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ROBBINS FAMILY ENDOWS ACTIVITY FUND

PATRICK BRYANT '16 | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • Clay '79 and Amy Robbins have established The Robbins Family Fund, an endowment that will support student-centered events and activities at Wabash College. The College will begin to develop programming using this fund by early 2015.

In making the announcement, Wabash President Gregory D. Hess said that the Robbins Family Fund would have an impact on generations of students.

"Clay and Amy recognize the importance of Wabash College and all that it has given to their family," Hess said. "Their philanthropic support will significantly enhance student programming and campus activities and make more enjoyable events that will better unify students and the greater Wabash community."

The Robbins Family Fund will support a slate of up to 12 new student-focused events per academic year, including cultural and performing arts events, movie nights, speakers, pep rallies, and periodic "Evening of Discourse" events that bring together a cross section of the College community for important conversations on timely topics.

"While most of our family members who attended Wabash greatly enjoyed their fraternity experiences," Clay Robbins said via email, "we also benefited from our opportunities to interact with students who were independent or lived in other fraternities. We are

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TOBEY HERZOG H'11/PHOTO

Emeritus Professor of English Tobey Herzog H'11 (right) and his sons Joe (left) and Rob (middle) visited Vietnam last month and crawled through the Cu Chi Tunnels. The Viet Cong used the confined spaces during the War to launch surprise attacks against American forces.

JOCELYN HOPKINSON '15 | STAFF WRITER • Emeritus Professor of English Tobey Herzog H'11 hadn't spent an extended period of time with his sons in over 20 years. An 11-day excursion to Vietnam reconnected the retired professor with his two children.

"It was a trip of fathers and sons,"

Herzog said. "The most important thing that occurred was simply being with my two sons, and my two sons being with each other. The trip started out as 'Vietnam veteran returns to Vietnam,' which I quickly discovered was going to be a minimal part of it."

Herzog's wife Peggy, and sons, Rob

and Joe, surprised Herzog last spring with the trip as a retirement present. Herzog served in the Vietnam War (1969-70) as a Specialist Five in the Army. He devoted over 35 years of studying and teaching Vietnam War

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OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

FRESHMEN STEP UP

Prof. Marta Collier's freshman advising group entered a video of their Freshman Orientation service project for the Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church in the Super Service Challenge competition. If their video is selected, in addition to all the work the group did for the WAPC, the church could receive a grant from \$500 to \$50,000 to continue its service to the community. Go on-line to Superservicechallenge.com, click on the index button in the upper right corner, then click on "gallery," search for "Wabash College," watch the video, and vote for it. For every 25 votes, Prof. Collier's advising group gets an additional entry, increasing their chance of winning the challenge.



**Professor
Marta Collier**

HISTORICAL SOCIETY HONORS BARNES

The Indiana Historical Society (IHS) announced that James J. Barnes has been named a winner of the 2014 Eli Lilly Lifetime Achievement Award. He was issued the award this past Monday at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center in Downtown Indianapolis. Barnes is a professor emeritus at Wabash College, where he taught for 44 years and was the Department Chair and Hadley Professor of History (1979-1997). Source: Indiana Historical Society

SCHROEDER PREMIERE

Come out to the 7:30p.m. premiere of 'Schroeder' a short film mini-series about students tasked with saving their college's special technology, SAIS. The stars of this action movie must work to recover the technology, to save their school, Wabash, from collapsing.

VANITY THEATER OPENS IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

The local theater opens its two weekend run opens tonight. The play runs the 5th & 6th as well as the 12th & 13th at 7:30p.m. Early afternoon showings at 2p.m. will be on December 7th and 14th. Tickets are available online.

BAH, HUMBUG!

Today's issue will be our last of the semester. We want to wish everyone a very successful conclusion to the semester, a

WABASH FILM FESTIVAL SHOWCASES LOCAL TALENT



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Damon Mohl, BKT Assistant Professor of Art, shares a laugh with students. Tuesday the Art Department sponsored a screening of Mohl's short films followed by an open house in Mohl's studio.

FREE KASHON '17 | STAFF WRITER

• The Wabash community was lucky enough to have it's own personal film festival this past Tuesday. The event, which showcased five works, was a celebration of the labors of Professor Damon Mohl. Everyone was welcome to come, and come they did. Professors, students, and even members of the Crawfordsville community came to enjoy pieces with titles such as *The Dust Machine Variation* and *The Diver*. Attendants were then encouraged to visit Professor Mohl's studio, where he visited and discussed the props, costumes, landscapes that he had created for many of his films.

The night's films were prime examples of experimental cinema, and many of the films featured both live action and animated sequences to portray the story that Professor Mohl envisioned. Every film featured was written, directed, and produced by Mohl, and even animated by the multi-talented filmmaker. The films included many stills and images taken from 17th and 18th century scientific works, as well as images that Mohl created himself. His film, *The Dust Machine Variation* took Mohl a few years to produce, as it took him three years to create the props and sets for the film. The *Forest*, a 2:40 display of wonder, was shot entirely on a rotating diorama, which

had multiple miniature sets that changed as rotation occurred, creating a film of intimacy and light.

Professors and students from all areas of academic interest made their appearances, including Collin Rinne '18. "When I saw the email, I knew it was something I just had to come see," he said. "I thought the landscapes were incredibly intimate, the different drawings and videos that I saw. There was so much depth in it, and the light in it was really cool. There seemed that there was so much more to it under the surface." Rinne's experience was not his alone. Many professors, could be heard stating similar ideas in their conversations as well, reflecting on the depth and beauty of Mohl's films.

Many of Professor Mohl's labors have been shown in large film festivals all over the world. *The Diver* has won many awards at these films, including the Audience Favorite in the category of Animated film at the Moondance International Film Festival in 2013, as well as earning the award for Best Veterans Short Film award at the Cyprus International Film Festival.

Professor Mohl is currently the Byron K. Trippet Assistant Professor of Art, and spends his time in the classroom teaching courses in Painting, Design, Drawing, and New and Expanded Media, courses, that his media certainly reflects.

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literature.

“He was astounded [when he found out],” Peggy said. “It’s hard to make him get excited about anything, but he was just beside himself.”

Peggy did much of the initial legwork planning the trip with her sons, including getting the “OK” from their wives, but she did not go. She wanted the three men to bond.

“People ask me all the time why I didn’t go too,” Peggy said. “I didn’t feel like I should be there. I really felt it was important for Tobey to have the time with his sons. They talked at the end of the trip about how it will never happen again where the three of them are together for a long time and able to talk about family life growing up, raising kids themselves, and their hopes and dreams. It was the greatest gift I could’ve given him.”

Peggy said her husband had always wanted to revisit Vietnam, but family and career commitments kept that idea on the backburner. Herzog wanted to tour the country since he didn’t see much of it during his year of duty. As a Specialist Five, Herzog processed military records and notified officers of impending assignments. He was fortunate to avoid much of the combat’s danger.

“We’d fire the weapons out of boredom and on New Year’s Eve, there was always a ‘mad minute’ at midnight where everybody fires what they have,” Herzog said. “That, in addition to occasional nighttime

perimeter guard, was the extent of my combat experience.”

