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A few fraternities across campus have experienced extremely low numbers in pledge class this fall semester. To keep efficient numbers, some Greek organizations will expand recruiting efforts to the spring semester of 2017.

FRATERNITIES EXPAND PLEDGE PROGRAM TO SPRING FOR GREATER NUMBERS

BRYCE BRIDGEWATER '19 | STAFF WRITER

The first semester of the 2016-17 year at Wabash is coming to a close. With that, pledgship is also winding down for Greek life across campus. However, the spring semester this year at Wabash will not be a pledge-less wasteland as in years past. With the staggeringly low numbers of fraternity pledges this past semester, many houses are adding a spring pledgship to boost numbers.



Logan Kleiman

"We're planning on doing it just in hopes of increasing house numbers after two years of having a small fall class," Phi Psi brother Logan Kleiman '18 said.

The freshman class in fraternities hit low enough for multiple houses to look for other alternatives. With Scarlet Honors Weekend this past weekend, recruitment is the primary focus for fraternities for the next few months, whether the houses have a spring pledgship or not. However, Scarlet Honors did not appease all number problems for houses. With houses unable to hand out bids, the weekend only gave houses possible recruits for the future rather than commitments. Some houses on campus simply cannot rely on those "what if" prospects; some need results now.

Spring pledgship offers these houses the opportunity to make up some of the numbers lost to the new housing on campus. Freshmen have the ability to be a part of the Greek system after spending

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HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

DEPAUW GONE DRY

Hi-Five to our former Dean for Professional Development, Alan Hill. According to our rival's cleverly named newspaper, Hill has put a stop to all campus parties at DePauw due to recent student activity. Even though he's moved on to a worse place, at least he's keeping his new wards in line.

POWER WENT OUT

Hi-Five to *the Bachelor* for being the innovative and original paper it is. The staff acted like the creative writers they are and refused to take the easy road by making a Hi-Five about Tuesday's blackout. Oh... wait.

NO BREAK FOR SENIORS

From a senior: Please wish us luck as we continue the school year seemingly without a break. While you are relaxing at home sipping hot cocoa, we will be here. While you are playing with new toys, we will be here. While you are spending time with your family, we will be here. And, when you get back here, do not be surprised if we are not who you remember. We will have endured comps.

PERSON OF THE YEAR

Hi-Five to Violet Mayberry for allowing us to successfully have our meetings, despite not using the Scheduler correctly. Anyone who puts up with over 60 student clubs and their events deserves a Hi-Five.



DOUBLE STORY

Hi-Five to *the Bachelor* for running the same story twice last week. We secretly snuck in the extra story so that Mrs. Dixon (mother of Tucker Dixon, Sports Editor) had an excuse to call her son. She was among the few people that discovered our trickster ways. We hope she and the Dixon clan have an enjoyable Christmas season.

CORRECTIONS:

Logan Kleiman '18 had his name misspelled in the news section of the December 2 edition of *the Bachelor*.

The Bachelor also duplicated the story "Changing Food Services at Wabash: A Wicked Problem."

CAMPUS WELCOMES EARLY RECRUITS

171 PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS SEEK WABASH AS POTENTIAL COLLEGE OPTION

BRENT BREESE '19 | STAFF WRITER • Those in fraternities know that recruitment is a lifeblood. Without members that are actively seeking to do great things, fraternity organizations will inevitably fail. Such is the case with Wabash. As of late, the Admissions Office has adopted a policy of recruiting over a long period of time while focusing on engaging prospective students in Wabash culture.

With that, the first Scarlet Honors Weekend met astounding success. 171 students from across the country came to Wabash to explore campus and meet faculty, staff, and most importantly fellow students. "We feel really good about the event," Tyler Wade '12, Senior Assistant Director of Admissions, said. "It is the largest event of its type during the fall that we have ever had." The inspiration for the event came from the changing nature of college admissions, being that the students can now file the FAFSA as early as November.

"We want to get guys on campus earlier so they can see the best and brightest parts of Wabash," Wade said. This mentality strongly aligns with a longer progression of admission. "One of the focuses was taking a senior in high school and making them a Wabash student for 24 hours," Assistant Director of Admissions Matt Bowers '08 said.

Associate Dean of Students Marc Welch '99 agreed that Scarlet Honors was a great success. "I thought I experienced a lot of excitement and positive energy from both the prospective students and their parents," Welch said. "We had a lot of good leadership from fraternities for hosting dinners



Marc Welch

and overnight students, as well as RAs in residence halls." Overall, Greeks and Independents showed the standard Wabash hospitality. Those who attended

Honors Scholar as high school seniors remember the many exams fondly. Honors Scholar is quite different in the respect that it is less academically rigorous. That said, those who attended Scarlet Honors were still part of various classroom settings. "For some people, being rushed around and kept busy for 24 hours is just as demanding," Wade said.

Ultimately, this new event is representative of a shift in the college search process. Institutions all over the country are recruiting earlier because of the aforementioned FAFSA deadline change. The earlier start time gives families more time to make an informed decision about their college choice.

"A major benefit of this event was the cooperation and connection between everyone in the Wabash community," Bowers said. "The people who really sell this place are the faculty, the staff, and the students." Scarlet Honors emphasized interaction between these groups and the prospective students. We saw this as the students were hosted overnight by one living unit and invited for dinner by a different living unit.

"We talk about 900 ways to be a Wabash man and we want to make sure we aren't privileging one way over another," Wade said. "Given the breadth of activities going on, we are sure everyone



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found something or someone they could identify with." Indeed, the College wants to continue this academic, extracurricular, and cultural diversity.

Looking forward, Scarlet Honors will serve as a challenge to the community to connect with these prospective students and continue the constant challenge of recruitment for Wabash. Thus, Scarlet Honors will be the first big and involved Wabash experience. Admissions challenges Wabash students to continue recruitment up until the bigger events that will take place in March. These have typically served as a "final push" for potentially uncommitted prospective students, and another in-depth perspective of Wabash for those that are.

"One group that has become increasingly important in the college search is parents," Bowers said. This past weekend helped explain what the College is all about to them via numerous panels and informational meetings.

This way, parents that see their son coming here can help in the recruitment process by making sure that he is informed. Just as well, parents can start to understand why their son is so excited and committed to being a Little Giant, if that is the case.



Matt Bowers

Between the IFC, RAs, and fraternities, Scarlet Honors Weekend was a resounding success. Students experienced a day in the life of a Wally, hopefully attracting even more great men to grow and learn for the

next four years. Simultaneously, this weekend was a celebration of these great things Wabash can accomplish with hard work and diligence from administration, faculty, and especially the student body.



