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WALLIES AROUND THE WORLD

TY CAMPBELL '16 | STAFF WRITER •

This upcoming Spring Break, numerous Wabash College students and faculty will engage in several different immersion trip activities. Destinations include Mexico, Italy, New York, Belize, England, Germany, and Belgium.

Class immersion trips offer unique experiences to students that they cannot be exposed to in a classroom. The classes participating in immersion trips this March will visit their respective destination during the week of Spring Break. While each class has their own schedules and goals for the trips, everyone is hopeful of a unique learning experience.

Dr. Jeremy Hartnett, Associate Professor of the Classics Department, is accompanying students for a third time to Rome, Italy. Along with Dr. Derek Nelson, Associate Professor of Religion, and Dr. Walter Novak, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Hartnett will be focusing the class on the topic of early Christianity in Rome. The class of 16 students, with all but two that have never traveled to Rome, will engage in an exclusive tour of the city. The schedule consists of specially approved access to everything from the Vatican to a recreational soccer game.

Immersion trips offer multiple benefits to the students who participate in the experience. "These trips create lasting memories that people want to share with loved ones in the future," Hartnett said. Experiencing an event in reality adds an extra dimension that cannot be taught. "You get to experience things. You get to feel what it feels like to be dwarfed by a temple. What it's like to hear your voice echoing across a theater that's built to

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SEXUAL ASSAULT TRAINING REQUIRED BY LAW

ADAM ALEXANDER '16 | STAFF

WRITER • The College recently announced that students are required to complete an online education program called Think About It by Mar. 20. This announcement has been met with some controversy, as many students do not understand why taking up to three hours of their day in order to learn about sexual assault is necessary

at Wabash. The College did not create this program though, and it was not entirely the College's decision to assign it to all students. Due to Title IX and Campus SaVE Act requirements, the federal government is making colleges across the nation educate their students about sexual harassment and assault.

Wabash's Title IX coordinator is Heather Thrush, Director of Student

Engagement and Success.

"[Think About It] is an online training module that is helping us comply with Campus SaVE Act and Title IX requirements," Thrush said. "We receive federal money, and so we have to be in compliant with Title IX. For Campus SaVE, we have to be in

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HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

REJECTS GO WITH REJECTS

After being rejected by T-Pain, the SCAC found comfort in their emotional sides and invited another set of Rejects to campus. Hopefully AAR can make it because the logical alternative will be a National Act of Hawthorne Heights and self-harm.

THETA DELT CAVES TO ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

The Theta Delta Chi house cat was neutered Tuesday. The brothers wanted to free the feline from the oppression of the gender binary by liberating it from its sex. Having working sex organs was forcing the cat into living a heteronormative life, and causing the cat to succumb to its misogynistic tendencies.



FREDDY'S BBQ REOPENS



Though it may be a powerplay, the SCAC will be hosting a screening of House of Cards season three at 7 p.m. in Hays 104. Ribs will be

provided for those who want to be like Frank Underwood. As we used to say in Gaffney, you have to feed the masses if you wish to earn their loyalty.

ALIENS VERSUS CASSIE VERSUS SONA

The Theater Department, Career Services, and Psychology majors have been vying for the top spot for most messages sent out in a week. At press, SONA credit messages had a strong lead. Get your PSY 101 extra credit points while they're still there!

YMCA LEAGUE BOOSTS SELF-ESTEEM

The Political Science Department decided to go full -YMCA this year by giving out participation-pass-grades on their comprehensive exams. The Bachelor understands that choosing can be difficult; we're sure all FOUR distinctions really deserve them...



COREY EGLER '15 / PHOTO

Mason Zurek '16, a staff member at the writing center, works with Luke Page '18.

WRITING CENTER LEADS ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

JUSTIN MILLER '17 | STAFF WRITER

• The question "What am I going to do here?" has confronted many students upon arriving in Crawfordsville. Classmates frequently have resolved the issue by conversing with one another about daily life, sports, and popular culture, but not all students are confident in such situations.

The Writing Center has begun a program directed toward assisting English language learners (ELL) address language usage inside and outside of the classroom. The ELL program developed from concerns primarily from international students.

"Sometimes [international students] have been in the states for a couple of weeks before they start classes," Zachery Koppelman, Director of the Writing Center, said. "That's a considerable learning curve."

The response the Writing Center has developed is two-fold: one-on-one sessions with trained tutors and group conversations about cultural topics. The aim is not necessarily improving academic performance using English, but whatever the student wants to address.

"For the tutoring, we set up hour-long sessions either weekly or every other week where the client comes in to work with one of the tutors," Koppelman said. "They then have a one-on-one session for an hour, and they can go over writing; they can go over conversation; they can go over

reading. Anything that the client needs assistance with, they bring in what they want and the tutor is there to assist them."

The range of potential topics are simply whatever the student feels needs addressed. The tutors are open to anything that is of any aid.

"We want to help the students achieve what they want to achieve," tutor Stephen Batchelder '15 said. "We're going to let the student guide the session. So the first questions I often ask are, 'What do you want to work on today? How can I help you?' The strategy is to ask a lot of questions to help the student engage in English but while also allowing the student to practice."

Because using English is a task not limited to academic work but extends to daily life, the program has aimed to address larger cultural issues such as conversation. Tutor Kevin Kennedy '16 has been involved mostly with the conversation group focused specifically on this issue.

"Students come in, sit down, and we talk about cultural topics," he said. "We discuss birthday traditions, wedding rituals, saying hello, sci-fi, and various parts of cultural life which we can relate to in an American sense but that we share a universal background."

Koppelman noted that items which are mundane and every-day for most

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HESS UPDATES NEW CONSTRUCTION, HIRES

PATRICK BRYANT '16 | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • An expansion to the tennis center is currently under discussion by the Building and Grounds Committee. A jointly shared locker room space would give teams, primarily wrestling, more space to work out of during crowded afternoon practices in the Allen Center. President Gregory Hess said though no meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees has been called yet, the proposal has been made.

