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White Panda performed with Sammy Adams at last year's National Act. The All-American Rejects will perform this year.

## ALL-AMERICAN REJECTS COME TO CAMPUS

**DANIEL THOMPSON '17** | STAFF WRITER • National Act—a time when all Wabash men can come together and enjoy their well-spent student activities fee. On March 28, Wabash College will host the All-American Rejects, Wabash's second choice under T-Pain. The band will come with a surprise opener and will

cost the college \$87,500, which has caused some students to question whether National Act should continue in the future.

Year after year, the Senior Council Activities Committee (SCAC) organizes National Act with a budget fluctuating around \$70,000. Popular artists like Taylor Swift,

Avicii, Dave Matthews Band, and Katy Perry are clearly out of the question when they have booking fees anywhere between \$500,000 and \$1 million. With a restricted budget, there are limited options for National Act. Deciding which

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## THORP '86 NAMED NEW DEAN

**PATRICK BRYANT '16** | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • Monday, President Gregory Hess named Michael Thorp '86 Dean for Enrollment Management effective May 1. Thorp will replace Steven Klein, former Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, who departed the College last fall.

Thorp comes to Wabash after recently earning his PhD in Higher Education Administration where, according to the College's press release, he did his dissertation on "Price Response in High-Ability Populations, which focuses on college-bound students and their college search processes."

Thorp said the style that Hess has lead with in his year and a half at the College is exactly what he's looking for in a supervisor. It allows Thorp to step into the admissions office with "fresh eyes."

"[Hess] does move very fast," Thorp said. "Who wants to work for status quo? That's kind of boring. One of the things I learned as a Wabash man was solve problems and be aggressive. That's what I want to do."

Thorp said that although he wants



Michael Thorp '86

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# HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY  
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

## TRICK-OR-TREAT BIDS

This past Honor Scholar Weekend, four houses were found guilty of giving bids out as if they were candy. Sig Chi successfully handed out 39 bids, FIJI handed out 33 bids, Phi Delt and Beta handed out 22 bids. Thank you to these four houses for giving out bids to almost anyone who walked through the door.

## LAX BROS POP CHERRY

The lacrosse team fought their way to a 11-10 victory on Saturday. This was the first win ever for the team in their inaugural season, and was won with a clutch goal scored with only 10.3 seconds left in the game. Way to go men, good luck down the road!

## CARMEL HOUSEWIVES

This past weekend, the large number of yoga-pant-wearing Carmel housewives on campus for HSW were upset to find the lack of a Starbucks on campus. Their experience proves why Wabash is the liberal arts college for men, not for women.

## COST PER CAPITA AT THETA DELT

The brothers of Theta Delta Chi hosted Acoustic Dogg as a part of their rush activities over Honor Scholar weekend. The result: four accepted bids. The way we see it, the Theta Delt may have a cost per person more astronomical than National Act itself. Good job, boys!

## TREY HARDEN FLOPS



The Bachelor applauds the dental floss strong enough to keep Little Harden hidden during the momentous three-meter dive. Trey deserves a round of applause for the backflip.

## CORRECTION:

The March 20, 2015 issue of *The Bachelor* misspelled Conner Lefever's name. The subhead on page 19 initially said that the wrestling team was fifth nationally, they were actually third.

Comps Grade (or rating)	GPA (Proposed)	Honors
Distinction	3.60 and up	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Pass	3.60 and up (3.80 and up)	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
High Pass	3.60 and up	
Distinction	3.33 - 3.59	
Pass	3.40 - 3.79 (3.60 - 3.79)	<i>Cum Laude</i>
High Pass	3.40 - 3.59	
Distinction	3.17 - 3.32	

COLIN THOMPSON '17/GRAPHIC

The College is changing its system for graduation honors to give the high pass more weight.

# HIGH PASS GROWS IN IMPORTANCE

**IAN ARTIS '16 | COPY EDITOR** • Last week, the faculty approved an amendment to the way honors will be conferred onto graduating seniors. Following a proposal from the Academic Policy Committee, the faculty gave the green light to a change in minimum required GPA to earn the Magna cum Laude and cum Laude final honor from the current 3.6 to the new 3.8, and 3.4 to the new 3.6, respectively. The GPA changes apply to the designation of “pass” on comprehensive exams. The APC discussed this measure in late fall and again in early spring. When it was not immediately approved, it was referred to the various academic divisions for discussion.

“Originally, there was no grade of high pass,” Jon Jump, Associate Dean of the College and Registrar said. “If you want to think of it in terms of letter grades, any performance on Comps that ranged from B-D got the same grade of pass, and [the faculty] decided they didn’t like that, so they added high pass.”

“When they introduced that grade of high pass, they didn’t make any other adjustments to the final honors requirements. They wanted to correct that with this change, to even it out.”

As policy mandates, this change only applies to the incoming class of 2019. All other classes are bound to the academic bulletin that was handed to them when they matriculated, and to its academic policies. The changes will affect the incoming freshman class and to the classes beyond.

“This will not apply to any current students because all other students entered under the existing requirements,” Jump said.

A couple of different options were proposed for the adjustment final honors. This is the one proposal that most faculty could agree on.

“Anything that goes to the faculty is discussed for two meetings,” Jump said. “It is first introduced in one faculty meeting, then discussed, but not voted on. Then, it is voted on by the faculty at the following meeting. What it comes down to it that if you have a pass on Comps you need a slightly higher GPA to achieve the same level of honors.”

By raising the GPA requirement for final honors being earned with a grade of pass, more weight goes to the grade of high pass on Comps.

“It’s going to make high pass matter more, especially for students who feel like they might not, or will not earn distinction on their comprehensive exams,” said Nash Jones ’16. Jones serves as the student representative to the APC, reporting the happenings of APC meeting back to the Student Senate.

Since the changes will be put into place for incoming generations of students, there will not yet be a way to determine in what way they will influence the amount and designation of final honors.

“I think students will work harder,” Jump said. “The way I understand [the current system], it was either distinction really mattered, or you passed. If the intermediary really matters, they have something to work towards. If the high pass can still set them above, they’ll work for it.”

Jones said that the proposal was not intended to make earning a final honor easier, but rather to even out the requirements and give more meaning to a high pass.

“[The faculty and APC’s] goal is to make meaningful changes without watering anything down,” Jones said. “They understand you can’t change everything overnight, but you can make things better for the next guys.”

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artists to bring to campus can be a challenge, especially for a committee comprised of only four Wabash students.

"I admit that the SCAC doesn't know pop[ular] music as well as they should to reflect the students' interests," SCAC member Brady Quackenbush '18 said.

