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KELLERMAN-KLEINMAN

NATHAN GRAY '20 |

STAFF WRITER • The first ticket is composed of presidential candidate Jack Kellerman '18 and running mate Logan Kleiman '18.

Kellerman, a political science and rhetoric double major, currently serves as the Vice-President of the Student Body. A brother of Beta Theta Pi, Kellerman is Democracy Fellow and served on the Constitution, Bylaw, and Policy Review Committee that created the current student constitution. Kleiman is a political science major, an education studies minor, and is also deeply involved on campus. Kleiman serves as a student senator, Treasurer of the Sphinx Club and the IFC, President of College Republicans, and has held a variety of positions in his house, Phi Kappa Psi.

Kellerman and Kleiman have plans for an administration that emphasize active campus involvement, inclusiveness, and transparency. They intend to develop and further refine the existing committee structure in the senate to better include a wide-range of student opinions and groups. They hope to create an administration whose actions accurately represent the whole student body and to plan student activities that bring together different Greek, independent, and cultural communities across campus. "We to make sure that big expenditures that the Student Senate do are up to the people," Kellerman said. "If they want to do a National Act again or do several smaller events, let the people decide. I want to make sure the people have the ability to do that."

NATHAN GRAY '20 | STAFF WRITER • It is no secret that Wabash takes its mission seriously. That is why Wabash students have the opportunity to showcase effective leadership through various roles in student government. With this, during next week's campus elections, students will not only choose their class representative to the next senate convocation; they will also select the next student body president and vice-president that will lead the Student Senate.

Needless to say, this decision is an important one for the campus. "The President of the Student Body sits on the Board of Trustees as the student representative," Andrew Powell '17, current student body president, said. "As student body president, you set the tone for the student body. You meet with the president of the College. You meet with the deans. You are that liaison between the student body and the college." Additionally, the student body president is responsible for making cabinet appointments in the new administration and responding to situations that affect the campus and students. This year, there are two tickets competing for this top spot.

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VICE-PRESIDENTIAL
DEBATE**

MONDAY @ 8:00

VOTING STARTS

DEC. 5 AFTER DEBATE

VOTING CLOSSES

DEC. 8 @ 7 P.M.



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ROEHM-KHAN

NATHAN GRAY '20

STAFF WRITER • The other ticket is made up of presidential candidate Jacob Roehm '18 and running mate Ahad Khan '19.

Roehm is currently the Sergeant-at-Arms of Delta Tau Delta and is a philosophy and political science double major. In addition to being on Student Senate, Roehm is the Treasurer of the Pre-Law Society and Model UN, President of College Democrats, and works as a research assistant in the library. His running mate, Khan, is political science major and a rhetoric and religion double minor. Khan is also a current member of the Student Senate, staff writer for *The Bachelor*, President of

the Cricket Club, and an active member of Model UN, Pre-Law Society, and Parliamentary Union.

Roehm and Khan hope to create an administration that fosters unity within the Wabash community. Both Roehm and Khan expressed appreciation for the diversity on campus and seek to engage as many students in planning and participating in campus life. "I want to focus on creating a responsive student government that brings in voices from across the campus," Roehm said. "In addition, I want my administration to act as good stewards of Student Senate funds and provide as many students as possible with the benefits that this money can provide."

HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

THANKSGIVING TEASE

Students returned to campus with the taste of turkey on their tongues and sweet winter break on their minds. The long week of relaxation came to an abrupt end for students when they realized that we still have three more long weeks left. The so-called “dead” week and finals week are upon us. Hang in there, Wallies.

MYSTERIOUS EMAIL

Hi-Five to the mysterious John Roy, who replied to Michael Wilson’s ‘17 email on a gmail account. Not to be found on the directory and with no Wabash email in sight, Roy’s words were both cowardly and confusing. The email listserv is not a Yik Yak account, gentlemen. Please, keep it civil.

WABASH WATCHMAN

Hi-Five to our admirable Dean of Students for keeping the law in the all-student email chains. As we the students were plagued with political views early Tuesday morning, Dean Raters came to the rescue and quickly brought the hammer down at 3:47 a.m. Only taking 52 minutes to respond, the student body was again reminded of the faithful Watchman that is always there to keep our inboxes safe.

TARRING AND FEATHERING BOOKS

Hi-Five to the portley, cigarette-smelling men that have been working tirelessly on top of Lilly Library. Since mid-semester, the members of Wabash have been graced with the pleasant smell of burning tar, but recently, a new aspect of the construction has come about. While glossing over an isle at the library, students found books covered in tar that had fallen from the roof. Nothing makes for a great read like the feeling of tar between your fingers.

EVERYONE LIST, C’MON!

Way to go Michael Wilson ‘17! Even after two @everyone emails that clearly explained why we cannot and should not use College resources to advocate for or against a political figure, you took it upon yourself to completely disregard that advice. Guess your four years weren’t as productive as admissions claims.

DIGESTING FOOD PROBLEMS AT WABASH COLLEGE

**ROGENO MALONE ‘20, BALLARD
SUITER ‘20, BRENDAN MCCOY ‘20,
RHETT HELT ‘20** | GUEST WRITERS •

Wabash College faces problems with food services in terms of food accessibility, food quality, a stunted dining experience, and food cost.

Accessibility

At Wabash College, there are only a handful of places where students can access food. The coffee shop, 1832 Brew, does not offer meals and the Scarlet Inn is not compatible with student meal plans. So, either the Sparks Center or a fraternity kitchen is the main source of nutrition. Both offer food only during certain hours, leading to a major issue of accessibility for students.

The problem is most acute for dinner, especially for athletes. At Sparks, dinner goes from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m. while the sporting hours go until 6:20 p.m. Even when athletes can get to Sparks, they do not have time to shower first, and they may face long lines and wait times. Fraternity athletes often miss dinner with brothers because their practice schedules do not correlate with dinner times of their houses.

