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BRIGANCE LECTURER CONDIT SPEAKS ON PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT IN SCIENCE

STEVEN BAZIN '18 | STAFF

WRITER • When Assistant Professor of Chemistry Laura Wysocki and Assistant Professor of Rhetoric Sara Drury received a grant to study the patterns of effective communications in the scientific community, they reached out Dr. Celeste Condit. Condit, a distinguished research professor at the University of Georgia, recently visited Wabash and gave a talk on Monday. Condit has been interested in the subject since 1993 after spending a year studying genetics at her university. Professor Condit began working with the National Institute of Health to further study genetics, while working at NIH she started to focus on the communication of scientific discipline.

“[The National Institute of Health] was interested in communication and genetics,” Condit said. “They understood that genetics is a different type of medicine. It delivers probabilistic information to ordinary people who have to make decisions on that. They knew that would be challenging because most people worried they had trouble understanding it. They wanted people to work on that, and I happened to be in the right place at the right time.” Condit believed that a lack of understanding of probabilistic thought lead to the general fear surrounding genetic thinking. While even well-educated people may have an understanding of calculus, many have trouble grasping the probabilistic thinking that is necessary for understanding genetics.

Following her work with the rhetoric surrounding genetic research and disorders, Condit found her interests snowballing into other fields of science. “Once you work in one area, people in allied areas become interested,” Condit said. “It’s interesting the way the communication discipline is set-up. There’s been a longer standing interest in what’s called health communication. There hasn’t been as much interest in rhetoric, but in the last five to ten years in the humanities there has been a long overdue interest in the developments in technology and science and making them accessible for public knowledge and use.”

Condit believes that one of the major issues with public interest in science is rooted in our education system. “One of the problems is a lack of interest,” Condit said. “Because they don’t feel confident they shut down, thinking they can’t engage it... [They]

have to get over that barrier, and realize it’s not as hard as it looks. A lot of people have gone through a flunk-out stage where they had a teacher who wanted to show that some people weren’t as smart as others. They did that by seeing how many people they could flunk out of their science course. The people who flunk out end up saying ‘you’re right, I don’t understand this’ which has not been a good educational strategy for the general public.”

Beyond education, the biggest issue is one of urgency. Scientific journalism has shifted its focus towards medical and environmental developments because the public is only interested in science as it affects them. However, the general public has not lost interest in science entirely. “There’s still that group of people who are interested just for the sake of wonder,” Condit said. “You still have people who love to see what’s going on in the latest oceanographic study, and the amazing creatures, and sometimes the sad interactions, like losing the coral reefs. Then there are people who are enchanted by pictures of Pluto. We have the problem orientation, but there’s still that sense of awe.”

“I’ve always said that you can divide the public into two groups,” Condit said. “There are science fans, who may or may not be scientists of one kind or another. They have a very broad interest in science... Then you have people with low scientific who aren’t particularly interested in science. How do we make them more interested? Keep producing wonderful [documentaries], and take advantage of new technologies with computer animation. We can produce a mass motion picture, like Martians, where people can envision the Martian landscape. That inspires that same sense of wonder.”

Condit believes that education is the place to foster that sense of wonder. “We have to do a better job of convincing the people who teach science in high school, as well as College, that the goal is not to produce scientists,” Condit said. “The goal of science education is to produce a population who is literate in science. We shouldn’t be trying to find the best ten percent. We should be making sure the one hundred percent is inspired, and has a basic competency in those things. We haven’t really gotten that across to everyone teaching science yet.”



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HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

007 WINS FULBRIGHT

Daniel Craig '16 has been named Wabash's only Fulbright Scholar for the 2016-2017 school year. This fall, Daniel will travel to Germany to work as an English teaching assistant, where he will surely find ample opportunity to get up to his typical shenanigans in public. Congratulations Daniel!

SPEAKERS SAY YES TO HESS

We would like to extend hearty congratulations to this year's commencement speakers, Nathan Bode and Samuel Vaught. The choice of the two students is an interesting one for the College, as both students were a part of the 'Say Yes To Hess' movement when the President voiced opposition to Indiana's proposed same-sex marriage ban, HJR-6. We always wondered how Hess was able to gather so many fervent supporters, and now it all makes sense. He's finally lived up to his end of the bargain.

TRUE LEADERSHIP

Hi-Five to Jason VanMeter '18 for standing up to the 'National Society for Leadership and Success,' and reminding us that you don't have to pay \$80 to let some quack organization tell you you're a leader. Just give Wabash \$250,000 and you'll learn how to be one.

WARDROBE CHANGE

Head Football Coach Erik Raeburn and his wife have announced they will move to Savannah State, a decision which will bring many changes. One of these changes may boost the economy of not only their new home, but also the entire United States as Liz Raeburn's wardrobe will need to be completely replaced. Why you might ask? Because the lady in red will be no more, as Savannah State's colors are blue and orange! *The Bachelor* would also like to wish Coach Raeburn and his family the best in this new chapter of their lives. Good luck and thanks for a great eight years of Wabash Football!

PEOPLE ARE MISSING OUT

It is admirable how the CIBE continues to attempt to provide excellent learning opportunities to the campus while getting rejected and forgotten so often. We at *The Bachelor* understand your pain. We feel as though we are traveling the same difficult road every time we see one of our issues flippantly tossed in the garbage can.

RECENT ALUMNI TEACH STUDENTS THE VALUE OF NETWORKING

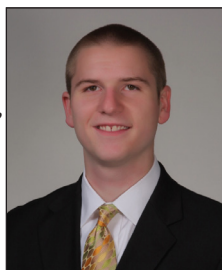
CHARLES FREY '19 | STAFF

WRITER • Recently, two alumni returned to campus to hold a discussion of networking strategies. Matt Page and JJ Peller, both class of 2013, held a discussion entitled

Networking like a Champ. Page was a rhetoric major, economics minor, a brother of Sigma Chi, and began networking sophomore year through Sons of Wabash. Peller was a Phi Delt, came in thinking he wanted to be a brain surgeon, then pursued economics, and recognized early on that meeting people was valuable by going to Career Services events and worked his way through leadership positions in his fraternity. They both answered questions throughout the night ranging from "how can I stand out in a conversation with someone I'm trying to network with" to "how can I keep in touch with everyone that I've networked with?" The answers were surprisingly simple.

The most important thing when networking is to develop relationships. This sounds easy in theory, but when placed in a room with strangers at an event that may only last two to four hours, introducing yourself may be a little intimidating. Besides, what if you running out of things to say might get a little awkward, right? The solution Page and Peller gave was to just be yourself, and to ask questions. "The best practice of getting to know someone else is asking questions," Page said. "People love to talk about themselves. If you can go into a conversation and walk away knowing nearly everything about whoever you were talking to, they're going to think you're the best person ever for being such a great conversationalist."

Peller agreed, saying, "Yeah, ask questions. Dig and find out what concerns does a person have. What challenges do they have, what are their biggest fears, what are their biggest dreams? And when you really know what someone is



Matt Page '13

motivated by and what scares the heck out of them, then you really can figure out how you can be potentially valuable for that person. Once you determine that, you can start providing that value for the longer term."

Being of value is one reward on both sides when it comes to networking, but an even greater benefit, according to the speakers, is the potential friendships made through spreading your network wide. Throughout the evening, Page and Peller both emphasized the importance of being yourself. "At the end of the day, it's about finding commonalities with other people," Page said.

