do so on campus, and this is an opportunity for fellow students to see how much their peers have accomplished. In turn, this inspires many to achieve the same results themselves. “An outcome that I’m looking for is that underclassmen see a model for ways that they could enhance their Wabash education by participating in intense academic projects like this,” Howell Professor of Chemistry and Dean of the College Scott Feller said.

During his second year teaching at Wabash, Feller was one of the professors on the committee to create the Celebration of Student Research 19 years ago. “I think in the early years the natural sciences were overrepresented,” Feller said. “and that’s because I think

especially the poster format is something that scientists are very familiar with. I think that, over the years, the breadth has really increased and now we really see presentations from every academic unit of the college.”

Cancelling classes is something Wabash doesn’t normally do. When it does, “[the college] only [does] it for very, very critical events,” Porter said. “and even the weather often doesn’t warrant canceling classes. And so, to cancel classes on Friday afternoon, so that everybody can take part I think is really showing that the college not only values this in words, but values it in our actions as well.” This reflects how the Wabash Always Fights spirit is applied to academic and scholarly achievement: not settling for any sort of compromise, including for attendance in class. This, in turn, creates demanding schedules for students. Therefore, “finding a time when we can all come together and learn from each other and see the good work that’s been done is always tricky,” Feller said. “That’s why we have made the pretty bold step for Wabash to cancel classes on Friday afternoon. And so, I think our commitment to the value of scholarly and artistic work is reflected in our choice to cancel classes for the afternoon.”

Even so, there are many similarities between classes and the presentations at the Celebration of Student Research. One might say that students are taking a break from learning from our faculty and instead learning from the efforts of our brethren. “And, of course, the act of presenting your research or your artistic products is a learning experience as well, so I think that those student presenters are learning a

SEE RESEARCH, PAGE FOUR

HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

'YANK'-ING OUT CANCER

Hi-Five to Will Yank '19 for whipping cancer. Welcome back to campus for your TEDx talk this weekend!

97% OF FRESHMEN STAY

Hi-Five to the College for retaining 97% of freshman for their second semester. It's an impressive return rate that clearly doesn't account for Isaac Avant '20 entering the NCAA's transfer portal because the College didn't cancel classes for the cold.

GOV'T SHUTDOWN DELAYS

Hi-Five to the government shutdown for keeping *The Bachelor* from printing for 35 days. As much as we appreciated the extended hiatus, it is good to be back. Hopefully, there isn't another shutdown that will prevent us from printing in the future; unless its around March 1-10. It'll be okay then.

NEW CAMPUS WEATHER MAN

High Five to new Wabco Chief Meteorologist Tom Kearns. After the up to the minute updates from former athletic director Greg Shaheen, you have big shoes to fill, and more graphics to add in your emails. We will be sure to let you know when you have mastered your new found hobby, and with the upcoming spring season, we are sure that you won't disappoint. .

LIMITED LIBRARY HOURS

Low-Five to the library for closing at midnight this semester. Wallies don't start papers until midnight the day before they're due. How will they finish them without access to the library's wonderful selection of books? We suspect that the librarians want to go to the Cactus, too. We don't blame them, honestly.



COURTESY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING

Associate Dean of Enrollment Heidi Carl leaves after spending five years at the College.

CARL MOVES TO NEW POSITION AT PURDUE

PATRICK MCAULEY '20 |
SPORTS EDITOR • Heidi Carl, the Associate Dean for Enrollment and Director of Financial Aid at the College, recently accepted a new position as the Executive Director of Financial Aid at Purdue University. Nonetheless, her love and admiration for Wabash made the decision to leave very hard.

"I love Wabash," Carl said. "I think the students here are some of the most wonderful I have met in my life. I now have this band of brothers that I get to take with me for the rest of my life."

Around five years ago, Carl reached out to a friend who originally sparked her interest in working for the College. At the time, she was an employee of the University of Indianapolis in both their admissions and financial aid departments. The size and diversity of student programs at the university allowed Carl to work with students of various ages and interests.

"UIndy has undergrads, graduates, an accelerated adult program, and a five-week mini session within a fifteen-week semester," Carl said. "we followed the same federal and state rules (as Wabash) but it is more the types of ways aid can be put together."

The University of Indianapolis focuses on their mission statement, which requires each and every student to participate in some sort of community service event throughout the semester. This service aspect, along with the university's high number of student-athletes, compares solidly to Wabash. Nonetheless, Carl's time at the College has been very special for her.

"I will always brag on the gentlemanly men that I have met here," Carl said. "I never walk to a meeting across campus that I do not say hello to guys. This is a place where you can say: this is how men need to be."

Moreover, Carl's time here allowed her to acquire the skills necessary to accept the new position at Purdue. About one and a half years ago, President Gregory Hess asked her and Associate Dean for Enrollment Chip Timmons '96 to run the enrollment operations at the College. One project in particular required Carl, along with the help of the Wabash IT Department, to enhance the way students of the College receive their financial aid packages. Also, Carl often communicates with the federal government to obtain necessary funds for a wide range of student programs. Carl strongly believes that President Hess has been a wonderful mentor during her time at Wabash.

Carl mentioned that she will miss many aspects of the College. She loves every traditional characteristic of this campus. She often visits chapel to enjoy the wisdom of a weekly speaker. Furthermore, Carl constantly went to events on graduation day to watch her hard work in enrollment and financial aid pay off.

"I have a lot of friends that ask me why I do this higher education gig," Carl said. "I tell them to think back to your years in college and to ask themselves if they were not the best years of your life. I get to go to college every day and call it work."

Carl is set to begin her new job at Purdue University starting February 18th, 2019.

BACHELOR

301 W. Wabash Ave.,
Crawfordsville, IN, 47933

Twitter: @WabCoBachelor_

Instagram: wabashcollegebachelor

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Bryce Bridgewater • blbridge19@wabash.edu

NEWS EDITOR

Jake Vermeulen • jkvermeu21@wabash.edu

OPINION EDITOR

Austin Hood • aghood21@wabash.edu

SPORTS EDITOR

Patrick McAuley • pbmcaule20@wabash.edu

CAVELIFE EDITOR

Braxton Moore • bamore19@wabash.edu

PHOTO EDITOR

Ian Ward • ijward19@wabash.edu

ONLINE EDITOR

Ian Ward • ijward19@wabash.edu

COPY EDITOR

Brent Breese • babreese19@wabash.edu

The purpose of *The Bachelor* is to serve the school audience, including but not limited to administrators, faculty and staff, parents, alumni, community members and most importantly, the students. Because this is a school paper, the content and character within will cater to the student body's interests, ideas, and issues. Further, this publication will serve as a medium and forum for student opinions and ideas.

Although an individual newspaper, the Board of Publications publishes *The Bachelor*. *The Bachelor* and BOP receive funding from the Wabash College Student Senate, which derives its funds from the Wabash College student body.

Letters (e-mails) to the editor are welcomed and encouraged. They will only be published if they include name, phone, or e-mail, and are not longer than 500 words.

The Bachelor reserves the right to edit letters for content, typographical errors, and length. All letters received become property of this publication for the purposes of reprinting and/or redistribution. Profanity may appear in the publication, but only in cases of direct quote or if profanity is necessary to the content of the story. Please do not confuse profanity with obscenity. No article or picture of an obscene nature will appear in this publication.

