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HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY

It appears that the June rain which kept construction crews away from the Crawford Street houses also deposited a nice amount of mold into the Martindale rooms used to house homeless residents last week. Hi-five to the crews who worked relentlessly to get them done before classes.

CAUTION, SPARKS AHEAD

Campus Services was out on the Mall in the days leading up to Freshman Saturday, doing everything short of spray painting the grass green to get the campus ready for the big day. Grass as green as emeralds, however, couldn't cover up the bright yellow caution tape that greeted new students and their parents on the incomplete Sparks Center porch.



THE SCARLET LANYARDS

Sporting their bright red lanyards, the class of 2019 hit the books this week in their first collegiate academic experience. With bright eyes and glowing faces, their excitement for class to begin had not yet been crushed by the weight of the coursework everyone else knows is coming. Thanks goes out to the lanyards, as they provide an obvious marker telling returning students who to avoid.

RUNNING FROM RUNNERS

Former Head Cross Country Coach, Roger Busch, left Wabash College to take a coaching position at the University of Hartford. With less than a month's notice before classes began, the College sprinted over the hurdle of finding a coach before the new semester. Busch's blood now runs scarlet AND white in Connecticut.

LESS ASBESTOS

Baxter received a cleaning over the summer and has been ridded of asbestos. Hopefully the purification helps eliminate the good ol' Baxter building stench. What building on campus will be the next to receive a new makeover: the new living units, Martindale, the wrestling facility, or the Theta Delta Chi house?

ADAM ALEXANDER '16 | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • It has been a busy summer.

Upon arrival to the College for the Fall 2015 semester, students were greeted by two 12-person townhomes on campus. The townhomes are part of a larger housing project which will bring two 38-person halls and two 16-person lodges, to be completed during this academic year. This construction is also tied with the renovation of Martindale Hall, which is hoped to begin during the spring semester. The construction is all part of President Greg Hess' plan to ensure Wabash students have a high standard of living no matter where they live at on campus.

"When the townhomes opened, Lora and I visited with the students and their families," Hess said. "They have some nice spaces in there, they've started to move in, and they recognize that they have to take care of it. I think they're pretty happy right now. The other housing is coming online. We're finishing up the final plans for the renovation of Martindale, and then we're still trying to stack up all of the different investments we need to make in the fraternity houses. We want to make sure that they all stay at high levels."

One of the townhomes has already been named Butler House, honoring Professor of Political Science Emeritus Melissa Butler H'85. The other townhome will also be named after a faculty member, but Hess has not announced the name of that townhome yet. One of the lodges will be named Williams Lodge, after LaFollette

COVER STORY

Distinguished Professor in the Humanities Emeritus Raymond Williams H'68. The other lodge and the two halls have yet to be named.

The wet summer made it a challenge to complete the townhomes in time for students to move in this month.

"Rain helps the corn grow; it's not as helpful when you're building," Hess said. "So they did have some work-arounds there. It was both a cold winter and a rainy summer. We had about 2 to 3 weeks of no rain, and that allowed everybody to catch up. I believe all of the foundations are now in, and the halls are supposed to be ready in January. The halls are the big ones – they're about the size of the Beta house. In January, we'll take all of the students out of Martindale and begin renovating there. The initial goal was to have it ready for the next school year. That'll be about an eight or nine month job, but things always happen. Buildings are seldom finished ahead of time. You just have to roll with it."

Part of 'rolling with it' includes the possibility that Martindale renovations may not be possible until the middle of the spring semester or even next summer, because the halls need to be finished in order to move the students out of Martindale. Associate Dean of Students Marc Welch is hopeful that everything will be completed on schedule, but recognizes that the summer rains added serious hardships to meeting that goal.

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COLIN THOMPSON '17 / PHOTO

Those students lucky enough to get a spot in the new townhomes were given some of the nicest kitchens on campus.

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“The crew has been working weekends, evenings, and overtime to get the townhomes available for students this fall,” Welch said. “If the new halls aren’t ready until February, then we won’t be able to get students out of Martindale until then, which would complicate renovating Martindale by next August. I’m not concerned, but we’re always on edge about what might happen. Some concerns are related to weather, which we can’t control.”

Although students are living in the townhomes now, they are not completely finished. Still, the townhomes are finished enough to be classified as ‘substantially complete,’ according to Director of Campus Services David Morgan.

“With any major project, the word ‘complete’ is a little bit funny,” Morgan said. “Because you would hope that there’s a day upon which you’re handed the keys and everything is done. But with the schedule of this project, we had to get the keys before the building was completely finished. There’s still final paints of coat to do. Some of the utilities services are just temporary right now, because they’re going to eventually go through the south hall.”

Most of the tasks left to complete are purely cosmetic.

“The items that are remaining are scratches in the wall, but all systems

are functional aside from television and data, which we’re working on now,” Morgan said. “The kitchens are completely functional, the bathrooms are completely functional, and all of the furniture is installed. There’s just little details that need to be finished. Those should be completed within the next couple of weeks.”

The new townhomes, even without their finishing touches, are some of the nicest buildings on campus. With this luxury, though, comes higher expectations for students.

“We always want our students to be accountable, whether in a townhome or in 16 Harry Freedman,” Welch said. “But if anything goes wrong in one of those townhomes, we’ll know who did it. Harry Freedman, perhaps less so. Those guys in the townhomes are going to be on a parade route for a while. Everyone wants to go through and see them.”

But the College is not too concerned; students seem to want to keep their new homes nice.

“It was really neat to see the excitement and appreciation amongst the students and their parents when they moved in,” Welch said. “There was certainly an increased level of accountability, a sense that they wanted to keep it nice. That’s something that we don’t get in some of the more dated properties.”



COLIN THOMPSON '17 / PHOTO

The contractors will continue to build the halls and lodges throughout this semester.

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On the Cover: The contractors used the beam signed by students last spring to help construct the top floor of the north hall.