When they selected potential music artists for National Act, the committee created four categories: hip-hop, rock/alternative, country, and electronic dance music. To ensure the artist would be welcomed by the college, "[the committee] tried to balance what campus wanted, what we could afford, what would create a good show, and what the administration would be happy with," Quackenbush said.

Ultimately, the choices were DJ Pauly D, T-Pain, David Nail, and the All American Rejects. Cage the Elephant, Childish Gambino, Jason Derulo, Darius Rucker, Ludacris, Young the Giant, and Snoop Dogg are some other popular artists within the \$70,000 budget that were not considered.

After the SCAC selected an artist for each category, the Student Senate voted on an artist, and T-Pain won the vote. The next step was to get approval from the administration, which delayed sending the contract to T-Pain's manager. By the time T-Pain had received the contract, he had already been booked for the target date of March 28th. No other weekend would have worked because of scheduling conflicts. According to Quackenbush, the process was further complicated by communication problems.

With T-Pain out of the picture, the SCAC turned to All American Rejects, the artist with the second most votes from the Student Senate.

"Some believed [the SCAC] should

have stayed with the hip-hop genre," Quackenbush said. "[But] we had a forced hand here because of the circumstances, and we went with it."

Three weeks prior to the National Act date, the committee contacted All American Rejects. Their booking agent requested \$70,000, which would include a surprise opener. Including security, stage set-up, sound, and effects, the total cost to Wabash will be \$87,500—a sum of money funded through the student activities fee.

"I think this decision does not accurately reflect the interests of the student body, and it is a waste of money," Zach Mahone '15 said.

Regardless of public opinion, All American Rejects will come to Wabash College and perform for National Act on March 28th. The All American Rejects is a rock band comprised of Tyson Ritter



**Zach Mahone '15**

(lead vocals, bass guitar, piano), Nick Wheeler (lead guitar), Mike Kennerty (rhythm guitar), and Chris Gaylor (drums, percussion). The band started in Stillwater, Oklahoma in 1999 while two of their members were in high school, and they continue to play their music around the world. In 2005, the band had three hit singles charted in the top fifteen on the Billboard Hot 100 chart. One of these singles, Move Along, was certified double platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America. Their most recent album release, Kids in the Street (2012), ranked 18th on the US Billboard 200 chart.

Hopefully, the band will encourage

the attendance of Wabash men and their friends to National Act. To ensure future National Acts continue to engage the student body.

"[The SCAC] hopes to give the students more say while maintaining efficiency," Quackenbush said. "[In the future]

we want to leave more time for organizing National Act to give the students what they want."

Being the first year the Student Senate voted on national act, many of the mistakes were understandable. "Democracy creates discussion, but sometimes it's slower," Quackenbush said.

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# THETA DELTA CHI BACKS AUTISM SPEAKS

**STEVEN BAZIN '18** | STAFF WRITER • Autism now affects 1 in 68 children, and more specifically, 1 in 42 males. Based on these figures, nearly 23 of our fellow students may be struggling with autism in some way. These statistics make it the fastest growing developmental disability in the country, yet the average American remains largely unaware of the issues surrounding autism. The cause of autism is still unknown, and a cure has yet to be found. In spite of this, people with autism are still able to lead happy and productive lives in our society when given the chance. This type of thinking is the backbone of the Autism Speaks organization.

Autism Speaks is a national philanthropic organization. Its main goal is to raise awareness of the problems of those who live with, or are affected by, autism. The Theta Delta Chi fraternity is allied with Autism Speaks on a national level. Across the country, the brothers of Theta Delta Chi work to raise autism awareness on a collegiate level, and the Wabash chapter is no exception.

"It's a pretty significant disorder, but it's not life threatening," Fritz Coutchie '15, Philanthropy Chair of Theta Delta Chi, said.

One issue that is often overlooked is the financial aspect of managing autism. "A family can spend up to \$60,000 a year, on average, caring for someone with autism," Coutchie said. "When you think about how much infrastructure and cost it takes, Autism is [still] very manageable."

The costs of managing autism are often overlooked by those who are informed of the disorder, and this is precisely the awareness that Theta Delta Chi hopes to spread next week.

Theta Delta Chi has planned an entire week of events this year, calling it Autism Speaks Week. "The fraternity has been a great vehicle to spread these figures

and raise awareness at a collegiate level," Coutchie said.

Theta Delta Chi partnered with Autism Speaks in 2011. Every year since, on April 2, they have put blue lights on the Chapel to raise awareness for autism. This year is shaping up to be the biggest year for Theta Delta Chi and their work with Autism Speaks with events planned for every day next week.

Starting next Monday, there will be posters and flyers across campus with information about autism.

Members of Theta Delta Chi and other Wabash men will be writing letters thanking key politicians for helping to fund autism support programs in the state of Indiana Tuesday March 31.

"Indiana is one of the best states for Autism support," Coutchie said. "So we'll be writing letters thanking our congressmen and representatives to show our support for these acts in the hope that they generate further acts."

Out of state students will be able to write letters asking for improved care. Wednesday will be a screening of the documentary *Sounding the Alarm* in the Korb Classroom at 8 p.m. The documentary shows the lives of people with Autism as well as their families. Nationally, Thursday is known as *Light It Up Blue Day* which was started by the Autism Speaks organization to raise awareness. It has since spread to over 100 countries, and is celebrated in every state. Theta Delta Chi is looking to paint the bench blue, and install blue light bulbs in buildings across campus to promote the event. Coutchie encourages everyone on campus to show how *Light It Up Blue day* has affected them on social media to create a discussion about autism awareness. Friday will be a day of conversation in which fellow students can continue the conversation about the things they learned throughout the week.

to approach the Admissions Office differently, especially in using the data reporting the College already has in enhancing the strategic planning of the recruiting process, he isn't "making change for change's sake."

"I'm really fortunate in that Wabash has a really good admissions and financial aid staff," he said. "So I'm not stepping into an office that's broken."

In his own Wabash story, Thorp said he did not know about the College until the August before he enrolled. After taking a year off after graduating high school in his native Louisville, KY, he heard about Wabash through a family friend who was a college counselor.

"I called the College and I drove up and met Coach [Rob] Johnson and the rest, as they say, is history," he said.

Thorp said that today's market being a very difficult one for small liberal arts colleges nationwide, Wabash is fortunate in the "compelling story" it has to tell.

"Schools that are doing well are what I consider the big box schools," Thorp said. "Part of it is what kind of an experience [prospective students] are looking for. You've got some explaining to do as far as why it's important to attend a liberal arts school."