"We have some space constraints in wrestling, so we're trying to address that," Hess said. "We have a bit of a pile up in Knowing Fieldhouse during the evenings. I think it would be best to get them a facility that they could share with tennis over all."

According to Hess, the building would share a similar style with the existing tennis center and could be constructed relatively quickly and at a relatively low price point.

"Our hope is that if we do this right, we can get the facility up by late October," Hess said.

Hess said though the funds are

not being spent on academic programming, the investment in space in an otherwise crowded building during athletic practices, is an investment in the balance between academics and athletics that is so important.

"We want to keep practice hours in a narrow window at the College because we think, from what I understand from the faculty, it is important to keep athletics in a fairly specific set of time," Hess said. "We think this is helpful in that regard."

CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

Despite the subzero morning temperatures, construction continues on the new student housing west of Crawford St. Hess said that the project is still on track for the townhomes to open in August.

"They're working in 0 degrees," Hess said. "I've seen them in my car



President Greg Hess

a few times when the temperature read minus something. It's cold, but they're out there working."

One year from now, Hess said, the renovation of Martindale Hall is expected to commence. That would coincide with the opening of the lodges and halls west of Crawford St.

NEW HIRE UPDATES

Next month it is still anticipated that both the new Dean of Enrollment Management and Director of the Malcolm X Institute of Black Studies will be named.

Hess said that the search for the Dean of Enrollment Management is a closed one but there are currently a half dozen or so candidates being interviewed.

"I'm pretty pleased with the applicants," Hess said. "It's a variety of people all with deep experience, all who understand Wabash and understand not only what we try and do but also what we value. They get the place. And that's a big part of what we look at in addition to strong management skills, having a quantitative orientation, but having



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An image of the construction. A live cam shows viewers progress on the construction. The site is currently snow-covered, though progress has continued despite subzero temperatures.

the vision and the ability to talk about why Wabash College has done so much for so many lives is just a critical piece."



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boost acoustics. Those kind of things let students create their own narrative," Hartnett said. In anticipation of the trip, Hartnett's class has dedicated the first few minutes of each class period for learning Italian phrases.

Hartnett adds that he frequently hears of class immersion trips and study abroad experiences discussed during senior comprehension conversations. "I wish we could take everybody for a much longer time. These are high impact experience for our students. They're worth every dime and we need to thank alumni supporters," Hartnett said.

Professors are not the only members excited to participate in the class immersion trips. Clayton Servies '16 will be attending his first immersion trip with Wabash College during Spring Break. Servies will travel with 10 other students from Dr. Eric Wetzel's Invertebrate Sciences class to Belize in March. The weeklong trip includes snorkeling and observing organisms that the class has been studying in the classroom. While on the island, the students will participate in several activities to enhance their learning and trip experience. "We have a journaling project and will write about each of our snorkeling adventures and participate in a small experiment on our own," Servies said.

This trip will be Servies first time out of the country. As a Biology major on

a strict academic calendar, Servies did not believe he would be able to study abroad for an entire semester. "It gives me the opportunity to travel while I'm still in college. It'll be a great experience," Servies said. The class plans to leave early Sunday morning, March 8th and return to the United States the previous Saturday.

Other students awaiting their immersion trips are just as excited. Seton Goddard '15 will be participating in Politics of the European Union traveling to Frankfurt, Germany and Brussels, Belgium. Among several planned events, the class plans to visit the European Central Bank and the European Commission. Goddard is excited for the exclusive access that the trip provides for the students and is eager to gain new perspectives. Goddard explained that besides experiencing a new culture, interaction and communication with individuals knowledgeable about the studied subjects is critical. "It humanizes what you're studying," Goddard said. Dr. Peter Mikek, Associate Professor of Economics, and Assistant Professor of Political Science Dr. Ethan Hollander are teaching the class and will guide the students on the trip in March.

Goddard has participated on immersion trips previously, including trips to Washington, D.C. and Peru. Aside from the overall learning experience,



CARTER ADAMS '15 / PHOTO

Professors Mikek and Hollander with the European Union immersion trip participants from spring 2013. This trip is one of several spring break trips for Wabash students over break.

Goddard appreciates the other benefits of class immersion trips. "You go on these trips and you may not know the other students very well. But you all come back and become good friends," Goddard said. The Wabash senior also adds advice to any students who are participating in an immersion trip for the first time or consider taking one in the

future. "Be flexible. Stuff changes when you try to coordinate a trip a continent away. You sometimes have to roll with the punches and do what you must to make for a productive trip," Goddard said. Similar to the feeling before his previous class immersion trips he has attended, Goddard is excited about the class trip to Europe.

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American students such as dating or conversation frequently do not exactly match other cultures. The group discussions aim to help students gain confidence in their abilities to perform these tasks.

"At Purdue, one of the major requests in conversations – things students wanted to talk about all the time – was dating," Kopelmann said. "...That hasn't been something that is important for a lot of international students here at Wabash. Not once has anyone asked about that, so I can set that to the side

and focus on other aspects.

"Most turn out to be how to make friends and what to talk about with Americans...Many don't know about, don't understand, or don't care about American sports," he said. "Wabash has a pretty strong push for sports, so what else can we talk about? You're left with a narrow scope of things you can talk about. You can talk about class work, but that gets old fast; sports, maybe or maybe not; and then the other big one is dating and girls but that's limited as well."

This is where the group conversations come into play. Cultural traditions such as birthday celebrations, food, or popular culture are emphasized as potential conversation starters.

The importance of helping ELL students does not solely fall upon the program. While those who are interested in possibly tutoring are encouraged to talk to Koppelman directly, every student can be of great assistance.

"Make an effort to talk to ELL students," Koppelman said.

"Whatever you do, don't give them a hard time...Be willing to talk to them. If you see someone who you think might be an international student off by himself eating lunch, go talk to him. The friendlier you can be, the more you can engage them in conversation, the better.

"As you're working through your classwork, if it turns into something you're really interested in – how to work with other cultures, how to help other cultures – then contact me individually."

