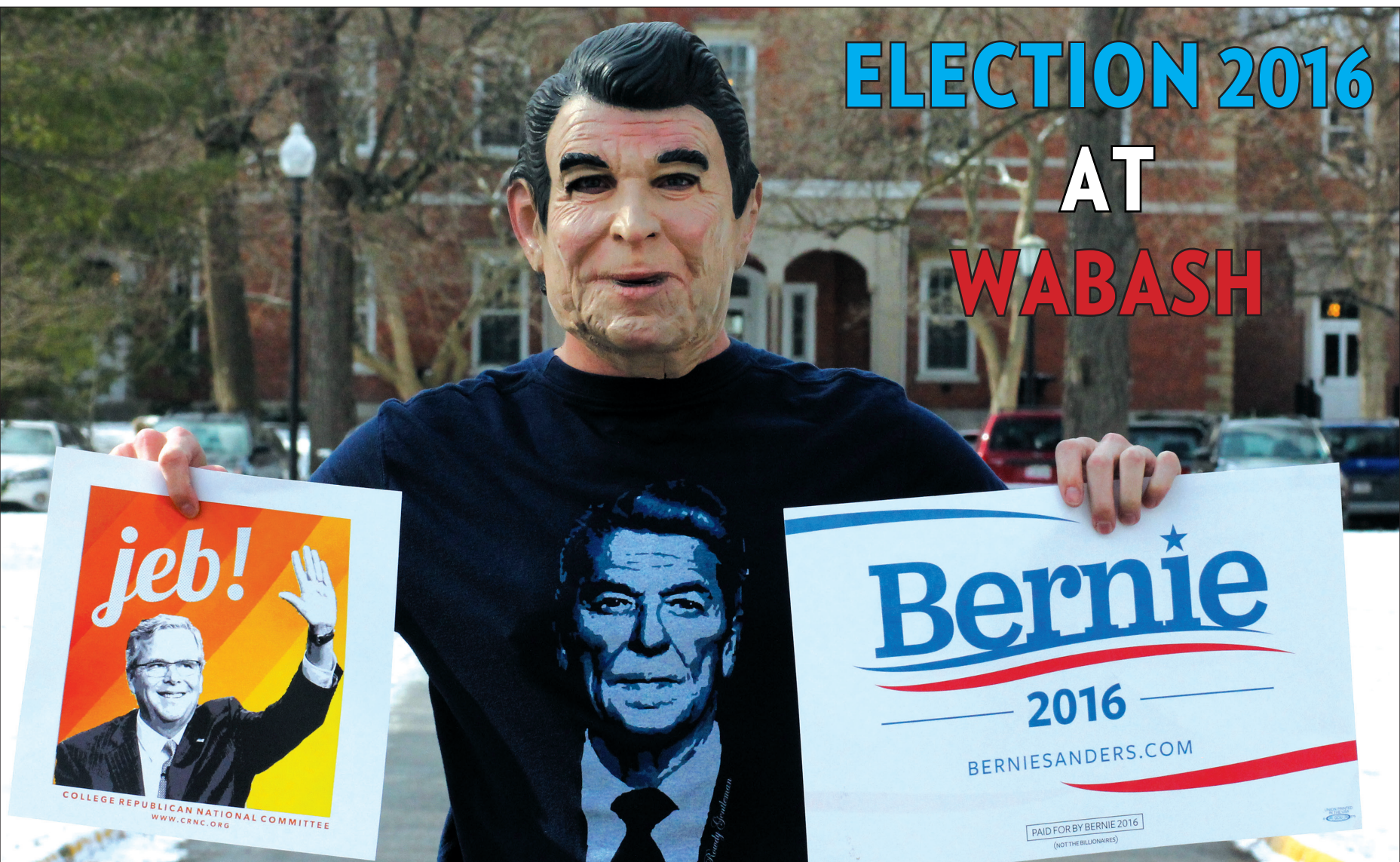


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PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS GIVE THEIR TAKE ON THE PRIMARY ELECTIONS

BEN JOHNSON '18 | NEWS EDITOR • With the new year, comes the last year of the Obama Administration, and with that we get into primary season when we see which candidates will represent America's two mainstream political parties in the 2016 General Election. As we just saw the results from New Hampshire this past week, the 'anti-establishment' candidates reigned by a comfortable margin and to no one's surprise either. Donald Trump

has consistently maintained the lead in multiple poles for key states since his candidacy was first announced in June. On the democratic side, Bernie Sanders wasn't showing quite as much success in the polls prior to the Iowa Caucuses and the New Hampshire Primary, but has seen a great deal of success, as he narrowly lost to Hillary Clinton in Iowa and won handily in New Hampshire.

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HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

RHYNES DON DRESSES, CONFUSE STUDENTS

It is no surprise that a handful of students have been spotted sporting elegant, flowing dresses this week. Yes, the Rhynes are back again, with their jingling shoes and their questionable clothes. No word yet as to whether or not this is a new cross-dressing fad that is sweeping campus, or if these young men just like the feel of the winter breeze on their undercarriage, but beware Wabash: Those afflicted with a severe case of the “Wally-Goggles” may want to avert their attention elsewhere, lest they be accused of rubbernecking on their fellow classmates.

WHITE BRONCOS CAN'T BE CAUGHT IN CALIFORNIA

The Denver Broncos chose to wear their white uniforms in Sunday's 24-10 upset of the Carolina Panthers in the Super Bowl. After the game, Peyton continued to deny allegations of HGH use in the face of mounting evidence. Sorry Johnnie, in the case of HGH if the glove don't fit, we shouldn't acquit.

EMBRACING OUR COMPETITORS

The Odyssey has been making waves lately as it seeks to occupy student email inboxes across campus. Joining the ranks of great media organizations like the well-renowned *Wabash Commentary*, *The Odyssey* seeks to provide Wabash students with a creative outlet on the World Wide Web. We at *The Bachelor* feel like this new online craze will soon pass. There's nothing quite like print journalism, which allows you to talk about things that have already happened and that everyone already knows about. One thing is for sure: *The Odyssey* will not be able to feed bonfires or wrap gifts as well as *The Bachelor*.

THE RETURN OF THE ICE CREAM

The new Dari-Licious building reopened this week after winter renovations. If you weren't cold enough already, be sure to stop by the new shack and order one of their famous ice cream treats. But don't let the Bahama-Mama or Tropical Paradise fool you--we still have a while until Spring Break, folks.

SPHINX CLUB AMENDS CHAPEL POLICY

Taking note that their Chapel speaker last week was half of an hour late, the Sphinx Club resolved to ensure the future timeliness of its speakers. Given that they are leaders of at least the rhynes on campus, the white pots will be giving the rhynes the high honor of preparing presentations to give every week for the rest of the year. On a serious note, go to Chapel!

MXI OPENS UP DOORS FOR ALL-CAMPUS EVENT

JACK KELLERMAN '18 | STAFF WRITER • The brothers of the Malcolm X Institute of Black Studies are hosting an event on campus that Wabash has never seen before. The Event is called ‘Brother to Sister’, and will mimic an event the brothers of MXI host every other Thursday at the Institute called Brother to Brother.

“Normally what we have every other Thursday is a time for the MXI and a few faculty members and staff to come together and talk over various topics,” Aaron Stewart-Curet '17, the Chairman of the MXI, said. “Sometimes it can be very serious, dealing with police brutality or violence in the streets. Sometimes it can be very light topics such as how a certain test went, or some funny memories from Wabash. The topics are a very wide variety.”