Herzog’s experience with his sons was much more eventful. They used the War as an “entry point” for many of the sites they visited. One of those points was the Cu Chi tunnels, which are about 20 miles outside of Ho Chi Minh City. The Viet Cong used them to hide, and launch surprise attacks against Americans.

“It’s kind of like a theme park and the theme is Viet Cong Tunnels,” Herzog said. “It is a huge tunnel complex in the area, and the Americans built a base above the tunnels and didn’t realize what was underneath. There were people infiltrating the base all the time and the Americans couldn’t figure out where they were coming from.”

At the end of the “theme park” are about 150 meters of tunnels that tourists can crawl through if they wish. Although the tunnels have been widened so Americans and other westerners are more likely to go through, they’re still very confining. Rob, 42, and Joe, 38, persuaded their dad to go with them.

“My two sons said ‘We’re going through,’” Herzog said. “I’m thinking, ‘You know, I don’t know at my age.’ I’m kind of claustrophobic, but eventually I decided to go. A guide with a flashlight leads you through, but you’re isolated. There is an escape hatch every 25 meters or so though.”

There are three different levels to the tunnels and, of course, Herzog’s

sons convinced him to crawl through each one.

“I thought he might have been a bit tentative before we got there, but once we were in the jungle, soaking in the experience of what it was like for the Vietnamese to basically live underground, there seemed to be no question that we would all go down,” Rob said. “It was an once-in-a-lifetime experience. While the Vietnamese guide was able to walk through hunched over, we all had to go on hands and knees.”

It was in these dark, narrowed spaces that Herzog enjoyed one of his favorite moments.

“It’s dark as hell and the only contact I have is that I’m touching my son’s feet,” Herzog said. “Joe took a picture of each one of us inside the tunnel. At that moment, here I was with my sons in this crazy tunnel together doing something that not a lot of fathers and sons get to do. That was a key moment.”

Another highlight came through literature. Larry Heinemann’s war memoir *Black Virgin Mountain: A Return To Vietnam* ends with Heinemann and a war friend hiking up the mountain to a shrine, a journey that symbolizes his coming home. The shrine is dedicated to a young woman that jumped to her death centuries ago when her lover was forced to fight in a war and never returned, so the legend goes.

“The shrine was very moving,” Herzog said. “It’s a very small altar with the young girl’s figure there. Then there is an older woman sitting off to the side. Every time you burn a joss stick, she bangs this big drum. We were the only ones there, and the fact that we were recreating an experience that Heinemann had was powerful.”

The trek to *Black Virgin Mountain* and other places brought to life much of the literature Herzog has read and taught.

“It’s like reading Hemingway, and then going into the Upper Peninsula (Michigan) and seeing some of the trout streams from ‘Big Two-Hearted River,’” Herzog said. “Walking out into the countryside, you get a sense of how landscape influenced writers. It brings the literature alive. I came home wanting to reread all of these war books and that’s what I’m doing.”

Rob and Joe also familiarized themselves with various Vietnam works.

“It was kind of fun because it was an opportunity for them to learn more about what I’ve been doing in terms of teaching and writing books,” Herzog said. “We would go to a place and I’d tell them a story about an author or a particular incident, and I think they really got in to it, and it made the trip

more meaningful for them.”

The three also read Graham Greene’s *The Quiet American*. The novel is about French and American involvement in Vietnam in the early 1950s as seen through the eyes of a British journalist. It also includes a love triangle among the journalist, an American, and a Vietnamese woman.

Another important author was Vietnam veteran Tim O’Brien. O’Brien has written multiple novels about the War, including *The Things They Carried* and *Going After Cacciato*. Herzog has been an acquaintance of O’Brien’s for many years. On their trip, he and his sons found their way to O’Brien’s central Vietnam base.

“The irony is that there is nothing left of the base, but on the hillside is a monument to local people who fought against the Americans,” Herzog said.

Although the War was a focus for much of the trip, Herzog understands there is more to the nation. Vietnam may often appear in contexts related to the French and American wars, but in reality it’s a country trying to better itself, like any other.

“There was a t-shirt that I saw in Hanoi,” Herzog said. “It read: ‘Vietnam is not a war. It’s a country.’ That’s something I took away from this trip. The war aspect was interesting, and certainly a way to structure the trip. But I think the more important aspect was to learn more about a beautiful, historically fascinating, and culturally diverse country that has so much potential. It’s trying to attract tourists and Americans are treated very well.”

United States and Vietnam governments strengthened their connection as well. Rob noted the countries re-established diplomatic relations in 1995 and the effects it has had on the country.

“Many of our conversations with our guides highlighted the importance of the opening of the economy after [the reestablishment] as a great event for raising the standard of living in the past 20 years,” Rob said.

Herzog’s eldest son also better understood some of the country’s national tensions.

“My takeaways included uncovering a few of the lingering effects of the North/South cultural divide, the paradox between the ‘Communist’ Vietnam and the free market economy, and the Buddhist and Confucian influences on the culture,” Rob said.

Rob and Joe visited the various sites of their father’s work, and immersed themselves in the literature that defined his career. For Herzog, the trip proved to be much more.

“Just the three of us to be together for 11 days – that didn’t even happen when they were growing up,” Herzog said. “It was special, something to be cherished forever.”



TOBEY HERZOG H'11/PHOTO

Herzog stands at the entrance to his former Army base--Long Binh Army Base--that is now an industrial/tech park just northwest of Ho Chi Minh City.

BURNETT '15 NAMED RHODES SCHOLAR

TYLER HARDCASTLE '15 | NEWS
EDITOR • On a Saturday morning, in late November, Jacob Burnett '15 left his hotel room in downtown Indianapolis and headed over to law office of Faegre Baker Daniels. A quick elevator ride up to the 27th floor took him to the lobby he would spend the better part of the day in, waiting. Within an hour of arriving Burnett's name was called - for the first time - and he was brought into another room to interview for the Rhodes Scholarship.

By the end of that day the Rhodes Committee would select Burnett, along with Alexander Coccia from University of Notre Dame, to represent the 9th district of Indiana, Kentucky, and Virginia as a Rhodes Scholar. The scholarship funds 32 winners from a pool of nearly 900 candidates to complete graduate work at the University of Oxford in England.

"It's very hard to put words to the experience of hearing your name," Burnett said. Following the announcement the two winners were given time to share the news with family and friends. "I called my mom and my voice was cracking. It's was very emotionally driven and cathartic. I called my mom, Susan Albrecht, and then Professor Morillo."

NOT HIS FIRST INTERVIEW

"Immediately in that first week I put together a little panel of people to give him a mock interview," Dr. Morillo, Professor of History and Division III Chair said. "What we tried to do was simply make the mock interview as realistic as we could. We put him on one side of table and the rest of us [on the other]."

Morillo has been closely tied to the Rhodes Scholarship and selection process since receiving his own to study in Oxford. He has also served on various selection committees over the years, not serving this year allowed him to better help Burnett prepare, where he was able.

"The student has to do his or her personal statement entirely individually, they have to pledge not to receive any assistance," Susan Albrecht, Graduate Fellowship Advisor and Media Acquisition Manager said. "Not even a mom, dad, roommate, or faculty advisor... So you have to trust yourself and work really hard. You have this one chance and no one else can help you."