The Bachelor is printed every Thursday at the Purdue Exponent in West Lafayette. It is delivered freely to all students, faculty, and staff at Wabash College. All advertising published in *The Bachelor* is subject to an established rate card. *The Bachelor* reserves the right to deny requests for publication of advertisements. Student organizations of Wabash College may purchase advertisements at half the listed rate.

The Bachelor is a member of the Hoosier State and Indiana Collegiate Press Associations (HSPA and ICPA).

CAMPUS MASTER PLAN TAKING SHAPE

IAN WARD '19 | ONLINE AND PHOTO EDITOR • After numerous campus events and planning sessions, the Wabash College Master Plan is progressing. At this point, some areas of the plan are solidifying, while others are quite fluid in nature. This is due to the mere fact that this plan is not only looking at physical spaces on campus right now, but what our needs will be in the future.

The plan focuses on a plethora of campus amenities, including campus life, improving access to student services, supporting on-campus housing communities, organizing campus administration locations, and pursuing growth of the campus on nearby land parcels.

But what does this really mean?

This means that the master plan group (Sasaki and Associates) is looking from the outside in to see that we as a campus have areas for possible improvement across the board.

For example, if Wabash College were to expand out on land that it currently owns, what could be built on Harry Freedman Place and fit within the campus overall? Wabash is unique in that its mall is the center of campus, meaning that we need to make sure that in the future, campus life is centered in clear common areas across the campus.

This plan is still in development, however, several things have been determined regarding what our campus could look like in the future.

The Lilly Library will remain but will take on new life through some sort of renovation that will re-energize and create new student spaces in the center of our campus. This renovation is not set in size or scope, rather it is more set upon the premise that there will be physical changes to the Library in the future to continue to help center student experiences.

Another idea that has been set is that a student dining/life space will be constructed where the Frank Hugh Sparks Center is currently located. Whether or not this means taking a phased approach - keeping the

Sparks Center and phasing in new and renovated spaces - or clearing the site completely and starting from scratch remains to be seen.

According to Kendra Cooks, Chief Financial Officer of the College, "Our Students and Staff were very clear that we want the new facility on the current site."

Even though there is not a set scope of what the project could be, Sasaki is willing to create a master plan around whatever pathway the college eventually chooses.

Another topic of heavy discussion is what to do regarding campus parking and how to address current conditions, as well as how to adequately plan for the future with the hope of reaching 1,000 students at Wabash College. Regardless of the specific direction chosen by the College, the eventual completed plan will have a section devoted to Parking Operations.

One last part of the Master Plan surrounds the infrastructure of the College at large. This part of the project was completed by R.E. Diamond and concerns electrical, HVAC, plumbing and mechanical systems across campus, with the goal of creating a list of needs and possible needs of the future surrounding our colleges



Kendra Cooks

infrastructure. This report is crucial to the master planning process as with possible structural changes in the future, there needs to be accompanying infrastructure

to support such changes.

But what will we see soon?

The master plan is a comprehensive plan not for tomorrow but for years to come. Although there may not be immediate changes tomorrow, rest assured that in the future, there will be extensive changes to the campus of Wabash College.



COURTESY OF SASAKI.COM

Sasaki and Associates has helped many other colleges put together their campus master plans, including Purdue University (pictured above).



ELIZABETH A. JUSTICE

506 East Market Street, Crawfordsville

www.justice-law.com

Welcome Wabash Faculty & Staff

Wills
Trusts
Estates
Real Estate

Phone: 765-364-1111

FROM RESEARCH, PAGE ONE

great deal about communication and how to tell a story to an audience in different ways.” Feller said.

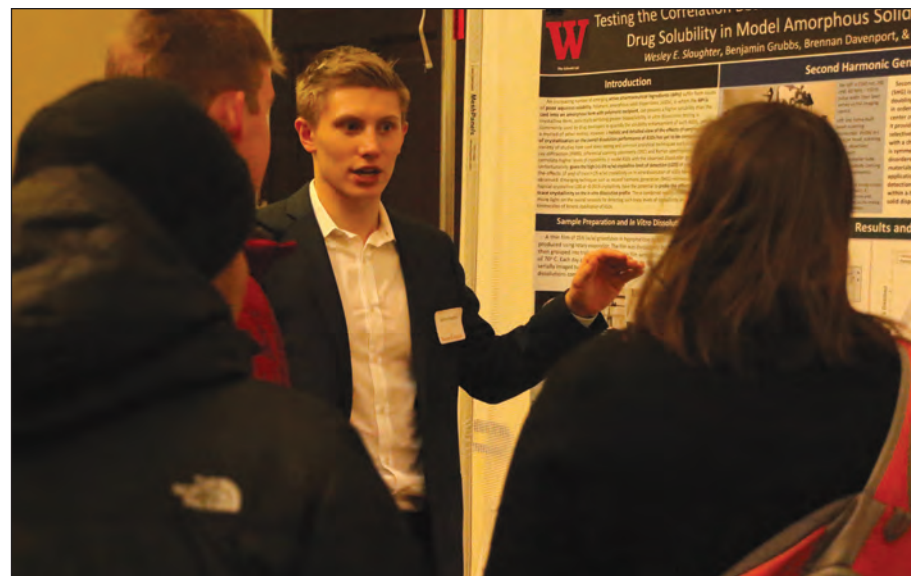
Communicating and presenting are not the only skills a Wabash man learns when presenting at the Celebration of Student Research. “I think the celebration is exciting, and it really helps students be fearless, and explore something that is challenging or beautiful, or that really grabs the in a way that makes them want to take a more in depth look at a topic of their choice,” Porter said.

Clearly, celebrating the hard work and dedication to scholarly initiative and achievement is widely regarded around campus. For alumni, trustees, visitors, parents, and prospective students, this event is like an allegory of what Wallies do on a regular basis, only “[taken] to the next level,” Porter said. “So, not just writing a short paper for a class assignment. It’s much more about engaging with a topic in depth, or engaging with developing a performance

or a piece of art or a scientific procedure, or something like that.”

The presentations themselves showcased a variety of topics, from piracy and life in Ancient Rome, to world music and rhetorical analysis, to Global Health and Literature. The posters covered projects from Physics and medicine, to Economics and masculinity, to a liberal arts approach to agriculture and its effects, to Art and Literature.

In the future, the college hopes for “greater participation,” Feller said. “I would love for us to get to the day when we can’t fit it all in Detchon Hall. I would love to see more students taking advantage of the opportunities that Wabash faculty provide to do these kinds of work.” As for the student presenters, this is a starting point for future, larger-scale research projects. Also, “there will be presentations at the Celebration that will become publications in peer reviewed journals, for example, or presentations that will be made at national meetings of scholars,” Feller said. “So, clearly, a student from Wabash College can contribute at a very high level.”



IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

Wesley Slaughter '21 presents his research during the 19th Annual Celebration of Student Research.



IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

Joseph Ballard '20 presents his research on triple negative breast cancer cells during the 19th Annual Celebration of Student Research.

Allen's Country Kitchen

HOURS: Monday – Saturday

6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Sunday

6:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Breakfast Menu Available All Day

101 East Main Street

Crawfordsville, IN

(765) 307-7016

www.facebook.com/AllensCountryKitchen





COURTESY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING

Master of Ceremonies Aishah Hasnie speaks during last year's TEDxWabashCollege.