The MXI wanted to reach out to surrounding universities, specifically Black Student Unions (BSUs) and invite them to join these conversations. “We invited DePauw students, Purdue Students, and different places like that,” Stewart-Curet said. “We talked to their black student organizations and got them involved as well. We wanted to hear a different dialogue, especially from some of our female black students. They may introduce topics we may not have considered before, or have a better understanding on.”

Stewart-Curet believes this will be a great event. He and the rest of the MXI brothers hope this is not just the first event, but will continue for semesters to come. The origins for the idea of this event came from the suggestions of Coach Morgan.

“The idea was to bring more students of color from other various schools, and one of the ways we thought this could best be done was through brother to sister,” said Stewart-Curet. “We can definitely thank him for that.”

The brother to sister event will be taken place the evening of Feb. 19. The exact time will be finalized soon. Stewart-Curet emphasized that it will be open to the whole campus. “This event is primarily for MXI

members, but is also open to the campus,” Stewart-Curet said. “You will definitely want to come. Bring your questions! The biggest thing is being respectful of our guests.”

While the Brother to Sister event is new for the MXI, Brother to Brother is routine.



Aaron Stewart '17

“Brother to brother is an extremely powerful event that the MXI puts on,” Anthony Douglas '17 said.

“Throughout the week, the brothers will put topics they find interesting in the discussion box. Come Thursday, the brothers all gather in the recreation room. We sometimes invite professors, students, or members of the Crawfordsville community. We sit back and just talk about the issues that concern students at Wabash, and issues that just concern our world.”

These discussions usually last about an hour or more, according to Douglas.

“Whatever topic is on the table at that moment, we will discuss until no one else has anything left to say about it,” Douglas said. “Brother to brother is an important key we are missing not just at Wabash, but in our world. It brings the power of communication and foster an understanding of where people come from, and why they have the perspective they have on the world and the various topics discussed.”

If you have an interest in such topics as police brutality and street violence, and want to get different perspectives throughout the Wabash community and surrounding student bodies, come to the event.

“I'm looking forward to seeing the different perspectives of non-Wabash students,” said Stewart-Curet. “I think sometimes we all start to sound the same, so it will be good for us to get a different perspective on various topics.”

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CONSTITUTION BRINGS REFORM TO STUDENT SENATE

GRIFFIN LEVY '17 | STAFF WRITER
• With the elections of new officers to the Student Senate also came a newly implemented constitution that is expected to create much more involvement for the student body. But what most students don't know is the amount of time and effort that was put into writing a new constitution and what exactly it entails.

A team of six Wabash students came together to set out on the task of actually documenting what the new constitution was to entail. The team was comprised of Adam Alexander '16, Josh Bleisch '16, Colin Thompson '17, Nick Freeman '15, Jack Kellerman '18, and Anthony Repay '17, the chairman of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Policy Review Committee. Early in 2015, this group got together and began the process of writing the constitution.

Andrew Powell '17, President of the Student Body, sees this new constitution as helping students and believes it has made many positive

changes from the old constitution.

"The new constitution essentially creates more opportunities for students and senators to have more influence on how and what happens with our student fees," Powell said. "It removes the SCAC and creates four separate committees (Activities, Events, Campus to Crawfordsville, and Environmental Concerns), which the Vice President chairs rather than leading the Senate meetings, which is now up to the Chairman of the Senate (Ben Wade '17). It also created more money for early allocation, which is how we were able to mobilize getting athletic equipment in the Fieldhouse".

Along with these changes, Jack Kellerman '18 explained what his position as Vice President now entails.

"The Vice President's role has drastically changed," Kellerman said. "The Vice President under the old constitution sat as the Chairman of the Senate. Now, the Vice President is the chairman of all the executive committees, and a new position that

is selected and voted upon within the Senate runs the Senate meetings. This position is the Chairman of the Senate."

Kellerman also explained a new change to the ballot system for the elections. "Another notable feature is that Andrew Powell and I are the last split ticket President and Vice-President duo," Kellerman said. "For future elections, candidates must run as a ticket to ensure that the President and Vice-President are on the same page, as it is crucial to effectively have the cabinet and the executive committees working in unison."

But students may wonder how this constitution will give back to them. Due to the new Student Life Committee, students will see real change and more of their student activities fees put to good use.

"All the committees are working on a variety of projects that will prove substantial and meaningful to Wabash students," Kellerman said. "One being the athletic equipment that is available for check-out in the Allen Center, which is due to the Student Life Committee. The Environmental Concerns Committee has been looking to incorporate recycling practices into all living units. The Crawfordsville to

Campus Committee is organizing a day of service for the end of the school year, as well as compiling a 'passport' that will inform students of different specials in the community available to them, as well as special deals that are offered because of the status as a Wabash student."

Powell is optimistic about the group of student leaders who have taken on the challenge of implementing the new changes.

"Overall, so much has been done by this group to help improve our lives here at Wabash," Powell said. "I want to extend a huge thank you to all of these committees and everyone that has worked so hard to make them and give back to us Wabash students. We have a great group of guys on cabinet this year. Jack and his committees have done a great job getting events and programming up and rolling, Ben and Joe Reilly '18 [Secretary] have done wonderful in leading and working through these first couple Senate meetings, and Alejandro Reyna '17 [Treasurer] and his team have vetted what I deem to be an exceptional budget."

The future looks bright and we have a great group of men to lead us.

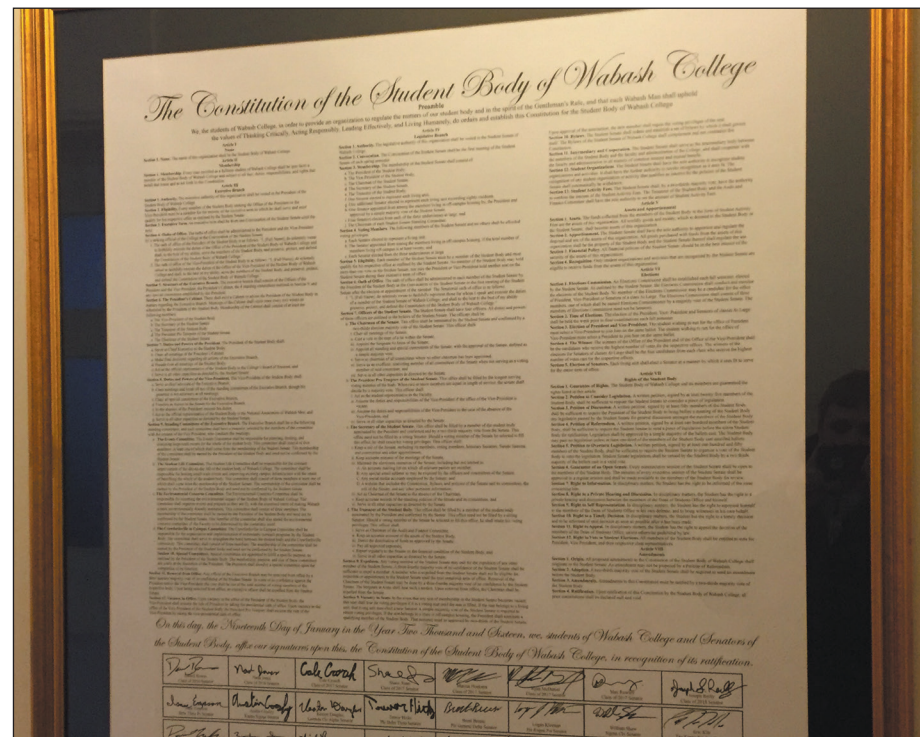


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The new Constitution of the Student Body is currently framed in Center Hall.

Some professors at Wabash are just as shocked with the political movement that the Sander's campaign has become.