“(I) don’t get to catch up with my brothers, I just catch up with my buds from lacrosse,” Sam Stewart ‘19 said. Due to the limited timing of fraternity dinner, he dines without his fraternity brothers and instead eats with independent teammates.

On the weekend, Sparks offers two different types of meals, brunch and dinner, for independent students. Brunch runs from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., while dinner goes from 5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. Yet students, such as Weston Murphy ‘20, feel restricted by the weekend hours of Sparks.

“I wish Sparks would expand their weekend hours specifically,” Murphy said. “It’s only two meals and that is not enough.”

However, fraternity students are left with a different reality. Some fraternities, including Kappa Sigma and Sigma Chi, do not provide meals on the weekends and use leftovers from the weekdays to feed brothers. Overall, some brothers, like Sigma Chi member Austin Brown ‘17, feel stranded on the weekend and hope that the weekend food accessibility will improve.

Food Quality

Some students have complained about the quality of food provided by Sparks and fraternities. Students such as Stewart wish the food was healthier.

“(The) average health value could be better, could be more options that supplement a healthier life,” Stewart said.

Other students have shared the difficulties of eating with a restricted diet, such as vegetarians and vegans.

“As a vegetarian, it is hard to choose between the things I can eat,” Enrique Vargas ‘19 said. “The cook, however, will cook me a veggie burger or try to make something vegetarian for us.”

Indeed, both Sparks and fraternities accommodate the needs of vegetarians and try to offer healthy options. Bon Appetite has won 21 awards, such as most vegetarian contentious and entrepreneur of the year award, according to the Bon Appetit Management Company.

However, the food that is provided for vegetarians and vegans can lack variety. Eli Shadwick ‘20 stated that the food at Sparks is recycled and should be more diverse for the amount students pay. “We have the same type of food every week,” Shadwick said. “They need to mix it up some.”

Dining Experience

Compared to the dining facilities of schools similar to Wabash, such as Hampden-Sydney College or DePauw University, Wabash lacks a centralized dining location. Wabash boasts over ten campus kitchens which separate independent and fraternity students. Some students, such as Vargas, prefer the current model of campus dining.

“Fraternity life gives you the ability to skip long lines (at Sparks) and eat with family,” Vargas said. “It’s better to eat with people you know.”

Other students, however, would prefer a central dining location that brings together independent and fraternity men. According to a Martindale freshman, a central dining location would be good for campus unity.

Additionally, some alumni and trustees have been disappointed by attending formal meals in the Allen Center, according to Dean of Students Mike Raters ‘85. They would prefer a more suitable venue, but none currently exist that can hold enough people and serve meals.

Cost & Waste

Currently, some students hold the perception that an abundance of campus food goes to waste. Caleb Larson ‘19 of Kappa Sig speculated that upwards of twenty gallons of food was thrown away each month by his fraternity.

But what is the reality? Both Sigma Chi cook Troy Cooksey and Mary Jo Arthur, Bon Appetit General Manager, reported that their organizations cook food in smaller batches to eliminate waste. Additionally, Bon Appetit combats food waste through utilizing a “Low Carbon Diet” program, which educates staff and monitors serving size. The decreased portions have upset some independent students like Murphy. However, the Bon

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EARLY RECRUITING

AHAD KHAN '19 | STAFF WRITER

• With the changes to the filing deadline of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) this year, Wabash has made substantial changes to its student recruitment process. Specifically, the FAFSA changes have accelerated deadlines by approximately three months. This year, the FAFSA was made available to the students from October 1 this year whereas previously it wasn't available until January. "Given what we knew about a family's decision-making process and knowing that students could apply for financial aid earlier, we needed a signature visit program earlier in the process," Chip Timmons '96, Associate Dean for Enrollment, said. From this mindset, the Scarlet Honors Weekend was born.

In his view the college couldn't afford till March to have a program like this anymore. After much contemplation, the faculty and staff decided this weekend as the most appropriate.



Chip Timmons

The presence of students on campus, the vigor of activities, and the buzz and excitement of finishing off the semester strong were all factors that contributed to the selection of this weekend as the best choice for presenting ourselves to prospective students.

As of Monday, November 28, a total of one hundred and ninety one students had registered for the Scarlet Honors Weekend. The event started Friday for the majority of the students and on Wednesday for the Lilly Scholarship competitors.

All of these students will get to experience a class in Wabash, which they selected upon their invitation to the event. With this, many were given assignments to read before Thanksgiving break to get prepared for the classes. In addition, the class sizes were restricted to ten students each to ensure that students are able to get a glimpse of what it's like to be in a small classroom setting where everyone's participation is necessary. "We are trying to showcase all the things that are special about Wabash," Timmons said.

Tyler Wade '12, Senior Assistant

Director of Admissions, worked extensively with a student committee to come up with engaging and entertaining activities for the incoming students. The committee was comprised of Holten Warriner '17, Logan Kleiman '18, Jack Kellerman '18, Jacob Woodward '18, Hank Horner '18, and Ryan Gross '17. All of the members worked closely to identify and promote the fun aspects of being a Wabash student. To this end, there will be a comedian on campus tonight for an event that the entire student body is invited to. "It is very exciting that we were able to work with the student government to run the event," Wade said.

The committee also worked closely with the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) and fraternities to help them refocus their recruitment efforts. "We know that our students often times do a better job of selling the campus than lots of other groups," Wade added. "We've been impressed with the student leadership and their participation so far."

He was of the view that if prospective students meet with current students, it would help make connections that which are another vital part of Wabash's education.

The official activities of the weekend for prospective students are scheduled to wrap up at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, but they are encouraged to stay on campus and meet club representatives at the Club Fair in the Detchon International Center, followed by the wrestling meet and a home basketball game. These are important informal activities, as students will be able to see for themselves what sort of activities here on campus interest them.