"One of our greatest strengths is potentially one of our greatest weaknesses. We are a niche college. What Wabash does well is catalyze the lives of young men. Wabash has a very strong track record of taking an average student and making them good, good students and making them great, and taking great students and making them fantastic."

Despite the anecdotal evidence that he too as an alumnus can

relate too, Thorp said the reality is, prospective students and their families are looking at if a liberal arts education is a wise investment.

"To be honest with you, I don't think families care about [the story]," he said. "They're making a financial decision. You cannot rely on anecdotes. People like stories, you can use stories to make a point. Choosing a college as expensive as ours is a financial decision. They want to know what the College is doing for them."

Thorp said there is evidence, for example, that a family with a student planning on attending graduate school will be willing to pay more for their undergraduate education.

In the last fifteen years, Thorp has held similar positions at a number of institutions, not staying more than three or four years. That means, on many occasions, Thorp would leave prior to the graduation of his first recruiting class. One way to interpret that, Thorp said, is the breadth of experience he has had in leading very successful admissions departments at very different campuses.

"What I bring to the table is seeing how this is done and done very well in a variety of settings," he said.

Despite the many moves and career changes, Thorp said his return to Wabash is a very happy one and where he would like to end his career.

"I'm looking for that last position on the career trail and what better a place to do it than Wabash," he said. "I'm just looking forward to getting to campus. I'm really looking forward to learning how the school has changed and evolved since I was a student. I'm looking forward to being back with my tribe."

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# DEMOCRACY FELLOWS HOST JOURNALISM, DEMOCRACY PANEL

**JOSEPH REILLY '18** | COPY EDITOR

• This past Thursday, the Democracy Fellows of the Wabash Democracy and Public Discourse Initiative moderated a panel that discussed topics concerning the relationship between journalism and democracy. The panel included Dean Reynolds '70 and Dr. Garrard McClendon '88. Reynolds reported for ABC and CBS News, and has won three Emmy Awards. McClendon hosts a radio show, and has also won an Emmy Award. Together, the Democracy Fellows hope that the panelists offered intriguing insight on the way journalism and democracy interact.

"We hope that attendees gain a unique look at journalism and public discourse from leaders in the field while experiencing a night full of intellectual, fun, and interactive discussion," Adam Burtner '17 said. "Anyone interested in journalism, law, politics, and much more can gain insight on career paths and tips, and others can learn what a Wabash liberal arts experience does for these two extremely successful alumni."

The panel involved some questions prepared by the Democracy Fellows, a question and answer session with the panelists, general discussion amongst

the attendees, and a speech given by Adam Burtner. Tyler Andrews '15 explained further.

"[The panel] is really to get students involved in understanding proper reporting of information, proper understanding of how to communicate, and how to take notes on things," Andrews said. "We've had a lot of issues this year. We had the Rolling Stones article about fraternity life, which turned out to be completely false, and we've got problems all over social media trying to identify what is good information and what is bad information, and I think this panel is really going to get students to understand how to sift through [the news] to understand what is good [information] and what is bad [information]."

On top of the event on Thursday, the Democracy Fellows have another event this week, this one specifically directed at understanding what they have achieved throughout the year. Since their formation this fall, the Wabash Democracy and Public Discourse Initiative has had numerous events, on and off campus, in the spirit of promoting democracy and opening communication lines with various groups.

The second event, in which the Fellows

will discuss the years' activities with their Advisory Committee, will allow the students to give feedback as to the successes and flaws of the Initiative. This in turn will allow the Advisory Committee to determine the future direction of the Initiative.

"The Advisory Committee's role is, as a group of alumni, interested parties, and friends of the college, to see how this initiative can really maximize the efforts to increase student learning and student opportunities on and off campus," Sara Drury, Director of the Wabash Democracy and Public Discourse Initiative, said. "So they're hoping to learn more about what has been going on on campus this year and to do strategic assessment and planning about how Wabash Democracy and Public Discourse can look to the future."

Andrews expressed gratitude towards the Initiative.

"I think the biggest thing was learning how to really tailor a conversation. For me personally, it's going to be very helpful, both as a political science guy and a business guy," Andrews said. "A lot of our deliberations are very similar to focus groups and focus group discussions, like you would do in a market setting. So I think

that I've really been able to understand what questions to ask, how to control a conversation, or at least how to moderate a conversation between two different parties. The name is Wabash Democracy Fellows, but it really teaches you a lot more, and is an excellent opportunity."

Burtner agreed, citing the extra-classroom experiences as a beneficial part that he has taken part in.

"Initiatives like WDPD give students a real world application and training that is crucial to them growing and preparing for life after Wabash," Burtner said. "It enables Wabash students to engage the community while utilizing school resources and WISE positions or credit hours to make a difference in people's lives. We must continue to have opportunities like this for Wabash Men for years to come so that they too can gain the unbelievably gratifying and intellectual experience that we as Democracy Fellows take part in every day. I encourage students and school administrators alike to continue to pursue these opportunities and find ways to create initiatives that gives students experience through real world work and civic engagement."



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For the first time since late 2001, Montgomery County Law Enforcement raised the Angst Advisory Level to threat level ORANGE. ORANGE is the second-highest threat level, behind RED, and higher than yellow. I repeat, IT'S HIGHER THAN YELLOW, and that should scare you. In the wake of the SCAC's announcement that the All American Rejects will be performing in this Spring's National Act, law enforcement units began to prep themselves for the potential rise in teenage behavior.

A controversial decision process had led to an initial announcement that Auto-Crooner T-Pain would buy the students of Wabash College a drank for this year's installment of National Act. However, communications broke down between the SCAC and Mr. Pain's management sometime after. The struggles to find a suitable act for this year's event came as a surprise, given both the College's and our city's reputation for attracting large-



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scale commercial entertainment. Yet what is most alarming is the inherent danger the community will face in the coming weeks.

A bit of background on the danger that rocks among us: The All American Rejects have clung to a what we can only assume is a rock n' roll lifestyle over the last six years while riding the coattails of their 2007 breakthrough album Move Along. In the years since, the group wandered the musical Pine Barrens, be-denimed punk rock minstrels with no court in which to play. The SCAC brought these intrepid tunesmiths in from the cold with what we can

only assume are altruistic intentions. However, the fact remains that despite lending strong evidence to the theory "Rock is dead," the band remained fervent in their attempts to maintain their trademark style. Clad in leather jackets that they've definitely worn before, The All American Rejects spin radio friendly yarns about unrequited young love, loneliness, and watching pretty girls from afar. Perfect subject matter for a Wabash concert really. And therein lies the threat.