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High school seniors explored the Wabash campus this weekend in the first annual Scarlet Honors Weekend.

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LIVING THE WABASH DREAM

DOUGLAS '17 REFLECTS ON HIS EXPERIENCES AT WABASH, REVEALS PLANS MOVING FORWARD

PATRICK MCAULEY '20 | STAFF

WRITER • If there is one man at Wabash College that has spent his four years living the Wabash dream, it is Anthony Douglas Jr. '17. Before attending the College, Douglas grew up in South Bend, Ind. with his two parents, Anthony Sr. and Rachel, and his sister Paige. Douglas spent his high school years at South Bend Washington High School. Not only did he maintain the grades necessary to get into an institution such as Wabash, but he was actively involved in the cross country, track, and basketball teams, as well as student government. Douglas maintained a similar level of involvement while here at Wabash.

While here at Wabash, Anthony took it upon himself to broaden his involvement as a student. During his freshman year, he joined the MXI and recognized the organization for making him feel a part of a brotherhood.

"They gave me the foundation to build more relationships on campus," Douglas said.

Douglas is also heavily involved in the Wabash College Democracy and Public Discourse Initiative, an undergraduate research organization at the College that facilitates public conversation. Not only did this program build his skills as a Wabash man, but it helped him to realize the College's impact on neighboring communities. Douglas' involvement extended to a recent event with WDPD the week before Thanksgiving.

"I will look back on my experiences and how much we were able to impact communities and how much of an impact it had on ourselves," he said.

In addition, Douglas is a member of the Sphinx Club. This organization was a way for him to give back to the College. "It allowed me to profess my love for Wabash and how much it has done for me," he said. Complementing his campus involvement, Douglas seriously engages his academics with an eye towards the future.

He is a psychology major and is minoring in chemistry and biology. Many students may shy away from the subject, but Douglas' favorite class was organic chemistry because he enjoyed the challenging and rigorous nature of the problem solving. "I sort of like challenges, and

that is what chemistry is all about," Douglas said. His other favorite class was Introduction to Acting due to its change of pace and fun atmosphere. Douglas has also done research in deliberation and psychology.

"This semester I am looking at methods that reduce negative implicit attitudes and can that make positive change in how people behave," he said. "This is the best research I have been a part of." Even in his Religion 290 course, Douglas found a way to do research. He spent time in Israel studying Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, along with the long standing conflict between Israel and Palestine.

Douglas will be graduating this spring, but continues to progress in his academics with senior comprehensive exams right around the corner. Douglas' hard work and fortitude as a young man has helped him gain acceptance into IU School of Medicine and the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine, but he has not yet decided where he will attend next fall. Anthony describes his Wabash experience as being "spirited, life-changing, and confrontational." It is fair to say that he has not wasted any time in taking positive steps towards his future.



Douglas '17 discusses with fellow classmates during his immersion trip to Israel.



LEVI GARRISON '18 / PHOTO

Douglas '17 plans to attend medical school after graduation. Thus far, he has been accepted to Indiana University School of Medicine and Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

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a semester in the dorms. Also, it gives freshmen a chance to join the system after adjusting to Wabash for a semester. Beta Theta Pi, Theta Delta Chi, Tau Kappa Epsilon, and Phi Kappa Psi will all partake in a spring pledgship in 2017.

"Anytime houses continue to find opportunities to have the best people and recruit the best people is a good thing," Tyler Wade '12, Senior Assistant Director of Admissions, said.

However, spring pledgship does not seem to be the new norm for the houses on campus. Most houses are not looking for a year-round pledge program. It is important for many programs to keep the dynamic that the houses have now. Despite this desire, though, fraternities realize

the need to make adjustments to the recruitment process.

"As long as we have the opportunity to do two pledge classes a year, I'd be more than happy to continue this practice," Kleiman said.

"365-recruitment, I believe, is crucial to building up houses, especially when they have lower numbers."

Pledgship is a changing program with all houses on campus. With recruitment to Greek life becoming more difficult every year, houses are looking for other alternatives besides spring pledgship. At least in the short-run, though, spring pledgship might be the answer to the problems of low numbers across the campus, which may even serve as a precedent for spreading the practice to other houses on campus.



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PACTOR '04 TAKES HEAD OF CAREER SERVICES

NATHAN GRAY '20 | STAFF WRITER • On Tuesday, President Hess announced the new Director of the Schroeder Center for Career Development. Jacob S. Pactor '04 will begin his new role on January 3, 2017.

Upon graduating from Wabash, he received a master's degree in English from Butler University, an MBA from the University of Indianapolis, and a certificate in nonprofit management from Indiana University. Before accepting his new position, Pactor taught English and served as the Chair and Director of the Drama Department at Speedway High School. Also, Pactor held the position of Civic Engagement Manager for City Year Chicago, where he led a team of five members. In Chicago, he organized over 2,000 volunteers and oversaw ten different projects.

"I have an understanding of what it's like to be a Wabash student, what it's like to be an alumnus," Pactor said. "I understand the rocky road of career paths. It is not like my career path has been easy or linear. I have experience that allows me to think about what it means to find a career that allows you to grow as a person, and after being in high school setting for 12 years I understand that relationships are important."

As a student at Wabash, Pactor studied political science, history, and teacher education. He was a brother of Tau Kappa Epsilon and served as Editor-in-Chief of *the Bachelor*. As an alumnus, Pactor is a

Class Agent, has repeatedly received the Outstanding Class Agent Award, and has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Wabash Men.

"His association with the National Association of Wabash Men, and that combination of exposure and education gives him a great tool kit that would allow him to do the kind of work that we need to move these resources forward," Steven Jones '87, Dean for Professional Development, said.

In his new role as director, Pactor hopes to continue the work of the current team in expanding professional development opportunities and to encourage students to more actively seek and engage with the career resources already available on campus. As part of this, Pactor wants to work with existing student organizations, such as the Writing Center and living units, to make these resources more available and easier to use for students.

"I know he's a Wabash graduate," Kevin Huffman '19, who works at the Schroeder Center for Career Development, said. "So, he kind of knows our system, and what we do. We are excited to work with him here at Wabash and are ready for him to come in and get started."



Kevin Huffman

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF WABASH COLLEGE

As we reflect on the first ever Scarlet Honors Weekend and bring this fall semester to a close, I think it is worth looking at some of the things we tell these men we are recruiting to join our brotherhood. Every student who has been involved in the recruitment process—including myself—has used these phrases and aspects of our lives at Wabash as selling points to prospective high school seniors. However, I think it's extremely important to examine what we are telling these young men and ensure we are taking advantage of these great resources for ourselves.