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OPPORTUNITY FOR CLUBS TO
INTERACT WITH FRESHMEN

BEN WADE '17 | COPY EDITOR

• One of the many unique characteristics of the Wabash College student body is the sheer number of organizations on campus. For a campus of around 900 men, over 65 clubs represent interests that range from theatre to skydiving.

Approximately 30 of these clubs will be on display at the Mallapalooza 2015 club fair from 6 to 8 p.m. tonight. Clubs use this event as the best opportunity to “connect with freshman and recruit new members”, says William Oprisko, Director of Student Employment and Activities.

The clubs' leaders also get a chance to collaborate with other groups on campus.

Unlike the rest of the year, all of the clubs will attend an event together, which allows them an opportunity to mingle with their fellow groups.

Oprisko, with the assistance of the Dean of Students Office and several student leaders, organized the fair and is also paying for food



Will Oprisko

and drinks, provided by The Brown Bag and 1832 Brew respectively. The first TGIF of the year, hosted by the Sphinx Club and W.A.R. Council, will precede the event on the mall at 4:15 p.m. in the afternoon. Both TGIF and Mallapalooza 2015 kick off this weekend of campus unity, culminating with the Epic Rap Battles of History performance tomorrow night.

The club fair also provides an opportunity for Violet Mayberry, the new Campus Events Scheduler, to train club leaders on the new College scheduling program. Before organizations can schedule events or submit a budget for the semester,

they will need to learn how the program works. The training will occur just before Mallapalooza 2015, lasting from 5:30 to 6 p.m. tonight.

While this training adds another requirement for all new and existing clubs, it is in an attempt to limit overlapping events that some say have plagued campus organizations for years.

Students with no interest in joining any clubs are still invited to attend. Oprisko hopes that these Friday night events, when combined with the concert event tomorrow, will bring campus together and help kick off the year with a bang.



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REMEMBERING DR. STOKES

Thomas Stokes, Associate Professor of French, passed away unexpectedly over the summer due to a heart attack while traveling in Quebec. V. Daniel Rogers, Professor of Spanish and Division II Chair, agreed to write a memorial for the professor who had taught at Wabash for 25 years.

V. DANIEL ROGERS | PROFESSOR OF SPANISH AND DIVISION II CHAIR • I first met professor Thomas Stokes in the spring of 1998 when I interviewed for a position in the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures. For the next 17 years, Dr. Stokes and I were office neighbors on the 2nd floor of Detchon Hall. For close to two decades we discussed European and Latin American Literature, the state of our discipline, and the merits of particular pedagogical approaches. And as colleagues occasionally do, we sometimes disagreed about things like literary theory or debated changes to the curriculum. But the number and nature of all those exchanges pales in comparison to the number of conversations we had about students. Tom and I never disagreed about the central role that students play at the College, or the extraordinary value of a liberal arts education.

Dr. Stokes was a product of the liberal arts and felt most at home in the intellectually rigorous environment of a college campus. He graduated from

Davidson College in 1970 and traveled that summer to Paris where he spent two years at the Sorbonne earning a diploma in French Studies. An inveterate traveler, he served in the Peace Corps in Francophone Africa. In the years that I knew him, Tom was happiest when he was reading a novel, teaching students, or planning a trip. Of all the members of our department, no one had more stamps in their passport than he. In the 1980s, Tom finished a masters and doctorate in French and began his career teaching at a number of institutions including Cumberland College and St. John's College (in Santa Fe). In 1990, he joined our faculty and began teaching French to several generations of Wabash men. Dr. Stokes was deeply committed, not just to French literature and culture, but to the life of the mind in its broadest sense. Most of all, he was committed to his students. He mentored and encouraged some of our best and brightest during his years at the College. His students, most of all, will miss his dry wit and love of art and culture in all its expressions.



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Thomas Stokes, Associate Professor of French, received the McLain-McTurnan-Arnold Research Award in 1996, and gave the LaFollette Lecture in the Humanities in 1997.

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STELLAR DESIGNATION MEANS CHANGES FOR CAMPUS, CIBE

PATRICK BRYANT '16 | BUSINESS MANAGER • The impact of Crawfordsville's Stellar Community designation will not "stop" at the corner of Wabash and Grant Avenues. In fact, Mayor Todd Barton '00 said the public-private funding of up to \$17 million in plans to improve the community will, in some ways, impact the campus directly.

In the five years since the state of Indiana assigned the designation, Crawfordsville applied three other times and had once before been a finalist. The difference this time, Barton said, was the message and the breadth of the plan that the local Stellar Community team delivered.

"We just really worked hard listening to the people of the community," Barton said via telephone.

Students are most likely to notice the impact in the conversion of the train tracks north of Jennison Street into a walking/running trail

that connects the campus to the Sugar Creek Trail and Washington Street to the downtown. Also, Barton said plans are in place for the Center for Innovation, Business, and Entrepreneurship (CIBE) to move into a planned Fusion Center which would include among others, Montgomery County Economic Development, the chamber of commerce, visitors bureau, Main Street group, and others.

"The synergy you start to develop really brings out cooperation and growth," he said. "That's a concept that's very unique at that level."

Money has also been allocated both publicly through the Stellar grant and privately through a West Virginia firm to renovate and restore the Ben-Hur Building at the corner of Main and Water Streets, creating a mixed use space including condominiums, a hotel, and a restaurant/bar area. Barton said sustaining this sort of development is a priority for him and his office and he is confident that the private

investment of firms such as the one from West Virginia have a proven business model to ensure the long-term investment of those business ventures.

Although the changes won't occur overnight, Barton said very specific planning and looking at the next three to five years constituted a crucial part of applying for the Stellar designation. He said a misconception of the recognition is that it's simply a lump sum of money for the city to spend as it pleases.

Barton said the two major issues the city hopes to address with its plan are keeping professionals that work in Crawfordsville from commuting versus living here and also keeping the younger 20 to 35-year old demographic living here. The Wabash community, namely faculty and staff that work in Crawfordsville are a part of that target audience.

The public-private partnerships and the planning processes have

not been absent from Wabash input, including not only the College and its administration, but even student input according to Barton.