Besides the students, Timmons also noted the amount of help that other members of the Wabash community gave to the event. "The support from the faculty in this effort has been fantastic," he said. At such a crucial juncture of the semester, twenty-five faculty members stepped up and agreed to lead the classes that will immerse these high schoolers in a Wabash experience. "We just put up a call for volunteers, they stepped up, and it has been a great partnership," Timmons said.

The Admissions Office hard work and efforts are greatly appreciated by everyone on campus and we wish them the very best for the success of this weekend.

Appetit Managing Company claims the decrease in portion size has reduced the company's food was by 30 percent.

Waste may not be a problem, but the cost of food limits what fraternities and Bon Appetit can provide. The cost of food is the same for all incoming freshmen.

"Freshman are all billed the same so they don't make a decision where to live based on price," Chief Financial Officer Larry Griffith said.

After students complete their freshman year, the cost of their meal plan will fluctuate. Independent students eating at Sparks pay approximately \$1,000 per year, while fraternity men pay varying amounts depending on which house they live in. According to Bloomberg.com, fraternity

students using Campus Cooks (the food provider for TKE and Sigma Chi) pay between \$2,000 and \$4,000. Yet this increased cost for students living in TKE and Sigma Chi still does not allow for meals on the weekend. Cooksey struggles to provide

brothers with food on the weekends due to a lack of funding. "I need more money for the weekends, the financial aid department at Wabash has to say yes," he said.

Food issues at Wabash will continue to persist, but, through a prolonged process of faculty and student awareness as well as a push for change, the problem can diminish.

The culinary tension at Wabash could be cut with a butter knife. What do we want, and what are we willing to sacrifice?

In interviews, many students voiced their concerns about food accessibility, quality, dining experience, and cost. The problem is that improving one concern can create even more problems elsewhere because the issues are interconnected. The food services problem is wicked because it cannot be completely solved. No perfect solution exists that can fix all of the issues.

Understanding the tensions and tradeoffs involved with these issues can help our community decide which concerns to prioritize as we enhance food services at Wabash College.

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CALL TO ACTION FOR STUDENT INPUT

JAMES BOVIS '20, CAM MORGAN '20, HADLEY REINHARDT '20, BOBBY SCHEELE '20 | GUEST WRITERS • Wabash College wants students to voice their opinions about how to improve on-campus food services. This is a rare opportunity for the student body to find better dining options for the future.

Since late October 2016, there has been an ad hoc committee with two trustees from the Buildings and Grounds Committee and two trustees from the College Life Committee. Chaired by Dean of Students Mike Raters '85, the group will spend the next 13-15 months exploring several campus issues.

Food services is one of the main issues the committee will consider and it is of utmost importance to Wabash men. Some students have expressed disappointment in the food quality and accessibility at the Sparks Center and fraternities. Also, they have concerns about the costs and dining experiences. The committee's focus is to solve and satisfy students' eating experiences.

However, on its own, how is a committee supposed to fix these problems if they don't normally experience eating on campus? This is where the students of Wabash College can benefit most by providing key input and perspectives so the committee can find the best solutions. Unlike most colleges and universities, Wabash has a unique brotherhood that is united and proactive.

So how can we help? Where can we go to provide this necessary input? How can we suggest ideas to the committee?

Ways to Participate

I. Write a reply to today's articles to potentially be featured in *the*

Bachelor next week.

II. Meet with Dean Raters and other interested people to provide a testimony as to why and how you feel food services on campus need to change.

III. Take a survey when it is presented by the ad hoc committee next year.

IV. Participate in upcoming focus group discussions. To prepare, decide what sacrifices you're willing to make in order to gain different types of improvements.

V. Collectively make a petition telling the ad hoc committee to provide what you want to have changed about food services on campus.

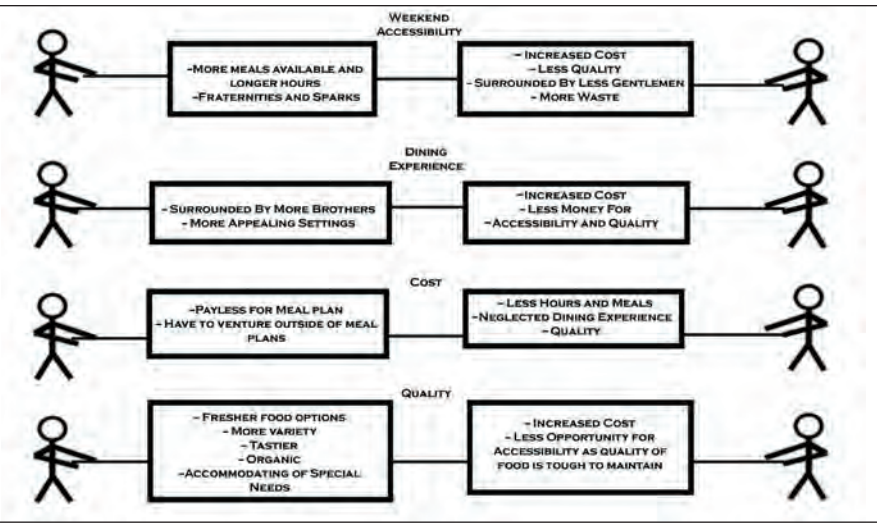
Why Get Involved?

The future of Wabash needs your creative minds to propose ideas and solutions to improve the problems associated with food services at Wabash. Although these solutions mean change, change is good. Finding solutions for this problem can benefit our overall health and dining experience here at Wabash.

How can students, as a whole, come together to help find justifiable solutions that will satisfy our nutritional needs? What do you want to see implemented into the future of campus foods?

This is a call to action for all Wabash men who want to see improvement and solutions for the future of the campus food dilemma and those who want to see change across campus. All input is helpful.