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compliance by next year. They've asked colleges to start getting in compliance, so we have to provide training to faculty, staff, and students on a yearly basis."

Dean of Students Mike Raters '85 said that while he is willing to enforce the mandate that students complete the course with disciplinary measures, he is planning to rely on students' adherence to the Gentleman's Rule.

"It's a federal mandate, so a gentleman is going to do what he's asked to do, and a responsible citizen is going to follow the law," Raters said. "If we get pushback, blocking registration for classes is one of the many possibilities. We don't have a handbook, so I don't have a list of repercussions or consequences. That said, any time students mess up or don't do what they're asked to do, we have a variety of options. I'm going to call on our guys to have a better understanding of the purpose."

Raters emphasized that the program is not just required by Wabash, but by the federal government. The government has not given the College an exact number of how many students need to complete the program.

"This about compliance," Raters said.

"The mandate from above is to educate our students and ensure that Wabash College is in compliance with the federal expectation. But the mandate doesn't specify how many students are needed to be in compliance. There is a lot of ambiguity."

Students belonging to the fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta already completed the Think About It training last year, as part of a requirement from the international fraternity. Phi Gamma Delta President Michael Haffner '16 believes that the program is largely unnecessary for Wabash.

"I personally do not think it is entirely valuable to have everyone on campus complete the Think About It program, simply because the program designs questions and situations that I do not see arise often at Wabash," Haffner said. "We pride ourselves on the Gentleman's Rule, and part of that means looking out for each other at social gatherings. I believe the program is beneficial for students at schools where one is not held to a higher standard in terms of how he acts and behaves at social events."

Raters agreed that the Gentleman's Rule does cover the issues covered in the training, but said that the College

sometimes has to focus on specific applications of the Gentleman's Rule. Additionally, he stressed that the program will not require three hours of time from most students, and students can complete it in multiple intervals rather than in one sitting. Because of these reasons, Raters said that he hopes students will rise to his expectations and complete the course without needing disciplinary threats.

"We're going to do what the government asks us to do and guide our students to make ourselves compliant," Raters said. "And I expect our students to handle the responsibility well. I will handle matters if I need to, to mandate that our students complete it if that's indeed what the expectation is."

Haffner echoed Raters' sentiment, emphasizing that the training program will not take students long to complete.

"The program is a somewhat fast and easy way to educate students on the issues that can arise," Haffner said. "I think many would agree that a two hour program on a laptop, while it may not be completely relevant at a school like Wabash, is much better than having to physically attend an educational session."

Raters and Thrush both mentioned

that the Think About It program was the most attractive and least intrusive option for students. Thrush hopes that students will see the program as an opportunity, rather than a chore.

"I hope that students see this as an opportunity to learn about a very important topic in higher education," Thrush said. "This will help students to protect themselves and protect their fellow classmates from anything that might happen to them. It really isn't going to take that much time to help us comply with the law."

Raters reminded students to look at the bigger picture, rather than focusing on the time requirement.

"If doing this makes our College a safer place for our students and for our guests, then it'll be worth it in the end," Raters said. "It's tough to understand that when you're sitting in front of your computer facing a three-hour program. I understand that. But I'm calling our students to a higher level to do what we're asked to do."



Michael Haffner '16

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IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC DISCOURSE

Perhaps you noticed the new office on the first floor of the Armory computer lab established for the Wabash Democracy and Public Discourse initiative, an initiative of Wabash College.

Eight Democracy Fellows and Director Sara Drury lead the WDPD initiative. As a Democracy Fellow, I catch a lot of flak regarding our initiative, its misunderstood goals, and democracy more wholly. Well, when WDPD is mentioned it's very discouraging to hear peers regularly mocking, "Democracy will save everything! Ha!" Seriously? What happened to thinking critically, acting responsibly, leading effectively, and living humanely?

WDPD's mission statement, "students learn to participate in and lead deliberation, discussion, debate, and advocacy to better cultivate the thoughtful exchange of ideas on important public concerns,"



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makes absolutely no claims to save democracy, but rather help fix its problems. We "equip student leaders to stimulate productive conversations in communities to solve problems."

For example, students at Wabash College, including myself, incessantly criticize the community problem that is a poor quality of place in Montgomery County. We will grumble to each other at the dinner table, in classroom discussions, and we

will extend these complaints to our friends and families at home and at other institutions. We will pride ourselves on being educated leaders inopportunely placed in a hellish environment. But will we not put forth any solutions for change? Seriously.

Can we not think, act, lead, and live to strengthen or improve the conditions surrounding us? Perhaps we should revisit our mission statement.

It's true, everyday we acknowledge and apply critical thinking skills in the classroom. Each week, we harmoniously claim to spread the fame of her honored, name, wherever the breezes blow. We claim to do this until the world shall see! But how can we conceivably claim to spread our name for the world to see if we cannot spread our strengths for our very own community to see?

If anyone truly cares, a community conversation is taking place about the Next Montgomery County. The

purpose is to come together, discuss the needs and wants for the future. Working together, these conversations will encourage community members to consider priorities and action steps for improving Montgomery County. Community members are thinking critically, acting responsibly, leading effectively and living humanely. And they are doing it for themselves, not us, because it always has and always will be their community. They own its name, and want to own up to its problems.

If students want to criticize Montgomery County for being less than ideal, this should be a perfect opportunity to engage in true democracy. If students want to poke fun at Democracy Fellows, this should be a perfect opportunity to understand what we really do and why it seriously matters. And better, perhaps this could be the perfect opportunity for students to explore off-campus for the first time.

HOPE AND PEACE

If you have not heard Professor Lake's outstanding Chapel talk titled "Shh," I suggest that you visit the college's YouTube channel to watch the address.

A few weeks ago Professor Lake spoke to the college about its silence in face of the violence that has plagued our world in the past year. Where many universities have held vigils, discussions, and many to demonstrations about racial discrimination, religious violence, and global terrorism, Wabash has been quiet in response of such globally important issues. In addition to Professor Lake's observation of Wabash's silence in the face of such issues, I have observed that what little response I have heard from the campus community is almost always one seeking means to justify more violence.