"It shows that there's a lot of interaction between the city and opportunities for Wabash students. President Gregory Hess said. "The beautification of the city in which we all live benefits students as well as the residents of Crawfordsville."

Hess' acknowledgment of the grant's importance and the College's involvement in the process add to what Barton said is his hope that Wabash uses this news as a part of the College's future recruiting.

"My message to the College all along has been you can build a world class institution and have world class facilities but if it's in a crummy community that's a problem," Barton said. "They should really use that in their recruiting. They'll thoroughly be versed on what we're talking about."



LEVI GARRISON '18 / PHOTO

Crawfordsville plans to use the Stellar grant to convert the train tracks running through campus into a trail.

EPIC WELCOME BACK

TY CAMPBELL '16 | OPINION EDITOR
• Nice Peter and Epic Lloyd will be on campus tomorrow at 8 p.m. to perform Epic Rap Battles of History in Chadwick Court. The performance is part of the group's world tour and its only stop in Indiana. Every Wabash student is admitted into the event free of charge and, as always, encouraged to bring friends.

Epic Rap Battles of History, being the 16th most subscribed channel on YouTube, has over 12 million subscribers and three billion total video views. The videos contain famous historic individuals whom battle lyrically in humorous fashion. Popular pairings include Barack Obama vs. Mitt Romney, Steve Jobs vs. Bill Gates, and Mozart vs. Skrillex. All four seasons of the videos can be found and played on the 'ERB' YouTube channel. Also, special features and behind the scene footage can be found on their associated channel, 'ERB2.'

Audience participation is encouraged. After each battle performance, audience members will be able to choose the 'winner' of each pairing. Also, for those who are familiar with the Battle videos, be prepared for the chance to perform on stage with Nice Peter and Epic Lloyd. As mentioned by the Polaris PR representative, Sonya Bhatia, "Fans actually come prepared, committing battle to memory on the off chance they get chosen to join in a battle."

The Wabash College Student Government is classifying the upcoming performance as a 'welcome' event to incoming freshman, and a 'welcome back' event for upperclassmen. Patrick Bryant '16, President of the Student Body, said the Student Senate wanted to add a back to campus event. "We wanted to plan an event for after the first weekend after classes start," Bryant said.

To best utilize the typically uneventful weekend after the first days of classes, the Student Government leaders decided to treat current

students with a show to exemplify the efforts of the student body. "We want the entire student body to enjoy themselves," Bryant said. "We want the freshmen to see what the student government can do on campus and for the upperclassmen to appreciate the usage of their student activity fee."

"We want the freshmen to see what the student government can do on campus."

PATRICK BRYANT

To gain interest and attendance at the Epic Rap Battles of History show, Bryant sent an email explaining the event to freshman class. As of Tuesday, 81 freshmen have already submitted an RSVP to attend the show. One of the 81 freshmen students includes Jack Leppert '19. "I know they're very popular on YouTube and I've seen a few of their videos," Leppert said. "I'm interested to see their presentation because it seems like the videos take a while to make. It'll be interesting to see on Saturday."

The show is intended to please students with an all-campus event. "This show was a surprise. The main reason I want to go is to meet some guys outside the fraternity house - it'll be a good chance to meet some new people that I wouldn't meet otherwise," Leppert said. "I signed up before I arrived on campus and people are now starting to talk about attending."

As Bryant indicated in his all-student email, doors open at 7 p.m. and the festivities will begin at 8 p.m..



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF EPIC RAP BATTLES

The Student Senate is hosting Epic Rap Battles at Wabash to start the semester.



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Epic Rap Battles, consisting of Nice Peter and Epic Lloyd, has over three billions views from all of their YouTube videos.

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TIME TO GET OVER THE APATHY

Welcome back Wabash, from what I hope was a warm, relaxing summer filled with learning and growth. As my editor hat sits on the shelf where it's been collecting dust for the last few months, I want to extend my thanks to Adam Alexander '16 and his staff for asking me to write a piece for this issue. This is a really impressive group and I'm going to have one more reason to look forward to Friday: reading *The Bachelor* and seeing what this group is going to be cranking out.

I go on this tangent and talk about my stepping into the background in *The Bachelor*, which has been a big part of my extracurricular growth here at Wabash, for a reason. I'm limiting that role now but doing so without any regrets or "gee, I wish I would've spent more time doing



Patrick Bryant '16

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this" as I enter the 4th quarter of my Wabash career. By no means, however, am I checking out and I'm very excited looking forward to the work we have going on in student government here at Wabash.

This weekend kicks off the school year formally with a visit from the Epic Rap Battles of History as a stop on their world tour. This is the stop they'll be making in the Midwest

and your being a student gets you in free. Tickets for guests are \$10 at the door and I sure hope you make an effort to invite friends to Wabash for tomorrow night.

I've already broken one of the cardinal virtues of journalism by burying so far down in my column what I'm actually here to talk about, which is our apathy on campus. It's rampant. And it's so sad because there are events and clubs that want you to attend and participate in and there's funding that goes unused semester after semester. Those dollars could go to your next idea or your next club. I don't have the chance to offer much of a "State of the Student Body" or give any sort of assessment, but I want to challenge each of you to do something extra or take up something outside your comfort

zone this semester.

There's a lot to be learned in the classroom, but there's a lot of growth and development to be found in the club meetings and activities that take place over the course of a school year. Some of the experiences I've had have shaped me. Please don't hesitate to get help from us in your Student Senate if you want to get involved or want to get your idea put into action.

To our freshman students, welcome! Please don't hesitate to look to us for help, but also don't feel like you need to wait or earn your keep before you start thinking about the impact you're going to make on our College by your extracurricular involvement. Here's to a great and successful school year!

GET OUT AND MAKE THIS YEAR SPECIAL

As I look ahead to my last year at Wabash, I'm filled with a sense of excitement. It's no secret that I love this place, and I'm thankful I have two more semesters to spend here. As tempting as it is to write something reflective and say that the past three years have been the best of my life, or how much I'll miss Wabash and everybody here, I'll attempt to resist that urge. Instead, I'm forcing myself to focus on what lies ahead, both this school year and beyond.