Brave researchers at Hays Hall have determined that the key byproduct of the chemical discharge of an All American Rejects concert is a dangerously high level of airborne Angst. Naturopathic Physician Del Sizemore N.D (he's legit) is, "Utterly mystified" at the levels of angst the band withstood over the last few years. He recommends a liberal dosage of B-vitamins and Omega-3's to support healthy brain function to all attendees in the advent of the show. "High exposure to this angst-

rich music can generate feelings of depression, apprehension, and in rare cases an affection for the work of Fred Durst," added Sizemore, whose full service clinic Natural Healers is available by appointment. The clinic opens Saturday night to deal with the sudden onset of symptoms in the wake of the concert. "Yeah, we'll get some gyros, sleep in the MRI machine if I have to," says Sizemore. Local Park Ranger Mikey Kays expresses his fear of the upcoming situation, recalling finding a student in the woods after the Third Eye Blind concert in 2007, repeatedly singing "Dean Raters doesn't understand me" in G minor.

Although, for all the alarm, some in the Wabash community are grateful for the opportunity. Senior Patrick Bondi commended the SCAC's service to school, adding that he is "overjoyed" at the prospect of witnessing his teenage idols, and Junior Chris Broecker is "pumped" for the festivities.

Be safe Wabash, and rock on.

## UPGRADING INDEPENDENT LIVING

Upon returning from Spring Break to a thawed-out campus, Independents are beginning to enjoy some of the finer things in life. As Wabash College Senior Nick Schenkel has frequently yelled to Wallies walking down Crawford Street, "it is porch season!"

The warm weather that greeted students as they returned from Spring Break has no doubt lifted the spirits of people all across campus. However, the Independent community here at Wabash has more to be happy about than just warm weather. The quality of Independent living is steadily increasing as Bon Appetit in the Sparks Center continues to improve and the new Independent living units come closer to completion.

I know I am not alone in saying that food at Sparks is leaps and bound better than it was last school year. On numerous occasions last year I would



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leave lunch or dinner either hungry or completely unsatisfied by the food I did eat. Since returning to campus in the fall I cannot remember a time where I have left Sparks hungry. Even if there is nothing on the menu that I am really craving, I can always count on the pizza, which now does not taste like cheese and tomato sauce on a cracker, but has lots of flavor and many different toppings that cater to almost everyone's preferences.

Now perhaps the most noticeable and appreciated change Sparks has made is the after-hours option. This option has been a godsend for many who maybe cannot make it to regular dinner or just need a late night study snack. Regardless, late night dinner has been frequented by many, including myself indulging in burgers, chicken quesadillas, and much more cooked to order.

By far the biggest project currently underway aimed at improving Independent living is the new housing being constructed on Crawford Street. Apart from the noise of construction and losing my view of West Crawfordsville's beautiful skyline, this housing project is a great addition to the college. The new townhouses and dorms will allow the college to better accommodate more student's preferred style of living - primarily in that the townhouses

will obviously provide a more home-like living environment, but in the dorms themselves suit style living will be available for those who want a common space and privacy at the same time.

Another big project that I feel will attract future Wabash men is ridding Martindale of the stigma of being the "Dirty Dale". Although I am not exactly sure what the renovations will make Martindale look like, and my experience in Martindale was not all that dirty, a face lift would definitely not hurt.

With these major changes underway I could not be more excited for the rest of my time here at Wabash as an Independent. With that, here's a big thanks to you Chef Jason Anderson, all of your staff, and Wabash College for working so hard to make our Wabash experiences that much more enjoyable.



# HONORING OUR OWN SCHOLARS

With an extra 300+ guests on campus over the weekend, I'm assuming most of us recognized that this past weekend was our 122nd Annual Honor Scholarship Weekend. Wabash students, faculty, staff, and alumni all played their part in moving vehicles, housing prospective students, preparing tests and presentations, giving tours, etc., to ensure that the invited high school seniors had an enjoyable visit. Besides the satisfaction of promoting the College, the Weekend seems to be a significant inconvenience for us who are already connected to the school.

For an institution that has been recognized with the title, "School Runs Like Butter," by the Princeton Review within the past decade, this past weekend did not live up to that Honorable reputation. The first big issue of being a student on the wrong side of HS Weekend is the rooming situation. Living in a particular on-campus fraternity, a guest list of 37 prospective students was requested to stay in our living unit over the weekend. Currently, we have 62 fraternal Wabash students living in our house. 62 paying students, already near a capacity issue within the respective living unit. This capacity issue, a very hazardous near-violation recognized by the College towards the beginning of the fall semester, did not seem to be a concern over the past weekend.

Another issue with bringing an unaccommodating amount of visitors is attempting to feed them. While our



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College provided half of the meals planned for our guests, the "Host Living Unit" provided the other half. Sharing a few meals from my meal plan is not a crippling burden. But for a cook who had to prepare and feed around 100 men and the treasurer dealings with the expenses of feeding the extra students, the situation is probably more concerning.

The Activities Fair is one of many events that a large percentage of Wallies and affiliated Wabash members put a lot of their time into making worthwhile. On top of preparing a table and assembling items to market each club or organization, you must have someone there to answer questions and communicate with the students and parents. One obstacle to doing this is that the event occurred during 9-11:15 on a Friday morning. With larger organizations, it may not be too difficult to find a student or two that doesn't have a class during the popular class hours. For smaller clubs, good luck. Either skip an expensive class or leave the table unmanned and deal with the repercussions.

Other assumed tasks for students include the cleaning of rooms and living units, removing anything that would be a clear indication of being over the age of 21, setting up events, and providing any needed accommodations including pillows, blankets, and beds. My favorite provision to give away each year is towels. High-five to admissions for finding students who are so ready to attend Wabash, that they've already mastered the practice of not remembering to shower. I'm sure that we could convince the English department to fund an additional scholarship the single prospective student who does remember to pack a towel (on the condition that we title the award the, "Hitchhiker of the Galaxy" Scholarship). Are these guests coincidentally forgetting to pack necessary items each year or are we not preparing them for what is needed on this particular college visit? Again, not a huge deal, but still - adding to a student's cost and time commitment during a weekend that is viewed by professors as another study-filled break from classes.

To be fair, fraternities being able to host prospective students before Greek recruitment events begin is a great advantage. This seems to be one reward for the hardships of accommodating numerous students and their letterman jackets. But when does that advantage become more detrimental than rewarding?