"I am a little surprised at how well he's doing," Jeff Drury, Assistant Professor of Rhetoric and Department Chair, said. "But I think it's because he doesn't hide his ideas. He's as liberal as you can get, but he's honest and people feel like he can be trusted."

Drury isn't quite sure that Sander's success can be sustainable enough for it to carry him to the White House.

"I don't think they have dealt with foreign policy questions enough in the democratic debates. The passion from him really comes out when he talks about the economy, but I'm not sure if he can get that same attention when he talks about things like ISIS or terrorism, so that might help Hillary."

On the other extreme, Donald Trump has gained just as many, if not more dedicated followers than Sanders. But Trump has been a movement that political analysts have been trying to figure out all year.

"If anything, political science was blindsided by the Trump phenomenon," Shamira Gelbman, Assistant Professor of Political Science, said. "Expertise can't explain this."

But with that said, voters tend to think of politics as a sort of sport and in some ways as entertainment, especially with the rise of reality television where people vote for the winner. Trump being a former reality TV star, I think he has excelled in this role really well."

Some students on campus are hoping for a different candidate to represent the Republican Party. Even though Senator Marco Rubio had a disappointing showing in New Hampshire on Tuesday, Colin Thompson '17, Chairman of the Wabash College Republicans, is still hopeful for a Rubio ticket to the White House.

"I think it would be really cool to see a Rubio-Fiorina ticket," Thompson said. "I think Rubio has the charisma and experience to beat both Sanders and Clinton, and Fiorina is just simply brilliant so I think she could do a lot for the White House."

Thompson blames the reason that qualified candidates in the Republican Party - like Rubio and Fiorina - haven't been able to gain as much ground as they should in these early states to the way the debates have been ran.

"I just think Trump has put a lot of strain on the race, but I think the real problem is that we have 12 plus people on the debate stage and it's the people who talk the loudest who get the most

talking time, not the people who should be talking," Thompson said.

But this could simply be growing pains for the GOP as the party unlike the Democrats doesn't seem to have a defined leader like the Democrats have in Clinton.

"It shows that the party is changing," Thompson said. "There's no one candidate that the party is looking at, but I think this is a good thing because it shows that democracy is inherent in the party. Yes, there is some substantial change needed for Republicans to connect more with millennials, but we still have a good chance to get the White House, because I think voters are more upset about what President Obama has done or not done."

On the other side of the aisle, the Democratic race has come down to Sanders and Clinton in an unanticipated split battle for the Democratic nomination. Just like the polls have shown, students at Wabash are also split on who deserves to be the Democratic nominee.

"I think it all comes down to who the nominee would pick for Vice-President," Anthony Repay '17, President of the Wabash College Democrats, said. "A Clinton-Sanders ticket or vice versa would be really nice to see, but I think the Democrats would have a better chance if Clinton were to run as president just because Clinton doesn't have the title of socialist tagged on her."

But other students aren't as confident about Clinton being the nominee. Zachary Anderson '18, an avid Sanders supporter, believes that Sanders could be the best candidate for the Democrats because voters simply trust him more.



Anthony Repay '17

Anderson said.

Drury agreed with Anderson, but said that the problem lies with the way primaries are done in the first place.

"I'm not a fan of the primaries," Drury said. "The primaries force the candidates to go to the extremes. Take Hillary and Bernie for example. Bernie is all the way to the left and he has forced Hillary to go all the way left with him."

There is a notable movement in this race which invokes animosity toward career politicians and those viewed to be in the political 'establishment.'

"Hillary says all these nice things now, but she really has been on the wrong side of issues throughout her career. It seems that she changes her stances for political convenience,"

"It's not necessarily anti-establishment, but people don't want pre-winners like Jeb Bush and Hillary Clinton," Gelbman said.


As far as predicting whether the primaries will be close enough for Indiana to have a deciding factor in the primaries, it is just too early to tell. After Iowa and New Hampshire, it seems that the race will come down to a close battle on both the Republican side and the Democrat side, but Gelbman that it's still up in the air regarding who will come out on top.

"It is way too early to forecast. We know a lot about elections and voters and how they work, but these recent election cycles have been so unpredictable that we aren't really sure what will happen. I still wouldn't be terribly surprised if Rubio pulled it out, but we still have a long time before we see the real frontrunners take form."

This past Tuesday, Donald Trump won with a vote of 35% for the Republicans, and on the Democratic side, Bernie Sanders won with a vote of 60% over Clinton.



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FIRST ANNUAL POLAR PLUNGE BEGINS NEW TRADITION

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WRITER • This weekend Wabash will host its inaugural 'Polar Plunge.' The event will feature a host of Wabash student 'plungers' and a pool filled with bone-chilling water. The first plunge takes place behind the Allen Center on Saturday, Feb. 13, at 11:30 a.m., and all proceeds will be donated to support Special Olympics Indiana, a non-profit organization that provides those with disabilities the opportunity to compete in athletic events.

Teams raise money through donations to participate in the Plunge, the entry requirement being \$50. These teams are made up of different factions of Wabash students, ranging from fraternity houses to independent living units, who all agree to take the Plunge. Plungers are encouraged to raise above and beyond the \$50 fee, as prizes will be going out to both the individual and living unit that raises the most money, as well as a 'Best Costume' award.

Cole Seward '17, who is spearheading the event, expressed his excitement for the first annual Polar Plunge on the Wabash campus.

"I would like to see this turn into a big event," Seward said. "I think the Plunge is something that could catch on and become something really extraordinary. Right now our goal for this year is to be

one of the biggest 'first year' plunges, so the number we're trying to hit is to beat Butler, who had around 135 plungers for their first event."

Seward said that Wabash currently has approximately 50 participants signed up at the moment, but he has faith that students will rise to the challenge to compete with other colleges and universities.

William Kelly '18, one of the recruiting volunteers for the Plunge, also has high hopes for the number of participants.

"Right now for our size, all signs point to a very productive turnout. Ultimately our goal is to compete with Purdue, who hosts an event each year. We can get to the point of competing with Purdue, we just have to introduce Special Olympics to the Wabash community."

Additionally, Kelly and Seward both expressed a desire to begin a new tradition on campus concerning the Polar Plunge.

"I think that this event can plant a seed on campus, because it has tremendous room for growth," Kelly said. "This can be a tradition that we carry on every single year."

If jumping in a freezing pool doesn't suit your fancy, you can opt to donate as a 'virtual plunger,' giving money to a good cause and remaining warm and dry in the

process. Not only will the proceeds benefit Special Olympics Indiana, but a portion of the donations come back to Montgomery County as well.

"Up to 40 or 50 percent of the money raised will go to support the Special Olympics within Montgomery County," Seward said.

Kelly agreed. "Not only will the money from this event benefit Special Olympics individuals, but also individuals within our community."

Both Kelly and Seward extended their invitations to participate in this event across the entire Wabash student body, encouraging everyone to donate, plunge, or support this event in any way possible. So if you find yourself looking to donate to a good cause that benefits your community, or if you are hoping to tap into your primal urges to submerge yourself in frigid water, come support the Inaugural Polar Plunge and help start a new Wabash tradition this Saturday.



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Past participants at the Polar Plunge share their love for Wabash.

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STATE OF THE COLLEGE ADDRESS

So to start out for those of you who don't know me I'm Andrew Powell, and I'm your new student body President. While all of you will not be able to relate to the fact that you have a twin brother who is ½ a foot taller, you can probably relate to me in wondering what exactly I do because I'm still figuring it out too lol. Without harkening too many famous leadership quotes, or evoking tired clichés I want to share what I've learned over my first couple of weeks "in office" and hopefully provide some insights on what we, as a cabinet, want to accomplish this year.