Mi RANCHO BRAVO
Mexican Restaurant

With Wabash ID:
 15% off your your
 meal, or a free
 drink

TEDx RETURNS TO CAMPUS FOR THIRD YEAR

CLAYTON HUBER '21 | STAFF WRITER • TEDxWabashCollege is back for another round here on campus! This year will mark the 3rd annual event. In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. At a TEDx event, TED Talk videos and live speakers combine to spark deep discussion and connection about the ideas of the day. These local, self-organized events are branded TEDx, where x = independently organized TED event. In this case, the organizing team for TEDxWabashCollege is made up of students. The TED Conference provides general guidance for the TEDx program, but individual TEDx events are fully thought out and planned by the organizing team. Since 2017, TEDx has been a significant part of the culture of student life at Wabash College.

This year Sam Stewart '19 and David Riggs '20, Co-Organizers, are running the show. When speaking to Stewart about this year's event, he had strong feelings about his past experiences. "I have learned that one of the most exciting and terrifying parts of organizing an event like TEDxWabashCollege is failing," Stewart said. "You have to fail at each little planning step at least 100 times before you finally get the 'right' design. We are constantly trying to learn from our team members, our fellow students, the administration of Wabash College, and most importantly the broader community who attends our event. We are excited to showcase new ideas and new revelations in our 3rd annual TEDxWabashCollege Event." Riggs has been a part of TEDxWabashCollege since 2018. When asked about his thoughts, he said that "TEDxWabashCollege is one of the most exciting and fulfilling

things I've ever done because of one simple reason – it's a special chance for me to give back to the Wabash Community. The hours of work that myself and other team members have put in this past year is worth it when our attendees tell us how much fun the event was, and how they've already marked the date on their calendar for the following year."

The team this year has also created a new pre-event activity: a scavenger hunt to find a red "X" on campus, to create excitement around the event itself. The winners of the lottery participants can win prizes that are worth \$200. "I have gotten so much positive feedback from a number of participants for Find the X," Riggs said. "Students seem to be enjoying Find the 'X' and we are glad we can catch the interest of the student body." With this hype from the student body, TEDx has also received many volunteers this year. "With this year's freshmen class along with interest from our last event, we have many people interested in TED, TEDx, and learning more about the event itself." Riggs said.

TEDxWabashCollege seems to be attracting a lot of attention to itself with its success from last year and the scavenger hunt this year. The event will take place from 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb 2, in Ball Theatre. They have speakers visiting from San Francisco all the way to Boston – all ready to share their own ideas to the Wabash College audience. If you are interested in coming to the event this year but have not purchased your tickets, do so now. The tickets are selling fast (and may even be sold out while you're reading). You can purchase your tickets on their website, tedxwabashcollege.com.

The TEDxWC team hopes to see you at the event!

OBSERVATIONS FROM THE KINGDOM

As my December trip approached, the number of questions I got about what life is like in Saudi Arabia increased. My number of satisfactory answers did not. Sitting at O'Hare airport, embarrassingly early for my flight, I realized how painfully little I know about people, life, and religion in the Middle East: in particular, in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Most of what I do know lacks primary sources, to say the least. I can't speak Arabic.

So, I'll just keep my eyes open. These are my experiences.

Day 1: Soccer

I didn't even realize we'd arrived at our compound as our driver pulled to the side of a two-lane highway, where barbed wire and military barricades concealed the entrance. Facing inward from the checkpoint, the Al Romaizan sign welcomed us – framed by towering palms – while behind us the military-grade equipment loomed large in a different way. It was a strange place for a reunion with my family.

Somehow, my brother and I finagled our way into a men's turf game. There may be no better way to connect with people than through soccer. Both age and language barriers matter distinctly less. Still, on my first day, I felt out of place starting before a young Saudi striker (sort of the same awkward feeling I had while waiting to get through airport security when I landed in Riyadh). An educated guess put the number of countries represented at seven, mostly from the Middle East and surrounding countries. "Bravo!" was a rare and welcomed English interjection – not often said to me, out of touch with playing goalie. My younger brother quickly earned everyone's respect by leading the scoring.

Bright lights pierced the dusty air and palm trees stood proudly just beyond the goals on the other end of the pitch as the late evening sun faded behind the compound wall. We played late into the night. For a time, the last prayer of the evening was spoken over the nearby loudspeaker and drowned out the sounds of the game.

Day 3: Edge of the World

We drove a few hours from Riyadh to the Edge of the World. It's aptly named. First, however, with Lebanese music blaring from our SUV, we drifted (in the Need for Speed sense of the word) along

sandy trails and a desert road that gave no indication it was actually a road. Our guide did this a few times, for sure, at the cost of new SUV suspension kits.

Once there, the view was surreal. Miles of desert plains stretched before us, just beyond cliffs that sloped down to nothingness. There was an immense openness, emanating both peace and loneliness. A lone camel grazed beneath us. A lonely outcropping off to my right was big enough to stand on and people



Nicholas Budler '19

Reply to this column at
cnbudler19@wabash.edu

thronged over it, risking it all for the photos. The sun set quickly, being winter in Saudi, and changed the color of our photos in minutes – in one direction the sun, in the other the moon. When my mom got lost, wandering around, I figured it was time to focus on watching her instead.

After it got dark, our group set up camp, surrounded by our caravan of SUVs. Tea, Arabic coffee, and sweet treats I couldn't identify offset the chill from the desert night while we sat on carpets around fires. We chatted with people from all over. Mostly, I had questions for local Saudi people, most of them totally ignorant ones.

Hookah smoke and Arabic music filled the scene as a full moon hung heavy in the cold night sky, making bright the scene when I wandered off to pee and when the lights were turned off as we packed up for the drive home.

Day 4: Al Masmak

The Scientist's Gift program provides free tours, dinners, and gifts to foreigners in a recent attempt at promoting tourism. Slowly, it seems, the Kingdom is opening up. We visited the Al Masmak fort in the center of Riyadh, where the royal family retook the city in a mystical tale of courage and bravery that led to the First Saudi State. The tour was led by a middle-aged Saudi man who'd lived in Australia for nine years. He loved San Francisco and In 'n Out. Later, I fact-checked many of his claims with a young Saudi we'd befriended. Most of it was ideologically accurate, but not reflected in reality, she said. People will be people.

After the tour, we visited an outdoor market and were given traditional clothing to wear. My brother and I stood out in our flowing white robes and I couldn't keep the scarf on my head. Both are still immensely popular in the Kingdom. We wandered around, buying stuff we didn't need, and the well-lit fort we'd just visited stood – squat and angry, but filled with kings, history, and Islam – just behind the market stalls. Everyone we met was proud of their culture. That night, we shared a Saudi dinner. Sitting on the floor, we all ate from the same straw mat. We had rice, chicken, yogurt, dates, coffee, and other dishes with names I forget. There was also a falcon brought in for us to hold, but I'm still not sure why.

Constantly, I had feelings of uncertainty that were tough to shake: Is mom allowed in

this part of the store? Are there rules I don't understand? A rulebook would have been nice.

Day 6: Christmas

Or, in Saudi Arabia, Tuesday. There's no Christmas in the Kingdom.