There is one word that I have not



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heard on campus when such issues are discussed: peace. This is, in part, a challenge to our identity as a college. Our slogan, "Wabash Always Fights" is an easy way of justifying debate and examination of many issues. Yet, this persistent part of the fabric of the Wabash identity frustrates me. It frustrates me on a personal level because though I am not a pacifist, I believe strongly in nonviolence. It

frustrates me on community based level because in "fighting" I believe that we are often ignorant of what exactly we are fighting for.

When we say "Wabash Always Fights" the term "always" seems to have been interpreted as "at all times," instead of "when the situation demands a fight." Is it always right to fight? I do not think so. I think that there are many times in world history and even in the history of our lives where more could have been achieved through other means of resistance. Imagine a debate in your fraternity house or living unit. If you know what to look for, you will realize that there is a point in which the debate ceased to be fruitful and that those involved are motivated not by what they hope to achieve from the struggle, but instead are too proud to admit defeat.

I certainly have my political and social leanings. There are circumstances in which I am willing to protest and resist until my body physically cannot endure any longer. However, all these things are subservient to my belief that there must be some things worth fighting for more than others. I think that if it is not a universal hope, that vast majority of the beings that inhabit this planet hope for a world where peace will abide. Still, I feel like I am in the minority of those who hope for such a world among my Wabash peers.

In the upcoming weeks I hope to do some work in raising the Wabash voice for peace. I hope that when such opportunities occur those of you with hopes for peace will let your (to paraphrase Dr. Lake) beautiful voices be heard.

BLACK CULTURE WILL BE \$9.99 PLUS TAX, PLEASE

Alright, I'm selling black culture short with that price point, but that's beside the point. I'm going to start charging for the use of black themes - style of dress, mannerisms, speech, including slang, hairstyles, the whole shabang. Maybe those using it will start taking it more seriously..

Here's the thing - charging for black culture isn't necessarily to discourage the use of it. I love when I see something that my people pioneered in mainstream culture - except for when it's Kylie Jenner wearing cornrows and they're called chic, but when a black girl wears dreads on the Oscar red carpet, she's made fun of for it. Guliana Rancic, a member of the E! Entertainment show Fashion Police said that a young woman named Zendaya, a black female wearing locs on the red carpet, probably smells like "patchouli oil or weed... yeah, probably weed!" Zendaya's statement regarding the remark on Instagram and Twitter was very articulate and hit several points very well.



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The comment was poorly thought out, if given any thought at all, and highlighted pervasive black stereotypes that my community must live with. When we do what we do, it's not ok. When it's used by mainstream culture, it's chic, bohemian, and edgy. I would sell candy bars door to door for the next 20 years if it meant I could afford a plane ticket to send Igloo Australia - I mean, Iggy Azalea - back to the land down under. Homegirl is #too much. She has left Twitter after dealing with negative feedback and mean tweets. What did Azealia Banks, a black female artist, do when T.I. tweeted he wanted to throw her

down a flight of stairs? She clapped back. She didn't take it and drug his sorry ass on Twitter 'till he was raw. Iggy thinks it's so great to use that slang when she raps - which isn't her natural inflection - but when people call her out on it, she gets upset. She needs to grow a tough skin if she's going to use an entire people's culture for monetary gain.

Where was she when my people were getting shot and no one was getting in trouble? Silent. But by all means, tell us how you "luhhh dat" while you trample over black folk to get to the recording studio. Nick Jonas? Go home. I peeped the R&B feel in his new song "Jealous" a long time ago - around the same time I realized he was enlightened in the ways of Miss Australia. It doesn't stop at music, either. Fashion, art, media, literature - the black voice and rhythm and artistry is stolen all the time by non people of color who refuse to speak out on black issues. Even Patricia Arquette tried it! During her Oscar acceptance speech, she said that it was time for gays and

people of color to fight for wage equality for them - them presumably being white women - Because they fought for gays and POC. I'm sorry?

When did this become a quid pro quo without the quid or pro? When was the last time she fought for gays and people of color? And why does she think that white women are the only ones experiencing a wage gap? HELLO?! Black women make .64 cents to your .78 cents to a man's dollar - Patricia, can you help my sistas out? I wanted to offer her every seat in the house and tell her to just sit down and be quiet.

So yes - the appropriation and the denial and disrespect of black culture abounds and it shows no sign of stopping. On Twitter, JetBlue Airlines tweeted a picture of their fleet: "Our fleet is on fleek." Denny's tweeted: "Pancakes on fleek." Make it stop. What even are they doing? Black culture isn't just for black people - that's not what I'm saying. But people need to do better about participating in the arena. I take cash or cards, no refunds.

WHY THIS IS A HUMAN ISSUE

Eric Garner, Tamir Rice, Mike Brown, John Crawford. These are the names of the victims of extrajudicial killings in the United States, and these are all causes for human rights concern.

Activists and organizers under the banner #BlackLivesMatter, have been marching and protesting these unjust killings in order to call attention to the feeling of oppression and hopelessness left in black communities across the country. These marches are to raise consciousness on issues of mass incarceration and police brutality. Die-ins, marches, protests - all to call attention to human rights issues.

All to disrupt the status quo of the criminalization of brown skin.

And as men of Wabash, men under the guise of "...lead



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effectively... live humanely..." it ought to be something of concern when there has been little to no action on campus. Is this lack of empathy or apathy? Is this a lack of concern or obliviousness?

We ought to be concerned with our place in history as a campus. I believe we ought to stand in solidarity with communities of people that have

been marginalized throughout the history of our country and arguably to this day. Even D**** at least cancelled class in an attempt to discuss a lack of racial diversity on its campus (we can do better).

But calling attention to the issue is not all that must be done. Protest alone cannot prevent future constitutional violations when a guy is stopped-and-frisked because of the color of his skin. We should seek to find solutions to police brutality, gross profiling, criminalization of brown skin and mass incarceration. Let's have conversations on campus, not just lectures because all of these matters are intertwined. Let's "...think critically..." here.