My biggest learning experience thus far has definitely come from attending the Board of Trustees meeting last weekend and listening to the minds that make Wabash tick. My initial mindset clashed with the trustees' because while we think about our 4 short (or long) years on campus, they are looking 10 years into the future. As a group we got to hear wonderful



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presentations from Deans Raters, Welch, Hill, Thorpe, and Jannsen, and it led me to look at career services, admissions, and advancement in ways I never dreamed of thinking, but while some of that information seems distant there were also pressing objects of discussion too. At the center were both the new student housing and the recolonization of Delta Tau Delta at Wabash. As someone who has accepted a bid, that was especially exciting. Listening to these men who care so

much about our school talk through points of concern so eloquently and concisely was amazing. I can say we are doing some things really well, retention from fall to spring is up from last year, 61% of current students gave to the college last year, and through proactive positive discourse we have avoided many pitfalls that have plagued surrounding liberal arts institutions throughout the region.

So now you may be thinking well that is great and all but what in the heck does that mean for me in the rest of my time here. Ultimately, I look at student government as an opportunity to make Wabash better. I am passionate about making the most of it, and I want to help others do the same. I believe the answer to that question is using the budget surplus to do more events like Casino night (Feb 19th), national act, and finding ways to improve campus life through things like providing athletic equipment for students with more improvements

to come. But there is so much more to do, and as result I want to talk and hear about what you want. I want to promise you that you will be heard, and we will diligently work on fixing whatever problems you might see. My counter-challenge to the student body is to get out of your comfort zone because after all we are only as strong as our weakest link. Go to an event you would not usually attend, catch up with people in the library, and find what makes you passionate about these fleeting years (ok just 1 cliché). And when you see Wabash alumni coming back like they did 2 weeks ago, take the time to meditate on what your Wabash experience means to you. As for me I know that I am far from having it figured out, but I know that our traditions will one day help me find my way. Collectively, we have a short amount of time to pool our excellence and leave a lasting impact on this great tradition that is Wabash College. Let's get to work.

MINDFUL MEDIA

Things become complicated in an interview when they bring up your social media. Usually this would be something students try to hide or keep secure, but when you want a job in an online sector, this is no longer possible. My resume is not about research or scientific papers; it is about a portfolio, projects and links to things like my small business.

For the past year, I have been interested and active in photography, marketing and start-up entrepreneurship. What do all of these have in common? Social media. For me, social media is a tool. A lifestyle. Thinking about shooting for "square". What I post on social media is often planned, timed and done with a purpose. It is no longer just about poking your granny anymore or liking your mate's throwback photo from eighth grade. I use it to connect, to share, to collaborate and to build a portfolio of my entire life. It is a way to get involved in things around you.



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Like running a twitter page for a local business, donating to good causes, sharing a photo of that dog from down the road until he's found and appreciating the work of others.

I'm sure most baby-boomers don't look at beautiful scenery only to wonder how it would look squared on Instagram, which filter on VSCO is best or how to caption it. Social media often hides peoples' problems behind a filter, set-up photos or the opportunity to constantly show

snippets of the things you think others will care about. There is so easily a disconnect between reality and what you share with your followers. Who cares if you enjoy that scenery if you can't get any likes..? Often times Generation Z is known for being invested in their phones, their likes and their follower count. Opinions are thrown around, people get angry and teenagers are mocked for their individuality.

My advice? Be real.

Find something you are passionate about and use that to fuel your social media. Don't hide who you are because of what people will think of you. If you love coffee, post about coffee. If you love people, post about people. If you love hilarious cats (a personal favorite), post about hilarious cats. Take charge of what you post and find friends and followers that are absolutely crazy with passion about something you are too. This way when I am asked

a question about my social media in an interview, it becomes a story, a retelling of a recent adventure or a showcasing of work. It becomes a recounting of how I happened to meet a photographer, work with a great start-up or make a new friend. There are opportunities for everyone to share their positive encounters, without being sucked into the negativity we so often seek on social media.

Then, once you've taken care of your own social media, be conscious of others. People are so used to basing their opinions of others on profile pictures, follower counts or pictures of their cats. Who cares if your friend only shares memes or complains about Mondays. As much as you try to fit your life into tiny squares, others are doing it too. People are so much more than their squares or profile pictures. They are interesting and unique -- something that is tough to show in the world of social media.

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NEW FORM OF PROTEST

Charlene Carruthers's Chapel Talk last week entitled "Building a Black Freedom Movement: How Black Queer Feminism Builds Power for Us All," demonstrated that the Wabash community desires greater on-campus initiatives for activism and social justice. With that in mind, it is necessary for us to reconsider our current conceptions of what "activism" means as well as the efficacy of certain practices. Two of our four articles of faith are "think critically" and "live humanely;" therefore, it is incumbent on us first to approach different methodologies of activism through a critical lens, so that we may employ the most effective model in order to create a more just world.

Growing up, millennials have learned of historical protests such as the voting rights marches from Selma to Montgomery and ACT UP's protest marches of the late 1980s. The activist model in these examples is essentially "get enough people on the streets, and politicians will listen." In earlier decades, this model did work. In the summer of 1965, Congress passed the



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Voting Rights Act, and today a HIV diagnosis is not the death sentence it once was.

However, things have changed. Despite the number of street protests and the creation of the "Black Lives Matter" movement after the deaths of Michael Brown and numerous other Black, Hispanic and Native American victims of police brutality, a grand jury acquitted Darren Wilson (the officer who fatally shot Michael Brown), another grand jury from Staten Island acquitted Daniel Pantaleo (the NYPD officer who used an illegal choke hold that killed Eric Garner), and the bodies of United States citizens who die at the

hands of our police continue to pile up.

Why is this the case? Micah White, the co-creator of "Occupy Wall Street," provides his explanation in an interview with Folha de Sao Paulo, the largest daily Brazilian newspaper: "... contemporary ideas and assumptions we have about protests are false. Occupy... accorded with the dominant theories of protest and activism: it was a historical event, joined millions of people across demographics from around the world around a series of demands, there was little violence. And yet, the movement failed." He goes on to explicate why pressuring politicians no longer works: "... the standard forms of protest have become part of the standard pattern." Essentially, if politicians and police officers expect a large number of people in the streets already, their responses will be as programmed as ours. Street protests will not sway the Powers that Be if they have already developed methods for counteracting our activist methodologies. Furthermore, we often become (in White's words) "spectators of our own protests" in

the process of creating "synchronized public spectacles," the result being the formation of Protest Theater as opposed to effecting real change.

Micah White's vision for a new form of social protest is as follows: "... there is much potential in the creation of a hybrid social movement-political parties that require more complex behaviors of people like running for political office, seeking votes, participating in the city administration." Instead of operating outside state machinations, activists will effect social change within the networks of power. We are already witnesses to this burgeoning method of activism. Senator Bernie Sanders is calling his presidential campaign "a political revolution," and activists such as Tim Canova are running for public office.

If the Wabash community wishes to engage in more forms of social protest, it is necessary to ensure that our methods produce change. So far, it seems that Steveo's epiphany at the end of "SLC Punk" is the case: we can do a lot more damage on the inside.

LET'S TALK POLITICS

Many of us, as children, were taught that there are three things that should never be discussed in casual conversation: Religion, money, and politics. Then we came to college, and that rule went out the window. Don't get me wrong, there are plenty of other things to talk about that are just as interesting—sports, cars, who the worst choice is for National Act—but when we discuss religion, money, and politics, we get a better look at what values our friends and classmates hold near and dear. Ask your classmates what their opinion is on a given topic, and I can almost guarantee there will be a wide range of answers. I can also guarantee that there is a good chance at least some of these opinions will deeply offend you, and you will be tempted to write said classmate's beliefs off as un-American, ignorant, uninformed, or outdated.