So, we had a quiet, non-traditional day. (Traditions are overrated, anyway.) As we sat on the patio, enjoying the warm sunshine of December, the midday prayer could be heard from the nearby mosque. Even in the short time I was there, the reading of the Quran became a comforting sound that peacefully washed over me, although I never understood more than a few words. If out and about, we had to wait around for it to end as stores and restaurants shut down briefly so employees could pray. Even on our tours, we stopped to let the guides pray before moving on.

The night before, our Christmas Eve, we'd attended a Western dinner at a nearby compound. The invitations were for foreigners only and the compound entrance looked like a Call of Duty map: industrial, grungy, and crawling with machine guns. (It was for our own safety, but nobody could explain what we were being protected from.)

Once inside, however, their compound surpassed ours in having a restaurant and bowling alley, among other things. "Radio Killed the Video Star" and other classics played softly in the background as we ate and there were other foreigners scattered around the restaurant, speaking quietly. It usually seemed Saudi people were always more interested in talking to us than other Westerners were.

The day after Christmas, we passed a Raising Canes, Dunkin' Donuts, Burger King, TGIFs, Chilis, and a few others I was surprised to see—especially after meeting people from Pakistan, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, and Sri Lanka, whose food I think is better than anything in the West.

Day 11: Al Janadriyah

A cultural and historical festival like I'd never seen: three weeks long, representing every region of the Kingdom, neighboring countries, and a variety of ministry and business-sponsored events. Dancing, incense, food from all over, black-clad women in their hijabs and abayas, and people thronging everywhere. In the four hours we wandered, we only saw a small part of the whole festival. As the sun dipped down that evening, the regionally styled buildings were all covered in the same orange hue – uniting the country into one color.

We were given gifts of all kinds, too. In one building, we received copies of the Quran and I chatted to a Saudi guy who studied in Oklahoma (he loved fly fishing), while my mom got a virtual reality tour of the mosques in Mecca and Medina – an interesting mix of past and future. If you're

interested in Saudi, they're interested in talking. The Kingdom sponsors students who want to study abroad for university if they'll

return for a period after. Many times, these were the people who spoke the best English. I was embarrassed by my lack of Arabic and bought a phrase book. It looked impossible.

Day 14: Dunes

Our bus cruised out of the city center and almost immediately left behind modernity. Desert from the pavement to the horizon, the expanse was only intermittently broken up by tents, oil fields, and the occasional house. Civilization was scattered around this dusty landscape like debris from some great crash miles above. It's a different emptiness than I'd seen in the States. A real emptiness: bearing no crops and barely sustaining life. Then, out of nowhere, a threatening checkpoint across the highway – a reminder that you've agreed to participate in Saudi society and shouldn't forget. I was hesitant of these, always, and relieved when we passed without issue.

Suddenly, there were rolling waves in the distance, waves of pristine, untouched sand. They dominated the skyline, as if challenging the oil fields that had held that position just before. We parked. Small wisps of sand blew over each ridge as the wind picked up, trying to wipe away the stains our feet left as we climbed higher, recovering the land we displaced with each step. At the top of the largest dune, if the climb hadn't already taken away my breath, the view certainly would have: the expanse, the openness, the sunset, and the untouched ridge-line weaving away. The highway, too, stretched on till it disappeared in the distance. It was almost a shame to sandboard down.

Commentary

In no way do I mean to oversimplify the current state of affairs in Saudi or the Middle East. It's an incredibly complicated place and situation. Every place is. Most news only shows a single side: the side that does not reflect the kindness we were shown, the rich culture, the positive side of Islam. All I can do is tell my story.

While some aspects of Saudi culture may be tough to justify and understand, especially to Westerners, most people are just people. From women's headwear to family structure to social norms, I was constantly reminded how little I understood about the life in the Kingdom. Only through the people did I really begin to see beyond the reaches of Western media and my own preconceived notions.

Chatting to Alli, our guide, about how Titanic was just "okay" and how he liked when long-distance cycling turned into week-long camping trips helped me push aside my reservations and bring something unexpected to the forefront of my mind: normalcy. We even ate lasagna.

Still, the icy breath I drew outside O'Hare as I waited for my grandparents to pick me up was more comforting than it had been just two weeks before.

YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL



**Alexandru
Mircea Rotaru
'22**

Reply to this column at
arotaru22@wabash.edu

Ratio was used in Ancient Greece as a standard for the beauty of buildings. Fibonacci sequences occur in many places within nature. The truth is, we fall for organization and for order. So, does this also extend to people? Does not having certain ratios, like the infamous 90-60-90, make you ugly, as beauty standards today might suggest?

If that were the case, why do we consider wild places beautiful? Why are savannas, jungles, waterfalls – why are places untouched by human hand beautiful? Perhaps there is a hidden order? What about abstract, modern art? What about anti-art and absurd theater? What about avant-garde art – yes, that jumble of letters and symbols that makes absolutely no sense when you first see it? Then there are the feelings they create. Look at the intrigue a dadaist poem produces. Look at how people feel when they finally have a revelation about what the author meant by “From clocks, deduced, the depth of this calm ridge/That’s entered through the mirror in absolved azure”

(Ion Barbu, “Joc Secund” - rough translation of an excerpt). Yes, making sense of the mess, finding order where there appears to be none – perhaps this is the beauty in disorder. Also, without randomness, there would be no order – and vice-versa.

When they refer to beauty, people generally talk about the outside. “Look how pretty that is!” “You’re gorgeous!” “Come here, beautiful!” Sound familiar? Looks have caused tragedies, food disorders, and anxiety among people of all ages – including men; it’s not the gender, it’s the shaming, the rejection, the pain of not having other people’s support. Basically society’s aggressive response towards people who do not conform with its standards. The question is: is beauty being external really the case, or is it just a case of normalizing an unhealthy and impossible standard?

Let us look at how beauty may come from the inside. Let’s look at the heart, the mind, and the soul. A mind can create beautiful worlds through the power of art. A heart can feel joy, serenity, calm, love, loyalty – and all of these it can share. The soul, the identity, who you truly are: perhaps this is the core of beauty.

Perhaps people’s unique backgrounds, manners of thinking, ways of doing – anything; perhaps this is what results in beauty. Then again, there are people with displeasing personalities – in literature and in

today’s world. No person is perfect.

Speaking of which, uniqueness might be a source of beauty. Everything that is rare, that is outside the sphere of the quotidian, is generally regarded as beautiful. Perhaps this is why nature is more beautiful than a city for us, today. This might be why gold and jewels are more beautiful than a tractor. However, if you look at the rarities that happen in the depths of our planet’s oceans, you’d think twice about saying that fish are beautiful; just check out the deep sea angler fish, and you will see what I mean and might also have nightmares.

In the end, there might be no universally acceptable definition of beauty; or any form of definition, for that matter. Perhaps it is up to you to decide what beauty means. This implies that everyone can be as beautiful as they wish to be. However, companies need to make money, so they use these standards in order to keep sales going. We’re basically in the situation where we can’t see the wood from the trees.

On a final note, I want to say that, while beauty standards will take time to disappear, there is hope. And that hope begins in each and every one of us: in what we say, in what we do, and in what products we use. I just want you to remember and pass on this message to anyone you care about: no matter where you may be, no matter who you may be, no matter what may happen, no matter what people may say, you are, always have been, and always will be beautiful.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT



**Robert
Reed '19**

Reply to this column
at rreed19@wabash.
edu

but unfortunately, I’m seeing less and less brothers show up to eat.