First, I'll talk about what's immediately ahead: senior year. This year should prove to be an incredible one. The students, faculty, and staff here have had such a profound impact on my life, and I can't wait to have one more go at it. Each year so far, I have tried to accomplish more than the last or do something new. For me, it's been things like joining a fraternity my sophomore year and trying to



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connect more with different people last year. This year I want to do more writing, so here I am. For you, it could be anything that challenges you or gets you active. I'm excited to see what kinds of new opportunities will present themselves this year. Students and faculty have already been working hard to provide plenty of chances to have fun and learn new things, and I'm looking forward to taking advantage of them.

If I have one piece of advice, it is to go out and just do something.

Join a club, get involved with student government, or even something as simple working on your homework in the library. You'll meet new people, have great conversations, and really enrich your experience here. I've noticed that the same people who have nothing but negative things to say about Wabash are the same ones that never leave their rooms or fraternity houses. You have to go out and experience Wabash for what it is. That is a sure-fire way to have a very positive college experience.

Unfortunately (or fortunately), life at Wabash is not forever. We'll all have to move on at some point. There's just something inherently exciting about moving on to something new. Yes, that excitement often comes with anxiety or apprehension; but for me, that kind of thing is thrilling. That's how it was when coming to Wabash for the first time, and that's how it is

as I move in for my final year as a student. I don't really know what I'll be doing after Wabash. It might be law school; it might be a job, who knows? Whatever it'll be, I'm not going to stress about it for the time being. It's actually fun to think about where the class of 2016 and I will be a year from now. Whether that is some sort of graduate school, a new job, or even still trying to figure it out, a new phase in life will be starting soon. I can't help but to be excited by that thought.

But in the meantime, I'll be trying to get as much as I absolutely can out of these next nine months. And I encourage you all to do the same. Go to the chapel talks, the football games (or swim meets), and the lunchtime lectures. Even if you're a senior, meet new people, talk about uncomfortable things, and expand your horizons. Do that, and everybody will have an awesome year.

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BACHELOR'S NEW YEAR WELCOME

Gentlemen, welcome to Wabash. I hope you'll enjoy your time here as much as I have for the past three years. If your experience is anything like mine has been, you'll form some amazing relationships at this College while being pushed to succeed harder than you've ever been pushed.

You've come to Wabash at an exciting time. Merely flipping through this newspaper will prove that this place you've entered is undergoing many changes. We have new student housing options being built, a Student Senate bringing a concert for the first weekend on campus, and a Stellar Community grant which will sponsor extensive beautification projects for Crawfordsville. Both our College and the city in which we live are making substantial efforts to improve your quality of life while you're here.

It's important to get involved



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early at Wabash. You'll find that the longer you wait to join a club, the busier you will be. But I'll urge you to avoid making the mistake I made when I came to this place – don't overextend yourself. Find two or three organizations on campus that you're particularly curious or passionate about, and become an active participant in those groups. Too often, Wabash freshmen (including myself) join so many clubs that they cannot

become a valuable member of the group. There's little point of joining the Student Senate, for example, if you'll never speak up during the meetings or report anything to your constituents. Join groups that give you a voice in the Wabash community, and use that voice often.

The Bachelor serves to provide a voice to every student at the College, and we extend that invitation to all of you. Whether you wish to become a full member of our staff or just have one thing you want to say, you are welcome to join the generations of Wabash students voicing themselves through *The Bachelor*. Our newspaper exists to chronicle the student body, and in so doing, chronicles a history of us students at this College. Wabash changes with every ringing-out and ringing-in ceremony. No student body from one year to the next

is alike, and *The Bachelor* has recorded what the campus culture was like each year since 1908. If you want to be a part of that tradition, join us at our call-out meeting or submit a letter to the editor any time throughout this year.

Our College is shaped by its students, and you join that rich tradition. Your actions throughout the next four years will determine how Wabash looks to its alumni, its prospective students, and to the outside world. Don't be that guy that goes through his entire college career playing video games, or the guy who joins a club and sits quietly through half of the meetings and misses the rest. Be proactive. Help make this place great. Know that everyone here wants you to succeed, and as a brotherhood, we will always be there to support you when you need it. Welcome to Wabash.

ADVICE FROM A SEASONED SENIOR

Have you ever been placed in a situation that fell short of your expectations? If I had to guess, it would have been a frustrating and misleading experience. For example, I chose a quad in Cole Hall my freshmen year, expecting one of the three roomed quads. Instead, I was placed in a giant room. I felt duped and was already apprehensive because my brother (one of my roommates) had just pledged a fraternity, leaving me with individuals I did not know. However, just like others in similar situations, we made it work; in fact we made it flourish.

This experience taught me a couple of important lessons that were only strengthened during my two years as an RA. Of course, I am still learning quicker than I can teach what I have learned; however, I think these tips would have helped me succeed earlier in my Wabash career and made it more enjoyable.

Most freshmen arrive at Wabash predisposed to certain groups of friends. As for me, it was the wrestlers because I am on the wrestling team. This is great because it allows you to



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have a foot in the door. However, it also makes it harder to branch out. Therefore, I think interacting with different kinds of people eases your comfort zone more so than any other act. It was always easy for me to sit down for dinner with the wrestlers, but it was much harder to do this with people in my WAR Council, the Pre-Med Society, and so on. Forcing yourself to interact with a wide variety of people not only creates a sense of community, but also allows you to get into that party that others can't since they don't know anyone there! Yes, it may be uncomfortable and take more effort at first, but you'll also never feel alone.

Quite the opposite of parties, the library is something many people use to study, including myself. I also have multiple "go to" study places depending upon how I feel that night. If I have a test the next day and don't have study buddies, you'll find me in a single cubicle near the Media Center. If I have multiple study buddies and there aren't any tests soon, we'll be in-between the media center and the computers at a large table. This way we can study, but also fool around. If I feel like oscillating between my favorite show and concentrated studying, grabbing a friend and sitting in my room will suffice. My point is: don't be monotonous. Studying doesn't always mean headphones on, face in book, and a cup of coffee. It also means creating new friends, finding new ways to learn material, and venting to that classmate about why that class sucks. Studying diligently is important, but there is more than one way to skin a cat.