The Wabash Mafia

Perhaps the most often cited and valuable resource we have to use here is our Wabash network of alumni. Our alumni base is an extremely powerful resource. We all have great relationships with alums who have been facilitated through fraternities, athletics, Career Services, and other departments on campus. But are you really investing in these relationships to the point where it could benefit you after your days at Wabash? Have you reached out to an alumnus seeking advice or guidance?



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I'm not advising anyone to send an email asking for a job or internship, and that's not how relationships work. But a substantial amount of students at Wabash have not done this and don't take advantage of this resource that we advertise to so many prospective students each year.

Faculty/Staff

Undoubtedly unique to Wabash—I can speak from experience here as a transfer student—our faculty and staff care about us and are extremely invested in our personal success as students, performers, and young men. Many of us have had great personal interactions with these people in

Freshmen Tutorial and EQ, at fraternity faculty dinners, at athletic events, club events, or Fine Arts performances. Many of us have been to office hours and received the extra help necessary to improve as students and Wabash men. There are many men on this campus who still do not. Moving forward, show up to class, go to office hours, and use these great people who want to help you be successful.

Career Services/ Liberal Arts Initiatives

As a liberal arts institution that offers little formal job training in an academic setting, these are some of our greatest resources as students and as recruiters of potential Wabash men.

We all came here because we believe that in some fashion Wabash will set us up for great post-graduate opportunities. I have heard countless pitches to aspiring entrepreneurs about the CIBE, learning doctors about the Global Health initiative, pre-law students about the WDPD, and the great services our Career Services Office has to offer. As a PCA at Career Services, I get to see first-hand how many people use our services. While there are many

ardent participants and the same five people who stop by Coffee and Careers each week to ask a token question for free coffee, there are still far too many students not using these incredible resources. As we look forward into internship season and for seniors, the daunting reality that is the real-world, I hope you think about why you came to Wabash and how you're using what this great place has to offer to reach your goals.

There is no cookie-cutter approach to a great Wabash experience and there is no sure-fire path to success either. I at times have neglected to use the resources provided to me and by no means have all the answers. I do know that as a recruit, I was sold by the Wabash Mafia, the great faculty and staff, and the professional development opportunities offered, and I know many of my friends and classmates were too. As you move forward through your Wabash journey and continue to recruit young men to join our brotherhood, please consider if you're really taking advantage of the things you're selling.

RELAX, THE SEMESTER IS ALMOST OVER

It's beginning to look a lot like... finals. Yes, that time of the year has rolled around again. Next week will probably be, for most of us, the most stressful week of the semester. Late nights will turn to early mornings, filled with constant trips to the restroom because of the caffeine overload. However, after the week is over, we will head home for a much needed (and deserved) Winter Break.

I think it's probably fair to assume that most students here, if not all, have constantly contemplated their reasons for coming here. Oddly enough, however, very few of us, if any, regret it. That's because this place is special. Above all, the one thing everyone here has in common is the fear of being average. It can be seen everywhere. The pride we take in our fight song, our creed that "Wabash Always Fights." It can



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be seen in how here at Wabash, we embrace the grind. We take pride in late nights and early mornings spent on our studies and numerous other responsibilities. We enjoy working tirelessly to be the best at everything.

As we head into next week, remember that Wabash College is special. Remember why you came here. You didn't want to take the easy road. You didn't want to go to

a state school and get an average education. You came here for a reason. Don't lose sight of that. You are a Wabash man.

When you're cramming for finals, it may be easy to feel like you're all alone. But you're not alone. We are all here for each other. Remember, you've gotten through 100% of the tough times so far, and that's pretty good. And finally, no one is ever too busy for a hug, and it doesn't take any extra time to smile and say hi to someone. Who knows? You might just make someone's day.

During this stress filled time, I am reminded of the words of Bill Placher '70: "It's easy to be cynical, and in the midst of cramming for a quiz, doing a lab, getting a paper written, you will often enough get cynical yourself. Yet I'd guess that you have come to college with dreams too.

Don't forget them. Find friends worth treasuring among students and faculty. Get involved. Don't ever be ashamed to be excited about learning. Now with the greens of high summer against the red brick, or later this fall with the trees on the east campus turned to a carnival of colors, or in deep winter with the mall all still under new fallen snow, do not be afraid to let the magic of this place work on you."

It may seem completely illogical, but take a few moments this week and next to stop, and just take it all in. Take the long walk back to your living unit after a class. Put down the book you're reading for a few minutes step outside and breathe. Stop when you're walking across the mall and look at just how beautiful this place is. Do not be afraid to let the magic of this place work on you.

POLITICAL SCIENCE IS NOT A SCIENCE

My economics textbook tells me that people are, for the most part, rational consumers. This means they will be most likely to act in their own self-interests in any given situation. Some form of this principle pervades all of the social sciences that I've come into contact with, including political science. Given the inability of anyone with a credible social scientific method to accurately predict the outcome of major global events, such as our own presidential election, the Brexit referendum, or the Columbia-FARC peace referendum, I have serious doubts about whether this discipline, which I happen to major in, can really set stock in its own predictive power.

Throughout history, the natural sciences have met their own difficulties with having to retool their methods in order to keep prediction in line with reality. This might seem a compelling reason to give social science a pass when mistakes are made, but there comes a point where slight tweaks in method are not the solution. Instead, there must be what physicist Thomas Kuhn



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called a "paradigm shift", where our perspective undergoes evolution on a fundamental level, to where the new science actually has very little in common with the old one.

In my opinion, all of the global events I listed earlier represent examples of people behaving irrationally. All of them indicate a global swell of anger, which, in the case of Brexit and the election of Donald Trump, are linked to a growing sense of alienation in a globalized world. On the face of it, this makes sense. Donald Trump won by convincing Rust Belt voters that he was their best shot to see a restoration of the blue collar manufacturing economy that was

so vital to their states. However, I have yet to be convinced that any of the outcomes in these situations represented any well-reasoned attempt to address the causes of that anger. I can intellectually understand why Hillary Clinton did not seem like the candidate of choice for those seeking to reverse the tide of globalism, but what I don't understand is what Donald Trump has done to address that other than align himself, and breathe life, into that anger. This is not the same as actually having an attainable plan that will deliver results.