Albrecht noted that she had to play a less active role in helping Burnett prepare his application. Morillo was especially proud of Burnett's work and independence in this process, especially given the importance of the personal statement.

"It's got to convey who you are, have a nice little thematic hook," Morillo said. "And all this fitting into a thousand words to not only tell who you are, what you want to do and why oxford is important to that is difficult and as of this year no one else can look at it."

Burnett credits many people with his

success before himself.

"I think Susan just has the people skills and the passion to see students succeed, I don't think been successful or even applied without her support..." Burnett said. "The support of my friends and professors was huge, I mean I needed eight letters of recommendation. Even the President's office helped pay for the hotel while I stayed there."

NOT HIS FIRST DAY IN INDIANAPOLIS

"This summer I did some coding and research on illegal international adoption with Dr. Burch," Burnett said. "Through our combined efforts we applied to present our findings at the African Studies Association's 57th annual conference in Indianapolis."

That conference was held the Friday before the interviews on Saturday. Attending the conference was a good opportunity to hear about research in the field and from notables throughout the field. Presenting this research was important within Burnett's Rhodes applications. (connect to burnett better) Albrecht noted that though not all of the applicants were STEM students, many had a background in research and writing.

Burnett shared this research during his Rhodes interview and relates to his long-term academic interests. "That was a time that I spent kind of relaxing, kind of preparing for the interview, but mostly just immersing myself in something that I enjoy," Burnett said.

There was not much time for relaxing. At 7p.m. that night Burnett met with the other Rhodes candidates and the selection committee at the Skyline Club in Indianapolis. The other candidates, to whom Burnett expressed great respect, came from universities across the country.

"He's joined a little club of people who have this opportunity," Professor Morillo said. "It can be a real launching pad for career and influence in the world. As [the Rhodes puts it] we're looking for is someone to fight the world's fight, be a voice for the underdog or underprivileged, which Jacob was naturally all about, even before he heard about the Rhodes."

The scholarship funds 2 years of graduate work at the University of Oxford. Burnett hopes to use the first year to obtain a Masters of Science degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice. He is still considering his options for the second program, for which Burnett will not apply to for some time. He is currently leaning towards a program on forced migration and refugee studies, though is still considering his options.



Jacob Burnett '15

FIGHT THE WORLDS FIGHT

"I really do want to fundamentally change the way we view justice in our society," Burnett said. "I'm interested in creating or expanding a non-profit that can affect the criminal justice system in three ways..."

Just as Morillo explained, fighting for the underdog is not a new goal for Burnett. His 'three ways' are to impact the system internally by supporting individual actors in the justice system, externally by changing the current framework behind our justice system, and internationally by learning from and working with the criminal justice systems of other countries. He also has short-term goals as well.

"After I'm done with my two programs," Burnett said. "- and it might change - I'm interested in pursuing a law degree and would love to practice in the criminal justice system."

HEAD HELD HIGH

"The opposite side of all the congratulations that I've been receiving is what the committee warns you about," Burnett said. "That then or later you're going to feel some level of guilt, you might feel like you shouldn't have been chosen."

Burnett still calls the experience

incredibly humbling.

"What I was really pleased about was that he was enjoying the process so much," Albrecht said. "Even convinced he wasn't going to win, he still was soaking up the opportunity to meet all these other finalists and people in the selection committee. That's the outcome you hope for, that the process itself is valuable and helpful."

Burnett explained that in the past few weeks he's reflected on how grateful he is for the professors, teachers, and friends who didn't give up on him. Part of the interview addresses the passion and background that candidates bring. Telling his story and his later accomplishment reminded Burnett of his childhood and how it shapes him today.

"My family benefited from local school can drives, food drives, and Habitat for Humanity," Burnett said. "A lot of support benefited my family, [my mom] always told us to keep our heads held high because a lot of people look down on us because of where we come from. I will never be ashamed of where I come from... I'm making sure to keep my feet on the ground and head held high."

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interested in supporting events and programs that enhance campus life and promote campus unity by bringing together a broad range of students, faculty, administration and as appropriate alumni. We hope that the programs and events sponsored by the Robbins Family Fund will have a good mix of meaningful interactions, intellectual stimulation and fun."

Clay majored in religion and served as president of the College's Psi Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and the Wabash Glee Club. A Lilly Scholar, he graduated magna cum laude in 1979 and later earned his law degree from Vanderbilt University. After practicing with Baker and Daniels in Indianapolis for a decade, Clay began his career with Lilly Endowment as Vice President for Community Development. He became President of the Endowment in 1994, and in 2012 was elected the Endowment's President and CEO.

Amy Robbins is a speech-language pathologist, who earned her bachelor's degree from Hollins University and her master's degree in audiology and speech science

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from Purdue. Her practice focuses on children who are deaf and who use cochlear implants.

The Robbins made this significant gift during Wabash's Challenge of Excellence campaign, which raised \$68.1 million. Clay and Amy have three sons who graduated from



President Hess

Wabash during the Challenge of Excellence campaign: Campbell Robbins '09, Luke Robbins '11, and Peter Robbins '12. Clay's younger brother, Lee '83, is also a Lilly scholar and a Wabash

graduate. All three Robbins sons received Honor Scholarships.

Robbins said, "We hope that the Fund in some small way promotes a sense among the students that by taking initiative and using their impressive creative abilities they can enhance the quality of life in whatever community they find themselves."

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OF HISTORY MICHELLE RHOADES



PROFESSOR RHOADES/PHOTO

The group traveled to Paris, France during Fall break studying historical memory. "No one really spoke French fluently, though a few had a working knowledge, Professors Perez and Wilson were very helpful because they could point students in the right direction," Rhoades said.



PROFESSOR RHOADES/PHOTO

The group kept a blog of their travels on a Facebook called 'Wabash College French Historical Memory'. "Interest in these trips is really more profound outside of the college, than I thought it was going to be," Rhoades said.

RHODES SCHOLAR JACOB BURNETT '15 SPEAKS

CHANGING ONE WORLD, NOT THE WORLD

I know you are tired of reading my name and hearing about this scholarship. However, I just wanted to take some time to express my perspective on this event. So, if you read anything about me in relation to the Rhodes, please choose this one; the words are mine and mine alone.

Firstly, the scholarship isn't about Oxford or the fifteen minutes of fame that stem from it. It's not about the College or even about me. The Rhodes Scholarship allows certain students the opportunity to develop skills that teach us to fight for others: the students that never had a chance, the exhausted mother or father who needs support, the condemned, those simply struggling, and the forgotten. It doesn't even have to be about changing the world; it does have to focus on how we, as the privileged, will help change at least one person's world. Many Rhodes Scholars take the



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noble path of becoming professors: educating young men and women to become more than egocentric individuals – to care about the world around them. The individuals that I will come to serve will not necessarily place value on the fact that I was named a Rhodes Scholar; they will value the time and the energy I will invest into them and their lives – something too few of us forget to do

in this busy world.