While the last two pieces of advice apply to Wabash directly, this last tip transcends beyond Wabash and

is something everyone should strive for, but it is often extremely hard to do. There are so many unknowns in every situation, but especially for an incoming freshmen or even an underclassman. Your first failed exam or first criticism by a coach or fraternity member will make you feel hopeless. This makes it extremely hard to find the positives, but remember there are always more positives than negatives. First of all, you are already in that situation; you've done something great to even be there. Someone believed in you enough to know you are capable of succeeding. Second, you are never alone; everyone at Wabash can give you a failure story and how he dealt with it. Finally, Wabash is the most forgiving place you will ever experience. The only time they can't forgive you or help you is when you don't do anything. Once something has happened, you may not have control over that specific outcome, but you always have control over accepting it, embracing it, and making the most out of it.

TRUE NORTH

FRESHMEN ORIENTED FOR SUCCESS

JOSEPH REILLY '18 | CAVELIFE EDITOR • Freshman Saturday. For most at Wabash, this day featured confidence, uncertainty, novelty, and standing in lines. Nothing differed for the class of 2019. Beginning their journey in the lobby of the Allen Center, the soon-to-be freshmen drifted over to Knowing Fieldhouse, passing familiar admissions staff and coaches who recruited them along the way. After taking the picture that would grace their plastic college affiliation card for the next four years, they proceeded to a number of stations to finish the registration process before meeting up with a current student from their living unit to begin unloading the boxes, mini fridges, and televisions that had been precariously crammed into their vehicles. This reporter talked with numerous incoming families to get an idea of what drives the class of 2019.

Jacob Miller '19, from Ridgeville, Indiana, expressed excitement for participating in the culture of Wabash's student body.

"I'm hoping I can get used to the traditions at Wabash, and the Gentleman's Rule. And get a good plan class-wise so I can start my prerequisites for pre-med," said Miller.

Others came from further away, including Tung Bui '19, who is attending Wabash after traveling from Hoa Binh, Vietnam. Planning on pursuing a career in the business world, Bui said, "I want to explore some majors, as I haven't really decided my major yet. It's economics or psychology and I am minoring in business." Bui plans to study French his freshman and sophomore years and Spanish his junior and senior years as well.

Many incoming freshmen spoke of their academic and extracurricular aspirations, while most parents were impressed with the quality



Will Yank '19 and Kenny Cox '19 make the most of waiting to have their ID picture taken. Tung 'Felix' Bui '19 is determined and focused on his college career.



LEVI GARRISON '18 / PHOTOS

of the organization of the process. Comments ranged from one father's disparity of the free-for-all move in day to the another's connection of being in the same fraternity as his son. Parents also looked forward to seeing the beginning of their son's college career.

William Hall '78 reminisced about his Freshman Saturday forty-one years ago.

"It's much more organized now. It's amazing how much more hands on it is, as far as attention to the prospective students," Hall said.

Hall's son, Griffin '19 is ready for his own Wabash experience. "I've heard a lot of nice things from my dad," Griffin said, "I'm really looking forward to having classes here, and while I do not know my major yet, I'm thinking of getting my minor in computer science."

Many freshmen thought along

the same lines as Griffin, and expressed the desire to jump right in and take classes to find out which majors suited them the best. Both Brayden Slavens '19 and Sam Hayes '19 agreed with Griffin. Hayes specifically claimed his goal as getting "acclimated to the college environment."

Slavens planned on establishing a routine early on. "I've been talking with a lot of other guys in my fraternity, and I just want to get used to the routine, and once I figure that out, it'll make it a little easier on myself. I just want to check out everything, see what I'm interested in, and take advantage of the opportunities."

And while Noah Madison '19 mentioned his excitement and focus on the big transition from high school to college life, his parents quickly pointed out the true

significance of the day.

"I'm excited for him," said Madison's father, Jon Madison, "It's a big step in his life, and he's got his whole life ahead of him. We'll see what happens. We'll miss him, but it's time for him to figure out what he wants to do."

Noah's mother, Mandy Madison agreed, "This is step one of forever. Every decision you have now has the ripple effects forever."

As those ripples begin to spread from their creation on Freshman Saturday, all the new students at Wabash feel their effects. The Class of 2019, diverse and made up of many unique individuals, is ready to make it's mark on the College and prove its worth.

Luke Parrish '19 summed up the general freshman perspective in a single sentence, by saying "I just want to do well, and have fun with it."



LEVI GARRISON '18 / PHOTO

Andrew Powell '17 and Reno Jamieson '17 manned the photo booth, responsible for giving guys the all-important Wabash ID that will get them into future campus events.



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Bryce Killian '16 leads two freshmen back to the Theta Delt house to move in, the parade was endless from Knowing Fieldhouse to the various living units last Saturday morning.



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WABASH RADIO STATION UPDATED

FREE KASHON '17 | STAFF WRITER • Radio is often considered a dying form of media, but the directors and DJs of Wabash's WNDY 91.3 like to think otherwise. After a summer of physical and logistical improvements, the station is excited to once again broadcast its unique blend of programs to the Wabash campus and beyond.

WNDY, a non-formatted station, which allows the DJs to play whatever they want, however they want, as long as it follows the Gentleman's rule (and FCC regulations). Everything from country, to rap, and even talk shows have been played on the station, and as the station grows, so does the variety.

The station's past features a rocky history. According to leadership, poor management prior to the new team, allowed the station to fall into disarray. A thirty year old soundboard, a dusty and cluttered production station, and a static filled broadcast were the bane of the new management.

Recently, however, WNDY underwent some major improvements and General Manager Clayton Randolph '16 is definitely excited about it.

"I think the biggest improvement to the station has been our leadership team." Randolph said, "I brought on guys that I trusted and were passionate about radio – which makes for a fantastic place to work, especially for our DJs."