Dirty rushing, a term used to degrade the recruitment system that most Greek systems use for rushing new

members, is usually something that competing fraternities or sororities are accused of to obtain an unfair advantage over rivals. This year, out of the mouths of prospects, the biggest suspects seem to be the sports coaches. Supposedly coaches telling student-athletes, especially those younger student-athletes with hopes of playing, which fraternities their top recruits need bids to seems to lack integrity. The hope behind early rush, the Activities Fair, showing of multiple sporting events, and Honor Scholarship Weekend is to attract earning students scholarship money deducted off of tuition and to feel connected to the College and ultimately commit to Wabash. Prospects shouldn't be told where they can and cannot rush. If we want to promote a tradition, we should protect one of the most recognized traditions Wabash offers—our Greek system.

Since those involved only seemed to receive a premature, electronic "thank you" last Thursday, I'll say it again now. Thank you to those who helped make the Honor Scholarship Weekend less chaotic for those invited than those of us who attend Wabash College. In the future, we should 'seriously' consider making the events less straining on the students and others involved. "It's always been done that way," is not a valid excuse. Let's exhibit our critical thinking skills and try to be more innovative next year when considering Honor Scholarship Weekend.

# REFLECTING ON A HOME SO CLOSE TO HOME

With Honors Scholar Weekend having passed into very recent memory, I was forced to think about why I, a person who has been dressed in Wabash gear since an infant, would attend the college that he could see out his back door. As I mentally listed the reasons, I thought of the many memories I have of visiting my grandmother in the registrar's office or attending football games with my best friend, and realized that when it came to Wabash, I had always thought of the word home. Whenever I come to campus, I come home.

I am often asked why I would come to a school so close, and at first I would tell my peers "the education



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is great" or "it's because I get to run here," but as the conversations have remained the same, my answers have changed. It was during my sophomore interview that I finally realized why I truly came to Wabash: to become the man I want to be. Cliché, I know, but

it's true. Wabash, for me, is a place where masculinity is celebrated and encouraged. But there is a facet of this statement that makes it even better. Wabash is a place where masculinity is allowed (in theory) to take many different forms. This is where the home aspect that I spoke of comes true. I find my masculinity in participating in sports and working with the campus radio station. Another man on campus can express his masculinity through his membership with shOUT and participating in student government. The wide range of opportunities on campus allow a wide range of self-expression, and just as wide a range of blossoming into manhood.

Wabash is a place of opportunity for

me, a place of connections, a place of brotherhood. As the oldest child by a wide margin, Wabash gave me the chance to feel real connections with men my age, and I have not regretted it since. I could have gone to a state university, but there would have been no challenge, and I would have felt like a number. If anything, Wabash does not allow you to feel like "just another student." Instead it stretches your concept of self, your concepts of manhood, and more often than not, asks you to see the world through someone else's eyes. This home, which I share with many, has been the catalyst for many changes, many of which I could not have expected as I grew up just down the road.



## THE LADIES OF WABASH



**FRITZ COUTCHIE '15** | CAVELIFE EDITOR • The sh'OUT club of Wabash College hosted a drag show in Salter Hall on Sunday, March 22. The event aimed to be entertaining while educating the attendees about drag and drag culture. After the performance, the performers hosted a Q&A session about drag and drag culture. Included in this photo spread are some insights into drag culture that were shared at the event.

Drag and drag culture are not gay; drag shows are used to play with a societal notion of gender, and drag queens are performers in the theatrical tradition. On stage these individuals portray women; but in ordinary life these “queens” may be straight or gay men, transsexual or transgender. There is no one type that is drawn to become a drag queen.

Drag shows are primarily intended to be fun. Drag shows are a means of artistic expression for each artist. Not all shows will follow the same structure, and not all performers share an ideology or method. In general all shows have some level of audience participation, but audience members should respect the performance and follow all posted rules. Audience members are encouraged to tip the performers to show their appreciation.

Students and community members attended the event to show support for the 3 alumni and 2 current students who performed at the drag show.

Photos by Jacob Ferguson '18





# DRAG AS PERFORMANCE ART

**FRITZ COUTCHIE** | CAVELIFE EDITOR

Reggie Steele '12 performs his drag routine throughout the Midwest. His drag persona, Silky N. Ganache, was voted Miss Gay Indiana University in 2014. Steele planned and coordinated the drag event sh'OUT hosted Sunday, March 22. With his level of expertise in the drag culture, Steele expected the performance to run smoothly without much controversy.

Although the event was well received by attendees, Steele's expectations did not match reality. After the event, three men in Wabash attire standing in front of College Hall shouted a derogatory slur at one of the performers who was getting into his car. At the time of the print deadline, the performer subjected to the slur could not be reached.

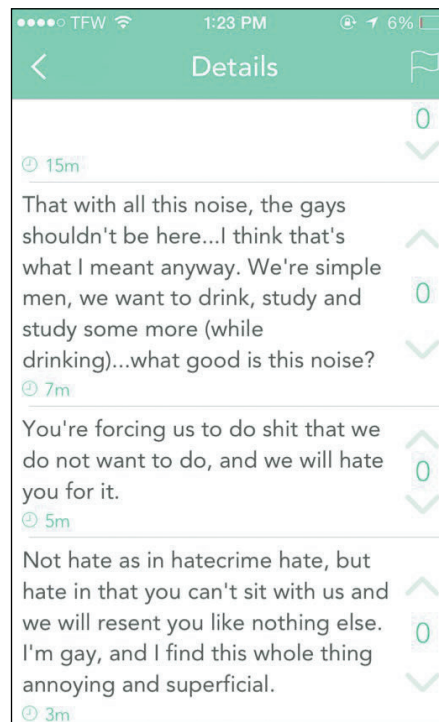
The controversy surrounding the performance was not limited to an isolated event. Students used Yik Yak, an anonymous social media platform, to express their concern or dislike of the event. Joe Mount '15, an active member of the sh'OUT club, monitored the local

Yik Yak feed after and during the event.

"The blowback from Yik Yak raised a lot of red flags [about acceptance on campus]," Mount said. "As much as we would like to claim that Yik Yak is unreliable or that it shouldn't be paid attention to because of its anonymous nature, there is something to be said for paying attention to what gets voted on and how many votes it gets... Yik Yak lets us know that there are students who are uncomfortable and those are the students we are trying to reach as a club."

Sh'OUT aims to serve two roles on campus, one is to educate students about the LGBT community; the other is to provide a support structure for students who identify with the LGBT community. Ryan Rush, Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology, views the drag show as satisfying both roles on campus.

