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MXI, UPS FOSTER DIVERSITY AT WABASH

NICHOLAS VEDO '19 | STAFF WRITER • This past weekend, the MXI (Malcolm X Institute) and UPS (Unidos Por Sangre) student-run associations came together to host a joint event for minority students in the Montgomery area.

The event included optional tours, informational sessions on student clubs, games, and food. This small festival had informational booths for the Montgomery Free Health Clinic, the MXI, the UPS, and various other organizations.

The idea for the event came largely from Dean for Professional Development Alan Hill's realization that many people who live in Crawfordsville have never been on campus before and know very little about Wabash. "Even though we do not have a wall around us for some

people in the community it feels like there is one," Hill said. "The outcome of our event is the UPS will continue to connect with local schools to hold activities for the Latino youth in the community, and MXI will do the same for African American youth."

As a predominantly white college, there is much that Wabash can do to increase diversity, and the recent efforts of the MXI and UPS are just the beginning. Increased diversity stands only to benefit in a learning community as small as Wabash, and everyone can get involved.

"I hope that the College allows us to market a little bit better," MXI brother Kevin Griffen '18 said. "I think one thing the College could do is allow the MXI and the UPS to market to incoming freshmen a little bit more. Also, during Freshmen Saturday it would be nice to invite incoming students to MXI or UPS events."

Another focus of the recent event was creating new ties between the community and Wabash College. Instead of an invisible wall, students and town dwellers should have close relationships with one another. These mutual relationships can be something as simple as traveling off campus and supporting a local farmer's market. This will open up opportunities to make both the College and city better places to live and work in. Many student-run clubs already work outside in the community, but there is definitely a lot of room for improvement and it is up to every student to make an effort to help.



Alan Hill



IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

Scott Himsel '85 has been a political science professor at Wabash since 2003.

HIMSEL '85 NAMED RHODES TRUST INSPIRATIONAL SCHOLAR

ADAM ALEXANDER '16 | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • When Jacob Burnett '15 learned the Rhodes Trust was looking to establish an Inspirational Educator Award, he thought immediately of his mentor, Scott Himsel '85, Visiting Associate Professor of Political Science. The Rhodes Trust wanted to celebrate educators around the world who have demonstrated an exceptional aptitude for helping young students realize their potential, and so the Trust called on Rhodes Scholars to nominate those teachers who had the most profound influence on their lives. Following Burnett's nomination, Himsel was named the winner of one of the first-ever Rhodes Trust Inspirational Educator Awards, along with 17 other educators around the globe.

"Professor Himsel was and still is the most animated professor I've ever had," Burnett wrote in his original nomination letter. "He would almost never sit in his seat and walk around the square table and the classroom often wedging his head in between students' heads when making a point. The classroom, for him, was a theater. He gave life to constitutional law."

Himsel said he adapted his style of teaching from Wabash professors Edward B. McLean H'03 and Melissa A. Butler H'85, among others.

"Perhaps more than anyone else, those two people

really influenced me," Himsel said. "Dr. McLean was almost ninja-like; he could machine-gun you with a series of questions that would really make you rethink your fundamental assumptions about things. He could turn you all the way around on an issue without you even realizing it had happened. Dr. Butler was also just an amazing teacher. She wasn't just a great political theory professor; she was a great practitioner of the small 'p' politics. She knew everything that was going on around campus. She was fully integrated into this community, and was very dynamic in the classroom."

Himsel also models his teaching style off of his Northwestern School of Law professor Victor G. Rosenblum, the 1979 recipient of Wabash's Senior Peck Medal.

"No one ever said anything stupid in Vic's class, even if they did," Himsel said. "Vic listened carefully enough - and knew his material well enough - that no matter what a student said, he would find a way to build on those comments. This had the benefit of encouraging people to participate and really not wasting anything that happened in the classroom. Vic was one of the nicest, one of the kindest people, and a very smart guy."

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HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

CRUZZING INTO C-VILLE

Rafael Cruz, father of GOP presidential candidate Ted Cruz, stopped by the Joshua Cup here in Crawfordsville on Tuesday. The Senator's father is known for taking political rhetoric a little further than his son, including calling gay marriage a socialist government conspiracy "to destroy all loyalties except loyalty to the government." A Wabash employee brought Cruz to Crawfordsville, and multiple Wabash students were in the audience. At least we know a few people in the room were thinking critically.