So if it is indeed the case that these outcomes are more acts of protest than steps forward, this seems to me that political science's expectation of how human behavior should work is bent out of shape from how it actually seems to be working. This disparity indicates a serious question for the "science" part of political science. Are we merely out of touch with how to predict human behavior, or are we faced with a body of evidence that might suggest that human behavior is, at least not always, predictable? If all we can do is take retrospective

snapshots of past events and analyze how they occurred, how much use can we derive from that? The natural sciences enjoy the privilege of being able to infinitely replicate most of their experiments. Political scientists are not able to simulate identical elections, armed conflicts, or policy actions in order to isolate variables and control for them. Future cases of such events may resemble previous ones, but the likelihood of there ever being a "textbook" case of anything does not seem likely.

Political science is hobbled by its inability to experiment the same way natural sciences do, its relatively tiny sample size of global events to analyze, and its reliance on abstract assumptions about human behavior in lieu of direct knowledge in that regard. Lately, the practice of political science has even failed to gather the evidence to at least infer that these assumptions are accurate. This constellation of red flags should provide some food for thought for the aspiring political scientists at Wabash today, as well as anyone who has not had their faith in the discipline shaken recently.

BUILDING A 140 CHARACTER WALL

The world we live in is increasingly tech-centered and the recent presidential election, and now post-election period, is certainly no different. More than any other election, this year it was commented, play-by-play, by social media and internet outlets across the world. A specific example is the famed 140-character site, Twitter. Beyond the obvious increases in social media use during a time such as an election, the reason this particular election was more Twitter-focused is simple: Donald J. Trump.

President-elect Trump is, as we all know by now, an avid tweeter (and re-tweeter) of thoughts, feelings, and opinions. His tweets are often criticisms (and rants) against journalists, denunciations of news stories about himself, and updates of his campaign and life—all used to spread the ideology he stands for to some 16 million followers. Recent events have raised the question as to whether or not the @POTUS should be able to block anyone on Twitter. Here's my simple take: no. Twitter has become more than just



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a social media business and place to share memes; it has become a forum where political opinion and issues of democracy are discussed and raised (see: trending hashtags) as well as a place where news originates and quickly spreads.

Trump's voice is understandably much 'louder' online than many, and, although many disagree with him, it needs to be heard and comprehended. In a society that supposedly values transparency in government and as long as the President-elect continues to use his Twitter account in this manner, the public should not be denied access

to his thoughts and words. After all, they have proven to have a direct and immediate effect on news and media, particularly when they are controversial and even instigate hate or violence. People deserve to know what he is saying. Denying Twitter users the right to see the Tweets of the President-elect is simply unfair. Mr. Trump does not tweet musings about the weather or pictures of his brunch, but rather things that have real, immediate consequences.

Despite Twitter being a private business and although they may have no incentive to change their policies, I believe that they should step up to the plate. As the platform continues to be used as a means of political communication, they have a civic duty to fulfill in our democracy that goes beyond business: to allow Cubans access to tweets that say Trump will abruptly end the deal the U.S. has with Cuba, to allow protesters to read that he wants to put people in jail or revoke citizenship for burning the flag, and to allow journalists to see how the President-elect treats news outlets

that speak out against him. These are things people deserve to know, and know immediately, considering the effect his tweets have been shown to have.

This holds especially true for journalists. The President-elect has shown a particular dislike for those who exercise their freedom of speech by expressing opinions against him. Donald Trump should not allow only those who side with him to view the things he shares with his followers.

On the flip side, he should not only see tweets from people that he wants to hear from. Hearing news and opinions from a full spectrum of outlets and journalists is important in a democratic society, especially for the President-elect, and is necessary to fully formulate opinions - something that we all need to do. Hopefully, he will shift towards being more open to reading and seeing opinions against him in an effort to broaden his views of the world. Whether or not Twitter forces him to do so on their platform, only time will tell.

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS

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With Christmas break just days away, many students face an age-old question: what to do with an entire month off from class? Wabash students are typically so busy every day of the week, which when they face an extended period of time out of the classroom, they begin to short-circuit with boredom after three days of inactivity. The following list is a collection of activities that will surely help make the holiday season more enjoyable than it usually is. At the very least, these suggestions are still better than itchy sweaters and stale fruitcake.

1. Re-gain the 'Freshman 15'

There's nothing quite like returning home from school and being greeted with a meal that wasn't made to cater 50 different people. Whether or not students have a meal plan in Sparks, or have a chef for their fraternity, college food gets old quick. Luckily, the holiday season means consuming a slew of snacks, drinks, Christmas cookies, and home-cooked meals. With all the different types of goodies that will be circulating this break, it might be best to add a few inches to the waistline when asking for jeans this Christmas.

2. Study for Comps

With exams rapidly approaching, it never hurts to begin studying over break. Hopefully, a break will not be the first time students pick up their books in an effort to cram for 'The Big One.' If this is the case, then it's already too late. These days, if you don't begin studying for comps immediately after freshman year, you're pretty much screwed.

3. Sleep In

This one is a no-brainer. Stay healthy and enjoy break more by sleeping through half of the holiday season. 12-hour sleep sessions are the perfect way to recover from the traumatizing

effects of finals week, and it's wise to return to campus well-rested in order to better face the academic challenges of next semester.

4. Master the Art of Gift-Giving

Put down the "World's Best Dad" coffee mug. Your father doesn't need another; he already has three. Part of giving gifts is showing someone that you care enough about them to know their likes and dislikes, as well as their interests and hobbies. Another pro tip is not to give a person the same type of gift two years in a row, no matter how much they enjoy it. No matter how much your mom loves it, just don't do it.

5. Pick Out a Tree

Or, better yet, set off into the woods with just a hacksaw or an axe "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"-style, and nab the perfect tree. The only thing better than the pine needles

dropping onto the carpet is the satisfaction a man gets from conquering nature and chopping down his own tree.

6. Try Something New

Pick up a guitar and learn a few chords to woo the ladies. Pick up a pencil and a pad of paper and sketch a snowy landscape. Hop on a skateboard and ride around the driveway. Volunteer at your local food kitchen or at a church to provide a Christmas meal for those less fortunate. God forbid you find something better to do with your time than sitting around playing Call of Duty all month long.

7. Go on a Ski Trip

For those students who stay in Indiana over break, a trip to a ski resort is a fun way to enjoy the winter weather and also get good exercise to combat the damage that pumpkin pie and Christmas cookies do on the waistline. With resorts in

Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana, a few hours drive can have you hitting fresh powder and shredding the gnar all day long.