"I think having a drag show is a particularly unique educational opportunity or experience at a school like Wabash," Rush said. "Wabash has done a lot in terms of gender studies with the initiative and this event is just another



chance for students to learn about a culture they might not have experienced. There's often the assumption that if you are a drag queen you must be gay or transsexual or extravagant on a day to day basis, this event can dispel those prejudices."

Despite the showings of intolerance, there is consensus between club members and performers that the event was successful. Steele hopes that there will be another show next year, and that the conversation about sexuality and gender will continue on campus.

"I found that the panel discussion went great, but I realized that Wabash students were naïve to the drag culture," Steel said. "It can be hard to be a minority on the Wabash campus and it doesn't seem like much has improved since my time here."

I think the drag show should continue at Wabash once a year, but the students weren't as accepting here as they were at Indiana University, Ball State or any of the other schools where I perform. Hopefully when the show returns, we won't have to worry about facing discrimination."

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# MAHONE IS THE MAN

**COLE CROUCH '17** | OPINION EDITOR •

When freshmen are rung in each fall, many imagine themselves over the next four years becoming top tier students, leaders, and men on campus. Although not all fulfill this vision, Zachary Mahone '15 exemplifies success across all facets of his Wabash experience.

"I came in wanting to do a lot," Mahone said. "I was reserved in high school, and Wabash allowed me to open up and challenge myself – to meet new friends, learn new perspectives, and become more empathetic to all opinions."

A political science and rhetoric double major, Mahone attended Lawrence North High School prior to Wabash. He was born and raised in Indianapolis, IN.

"I really wanted to be fraternity president at Beta Theta Pi because I respected the fraternity system." He considers his tenure as President of Beta Theta Pi his junior and senior year as one of his most significant

contributions to campus.

"As President, I tried to change the image of our house to project more empathy towards others."

"Zach has always had a gentleness about him and ability to reach out to different constituencies to broaden Beta's appeal," Alexandra Hoerl, Assistant Professor of Political Science said. "He's been on the forefront of a lot of issues of being accepting and welcoming to Wabash men of all stripes, which is obviously very commendable."

His leadership also won the house the highest award of the general fraternity, the Knox award, for the first time in Tau chapter history. He was also the sole recipient of the Richard G. Lugar Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Indiana Beta.

In addition to acting as his academic advisor, Hoerl taught him in each of his four years. "From the beginning, he was that guy you saw and said, 'Yeah, I could see this guy

becoming a leader on campus. It's always nice to see guys fulfill that potential," Hoerl said. "I can still picture him in his seat in Baxter 201, and see the joy with which he approached everything."

Mahone ran Cross Country and Track and Field his freshman and sophomore years. His involvement on campus included the Pre-Law Society, Sons of Wabash, and the Sphinx Club.

"The Sphinx Club, for me, was about getting to know different types and develop valuable friendships with guys I would have never gotten to know otherwise," Mahone said.

"I remember the exact moment when I gained respect and admiration for Zach Mahone," Sky King '15 said. "It was a cold march day and we were halfway through our Rhyneship. Some individual created a 'Wabash Confession Facebook page' where people would send the individual personal information, pains they had

suffered and problems they have with Wabash. There was a particularly tragic post from an individual saying that he was in a fraternity, gay and felt like he would not have the ability to come out in his house without being shunned and discriminated against.

"Then I saw a non-anonymous direct comment from one of my Facebook friends on that post, it was Zach. Zach is a Beta and Beta sometimes has a representation, often inaccurate, of being one of the fraternities, which would be less accepting of diversity. Zach, a measly sophomore at the time was not a bleeding heart liberal, he did not hail from a progressive state, but he did have a strong sense of fraternity. Zach had love for his people, for the brothers of his house and for the people at Wabash College. Zach's comment was heroic. In one fell swoop the sword of his words denounced the bigotry

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that his elders had been afraid of facing while simultaneously offering a loving hand of support to anyone who felt wronged. I remember being so proud of Zach and feeling personal pride that I was associated with him as a Rhyne brother and a friend. I felt proud to be human. There is a quote by Rhianna that goes, 'All of my kindness is taken for weakness.' Zach is proof that Rhianna was wrong and that love, kindness and following your heart is what we need to become strong responsible citizens in this often-cold world. Plus he did the 90's dirty."

Mahone, a future law student, sparked his interest in law after tutorial class his freshman year. Visiting Associate Professor of Political Science Scott Himsel '85 taught the class entitled Winning World War II.

"Professor Himsel's freshman tutorial class was challenging because Himsel taught it, and it was stacked with guys like Dettmer, Burnett, Freeman, and Hardcastle," Mahone said. "We got put through the ringer every class and in seminars, but it was really fun and shaped my thinking to set me on the law route. Himsel challenged us to make sure we were the best we could be."

In early March, Mahone received great

news from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, notifying him that he was selected as the very first Wabash Law Fellow and recipient for the 2015-2016 academic year. He will receive a scholarship. He will begin classes in Indianapolis next fall.

"I like law and lot and think it is really exciting, so I am looking forward to doing something I really enjoy. I want to learn new stuff. And I will enjoy starting at the bottom again with new mentors."

As far future goals, there is no telling just how far he will go. Mahone set the bar very high for himself. If successes at Wabash indicate any future successes, he has a lot of reason for optimism.

"Hopefully, in five years I will be married and working at a law firm in Indianapolis near my home and family. I don't have any marvelous goals or desire to be CEO or anything major. I just want to be comfortable, happy, and feel secure."

"He has been utterly pleasurable when you think about what are you doing here as a professor," Hoerl said. "It is watching guys like Zach who are already awesome become even more awesome, build great bonds,



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Mahone stands in front of the Beta where he served as president during his Junior year.

not just with their professors, not just the people they do activities with, in sports or Sphinx Club or at Beta, but across the entirety of the campus. He was just one of those guys people would point at and be like, 'Yeah,

that is a good guy.' Zach is a great guy, damn it. Zach has joy, kindness, thoughtfulness, care, attention to detail, and continues growing and maturing in every way. I have no doubt he'll do really well."



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## TRACK TEAM TAKES IT OUTSIDE

### INDOOR CONFERENCE CHAMPS BEGIN OUTDOOR SEASON TODAY

**MICHAEL LUMPKIN '18** | STAFF WRITER • The Wabash College Track and Field team captured the NCAC Indoor Conference Championship in March. The team now moves outdoors for the duration of its season. The phrase “April showers bring May flowers,” always manages to ring true in Indiana. The team hopes that when May does arrive its individual performances will also be blossoming. The second half of the season begins Saturday at

Washington University in St. Louis for an invitational.