Wabash students already have a head start when applying for internships or jobs. There are Wabash alumni integrated everywhere in the world, and the chances of finding one who would be able to help in the job search is more than likely to happen. The commonality between undergraduate and graduate is the brotherhood of the scarlet banner. This is good news for someone who might be new to meeting other people.

"I think that networking with Wabash alumni as an undergrad is phenomenal practice for after Wabash, where most of your experiences won't be in the Wabash realm," Peller explained.

"Authenticity is very observable," Peller continued. "Also, being selfless is ten times a greater weight to getting closer to your goals than being selfish and thinking that it's all about value that they can give you. A way you can develop authenticity, if you don't necessarily have it, is to find three people you can do something for. Seek out three people that you know, who have goals that they want to accomplish, and help them reach those goals."

So get out there and network. Introduce yourself, ask questions, and be yourself.



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FUTURE LAW STUDENTS GIVE TAKE ON JUDGE GARLAND AN UNDERWHELMING NOMINEE

DEREK ANDRE '16 | GUEST WRITER • When I was asked about my thoughts on President Barack Obama's nomination of Merrick Garland to fill the Supreme Court seat vacated by the death of Justice Antonin Scalia, I had not thought much on the matter. Of course, I had read the New York Times article detailing Garland's centrist record and sterling credentials – 20 years on the bench of the second highest court in the nation and additional service in the Justice Department before that – but I had



Derek Andre '16

yet to develop an opinion on Garland.

As stated, Garland's adequacy for the seat cannot be contested. He has served as a Judge on the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit since 1997 and as Chief Judge since 2013. A graduate of the Harvard Law School (shouts out HLS), Garland worked as a clerk under the late Justice William Brennan before entering private practice. In fewer words, there may be no one in this country more qualified to sit on the Supreme Court than Merrick Garland.

But, in a word, Garland's nomination is uninspiring. With his two previous nominees, Obama chose progressive candidates and both shifted the Court leftward and provided additional diversity to the bench. With Garland, Obama has

done neither of these. In his time on the bench, Garland has earned an extraordinarily centrist reputation. Garland is, in many ways, a lower-court version of Justice Stephen Breyer. As such, Garland, should he be confirmed, will solidify the Court's liberal wing.

I, like many progressives, find myself somewhat disappointed by the President's nomination of Garland. In the interest of full disclosure, I do not think Merrick Garland will ever sit on the highest bench in this land. By the time November rolls around – the only time at which his candidacy may be considered by Senate Republicans – his shelf life will have expired. Both Republicans and the press will have had months to scrutinize Garland, far longer than any other Supreme Court nominee in the past 25 years.

No matter the thoroughness of the Obama Administration's vetting of Garland, skeletons are bound to turn up as time passes.

It seems to me that Garland's nomination signifies an acknowledgment of the obvious of the part of the Obama Administration: that it is highly unlikely that Garland will ever reach the Court. As such, it seems that the President has nominated Garland, instead of another, younger judge, in an effort to force the hand of Senate Republicans. Either Senate Republicans will confirm Garland – a win for Democrats – or they will bear the weight of denying him a vote – another win for Democrats. Either way, Garland's nomination, while largely undistinguished, is a win for Democrats at large.

A SAFE CHOICE FOR SCOTUS SPOT

DYLAN MILLER '16 | GUEST WRITER • On February 13, 2016, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Antonin Scalia died. This date now marks the beginning of what many believe will be months of political debate and the beginning of an important shift in the highest court of the land. Starting off his last year of his presidency, President Obama faced one of the most influential decisions a president can make: nominating a justice to the Supreme Court. This opportunity opened up the door for President Obama to replace Justice Scalia's conservatism and shift the court more to the political left. Two weeks ago, Obama announced that he would nominate Merrick Garland to the

Supreme Court. Judge Garland is a former prosecutor that has served on the DC Court of Appeals since 1997.

Obama's choice in nominating Judge Garland is an interesting one to say the least. Obama has already nominated Justices Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor, and this could have been another opportunity for Obama to further diversify the court by selecting another woman and/or minority for his nomination. Obama could have also chosen to nominate someone with a much more liberal track record than Judge Garland who is often categorized as a centrist. Was Judge Garland's nomination purely based on his sharp legal mind, integrity, and even-handedness as



Dylan Miller '16

President Obama said from the Rose Garden, or did the President have some other motives?

Much of Obama's nomination announcement was a call to Congress to do their constitutional

duty and hold a vote on Judge Garland's confirmation. It is no secret that Republicans in Congress want to stymie any nomination to the court by President Obama with the hopes that a Republican

will soon be in the White House. The Republican-controlled Congress is refusing to touch anything with Obama's name on it, just as they've refused to work with the President on legislation during his tenure as president. By nominating a white-male centrist, Republicans will have a hard time saving face while making a ruse of doing their constitutional duty. Judge Garland is by no means a bad nominee for Supreme Court, but he is definitely the safe choice. Whether this was done intentionally by the President to ensure an easier nomination process - or it happened to be a fortunate coincidence - is yet to be determined.

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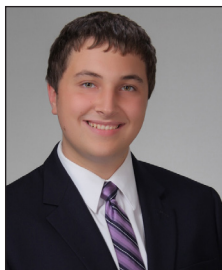
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A PILL REPUBLICANS SHOULD SWALLOW

ADAM ALEXANDER '16 | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • Judge Merrick Garland may be a moderate judge, but his confirmation would tip the scales of the Supreme Court to the left for the first time in decades.

Supporters claim Judge Garland to be a moderate, but opponents to his nomination disagree. Many Republicans have attacked him for his views on gun control, saying that he would overturn Justice Scalia's landmark D.C. v Heller case, which established a personal right to bear arms for all Americans. However, they have little backing for this claim, beyond Garland's bid for the case to be reconsidered by the full D.C. Circuit.

Politically, this strategy of ignoring Garland could prove disastrous for the Republican Party. I don't think moderate voters are going to like the idea of senators not doing their jobs, and many of them might find themselves losing to their Democratic challengers. Should Hillary Clinton win the Democratic primary, angry moderates could give her the edge she needs to win the election outright, and then



Adam Alexander '16

appoint her own nominee. For Clinton would likely abandon Garland in favor of a much more liberal judge. For this reason, I think the Republicans would be well served to simply accept the Garland compromise now, rather than risk the appointment of a justice who would seek to overturn every controversial decision Justice Scalia ever made.

Garland is also a practitioner of judicial restraint – something which would make Scalia proud. Rather than “legislating from the bench” by making sweeping statements that rewrite American laws and policies, Garland has a long record of finding ways to “save” laws from being struck down as unconstitutional. He has carried out this judicial viewpoint in a bipartisan manner; he sided with Bush on Guantanamo issues, and he has sided with Obama on environmental issues. This suggests that regardless of who the next president is, Garland could pave the way for a Supreme Court deferential to the executive's will, rather than obstructionist.

With a justice like Garland, the Court could tip to the left on issues like campaign finance, environmental regulations, affirmative action, gun control, and maybe even the death penalty. But I have a feeling that Garland would be an unreliable justice for the Left, which makes him perfect for the job.

A MOVE TOWARDS THE MIDDLE

NASH JONES '16 | GUEST WRITER • When I first heard that Merrick Garland was going to be President Obama's nomination to the Supreme Court, the first question that came to mind was, “Who the heck is Merrick Garland?”

This led to a few hours' worth of research and a little bit of cross checking references.