8. Binge Netflix

If all else fails and you cannot summon the motivation or the energy to move off the couch, then at least you can entertain yourself with the addition of "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" to Netflix all month long. Author's personal queue: "House of Cards," "American Dad!", and "It's Always Sunny In Philadelphia."

Break is a time for family and friends. It's a time to show your love and affection to those you surround yourself with. But if you find yourself sitting in front of a fire contemplating what you're going to do with all this free time, the Bachelor staff hopes that these recommendations help cure your winter-time boredom.



CAL HOCKMEYER '19 / PHOTO

Sam Hayes '19 admires his gift wrapping skills during Theta Delt's Secret Santa this past Wednesday.

HOW TO GET YOURSELF A WHIP

NICK VEDO '19 ISTAFF WRITER

• One of the biggest hurdles of becoming a full-fledged adult is the purchase of one's first car. This task can seem very intimidating at first, especially since common financial practices are not something that are taught in many academic institutions. Often times to students, it may seem like they are just expected to know things they were never taught, such as how to maintain good credit or to take out a loan from a bank. However, the path to financial stability does not necessarily have to be so tedious.

In order to purchase an automobile, the most important financial factor is the credit score and history. To a dealership, this score is an approximation of how much they can trust a certain person to pay back a loan. Also, credit scores are very important when it comes to withdrawing a loan from the bank. No bank will give a large loan to a person with little to no credit history; therefore, it's a good idea to



CAL HOCKMEYER '19 / PHOTO

Students contemplate how to get a sweet ride like this 2010 Subaru

begin boosting one's credit as soon as possible.

"The hardest thing to do as a college student is to obtain credit," Nick Miller, York Automotive group sales consultant, said. "However, an auto loan is a great way to show

commitment to build credit and create a history for yourself. First time car buyers will usually need a cosigner or a large amount of money down in order to purchase a new car."

There are a number of different ways to build up the credit

needed to purchase a car. One method is to first get a credit card and then create some form of revolving debt or an installment loan. Another way is to take a small loan of \$1,000 to \$2,000 from the banks and not to spend it. Then, use the money to make all of the monthly payments until the loan is fully returned. This will create a credit history that will ultimately aid in a large scale purchase such as a car or home.

As for the best time to buy a new car, the holiday season is a perfect time to start looking. Throughout these months, many old models go on sale, and the manufacturers begin shipping out new models with large rebates on them.

"From August to December is the best time to start your car search because manufacturers are more motivated to put larger incentives on them," Miller said. In these conditions, the buyer definitely has the advantage and first time buyers would do well to take advantage of this market.

RUVOLI AND VOSEL BRING THEIR TALENTS TOGETHER IN MUSIC AND ART

FRANK RUVOLI '13 | GUEST

ALUMNUS WRITER • Connections made at Wabash last a lifetime, and some alumni have tendencies to work together in business, philanthropy, or on other special projects. This was especially true for alums Frank Ruvoli ('13) and John Voxel ('15) when they put their talents together for the release of Ruvoli's newest music. Ruvoli released an EP entitled, Places I've Been, in August, and he looked to the artistry of Voxel to create the album cover.

"John is an incredible artist! I've always been amazed by the work he does," Ruvoli said.

Voxel and Ruvoli were both members of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity during their time at Wabash.

"Back in college, he would paint and draw these unbelievable pictures. I always knew when I needed artwork, I'd want to work with him," Ruvoli said.

The 23-year-old Voxel has been creating art since his childhood. He originally started by doing 2D artwork, such as paintings and drawings, but fell in love with sculptures and other 3D art in college. He was excited to work with his college friend, Ruvoli, on this project.

"I love the opportunity to be able to collaborate with Frank and make an album

cover for his music," Voxel said.

This also isn't the first piece of art Voxel made for Ruvoli. The pair teamed up on the release of "Take It Slow" when it came out as a single. Both Ruvoli and Voxel promise there will be plenty more collaborations between them.

"We both have needs as entrepreneurs. He needs a successful image to represent the music he is creating, while I need an outlet to spread my name and get my artwork seen by a larger audience," Voxel said.

As Voxel continues to spread his name, he is certainly no stranger to awards for his work. His art has brought him many accolades. Some of the most recent include:

- Randolph H. Deer Prize for Outstanding and Continued Work in Art
- The Paul J. Hustung Award
- Emerging Artist of the Year at Art Design Consultants
- First Place - Randall T. Shepard Architectural Competition

You can follow John Voxel, see more of and purchase his art, and even request customized work by going to his website at www.johnvoxel.com. Places I've Been can be purchased on www.frankruvolimusic.com, iTunes, and streamed on Spotify.

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CAVELIFE'S DECLASSIFIED GUIDE TO SURVIVING ACADEMIA

FINALS

JADE DOTY '18 | STAFF WRITER • Here at Wabash College, the sound of Christmas music, falling temperatures and free coffee being served only means final around the corner. No matter one's academic year, all students experience a sudden increase in stress levels. Whether a freshman or a junior finally taking classes beyond the 100 level, many are crippled with the fear of having sub-par performances during the last week of the semester. Falling into this category? Have no fear, for the *Bachelor* staff has compiled a list of advice that students can adhere to during a very stressful week.

1) Take a deep breath. Wabash graduates have felt what students might feel right now, and alumni have survived the brutality of final papers and exams. That being said, don't take up too much time breathing, because there is limited time during finals week.

2) Hit the books hard. One knows there is no time to vegetate, so get up and save your academic future.

3) Don't put anything off. No matter what your grade is, one can always improve it by performing well on a final. Just because you went to that Chainsmokers concert on Sunday night and failed the O-Chem test Monday morning doesn't mean you can't raise that C- to a shiny C+.

4) Use that 10 dollars worth of free coffee from the brew. It does not matter if you drink coffee or not. Its probably the last free 10 dollars worth of coffee you'll ever get.

5) Listen to some good music. While walking around campus, listen to something that will keep you from repeating all the things you have to do in your head. Spotify accounts offer hundreds of free created playlists for when you want to get pumped up with some hardcore rap or calm down with acoustic instrumentals, you can find something that fits your style.

6) Talk to your professors. They hold the fate of your GPA in the palm of their hands, and they are willing to help you as much as they can so don't

be afraid to ask questions.

7) Keep a consistent outfit during finals week. It does not matter what your preference is. According to a study that we just made up, a consistent outfit keeps your emotions consistent through this tumultuous time. Put on your 'Sunday Best' everyday if it makes you feel organized, or go through all those pairs of sweatpants if it makes you feel calm and comfortable. If you feel good, your tests will be good.