We could attribute that to a slowly dying sense of community on campus, but I find that rather insulting and inaccurate- especially when making note of the endeavors made by IFC and other campus groups to strengthen the bonds between us Wabash men. I would suggest that it’s not the brothers themselves that are changing but their attitude towards the food they’re putting on their plate. In an institution as rigorous and demanding as Wabash, it’s easy to start to see “the great uniter of people,” food, as

less important. Rather it’s seen as little more than calories to get you through your afternoon classes.

Seldom do I hear compliments of the amazing roast beef from sparks or the legendary bourbon chicken from Phi Psi. Let me say, I don’t think this is because of any inadequacies of the chefs in these kitchens, I think they’re doing an incredible job with the tools at their disposal, but rather the quality of the food they’re cooking is lacking. We are located in Indiana, arguably some of the lushest farm land on earth, but still I see GFS and Sysco trucks zooming around campus delivering our food, which was most likely sourced from another country. These services are quick, clean, and convenient, but at what cost?

By allowing convenience and price alone to determine the food we eat, what are we missing out on? Are we missing an opportunity to connect the greater Wabash network to the local farming system, to get our produce fresh and in season, to support cleaner and more ethical ways of farming livestock, to take pride in our

food, are we missing the opportunity to see food in a different way? At the dinner, we talked about ways of centralizing where we source our food and distribute it around campus. We also brought up ideas of having each living unit making separate food and allowing students to choose where they eat.

We imagined a system where people could sign up for meals as a way of reducing waste. Food is such a constant in our lives that it’s easy to forget its importance. It’s easy to forget the sense of joy and community that comes when you look up from your plate mid-bite to interject in the conversation. I believe that if we truly want to build a better community on campus, an easy way to do that is to get people excited to come to meals with fresh and new flavors. Now we as a student body can sit back and try to enjoy the food we get now, but in my house, we have one and only one rule, “food waits for no one.” So, Wabash, if it’s not waiting for you, what are you waiting for?

In response to Mr. Mosak and Mr. Dean’s letter about women and objectification, in response to stories about tragedy striking models who are severely underweight, in response to any kind of advertisement that uses models to convey its message, in response to child pageants and people trying to look like models through plastic surgery, gentlemen, I ask of us to think critically about some of the most controversial topics at this time: beauty and beauty standards. It is heart-wrenching to see people – men and women alike – spending small fortunes for cosmetic changes and for clothes that become out-of-fashion the very next day – and no, I’m not talking about showers, deodorants, brushing teeth and hair, clean clothes, shaving, haircuts, or anything else that doesn’t require a specialist. Given this situation, I would invite you all to take a step back and ponder two questions: What is beauty? And how can we find it?

By no means am I trying to get a definitive answer to the question of beauty; rather, I am trying to find a way to correlate it to something visible, something palpable. I believe that beauty, like happiness, like the meaning of life, and like the principles of a moral life, is a concept so vague, that it might just encompass anything. It might say everything while saying nothing. In this sense, perhaps, the definition may lie with the source of beauty.

People love proportions. The Golden

I feel extremely fortunate to have grown up in a house run by chefs. I remember feeling excited and happy to come to the table to eat. In my house, the table was a place of nourishment, joy, memories and family, and all of that was centered around the meal. Food has been at the center of my world view for my entire life, until I came here.

Last weekend, I was fortunate enough to share a wonderful meal and conversation at the trustee’s dinner. There we engaged in some insightful conversations, one of which has been keeping me up at night. I’m going to say it, argue it if you will but I think most of us have thought this at least once, “the food here sucks.” There is a huge disconnect here for me, because for a place that prides itself on its continual mission to build a better communal sense of brotherhood, we seem to be missing a simple fuel we can be using to stoke that fire: food. I still feel that sense of community whenever I sit at a meal with the brothers of my house,

MAXIMIZING THEIR POTENTIAL WALLIES TALK ABOUT POST-WABASH PLANS

COREY LEUTERS '19 | STAFF WRITER • "We take your education very seriously," Dean Michael Raters '85 said right before the Class of 2019 was rung in on Freshman Saturday in 2015. "At the heart of our work together is the Mission of the College. We all will be there to support you, push you, educate you to think more critically, act more responsibly, lead more effectively, and live more humanely than you have to this point in your lives. We will do all we can to guide you to maximize that potential." And as the Class of 2019 nears graduation in May, they have proven, not only to themselves, but to everyone, that they have maximized their potential.

As the Seniors near the end of their undergraduate career, many have secured the next steps in their careers. Wabash men will be present in entities such as Amazon, CIGNA, ELANCO, Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan Chase, Teach for America, even our own Wabash College. This is only the beginning as many more seniors await the news from prospective employers and graduate programs.

Some students come in knowing exactly what they want to do, and some can fulfill these goals; many, however, will not leave Wabash having completed what they thought they would have, and that is okay. Ahad Khan '19 is from Lahore, Pakistan with an interest in politics. Khan had every intention to attend law school directly after Wabash, "but, in the meantime, some of the events and some of the professional experiences I have had gave me the opportunity to look into other things, too" Khan said.

"I had the opportunity to work with a consulting organization and a couple of nonprofits, and this was a turning point for me...I still want to go to law school, but in meanwhile, I can work while I look into things...I still have interest in politics; I'm not going to law school directly after Wabash because I did not do as well on my LSAT, and I have a job offer that I have accepted, I will be working with Goldman Sachs in Dallas, Texas."

For Sergio-Steven Cobos '19, he was sure from the time he came to Wabash that he wanted to go into the field of medicine.

"I came to Wabash with the intention of pursuing medicine," Cobos said. "I originally wanted to be a bio major, but due to scheduling, I had to become a chemistry major instead which was much better in the long run," Cobos said.

"I have already applied to 15 medical schools, which is probably more than necessary. I have gotten accepted into Indiana University and Marian University so far...I recently had an interview at Wayne State, and I will hear back from them in the next month or so." For Cobos, he ultimately thinks he will end up at either Indiana University or Wayne State University—much of it is contingent upon the cost of the program, scholarships for primary care, and keeping in mind the placement rates for residencies. Suffice to say that he will be in good care no matter his path.

As more seniors take their next steps, we at The Bachelor wish the Class of 2019 luck. These years have been fleeting, but they have also created ties to the Brotherhood.



"WORKING WITH A CONSULTING ORGANIZATION AND NONPROFITS WAS A TURNING POINT FOR ME."

- AHAD KHAN '19

COURTESY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING

Ahad Khan '19 at his summer internship with the Louisville Legal Aid Society.

LSAT BOOTCAMP ARRIVES FOR SPRING SEMESTER

AUSTIN HOOD '21 | OPINION EDITOR • As the Spring Semester picks up the pace, a new generation of Wallies are participating in a time-honored (if less-romantic) Wabash tradition: preparing to take the Law School Admission Test.

While this event may not have the sense of occasion of Chapel Sing or the pure excitement of the Phi Delt Bouts, it is still an experience that thousands of students have gone through. Luckily, the modern Wabash Man of pre-law orientation has at his disposal the LSAT Boot Camp, a multi-week program designed to raise students' average score on the exam and thus increase their likelihood of admittance into elite law schools.