The ad hoc committee needs multiple perspectives, so don't be afraid to offer criticism or complaints about the dilemma. Change is coming to Wabash College, and it needs the students to guide it. Go take action and get involved today.



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THE GOOD IN PROCRASTINATING

We've all heard from fraternity brothers, roommates, or even random guys in the library claim "I have this going on", "I have this exam on Thursday", or "I have a review session" as an excuse for not doing something. In response, I'm sure we've all said, "You're the only one who goes to Wabash?" It is very true that our Alma Mater challenges us all in many ways and we pride ourselves on our work ethic, almost wearing our presumed lack of free time as a badge of honor.

However, I have observed something in my relatively short time at Wabash. We all say that we have no time, yet we all manage to spend hours upon hours every week playing FIFA, Netflix and chilling, etc. In other words, we still goof off just as much as your average college student. The main difference is that we still go to class and do our work; we just sometimes do it the night before it's due. Don't get me wrong - I am as guilty of spending far too much time procrastinating as the next Wally. My recent brush with a



Brent Breese '19

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ten-page draft written in about five hours has inspired me to address this problem of procrastination and make a declaration that will make everyone happy: procrastination isn't always a terrible thing.

Before you get ahead of yourselves, I do not recommend what I had to do recently, nor do I recommend cramming for your next exam the night before or morning of. That sort of procrastination is just plain stressful. I am talking specifically about the small assignments, the ten-pointers, the saplings, etc. Think about the last time you put something small of until the last moment. You had a

few short-response questions and didn't have the luxury of sitting around and pondering over the many possibilities for answering the question. You went with the first thing that came to mind and rolled with it. I see a connection here to several real-world applications that you may have seen before.

Think about real-life, outside of Wabash situations wherein you have to think on your feet. You don't have time to find a perfect idea, just the best one you can think; interviews, discussions, debates, etc. Granted, there is a certain amount of preparation one can have for things of this nature, but it is truly impossible to prepare for every single question anyone could ask you at any point in time. The liberal arts, and Wabash specifically, proudly advertise that graduates possess skills that will allow them to excel in the real world, whether it be a graduate school or career. I firmly believe that improvisation and the ability to respond quickly to a situation with the best solution possible is an invaluable skill.

Again, don't go into your next Con Law debate and say "I'm gonna wing it." In fact, I think Professor Himself will more than likely have a few words to say about this whole idea of procrastination.

My main point is that procrastination is alive and well at Wabash, whether we like it or not. I'm merely making the observation that there is a silver lining to grinding something out an hour before it is due. A large chunk of our educational experience involves sitting down and spending a lot of time preparing well-developed papers and projects. Yet, we cannot ignore that our lives will most certainly throw things at us that will force us to improvise. A big, and probably terrifying example for our seniors, is comps. One can study, study, study for days (as I hope you guys do), but you are going to need to think on your feet. In the end, I wouldn't advise procrastinating for comps, because orals are just part of it. But if you do, at least you'll be able to amaze your board with your quick responses.

A JOURNALISM EXPERIMENT

How can journalists motivate readers to become active participants in solving the problems they report on? How can they help their communities make wise choices?

My freshmen tutorial students and I sought answers to those questions this semester. We studied the strengths and weaknesses of three forms of journalism: traditional, partisan, and public. And my students wrote stories on food services at Wabash College, published in this week's issue of the Bachelor. Their articles represent the students' best efforts at a mixture of traditional and public journalism.

We're all familiar with traditional journalism. It's the kind that emphasizes facts and attributes opinions to sources. It aims to

inform readers about a topic. The article about the current problems with food services reflects this type of journalism. On their own, unfortunately, stories like this can leave readers feeling overwhelmed or hopeless.

Public journalism strives to correct such pessimism. It invites readers to deliberate possible solutions to thorny problems and encourages them to participate in their betterment. The articles in today's paper on the tradeoffs involved in ameliorating food services, and on how and why students can get involved with the issue reflect public journalism.

My students also practiced public journalism by choosing food services as their journalism topic. We wanted a wicked problem—that is, one with interconnected

parts that cannot easily be solved to everyone's satisfaction. Also, we wanted an issue important to the paper's primary readers: the students.

I'd like to thank the Bachelor's editorial staff for graciously providing space in today's paper for my students' work. I appreciate Cole Crouch '17 and Dean of Students Mike Raters '85 for meeting with my students. And thanks to the many of you who agreed to be interviewed by my students.

To write their news articles, my students interviewed peers, cooks, and administrators, and they conducted library research. They pieced together everything they learned to discern four major components of the problem: food quality, accessibility, cost, and dining experience. From there,

they chose a three-article news package and drafted and redrafted their stories.

Along the way, my students and I discovered how hard it is to do any kind of journalism well. Deadlines cut short research time. Not everyone will speak "on the record." The Associated Press style can be difficult, and writing and editing in small groups is taxing.

We learned a lot from this journalism experiment, and we hope the articles on food services teach you something new. More than anything, we hope they help you to think more deliberately about the issue and encourage you to get involved in making food services on campus better than ever.