The station, located on the third floor of the Armory, received several physical improvements as well. In the last year, the management team used funds to improve the sound of the broadcast, purchase new microphones, and even applied a new paint job, which gives the

room a sleek new finish. With the approval of the Student Senate, the management board also ordered a new soundboard, which replaced the old model, a thirty year old piece of equipment.

The station is trying new things this year. Along with the physical side of things, WNDY stepped up its social media game. Embracing Twitter, Facebook, and even Instagram, the station hopes to reach out to its audience through multiple venues. The men of WNDY hope to build a fully interactive website and even implement new awards for their best DJs. Don't expect too much too fast though. There is a process to all of these things as Randolph says; "You won't see these changes overnight. It takes weeks and even months to implement what we have envisioned."

WNDY boasts a large reach for such a small station. The station's airwaves travel to Greencastle and almost hit Lafayette, giving the station a chance to pander to a large number of listeners. Professors, peers, and even the members of the Crawfordsville community all tune in to listen to the College's station. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the station should contact Assistant General Manager Ty Campbell '16 or Program Director Jensen Kirch '17. Both of these men are more than willing to help you fulfill your radio aspirations.

WNDY broadcasts on 91.3 FM from 6 PM to 6AM Sunday night thru Friday morning, allowing their partner station WFYI (and NPR station) to fulfill the rest of the broadcasting time. The station also live streams at livestream.com/wndyradio.



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Ty Campbell '16 makes use of the new sound board and broadcasting equipment located at the newly painted station.



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WABASH TARGETS LOCAL SPORTS AUDIENCES

JOSEPH REILLY '18 | CAVELIFE EDITOR • Those who cheered on the Indy Eleven this year may have noticed a banner on the field representing a certain liberal arts college for men. The banner was part of the College's marketing plan.

Jim Amidon '87, Director of Strategic Communications, emphasized the goal of promoting Wabash College in central Indiana.

"We focus our paid advertising initiatives on two primary areas: demonstrating the College's support of and belief in high school sports and showcasing Wabash's fine arts program offerings," Amidon said.

The banner idea expanded upon previous sports marketing endeavours in a strategic aspect of the College's paid advertising plan.

"We chose to partner with the Indy Eleven through placement of a field-level banner for two reasons. The first is that the club set league attendance records and sold out every match during its inaugural season, and this



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Luke Gunderman '18, Ty Campbell '16, Seth Gunderman '16, and Tom Gunderman '89 with the Indy Eleven sign.

year is leading the league in home game attendance. WISH-TV's live coverage of this year's home matches raises the visibility of Wabash's banner even more. The second reason is the demographic

of the attendees of Indy Eleven matches; highly educated, generally younger than other professional sports teams, and geographically located in some of our target areas for student recruitment."

Amidon said.

Additionally, the College reaches high school athletes through commercials aired during sponsoring WHMB's Game of the Week and radio broadcasts.

"The fact that our Theater Department got ranked seventh nationally in this year's Princeton Review college guide gives us even more opportunities," Amidon said.

The College has also branched out to fine arts organizations, partnering with the Indiana Music Educators Association to reach out to students who would like to continue to develop themselves as an artist in college.

"At Wabash, a pre-med student can continue to play an instrument, act in plays, or even major or minor in art and still make his way to medical school," Amidon said.

Amidon and the Admissions Department plan to continue using strategic marketing to expand the media presence of the College in central Indiana, and are developing new and improved methods to do so all the time.

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STUDENTS RECOUNT A SUMMER ON-CAMPUS

GRIFFIN LEVY '17 | STAFF WRITER • As students return to campus, many stories of summer internship experiences, summer immersion trips, and research in labs are told amongst the student body. At least seventy-five students lived in College Hall this summer, either researching with professors or interning around the Crawfordsville community. These internships ranged from the Rotary Jail Museum to the Liberal Arts Bridge to Business (LABB) program with the Center for Innovation, Business, and Entrepreneurship.

All the programs varied in length, some being as short as seven weeks others lasting the whole summer at fifteen weeks. With these programs following typical workweeks students used the evenings and weekends of their programs to explore the City of Crawfordsville. For some students, this constituted a significant change of pace, especially for Miami, Florida native,

Noah Levi '17, who participated in summer research with the Biology Department.

"In regards to the food, I tried two new restaurants, the Parthenon and also El Corcel, it was absolutely fantastic," Levi said.

"I also went to the strawberry festival, because tickets were provided by my internship. I really enjoyed one of the barbeque booths that was recommended to me by numerous professors, it was comparable to some of the better barbeque I've had."

Upperclassmen were not the only ones that on campus this summer. David Segovia '19 was one of the freshmen at Wabash over the summer. Segovia was involved in



Noah Levi '17

the Wabash Liberal Arts Immersion Program (WLAIP). The program focused on increasing academic and social success of first generation college freshmen and ESL freshmen. These students spent the entire month of July living in Wolcott and also experienced the Crawfordsville Community.

"The Wabash Liberal Arts Immersion Program gave me the experience to visit the Wabash community and be given the chance to find new internship opportunities within the Wabash community," Segovia said.

Segovia elaborated on some of those experiences.

"I was able to visit Youth Services-Direct care and learned about possible internships that involve instruction and care for young children.

All around, between the WLAIP and all the programs offered in the Crawfordsville community, Wabash students continue to grow and learn

from what our community has to offer." Segovia said.

"Overall, the Wabash Liberal Arts Program gave us the chance to have an open mind and opportunities to help within the Crawfordsville community," Segovia said.



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Ty Campbell '16, Zack Carl '18, and Grant Benefiel '16 enjoy treats at another summer Crawfordsville location, Dari-licious.

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CROSS COUNTRY ON THE RUN

MICHAEL LUMPKIN | SPORTS EDITOR• The Wabash College Cross Country team has proven itself as a top-notch program. The 2014 season ended with a trip to the DIII National Championship. The team finished 16th out of 32 teams in their final race, something they look to build on. Prior to their National Championship, the team placed first in both the North Coast Athletic Conference Championship and the NCAA Great Lakes Regional. Last year's performance, compounded with two National Championship runs in the prior two seasons, solidifies Wabash Cross Country as a top tier program.