The LSAT Boot Camp, which started in the spring of 2008, provides Wabash students, typically juniors, with 16 hours of comprehensive preparatory experience before the exam, which is typically taken in the summer between a student's junior and senior year of college.

Through the boot camp, students receive in-person instruction from PowerScore, a service which would typically cost over \$1000. However, the Boot Camp is endowed by various alumni, including Mr. William J. Reinke '52 and the Honorable Robert L. Reinke '55, which reduces the cost to \$125 per student. This year the Boot Camp has 22 participants.

The impetus behind the program is to re-orient students with multiple-choice testing, which many Wabash men seldom encounter in their careers in Crawfordsville. Furthermore, the Boot Camp aims to familiarize participants with the four sections of the test: Critical Reading, two sections of Logical Reasoning, and Logic Games.

"Life isn't a matter of A, B, C or D," Department Chair and Associate Professor of Political Science Scott

Himsel '85 said. "It's more like a blank sheet of paper. Educating like that's great and it's one of the great strengths of Wabash College and one of the reasons why Wabash has consistently produced very high performing lawyers. The problem is that's not the LSAT. So at Wabash, one thing you don't get as much practice with as at other places is continuing to take objective, standardized tests. The Boot Camp attempts to help with that."

The general consensus seems to be that the program provides invaluable preparation for Wallies looking to pursue a career in law. "Since we've had the program, we've seen a resurgence of students attending elite law schools," Himsel said. "The LSAT is like a lot of things in life, in that people who work hard at it tend to get the most out of it."

Professor Himsel is not the only one to attest to the success of the Boot Camp. "The LSAT Bootcamp is invaluable to anyone who is going to take the LSAT," President of the Pre Law Society Erich Lange '19. "Your LSAT score is the single most important factor in determining admission into law school. Many Wabash Men, myself included, could not afford the price of private instruction on their own. The LSAT Bootcamp enables students to perform their very best on what is, to date, the most important test of their life. The LSAT helped me improve my score tremendously, and I would not have as many options were it not for the LSAT Bootcamp."

Students leave the LSAT Boot Camp feeling confident, but also apprehensive in the face of this daunting exam. While further preparation lies ahead of them, they can rest easy knowing that Wabash has given them the best preparation they could.

"...I WOULD NOT HAVE AS MANY OPTIONS WERE IT NOT FOR THE LSAT BOOTCAMP."

- ERICH LANGE '19

IAWM

The Indianapolis Association of Wabash Men



**We're Proud to Support
the 3rd TED^x Wabash College
as a Silver Sponsor**

IndyWabash.org

@IndyWabash

YOUR SMALL TALK BRIEFING

TRUMP'S PREGAME POLICY

THIS SUPER BOWL SUNDAY, PRESIDENT TRUMP WILL SIT IN ON A PREGAME INTERVIEW. THIS TRADITION WAS STARTED BACK IN 2004 WITH PRESIDENT BUSH, AND WAS CARRIED ON BY PRESIDENT OBAMA. THIS SUNDAY'S MATCHUP FEATURES THE NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS AND THE LOS ANGELES RAMS, AND MORE THAN 100,000 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO TUNE IN FOR THE GAME. WHETHER YOU CRAVE ATHLETIC ACTION OR POLITICAL COMMENTARY, THIS GAME WILL INCLUDE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE TO MARVEL AT.

-JERRYNEWS

FURTHER FACEBOOK FUSION

FACEBOOK EXPRESSED PLANS TO COMBINE SEVERAL MESSENGER APPLICATIONS INCLUDING FACEBOOK MESSENGER, INSTAGRAM, AND WHATSAPP. THE COMPANY NOTED THAT WHILE THE APPS WOULD CONTINUE TO OPERATE INDEPENDENTLY, THEIR MESSAGING FEATURES WOULD BE UNITED UNDER ONE BANNER. THIS IS CLEARLY A LUCRATIVE BUSINESS MOVE ON ZUCKERBERG'S PART AS HE CONTINUES HIS MARCH TOWARDS GLOBAL DOMINATION.

-JERRYNEWS

MEASLES VIRUS IN WA AND NY

THE MEASLES VIRUS HAS REAPPEARED IN WASHINGTON STATE AND NEW YORK, AND PROVES TO BE A HEALTH CONCERN FOR THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY. THE VIRUS HAS NOT BEEN PROBLEMATIC TO THIS DEGREE IN THE UNITED STATES SINCE 1996. WASHINGTON SECRETARY OF HEALTH JOHN WEISMAN NOTED THAT THE STATE CONTINUES TO SEE "NEW CASES OCCURRING EVERY WEEK AND ALMOST BY THE DAY."

-CNN

GOVERNMENT BACK IN BUSINESS?

THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN HAS COME TO A TENTATIVE END, AT LEAST FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AS BORDER WALL NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE. PRESIDENT TRUMP HAS ASSURED SOME 800,000 GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WHO WERE AFFECTED BY THE SHUTDOWN THAT THEY WILL "RECEIVE THEIR BACKPAY QUICKLY OR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

-JERRYNEWS

TOUCHING BASE - PROF. JEREMY HARTNETT '96

SAMUEL PIPIRAS '22 | STAFF WRITER • Professor of Classics Jeremy Hartnett '96 majored in Classics and minored in Math and Latin at Wabash. He has two younger sons and is married to Associate Professor of English Jill Lamberton. Hartnett primarily focuses on Roman history and culture including art and archaeology, and has taught at the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome. Hartnett has many hobbies such as cooking and traveling. He says he is a master in the kitchen and can cook up a tasty meal with scraps from the leftovers. His favorite food is Italian.

Hartnett has lived in Italy for about four years of his life and spent the past eleven months in Rome with his family at the ICCS. Hartnett says that Italy is one of his "happy places." Hartnett loves to travel but always finds himself drawn back to Rome. We asked him to reflect on his experience as a student compared to student life today, and he said he lived in squalor compared to today's Wallies.

"Wabash has evolved over the years," he said, "and the buildings are one of the only things that have really changed." Hartnett was a little hesitant when asked about what makes Wabash so special.

He answered gracefully saying, "A lot of factors play a role, but Wabash students expect more out of their lives. They want something different and something unique, they want something to come out of the choice they made to come to Wabash".

Hartnett also supports various teams with the pep band at sporting events. He has a career-high statistic of breaking about nine 5-gallon buckets; three fell victim to his pep at the Wabash vs. D***** basketball game in which Wabash won.

Hartnett is involved in many things around campus and continues to show his love for Wabash. We asked Hartnett what his favorite beer is, and he said, "I have the superpower to drink beer, wine, or coffee of any quality and appreciate it for what it is worth. I can drink the good stuff and savor it and also drink the cheap stuff and appreciate it for what it is". His fridge is filled with PBR, "it's cheap and it's good enough".

If you get the chance, take a moment out of your day and get to know this man. He exemplifies what it means to be a Wabash man and inspires others to work hard and better themselves.



COURTESY OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA

Dr. Hartnett '96 is a Wabash professor who loves his kids, his wife, and his college.

**When you need to buy or sell,
make an educated decision.**

Give us a call TODAY!

Angie Williams
REALTOR/Broker
765.376.4504
angie.williamsfct@gmail.com

Casey Hockersmith
REALTOR/Broker
765.401.0160
casey.hockersmith@talktotucker.com

Also serving the Indianapolis and Lafayette areas.