Ultimately, what it appears to mean for the Supreme Court is a move away from a moderate right-winged court (with Anthony Kennedy being a little bit of a wild card in some cases) to a sort of neutral one. Judge Garland, who has spent years on the DC Court of Appeals, is considered to be a neutral judge by many on the left and the right, and could potentially become the all-important swing vote. With Justices Roberts, Alito, Thomas, and sometimes Kennedy on the right; and Justices Ginsburg, Sotomayor, Kagan, and Breyer on the left, it is likely that potential-Justice Garland would have a great deal of power and be the critical fifth vote.

As someone who typically leans to the right on most issues, I am going to be



Nash Jones '16

completely honest: I'm not entirely sold on Garland as a replacement for the late Justice Scalia. Is he likely to be the most conservative person President Obama would ever consider nominating? Probably. Garland tends to side with law enforcement from what I've read on him, but has also taken the side of the EPA in many cases, too. His views on gun control are murky, but appear to be left-leaning, which doesn't bode well with many conservatives. While President Obama probably thought that Judge Garland's lack of a track record on issues such as abortion or gay marriage would make him a strong choice to send to a Republican Congress, I don't think it will be enough to convince them that he is a good replacement for Justice Scalia, a life-long conservative with a track record to back it up.

In the end, I can see from a political standpoint why Congress is wanting to wait until after the election to hear nominations, especially since they think a Republican candidate is likely to win. To appoint Judge Garland would mean a shift from a slightly conservative court to one that is almost dead neutral. On the other hand, maybe a neutral court would be a good thing. Maybe we would see truly balanced decisions if we had a court that represented viewpoints from not only the right and left, but also the politically moderate as well. Only time will tell.

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WALLIES OF THE 500: PRESIDENT FRANK SPARKS

PATRICK BRYANT '16 | BUSINESS MANAGER • Wabash President Frank Sparks had a bright future ahead of him when he was working on Lake Maxinkuckee in Culver for some of the residents there at the turn of the 20th century. One man in particular that he worked for had a bright future himself. The man, Carl Fisher, would go on in 1909 to be the leader of a group that founded the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.



Carl Fisher

The promising young Sparks was hired by Fisher to work in his automobile dealership in Indianapolis at approximately the same time as Fisher's group founded the Speedway. The dealership was one of the first in the nation and now long-gone automobile brands such as Maxwell and Pope-Toledo graced the showroom floor. Sparks'

job, according to his biography by Richard Banta '26, was to polish the brass on the cars as they sat on the showroom floor.

Fisher was a tireless promoter. According to Archivist Beth Swift, one such promotion was "the flying car" that you could only find at Fisher's dealership. Fisher himself would fly over Indianapolis in a hot air balloon with a car tethered to the balloon. The car was actually just the chassis with the engine and other parts removed. When the balloon landed, the car was secretly switched with a waiting car painted similarly. That car would then be driven back through Indianapolis by Fisher.



Frank Sparks

Before becoming Wabash's ninth president, serving from 1941 until 1956, Sparks would become a

millionaire in the private sector. Though Sparks wouldn't make his fortune as a Fisher employee, he would meet his future business partner Quentin Noblitt, who was a mechanic at Fisher's dealership. Noblitt and Sparks would first found the Indianapolis Pump and Tube Company, manufacturing air pumps for bicycle tires. The company would go on to make electronics like radios and automobile parts changing its name to Noblitt and Sparks Industries, known today as Arvin Industries.

Although there is no evidence that Noblitt and Sparks Industries or Arvin Industries ever sponsored a car in the Indianapolis 500 or had a sponsor presence at the Speedway, Sparks was intimately close to the track's founder at the track's very beginning. More so, Sparks' foray into business mirrored the path Fisher took when he formed a number of automobile parts companies in Indianapolis in the 1900s and 1910s.

"IndyCar & the Liberal Arts" will feature a panel Wabash men associated with the Indianapolis 500, offering stories, advice, and use of the liberal arts in their careers. The event will be in Ball Theater at 7:30 p.m., Monday April 11.



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IT'S NOT PERSONAL, IT'S STRICTLY BUSINESS

As I am sure you are all aware, Coach Erik Raeburn has left us to take the head coaching job at Savannah State, a Division I FCS school. Coach Raeburn leaves Wabash with an impressive record and will go down as one of our all-time winningest coaches. While it is unfortunate that he is moving on, it is not entirely unexpected or unprecedented. The last head coach, Chris Creighton, went on to coach at Drake, an FCS school, and then Eastern Michigan, a Division I FBS school. FBS schools are the major football schools; they are the ones eligible to play in end of season bowl games. They receive the most television time, funding, and highest coaching salaries. In other words, for most collegiate football coaches being a FBS head coach is the pinnacle of his career.

Furthermore, Raeburn hinted last year that he was looking for other opportunities when he applied for the job at Whitewater. I believe his applying to the Whitewater opening is more



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telling of Raeburn's aspirations and how Wabash fit into them. Whitewater would have been a mostly lateral move: same division, same small town setting, and most likely a similar salary (it is rumored that Wabash compensates very well for Division III coaches). Yet, Whitewater has a lot of intangibles that Wabash will never have, most importantly in the areas of recruiting and roster depth. In the Elite Eight this season, we were the smallest school by far, with most having upwards of 5,000 students. Whitewater has over

10,000. It is a lot easier to get talented high school senior football players to come to a large school WITH WOMEN than it is to get them here. That's just a fact. Furthermore, with a large student base, a roster can have significantly more depth when injuries inevitably occur.

As I stated before, Whitewater would have been a mostly lateral move—"mostly" being the key word. In terms of program success, the unfortunate truth is that Whitewater greatly eclipses our beloved school. They have been in nearly all of the last ten national championship games; Wabash has been in one in its entire history of football. This past season we had one of the best years in Wabash football, but were still beaten terribly in the quarterfinals. I would posit that maybe Raeburn figured that this was the farthest he could take a team at Wabash; maybe he just didn't think we had the skill and talent to take it to the next level and win a national championship. Personally, I think it will happen one day, but for a coach who is already nearing the halfway

point of his career, that day may have just been too far off to justify sticking around.

This brings me back to the title of my opinion "It's Not Personal, It's Strictly Business." Am I a little bothered by the way Raeburn left? Yes. I think he should have let the team know more throughout the process. But is it such a big deal that I feel offended and upset? No, not at all. Ultimately, Raeburn owed nothing to Wabash. He wasn't an alumnus (for the love of God I hope that's the right spelling so the Latin professors don't rake me over the coals), and he didn't have children go here. This was a job for Raeburn and it was one that he excelled at and enjoyed, but new opportunities came a-calling; a new opportunity that allows Raeburn to truly prove his ability as a coach and offers the best chance for him to progress in his career.

Coach Morel will continue the success we have grown accustomed to. I am sure of that. I just want to wish Erik Raeburn the best of luck at Savannah State and I hope that he turns that program around.

THE SENIOR (MENTAL) CHECKOUT

Fellow Wallies, both young and old, as we approach the last few weeks of the semester, I would like to comment on the time-honored tradition of the Senior Mental Checkout. For the freshmen in the audience, let me give a brief description: following the stress of seven semesters of college, grad school applications, the job hunt, and comps, most seniors experience a period of intense burnout during their second semester. For a lot of us, it means that extracurricular activities become less important, some athletes have finished up their sport, and many have done the math involved in figuring out what grades we need to get in order to do minimal damage to our GPA (Note to professors: that last part was just a joke!).