The program's success can be attributed in part to Wabash College graduate Roger Busch '96, who had served eight years as the Head Cross Country Coach and Assistant Track and Field Coach. In late July, Coach Busch took a Division I coaching opportunity at the University of Hartford in

Connecticut. In a few weeks time, the search began to find the next head coach of the Wabash Cross Country team. The team waited anxiously to find their new coach, one that they are now confident will continue to lead them in the right direction.

Athletic Director of Wabash College Joseph Haklin said that former coach Roger Busch '96 "took an opportunity to advance his career," by taking the job at the University of Hartford. Haklin said that Coach Busch "expressed his desire to become a head track and field coach as a career goal."

Haklin expressed nothing but the best wishes for Busch. Haklin said Busch was "certainly a vital cog, we are sorry to see him go, but we understand coaches want to reach career goals." Haklin added, "we are very happy to see him to do that for himself and his family." Haklin voiced the thoughts of many around the Wabash

community when he said Busch did a "tremendous" job at Wabash.

Busch's late departure from Wabash College posed a challenge for the Wabash Athletic Department to find a bonafide replacement in such a short time. Haklin remarked that the short turnaround was a challenge, but nothing that "worried" the Athletic Department. Haklin's main concern was ensuring that the new coach would continue to embody the College and help young men achieve the best of their abilities. Haklin said, "The guys we have coaching young men here are true professionals, are good at what they do, and are great recruiters." The high standard that Wabash College has for their coaches made the search incredibly important.

During that span of time when the team did not have a coach, the runners still had to maintain their summer training regimen to come into the season at top physical condition. Fabian House '16 highlighted how not having a coach "made it a little difficult to get out and run," but that he never lost sight of the team's goals, which are "becoming conference and regional champions, and continuing to perform better at Nationals."

House's biggest concern was that the new head coach's ideology would line up with that of the team's. Not

knowing and waiting was "the hardest part," according to House. For those couple weeks, the team relied on the leadership of Adam Togami '16, who House credited as "the leader in the absence of the coach." House added that Togami, a proven leader, "filled that void while we were waiting for who the next could would be."

A week ago, the wait ended for House and the rest of the cross country team ended when Dr. Colin Young was named the new Cross Country Head Coach and Assistant Track and Field Coach. House and the team were able to meet Dr. Young and found that he "is a very down to earth guy," according to House. "We are excited because we know our goals haven't changed and that his goals are the same as ours," House said.

Dr. Young is a decorated individual in many ways. He is a 2000 graduate of North Central College where he was a National Champion runner in Cross Country and a top finisher in Track and Field. He received a doctorate from the University of Tennessee and has had coaching experience at his alma mater and overseas. He returns to the states to take over a program that has high expectations and a motivated group of runners all united by a common goal: a strong performance in the Division III National Championship.

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Murphy Sheets '17 and fellow Little Giant runners begin their practice Monday.

A GENTLEMAN'S AFFAIR

FOOTBALL PREPARES FOR MATCHUP AGAINST HAMPDEN-SYDNEY

JACK KELLERMAN | STAFF WRITER • Wabash students are quickly preparing themselves for another good year and fall is quickly approaching. It can only mean one thing: football season. As the Little Giants prepare for another year, many eyes are shifting towards the big game against Hampden-Sydney. The Little Giants start their year off with a trip to Virginia. The trip will be the longest distance the team will travel this season. The Little Giants will be traveling to Virginia to play Hampden-Sydney in the second Gentleman's Classic after last year's historic matchup. Why was it so note worthy? Was it because two robust football organizations squared off? That may be part of it, but also because it brought two small liberal arts colleges with a

unique tradition together. Two of the last three all-male schools came together and fought and bonded over a small niche in the academic world. It got such attention the president of the NCAA, Dr. Mark A. Emmert, traveled to Wabash and talked in front of both teams and the Wabash community in the chapel, along with President Hess and President Howard of Hampden-Sydney College. The game will take place Sept. 5, at 1:00pm. Because of the long distance, there will be no fan bus to the event. However, there will be a showing here at Wabash College for all to come together and watch the Giants take down the Tigers for a second year.

Wabash College had a strong performance last year. With a 10-2 record, 8-1 in the conference, the

Giants have only gotten stronger and others are noticing. Wabash College was picked second this year in the 2015 North Coast Athletic Conference preseason football coaches' poll, according to Brent Harris. With 16 starters returning, Wabash will be a battled tested monster ready to pillage its way into the playoffs. Nationally, Wabash College is ranked 10th according to D3football.com poll.

Close to 300 Wabash alumni and friends of the college have RSVP'd for the pre-game tailgating events surrounding the game, according to Tom Runge, Director of Alumni and Parent Programs. Friday night there will be a kick-off event to the weekend's game to get the fans together at Charley's at 7:00pm. Appetizers are provided, but reservations are needed. Charley's is located at 201 B Mill Street, Farmville, VA. Saturday, the fifth of September, game day has finally arrived. There will be a pre-game tailgate starting at 11:00am catered by the Fishin' Pig, which is known for its delicious BBQ. Chicken and pork BBQ, slaw, chips, and potato salad are just a few of things to that

will be provided. Cost is \$10.00 per person and reservations are required. Look for all the men in red in the parking lot next to the Tigerec facility and you'll know you are in the right place. If one can't make it to the game in Virginia nor any of the events on campus, tune into WNDY-FM (91.3) to hear the event live.

Wabash football has a long tradition of excellence. The Little Giants have won NCAC titles in the past 13 seasons according to Brent Harris. 8 All-NCAC selections have helped Wabash lead Division III in rushing defense (66.3 yards per game) and team sacks (4.58 per game). Wabash ranked third in total defense (240.1 yards per game).