8) Stay healthy. Stuffing your face with Christmas cookies and Brew milkshakes at 1 a.m. does not make for a happy stomach during an 8 a.m. final. Staying up until dawn to make some progress on a paper will not bode well for the following days. When you enter

your fraternity's kitchen, grab an apple instead of a handful of Cheetos. When you're standing in line at Sparks, head to the salad bar instead of the pizza platters. Try to set up a consistent sleep schedule as well. Waking up and going to bed at the same times every day has been proven to increase your I.Q. and memory. Not really, but you will feel better and be more apt to do some extra studying.

If, after reading this free advice, you feel ready to take on finals week with a plan, then good for you, *the Bachelor* staff wishes you the best of luck. But if you just read this because you have nothing better to do the Friday night before finals, don't worry, the article for comps is right under this one.

COMPS

BRAXTON MOORE '19 | STAFF WRITER • As students know, Senior Comprehensive Exams or comps, as they are more commonly known as are the defining moment in each student's time at Wabash. For students who are unaware, comps determine whether or not a student has retained enough information to pass exams regarding their major and minor. Subsequently, these tests also decide if you graduate or not; no biggie.

Comps are divided into oral and written sections that are administered by the Comprehensive Boards. Three professors comprise each board: one each from the student's major and minor, and the third at random from any department.

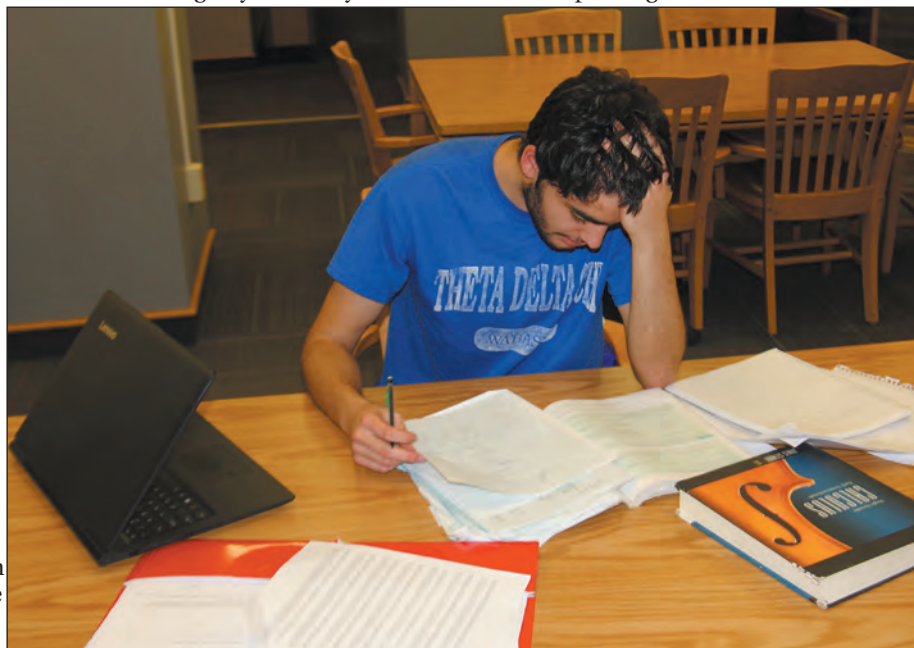
"We have a computer program that randomly places faculty onto each student's Comps Board," Scott Feller, Dean of the College, said. "The professor cannot be in their first year at the college, and when this process is

finished, the goal is to have the faculty distributed evenly, so they are all on approximately the same number of exam boards. This year, mostly the faculty have either seven or eight oral exams to carry out."

Now, it's time to turn our attention to the men who are preparing to take and have previously taken comps. Daniel Miller '17 majoring in history, minoring in religion, spoke about his preparation, mentality, and tips that he hoped would successfully pull him through the exams.

"For many people at this point, studying has already begun," Miller said. "The biggest thing for me is to remain organized throughout the studying process, keeping everything in one specific folder or binder. It keeps all of my study tools together for the research I'm doing now, and for when I return from break I can hit the ground running again before the tests."

Miller also reflected on his attitude and confidence going



CAL HOCKMEYER '19 / PHOTO

Tanner Kiral '17 stresses over his future while studying for finals and senior comps.

into comps this year. "I'm nervous in the sense that these exams determine whether or not you graduate," he said. "That's a huge weight on your shoulders, but I'm also confident in the three-and-a-half years of Wabash education that I've received up to this point."

Alumnus Jerel Taylor '16 provided some advice to current students since he went through the gauntlet of comps just last year. "The biggest tip I can give current students is to remain calm," he said. "I know that sounds silly, going into the largest test of a student's academic career, but with a calm and level head, you'll be able to focus better on what you studied for, and you will be better suited to answer the

questions that the board throws at you."

For many students, comps aren't on the academic radar right now; for seniors, it is the biggest academic hurdle they have faced up to this point. For this reason, it is critical to support the upperclassman. Buy them a coffee at the Brew, extend encouraging words to them. To tie up the definitive guide to comps, take heart in the fact that your attitude toward these tests directly shapes the outcome.

"I would say that usually, the best oral exams are a conversation," Feller said. "So if you can go into it thinking that you would like to participate in a conversation rather than an examination, you'll do well."