With that being said, please don't get the impression that this means seniors don't want to be involved with Wabash. Many of us have had great times here, and it is going to be sad saying goodbye. However, many of us have also been



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involved in clubs, fraternities, Student Senate, etc. since we were freshmen. But there is a time in every student's college career when he realizes that it is time to let go of the reigns and pass them on to the next guy in line. This is important to leadership for a few reasons. For one, it gives everyone else a chance to learn the ropes of different leadership positions while we are still there to help. Nobody likes being thrown into a new job without supervision or guidance of

any kind. Another reason is that it gives organizational infrastructure time to adjust. If all of your most experienced people leave all at once, good luck rebuilding your club. Since I have been at Wabash, I have seen numerous clubs disappear after the leading seniors left because there was nobody prepared to take over after they left, which meant the club effectively folded the next fall.

With all of that being said, we are not wise sages who live on mountaintops. We do not have all of the answers, and that is another reason for senior mental checkout. Some of us are still trying to decide what law/medical/graduate school we want to go to. Others are still hunting for jobs or just trying to figure out what to do with our lives. While second semester seniors may not be as actively involved on campus, we are still incredibly busy. Time waits for no one, even tired seniors. The work we are putting into planning for our post-college lives may give off the appearance that we don't care about our

last semester at Wabash. Believe me, we certainly care, but our time here is short, and we need to have our ducks in a row if we want to be the guys that help connect you to the working world when you are getting ready to graduate.

If you see a senior walking around these last few weeks, and he seems tired, bored, or "just ready to be done", please understand that this isn't a criticism of Wabash. Many of us have had rich and fulfilling experiences here, but realize that soon we must move on. This is for our benefit as much as yours. For many of us, this is both a stressful time of year and a relaxing one. Comps are done, but the real world is staring us down. Graduation is coming, but so is the reality of graduate school or the working world. Someday, hopefully, you will all be in our shoes, and I wish you luck when you get there. Until then, just remember that your time at Wabash goes by fast, and that many of us getting ready to graduate can attest to that!

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MAKE WABASH GREAT AGAIN

Wabash is lagging. In just the last few years we've dropped from being the best liberal arts college in America to number 671. Mexico – er, sorry, verbal tic – DePauw is kicking the crap out of us. The Dannies are taking our jobs, stealing our women, and this close to stealing the Bell for the third time in you don't know how long.

The student leadership at this college is a joke. I'll tell you, I heard that Powell guy was born in Kenya. The deals we're getting aren't good enough. We have a trade deficit with China – again, sorry, verbal tic – Bon Apétite. Let me tell you, sometimes you have to know when you've lost your momentum, and that's something I talk about. Well, Wabash has lost its momentum. People work hard here, really, really hard, and they deserve changes that will work for them.

First, as Brady Quackenbush said a few weeks ago, we need to build a wall between us and DePauw and it needs to be huge. Heck, he probably got the idea



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from me but that's beside the point. Anyway, wall, us, DePauw, between, yuge. And who's going to pay for the wall? [This is the part where you all yell DePauw]. If we're going to be a college, we've got to have borders; we've got to be secure in our borders; borders, borders, borders. We need a wall, and DePauw is going to pay for it.

Next, I propose a ban on all incoming freshman next fall to this college. We don't know who these kids are, where they're from, or why they're here. They could be great guys, or they could be

terrorists. They could be some bad, bad dudes. I'll tell you, how do we know these new kids weren't sent here by ISIS? I'll tell you, we need to ban all incoming-freshmen from Wabash until we can figure out who these guys are.

And you know, we have too many people dropping out from this college. We're a great college, the best, but we've got people deserting us every semester. In the old days, deserters were shot. Now, I'm not saying we should shoot the guys that decide to walk off their post and desert, but I'm also not saying that we shouldn't. Also, we need more fights around here. Don't worry about any charges, I'll pay your legal fees.

I remember a few years back when that Hess guy showed up and he said we were going to be THE liberal arts college for men. Well, last time I checked, there's still an all-male liberal arts college in Virginia called Sydney-Hampden, oops, I mean Hampden-Sydney. So long as they're around,

we'll never be THE liberal arts college for men. We've got to do something about them before they decide to do something about us. I call for ground troops, 50,000 of them, on the ground in Virginia to deal with those "Southern Gentlemen."

We also need to get more women on this campus. And good looking ones, too. You know, Melania Trump-types, not Heidi Cruz-types. That Melania, she's the best. Number one. Anyway, right now, there are binders full of women just waiting to come visit Wabash, and the current President isn't doing enough to get them here. We need more girls around here, yuge numbers of girls.

It's time to make Wabash great again. I've had enough of the liberal media, Megyn Kelly, and the shows bashing on this place. We need to make America, er, Wabash great again. God bless you, and God Bless the Unite-, oops, Wabash.

Oh, and by the way, Happy April Fools Day.

IT WAS ONLY A NIGHTMARE

On a cold January day in 1961, America's last lionized President braced the cold D.C. winds and preached fervently to a nation in crisis. Many words of importance escaped his mouth that day, but perhaps no words more pertinent to our nation's present situation than these: "...those who foolishly sought power by riding the back of the tiger ended up inside."

The GOP got a little too greedy in seeking the Oval Office this election year, flirting with a plunge inside the aforementioned tiger. Now, many Republicans want to back out and correct their mistakes. Prayers have been thrown up to the heavens, not only by Americans, but also by citizens of the world, pleading to end Trump's campaign. Now, it seems, their prayers have been answered.

Yes, you did not just misread that last statement. Trump's candidacy for the GOP nomination has ended. As many have speculated all along, Donald Trump simply wanted to stir the pot of American politics. Trump stated in a recent press conference that he has done his duty to the American people, and that the next President sees that flaws in American



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politics that he has uncovered – namely illegal immigration.

The election year of 2016 has been one of the craziest in American history – if not the craziest. The American people have witnessed a different style of debate – if one would go as far as to call it "debate" – and have seen formerly untouched issues brought to light. Trump presented what other American politicians never started: a foray into the American senses, tapping into what the majority of Americans want, and what the majority Americans feel.

Though this is still fresh news, some important world leaders have spoke out, seemingly in relief, of Trump's dropping. Angela Merkel, Chancellor of Germany, remained

hopeful that Americans could get back on track, both internationally and domestically. Pope Francis voiced his thanks to God, saying that the prayers of many have been answered. And Aung San Suu Kyi, Chair of the National League for Democracy, rejoiced in hopes that the proper democracy will continue to be spread throughout the world.

This still begs the question as to why Donald Trump did what he did. Was it for show? Was it for recognition? Or was it simply to do it because he could afford it, making it another thing to cross off the bucket list of the 69 year old. As speculation still swirls, the answer will likely not emerge for sometime; however, the evidence does point to Trump's desire to stir the pot of American politics.

Trump certainly did stir the pot. American politics has been flipped upside down and all around throughout the campaign trail. Insults about family and male genitalia were used in a proper debate setting, voices of disgust and anxiety followed. Threats of wall-building and nuclear warfare were tossed around some more. Jokes were

made about - not only Trump, and not only the entire GOP - American politics from terrorists groups and prominent world leaders. The once proud United States of America had seemingly been exposed for our false sense of strength, mostly in part of Trump's lowly actions.

But can we, as a country say this was a good thing? Perhaps. We have learned a multitude of lessons from this Trump debacle, many of which I, for one, hope we keep in the back of our minds for elections to come. It often takes a negative downturn before one realizes that he/she has to propel things upward. The marginal cost curve for all you economists out there.

Too many cruel and harsh jokes were played out against the American people so far this election year. Many of which we rightly deserved, but just as many we did not. It seems as though the GOP has gotten away with this one, avoided the plunge into the tiger that was foreshadowed by John F. Kennedy in 1961. What other cruel jokes could possibly be played against the United States once more? Oh, that's right. April Fools.