Dr. Jennifer Abbott, Associate Professor of Rhetoric

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

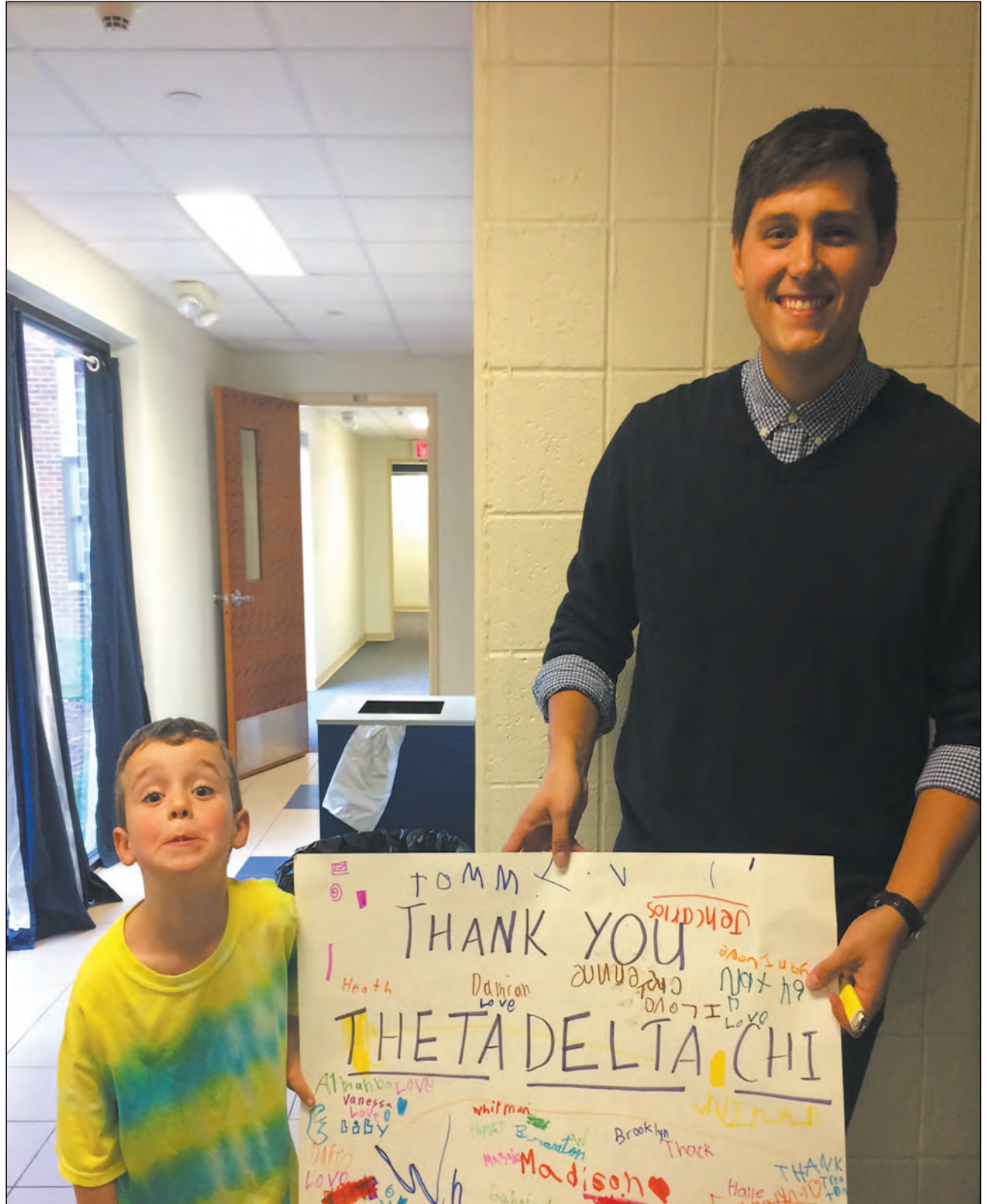
I'm writing to express my deep appreciation, on behalf of the Boys and Girls Club of Montgomery County, to the men of Theta Delta Chi. This fall, they offered valuable help this fall with the Under-8 soccer program at the Boys and Girls Club. Each Tuesday and Thursday night, a group of Theta Delts showed up to help lead drills, corral kids, offer moving targets for practice shots, and serve as human jungle gyms. Along the way, they modeled good spirit and sportsmanship for the blossoming soccer players, showcased Wabash's philanthropic spirit to the Crawfordsville community, and contributed to breaking down stereotypes across the "town-gown" divide.

I know that this type of volunteer work is not limited to the Theta Delts. After all, every Thursday at 4 p.m., the boys in College Mentors for Kids stampede past my office in Detchon. But I know that the Boys and Girls Club often needs coaches or helpers for a number of sports, and I think Wabash men are very well-positioned to lend a hand. (For that matter, there are even sponsorship opportunities for teams, and I would love to see the t-shirts for the Delta Tau Delta purple team or the Beta Theta Pi sky-blue team.) The work lasts only a short time each week, has high-visibility, and makes a big impact in our community. Additionally, it is fun and rewarding both to goof around with the kids and to clear your head amid busy weeks on campus.

If you're interested in opportunities with the Boys and Girls Club, please feel free to contact me or Professor Horton, and we can connect you with the folks in charge.

In gratitude for the many ways Wabash students serve our community,

Dr. Jeremy Hartnett, Associate Professor of Classics



LEVI GARRISON '18 / PHOTO

WALLIES VISIT THE HOLY LAND

BEN JOHNSON '18 | NEWS

EDITOR • Usually with the arrival of Thanksgiving break, there are a large number of Wabash students and faculty traveling across the globe to gain a deeper understanding of their course curriculum through immersion trips. This semester, however, there was only one class that traveled internationally, but Professor of Religion Robert Royalty's REL 290 class was able to travel to sacred sites in the land of Israel/Palestine.

The class, entitled "Sacred Texts, Sacred Sites," has been studying all semester about the three Abrahamic religions, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, and their conflicts in the Holy Land. Students were able to experience those sites firsthand over Thanksgiving break as they visited such sites as the Western Wall, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and Dome of the Rock. Royalty's class started their journey landing in Tel Aviv, traveling to the ancient port city of Caesarea. Students were able to see the spots of destruction and rebuilding of the Herodian city off the coast of the Mediterranean Sea.