Scott Feller

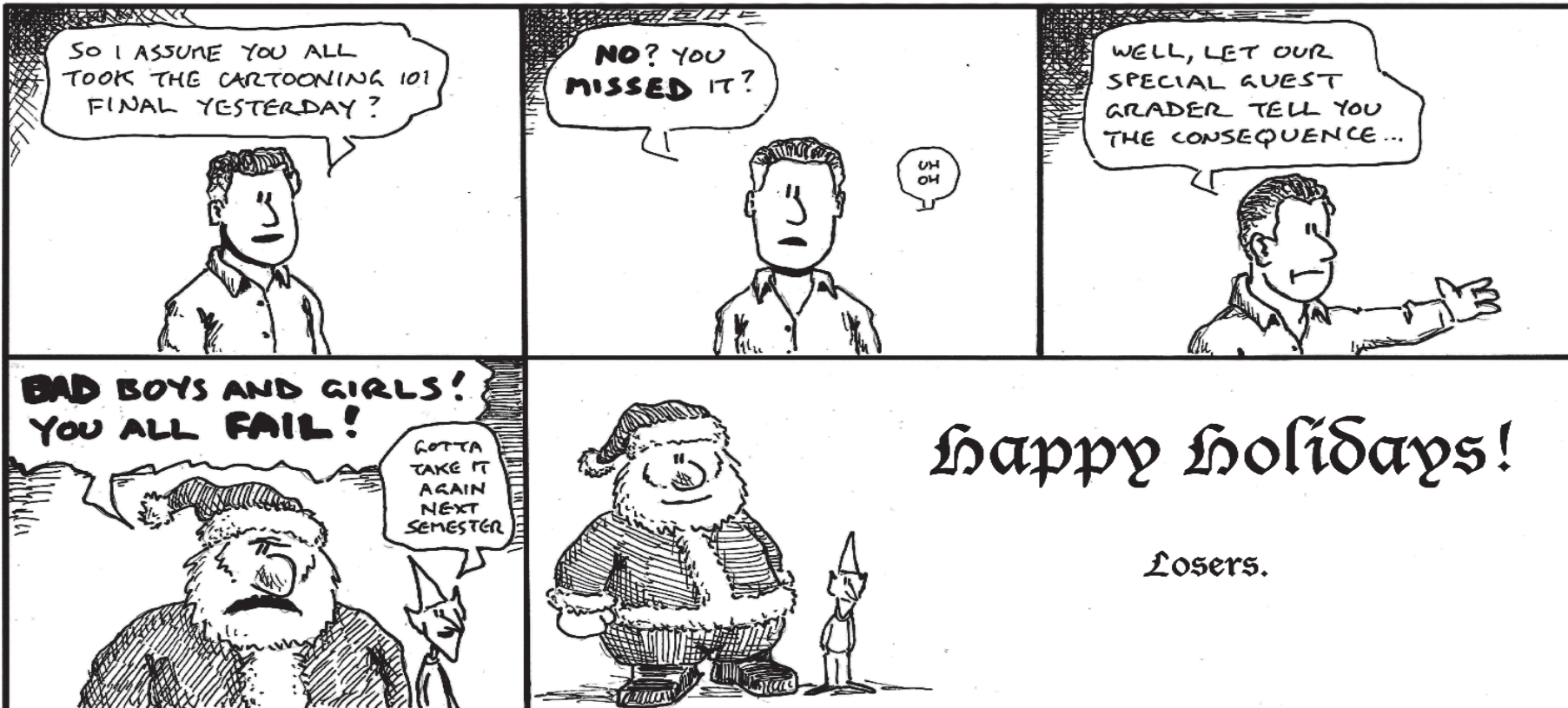


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ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE UPDATE

NATHAN GRAY '20 | STAFF

WRITER • In addition to finals, the holidays, and winter break, the end of the semester also brings with it colder weather. As winter brings with it growing chills and temperature drops, many thermostats will likely respond with a steady increase. While no one likes to be cold, the Environmental Concerns Committee encourages students to be aware of the ways they choose to stay warm. Choosing to keep cozy by putting on another layer of clothing or grabbing an extra blanket rather than electrical heating can help seriously reduce your energy consumption and carbon footprint.

According to the Alliance for Green Heat, the average American produces ten tons of carbon emissions each winter from heating alone. That's half of the yearly average carbon footprint for an American citizen. However, there are easy ways to prevent this number from growing and even ways to help reduce the amount of carbon emission due to heating.

The simplest way to prevent wasteful energy consumption is to make it easier for one's heating system to keep the space warm. One can do

this by making sure windows are properly shut and keeping outside doors closed as much as possible to prevent cold air from entering. Additionally, keeping indoor doors closed can help by reducing the warm air lost to notoriously hard to heat spaces such as stairwells and large rooms.

For a more active approach, consider small changes to the temperature on the thermostat. According to the National Park Service, turning down the temperature on the thermostat by only three degrees can reduce the carbon footprint by over a thousand pounds of carbon emissions a year. The reduction is especially important in the Hoosier State. Indiana not only relies on coal, the dirtiest fossil fuel, to produce the majority of its electricity but is also among the top ten states for the most carbon emissions related to energy product, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. Smart heating practices can help reduce energy consumption, carbon emissions, and energy costs, and the ECC encourages students to take these strategies home with them over break.



COLIN THOMPSON '17 / PHOTO

Griffin Schermer '19 grapples with an opponent during the Indiana Little State Meet held at Wabash College last weekend.

DOMINATING AT HOME

WABASH PLACES 18 AT
INDIANA LITTLE STATE THIS
PAST WEEKEND

JAKE CHRISMAN '20 | STAFF WRITER • The Little Giant grapplers competed this past weekend and played hosts to the Indiana Little State Tournament. It was a very successful day as 18 wrestlers took home a top-eight place. Four wrestlers stood on top the podium: Chris Diaz '19, Connor Brummett '17, Darden Schurg '19, and Riley Lefever '17. Owen Doster '20, Griffin Schermer '19, and Nick Bova '17 also took home notable second place finishes.

“Overall, start to finish it was a good

day. We were fighting, and guys were scrapping; they had little more grit in them than last weekend,” head coach Brian Anderson said. “The issues we had last weekend we worked on and addressed. We always want more, and that’s the feeling coming out of this weekend too.”

“Naturally our team steps up at home; they get excited. We spend a lot of our season off of campus, unlike a lot of Wabash’s other sports. When we are at home, though, we always want to go out and put on a show. We want Wabash to see what my guys do. It’s a great advantage for us to wrestle in our own facilities.”

Diaz started off his day with a big win over Christopher Sharp of Marian University finishing the match ahead 14-2 and claiming his first bonus

point victory of the day. Diaz would follow with a narrow 2-0 victory in

“We always want more, and that’s the feeling after this weekend too.”

BRIAN ANDERSON

the semifinals over DJ Smith from the University of Indianapolis. “Diaz could have easily lost his temper in that match. The kid was throwing some

cheap shots, but he composed himself and put it on the kid through wrestling, and that was great to see. That’s what we do in our sport.” He capped the day with an electrifying 9-4 win over Ngun Uk from Indiana Tech to claim the title at 125 pounds.

Brummett and Schurg had great performances going 5-0 and 4-0 on the day, respectively. Brummett defeated Barry McGinley from Indianapolis 5-1 to take first at 165 pounds. Schurg dominated the weight class, winning 11-3 in the finals vs Luke Kriech from Indianapolis, taking the gold at 174.

“These guys are constantly improving and testing guys’ lungs a lot. Schurg is starting to figure it out as a smaller 174 and his pace is constantly getting faster.”