CALLING AN AUDIBLE JUDGEMENT ERROR

BRYCE BRIDGEWATER | STAFF WRITER • The Wabash College football program announced on Monday that former offensive coordinator Don Morel has been promoted to head coach of the team. This announcement comes after former coach, Erik Raeburn, accepted the head coaching position at Savannah State University in Savannah, Georgia. Savannah State is a Division I-AA Football Championship Subdivision program in the MEAC.

"We are very pleased that Don has accepted our offer to lead our football program," President Gregory Hess said.

Morel becomes the 33rd head coach in school history. Morel has been with the team since the 2011 season.

"The administration came to the conclusion that the continuity of the successful program was very important in choosing the next head football coach," Dean of Students Mike Raters '85 said in a press conference on Monday. "With great confidence and pride, we introduce Don Morel as our next football coach."



IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

New Head Coach Donald Morel in a Monday afternoon press conference.

Morel becoming the new head coach leaves a vacancy at the offensive coordinator position for the program. However, with Morel being on the staff for the last five years, the team should have no trouble in continuing spring practices for the rest of the semester.

"Our football staff is intact," Morel said. "We don't miss a beat whether it's in recruiting, spring ball, or lifting. We are doing a gear order as we speak. We are playing a game in Spain this May. It's a very smooth transition."

The upcoming season will be an exciting one for Wabash College. After a twelve-win season and a trip to the NCAA Division III playoff quarterfinals, the expectations are set extremely high. Morel also noted that the change shouldn't have a negative effect on the next recruitment class.

"Just especially the guys that I have been recruiting, which is about 28 of them, were extremely excited," Morel said. "Also, I'll say this too: we have a history of great football coaches. But young men choose Wabash the college. The institution sells itself."

Morel recognized some of the challenges that the program has to go through in the future. Maintaining an excellent program at a school with tough academics, in Crawfordsville, and with no girls is a challenge in itself. However, Morel knows how difficult it is.

"We get the guys that take the road less traveled that want the challenge," Morel said. "We ask them that in recruiting. We want the guys that are interested in this experience."

Morel expects to continue calling the plays for the team from the sidelines. The team will start its 2016 campaign in Albion, Michigan against Albion College. This rematch of the first round of the NCAA tourney from this past year will be a great test for the team. The team will finish its season at home in the 123rd Monon Bell Classic on November 12th.

On a final note, we as The Bachelor staff would like to thank Coach Raeburn for the past seven years. We wish you all the luck next season and thank you for being a great addition to our Wabash family.



Michael Lumpkin '18

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We, as an organization, would like to apologize. In light of last week's article, titled "The Heat Is On," we have had time to reflect on some poor errors in judgment and journalistic practices. Our team approached a sensitive subject in an inappropriate and unfair manner, something that holds no place on the campus of Wabash College or in the practice of good journalism.

The mistake involved taking just one opinion and turning it into a hasty generalization and attack. The mistake involved not allowing all parties involved in the story to adequately speak on their behalves. The mistake involved students who are learning the ropes of journalism and its proper ethics. We at *The Bachelor* are students, who despite our desire to be, are in no way infallible in our reporting. The shortcomings of last week's article are well documented throughout our organization and will be in the front of our minds as we continue forward.

Thank you to everyone who reads *The Bachelor* on a weekly basis. We appreciate those who hold us accountable for the work we produce. Your time and effort is another shaping force that allows us as Wabash men to obtain the ability to make our world a better place.



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TENNIS LOOKS TO CONTINUE ITS IMPRESSIVE PERFORMANCES OF LATE

JOHN JANAK '19 | STAFF WRITER

Consistency is key. The Wabash College Tennis team has continued to display their winning ways over their previous four-game home stand these past weeks. During the past four home games, the team produced a 3-1 record defeating Capital University and in-state rivals Hanover and Franklin College, improving their overall record to 11 wins and 9 losses.

"It was nice to finally have some home matches after being on the road for all of February and right into spring break," Head Tennis Coach Jason Hutchinson said. "We went 3-1

beating 2 HCAC teams and a good Capital University team from the OAC conference. Our lone loss was to Kalamazoo College who is #10 in the Central region and #38 nationally. Tennis can sometimes be labeled as an individual sport, but to us it is all about the team. During those four matches, I did have some players compete well, but more importantly we got three team wins."

Hutchinson still believes the team has room for some improvement, as he preached how important practice was for the rest of the season.

"Moving forward, we need to continue to look at our doubles," Hutchinson said. "We constantly work on doubles in practice, but we are having some trouble at #2 and #3. I just made a switch in the combinations and was pleased with how it went. Still not sure those are the best pairings, but we will

continue to work on it. The ultimate goal is to put the best three teams out there that can get us two or three points heading into single."

George Go '18 has been a major player in the team's success and has hopes that the team can continue their steady play for the rest of the season.

"So far this season has been going extremely well," Go said. "I feel that the team's chemistry and willingness to push each other every day has helped a lot not only this season, but for next year as well. Throughout the season, I've been proud with our level effort we put into each match. With this year coming to a close, I feel like that we just need to keep on grinding until the end. The NCAC has a lot of talent year, so conference is going to be a battle. However, I believe in the guys and our ability to compete with any team in the nation."

The team wants to give a solid

showing in their last few non-conference matches as they are set to square off against tough opponents University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and Edgewood College on April 3rd. Hutchinson preached that he wants to use these two matches to get better, and help catapult their hard work into conference play.

"We are going to use these matches to get better, try to surprise them with our grittiness," Hutchinson said.

The Little Giants are destined to take on conference rival Denison University on Friday, April 15th, with the first ball drop at 5 p.m. The team will then take on another tough conference opponent in Wittenberg the following day at 9 a.m. They want a huge crowd to support their efforts in their final home matches of the season. Come out and show them how strong the Wabash brotherhood truly is!



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Jordan Greenwell '19 returns a backhand in a home match early in the 2016 campaign.

TIME FOR A TURNAROUND

JOEL JANAK '19 | STAFF WRITER • As the Wabash College Golf team prepares for their favorite match of the year, Head Coach Mac Petty took stock of the team's recent performance. He knows he has a solid group of core guys, who he believes can succeed day in and day out. Last Friday and Saturday, the team traveled to Rose Hulman to play in the Rose Hulman Institute of Technology Invitational where the team finished 10th. The top five scorers for the squad shot a combined score of 701. Christian Beardsley '16 fired a season-low 82, participating as a non-scorer individual for the Little Giants. "The invitational allows each of our teams to play as many golfers as we have on each roster," Petty said. "This year, 11 of our guys played the classic....at Hulman Links Golf Club in Terre Haute, IN." Petty concluded discussion of the invitational by saying "Our play wasn't very good" and "We didn't play up to expectation."

Colin Bell '17 also spoke briefly about last weekend's performance. "I think that last weekend the course got the best of us," Bell said. "We had some guys earlier in the week

score decent but come the weekend I think as a team we just struggled to the ball in the hole. Some guys were striking the ball well but just couldn't score." Petty and Bell both believe the team is much better than how they performed during last weekend and will grow from their early season struggles.

The team travels to Carmel, Indiana next Tuesday to play in the Big Four Classic. Butler University is hosting the Little Giants, Hanover, and DePauw. Last year, the team finished second at the Classic, also getting a second place finish out of Logan Burdick '15. Talking to a few guys on the team, this seems to be the favorite match of the entire year for the team. It is a great honor Wabash College golfers get to participate in the experience playing at Crooked Stick. It is not an everyday thing a small Division III program gets to play at a professional course. "Our guys have a chance to get back into the swing of things this coming week with Crooked Stick on Tuesday," Bell said. "Come Tuesday, the team will be ready to score where we should be and we will be ready." He believes the team is going to be firing on all cylinders with consistent play

at practice this past week at practice. The team will be ready to go at Crooked Stick.