The Wabash College Track and Field team will be at Washington University in St. Louis for the school’s Invitational on March 27 and 28.

Christian Rhodes '17 said that the team has set a high standard for itself during the outdoor season.

“The expectations are high, we are ranked as the 13th best team for DIII Outdoor,” Rhodes said. “We have numerous potential all-Americans and many returning. We want to take the country by storm and let them know what Wabash track and field stands for.”

Rhodes is excited about the start of the outdoor season.

The team will have no problem adjusting to the outdoor setting.

“Wabash track is built to succeed outdoors,” Rhodes said. “We consistently compete at a high level on a national stage indoor, but outdoor we turn the heat up. Our training ramps up and we really start to peak later in the season because of the groundwork we put in throughout indoor.”

Rhodes won the NCAC Conference title in the pole vault event.

Nick Boyce '15 also finished the indoor season with impressive times. Boyce finished in the top 25 in the nation in two events. Boyce said the final ranking “gives me great confidence heading into the outdoor season.”

The weather is a factor that plays a role in outdoor track meets.

“The weather does play a factor on the outdoor track, unlike indoor, and that plays a role in how you prepare for a race,” Boyce said. “When the weather cooperates we have to perform.”

Rhodes acknowledged the team pays attention to the weather. Rhodes said, “With indoor you know

exactly what you get, you are out of the elements, but outdoor we are at the mercy of Mother Nature. Sometimes it's rough with Indiana weather, but everyone seems to rise to the challenge and hit big marks.”

The outdoor season kicks off with a large invitational at Washington University in St. Louis. Boyce said, “It sounds like there is going to be another good field to compete against this year, so hopefully, we can get guys to hit marks for nationals and conference.” Rhodes was excited about the competitive field the team will be during the Washington University invitational.

“There will be hundreds of athletes across the board,” Boyce said.

The meet is going to set the tone for the outdoor season. The team has incredible expectations that will require great individual performances across all events.

“The expectations for the team is to continue to grow,” Boyce said. “We had a good number of guys that just missed going to the conference and national meets. So we would like to see these guys improve and get into those meets.”

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Nathan Mueller '15 jumped hurdles during the Indoor Track and Field season. The team will compete in the Outdoor season beginning this weekend at Washington University in St. Louis.



# BASEBALL SPLITS WITH MILLIKIN

WALK OFF RBI SINGLE BY  
JUSTIN GREEN '16 GIVES  
WABASH LATE GAME WIN

**JOCELYN HOPKINSON '15 |**

SENIOR STAFF WRITER • Wabash split a pair of one-run ball games against Millikin University Sunday at Goodrich Ballpark. The Big Blue took game one 4-3 before Justin Green '16 notched walk off RBI single in a 5-4 Little Giant victory.

"I have been hitting the ball hard, but just right at people," Green said. "I knew I need to hit something to the outfield and finally had a good pitch to hit. With the infield in, I was just trying to hit the ball hard to the outfield. He left a pitch in and I got my timing down, so I just wanted to hit it hard and somewhere they weren't."

Green turned on the inside pitch

in the bottom of the 10th inning with one out and a runners on second and third. Lucas Stippler '15 trotted home from third to tie the game followed by David Olinger '16 easily crossing from second.

"A lot of things had to happen for him to get that opportunity," Coach Cory Stevens said. "Stippler got on base and had a great read to steal a bag. Olinger had a good at bat, (Clint) Scarborough '15 put an important bunt down to stay out of the double play, and then the big at bat by Green."

Scarborough, Wabash's cleanup hitter and home run leader, played small ball in executing a sacrifice bunt with two strikes to move Stippler to third and Olinger to second.

"In that situation, we want to move runners up 90 feet and have two in scoring position, stay out of the double play, and give the next guy the opportunity" Stevens said.

**"I was just trying to  
hit the ball hard to  
the outfield."**

JUSTIN GREEN '16

"We'll do that anywhere through our lineup."

Jensen Kirch '17 took the hill in game two for Wabash and had an impressive outing despite earning a no decision. Kirch threw nine-1/3 innings, scattered 11 hits, and allowed four runs while striking out six. He threw 77 strikes in 108 pitches.

"He had an outstanding game on the mound," Stevens said. "For him to go as long as he did and throw as well as he did, that's a big confidence boost heading into conference."

Austin Hawn picked up the win after throwing 2/3 of an inning and allowing one hit.

The Little Giants looked slated for a loss in game two. Andrew Rodgers hit a short popup to centerfield with two outs in the bottom of the ninth, but the Big Blue centerfield failed to squeeze the ball. Olinger scored from second on the error, giving Wabash new life.

Stippler hit 3-for-4 in game two with a run while Cole Harlacher '18 batted 2-for-4.

Brian Ekiss led Millikin with three hits in five at bats while Frank Barnes sent 2-for-4 with an RBI and a run.

Wabash was on the other side of defensive lapses in game one. The Big Blue took advantage of two misplayed popups by the Little Giants leading to the win for the visitors. The tying run crossed

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# ROSE STILL A THORN

It's been 26 long years since Pete Rose was banned from baseball by then-Commissioner Bart Giamatti for betting on baseball. During those years, baseball has been without its all-time hits king, the man who reached base via the hit 4,256 times in his 24-year major league career. To many baseball fans, his absence has long been one of the great tragedies of the game.

But all of this could change in the coming days. Rose has recently petitioned newly minted MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred for his reinstatement after 26 years in exile, and the years truly have been exilic in nature. Obviously barred from playing or managing a major league team, Rose's ban even prohibits him from attending MLB games. Since 1989, the year the ban was imposed, Rose has only attended two MLB sponsored games.

With Rose appealing for his own reinstatement, many baseball fans are hoping Manfred grants forgiveness. If Rose is reinstated, it's likely that his induction into the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY, would closely follow. Again, many people are rooting for this outcome, but don't count me among them.

There's no disputing that Pete Rose gambled on baseball games. The Dowd Report said it in 1989 and Rose himself, after years of denial, in 2003, finally admitted to betting on games. But it's not just that he bet on baseball, it's that Rose bet on games in which he was personally involved. During his tenure as Manager of the Cincinnati Reds, Rose consistently bet thousands of dollars on Reds games.