THANK YOU, TERRI

After an amazing 47 years, Business Office cashier Terri Fyffe is calling it a career this summer. The countless students, faculty, and staff members salute you, Terri, on your dedication, kindness, and love for Wabash. Imagine this, one of Terri's ancestors cast the bricks for Center Hall back in the 1800s and another was a member of the Board of Trustees, class of 1875. Student Senate is proud to have you as an honorary member and we appreciate your six decades of service to us. All the best in retirement, Terri, and we look forward to seeing you around.

WAR COUNCIL'S 6-PACK

Hi-Five to the WAR Council for being responsible in their scheduling of the 6 Pack talks. They made sure to space out their imbibing of wisdom in the form of a lecture over the course of several weeks. This was done to ensure that they did not get inundated with information, and avoid the damage of binge-talking.

CONSPIRACIES LINGER

The *Bachelor* is proud to break the news of an incredible conspiracy that goes straight to the top at Wabash College. The members of the Student Senate, led by their Cabinet and in conjunction with the Administration of the College, have great designs to eliminate the pesky source of free speech at Wabash College. Be on the lookout for a proposal to renovate the Armory. We at the *Bachelor* fear this is actually a sneaky attempt to destroy both the *Bachelor's* office as well as the office of the Wabash Democracy Fellows. Freedom of speech and freedom of the press will not go away that easily, Wabash!

SURRENDER THE BENCH

TKE, we know you are apparently filled with Michelangelos at your house, but stop painting the bench! Give the rest of us a chance before the year is over. At least follow proper procedures and guard it. Traditions matter here!

PROFESSORS GIVE INSIGHT ON THE SAFETY OF IMMERSION COURSES

CHARLES FREY '19 | STAFF WRITER • It is well known that Wabash offers vast opportunities for students to not only succeed on campus, but to immerse themselves in other cultures around the world. Our immersion trips provide a new dynamic to the classroom, resulting in a better understanding and real world connections to the materials learned. Just over Spring Break, a group of students visited Italy to connect their learnings of Machiavelli with what they learned in class—visiting locations mentioned in text, as well as to view art from the time period, to put the world in which he lived into perspective.

But how important is this real world connection in class? In light of the recent attack in Brussels, is it even safe to send students overseas? The answer is overwhelmingly "yes."

Dr. Jeremy Hartnett, Classics Professor and Chair of the Off-Campus Studies Committee, gave strong insight to what makes Wabash's programs excel. "Other campuses go on small one to three week trips, but those are often times stand-alone trips," he said. "The calling card of Wabash immersion courses is that we embed our immersion trips within the course—we take our classrooms on the road. Afterwards, we want there to be some opportunity for students to process what they learned, whether that lesson is intellectual, cultural, or social. A time to reflect, even after the intense experience of the trip. The other benefit Wabash students have through Wabash is that they pay for their passport and food, and that's it."

Another factor that plays into planning successful immersion trips is timing. Currently, there are opportunities for immersion courses during every semester, and there are pros and cons for both. Courses offered in the fall tend to have more information gained in class leading up to the trip, while courses offered in the spring have more time for reflection afterward. There are two language courses offered where

a summer immersion is the focus of the class. Dr. Rogers' Ecuador immersion and Professor Redding's Tübingen, Germany trip are both wedged during the summer between two half-semester credits. This is good news for student athletes who otherwise might miss practice or important events during a regular trip during the school year.

Dr. Rogers had some reassuring words concerning the threat of terrorism. "The nature of the world around is that 'You don't know.'"



Dan Rogers

Your reaction to that could be 'I'm not going to leave my house.' So you don't leave your house, but if you're going to engage the world, you've got to leave your house," he said. "You can't eliminate risk, you mitigate risk. Listen to the State Department. Whenever we do an immersion trip, the first layer is 'What does the State Department say?' The second thing I do is talk with colleagues and associates in Ecuador to ask if it's safe. Finally, we just have to plan ahead. Simple as that."

"Our student safety is paramount," Hartnett said. "We aren't going to put people into harm's way. All that being said, we also recognize that if education were just about comfort, we would just teach what people already knew and we wouldn't push or test them in any way. One part of immersion trips is to get people out of their comfort zones, not putting them in harm's way, but putting them in situations where it makes them a little uncomfortable. It's really weird to go to another country and not speak their language. That's a powerful lesson. I think we're always going to be mindful of student safety, and I can foresee a cancellation of an immersion trip due to unforeseen circumstances. The world is a scary place and it seems that it is becoming less and less safe, or at least more and more unpredictable, but that may actually be all the more reason for us to travel and engage with it in meaningful ways."