According to the Sentencing Project, the United States has the highest incarceration rate of any

other industrialized nation, coming ahead of Russia even. And this rate has increased by 500% over the last forty years - disproportionately affecting minorities. But understand that this isn't just a "black" or a "Latino" issue (as if such a thing really exists) but rather an American issue - a HUMAN issue.

This system of mass incarceration, feeling of oppression, and brown criminalization is what the #BlackLivesMatter movement is trying to call attention to. And we should do our part.

So this is a call to action to recognize and do something about this issue. This is a call to action, for Wabash MEN, to act upon our mission statement and live humanely and lead effectively in this new era for civil rights.

SYSTEMIC EQUALITY: STUDENTS CREATE REFORM

STEVE BAZIN '17 | STAFF WRITER • February has been an eventful month for Wabash's fledgling chapter of Students for Education Reform. Drew Miles '15 and Chris Biehl '16, the leaders of the chapter's executive board, attended the National Summit in North Carolina at the beginning month. The next week, Student Senate officially recognized the group and its members plan to attend their first community school board meeting in the coming weeks. Students for Education Reform is gaining the momentum it needs to build its presence on campus and in the community.

Students for Education Reform formed at Princeton University in 2009, and has since spread to college campuses across the country. The chapters are united in their pursuit of a common goal while the individual chapters of each campus focus on local issues.

"[Students for Education Reform] promote equality in every aspect of the word [reform] in education, regardless of race, gender, or class..." Biehl said. "Every student should have the same opportunities and access K-12 [needed] to achieve."

"Not only do I want Wabash's Chapter to grow, but I want to spread the word in Indiana in general."

CHRIS BIEHL '16

The National Summit focused primarily on recruitment and the growth of individual chapters. The Wabash chapter is focused primarily on the discussion of issues plaguing the public education system, but was uncertain how the group could affect change.

"There were a lot of workshops going on to [teach us] to plan events and recruit members," Miles said.

Biehl and Miles are now working to grow their presence on campus and in the greater Crawfordsville

community. Both fronts are essential to the club's goals.

Students for Education Reform plans to attend several school board meetings a month, in order to become acquainted with the issues specific to the Crawfordsville school system. Their aim is to gain knowledge of the issues, to can suggest an effective solution. In instances such as bullying or poor standardized test scores, Biehl

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COLIN THOMPSON '17 / PHOTO

Drew Miles '15 (left) and Chris Biehl '16 (right) are poised to lead Students for Education Reform to increase group numbers after returning from a leadership conference in North Carolina.

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SPRING BREAK Y'ALL

JADE DOTY '18 | STAFF WRITER

• Ah spring break, it is almost here. Only one week away and then all Wabash College students will be free to do whatever they want for one week. Many students have already made decisions on where they are headed for this year's Spring Break, but many still wonder where will they go.

When the words Spring Break are said, most people's first think of the warm sun, the ocean, and girls wearing bikinis. But there are several possible destinations to choose from for Spring Break this year.

When a college student thinks of beaches and Spring Break he usually isn't with his family or building sand castles. A Wabash College student thinks of how much fun he can have, what type of clothes to wear, and how many girls he can possibly meet. According to ABC News, the top two beaches to visit for Spring Break 2015 are Cancun, Mexico and Panama City Beach. Obviously Cancun is the more expensive choice, but the drinking age in Mexico is 18 years old and some of the resorts in Cancun are considered to be some of the best in the world.

Although Cancun has a rich lifestyle, Panama City Beach is easier to access, which means more college students will be there. Many college students' first spring break experiences are at Panama City Beach.

"I've never gone south for Spring Break before and this year I'm finally getting the opportunity. I heard it's a wild place and personally, I can't wait to get down there." Brady Quackenbush '18 said.

Not to mention PCB hosts many events during the Spring Break weeks. For instance, while Wabash College is on Spring Break, Luke Bryan will per-

form two free concerts (March 11th and 12th) on the beach. Everyone knows what a Luke Bryan concert means; girls will be flocking to him. And there is nothing Wabash College students appreciate more than girls. Wabash College will be having their Spring Break week the same time as James Madison University, University of Virginia, Georgetown University, and Wake Forrest University. These schools were ranked by TotalFratMove.com by hotness of girl students 3rd, 9th, 11th, and 19th respectively. Other big name colleges on the same Spring Break week as Wabash include University of Arizona, Florida State University, and Pennsylvania State University. Panama City Beach becomes pretty tempting, knowing that all those college girls will probably be there.

But what if you are looking for a more inexpensive way to spend spring break and just relax? Rent a cabin with some of your friends in the Smokey Mountains and have a hiking trip.

"This year I'm going to Gatlinburg, Tennessee with some of my pledge brothers. I think it will be a nice way just to relax, get away from school work for a week." Warren Moseman '18 said.

Indeed, hiking in the mountains does sound strenuous but this is a perfect way to spend a Spring Break if you just want some fresh air.

If you are plain broke and can't pay to go anywhere, drive your car up to your old high school buddy's college to see what he is doing. Or, go visit your girlfriend for the week. But if neither of those options are available either, hopefully you have a Netflix account and some nice snacks back home.

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speculates that reaching out to the Crawfordsville community will be the first step.

“Once you understand the problem, then you can react to it,” said Biehl.

Opening Wabash events, sponsored by Students for Education Reform, to the community is one course of action that may forge the crucial connections the club needs. One such event is already in the works. The organization is planning to screen the charter school documentary *Waiting for Superman* later in the semester. Other events will follow next semester as the club grows, but their current goal is the growth of the organization.

“Not only do I want Wabash’s chapter to grow, but I want to spread the word in Indiana in general” said Biehl.

The Wabash chapter plans to form a state coalition with the Ball State University chapter, and help found another chapter at DePauw

University in the coming semesters.

Students for Education reform is deeply committed to the value of education. The Wabash chapter is no exception.