F.C. Tucker West Central
Independently Owned & Operated
200 East Market Street » Crawfordsville, IN 47933 » fctuckerwestcentral.com

MEET KELLEN SCHREIBER

THE SIXTH MAN TALKS BASKETBALL, CAMPUS LIFE, AND STUDENT INVOLVEMENT AT THE COLLEGE

ERIC CHAVEZ '19 | SENIOR STAFF WRITER • Kellen Schreiber '22 has come into the role as the 6th man for the Wabash basketball team this year. While it's hard to miss the spark that he brings coming off the bench, The Bachelor wants the Wabash community to get to know him a little more personally. Sitting down with him we learned that he is from the southside of Indianapolis, "Being close to home has really helped with the transition from high school to college," Schreiber said. "If there is a long weekend it's pretty easy for me to get home."

While he enjoys being home Schreiber said that when he is on campus he feels that he fits in well. "I feel that I'm a pretty outgoing person and here at Wabash they want you to be as outgoing as possible so that's pretty nice." Schreiber said.

As we talked more about his

experience here at Wabash so far, we learned that he plans on being a history major. While he hasn't officially declared, he says that he plans on being a history teacher later in life. "I've had Dr. Warner for two semesters in a row and he's been a really good influence, so I am looking to pursue history," Schreiber said.

As far as being on the basketball team, Schreiber said that the seniors have helped him with both school and basketball. "Logan and Stach have been really good seniors especially to us underclassmen," Schreiber said. "They are both really involved, especially Logan. He's really taught me to manage my time a lot better. And Stach has been battling injuries so he's had to fight a lot of adversity. So I've learned from him off the court that you can always control how you feel. Those

SEE KELLEN, PAGE 13



IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

Schreiber '22 drives past an OWU defender.



IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

Kellen feeds Ben Stachowski '19 against Wittenberg. Schreiber had eight points that game.

LEARN. CARE.LEAD.



FRANCES PAYNE BOLTON
SCHOOL OF NURSING
CASE WESTERN RESERVE
UNIVERSITY

**At one of the nation's top
nursing schools.**

**Ranked #5 DNP, #6 MSN & Top 10 in NIH Funding
U.S. News and World Report**

**Discover CWRU's Grad Entry program, a two-year
Master's in Nursing for non-nursing majors.**

**Visit with a recruiter on Tuesday, February 5, 2019, in
Hays Hall from 12:10 pm to 1:10 pm.**

Learn more at case.edu/nursing | Use application fee waiver number 4085

SPECIAL OLYMPICS TO RETURN IN 2019

PATRICK MCAULEY '20 |
SPORTS EDITOR • The Special Olympics returns to the College this semester with a new energy and vigor. Thanks to Jake Page '21 and Sam Colaiacova '19, students now have new opportunities to keep up their student involvement and give back to the Wabash community.

Page '21 first started thinking about bringing the event back after he accepted the philanthropy chair position at Sigma Chi. Additionally, his high school sponsored short half-time games with special needs students during basketball games. As a player on the team, Page gained a unique view of what it was like to make a child's day.

"I kind of want it to be a tradition," Page said. "Seeing how elated and happy they were to just play in front of an audience is something that they see that matters."

Page '21 received the contact information for the Indiana Special Olympics coordinator this past November. They decided on bringing in 42 teams from various Indiana cities to campus this Sunday, February 3.

"I would just say that it's a great cause and a great campus unity event here at Wabash," Page said.

In addition to the sole event coming up next week, Sam Colaiacova '19 and the SAAC team created a few other dates for the Special Olympics team and their return to the College. Colaiacova originally thought of the idea, but was contacted by the Crawfordsville representative before he could do so himself. Colaiacova thinks it is more than just a campus event.

"I think students will have a better understanding of what it means to be an athlete," Colaiacova said. "They are very good at some of the basketball skills that the normal person could not do. I would like to have it more open to the whole campus and make it more organized in general."

The first SAAC Special Olympics event was this past Sunday. Colaiacova thinks that there will be more events in the future.

"It really puts things in perspective," Colaiacova said. "which is one thing at Wabash that we try to understand."

FROM KELLEN, PAGE 12

guys have been really good to me."

To expand on his basketball experience, Schreiber said that the expectations were pretty high at the beginning of the year with the talent that they had coming in and returning.

While winning games is important, Schreiber said, "We try to keep things loose and easy in the locker room and I think it helps out on the court. We have a lot of fun as a team and that to me is the most important thing. And being with a team that likes each other as much as this team does definitely helps."

The Little Giants have had a very successful year so far on the court. With that comes a lot of great memories. We asked Schreiber to recall his favorite and he quickly

said, "Beating Wooster and playing DePauw; that was one of the biggest crowds I've played in front of. Those were both really cool memories."

We also asked him what his favorite memory was off the court he again quickly responded saying, "Probably just being around the team as much as we have. We are a pretty close knit group so it helps that we hang out a lot off the court."

While there was a lot to learn about Schreiber over the course of the interview, he had a message for the Entire Wabash community. "Keep showing out," Schreiber said. "We have a really good fan base and I really like to see that. I love playing at home so keep coming out. We will try to make it as interesting as possible and keep the games fun."



Authentic Mexican Food

Just 5 minutes from campus!

(765) 361-1042

211 East Main Street
visit eatlittlemexico.com

The Paper Readers' Choice
Favorite Mexican Restaurant



Specials

\$1 off of meals everyday

Taco Monday \$0.99 each

\$5 minimum purchase for everyday specials

Drink Specials

\$1 off Jumbo Lime Margaritas

\$1.99 Domestic Beers

\$2.99 Imported Beers

Serving delicious Mexican food for over 20 years!

Not valid with any other offer or special promotion

Valid Wabash ID required

DINE-IN OR
CARRY OUT

Hours

11-10 Mon-Sat

11-9 Sunday

We accomodate
large parties!

GOULD

Body & Paint, Inc.

www.gouldbodyandpaint.com

Phone: (765) 364-1067

**Gould Body & Paint is committed to
providing timely and dependable
auto body repair services to
Crawfordsville and surrounding area
residents.**



**607 Waynetown Rd.
Crawfordsville, IN 47933**

TENNIS DROPS OPENER TO AUGUSTANA

BRYCE BRIDGEWATER | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • The Wabash College Tennis team returned to action last weekend after a short fall season. Wabash graduated four seniors from the seven man squad in 2018, including All-American William Reifeis '18. Wabash reloaded by recruiting six freshmen to join the fledgling program. With the new members, including three walk-on seniors, the team is to expect some growing pains.

Last Saturday proved that, with Wabash dropping the match to Augustana College, 1-8. All-American Patrick McAuley '20 was the lone winner after taking the third set into double-digit games. Jordan Greenwell '19 lost a third game match, and the doubles pair of Andrew Denning '20/Duncan Roy '19 lost in the tiebreaker at #2 doubles.

After last year's run, McAuley will look to lead the squad in both #1 singles and #1 doubles. Despite Reifies graduating, McAuley still has high expectations for himself and the team this year.

"We are a really solid team this year from top to bottom," said McAuley, "We

also have more senior leadership with the addition of Duncan Roy '19 and Evan Frank '19. We're going to have a blast out there."

Nieshal (Mylo) Thambipillay '22 played in the #3 doubles match and the #5 singles match. Living in Malaysia, Mylo's first match was a definite adjustment.