Coach Petty talked about some key standouts from his team most recently. "Tyler Cole '16 has been the most consistent," Petty said. "Mason Asher '18 has made some grip changes and it affected his play at the invitational last week. But he's worked out the problem and is back to his old self." In the fall, Asher was the most consistent scorer for the Little Giants, so he is looking to get back to his fall-season form. Coach Petty also talked about Christian Beardsley's '16 recent addition to the team. "It's pleasing to see his improvement since he only plays in the spring season," Petty said. "Christian plays football and for all four years he's only played golf in the spring."

Coach Petty said that wants to see consistent play, and that he has been preaching to his entire team this week. Golf is a game of consistency, something the Little Giants have struggled to do early on. "Hopefully with this week of practice we can improve on some of the deficiencies before our next match," Petty said.



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Jared Cottingham '18 from the bunker.

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WHAT A WINTER IT WAS

SPRING WEATHER CALLS FOR SEASON RECAPS OF THE LITTLE GIANT ATHLETICS

TUCKER DIXON '19 | STAFF

WRITER • With winter sports coming to a close and spring sports well underway, The Bachelor takes a look back over the past few months and recaps some of the highlights from Wabash College winter sports.

The Wabash College wrestling team had high expectations heading into their 2015-2016 season. The team rose to the challenge, having one of the team's better seasons. In late February, the wrestling team overcame some early tournament losses to clinch the Midwest Regional Title, the fifth in school history, all while sending six wrestlers to nationals. At nationals, the Little Giant wrestlers had a strong showing with Devin Broukal '18 and Riley Lefever '17 claiming national titles and Nick Bova '17 earning All-American status. "I really owe all my teammates and coaches for working with me and preparing me all season for the national tournament and also all of my supporters and family for rooting me on and having confidence in me," Broukal said. "Winning that tournament and achieving All-American status is the highlight

of my career, and I'm glad I was able to achieve my supporters expectations and also represent Wabash as best I can. I am thankful for this unforgettable experience and to have been on such a great team."

For the Little Giants' basketball team, this season was filled with adversity. Placed in one of the toughest conferences in the country, the Little Giants had to fight every game just to scrape by. Not only did the team scrape by, but it also put together a very good season with a team full of young talent and future potential. Led by seniors Daniel Purvlicus, Marcus Kamrath, and Austin Burton, the Little Giants young roster put together a 13-13 record with high quality wins against Ohio Wesleyan, Wittenberg, and Denison. Young players like Johnny Jager '19, Duncan Roy '19, and Ben Stachowski '19 all rose to the challenge and embraced a spirit to make everyone on the team better. The Little Giants look to return the bulk of their roster next winter with hopes of building upon their good season this year.

The Wabash College swimming and diving team also entered the season expecting big performances from their senior leaders and that is exactly what happened. At the 2016 NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving Championships, senior Zechariah Banks, whose name covered the Wabash Sports website for the majority of the winter swimming season, competed in one of his toughest

races with amazing results. Banks tallied a fifth place finish in the 200-meter breaststroke and earned the second All-American award of his collegiate career. "I feel truly blessed to have had the opportunity to represent Wabash at Nationals," Banks said. "To gain my second All-American accolade is a true testament to the culture that my team has created here at Wabash. I give credit to my coaches, my teammates, and my parents. It feels great to be able to put another All-American plaque in the Allen Center."

The Little Giant Track and Field team had a very good indoor season with a second place finish in the NCAC Indoor Track and Field Championships, falling to Ohio Wesleyan by forty points. At Nationals, Matthew Dickerson '16 overcame it all earning a fifth place finish in the heptathlon and was awarded All-America Honors. "I think that getting 5th and earning All-American just goes to show that Wabash shapes us into men," Dickerson said. "The heptathlon is an event that requires maturity both physically and mentally and Wabash has prepared me in both. It is truly an honor to join the many other great Wabash men who have earned the same honors as All-Americans."

The season of Spring welcomed new sports to the center of the Wabash Athletics stage. As fans make the move outdoors, it is important not to forget the great performances of our teams displayed in their 2015-2016 campaigns. Goodbye gynnasiums, hello fields!



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Connor Brummett '17 (top), Daniel Purvlicis '16 (bottom), and Evan Frank '19 (bottom) all played vital roles for their teams.

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road that cars once drove on became a path for students and the Arch was created upon that path.

But who would plan such a devious act? Using supernatural energy to create a portal to the realm of the dead is no easy feat.

The answer: one of campus' most beloved and unassuming Career Service affiliates, Scotch Crawfish.

Several students saw him roaming the Mall just minutes before the extra-dimensional doorway appeared, muttering words and phrases such as "alumni," "interviews," "coffee and careers," and "years of planning."

An even rarer sight was seen moments after the portal opened, as a society older than the Sphinx Club showed up to extinguish the flames spewing from the Arch. Wearing elaborate robes and jewelry, the "Pyramid Organization," dubbed so for the design on their robes and jewelry, began to circle the Arch for what appeared to be an anti-portal ritual. Crawfish ran to stop them, but was apprehended by Campus Security.

The ritual lasted several minutes, included intense Latin chants, and grand gesticulations by the Organization members. Eventually, though, one final wail emanated from the Arch, the heat subsided, and all was tranquil again.

Just as quickly as the mystics appeared, so too did they vanish. The Pyramid Organization left without a trace, but it is speculated that this secret society has protected Wabash over the years from much more dastardly deeds than this. It was only a matter of time before a paranormal attack finally succeeded. It was lucky, then, that they were ready to defend the campus at a moment's notice.

When asked why he did it, Crawfish answered, "I never wanted to hurt anyone. If anything, I just wanted to summon the specters for students thinking about going into paranormal investigating to get some real life experience. And, if any of the deceased met untimely deaths, what led to them? Were they work related? How could we prevent this in the future... You see, it was all for the students."

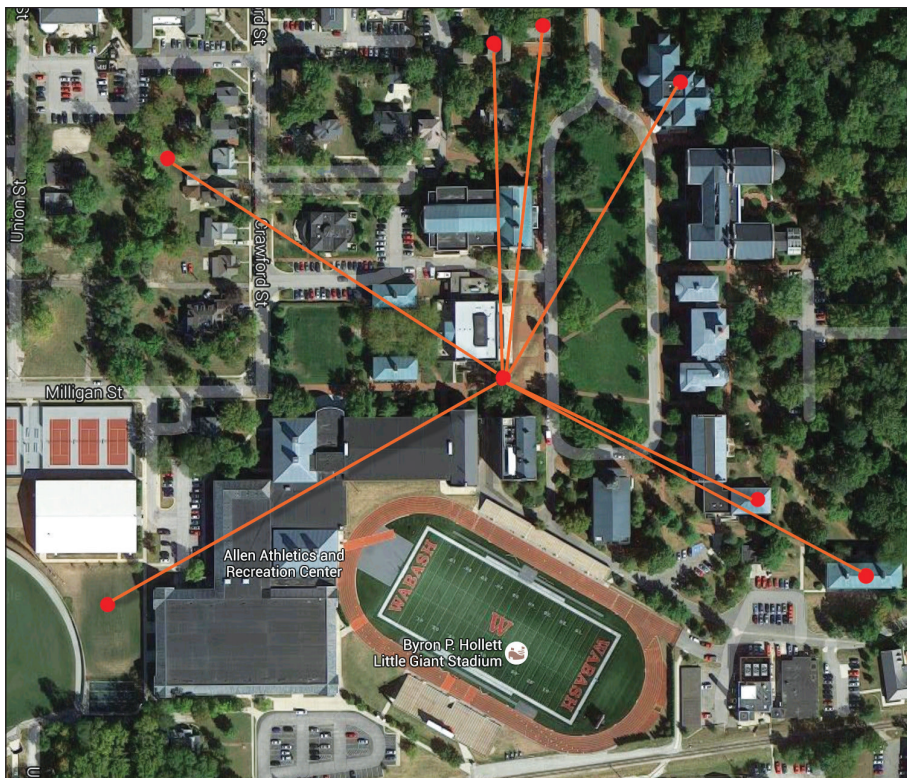
Should we thank the Pyramid Organization for intervening? Did they prematurely end a once-in-a-lifetime learning experience for students? Are there more threats facing campus from what we once thought was science fiction? Isn't the portal to hell supposed to be about 30 minutes south on 231?