And that is what Wabash has been about since the college's founding: engaging the world in meaningful ways. So get out there and apply for an immersion course.

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BODE, VAUGHT SET TO GIVE COMMENCEMENT SPEECHES

PATRICK BRYANT '16 | BUSINESS MANAGER • Thousands of Indiana University graduates will listen to the words of Jamie Hyneman of the popular TV show "Mythbusters" next month when he gives the commencement address in Bloomington. Though a graduate of IU, it will be 35 years since Hyneman was enrolled and he will speak to a group of students he's never before met.

In keeping with tradition, the Wabash graduating class of approximately 170 will be addressed by two of its graduating seniors. Earlier this month Scott Feller, Dean of the College, announced Nathan Bode '16 and Sam Vaught '16 as this year's speakers. For Bode and Vaught, the opportunity to address their classmates and apply the perspective they have is most rewarding aspect.

"I guess to a certain extent this is the final point where I feel, I don't know if validated is the right word, but I'm excited that I have made a presence on campus," Bode said. "I tried really hard to do that and I guess this is a big recognition of that."

Having the perspective of a graduating senior, Vaught said he would point to the tradition of student commencement speakers as one of the things that makes Wabash unique and special.

"We value the voices of our students we don't want to feed them with some kind of ideology or comedy that other schools bring in," Vaught said. "I don't think Wabash wants us to end four years to be someone else's perspective, an outside voice. They want it to be our voice and that's really cool."

Vaught said he plans his speech to be forward looking, a speech in which hope will be a major theme. Bode, who will be the first speaker, said he plans his to be more reflective. Bode said living in the moment and reflecting upon how well that's served him in his last four years is what excites him

about speaking at Commencement.

"I like to plan ahead but I don't have a ton of natural foresight," Bode said. "I think in my seven semesters living on campus I have been able to really take my present time here and do a lot with it and fully engage in it."

Bode, who this summer will be working for the company that oversaw his study abroad program to Argentina last year, said he hopes graduating seniors leave his talk embracing what it means to be passionate. Passionate people do well, he said, and it's never too late to start if that wasn't something they exhibited as students. He hopes to address that lack of Wabash passion that he said ground his gears at times over the last four years.

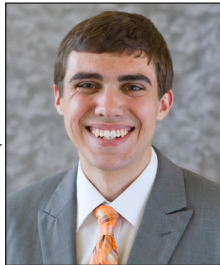
"Passion is fundamental to success and happiness," Bode said. "It's something I think gets overlooked and written off in a lot of places, and sometimes even pushed to the side."

Vaught said he hopes his words will help those family members and friends who don't quite understand Wabash or a liberal arts education, even a younger brother that may be considering Wabash as a future college, to understand what makes the College worthwhile and life changing.

"In a not very explicit way, but through what I say, I hope to show what we learn here is important and why this place is important," Vaught said. "It's not going to be a shock and reveal, drag all the administrators through the dirt or the other students."

The day after Commencement, Vaught will leave for Iona Abbey in Scotland where he will serve during the summer before going to New Haven, CT to work with other young people discerning the Episcopal priesthood. Vaught said the experience at Commencement will add to a weekend that he regardless was going to remember fondly.

"It's going to make the weekend really special for me and Commencement weekend will be all the more memorable for the rest of my life because I participated in this way," Vaught said. "I'm looking forward to it, I really can't wait."



Sam Vaught '16



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Nathan Bode '16 and Sam Vaught '16 will give their speeches on May 15 at Commencement.

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PRE-LAW STUDENTS HONORED AT PECK DINNER

IAN WARD '19 | STAFF WRITER •

This past Monday evening, the 43rd annual Peck Awards Banquet was held in Detchon International Hall. The purpose of this banquet is to honor Pre-Law Society members who have accomplished extraordinary accomplishments in the field of law and recognize how they will continue their studies in that field. This banquet is named in honor of Judge David Peck '22, Wabash alumnus and Crawfordsville native. Peck entered Wabash at age 16 and went on to attend law school at Harvard University at age 19. From there, he went on to be the youngest judge to preside over Manhattan and the Bronx.