I am asking that instead, you hang back a minute and think.

Think about why they believe the way they do. Where did they grow



Nash Jones '16

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up? What was their socioeconomic situation? What does their family believe? The guy sitting next to you who thinks environmental protection is stupid and should be done away with may have a parent who lost their job when a coal mine closed down because of EPA penalties, and now is trying to figure out how to make ends meet. The guy in the back of the class who supports more welfare and social programs may be alive today and able to go to college because those programs exist. Any number of circumstances could have led to your friends developing their core sets of beliefs.

We have seen a lot of crazy stuff happen this year, everything from religious protestors on campus to Donald Trump's presidential race to the first signs of a viable socialist candidate. We should not be too quick to jump on any bandwagon, or to start in with the type of banter we see politicians use. "Conservatives hate poor people" or "Liberals are too entitled" are rallying cries that candidates love to use to make it seem like we should be at war with each other. Instead of giving in to the garbage, what we need to do is take a step back and think about why people in both the Wabash community, as well as our communities, believe and advocate for what they do. Rather than be torn apart by our party lines, we should cooperate to solve our problems. In reality, the average citizen from either party sees the same problem, but through a different lens. The only true difference is how we get to the solution.

I am not saying go out and change everything you believe in overnight,

because I definitely won't. There is nothing wrong with disagreeing with someone about a hot-button political issue. It happens with me and my friends and roommates pretty frequently. While I am a pretty traditional Christian-Conservative kind of guy, I have close friends who are everywhere from Far-Left to somewhere in between, and I am sure many of you are similarly situated. What I am asking is that the next time you see someone on campus with a Cruz/Bernie/Insert-a-candidate-here bumper sticker, you take a minute to think about what has happened in the 18+ years of their life that makes them want to support that candidate. Don't give in to the temptation to ask yourself, "How could anyone believe that?" and continue to congratulate yourself for being so much smarter than the people around you, who feel the same way about you. Listen to what the people who disagree with you have to say, and you might just find that you aren't that different after all.

THE LEAVES OF THE ARBORETUM

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

JOSEPH REILLY '18 | CAVELIFE EDITOR • The mornings get more and more difficult to face the deeper we delve into the season of perpetual dullness. Freshmen are regretting not buying the rug they saw on sale back in August. Professors, after fighting their way out of the morning's frigid embrace, arrive in class to see that some of their students did not make the effort. While these students receive their much-deserved verbal lashes, the scenery turns more and more bland with each gray cloud's carpet-bombing of campus with snow.

No longer around to bring us cheer with their abundant fluttering and flashy colors, the Arboretum's leaves have travelled far since their fall this previous autumn. Many of their brethren remain sodden and rotting while partially frozen under a mound of snow. However, a lucky hundred million leaves were whisked away by the tireless workers of Campus Services before winter hit. These leaves have gone on to have many an adventure since the were sucked off of the understory of the Arboretum.

A sizeable number only made it so far as the transfer receptacle. Once inside, they were masticated brutally and their screams could be heard across campus. From there, the genocide victims were carted off and disrespectfully jumbled up with various other bits of forest debris and left to rot in the open. There they will sit until being sold to mammals who force the plants they "own" to cannibalize the substance known now as mulch.

Some were spared the fate of being left to rot, and were instead immediately incinerated. As their dismembered corpses fed the flames that heat our buildings, the students slept on in blissful ignorance.

A minor, but significant few were just blown around, and drifted into the street and hitched a ride on a vehicle traveling to an unknown destination. One of these was Chloe Phorm.

Phorm was the tiniest tulip leaf known to ever exist, and despite competition from several other campuses, won a regional talent contest last fall. However, the warm

glow of the spotlight soon faded after she returned crowned as Queen Pequeño. Arising one early morning in October, she heard the roar of the leaf blower and noticed dust and small insects flying all around. Having expected this day would eventually come, Phorm immediately engaged her well-practiced emergency protocols.

Snatching her backpack from its rock anchor, Phorm tied herself to a string and released her pet beetle, Vince, from its cage.

With a yank, she was airborne and at the mercy of the errant will of the beetle's flight. After a narrow miss with the vacuum tube during takeoff, her journey came to an abrupt end as a bird ate Vince in mid-flight.

"It was absolutely terrifying," Phorm said. "The only time I've ever fallen for any distance was when I fell from my tulip tree, but that was only about half the height that the beetle got eaten at."

Phorm managed to slow her fall by ditching her backpack with all of her supplies in it, and slowly spiraling down to earth. Luckily, she was noticed by a keen-eyed sophomore, who, upon recognizing her from the contest, took her in until she got back on her stem.

Not all stories leave one with a good feeling. Clint Marshall, a revered member of the Arboretum's High Leaf, the governing body that deals with intertree affairs, found himself half-alive and disillusioned with the world as winter approached.

"We really were prepared. We had studied the writings of those who had died in years previous," Marshall said. "We had plans. We were not going to fall victim to the same fate as our predecessors. Not only were we going to be able to remain firmly attached to our branches over the duration of the winter, if



Clint Marshall

some of us did happen to fall, we had attached ropes to hold them up."

The plan began to fail when the



MICHA L. RIESER / PHOTO

A rare photo of leaf warriors before going into battle in the Great Fall of 2015.

issue of reelection came up. High Leaf's constitution only set the term for its members at a year, since until this past fall, that was the leaves' life expectancy. However, more and more members realized that they would need to gain enough votes to be reelected, and more and more new challengers came out of the wood to attempt to unseat the incumbents. The members of High Leaf fell to infighting and soon devious plots were hatched to undermine the support of candidates. Ties, both physical and contractual were severed and the resulting chaos led to the entire plan failing. As the feuding grew fiercer and fiercer, Marshall recalled how leaves would attack each other on the ground, even after their dreams had been trampled underfoot.

"It was utter madness," Marshall said. "Instead of quietly enjoying the last moments we had, we were brutally murdering each other over a now-

unattainable goal."

The Bachelor photographers were on hand to document the unbridled violence, but the editorial staff deemed the photos too graphic to print.

In the end it was the small minority of leaves, known as Doomsautumn Preppers, who managed to maintain their perch in the now barren emergent canopy. These "DAPer" leaves had been hoarding resources and sunlight early April. None of the DAPers could be reached for comment.

As students walk through campus this winter, they often pass by the gruesome scenes of carnage that have yet to be cleared from the grounds. It would do best not to dwell on the horrors of last fall, but instead remember the brave stories of those like Phorm. Instead of focusing on the destruction, remember how one little leaf channelled her resourcefulness and determination to succeed despite her circumstances.