Secondly, something no one informs you about before you receive this or any other life-changing scholarship is the complex amount of emotions that culminate inside your soul. Everyone expects pure happiness, which is part of the equation, but it is not the sole emotion. I sat in a conference room with 12 remarkable students; each finalist equally deserved and earned this recognition. I had the pleasure of learning many of their stories and their goals. The Rhodes Scholarship selection committee on the evening of November 22nd had one of the most difficult jobs in this country: choosing two students whose lives will never be the same. After the chairwoman of the committee said my name, I was aghast and utterly speechless – you feel every emotion at once. You are stunned.

After reflecting on this entire process, I felt a profound sense of

guilt that has followed me since that Saturday. Not the type of guilt riddled with connotations of negativity, but guilt that intimately connects with questions of “why.” It also comes with a special burden – now, if I fail in any sense, I’m the Rhodes Scholar that didn’t live up to the name. I don’t mean to complain in any way about this honor; I am overwhelmingly happy. It’s just not as simple as boiling the feeling down to elation. I had a whole Costco-sized humble pie. It reminded me to keep my head in the clouds but my feet on the ground.

Lastly, I want to make something very clear: if Wabash hopes to have more fellowship recipients, it must do more. I fundamentally believe that no college or university can

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#BREAKINGTHEINTERNET

Can we talk about Kim K’s picture in PAPER magazine? Or, at least, what we saw on the cover? Good grief. Home girl had it ALL on display, you hear me? Like, no holds barred. Then you flip to the inside cover and good gracious. There she is. Looking like she fell in a vat of olive oil. I guess the oil is beside the point – she seriously does look like she lost in a fight against a bottle of expensive vinaigrette – but what people were saying about it is what I’d like to discuss.

People called her every name in the book, especially on Twitter. Bless her heart. Her mentions were in SHAMBLES. But what did she do



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wrong? We all know why she’s famous. But that a ton of celebrities have done that. People are screaming jezebel at her as if she’s soiled the sanctity of celebrité. The simple truth is that Kim K is harmless. She has the right to do

with her body what she desires – it’s not my job to wonder how little North is going to feel when she inevitably gets tagged in that cover photo when she gets on social media. Her self-worth and self-respect aren’t related to these pictures. If that’s what she’s built her brand on, fine by me. There’s little substance when it comes to her entire family, with the exception of Kris (momager), and their father, Robert Kardashian, known for defending OJ Simpson through his murder trial.

While people labeled Kim dirty words for her shoot, she had more people in her defense than in her lament. Someone who faced a hailstorm of garbage was Nicki Minaj, for the cover

to her single, “Anaconda”. Minaj went so far as to post pictures of women doing similar poses in similar clothes to her. She faced extreme scrutiny for her album cover, and made us all aware of the fact that women of color get more flak for expressing their sexuality than women of other ethnic backgrounds. I had never really thought about it until you look at the side by sides: all across the board, in fashion, music, television, Hollywood, women of color are told to tone down the embrace of their own sexualities.

Hopefully, we can end this trend of silencing women of color’s sexuality, and #breaktheinternet with some open-mindedness and culture.

THE CONVERSATION MUST CONTINUE

On Monday November 24, 2014, the grand jury in Ferguson, Missouri, announced that they would not indict police officer Darren Wilson for the shooting of Michael Brown. Since that announcement there have been many calls, especially from many political leaders, for the people of Ferguson, Missouri, and other protest vigils across the United States to maintain faith in the criminal justice system and to use the announcement of a form of closure to the months of civil unrest that has preceded the August 9, 2014, shooting. I'm not writing to condemn the grand jury's decision or make a strong political statement. I'm writing in response to the many pleas that I have seen from political leaders and white people of our generation to stop the protest and conversation. I hope I can offer a few insights into why the conversation must continue and how we can foster that conversation.

Firstly, the implications of the grand jury's decision to not indict Darren Wilson must be understood in the context of the long history of racial conflict and inequity in America. Recent calls to stop the protest, and to shove racial issues back in the closet, hinder the educational process that Americans of our generation especially should be participating in. At the very least the Michael Brown case demonstrates that many people of color feel disenfranchised by systems of power in American society. The response to the Michael Brown shooting is not a solitary response to a new development in American history; rather the response is another incident in a long standing suspicion of state and federal authorities by people of color. If you feel uninformed on the Ferguson Case I invite you to check out Professor Trott's "Post Ferguson Round-up," as it offers many links to good, reliable articles on the case. <http://adrieltrott.com/2014/12/01/post-ferguson-verdict-round-up/>

Secondly, I would encourage my white classmates to engage this conversation. I think that too often it is more comfortable for white people to avoid conversations on race for a number of reasons. However, as a member of our increasingly diverse communities, it is of the utmost importance that white



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people learn to be positive contributors toward racial equity. Without an engaged community of representatives of people of color and whites, the progress toward racial equity will be much more painful and labored. In the process of engaging this conversation I would encourage you, especially if you are white, to be open and honest about your privileges in society. "White privilege," is not a threat or a term to be equated with racism; it is an unintended result of systematic inequalities within a society in which white people receive benefits that people of color do not receive. Yet, ignorantly assuming that the system is neutral is one way white people have avoided the racial equity conversation for decades. Seek to learn how minorities are disenfranchised by systemic inequality and listen to their stories. Accept the discomfort and challenges involved in talking about race as part of the learning process and reflect on what makes you uncomfortable in the conversation. Learning to identify the sources of your discomfort will give you the ability to rationalize your insecurities and listen more intently to those whose experiences might conflict yours.

Finally, recognize that despite many calls for an end of the Ferguson protests, the issue will undoubtedly persist. As Michel Dyson wrote in the New York Times, "If our president and our nation now don't show the will and courage to speak the truth and remake the destinies of millions of beleaguered citizens, then we are doomed to watch the same sparks reignite, whenever and wherever injustice meets desperation." In the wake of so much suffering and pain, we have the opportunity for growth, understanding, and empathy. Engage the opportunity with open ears and hearts.

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make someone into a fellowship-scholar of any kind. However, it can provide opportunities for students who have the necessary interests, skills, and passion to develop into the person who wants to fight the world's fight. It's an orientation of the spirit. Wabash needs more opportunities and funding for students to engage in research, ensuring that the Graduate Fellowship Advisor position becomes permanent, alternative spring break opportunities, meaningful and sincere volunteer work, and most importantly, Wabash needs to flex and attract academic muscles. These are not meant to be criticisms, rather, they are observations.

People want to congratulate me on this accomplishment, but it wouldn't have been possible without the help of Susan Albrecht, Dr. Morillo, and all eight individuals who wrote me letters of recommendation: Dr.

Jennifer Abbott, Dr. Michael Burch, Dr. Ethan Hollander, Dr. Robert Horton, Scott Himsel J.D., Arthur Ago J.D., Julia Leist, and Gina Paniagua. I am grateful for all the teachers (both in the classroom and out of it) and friends who never gave up on me. I'd like to thank alumni who have allowed me to intern with them as well as the generous donors who have funded many of my experiences at Wabash. Finally, I will be forever indebted to my mother, Rita Burnett. A woman who has taught me more about compassion, love, strength, and courage than any person I have met; she is relentlessly noble. She loved me into being. This is our award.