“Wherever there is an intellectual community, I think that we can agree that just because something has been the same for a long time, doesn’t mean [it] has to stay that way,” Biehl said.

“Once you get into it, it’s just like a fire burning. You get so passionate about it. You learn about all the inequalities in education, and it fires you up, even if you yourself haven’t experienced it.”

STUDENTS FOR EDUCATION REFORM

WHEN: 12:10 p.m. every Thursday

WHERE: Baxter 201



SHANE XUAN '17 / PHOTO

John Baer, Associate Professor of Religion directs the Wabash Callings Organization.

WABASH CALLINGS

LEVI GARRISON '18 | STAFF WRITER • Wabash Callings is an organization that encourages students to explore vocations and to find a purpose in their job. One of the things that Wabash Callings has done this semester is to use some of their grant money from NetVUE to provide six, \$500 stipends to students to help them explore a realm of business they hope to one day be a part of.

“We hope and encourage students to look beyond what they might make and the prestige of the job,” Jonathan Baer, Associate Professor of Religion, said. “We want them to find meaning and purpose in life and their places of work. The purpose of the stipend is to utilize the rest of the grant money in a way that can support students in spring externships.”

The fund enables this experience, but students still must seek out the opportunity.

“The process to receive the stipends was to apply but to also find the externship themselves,” Baer said. “Students were expected to find their own externships because this would not be a package deal with certain areas of focus. This allows for good opportunities to explore because we want them to test out their callings.”

Xinyu Ma '17 is one of the students

who received the stipend. Ma will travel to Texas A&M International to study under Anand Jha '02, an Assistant Professor of Finance for the college.

“I am interested in becoming a college professor in a business school in the future,” Ma said. “I will sit in his classroom to experience business school teaching and I will seek advice from him about conducting research in business. If possible, I would also like to be his assistant.”

Ma and the other winners will have the chance to do just that. Externs shadow but also work on small projects throughout their time. The other winners of the stipend were: Denzel Wilkins '15, Kenniss Dillon '16, Kevin Griffen '18, Paul Snyder '16, and Garrett Lynette '15.

The Wabash Callings program has also provided funding for two summer internships for the past two summers. These internships were for non-profit organizations and allowed the students to be immersed in the non-profit world. NetVUE stands for Network For Vocation in Undergraduate Education. The grant they provided comes to a close at the end of March.

“We wanted a nice way to utilize the funds before they were gone, and this seemed like a great opportunity for the students,” Baer said.



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CASTING STRATAGEM

GRIFFIN LEVY '17 | STAFF WRITER • As Wabash heads toward the end of an academic year, so does Professor of Theater Dwight Watson as he begins the auditioning and casting of the last show of the season, *The Beaux' Stratagem*. This satirical comedy tells the story of two gamblers who make their way to the countryside to find romance and true love. Unfortunately, everything soon goes sour when a band of thieves shows up to ruin their plan. The show is primarily a comedy, and the auditions will take place the Monday and Tuesday after spring break, March 16th, and 17th at 7 p.m. in Ball Theatre.

Watson explained a little about the audition process and the kind of people he is looking into for the cast. "The audition will involve some acting exercises and reading scenes from the play," Watson said.



Dwight Watson

Watson also encouraged all members of the Wabash and Crawfordsville community to come and audition. One of the big things that Watson talked about was what kind of acting experience would

be required. He assured that even people who have never acted or been in a show before, can come out and audition if they are curious. As for the roles of this show, it will have 8 male roles and 5 female roles all with their unique characteristics, giving a chance for any actor to go out.

"Some of the smaller female roles, do not necessarily have to be played by females and could be more or

less gender-specific," Watson said in regard to the 5 female roles.

Another aspect that makes this

"The audition will involve some acting exercises and reading scenes from the play."

DWIGHT WATSON

audition open to all is the lack of dancing and singing. Since this is a play during the audition setting, no singing or dancing will be asked.

"It does require flair and some movement, but it's nothing outside of our range of talent or abilities," Watson said.

"*The Beaux' Stratagem*" is Watson's favorite show, a guarantee that this production will be top notch. Along with that, Watson has directed over 60 shows here at Wabash and has been in the facility since 1981. The show that will start its run on April 22nd and conclude on April 25th. Both performances will be at 8 p.m. in Ball Theater Fine Arts Center.

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SPORTS

REGIONAL REPEATS?

WITH LEFEVERS RANKED, WRESTLING LOOKS FOR REGIONAL SUCCESS

JASON VAN METER '18 | STAFF WRITER • This Saturday, Feb. 28, the Wabash Wrestling team will be hosting its second consecutive Division III Midwest Regional Tournament, the first component of the NCAA Division III National Tournament. The Little Giants have secured the number three spot in the nation for Division III Wrestling, just behind Wisconsin Whitewater and just ahead of Wisconsin La Crosse.

"Last year, we finished third in the Regional," Assistant Coach Danny Irwin said. "The top three teams from last year are the top three teams for this year. The majority of our wrestlers that are competing this year competed in this tournament last year. They got to feel it firsthand. They understand what's on the line."

Currently, Wabash College has three wrestlers ranked within the top ten rankings in the nation.

Reece Lefever '16, Conner Lefever '16, and Riley Lefever '17 are ranked third, second and first in the nation, respectively. Although Wabash has three wrestlers ranked in the top three rankings in the nation, that alone will not secure the Midwest

Regional Tournament victory.

"With the current system we have, it doesn't matter what kind of season you have. It all relies on that day and all 10 weight classes need to show up. We're capable of qualifying all 10 weight classes to the national tournament."

WRESTLING REGIONAL

WHEN: February 28 and March 1

WHERE: Knowling Fieldhouse

FYI: The Little Giants are ranked third in the nation and second at this weekend's regional.

Ranked third in the nation as a team, bringing home a national title is not at all out of the question. "Our team has bigger goals than winning just the regional. Our goal is to win a national team title, and it all starts with Saturday."