NETFLIX RELEASES NEW SHOWS FOR STREAMING

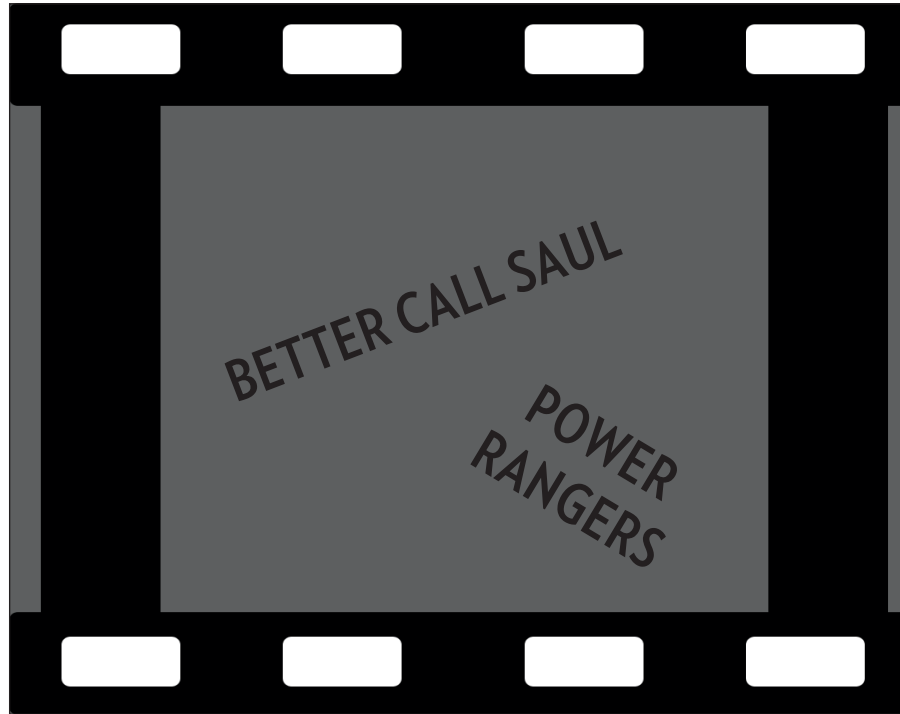
JADE DOTY '18 | STAFF WRITER •

Whether you're a binge watcher or a casual streamer, Wabash students in general are very familiar with Netflix. This being said, many students might be lost in the depths of indecisive Netflix watching since binge watching all of Making a Murder over break; if this doesn't pertain to you, I suggest that you stop reading this article and spend your valuable time watching that show. But if this does pertain to you, here are some suggestions for this upcoming semester.

Even though there are many Netflix users on Wabash's campus, the users differ in taste. Some are TV show fanatics, some love mindless shows that don't require much attention, and others are attracted to films with rich plots. Whatever your taste is, hopefully you find some of these suggestions to be up to par with your usual standards.

Now, the majority of the Netflix watchers on campus consist of show-thirsty binge watchers like Logan Kleiman '18, who said: "My favorite show on Netflix is House of Cards. I binged watched most of it because of its great plot. But I usually watch more movies, specifically plot-driven ones, than TV shows on Netflix."

If you fall into this category of Netflix users, there are some great TV shows you might be missing out on. For example, the TV show Better Call Saul is about to release its second season on AMC, which gives everyone enough time to binge watch this brilliant Breaking Bad spinoff. Also, British shows like Peaky Blinders and Black Mirror have been raved about for some time now but continue to sit in most watchers' recommended queue; while Peaky Blinders is a take on early 20th century mobs in Britain, Black Mirror is a sci-fi series with a techno-paranoia spin.



COLIN THOMPSON '17 / GRAPHIC

Finally, if House of Cards is your show, look no further than The West Wing, a show about cutthroat presidential advisors that struggle through scandals, national threats, and political scuffles.

If you're more of a laid back Netflix user that likes to play cards or prod through their phone while watching a show, then here are some shows that might be of your taste. If you grew up watching Saturday morning cartoons then you probably know the theme song to about 3 different Power Ranger franchises. Netflix has just recently released every Power Ranger series ever made (which totals up to about 20) and it is the perfect show to help you relive your childhood in 30 min. Some other

shows that one could consider include Master of None, a show about comedian Aziz Ansari who has trouble making decisions in life, Louie, a comedian trying to juggle the life of being a middle-aged single father, and Archer, a shameless, James Bond-esque agent who would rather party with beautiful women than save the day.

Some students who profess being avid Netflix users find it very difficult committing to one specific show and, like Clayton Servies '16, find more enjoyment in watching classic movies with riveting plots. "I tend to drift towards to the 'Critically-Acclaimed Films' and 'Classic Movies' categories more than specific TV shows," Servies

said. "I like to enjoy a whole story in one sitting rather than keep up with an ongoing plot."

TV shows are fun and exciting, but for those unable to stay dedicated to a show, here are some movies that might be worth watching: Fresh, a movie set in the 1990s about a young boy who gets mixed up in the drug trade of New York City and There Will Be Blood, a film that lives and dies by an award winning performance from Daniel Day-Lewis. Day-Lewis plays an oil rig manager ravaged by greed. Additionally, Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid, a western classic that tells the story of two outlaws played by Paul Newman and Robert Redford. Now if you're not trying to watch a serious movie after doing homework for several hours, here are some films that will make you laugh out loud this semester: Clerks, a cult classic directed by Kevin Smith that zooms in on the day in the life of store clerk Dante and his extravagant friends; Goon, in which Sean William Scott plays a fortunate bouncer who gets a job being a punisher in minor-league hockey; and Swingers, where Vince Vaughn and Jon Favreau play two wannabe actors who fall into being regulars in the stylish neo-lounge scene.

Wabash students cope with their stressful lives in many ways at Wabash College, whether it be working out or joining clubs. But in one form or another, most students tend to gravitate towards Netflix. Netflix is a key component to surviving the student life at Wabash College and hopefully some of these suggestions will allow you to forget about that five page paper due Monday. If not, may you be successful in finding your piece of pleasure on the world wide streaming entertainment provider that is Netflix.

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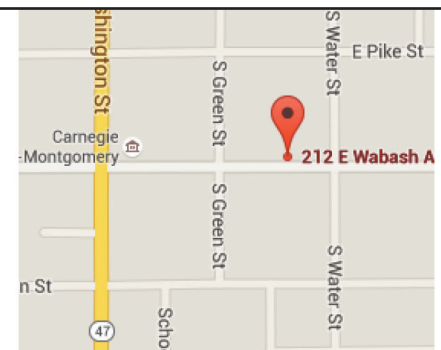
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A TASTE OF ITALY IN CRAWFORDSVILLE

VALENTINO ITALIAN CUISINE OPENS ITS DOORS

NICHOLAS VEDO '19 | STAFF WRITER • For college students, money is often very tight, and when it comes to finding food we tend to fall in the same patterns. The fact that all one has to do is call Jimmy John's, ask to place an order, and they immediately know it is going to Wabash is evidence of this. Students tend to prefer to stay on campus rather than adventuring into the town because it is more comfortable to stay and/or because they believe there is nothing to find. However, a new restaurant by the name of Valentino Italian Cuisine is changing all of that.

Located at 127 E. Main Street, the Valentino family-operated eatery is well within walking distance of campus. Customers to the restaurant are immediately hit with a very friendly, family-oriented atmosphere and the enticing smell of warm bread.

The establishment is run by head chef Yusmin Puche Gottardo and her husband Valentino Gottardo. Valentino is a farmer by trade who owns and operates Farm Valentino, a produce farm that provides many of the vegetables they use in their dishes. During the winter months there is very little to do for agricultural advancement and this is what led Valentino and Yusmin to the idea of opening a restaurant on the side.

"I think this is a very good thing to start something different in this town," Valentino said. "Our restaurant is not very big, it is a family business."

Using greenhouses, Valentino is able to cultivate thousands of fresh crops, and those are just the tomatoes. Due to the cold weather, however, not all vegetables can be grown. When summer rolls around after finals, then the restaurant's dishes will be composed of entirely home grown vegetables.

All other ingredients that are not home grown are imported directly from Italy and bought from both Chicago and Indianapolis. The Gottardo's hope to cook in a way similar to that used throughout Italy, where all ingredients are completely fresh and dishes are prepared daily.

"The Italian cuisine is very particular. Normally in Italy, the people go to the market and buy food fresh everyday then go back



JACOB FERGUSON '18 / PHOTO

The counter at Valentino Italian Cuisine stands ready to serve the hungry Crawfordsville residents fresh Italian food.

to their homes and start cooking," Valentino said.