I do not believe that the Rhodes Scholarship makes me special in any way or a better person than I was before the announcement. It allows me a chance to become a well-equipped warrior.

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ELECTION 2014

EVANS – ARTIS

TY CAMPBELL '16 | STAFF WRITER • Early Monday morning, Tyrone Evans '16 and Ian Artis '16 together announced their candidacy for the Student Senate election race via email. The two juniors added a joint statement, in their sent email to the 'students' listserv, explaining their potential plan of action and issues that they find most pressing. As noted in the statement, Evans is running for the student body president position while Artis is running for the student body vice president position.

Both Evans and Artis have thought about the idea of running for Student Senate positions since their beginning years at Wabash College. The motivation to run for the student body president and vice president positions originated when Artis approached Evans with the idea of running together as a pair. "I liked the idea because I'm currently the chairman at the Malcolm X Institute and I'm not shy to leadership roles. Also, I liked the fact that I could make a difference as the student body president

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COREY EGLER '15 / PHOTO

Tyrone Evans '16 stands behind a podium, a position he is used to as chairman of the Malcolm X Institute. Ian Artis sits on a stool ready to take

BRYANT – POWELL

JUSTIN MILLER '16 | STAFF WRITER • Utilizing experience to affect improvement of campus has been the centerpiece of the campaign conducted thus far by Patrick Bryant '16 and Andrew Powell '17 for President and Vice President of the Student Body, respectively. While Powell initially turned to student government for involvement on campus, Bryant did not envision himself as a participant.

"Prior to coming to Wabash, I was very involved in student government. I assumed those days were behind me," Bryant said. "But when I started in those first two weeks in the midst of all the call-outs, I had an opportunity to represent my living unit from the get-go in the Student Senate. So, since those first couple of weeks, I've been able to be a part of the Student Senate meetings."

Bryant then became a member of the Audit and Finance Committee before leading it this past semester. Powell has also been no stranger to leadership positions within student government, serving on the Senior Council. The Vice Presidential candidate saw the leadership of previous administrations and has wanted to add to that legacy.

"I really looked up to all those who were in executive positions and thought really highly of them," Powell said. "I thought, 'One day I'd like to that if presented with the opportunity.' As the stars have kind of aligned, I've become excited to hopefully jump onto this opportunity [to be Vice President]."

Given the opportunity, Powell explained he wants to focus on what

is being done now and improve it for the future.

"[Patrick and I] want to focus on the positives," Powell said. "We can enhance communication and make it better – not that it has been terrible, but we can improve it."



COLIN THOMPSON '17 / PHOTO

Bryant (left) and Powell (right) stand in the Goodrich Room of the Lilly Library.

Bryant also emphasized empowering the leadership of clubs and organizations on campus to accomplish this improvement.

"Knowing what I know now, knowing the areas in which we

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FABIAN HOUSE: VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

TYLER HARDCASTLE '15 | NEWS EDITOR • Bet on House. Fabian House '16 announced his campaign for Student Body Vice President this earlier this week. Though he does not condone gambling, House hopes students will think of him come election day.

"I'm motivated by the students that I see everyday," House said. "I want to run to represent some of the problems that I see as a student. I think students feel like I'm someone that they can talk to about these problems. [Running] felt to me like the right thing to do."

House has been active since his Freshman year in the student senate, the Malcolm X Institute, Dork Club, Track, Alpha Phi Omega, Sigma Tau Delta, and IMA. Most recently he finished a season as part of the national-qualifying cross country team.

"I think students senate has done a good job of allocating funding to our



COREY EGLER '15 / PHOTO

Fabian House is running independently for Student Body Vice-President.

clubs and organizations," House said. "Those have thrived under the past administration. That's a positive thing that we want to keep people doing, feeling that they can create clubs and organizations."

House does have a few key issues on his mind as he campaigns for Vice President from transportation to National Act. Fabian explained: "I think students do expect, and should expect that we have a national act."

Fabian points to greater student involvement in planning the National

Act. He would consider showing the student body multiple musical options and then allowing them to consider them in terms of cost and interest. House also intends to make an effort to make National Act more of a communal decision utilizing E-Mail polling and perhaps asking for R.S.V.P.s.

"Transportation for students over winter break is very difficult especially for international students..." House said. "Maybe doing a better job of showing what kind of vehicles are available how we can encourage students to go to different restaurants, these are some of the things that I am willing to look at because I feel like there's a pretty good group of Wabash

students that would benefit from that."

Unlike the other candidates, Fabian is running on his own.

"When students do look at me, running as an individual, I hope they're able to look at me as an individual in spite of the fact that I don't have a running mate..." House said. "If anything I want them to know that I am very familiar with the guys who are running for office and am more than willing to get to know people and figure out where we have points of common interest."

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and that I don't have to do it by myself. I like working with people" said Evans. Evans mentioned that other leadership roles, like his involvement in Senior Council and Wabash Society of the Furthering of Liberal Arts, have prepared him for the potential role of student body president. Artis, being a member of Student Senate since his freshman year, wants to continue being an active member of the group. Artis also holds leadership roles as the Student Senate Secretary, Class of 2016 Representative, Copy Editor of the Bachelor, IFC Treasurer, and Vice President of Sigma Tau Delta.

Evans and Artis are confident and excited in their decision to run as a pair and their decision behind the combination. "I wanted to continue with Student Senate and I thought that Tyrone would make a great running mate because of his track record. I wanted to team up and

In the joint statement, Evans and Artis listed areas that they felt most needed to be altered within Student Senate: constitutional reform, National Act, student life, and the dissemination of information. During an interview with the candidates, Evans and Artis elaborated on their ideas.

A change that Evans and Artis would like to make is the dissemination of information. Making information more available to all students will help build better communication between the Student Senate and the students of Wabash College. To do this, Evans and Artis plan to condense Student Senate meeting notes and hold class representatives responsible to complete their jobs successfully. This includes updating students with class listserv emails and reaching out to the students that elected the class representatives to their positions.

If elected, Evans and Artis want to focus on being innovative. "Things work fine. We don't want to 'fix' anything that's not broken. We would need to critically examine the way things are run and ask, 'Can we do that better?'" said Ian. With this idea, Evans and Artis focus on National Act. Another change the duo wishes focus on is constitutional reform. As stated in their joint statement, "We are in favor of constitutional reform as necessary to clear any confusion that may lead to a breakdown of effective communication." The team of two like how the current Student Senate is currently run and only want to tweak areas that they believe hold the most untapped potential to improve.

Evans and Artis are excited for the election and are open to questions and suggestions. Good luck to all of the Student Senate candidates!

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can empower other leaders to use the resources we have, that's why I'm so excited to run for President," Bryant said. "I'm really proud of how we've changed the culture of the AFC and how budgeting is perceived on campus into what I think is a very positive light. I would really like to take that to the next step."

For both Bryant and Powell, the next step begins in the chambers of the Student Senate.

"It all starts in the Student Senate and that's where the bulk of my responsibility would lie," Powell said. "Creating an atmosphere where we don't circle the wagons too often, where we're efficient, where we have an agenda going into every meeting, and where we discuss things fully is important..."