Come out and support Wabash College in their matchup with Hampden-Sydney in the second annual The Gentleman's Classic. It will mark the beginning of Wabash's journey to a potential playoff spot. Who knows? In a few months time, our Little Giants could come back heralded as the Division III champions, but every game counts. Let's start it right with Hampden-Sydney.



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Tyler Holmes '15 scores a touchdown in last year's home game versus Hampden-Sydney.



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The Little Giants won last year's contest 34-21 in the first "Gentleman's Classic." Michael Putko '16 went 15-22 for 134 yards and a touchdown.

BUILDING ON SUCCESS

Soccer looks to young talent to build on last years accolades

JADE DOTY | STAFF WRITER
Last fall was Wabash Soccer's first winning season since 1998, posting a 13-4 record and along with an undefeated home record. That being said, head coach Chris Keller has confidence in his team to continue winning as long as they work hard. "We were pleased with last season and we want to continue the work ethic and blue collar mentality that we had last season. It's our goal to become a consistent winning program and to make winning a habit. We want to expect to win every game when we step on the field."
Sophomore Mike Gore, whose 5 goals led the team last year, also commented on how to continue the recent success the program has seen. "It's all about the work ethic honestly, we lost a lot of

seniors and leadership from last year so we just have to take what we learned from last year and realize the potential we have this year."
Gore is one of the eight sophomores that played in at least 12 games last year. This current season, 22 of the 29 players on Wabash's roster are going to be freshman and sophomores. Coach Keller believes with a young team that they can still be successful. "It's very important for the sophomore class to take from what they learned this year and improve on their consistency from game to game." Wabash's team also lost 7 seniors from last year's team, Keller said that he is expecting the junior and sophomore class to step up and lead with all the minutes they have under their belt.
The team's lone senior, Adam Antalis, is determined for the team to succeed, despite its youth. "Being the only senior, I need to be a strong leader but I know that our team has the ability to win. With all the talent we have, if we are able to work hard day in and day out I believe we can be very successful." said

"We just have to take what we learned from last year and realize the potential we have this year."
MIKE GORE

Antalis. Antalis is confident that they will be able to repeat their post-season appearance as long as the team keeps a strong mentality.
Keller hopes their recent experience in the post season and the team's work ethic will help them this upcoming season. Keller said, "We know making

the conference tournament is a battle but hopefully if we keep the same mentality and play well we will be able to be in the same position last year. As long as we are the hardest working team on the field the wins will take care of themselves, and we want to bring that hard work mentality to every practice and game that we have." Gore also acknowledges that NCAC conference is talented and Wabash's team will have to work hard in order to be successful. "Almost every single team in our conference can compete with each other and as a team we need to go all out every game and practice if we want to win."
Wabash's first game is at MacMurray College on Sept. 1. Gore says that he is "excited to play and we're not looking to stat the season with a loss so hopefully we can get the W". Coach Keller is confident that his team will be able to get the job done. "Every year is different so they could be a completely different team but I'm expecting to win."



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JACOB FERGUSON '18 / PHOTO
The Little Giant soccer team scrimmaged the University of Saint Francis Saturday in preparation for the upcoming season.

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NEW FACES, SAME GOALS

TENNIS LOSES KEY SENIORS BUT WELCOMES NEW FACES TO CONTRIBUTE

JASON VANMETER | STAFF WRITER• Finishing the 2014-15 season with a record of 20-9 and a 6th place finish in the NCAC, the Wabash Tennis team has a strong group of returning players. They are returning three of their six varsity starters,

and have recruited a very talented freshman class.

“We have two freshmen coming in that are going to have an immediate impact on the team,” Head Coach Jason Hutchison said, when asked if he thought the team is currently in a transitional phase. “This year is going to be different for sure, but we have a lot of guys returning that have played in varsity matches. The biggest thing we’re going to have to focus on is leadership. We graduated two seniors who gave great leadership to the team.”

The team will undoubtedly feel

the loss of seniors Mark Troiano and Daniel Delgado. Between the two players in their four years they combined for over 100 wins in singles and doubles matches. They were both established leaders on and off the court. The void they left will need to be filled in order for the team to maintain the success it has enjoyed over the last few years.

Coach Hutchison was also quick to inform that the level of talent on the team has not been damaged through the transition to this year’s lineup, and that the team will still perform at a high level.

The team has shown positive growth under Crawfordsville native Jason Hutchison, beginning as one of the bottom four teams in the NCAC when Hutchison accepted his position in 2004 and now consistently competing for one of the top four spots. Hutchison earned back-to-back NCAC Coach of the year awards in 2010 and 2011, and is very excited for the upcoming season.

The team begins its season with practice this Monday, Aug. 31. The first event of the fall season will be the ITA (Intercollegiate Tennis Association) Central Region Tournament during the last week of September. The tournament, located in St. Louis, Missouri, features some of the team’s best competition from other highly competitive NCAC schools in the region.

“Only a portion of the team will compete in this tournament, and I’m hoping to get about five guys in. A couple more players will have the opportunity to compete in the St. Louis Open, a tournament open to players not participating in the ITA Central Region Tournament.” The fall season concludes after the St. Louis Open and the team does not practice

again until January. Their first home matches won’t be until February 6th against Oberlin College and Elmhurst College.

Currently, the tennis team has 11 players on its roster, just one member shy of a full roster.

“We have two freshmen coming in that are going to have an immediate impact on the team.”

JASON HUTCHISON

Coach Hutchison, who is entering his 12th season as the Head Coach, stated “Throughout my time as Head Coach, there have been a lot of ups and downs, but we have become an extremely competitive team in one of the toughest tennis conferences in the country. We are always competing for the top four spots in the NCAC, despite our finish last season. We did, however, have an amazing season and were ranked 11th in the region at one point.” Wabash tennis battles in one of the toughest conferences in Division III. Powerhouses Kenyon College, Denison University, and DePauw University will always be huge challenges for the Little Giant squad. Both the team and the coach look to build upon the success as they begin the new season.



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Michael Makio '17 returns a volley in a match last year. Makio had an 18-11 record last year in singles play.

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