When asked to comment on the status of the Wabash Wrestling Program in comparison to Division I wrestling programs, first-year Coach Camden Eppert weighed in on the comparison, stating, "Some people think that it's a different level going from Division I to Division III, and maybe you see that in some of the competition, but honestly there are a lot of guys on the team that are Division I caliber. They're going out to win a national title just like any Division I team would."

Currently, Wabash has four national championship titles within the entire athletic program to claim. This year, the wrestling team has the opportunity to secure the fifth national title for Wabash and bring home some hardware. "It's a huge deal that we've gotten to host this tournament two years in a row. Hopefully the students will take advantage of the opportunity to show up Saturday and get loud to support the team. I'm sure the guys on the team will be wanting to put on a show for them."

The Midwest Regional Division III meet will be held in the Knowling Fieldhouse this Saturday the 28th. This would be the perfect time to come out and watch the Wabash Wrestling Team compete and potentially add a new chapter to the history of Wabash National titles.



COREY EGLER '15 / PHOTO

With three wrestlers ranked in the top-two of their respective weight classes, the Little Giants are favored to send several wrestlers back to the national championship meet.

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APPRECIATE THIS YEAR

We're having a great year in sports, guys. It doesn't matter where you look, the 2014-15 season has been a good one on the tracks, fields, and courts that Wabash has called home. So, just as an exercise to show us how spoiled we really are, let's look back at the year thus far.

We'll begin with basketball. Tonight, the Little Giants head to Delaware, OH, for the semifinal round of the NCAC tournament. It's the first time since 2011 that Wabash has made it to this point in the postseason. The hoops team is also only three wins short of tying the Wabash record for biggest wins turnaround from one season to the next. The 18-8 record is also tied for the best record since the 2010-11 season.

Basketball may be having its best season in years, but it's possibly not the best winter sport. Swimming started their season with a win in their dual meet against DePauw and never looked back. En route to being the first fourth-place team to break the 1000 point barrier in NCAC history, the swimmers are sending several to Texas for



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the National Championship meet.

While not being done with their seasons, wrestling and indoor track are both poised to repeat their successes of the last few season. Wabash Wrestling, host of this weekend's NCAA Regional meet, has three nationally ranked wrestlers and sits at third in the latest coaches rankings. Indoor track is favored to repeat as NCAC champs at the conference meet.

But for all the successes of the winter sports season, the fall season was where the Little Giants really shone. Leading off in the rundown of the fall teams is cross

country. After winning their third NCAC title in four years, the team repeated as Regional champions for the first time in program history. The Redpack closed their season with a sixteenth place finish at the NCAA National Championship meet. Not to be outdone, football took second in the NCAC and made it to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Despite dropping a thriller in Springfield to Wittenberg and suffering a second loss to eventual national champion Wisconsin-Whitewater, this was football's best season since 2011.

But, perhaps the most dramatic turnaround of the year, if not of Wabash Athletic history, was that of the soccer team. In just 365 days, the soccer team went from 4-11-2 to 13-3-3, the best record in program history. The team was ranked nationally for the first time in history and made their first appearance in the NCAC tournament. All of this was coupled with knocking off the nationally ranked #1 Kenyon Lords by a 1-0 final in their regular season meeting.

It's pretty clear that we're a spoiled bunch. The Little Giants have yet to finish

outside the top four in any NCAC sport, and it doesn't look like that streak will end. With indoor track poised to repeat as NCAC champs and basketball still alive in the postseason, Wabash could enter the spring sports season with three conference titles, a second, and a third. That's certainly remarkable, if not totally unprecedented.

If you take anything from this column, let it be this: take the time to appreciate this year. As Brent Harris H'03, Wabash Sports Information Director, has said multiple times, this may be the best sports year in college history. It's more than feasible that every team could finish in the top half of the NCAC this season with several competing for national championships, and the rest of us should recognize how special that is.

As fans, we do a great job supporting all the teams at this school, probably better than any other school in the NCAC. But this year has been and will continue to be unique. So keep showing up in droves, Little Giant fans. We're all in the midst of something truly awesome.

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INTO THE SWING OF THINGS

EMPHASIS ON OFFSEASON CONDITIONING, HITTING WORKING FOR GOLF

MICHAEL LUMPKIN '18 | STAFF WRITER • The Wabash Golf Team is ready for another spring season. The dreary winter weather has made practice a challenge for a team excited to get out and play full rounds on the course. The team has spent its offseason working hard on the course simulator and in the weight room. There is a winning atmosphere led by Coach Mac Petty that will show its effects on the course as the spring season nears. Coach Mac Petty said "It always depends on the weather," regarding the offseason training that occurs for the team. "We are not able to get out at all," Coach Petty said, so the team

spends an extended amount of time a week working around the baseball and track teams for time in Knowing Fieldhouse to hit balls in the nets.

The team has also placed an emphasis on conditioning. Coach Petty acknowledged that golf is not the most physically demanding sport but addressed the importance of being physically conditioned. Coach Petty said "If you carry a 25 pound bag for four and a half hours your legs take a beating, so you need to be in shape." Petty said "It's similar to a guy who runs a mile, he runs 30 miles a week to run one mile." Petty said that the running is not a matter of reaching a time. The purpose of the conditioning is to ensure the team can perform at their best for a whole round of golf.

Nick Sommer '15 agreed with his coach regarding the training. "In the past, we haven't utilized the nets as much, so this year was nice for us to

be able to hit balls and work on our swings," Sommer said. He agreed with his coach that the importance placed on conditioning is something that will benefit the team as the season progresses.



Nick Sommer '15

of different courses against different opponents. Petty said "We are really fortunate because we have gone for several years and I have made a lot of connections with people."

The connections Petty has made

The team will have its first competition on their spring break trip to Arizona. The team makes the trip every year. Six players and Coach Petty go down to Arizona and play a variety

"[It] was nice for us to be able to hit balls and work on our swings."