"Another of my goals is to bring a certain energy where we say, 'This is an opportunity, so let's make the most of it.'"

Bryant hopes that being passionate

about the work done in the Senate will spread throughout the entirety of

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ANDREW POWELL '17

campus.

"Andrew and I are very passionate," Bryant said. "We want to share that

passion. We want the senators who come to the meetings to feel free speak their minds, share their ideas, and for us to have very positive, constructive deliberation. I think, if we create that culture in the senate room, it allows the senators to go back to their living units, to go back to their classrooms and say, 'Our voice is being heard in the senate room. What ideas would you like to be shared at our next meeting?'"

Nevertheless, both Bryant and Powell do have some ideas they would present from the start if elected.

"One of the things I think is pretty concerning is that this semester \$120,000 will go unspent simply because no one asked for it," Bryant said. "It wasn't that the AFC or the Senate said no but nobody asked for it. So I think that when we've done some great things to empower the clubs to hold their own events, it falls on the Senate to have events where

clubs don't possess the manpower to get those done...If we can use the manpower of the Student Senate to get some more events going on, I think that's important."

Powell recommended looking at what other campuses do for their student bodies and applying them to Wabash.

"We're given the great opportunity to look at and examine what other campuses talk about," Powell said. "For example, we have these great racquetball courts, but does everyone access to the equipment? If all these other schools have check-out systems for equipment, why doesn't Wabash have that? It's not that we can't have that; it's just that it's not been done yet."

"We want to look at the great things other campuses have done and maybe trying to implement them here in addition to coming up with some of our own. We're looking for ways to improve the student experience."



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HANGING UP THE LAB COAT

TAYLOR KENYON '15 | STAFF WRITER • Each year, about a quarter of our population undergoes loss and restoration; the ebb and flow of freshman being rung in and seniors leaving under the arch. However, this semester's end brings a different loss to the college. This semester constitutes the conclusion of a quintessential Wabash professor's educational career- Professor of Biology Dr. L. David Polley. Polley's 37-year career reaches its crest as Polley plans for future aspirations with his wife, Interlibrary Loan Manager Deborah Polley.

Polley's leave will leave the Biology department in want of a geneticist; however, Biology Department Chair Dr. Amanda Ingram will lead the search for his replacement. "Well, no one will ever replace Dr. Polley; but for his teaching duties next year, Dr. Burton will be teaching genetics," Ingram said. "He has done that a number of times in the past. Next year we will be doing a search for a new geneticist who will be able to teach genetics and will also take over the molecular genetics course".

Besides teaching class, Polley's extensive career in the department included the chair positions in the bio department and division one. "[Polley] fills a very important role in this department," Ingram said. "He's so good at building relationships all across campus, and when you're new to the faculty, that's really important

to have someone really seem to care about you, and to want to learn more about you, and to be a mentor in many ways. As I get more experienced, I value that more and more because I am having to take on leadership roles I haven't had to before, and he's always able to give me helpful advice because he's been through it all before."

"The way he interacts with students is just amazing, that's another big thing that we are going to be missing out on," Ingram said. "I think he and his mustache always bring a bit of gravitas to the room. Students automatically respect him, as they should, because he is such a good teacher and such a good friend to our students."

It is the nature of our small school to have personal relationships with our professors and our mentors. In regards to Polley, it appears difficult to escape his friendly nature. "Dr. Polley is a very easy-going, approachable person..." wrote senior Wes Hauser. "We've mulled over numerous topics in his office ranging from coursework to our daily lives, and I've asked for his advice on several occasions."

"In fact, I owe my developing interest in molecular biology primarily to Dr. Polley's involvement in my education," wrote Hauser. "Because I knew Dr. Polley well outside of the classroom, I felt comfortable taking an independent study with him to learn more about his research

interests. Through my independent study (and later senior seminar) with Dr. Polley, I learned more than



Dr. Polley

I ever wanted to know about RNA silencing. But, and what I think is more valuable, we discussed the connections between this kind of work and my own interests in plant ecology and evolutionary biology. Before I knew it, I

really had become a more 'well-rounded' biologist based upon my interactions with him."

Polley's influence has had broad reaching implications-even all the way to Richmond, IN. "In the summer between my sophomore and junior years at Earlham College, I worked in Dr. Polley's lab," wrote Graduate Fellowship Advisor and Media Acquisition Manager Library Susan Albrecht. "Trust me, it was long ago... and it means Dr. Polley has been working with algae-or to be more precise, with *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii*-for a very, very long time. It was a great summer - Dr. Polley was patient and helpful and always amusing, and I got the chance to work alongside the late Cleve James 'Jim' Francoeur '83. I became fairly proficient at using a pipette and learned I didn't much care for the smell of toluene."

Biology students have heard Polley's jokes of retirement throughout the years. So the inevitable question remains- why now? "Now is the time," Polley said. "It's an odd thing because maybe two years ago I thought I would stay until I was 70. But all of a sudden, it just seemed like the time was right. So I've had a lot of fun and it's been a good run; it is time to do something else."

My wife Debbie and I are retiring at the same time. We came in together and we're going to leave together. And we've promised each other not to make any commitments the first year and just think about various things that we might want to do. So in some sense, the future is only uncertain in that regard. But there is a range of things [we will do]-we will certainly do some volunteer work in the community. I'm interested in things like adult literacy, getting involved with that. I'm not sure how I'll feel later on but local politics might be a possibility".

As Polley looks toward the future, Junior Cameron Stepler believes that the bio department's search for a replacement will be difficult in the wake of Polley's leave. "Polley will be missed when he retires," wrote Stepler. "He is leaving a big set of shoes to fill in the biology department. If the college can find an appropriate professor that can successfully fill his shoes, well then 'Bob's your uncle!'"

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ONE FINAL TEST

WITH ONE MEET LEFT IN 2014, SWIMMING LOOKS FOR SUCCESS AT CALVIN

MICHAEL LUMPKIN '18 | STAFF WRITER • The calendar year is in its final month. Finals are quickly approaching and the amount of preparation time needed to succeed is increasing by the day. Wabash Swimmers will be enduring the challenge in the classroom, and also in the pool. The team has its final test of the calendar year the upcoming weekend at Calvin College. The talented swim team looks to continue its exemplary performance in the pool and end the calendar year on a positive note.

Last weekend the Wabash Swim Team had its first taste of a two-day meet. The Woehnkner Invitational in the Class of 1950 Natatorium was valuable in that it allowed the team to learn all of the races that are in a championship-type meet. Coach Brent Noble said the meet “was what it needed to be.” The team swam a lot with the two-day format and now understands further what future meets hold.

The upcoming weekend features the Little Giants traveling to Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan for the Calvin

College Winter Invitational. Noble said the biggest key going into the meet is “confidence, as it has been all year.”

“This week the possible outcomes are a little bit more complicated,” Noble said. “This is an opportunity to swim lifetime best times, and more importantly as a team to set up times to qualify for the national meet in March.” The weekend’s meet is one of the two races that the team has the best opportunity to swim nationally-qualifying times.