"Seeing where different layers of history have been built, destroyed, rebuilt, destroyed, etc. was really neat to see," Aaron Becker '17 said. "It's always nice to see the sites and trace it back to scripture; that was really exciting for me." At the ancient sites, students were able to walk the steps of an ancient amphitheatre and see aqueducts dating back to Ancient Roman times. Students then traveled to Acre, an important coast city for the Crusaders to invade Jerusalem, and walked the underground tunnels of another ancient city near Nazareth known as Megiddo.

Students then spent the rest of their time in Jerusalem to study some of the important sites of Western history. Many students felt honored to witness Islamic shrines like the Dome of the Rock and Jewish holy prayer sites like the Western Wall.



Luke Gunderman



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Dan Azar '18 enjoys himself while riding a camel in Israel.

Speaking to locals was especially impactful for some to get to know the current political climate of the area between Palestinians and Israeli Jews.

"Going into the trip, I thought it would be about seeing the religious sites, specifically walking where Jesus may have walked," Luke Gunderman '18 said. "However, the most impactful part was talking to people that lived there and hearing more about the modern problems."

The class journeyed to Bethlehem in the West Bank to see the Church of the Nativity and also spoke with Palestinian students at Bethlehem University. Wabash students were

able to learn from their Palestinian peers about the current conflict between Israel and Palestine. Bethlehem University students told their own personal stories to the class about how the conflict has affected their own lives and what their struggle is like.

The class also had the opportunity to have dinner with a Jewish family on Shabbat, the Jewish Sabbath. Likewise, Wabash students asked the host family many questions about Jewish customs, as well as current issues, like the Jewish perspective on Israel/Palestine conflict.

For the rest of their time in

Jerusalem, students were able to journey through the Temple Mount and see monumental archeological discoveries, such as the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Aleppo Codex. Many students took lessons from the immersion trip and the people they were able to meet.

"I think it showed me that there are always two sides to a story," Greg Sklar '17 said. "We can't just look at what the media shows us or what one person says, but we have to look at all sides to really gain the truth." In a class on contested texts and contested sites, students saw this contestation transform from antiquity to the current day.

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WDPD AIDS BLUEGRASS COMMUNITY

CHARLES FREY '19 | STAFF EDITOR

• Thanksgiving Break was a busy time for many Wabash students. Some had papers to write, others had research to do, while still more traveled at the expense of potentially missing out on family time or Black Friday shopping. Though unlike most students, the Wabash Democracy Fellows took time out of their busy schedules before break to travel to Leslie County, Ky. where they led a discussion centering about economic advancement for the community. The group travelled to this county in particular because 23.9% of the population is below the poverty level, which is a little under twice the national average to put the statistic in perspective.

The inspiration to host a discussion dedicated to economic advancement for the community came from Senior Fellow Anthony Douglas '17. Douglas had an internship last summer in Leslie county, giving him a strong relationship with members there. While working, he had a conversation with his former boss about the Wabash Democracy and Public Discourse group and how the WDPD could be a useful resource for Leslie County. Since then, Douglas put Sara Drury, Assistant Professor of Rhetoric, in contact with his old boss, and the three planned the trip for WDPD and collectively decided on the topic of economic opportunities.

"We had the unique opportunity to go down there and lead this conversation," Douglas said. "We spent the first day exploring Leslie County—the School of Bluegrass Music, the Coalminer's Memorial, and a couple of other things. It was a great cultural experience. Later that

evening, we ended up having our conversation where a large number of the community came out to share their ideas on what economic opportunities are available and what new opportunities we could explore for Leslie County."

The WDPD engaged with the community for just that one night, but the impact they had will start the ball rolling for an upward economic movement. By the end of the discussion, the Fellows were most excited with how passionate the citizens were about bettering their situation. "I hope that, with the report we're writing for them, the people of Leslie County can take the steps necessary to improve their community," Douglas said. "They were so loving and welcoming while we were there."

Michael Lumpkin '18 was another member of the WDPD on the trip. Like most of the group, he didn't know much about the community other than what information they found preparing for the trip. "Every time we do one of these I learn about the community and its ability to adapt," Lumpkin said. "It's an amazing community down in Leslie County, an area that has undergone many stereotypes—all of which are unjustified—and it takes going down to the Eastern Kentucky area to really digest and understand what the community brings."

The entire trip was considered to be a success by Leslie County and members of the WDPD. Members of the WDPD all believe they gained valuable experience and they hope to visit and help communities like Leslie in the near future.



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Isaac Empson '17 talks with member of Leslie County.

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Rhett Helt '20 approaches a Rose-Hulman opponent as the rest of the Wabash defense gets set. Wabash defeated Rose-Hulman 69-53 at Chadwick Court.

BASKETBALL REBOUNDS AGAINST ROSE-HULMAN

WABASH BASKETBALL EVENS THEIR RECORD WITH WIN AGAINST ROSE

ZACH MOFFETT '20 | STAFF WRITER

During the duration of break, the Little Giants basketball team had four games. Their first two games were in Birmingham, Ala. in a tournament. The team left on the Friday prior to Thanksgiving break with a nine-hour trek. They faced Rust College on Saturday, and then faced Birmingham Southern the following day. They followed the tournament with a home game against Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology on Sunday, November 27. Finally, the team played a very tough game this past Wednesday night against Evansville. Overall, the Little Giants finished the stretch on a much better note than their home opener.

On Saturday, November 19, Wabash faced off against Rust College and had a weak start, quickly falling behind by ten in the first five minutes of the game. However, they made up this deficit

with excellent rebounding, finishing the game with 49 compared to Rust's 22. This part of their game has really helped put pressure on opposing teams, and they did just that with Rust. Colten Garland '20 also helped this, going 5 for 10 at three-point range; he would finish the game with 18 points. Evan Frank '19 picked up a double-double with 11 points and 15 rebounds. The Little Giants held in strong and played a great

“We can’t let the image of being a young team affect how we play.”

EVAN FRANK '19

second half, winning the game 77-72.