The Gottardo's never use food that is frozen or canned. Furthermore, the recipes and cooking methods are very traditional. This is primarily due to Yusmin's culinary training in Italy.

Although the farm is the principle focus for the Gottardo family, they still find immense joy in cooking and operating the restaurant.

"I cook because it is my passion," Yusmin said. This restaurant gives me a chance to put into practice all that I learned when I was younger. I like the restaurant small."

The new restaurant at 127 E. Main Street was created as a result of that passion. This passion is what makes their food special, and why visiting their eatery is such a joy. The happiness is truly contagious, and all you have to do is step across the threshold to discover the truth of that.

So, the next time your stomach starts rumbling over a weekend, maybe go out on a limb and try something from Valentino Italian Cuisine. After all, new experiences are psychologically healthy for humans and you will be supporting a local business on top of it, so what's not to love?

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STUDENTS COOK UP A STORM

ZACH BLEISCH '18 | STAFF WRITER • One of the most important necessities to survive college is access to an abundance of food. However, weekends can provide students with a difficult dilemma in the nutrition department. Many students in fraternities do not receive meal service on the weekend and can independent men run low on swipes. (Especially with the scrumptious opportunity of Sparks After Darks.) Students often must choose between spending money to get food from a restaurant or trying to scavenge what little food made it through the week as questionably edible leftovers.

Cooking on the weekends can be quite the challenge for many students; and even a Wabash man's stomach can only handle a finite amount of Ramen Noodles.

The Wabash College Cooking Club, led by President Sean McGrath '16, gives students a fun option for food on their Sunday nights.

Jeremy Minor '16, the treasurer of the Cooking Club, also made note of the club's delectable



Sean McGrath

enticement to students.

"It gives people a meal on Sunday nights, but then it's also an opportunity for students to come together to learn how to cook," Minor said.

The Cooking Club allows students expand their horizons, and venture away from the bland, easy-to-make microwave meals.

The cooking sessions typically consist of 20 guys from a mix of various living units. Despite the sizable crowd, the club manages to allow everyone a meaningful role in preparing a meal.

"You have some guys that are really intense into it, and then they will want to take a break and some new people can get in," Minor said, "usually it takes care of itself."

The larger-group meetings also allow students to take breaks and relax with friends. Mexican food also gives many students the chance to participate in the process; it also happens to be Minor's favorite type of food to make.

The club goes beyond a social gathering for



Jeremy Minor

students to hang out and get a free meal. The meals made by the club provide students the opportunity to learn how to make dishes that will serve useful in the real world. "Guys aren't typically known as people that are good cooks traditionally," Minor said.

The meals that the cooked are not boring, easy box recipes either. "We had Professor Byun do Korean Barbeque," Minor said, "[we] get some pretty unique ideas. Appetizers, breakfast for dinner, not your run of the mill pizza."

The meals are often created from scratch in order to get a fresh, true cooking experience. Other notable faculty members known to attend various meetings are Dean of Students Michael Raters and Professor of History Richard Warner.

While there are no current detailed plans, the cooking club typically meets at Beta almost every Sunday, and provides Wabash men with a unique opportunity to get out and meet new people while learning how to make interesting meals.

"It's a time to get together and get away from homework on a Sunday," Minor said. "You also get to know people from across campus that you would not normally talk to. That makes Cooking Club really important."



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TENNIS LOOKS TO NEW LEADERSHIP AS IT BEGINS ITS 2016 CAMPAIGN; RELIES ON COLLECTION OF YOUNG PLAYERS FOR SUCCESS

JOEL JANAK '19 | STAFF WRITER

The Wabash College Tennis Team's season has officially begun. The Little Giants have been in season for the last couple of weeks posting a 2-2 record. The team is still recovering from last year's departure losing a couple of seniors to graduation, meaning the team is very young.

Head Tennis Coach Jason Hutchinson expressed a great deal of optimism about the start of their season.

"There are a few players who are emerging as juniors. Michael Makio '17 has been near the top of the line-up since arriving so he has experience playing at a high level."

With such a young team, the team needs guys to step and be vocal leaders for the future classes. Coach Hutchinson spoke on the loss of the team's leaders.

"The previous couple of years we had vocal leaders, but they have graduated, so [Makio] is stepping in and doing a good job by both his work ethic and being vocal."

Makio shares his coach's optimism.

"I am very excited for this season, as we are a young team. We don't have any seniors on the team, so a lot of guys will have to step up and take on a leadership role."

Coach Hutchinson is looking for a big year out of him. He also mentioned that the sophomore class has been showing some great leadership traits by being vocal. They understand the team's goal and know what it is going to take to get the job done.

The tennis team does have expectations for every player on the squad this year.

"My biggest expectation for



IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

Wabash College Tennis has split in the win and the loss column two weekends in a row for a 2-2 record overall. George Go III '18 and Jordan Greenwell '19 were defeated by Oberlin College in a doubles matchup in Saturday's defeat.

this season is that every member of the team gets better at being resilient and tenacious every day," Hutchinson said.

He wants his guys to be able to compete every set and every match. Guys are going to lose, but he wants to see how they are going to react and grow from their mistakes. Without a senior class, this is going to be a big year for the team to grow, and prepare for a special year next year.

With such a young group, it is hard to tell how the team really is going to perform day in and out.

"The guys have an excellent work ethic and want to be successful," Hutchinson said. "We need to continue to find the mental toughness in our matches and develop the idea that with our tough schedule."

Building good habits for the team will only help them down the road,

especially if they want to contend in April. He emphasized that his guys cannot allow their opponents any free points. This would only hurt his team's confidence and the outcome of the season.

Unfortunately, coaches are not allowed to be with the team during

"The guys have an excellent work ethic and want to be successful."

JASON HUTCHISON

the offseason. Hutchison believes his guys practiced on their own, and worked on things they felt necessary.

His whole team seemed to come back fit and ready to go for the start of the season. This indicates that the team had a goal to be competitive in the NCAC this season. Both coaches and players were incredibly eager to start the season in late January.

The team travels to Lake Forest, Illinois this weekend for a small invite against the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and the host Lake Forest College. The team is looking to continue their win streak against these two tough opponents. They are riding off a victory against Elmhurst College last weekend. As the season progresses, it will be interesting to see how the tennis team stacks up against its competition. With such a young team, there will be some growing pains, but the team will strive for success.

IT'S HOW YOU FINISH

BASKETBALL LOOKS TO
TAKE FINAL THREE GAMES
OF CONFERENCE PLAY;
IMPROVE ROAD
RECORD BEFORE CRUCIAL
NCAC TOURNAMENT

MASON ASHER '18 | STAFF WRITER

The Wabash College Little Giants split two home conference games last weekend to move up a spot in the conference rankings. The Little Giants lost to Hiram 84-72 on Friday night before thrashing Allegheny 81-58 in a Saturday afternoon matchup. There were many great performances to build on from this weekend of play that will have to be built on in order to

reach the conference tournament.

"(On Friday) we got off to a pretty slow start offensively because of a lot of turnovers in the first five to eight minutes," Head Basketball Coach Kyle Brumett said. "Overall I was disappointed with how we played on Friday."

Saturday was much better for the Little Giants. The hosts trailed by two at the half and then came out on fire scoring 48 points en route to the win.

"I was encouraged how we bounced back and played the next day," Brumett said. "We had a short turnaround time and did not play great in the first half, then we came out of the half and played extremely well."

Daniel Purvlicis '16 was firing on all cylinders as he put up some big numbers in both games. Purvlicis '16 had 27 points against Hiram then he poured in 26 against Allegheny. Purvlicis '16 also pulled

down 13 rebounds on the weekend.