NICK SOMMER '15

include many alumnus from around the area that assist them in a variety of ways during their stay. The team will play Mesa Community College while in Arizona. Coach Petty described the team as "outstanding" and full of guys that are both talented and nice to all of the players.

Sommer enjoys the trip to Arizona. He said "I have always enjoyed the

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Arizona trip because it gives us a chance to play golf extensively and work out all the kinks in our systems." Sommer mentioned that the trip gives the team a chance to get closer and play on some very nice golf courses.

The team will finish a week of different courses with a par-three course that Coach Petty said "is a really good course to finish the week on." The week will be finished with Coach Petty treating his players to a Chicago Cubs Spring Training game. Petty tried to do this last year and is coming through for his players as a treat for a week of hard work.

The team trip to Arizona will be the start of a spring season that is important to Sommer. He said "I hope to make another push at conference and show the rest of the team the strides this program is making." It is important to Sommer that he steps up as a leader. Sommer hopes that the team can make another run at a Conference championship this year and play complete rounds of golf to get there.



COREY EGLER '15 / PHOTO

Logan Burdick '15 and five other golfers will spend their spring breaks in Arizona.

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instead of it being a conference tournament game that will make us nervous."

Purvlicis will anchor the Little Giant defense while the offense runs through him too. In game two, Wooster's top scorer forward Evan Pannell drew the assignment against Purvlicis. The Purvlicis-Pannell matchup is likely one Wabash will try to exploit again.

"Not only are offensive rebounds an opportunity to put points on the board, but they also take their better defenders out of the game," Brumett said. "Some of their guys that are more skilled offensively are also their more athletic defenders – namely Pannell."

Pannell averaged 15.5 points-per-game this year and shot 51.5 percent from the field. Purvlicis and the Little Giants will try to attack him on offense.

"It helps a ton if we can get those guys in foul trouble," Purvlicis said. "It doesn't matter which of our big guys get the ball as long as we're taking it in strong because that's a big plus if we can get their starters off the floor."

Purvlicis could shoulder an even greater load as the Little Giants might be without starting wingman Kasey Oetting '15 who was injured Tuesday. Brumett said Wednesday

it was too early to tell if Oetting could play against Wooster.

Defensively, the Scotts will likely see more of the Little Giant 2-3 zone that harassed them on the last day of January.

"I think the biggest reason we beat them was that we were able to slow them down with our zone and outrebound them," Purvlicis said. "I think we'll probably do some of the same stuff Friday and obviously focus on not turning over the ball."

Wooster shot 40.7 percent from the field in the second game compared to 45.6 percent in the first. All-Conference guard Xavier Brown scored 24 points in the first go around, but was limited to 11 points on 3-of-10 shooting in the second.

"They're really skilled at a lot of different spots," Brumett said. "I think that's why the offensive rebounding and interior attack has to be at our A game. I think it's really important to some of Wooster's key guys in situations where they have to foul us or get out of our way."

Wabash's season-long formula for success of dominating the glass and protecting the ball must work Friday night. Tipoff will be at 5:30 p.m. on the Ohio Wesleyan Campus in Delaware, OH.

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JOCELYN HOPKINSON '15 | SENIOR
STAFF WRITER • If history holds true, turnovers and points-off turnovers will likely decide Wabash's North Coast Athletic Conference tournament second-round game against The College of Wooster. The statistics' crucial importance were evident in Little Giants' two regular-season matchups against the Scots.

Wabash committed 19 giveaways which led to 17 points in an early 29-point victory for Wooster. In the January 31 rematch in Chadwick Court, each team committed 10 turnovers but the Little Giants held a 19-6 points-off-turnovers advantage in a 68-65 victory.

"If you can limit those turnovers, not only are we going to be better in our initial offensive set, but it gives us a chance to hurt the other team on the offensive glass," Coach Kyle Brumett said. "When you turn it over, you're taking our biggest offensive strength away, which is our ability to get second shots. Although Wooster is very good, its strength is not something that should keep us from going to the glass."

The Little Giants won the battle on the boards in both games, but were dominant in the second matchup outrebounding the Scots 40-27.

"I don't think we had any idea who we were at that time," Brumett said. "The guys that were playing for them had been really good regulars for a long time. If you fast forward to now, they had a great win Tuesday night and we're much more comfortable with who we are. Obviously that win (against Wooster) was huge for us and

pointed us in the right direction to finish the season."

Current Little Giant starting point guard Houston Hodges '15 didn't even make the trip to Wooster. The star receiver was recently removed from the football season and still trying to get his hoops legs under him.

"Houston gives us another athlete on the floor," Brumett said. "He gives us a different dynamic defensively. Obviously he doesn't

"Although Wooster is very good, its strength is not something that should keep us from going to the glass."

KYLE BRUMETT

add to the size but when you're as big as we are on the interior, you can be more aggressive and put more pressure on the ball away from the basket. We didn't really have a guy with the ability to do that until Houston got into the swing of things."

Hodges' backcourt mate Kyle Aiton '17 was still transitioning to the point-guard role and struggled against the Scots' pressure. A recent move to the bench has helped Aiton see the game better, and find his scoring. He led Wabash with 23 points Tuesday night in a first-round win against Allegheny.

"At that point of the season, Kyle was much more marked," Brumett said. "He



COREY EGLER '15 / PHOTO

After drawing the foul in Tuesday's quarterfinal matchup against Allegheny, Austin Burton had nine points on thirty-three minutes of play.

was Newcomer of the Year, he had some big scoring games in our non-conference schedule, and we didn't really have an opportunity to take him off the ball and let him be a secondary ball handler or more of a scorer."

While backcourt rotations have fluctuated, forward Daniel Purvlicis '17 has remained a constant force in the paint. Purvlicis led Wabash with 15 points in the loss and tallied a 19-point, 13-rebound double-double in

the win. He scored 17.1 points-per-game on 63.3 percent shooting and hauled in 7.5 rebounds.

"I think this whole season has built on itself as we've progressed and Coach has made the point that we've learned from every win and loss," Purvlicis said. "The mindset is just about the game being another one that we need to do well and win

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