Join in on the conversation by tweeting @theBastard while using the hashtag #PortalEd2K16.



TOMMY GUNN '17 / PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

The original plans for the placement of buildings to unlock the portal. Caleb Mills' signature can be seen at the bottom of the image, just below the football stadium.



TOMMY GUNN '17 / PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

Wabco's current layout. Lines have been drawn from where the buildings were strategically placed to bring about the necessary focus point to open the portal under the Arch.

SCHEDULER CLUB

JESÚS IRISH | BASTARD EDITOR • This past Tuesday the Wabco Student Senate approved the recognition of a new club on campus. The Scheduler Club was unanimously approved to begin operating with Senate funds to fulfill their mission statement. The goals of the club are as follows: "The Scheduler Club will endeavour to make good use of the room reserving process at Wabco. We hope to utilize it to its full potential, having as many rooms reserved and simultaneous events as possible."

When asked about the difficulties that others had had with the service, the club president, Indigo Junefruit '17 said, "The process may seem convoluted and unintelligible to the untrained amateur, but in reality it is very easy to manipulate. We essentially just 'schedule' a room, and regardless of whether or not it gets approved, we show up and hold our event."

Junefruit went on to describe the success he has had with this format of dealing with the intricacies of the process. By just continually ignoring the rules, he caused the process to become even more broken. Now he is able to just paint a black X across a door to a room he wants to reserve, and no one is allowed to enter unless he lets them. This has led to a profitable system for resale of reserved rooms.

"I arrived at my 8:00 a.m. Constitutional Law class, and had to fork over \$20 to use the room." Professor Scotty Shebought '85 said. "I really should have thought ahead. The charge doubles when you have to pay at the door. I usually try to pay the night before, to take advantage of the discount."

The Scheduler Club has, since scheduling the entire campus, established a new method for reserving rooms ahead of time. Now, in order to gain access to a given venue, one simply has to fill out a Google form which lists the room desired, when it is desired, and how long it is desired for. The form dumps straight into a Google calendar that makes it really easy to determine which rooms are available when. Current reports show the process is running smoothly and there are no complaints.

LO-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY
OF A LO-FIVE THIS WEEK

SCHEDULER UPDATE: SERVICE DISCONTINUED

It is with great regret that we inform the campus that the administration has abandoned its new Scheduler system. The system was too efficient to give students the “real world” experience the President wanted, and others complained of having all their questions answered competently during the training sessions. From now on, solve your schedule conflicts like generations of Wabco men have: make your own choices. The babysitter’s gone to bed, kids. We think it will be okay.

WABCO NRA ESTABLISHED

After his attempts to recruit enough club members from Cigar and Pipe Club to form the Wabco Vape Team, Campus Danger Expert Dick Forest has established a chapter of the NRA at Wabco. Members are required to open carry and must have high-capacity magazines loaded at all times.

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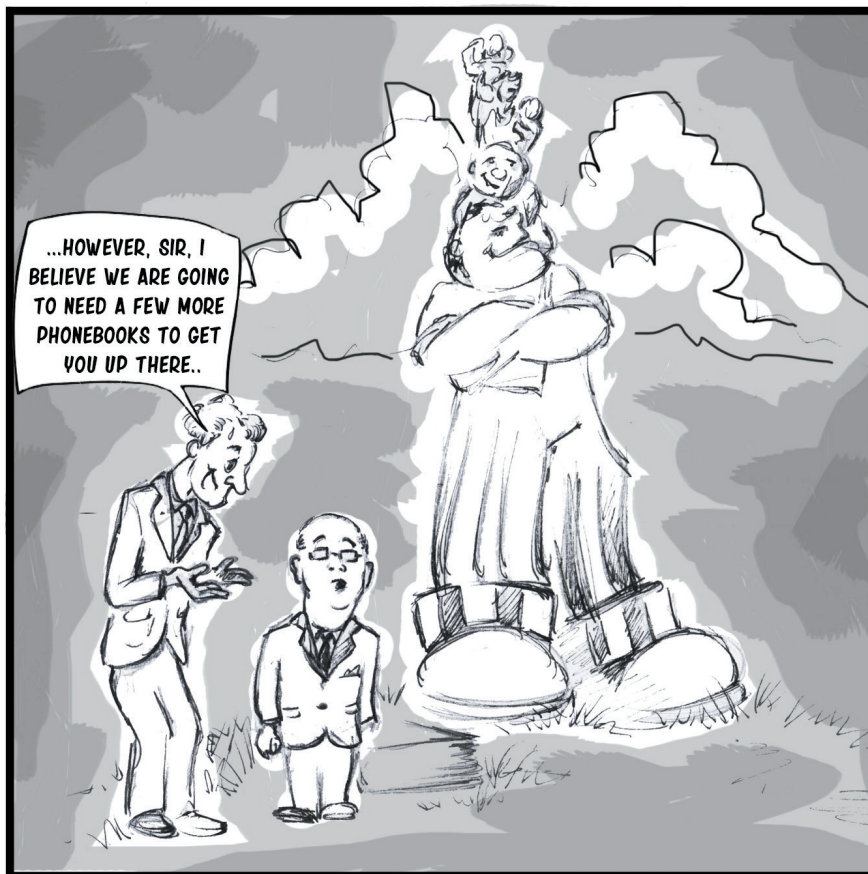
In response to the new campus club, the Wabco Sickbay increased its trauma preparations. They are now fully stocked with Calamine lotion and traction beds. Should you receive a gunshot wound, visit the triage center in Nurse Sheep’s office.

KODIAK REPLACES FEWWITS

In a stunning turn of events this past week, the reigning decision maker of the Wabco Student Publication was ousted from office. Howard FewWits, the previous advisor whose heretical nonsense was dutifully published every week by the hardworking writers of the *Bastard*, is now licking his wounds as Professor David Kodiak cackles triumphantly. At press time, Kodiak reportedly constituit mutare linguam *Bastardi* ad Latinam.

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS LEAKED

The *Bastard* received the name of this year’s honorary recipient: Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, for providing an example of effective leadership, inclusive discourse, and hardline politics. By not bowing to social pressure, he showed the strong backbone that Wabco seeks to foster.



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WABCO STUDENTS GO TO ITALY; REFUSE TO RETURN

PACKY DERM '16 | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • Over spring break, a group of Wabco men led by two professors went to Florence, Italy. Everything was going well. No one had gotten stuck in an airport, they were all posting plenty of pictures, and they were even submitting blog posts to the Wabco website. By all measures, it should have been considered a successful immersion trip. However, when the Wabco vans arrived at the airport to pick the students up and take them back to the institution, no one was waiting for them. The drivers checked, and sure enough, the airplane had safely landed and the students should have been there. But they weren't.