The dinner is open to all Wabash students and according to Pre-Law advisor Scott Himself '85, "The law is important and the liberal arts is incomplete without some experience regarding the law. It is a rarity that undergraduate students have this opportunity and that the ability to meet Wabash alumni that are now lawyers is a special one that students should take advantage of."

This year, the featured speaker and

Senior Peck Medal Award winner was Kenneth Falk, legal director at the American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana. Falk is a New York native that began his legal career nearly 40 years ago in Muncie, IN where he represented underprivileged residents of that area.

The 2016 Junior Peck Medal Award winner was Matt Binder '16. Binder plans to continue his law career at The University of Michigan Law School. "I feel like I'm going on a great adventure, and I plan to take advantage of everything it has to offer," Binder said. Binder also reminisced back to his very beginnings at the college. "It felt good to shake Professor Himself's hand after the award was announced and realize that my pre-law experience had come full circle since the day I first visited him in his office as a freshman," Binder said. Other award winners included Derek Andre '16 and Brady Quackenbush '18 who both won the Joseph J. Daniels Award in Constitutional Law, Josh Bleisch '16 who won the Irwin-Garrand Prize, Dylan Miller '16 receiving the William Nelson White Scholarship Award and Adam Alexander '16 and Andre, who both received the James E. Bingham Award.



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Josh Bleisch '16 speaks to ACLU lawyer Kenneth Falk at the annual Peck Lecture.

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Himsel stressed that the liberal arts teaches humility, and he does not consider himself to be an equal of any of his former professors.

"I don't say I can teach as well as any of them, because I'm sure I can't," Himsel said. "But I can say that these are some of the people I aspire to be like."

The lessons and techniques Himsel learned as a student have evolved into making him one of the next-generation of Wabash 'greats.' In an e-mail interview, Burnett wrote Himsel's style is inspirational because he listens to all opinions, without diminishing any particular position.

"He guides students to argue around the entire issue," Burnett wrote. "He enjoys asking students to argue sides they don't agree with on hot-button issues to help students become better writers, thinkers, and possibly future lawyers. When he critiques an essay or argument, he does it constructively, and he doesn't let one student rule in discussion. Furthermore, Himsel engages students with jokes and a laugh that rivals mine. He cultivates passion through teaching. He's inspirational because he animates the potential dryness of constitutional law, respects the opinions of students, and stirs the passion in the room until students leave riled up."

Speaking specifically to his relationship with Burnett, Himsel smiled, recalling old memories with one of his favorite students. "Teaching Jacob was a joy," Himsel said.

"He's really smart, and he's really motivated. He was in my freshman tutorial on Roosevelt and World War II; he is the most devoted fan of Eleanor Roosevelt and her efforts to be more inclusive of underrepresented groups. Jacob is one of the most sensitive students I have ever taught about the rights of minorities. He is very passionate and very energetic. It was just a great experience having him in class."

In Burnett's nomination letter, he referred to Himsel as more than an inspirational educator, but a "Wabash dad." Himsel has cultivated close relationships with many students since teaching his first class in 2003.

"One of the things I find most meaningful is the opportunity to know, work with, and be with students that I have taught," Himsel said. "My wife and I will be attending four weddings this summer of former students. That is a particularly special thing for me. The chance to stay in touch with students and maintain relationships is one of the many wonderful things about being here."

Because Himsel is an inaugural winner of the Award, he did not even know it existed before he learned he had won it.

"I was very surprised," Himsel said. "Really, I was overwhelmed by Jacob's generosity. I am always overwhelmed by the generosity of Wabash men toward their faculty. Because we place high demand on our students in our readings and our classroom work, and that makes it all the more special that our students are so

generous toward the faculty."

But Himsel doesn't believe the Award belongs to him. Instead, Himsel credits the great work of all of the faculty at the College.

"Whenever you're lucky enough to receive any recognition, I think it's really wise and really accurate to consider it to be an award to the entire faculty,"

Himsel said. "I just happen to be the representative on this particular occasion. It takes a village, and what I do is made possible by what other people do. I was very surprised, very grateful, and I feel like I accept this award in my capacity as a representative of the faculty. This is an award to Wabash."



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Jacob Burnett '15 and Professor Scott Himsel '85 pose together at last year's Commencement.