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TRACK AND FIELD BEGINS INDOOR SEASON

CONNOR ARMUTH '19 | STAFF WRITER • This past Saturday marked the start of the season for the Wabash Track and Field team. The Little Giants traveled to the University of Indianapolis where 11 Wabash competitors participated. The team finished with four top ten finishes to kick off what looks to be an exciting indoor season.

Hayden Baehl '18 finished first in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:00.23, which placed him inches ahead of his coach Bobby Thompson, a Wabash alumnus who finished with a time of 2:00.54. Baehl's performance earned him the NCAC Men's Distance Runner of the Week honors.

Austin Ellingwood '18 had a very impressive performance for a runner who has had less than a full season of experience leading up to Saturday. Ellingwood is a former baseball player who decided to take up track midway through last season. He finished third in the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.30 and fifth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 23.09.

Ellingwood had nothing but good things to say about the meet afterward. "It was a fun meet," he

said. "Guys were excited to be back on track, and a lot of guys ran well. It's going to be a big year for the team, and I'm excited to be a part of it."

Other top finishers for the Little Giants included Cole Seward '17 who finished second in the 600-meter run with a time of 1:25.32, and Robert Wunderlich III who earned an eighth-place finish in the mile with a time of 4:46.07, followed by Baehl who finished tenth with a time of 4:47.35.

Head Coach Clyde Morgan was enthusiastic about the team's performance and looks forward to the rest of the year in a humble manner.

"This early it's really training to get guys to apply what we've been working on in practice in a meet atmosphere," he said. "When you come out of there, guys placing high and hitting marks you didn't expect, it's a bonus, but we don't get too excited about it. We just want to make sure we execute what we are talking about."

The Little Giants will be traveling to Indiana University on Friday with a small group of athletes to round out the competition for the year of 2016.



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Nicolas Morin '18 leads a pack of runners in an indoor event last season.



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TWELVE

Lefever steamrolled the 197-pound weight class capping off the day with a 25-7 win over Brody Conner from the University of Indianapolis in the finals. Lefever was voted unanimously by coaches as the Most Valuable Wrestler to add to his accolades for the day.

Lefever's victory makes this his fourth Indiana Little State title. Jake Strausbaugh '13 has been the only other Wabash wrestler to win four Indiana Little State Tournaments in Coach Anderson's time here.

"Riley came out of the gates as a freshman and hit the ground running," Anderson said. "Over his career, he has just kept great consistency in what he does, how he approaches every match, and just being a competitor. He just has that unusual trait of consistency and hard work. It's hard to win a tournament like that four years in a row."

The Wallies will take on some tough competition at the North Central College Invitational on Saturday, December 10.

"A lot of teams at this tournament are from our regional, so it's important to not drop a bad match that could haunt your seeding at the regional tournament. Olivet and Wheaton have strong teams in there this year along with a host of strong individuals. Hopefully, we will get to see Wheaton's 197 pounder, who is supposedly number two in the country, and get a taste of what he is like." Wrestling begins at 9 a.m. in Gregory Arena.

WEDNESDAY'S GAME

WABASH: 65

OWU: 68

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IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

Ronald Ryan '19 gets around a College of Wooster defender to head to the basket as members of the Sphinx Club look on.

PLAYING TOUGH

ZACH MOFFETT '20 | STAFF WRITER • The 2-3 Little Giants basketball team opened up conference play this weekend against a very talented 11th ranked College of Wooster team. Wooster came into the game at 3-2 overall record and a 1-1 conference record. Preparing for this game after an 82-39 Wabash loss to the University of Evansville was tough. This game would be an important test for the Little Giants as they faced their first conference opponent. The NCAC is and will be one of the best conferences this year

in all of Division III basketball. As such, Wabash would need to hold its ground in this first game.

From the start of the game, the Little Giants had a mindset of tenacity to grab rebounds and play at their own pace against Wooster. They came out and did that by allowing 34 points on 32 shots. The Little Giants' transition to zone defense forced Wooster to take many chances from the three-point range. While they did not perform well defensively, Wabash did not help themselves by turning the ball over eight times,

which led to Wooster scoring 11 turnover points.

In the second half, Wooster seemed as if they might pull away from the Little Giants with a 14-point lead. However, Wabash managed to cut the lead little by little throughout the half. With under two minutes left in the game the Little Giants were down by only eight. As the clock ticked away, they came within two points with 22 seconds left, but it

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was far too late. The Little Giants could not manage to score in the those last 22 seconds after being forced to foul Wooster. Wooster would convert both free throws to take a 4-point lead.

The game, however, showed the fight that this year's Wabash team has. Colten Garland '20 played a fantastic game as he was four for four from three-point range, and ended the day with 23 points in all. The Little Giants' big man Evan Frank '19 recorded another double-double with 14 points and 12 rebounds. They were also helped out by Ben Stachowski '19, who played in his first game after being out due to injury for the past three months. He scored 10 points in his first appearance. These individual performances showed a glimpse of what the Little Giants could do against some of the top-Division III schools in the coun-

try. They held Wooster to 66 points on 62 shots, and they recorded 62 points on 43 shots.

Leading up to this game, head coach Kyle Brumett was optimistic. He knew that it would be a tough week for the Little Giants, but he was ready to put in his best efforts.

"Look we got two very great teams we will play this week and what we can learn from this is looking at it with the best outlook we can," Brumett said.

His efforts have helped the team to persevere in the toughest situations. After the game, Brumett approached the Wabash student section and expressed his desire for more fans. He would like to make a better atmosphere at the games to create another factor for opponents to manage. He encourages the men of Wabash to support the Little Giants at all home games. Looking forward, Wabash has conference games against Kenyon and Hiram this upcoming week.

COLIN THOMPSON '17 / PHOTO

On the right, Wabash swimmer Dane Gray '18 races down his lane in the butterfly event.

SWIMMING & DIVING

Wabash swimming and diving faced off against against two DI teams, St. Louis Bilikens Eastern Illinois Panthers and a DII Maryville program in a triple-dual relay on December 3.

Wabash walked away with two huge victories against Eastern Illinois and Maryville University.

Wabash beat Eastern Illinois 120-82 and Maryville 131-81.

St. Louis swam away with a win

in head-to-head against the Little Giants, outscoring them 131-81.

The freshmen relay team of Benny Liang, Joey Karczewski, Anthony Mendez, Jacob Riley finished first in the 200-yard freestyle.

The 400-yard medley team of Dane Gray '18, Hunter Jones '20, David Johnson '18, and Colt O'Brien '20 finished third overall with a time of 3:42.73.



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