“I expect everyone to have the best meet they’ve ever had,” Noble said. “Our guys are really all faster than they’ve ever been right now.” The team has swimmers in a large number of different events that are all flirting with times near the national qualifying cut.

Wabash College will be the only swim team representing the North Coast Athletic Conference at the Invitational. The team will see opponents from both the Division II and the Division III ranks. Calvin College is the host team for the meet and will be the biggest Division III threat. Grand Valley State will be present as well, a team that Noble described as “a really strong Division II team.”

“This meet is very much about individual times,” Noble said. “It’s about being in your own lane and putting up



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Jack Belford '16 (above) and the rest of the Little Giant swim team will close their 2014 portion of schedule at Calvin College this weekend.

times for the end of the season.” The thought-process may be a bit different than typical sport terms, but the strategy is what is most beneficial to the team. Noble said “there are situations where gaming to win the meet takes away from individual performances.” Noble said the strategy will allow the team to “game to beat Depauw,”

at the Conference Meet.

“Swimmers train year round basically for two weekends of the year,” Noble said. “That in itself shows how big of a deal this is.” Noble expects the record boards to be rewritten following the weekend.

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TIME FOR THE NCAC

AFTER A LACKLUSTER YEAR, BASKETBALL IS LOOKING FOR A REBOUND

JAKE EAGAN '15 | STAFF WRITER
After stumbling to a 7-11 record against NCAC competition in the 2013-2014 campaign, the Wabash basketball program is embarking on a transitional year under newly appointed head coach Kyle Brumett. With a full slate of NCAC contests ahead of them, the Little Giants plan on capitalizing on the legitimate upswing in talent and team chemistry resonating within the program.

Last season, guard Kyle Aiton '17 led Wabash in scoring at 12.3 points per game in 30.2 minutes of action. His play was tremendous, and as he transitions into a point guard for the Little Giants, the program is trusting he can take care of the basketball. In discussing the treacherous NCAC competition looming in the coming weeks, Aiton is confident his offseason diligence will pay dividends on the court.

"I think we have a better chance than last year," Aiton said. "We did a lot of growing up in the offseason, such as getting in the weight room and focusing on our weaknesses. Several NCAC teams lost a lot important guys, which will hurt them and help us. This year we are more structured and have a keen understanding of what we need to do defensively."

Last season, Wooster finished with a dominant 16-2 mark in the NCAC, with a 26-4 record overall. However, they will be without graduates Doug Thorpe and Kenny DeBoer, who combined for 25.4 points per game for the Fighting Scots. The NCAC is always tough, but understanding the various obstacles Wabash's opponents are enduring sheds light on the Little Giants' realistic opportunity to win the conference in 2015.

Additionally, the Wittenberg Tigers were also stellar last year and recorded an impressive 13-5 conference record. Yet, they too will be without top scorers Zack Leahy and Scott Masin.

In other words, Aiton is absolutely correct. Several elite NCAC programs will be a step slower this season, while Wabash is retaining nearly all of their offense production along with a spirited new coaching staff. It's far too early to pinpoint the extent

of Wabash's momentum, but after outscoring opponents 258-166 over the first three contests, it certainly seems like the Little Giants can legitimately contend in the NCAC this season.

An additional piece returning for the program is sophomore big man Daniel Scofield '17. In four games of action, Scofield has already upped his scoring average by 6.0 points, and he's currently pulling down a monster 10.3 boards per game. His much-improved frontcourt play will give Wabash flexibility on the defensive end. Scofield's athleticism gives him an advantage over larger centers, which should open up the paint for the Wabash guards to attack.

In regards to this season's NCAC schedule, Scofield recognizes the familiar top dogs in the conference, but is fully aware of the competitive teams looming at the bottom.

"Teams like Wooster, DePauw, Ohio Wesleyan and Wittenberg are definitely the toughest teams in our conference as they are generally nationally ranked," Scofield said.

"We really have to play up to our potential against all of our opponents."

DANIEL SCOFIELD '17

"However, with the NCAC being such a strong conference we really have to play up to our potential against all of our opponents. We have to mentally prepare for each game the same way or else we will end up losing the games we should have won, and in such a tough conference you can not afford to lose those type of games."

Like Aiton, Scofield value's the hard work put forth in the off-season, and is equally adamant in its positive effect on the court.

"This year we are confident that we will be highly competitive in the NCAC," Scofield said, "because we are not only putting in the necessary work on the court, but off the court as well. Our coaching staff thoroughly breaks downs the film with us that way we make sure not to make the same mistake twice. and also so we get an understanding of the personnel and offensive/defensive schemes that our

BASKETBALL VS. OBERLIN

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opponent will use."

Brumett's emphasis on opponents' tendencies has been a theme all off-season. Multiple players cited his structure-based approach, and intense concentration on the various attacks each team brings to the table.

This can be a transcendent NCAC season for the Little Giants. The team has noted the significant losses in the conference powerhouse programs, but they are equally cognizant of the highly competitive squadron of second-tier NCAC competition. An easy night is unlikely this season, especially with

just a handful of spots deemed worthy of a post-season tournament bid.

Houston Hodges '15, a senior guard for the Wabash basketball team currently making the transition from football to basketball, believes representing Wabash encompasses more than individual success.

"Playing for the Wabash community means playing for something bigger than myself," Hodges said. "I play for the Wabash tradition, my family, and friends, and I know all the work that gets put into being on a team and getting to play in the game makes it all worth it. I admit it's consuming, but it is time well spent."

Competitive basketball somehow makes the long, cold, Indiana winters a bit more bearable. As the Little Giants gear up for the long, grueling NCAC schedule, and considering the tremendous talent upgrade and fresh coaching staff, expect a competitive year for Wabash basketball.



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Pat Parham '15 and the rest of the Little Giants head to this weekend's Little State meet looking to repeat last year's successes when three Little Giants won their weight classes.

LITTLE GIANTS, LITTLE STATE

FULL OF MOMENTUM, WRESTLING LOOKING FOR WINS AT LITTLE STATE

DEREK ANDRE '16 | SPORTS

EDITOR • Fresh off a dominant performance at the Concordia Invitational, the Little Giant wrestling team heads into this weekend's Indiana Little State meet full of momentum.

After placing five wrestlers in the top three in Wisconsin, including a win by Riley Lefever in the 184 pound weight-class, the Little Giants go into this weekend as the favorites in more weight classes than they aren't. While there is no team scoring in this weekend's meet, Wabash will likely be one of the stronger teams in the field. After hosting the meet a year ago, Wabash will head to Manchester University for the weekend's meet. While the meet is early in the season, Head Coach Brian Anderson feels this is one of the bigger meets on the Wabash schedule.

"This tournament is an historic tournament in the state of Indiana," Anderson said. "It's been going on for fifty years and we go in there with the goal of getting as many champions as we can. Our big competitor this weekend is the University of Indianapolis. It's the DII wrestling school in Indiana and last year in the finals it was basic a head-on dual with us and them. That's what I expect this weekend out of this tournament. I think it's a good tune-up tournament coming off of break and getting us ready for North Central."

While the Little State meet is one of the longer running events the Little Giants compete in, the coaching staff is still focusing on the weeks and months ahead. As such, the Little Giants aren't breaking from their usual routine in advance of the competition.