There is a reason that it's significant that Rose bet on Reds games. That reason comes from the second clause of Rule 21 Section D of the Major League Rules. The rule reads, "Any player, umpire, or club or league official or employee, who shall bet any sum whatsoever upon



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any baseball game in connection with which the bettor has a duty to perform shall be declared permanently ineligible,"

The rule is pretty cut and dried. If a manager bet on his or her team to win, he or she will be banned from the game. It's that simple. And this rule hangs in every clubhouse of every major league stadium, so there's no way Rose could plead ignorance because the rule was in front of him every day.

It is sad that one of baseball's better all-time players is banned from the game, and it's a shame that he may never reach Cooperstown, but rules are rules. Rose bet on games he was affiliated with and, as such, earned his lifetime ineligibility. It's as simple as that.

It's safe to say that baseball contains some sanctity that other sports don't have. Whether it's the game's reverence for history, the way it has not changed in decades, or how it's still played at all ages across the country, baseball is special. But, because baseball is special, tarnishing the game comes at a high price, especially for those in the public eye.

Others are banned from the game, and no one argues for their reinstatement, but Rose's case is unique. While his merits on the field place him among baseball's pantheon, his off-the-field actions eliminate him from consideration. It would be a disservice to the game if Commissioner Manfred reverses the past 26 years and reinstates Rose. Here's to hoping he doesn't do that.

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own team and not really concerned with our conference opponents.”

The Little Giants will face Ohio Wesleyan (4/8), Wittenberg (4/15), and Denison (4/18) in a ten-day span next month – without a doubt the most difficult stretch of games on the schedule. Nevertheless, the team cannot afford to commit extended time to any one particular opponent.

Unlike previous seasons, the team now has twelve regular season contests

plus a highly competitive conference tournament. Todd Hoogland '15 is the goalkeeper for the Little Giants, and hasn't let the exterior pressures of Division III athletics hold him back. He's committed to genuinely taking something away from college lacrosse, a sport he never expected to pursue at such a high level.



Todd Hoogland '15

“When you put so much effort into an extracurricular activity like lacrosse, you naturally acquire some time management and dedication skills,” Hoogland said. “We felt that pressure when the program transitioned from club to varsity level. As opposed to a student-run organization, we now have mandatory training sessions and a much more intense schedule. But with more opportunities to apply our talents, we learned how to truly dedicate ourselves to a sport.”

Clearly, this is a remarkable season for the Wabash College lacrosse program. Regardless of wins or losses, the direction of the team is the priority for the future. In essence, Wabash puts importance on leaving a legacy. This year, the former club assumed a challenging opportunity to leave such a legacy. As the first lacrosse team to compete at the Division III level in school history, Saturday afternoon they executed their game plan en route to their first-ever victory.

Moving forward, the Little Giants will host Kenyon College at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday.



Adrian Tejada '18 was named the NCAC Men's Lacrosse Player of the Week for his performance against Calvin College.

COREY EGLER '15 / PHOTO

RBI in the sixth inning on a short fly ball to the outfield that could have easily been caught.

“Our defense did not play well that game,” Stevens said. “We felt like if we made routine plays, we could've come out of it with a 3-1 win. That didn't happen, but our guys came back in the second game.”

William Kelly '18 was charged with the loss after throwing two innings in relief and surrendering a run on three hits. Starter Josh Piercey '16 completed five innings and allowed three runs (two earned) on five hits.

Oliger went 2-for-3 with a run scored while Blunk hit 2-for-2 and an RBI with two walks in game one.

Sean Beal threw six innings for Millikin and allowed three runs (two earned) on five hits. Ben Peters picked up the one-inning save.

The Little Giants will have the week off before beginning North Coast Athletic Conference play Saturday at Ohio Wesleyan. Wabash will play a double headers Saturday and Sunday with first pitch coming at 12 p.m. in Delaware, OH.

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# TIME TO GET SERIOUS

## LACROSSE ENTERS HEART OF NCAC SCHEDULE IN FIRST VARSITY SEASON

**JAKE EAGAN '15** | STAFF WRITER • The Wabash College lacrosse program earned a much-needed win over the visiting Calvin College Knights on Saturday afternoon.

In dramatic fashion, Todd Hoogland '15 and Adrian Tejeda '18 registered two goals in the final minute to secure the first lacrosse victory in school history. In their first season at the varsity collegiate level, the Little Giants sit at just 1-5, but snagging that first victory is crucial in the program's transitional period.

Despite recent success, the squad's veterans are well aware of the challenges that transpire in the transition from club to varsity status. Attackman Glenn Patterson '15 was a member of the Wabash club team that appointed a new head coach and ushered in an opportunity at the Division III level. He attributes the team's immense improvement to a string of games over spring break.

"We've progressed a lot this season, especially after our trip to South Carolina over spring break," Patterson said. "Playing together three times that week enabled us to grow as a team and gain some much-needed experience for the younger players."

"Saturday's win was another pivotal experience for us this season. Now we just need to keep finding ways to get better as the tougher portion of

our schedule approaches. The NCAC is one of the better conferences in Division III lacrosse, meaning we need to be on top of our game."

Patterson is correct in regards to NCAC competition. Ohio Wesleyan (6) and Denison (17) are perennial powerhouses and Wooster already flexed their muscles in a 27-2 win over the Little Giants earlier this month. Nevertheless, the team recognizes that they can only genuinely control their own performance this season.

Zach Darabaris '15, a veteran midfielder, has five recorded goals on the season, one of which came in Saturday's triumph over the Knights. Unlike most members of the lacrosse team, Darabaris is quite familiar with the challenges students confront while participating in a varsity sport.

"After playing baseball here at Wabash, I already had a taste of varsity competition at the college level," Darabaris said. "For me, the club was more of a recreational activity with little stress, but I'm so happy we are taking the program to a new level. Our primary goal is to prove that we don't need the years of adjustment that normal teams endure under similar circumstances."

This theme of "proving oneself" transcends sports in athletics. Teams that take on the underdog mentality often thrive because they are unaware of looming expectations. Once on top, teams fight valiantly against those trying to dethrone the best team. Wabash lacrosse does not have a track record in the NCAC, meaning opponents have little reason



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Zach Darabaris '15 rifles a shot during Wabash's first varsity home contest earlier in the season. Darabaris has five goals on the season.

to expect a high-quality opponent. Darabaris noted the squad's collective commitment to focus exclusively on internal affairs and the direction of the young program.

"Most of our club guys made the transition from club to varsity together which really helped bind us together as a group," Darabaris said. "We feel

responsible for leaving the program in a good place, and that starts with being great leaders for the freshmen. We want to make a name for ourselves immediately, which is why we were so ecstatic after that first win. But right now, we're primarily focusing on our

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