Several calls were made to the professors leading the trip, but they were never answered. Concerned, Wabco President Gregory Mess ordered an emergency meeting of administrators to assess how to handle the situation. Although the professors have not responded for comment, administrators gathered intel from student MySpace posts, saying that the group as a whole had decided to stay in Italy, and they would not be returning

to Crawfordsville. Although they could not establish direct contact, President Mess and his administration decided to issue a statement, which read in part: "Immersion trips are meant to be a supplement to the liberal arts experience, not a replacement. Wabco students are expected to return to campus once their official trip is over. Failure to return to Crawfordsville will result in denial of students' diplomas."

The students in Italy, while refusing direct contact with President Mess, took note of his statement. One Marco Shamerath responded with a post to his personal MySpace page, which The Bastard has found. "President Mess is out of his mind if he thinks we're going to come back. I don't think you people get it. We are in FLORENCE, ITALY. Why would we ever want to go back to Crawfordsville, Indiana? Nothing in Crawfordsville is the David! There's so much in Florence that Crawfordsville just utterly lacks. I don't think there's anything that could make us go back to that middle-of-nowhere town. Certainly not a diploma. If Wabco administrators think a diploma is worth coming back to Crawfordsville, then

they have truly lost their minds."

Upon seeing this response, Mess dispatched his right-hand man, Dean Scott Smeller, to go to Italy and bring the students back. Smeller has had little luck in finding the students, however. For the past two weeks, he has been traveling all around Italy, searching for the students. Unfortunately, Smeller seems to have run into problems of his own. When Mess ordered Smeller to travel to Italy, he warned him not to enter any museums or look at any of the buildings. But in Smeller's report last Friday, he ended it by saying, "If I'm going to be here this long, I might as well check out Michelangelo's 'David' and Botticelli's 'Birth of Venus.' After I go see those, I will resume my search for the students."

Mess was infuriated when he read the report from Smeller, and replied immediately, urging him to avoid all pieces of art and architectural wonders. "Scott, if you look at those masterpieces, I'm worried you might not come back to Crawfordsville too," Mess wrote. Indeed, last Friday's writing was Smeller's last. He has ceased communication with Wabco,

and Mess seems to be panicking.

Numerous other members of the administration have volunteered to go to Florence to help look for Smeller, the professors, and the lost students. However, Mess turned them down in another emergency meeting; his voice was loud enough that Bastard reporters could hear him through the closed doors: "No one is going to Italy! I'm not going to lose another one of you!"

Frustrated with this international crisis, Mess has ordered the immediate cancellation of the immersion learning program, until the Wabco administration can get a handle on what exactly just happened. "We always knew it was a risk, but we never thought that students would actually stay in the countries we sent them to," Mess told the Bastard.

As for the former professors and students? They seem to be having a great time, and are still posting pictures of various artwork, palaces, and cathedrals on social media. The only comment from a professor came from Lexy Yack, who simply wrote, "Scott, if you're reading this, you're welcome to join our group now. Meet us in Venice."

MISSING



Dr. Lexy Yack and 13 others have not been seen since March 13, 2016 In Florence, Italy.

If seen please contact Dean Scott Smeller Immediately at Wabco 301 W. Wabash Ave. Crawfordsville Indiana

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PORTAL TO HELL?

ROSS SCHWIMMER '19 | FORMER GHOST HUNTERS STAR • It was a paranormal Easter Sunday for Wabash, with the reported sightings of a “Portal of the Damned” opening under the Arch at around 5:00 PM, resulting in the appearance of several apparitions of notable alumnus (ahem, alumni) who floated around for a while before flying away, presumably to terrorize our neighbors down south. On campus though, the event had mixed reviews.

Some students noticed an ominous cloud forming over campus for most of the day, and one remembers smelling an brimstone odor near and around Sparks.

“Yeah, I just expected the smell was coming from the kitchen,” Jon A. Petite '17 said. “I’ve never given much thought to the strange smells coming from this side of campus. It’s been such a normal occurrence before, but I guess this time I should have paid more attention to my surroundings. Oh well, c’est la vie.” Some were simply confused.

“Honestly, I thought National Act was a little weak this year,” Dick Butler '19 said. “I thought the light show was impressive, but overall the performance failed to gain my attention. And why did we have it outside this year? I couldn’t even hear the music.”

More than a few students were simply unaware of the disturbance.

“A freshman walked under the Arch, right?” Mo Mint' 16 asked. “The storm front came in from the western plains, which is highly unusual for this location. Just shows how unaware freshman are, though. ‘It’s okay, walk under the arch,’ they hear. ‘Nothing bad will happen.’ Well look, one of the greatest meteorological anomalies happened because of it, putting the whole college in danger. They should be expelled, whoever it was.”

After some more digging following Sunday’s event, the *Bastard* uncovered a plot thicker than a Danny’s skull and older than DePauw’s Monon losing streak.

The ritual started a few years after the college’s founding in 1832, with its movement from the corner of Lane and Blair to where we stand now. The nine who founded Wabco were well aware of how noble and grand the location was for the college, but it was Caleb Mills who discovered the true potential of the



TOMMY GUNN '17 / PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

The portal appeared underneath the Arch this Easter Sunday, sucking in a couple freshmen and one professor before being closed by the Pyramid Organization.

college when he came in 1833.

Deep in the archives are cryptic maps of Wabco: aerial views with X’s and O’s, arrows and notes, and in the center the initials “C.M.” (Prints can be found inside.) Comparing a current map with the old one, the connections are almost blatant. Nearly every building that has been built in the last half century has been made over one of these sites, and some older buildings have even been moved to accommodate the map’s intricate design.

Two of the oldest building to be moved over the years to conduct and store enough power for last week’s portal opening were Forest Hall and the Hovey Cottage. Shortly after being built at the old school’s site, Forest Hall has been moved a total of four times; first from its original location to the old Scarlett Inn, from the Scarlett Inn to the parking lot next to Martindale and behind Baxter, then finally from that lot to its current location next to the Lilly Library. Hovey Cottage has only moved twice. It has been moved from the corner where the college marker now stands all the way across campus to the area the Allen Center would later be constructed, then finally to its current placement, right next to Forest.

An interview with Archivist Liz Fast revealed that the dates the building were moved line up with major astrological events. “A full blood moon was in the sky the night before Forest Hall was moved the first time,” Fast said. “After that, Haley’s Comet passed by the earth a week before moving behind Baxter. The final move occurred during a total solar eclipse, which puts the building where it is today.”

As for Hovey Cottage, location is everything. The cottage was first built on the edge of the property. It was moved to the other side of campus, a basement below was filled, and a sign much like the one we have today was erected over it, like a receptor of sorts. Another receptor was placed at the peak of the Allen Center, and now a signal passes between the sign, the Allen Center, and Hovey Cottage, presumably causing the poor Wi-Fi across campus.

This triangulation has created a field to distinguish pockets of psychokinetic energy throughout Wabash’s 40 acres. The placement of Hovey Cottage next to Forest Hall is convenient for a portal to open based on the readings from Hovey coupled with the astrological energy stored from Forest. The architecture and prior locations of both buildings are not coincidental, nor are the dates in which they moved.

But the final piece to the puzzle was not complete until 1954 when the Sparks Center opened. In addition to a larger food court for independents, the

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