Following the game on Saturday, Wabash played Birmingham Southern College on that Sunday. They were a very experienced team and had three senior starters, with two other seniors

who would come in off the bench. This would show in the second half. In the first half, the Little Giants came out great with a 8-0 lead in the first couple minutes. They controlled much of the first half, but they had a hard time throughout the whole game controlling the paint; Birmingham scored 36 of its 72 points from there.

While that played a factor, four Little Giants scored in double digits. They improved on the free throw line though, finishing with 17-24 attempts. Garland finished with 15 points, making five three pointers again. However, the Little Giants could not finish and ended up taking a loss 65-72.

This past Sunday while everyone was coming back from a well-needed Thanksgiving break, the Little Giants played a home game against Rose-Hulman. They did not start off well in the first half, allowing for seven offensive rebounds. Frank led the charge offensively with 18 points while Ronald Ryan '19, Logan White '19, and Garland, which all scored ten points. This paid large dividends, they absolutely dominated Rose-Hulman in the second half. They out-rebounded the Fightin' Engineers 52-27 and they

WABASH: 39
EVANSVILLE: 83

NOVEMBER 30, 2016

finished the game, winning 69-53. This was a great way to start the new season and prepare for the rest of what will be a hard-fought season.

Head Coach Kyle Brumett was focused on several things this past week after an upsetting home opener performance two weeks ago. His main focus was to take what they needed to desperately work on and apply it in these next few games. “At this point in the season, we get better by practicing and also testing on the court,” Brumett said. This paired well with what Frank had to say as well. “We can’t let the image of being a young team affect how we play,” Frank said. With both of these confident and positive attitudes, it should lead to an impactful season for the Little Giants. They are working well as a team and they are finding out who the young leaders are. This is a building block for not only this year, but for the future of the program.

WABASH EIGHTH AT HOUSE OF CHAMPIONS

TUCKER DIXON '19 | SPORTS EDITOR • Over Thanksgiving break, the Wabash College Swimming and Diving team traveled to Indianapolis to compete in the IUPUI House of Champions Invitational. The field of competitors contained many great swimmers, so the Little Giants had to perform their best against if they were to bring home a solid team finish.

The swimmers battled through three days of grueling competition in the pool to earn eighth place among very good swimming and diving programs with a score of 454. Missouri State University earned the overall team victory with a first place score of 3,614.5.

Aaron Emree '19 was once again impressive on the diving board, posting two top-six finishes. In the three-meter dive, he earned a 251.85 to earn fourth place. In his second event, the one-meter dive, he placed sixth with an event score of 241.05.

Wabash's relay teams also had a very successful weekend with four teams posting top-ten finishes. In the 200-meter medley relay, the team of Joey Karczewski '20, Hunter Jones '20, Benny Liang '20, and Jacob Riley '20 combined

for a time of 1:34.18, putting them in seventh place.

The 200-meter free relay team of Wyatt Tarter '17, Liang, Karczewski, and Riley added an eighth-place finish with a time of 1:25.14. The 800-meter free relay Karczewski, Liang, Kyle Louks '19, and Tarter finished with a time of 7:04.26 to earn themselves a tenth place finish. Finally, the team of Karczewski, Jones, Liang, and Tartar came in with the final relay top-ten finish: a 10th place finish in the 400-meter medley relay with a final time of 3:28.22.

The top individual finish for the Little Giants went to Chris Dabrowski '19 with a ninth-place finish in the 1650-meter freestyle at a time of 16:16.38.

"This meet gave us plenty to think about heading into winter break and our upcoming training trip," Max Von Deylen '19.

On December 3, the Little Giants Swimming and Diving team will travel to St. Louis to compete in a triple-dual meet against the swimming programs of Maryville University, Eastern University, and host St. Louis Billikens.



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Wabash Swimming & Diving will compete in a triple-dual in Charleston, IL against three good swimming programs.



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Mason McKinney '17 leads a group of runners during the 2016 National Championships.



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Dominic Patacsil '19 and Mason McKinney '17 both finished in the top-100 at the National Championships.

COMPETING AT NATIONALS

PATACSIL '19 AND MCKINNEY '17 EARN TOP-100 SPOTS AT NATIONALS

EVAN HANSEN '19 | STAFF WRITER

November 19 marked a day of improvement and success for the Wabash Cross Country team as two of their members competed at the 2016 NCAA Men's Cross Country Championships. Mason McKinney '17 and Dominic Patacsil '19 both came to compete, finishing in the top-100 out of 280 total runners.

In the last race of the season and the final meet of his career at Wabash, McKinney finished with a time of 25:21.5. He placed 90th and had to battle through health ailments that had been affecting him for quite some time. With his finish in the 90th slot, McKinney was just 27 seconds out of

35th place. 35th was the perfect goal for McKinney and Patacsil, as this is the mark for All-American Honors; McKinney finishing just 27 seconds beyond that mark is an incredible feat nonetheless. Despite setbacks, McKinney was able to finish his senior season strong and demonstrate his unwavering commitment to the

"I missed All-America honors by 12 seconds, so needless to say, I want more."

DOMINIC PATACSIL '19

program. His performances this year set a great example for younger runners that are getting their first taste of the Wabash Redpack.

In last year's national championship meet, Patacsil finished 114th with a time of 25:35.10, but he was able to shave 12 seconds off his time this year. Patacsil's improvement landed him in 52nd place and demonstrated just how much someone could improve in one season. It is exciting to see Patacsil's improvement of 62 places from last year and to imagine the potential for next season. Patacsil will again be one of Wabash's top runners next season and will look to lead his younger teammates to new personal best times. It is important to note that Patacsil was just 12 seconds away from finishing with All-American Honors. The tremendous success he had this year speaks to the coaching and hard work put into the season. "My performance at Nationals was a pretty bittersweet experience,"

Patacsil said. "In the first 600m of the race, I got clipped from behind and went down in the middle of the pack, sacrificing my positioning... as well as much of the skin on my knees. From then on it was battling back, and I was really pleased with the way I was able to compete and finish. I wanted to be an All-American and missed that honor by 12 seconds, so needless to say, I want more. More races to come, hopefully better ones at that."