"We're training through this week and we're not trying to pull guys back and taper them off this weekend," Anderson said. "So we're training through this weekend so that we're ready for North Central."

While a few members of the Little Giant squad have spent the past few weeks trying to either get healthy or

simply haven't been available to the team, that is starting to change. In an interview, Anderson spoke about getting Tre Taylor '16 back from football and Tommy Poynter '15 starting to get healthy after starting the season with a few knocks. In essence, the Little Giants are starting to assemble a lineup that can easily compete with any in Division III.

"I think we're really piecing together a ten-man murderers row," Anderson said. "It's going to be a group of guys who are strong from start to finish... Our goal when we head into the regional our goal is to get ten guys to the national tournament."

This weekend's meet should be an opportunity for the Little Giants to achieve some personal successes on the mat. With that being said, Anderson cautioned that no match is easy and even the early round contests can cause the Little Giants problems.

"We can't take any match lightly. We're going to see some teams that we're not going to see again," Anderson said. "There's some NAIA schools, and this is probably the tournament with the most NAIA schools, so we typically not necessarily steer off the competition, but they are still scholarship athletes. These aren't light schools. So we need to not go in there and be complacent or think we're going to have an easy match in the first round because you could easily be thrown to the wolves in the first round."

The Little State meet begins this Saturday at 9 a.m. at Manchester University.

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"If you bring in the top 10 recruits in the state of Indiana next year and they all play quarterback, that won't make a huge impact in the program," Raeburn said. "But if we bring in three good offensive linemen, two good linebackers – something that's representative of all the positions – then I think it can be a positive impact on our program."

"We have to do a really thorough job, particularly in the state of Indiana, of convincing the best players that are a good match for Wabash to join our football program."

The senior class highlighted this success in recruiting. All-American pass rusher Cody Buresh set the Wabash career mark for sacks. Linebacker AJ Akinribade was the 2011 NCAC Newcomer of the Year and earned All-Conference honors each season. Houston Hodges successfully bounced between cornerback and receiver, sometimes playing both, and Denzel Wilkins excelled in a nickel-linebacker role. Each of them earned All-Conference awards as well.

"We felt like we had a pretty talented senior class," Raeburn said. "Some of

those guys started for four years and they played a ton of football for us. We have to figure out a way to improve our recruiting so we can continue to attract guys that are as talented as those seniors were and guys that are as willing to make as strong of commitment."

Although the 2015 class will take away much of the experience from the defensive side of the ball, Raeburn will look for the offense to improve in the coming seasons.

"We have to become more balanced on offense," he said. "This year and last year were the same. We were better than average at rushing the football, but not where we needed to be from a passing standpoint."

About 200 other programs would love a 39-6 record in a four-year span that included a 3-2 postseason mark. However, a little more than a half-dozen programs achieved something similar, if not better. Continued recruiting success and consistent playoff appearances are how Wabash will make strides towards its ultimate goal of a national championship.

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Leo Abdalla '18 is excited about the team's opportunity to compete at its highest level. Abdalla said "we have put in a lot of effort so far and it's going to be great to see the results this weekend." Abdalla was clear that the team is confident in its abilities to swim at an incredibly high level.

The weekend's meet will bring the calendar year to a close and mark a critical point in the team's season. "Wabash swimming is better than it has ever been," Noble said. "We had big plans for Calvin coming into the season, and nothing has changed." The team is right on course to achieve its goals. Noble said "expectations have even gotten a little higher."

The team will have over a week of break following the end of the first semester. On December 30th the team will head to Florida for a nine-day training trip. Coach Noble said "its usually a really good trip towards the atmosphere of the team." The training done on that trip will nearly finish the workout regimen for the team as it will then start resting for the postseason.

Wabash Swimming will have its final meet of the calendar year this weekend at the Calvin College Winter Invitational in Grand Rapids, MI.

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

12/5

Swimming @ Calvin Invitational - 10 a.m.

12/6

Wrestling @ Little State Meet - 9 a.m.

Swimming @ Calvin Invitational - 10 a.m.

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STAFF WRITER • Wabash football
seniors bookended their careers with
two playoff appearances and a 39-6
record. Each playoff run ended against
near-annual championship contenders
Mount Union (2011) and Wisconsin-
Whitewater (2014). The program needs
significant, but not giant, strides to
reach that level.

“They have a great commitment
from their players, and I think they
learned from putting themselves in
those situations,” Coach Erik Raeburn
said. “I was part of two Mount
Union teams that were really close
to winning national titles. I think the
coaches players learned through those
disappointments what it takes to get
over the hump.

“That’s what we’ll have to do
too. We have to take some of these
disappointing losses and figure out
what we need to be able to do in those
types of games to come out on the
other end.”

In the 2011 quarterfinals, the national
runner-up Purple Raiders defeated the
Little Giants 20-8. Last Saturday, the
defending champion Warhawks won
38-14 against Wabash in the second
round.

“I guess the biggest thing to focus
on is maturing,” running back Mason
Zurek '16 said. “We were incredibly
young this year, especially on offense. I
think the experience of the Whitewater

game and playing a team so talented
that is at that next level was a great
experience for the younger guys.”

After an undefeated regular season
in 2011, the Little Giants let two upset
losses keep them out of the playoffs
in 2012. In 2013, they failed to earn
an at-large bid due to a 35-17 loss
to Wittenberg. The Tigers defeated
Wabash again this year, 21-15, but the
closer game and a season-opening win
against Hampden-Sydney was enough
for a playoff return.

“There’s no reason we shouldn’t
make the playoffs consistently,” Zurek
said. “We’re the best team in the
conference – we shot ourselves in the
foot in the Witt game this year. Two
years ago, we should’ve won it as well.

“Playing in the playoffs every year
will do nothing but build and continue
to strengthen our program. People are
going to be more accustomed to playing
in the cold and more accustomed to
playing in games that are much more
intense. You have a couple of cakewalk
games in the regular season, but in the
playoffs you’re leaving it all on the line
every week.”

The playoff experience was much
needed for creatures of habit like Zurek.
A Sunday playoff announcement and
practice schedule during Thanksgiving
break messed up his routine.

“I’m a really weird guy when it comes
to rituals and stuff,” Zurek admitted. “I
eat the same food and drink the same
type of tea every morning. We had a
walk through on Friday and I was kind
of freaking out because I always wear
the same gear on Thursdays since it’s
usually the last practice of the week.
I had a little mental fight with myself



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Mason Zurek '16 (38) rushed for 849 yards on 129 attempts in his junior campaign. He also scored 12 touchdowns on the year.

on what I should wear Thursday and
Friday.”

More importantly, the team
developed the mental fortitude required
to play football this time of year.

“The playoffs were a wakeup call
on mental toughness,” Zurek said.
“Playoffs hit when school starts to
ramp up, so it’s an exercise in staying
mentally strong. The longevity of the

season and intensity of the playoffs
combined with the school pressure
after you’ve been doing it for three to
four months is challenging.”

While playoff familiarity will help
going forward, recruiting talented
players is the best way to create more
wins.

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