C.J. McMann '17 scored a career high on Saturday netting 13 points on 4-of-5 shooting including making all three of his attempts from long distance.

"We had really good lift from Ben Stachowski '19 and C.J. McMann," Brumett said. "I thought that gave us an opportunity to pull away from them instead of just playing even to our the competition."

Johnny Jager '19 continues his good play by putting up games of 16 and 12 points and adding in a two game total of 10 assists. Jager '19 also improved on his ball handling turning the ball over only seven times total on the weekend.

The Little Giants have just three games remaining with Denison, DePauw, and Kenyon still on the schedule. Wabash owns wins over both Denison and DePauw at home and look to sweep the season series on the road.

WABASH: 81
ALLEGHENY: 58

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All three teams are very near Wabash in the conference standings and in order to get the conference finish Wabash wants, the Little Giants will have to end the season with a three-game sweep.

"I am looking for this team to continue to make positive strides into February," Brumett said. "We finished up our home games and for two of the three games we have remaining, we have beaten those teams. We finish the season with three games we can win. I am looking at this team to have a commitment and to continue to improve, because that is what gives us a chance to make noise in the conference championship."

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Daniel Purvlicis '16 goes up for a layup against Allegheny College. Wabash won 81-58.



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THE WINNING ENVIRONMENT

MICHAEL LUMPKIN '18 | SPORTS EDITOR • Do not be fooled by the cold February that has plagued us up to this point. Wabash College Track and Field is warmed up and ready to go. With many events under their belt at this point, the squad is traveling to different parts of the Midwest every weekend to compete against some of the best. Track and Field is considered to be a “Spring” sport in the eyes of most. What is probably more accurate is to term Track and Field as a “Second Semester” sport. The season began to heat up during the school’s time off for Winter Break. The events that make up these first few months are all indoors, with the NCAA Indoor Championships occurring on March 4th and 5th to cap off the indoor events.

With Track and Field being uniquely broken down into an “Indoor” and “Outdoor” season, athletes are expected to perform in two vastly different environments. These two different environments bring to light, which does Wabash Track and Field prefer?

There are a few differences that must be noted regarding the differences between the indoor and outdoor setting. Foremost, the track in many indoor facilities is just 200-meters, half that of the 400-meter outdoor track. Second, everything in an indoor facility is much more closely located compared to an outdoor event. Field events have to be placed in much closer quarters to the track in the indoor facilities compared to the outdoor facilities. Finally, the events that are run in the indoor setting are often different than some run in the outdoor setting.

Matthew Dickerson '16 has emerged as a senior leader thus far Wabash Track and Field. Dickerson set the Wabash record for the Heptathlon in last Saturday’s Keck Invitational at Illinois Wesleyan University. Dickerson’s performance won him the event and marked the fifth-best time posted in Division III thus far. Dickerson participates in a wide range of events on the track and in the field. Overall, he said



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Distance runners seem to prefer the lively atmosphere that an indoor meet provides.

he prefers the outdoor setting over the indoor setting, despite his great success indoors. Dickerson said, “My reasoning for this is that many of the sprinting events are too short indoors or that the curves are too tight on an indoor track which leads to slower times. Also indoors the air is much thicker and makes it much more difficult to recover after a hard race.” Dickerson considered himself a “taller sprinter” that takes advantage of the longer sprinting events to use his length.

Murphy Sheets '17 is a long-distance runner that prefers the indoor setting when running in his events. Sheets

within 100 feet of the throwing, vaulting, or long jump areas. Its nice to be close to your teammates who are in different disciplines because come outdoors you will often be separated,” Sheets said.

Reno Jamison '17 is a thrower Wabash Track and Field. Jamison said, “The atmosphere for indoors meet as a thrower is much better for competition because we are literally right next to the track events. In outdoor seasons at most meets we can be a substantial distance away from the rest of the meet so at times it feels like we are out on our own.” Jamison said that “overall” he prefers outdoors more however, citing of the weather and more fun throwing in his events as his reasoning.

Dominic Patacsil '19 saw the pros and cons of each environment. Patacsil mentioned the “electricity” of the indoor environment that is a perk for distance runners. Patacsil said, “As a distance runner, you are putting in a lot of laps indoors, and I feel like that helps in pacing.” Patacsil also acknowledged the better surface he feels present in the outdoor setting and that the tapering process for longer runners that caters more towards success in the latter half of the season.

It seemed that the preference of one environment over the other related to the events in which the person participates. Regardless of the environment, Wabash Track and Field has found great success in both the indoor and outdoor settings. Wabash heads down to the school down South this weekend for the DePauw University Classic.

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DOMINIC PATACSIL '19

said, “In indoors, your coaches and teammates are constantly lined up around the track which helps quite a bit during the last few laps of a race.” Sheets also likes being close to his teammates. “In indoors you are always



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WRESTLING LOOKS TO GEAR UP FOR A SUCCESSFUL POSTSEASON RUN; ENJOYS THE BENEFITS OF NEW SHELBOURNE CENTER

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As winter sports begin to finish their regular season schedules and turn their focus to postseason play, Wabash Wrestling is looking to prepare for a strong postseason push with the help of their brand new facility. Two weeks ago, the Shelbourne Wrestling Complex officially opened its doors to very eager wrestlers and coaches ready to break in the mats in their new building. In the past two weeks of practice, only positive things can be said about the experience the team has had in the complex.

The new complex means a lot to the team because it gives them the space they need to compete at an elite level.

"It means that we finally have a consistent place to challenge ourselves in new ways that we were not able to do before," Ethan Farmer '16 said. "I can already tell a difference in the way we practice in the first week that we have been in the facility."

The team agreed that ample space was one of the best benefits

of the new facility.

"The absolute best things about the new facility is one, the space is ours, and two the mat space," Riley Lefever '17 said, "It has been some time since the wrestling team has had a room to themselves, to call their own, and also ample mat space. It's such a blessing now that we have both of these things."

Along with space, the ability to switch up practices and introduce new drills and training exercises has also been well received by the team.

"I personally like having everything we need in one area," Farmer said. "If we want to incorporate pull-ups into the workout, half the team can do that while the other half does another half can wrestle. If we want to do some extra cardio, we have a couple machines right next to the mats so we can interchange wrestling and the machine. The best part is simply being able to diversify our workouts, which keeps us on our toes and pushing harder. Plus the new speakers are pretty awesome!"

Just last weekend the team traveled to Berea, Ohio to compete in the John Summa Tournament held at Baldwin Wallace University. The team wrestled excellently taking a 2nd place finish out of eleven teams. Top performers include Nick Bova, Ethan Farmer, Connor Brummett, Riley Lefever, Paul Snyder, and Robbie Carter.

With just one more regular season matchup left, the team is heavily starting to focus on finishing the regular season strong and head into the Midwest Regional with some positive momentum.

"We are really focused on making sure



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Wrestling finished 2nd of out of 11 teams Saturday at the John Summa Tournament at Baldwin University. The Little Giants only have three regular season matches remaining.

everyone is improving and not satisfied with what the team has accomplished this far. It is not just about the 10 going into regionals, but everyone else as well so they can push those 10 guys every minute during practice," Farmer stated, "We are really excited to see what we can accomplish at nationals and are eager to prove ourselves."

The team is away for the next competition where the team travels to Ada, Ohio to compete in the Midstates Tournament at Northern Ohio University tomorrow, Saturday, Feb. 13.

The team will bring their season back to Crawfordsville on Feb. 27 when Wabash hosts the NCAA DIII Midwest Regional in Knowling Fieldhouse.

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