"I played pretty well for doubles, but not so much for singles," Mylo said. "I'm really happy with doubles, but I know what I have to work out for singles this week."

Despite the large number of new players in the program, Mylo doesn't see this year as a rebuilding year. The team is ready to compete and keep the precedent of excellence continuing onto this year.

"We will go out there and compete," Mylo said. "We don't really think that this is a setup year. It's a year to play our heart out and get some experience."

Wabash will look to rebound tomorrow at Kalamazoo College before returning home to play Case Western Reserve University and Earlham College on February 9.



IAN WARD '19 PHOTO

Mylo Thambipillay '22 serves during his first college match last weekend.



IAN WARD '19 PHOTO

All-American Patrick McAuley '20 returned a shot against Augustana.

Say it With Flowers!

Order & Pre Pay For Your Flowers With A Wabash Student ID & Receive

PRE-PAID STUDENT DISCOUNT

10%

ON LOCAL FLOWERS

Milligan's

115 E. Main Street
Crawfordsville • 362-3496

www.milligansflowers.com

STRONG START FOR TRACK

TEAMS PLACES SECOND AT ROSE HULMAN, LOOKS TO BUILD ON MOMENTUM AT OLIVET NAZARENE AND PURDUE

JACKSON BLEVINS '20 | STAFF WRITER • Last Friday the Little Giant Track and Field team competed in the Engineer Track and Field Invitational at Rose-Hulman University and finished second out of seven teams. The Little Giants had quality performances across the board and were only sixteen points behind the Fighting Engineers of Rose-Hulman.

The sprinters and hurdlers had a strong showing from a combination of young and old, one of the young sprinters being Jose Franco '22. Franco was recently named North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) Sprints/Hurdles Athlete of the Week after an impressive performance last Friday.

Franco took home first place in the 400-meter dash with a time of 51.75, the fastest recorded time in the NCAC so far this season. Preston Whaley '22 was not too far behind Franco, as he ran a 51.86 in the same event.

Franco also contributed to the 4x200-meter relay team and the 4x400-meter relay team, as both relays posted the best times the NCAC has seen this season. Along with Franco, Josh Wiggins '21, Leon

Ivy '21, and Brady Gossett '19 combined to run a 1:31.70 in the 4x200-meter relay. Andrew Young '21, Tyler Ramsey '21, Keith Abramson '22, and Franco posted a time of 3:26.24 in the 4x400-meter relay. Abramson had a quality race in the 800-meter dash as he finished second with a time of 2:01.80.

In the 60-meter dash, Ivy, Isaac Avant '20, and Gossett finished third, fourth, and fifth respectively. Rashawn Jones '20, one of the best hurdlers in the nation, took home first place in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.13 seconds.

Finishing second and third behind Jones in the 60-meter hurdles were fellow teammates Leo Warbington '22 and Wiggins who ran times of 8.69 and 8.74, respectively.

"The guys brought great energy and supported each other," Head Track and Field Coach Clyde Morgan said. "The guys competed and no matter what heat or event it was in, our guys got after it, and as a coach that excites you. We didn't go into this meet trying to score all of the points, as our long-term focus is conference and nationals."

The distance runners performed well on Friday

also, as Ethan Pine '22 ran a 4:26.00 in the mile-race, and fellow freshman Hunter Wakefield '22 was just behind him with a time of 4:26.91. Keegan Kirkwood '21 took home fifth place in the 3000-meter run with a time of 9:23:25. Also, Henry Egan '22 placed fifth in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 16:11.90. Finally, Isaiah Campbell '21 earned third place in the shot put with a throw of 45 feet, 7.75 inches, and Lucas Bender '22 placed fourth in the pole vault by clearing 14 feet.

"It was a great night for us, not just the distance guys," Associate Head Coach Tyler McCreary said. "We had a lot of guys get career bests and top times in the conference. This next weekend we will let some guys run some different events to give us some options and more depth as we look to fix things up for conference."

The Little Giants are looking to continue to make improvements as the season progresses all while keeping staying focused on their goals for the back half of season. This weekend the team will be split between two different meets, one at Olivet Nazarene University and the other at Purdue University.



PHOTO COURTESY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING

Luke Bender '22 clears pole during pole vault meet. Bender placed fourth.



Attention Wabash students:

Free small drink when you
show your Wabash ID!

BEST BASKETBALL TEAM SINCE '82

TEAM STARTS 17-2 AND JUMPS TO 14TH NATIONALLY

CLARK TINDER '20 | STAFF WRITER • The Little Giant Basketball program has been building for a season like this. Slowly but surely Coach Kyle Brummet and his staff have assembled a group of Wabash Men who are ready to compete for an NCAC championship. Currently sitting at 17-2 and tied atop the NCAC standings, the Little Giants are gearing up to finish this season strong. The real story is how they got here. This season has been far from as clean as their record shows. There have been injuries, sickness, and several teachable moments, but despite everything this team has stuck together.

One of the biggest learning moments of this season came in Springfield, Ohio just days after Christmas. The Little Giants had been rolling. A last-second win against the College of Wooster and then winning three games in a row by an average of roughly 28 points set the team in high spirits. The players were feeling good and enjoyed a much-deserved break. Then came a scrappy Wilmington College team. The game was a battle the whole way. Jack Davidson '21 led the Little Giants with 36 points, but in the end, Wilmington was able to come away with the upset. Undefeated no more. It was now time to learn how to respond to a loss. The Little Giants would go on to win seven straight games and continue to assert themselves as the team to beat in the conference.

A player that has asserted himself over this stretch has been center Harrison Hallstrom '20. Currently, Hallstrom is the leading rebounder and second-leading scorer on the Little Giants. He has been dominant on the boards and understands it is part of his role on this team to crash the glass as much as possible. Hallstrom wants to do whatever he can to help this team win whether that is rebounding or



IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

Jack Davidson '21 splits the defense against OWU. Davidson averages 23.4 PPG.

scoring in the post.

The leading scorer for the Little Giants is Davidson. Averaging just a hair under 24 points per game, Davidson takes a lot of the responsibility on offense. This scoring is not forced. Davidson does not feel pressure to score as his coaches and teammates help him play his game. Davidson has had some impressive scoring outputs this year including setting a new career high in scoring at 43 points against Denison. Going into the season Davidson expected this success but he is not satisfied yet. For him, satisfaction will come with an NCAC championship and an NCAA tournament appearance.

A key to this season that has been different than years past has been the chemistry and energy. Both Hallstrom and Davidson noted that this team is deep and the bench is constantly engaged in games and practice. There have been different sparks all season whether it is Colten Garland '20 hitting a big three or Connor Rotterman '21 battling on the defensive end, this team is engaged. Every player has a role on this team and they know the better they do in their role the wins will keep coming.

The Little Giants must stay together to finish this season strong. The team just had their seven-game win streak snapped at the College

of Wooster. The game started and Wabash quickly found themselves down 14 and trying to fight back. Wabash ended up losing 84-91 and are now in a tie for first place. The Little Giants have already positively responded to a loss this season once before but this response will define their season. With six games left and four on the road, the Little Giants will be all hands on deck to enter tournament play with the right taste in their mouth. The team will have back to back games this weekend at Allegheny and Hiram before going to DePauw on February 6th and then returning home on February 9th for a game against Kenyon College.