Despite both of the obstacles the Wabash runners faced, they were able to overcome them. Overall, congratulations to McKinney for all of his efforts over his impressive four-year career during his time here at Wabash and congratulations to Patacsil on his incredible finish in this year's national championship meet and his tremendous improvements from last season. It will be exciting to see what the Wabash Redpack has in store for next year's campaign.

WRESTLING PREPARES FOR LITTLE STATE

WRESTLING HAD NINE TOP-SIX FINISHERS AT CONCORDIA OPEN

CONNOR ARMUTH '19 | STAFF WRITER • On November 19, the Little Giant wrestling squad traveled north to Wisconsin for the Concordia University Open. This served as the first big test at the college level for many young Little Giants, as the whole team is able to compete in the open. Thanks to tenacious preparation, the Wabash wrestlers were able to put nine wrestlers on the podium for top-six finishes out of ten weight classes. These finishes included freshmen through senior competitors for the Little Giants.

Finishing second at the 133 pound weight class was Owen Doster '20, who started the day off by defeating the number two seed of the tournament in his first match. His performance was followed by a fifth place finish at the 141 pound weight class by Bryce Everson '20. Griffin Shermer '19 secured a fifth-place finish in the 149 pound weight class. Number one seeded Nick Bova '17 finished third at the 157 pound weight class after a very close loss in the semifinals. At the 165 pound weight class, Ethan Herrin '20 took a fifth place victory by injury default over Connor Brummett '17, who took home sixth. Brummett suffered an injury in his semifinals match that did not allow him to compete for the remainder of the day. Two more Little giants shared places at the 174 pound weight class, with Darden Schurg '19

and Grant Gough '18 earning fifth and sixth respectively. Rounding out the placements for Wabash was Sam Hipple '20 with a fourth place finish in the heavyweight division. Riley Lefever '17 did not compete in the Concordia Open after a first place finish the weekend before at Iowa State's Harold Nichols Cyclone Open.

Despite impressive performances, there were a few Little Giants who were unhappy with their finishes. "Personally, I believe that I could've came out stronger and wrestled a better tournament, but that's why there's always room for improvement," Chris Diaz '19 said. "As a team, I believe we came out strong and battled hard which resulted in a few placers. For this upcoming weekend, I plan on coming out even stronger than before for this tournament."

Rather than disappointment, the resonating theme throughout

the wrestlers was to build off of the weekend and see what aspects each individual needed to key on in practice. "I didn't have the performance I was looking for, but that stuff happens," Jacob Ferris '20 said. "I'm going to use the experience to learn from my losses and better myself as a wrestler." Maintaining such a successful program year after year requires the absence of complacency, and that is exactly what the team displayed in their willingness to learn from the weekend.

It seems that the Wabash wrestling team will have a deep line up with lots of talent and plenty of athletes ready to step up and fill a varsity role. Little Giant wrestling fans have a lot to be excited about, judging by the performances of the underclassmen. Wabash wrestling will be back in action on December 3, hosting the Indiana Little State tournament.

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Wabash had nine top-six finishers in their meet against Concordia. The Little Giants will compete at home at the Indiana Little State meet on December 3.

WABASH SPORTS ANNOUNCEMENTS



LEVI GARRISON '18 / PHOTO

Kyle Stucker '17 clears a path for Shamir Johnson '17 during the 2016 Monon Bell game.

WRESTLING HAS NINE TOP-SIX FINISHERS

Wabash Wrestling traveled to Wisconsin over Thanksgiving Break to compete at Concordia University.

During the event, Wabash placed nine wrestlers on in the top-six wrestlers among the different weight classes.

Owen Doster '20, Nick Bova '17, Sam

Hipple '20, Brice Everson '20, Griffin Schermer '19, Ethan Herrin '20, Connor Brummett '17, Darden Schurg '19, and Grant Gough '18 all finished in the top-six wrestler of their respective weight classes. See article on page 15 for more details.

STUCKER NAMED ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN

Kyle Stucker '17 (pictured left) has just recently been named to the 2016 Academic All-America DIII First Team by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Stucker, who finished up his senior season in this year's loss to DePauw, earned All-NCAC First Team honors as well (see below).

As a rhetoric major and biology and chemistry double-minor, Stucker has earned himself a cumulative GPA of 3.82.

During his time here at Wabash,

Stucker has been the president of Beta Theta Pi and has been involved in the Chemistry Club and Pre-Health Society.

In addition, during his time as a Senior Fellow, Stucker has done extensive work with Wabash Democracy and Public Discourse initiative in leading public deliberation and promoting civic engagement.

Check out next week's edition for a full article on Kyle Stucker's achievements.

FOOTBALL ALL-NCAC TEAM

Although Wabash lost the Monon Bell game this year to DePauw and ended its season prematurely, there are still some accolades to be awarded to some of the Little Giants' roster.

The Wabash College Football Team placed 16 members of its 2016 team on the All-North Coast Athletic Conference team, by a vote of the conference's coaches.

Members from both Wabash's powerful offense and stout defense were selected to the All-NCAC team.

Wabash placed players on First and Second Team and the Honorable Mentions list.

- First Team : Connor Ludwig '17
Ethan Buresch '17
Austin Brown '17
Brian Parks '18
Sammy Adams '17
Kyle Stucker '17
Tim Leath '18
- Second Team : Matt Penola '19
Kyle McAtee '19
Andrew Tutsie '17
Alex Marr '20
- Honorable Mention:
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