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NOT FEAR, BUT SOLIDARITY

ATHERNS, Greece - One minute I stand at the entrance of an overcrowded cafeteria smiling, collecting tickets and handing out trays of food. The next minute a security guard shoves me in the back out the doors and into an overcrowded block at the corner of Kapidistriou and Kamaterou.

The refugee crisis is real and a heckuva lot more than a crisis. It will be recorded as one of the worst humanitarian catastrophes of our time.

Studying abroad in Athens, Greece and volunteering in a soup kitchen for the past three months has given me the opportunity to experience the refugee crisis firsthand.

I am experiencing not fear, but solidarity. I, with the other volunteers, am partaking in a demonstration of solidarity.

Almost every Monday morning since early February, I walk from my apartment in the cozy neighborhood of Pangrati, through the National Gardens, across Syntagma Square and beyond the business sectors in downtown Athens to Caritas Athens, a Non-Profit Organization (NGO). Here, adjacent to Omonia Square, trash fills the streets and discarded heroin needles line the narrow, mislaid sidewalks.

I volunteer four hours in the soup kitchen. As a volunteer, I get frustrated, anxious and uncomfortable by my inability to understand how my role as



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volunteer is helping the greater cause. Between standing at the front desk and washing dishes, I think quite a lot about what could be done to help more.

When I finish volunteering, I withdraw myself to face my own small problems and everyday challenges. I walk back to College Year in Athens's unfilled cafeteria. I eat lunch alone. I reflect. Try to smile. Read for my next class.

Meanwhile, the cafeteria across town is becoming overwhelmed and understaffed, nearing foodlessness. Mondays in the kitchen always have the least amount of volunteer support paired with a large influx of refugees arriving over the weekend.

Early in the semester, I recognized a rise in the intensity throughout the building because more refugees learned of Caritas' support. The building added a security guard to help direct the growing crowd outside.



COLE CROUCH '17 / PHOTO

Cole Crouch '17 routinely spends time volunteering at a soup kitchen in Athens. Crouch estimates over 2,000 refugees have entered and exited Caritas' kitchen doors.

Each week, more refugees enter Caritas Athens hoping to be fed, given clothes, and granted asylum. I estimate that during my time volunteering over 2,000 refugees have entered and exited Caritas' kitchen doors. They come with the remnants of their lives hauled in the few bags they can strap to their backs wishing for a signed piece of paper to get them elsewhere.

The refugees speak and understand basic English. We exchange universal greetings, too. Standing at the desk, we share hellos and goodbyes. We nod our heads, give each other thumbs up and share smiles. The children play peek-a-boo with me. I offer them a treat and they snatch it from my hand. They love biscuits (cookies).

Once, a young girl, probably just three or four years old, made funny facial expressions with me for over 15 minutes. We exchanged smiles and gave each other bug-eyes from across the cafeteria. I will never forget that little girl. She never showed any fear.

In truth, I have not experienced fear in any shape or form over the three months volunteering with the refugees. Not a fear for my safety. No fear of a threat to my life. Not a fear of the Middle East. And from what I have seen, the refugees do not express any visible fears.

When I left the kitchen that day with the little girl, I wondered if I could have offered her more. Why did she show

no fear?

I came to Greece expecting to fear. I expected to fear and be a witness to fear. I came anticipating the refugees would be visibly afraid. I was wrong.

I do not know how the United States, European Union nor the rest of the world should act moving forward.

A lot of people in America and Europe demand to resist and exile the refugees. Out of selfish but cynical attitudes, they fear and expect the worst. So we just let the fear of terror win? Bullshit.

I am not an activist or global humanitarian. I am a student born in Indiana and raised with Midwest values experiencing the world outside the States for the first time. And I happen to be experiencing it as a volunteer in a period and at a place central to human strife.

So, what more could I have offered that girl? What more could any of us have offered her?

Our ability to fear is lessened only by our capacity to love and hope. In that moment, we shared a smile. We exchanged our human emotion with reciprocity.

Imagine that scaled up.

We all can demonstrate solidarity with the refugees by our capacity to love and hope. We can learn to reciprocate our human emotions with each other. And let not fear, but solidarity lead us through this time of difficulty.



COLE CROUCH '17 / PHOTO

Crouch recounts how overcrowded the block is at the corner of Kapidistriou and Kamaterou outside the Soup Kitchen. Trash and discarded heroin needles line the narrow streets.

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BE BETTER THAN THAT

Over the last year, I've been fortunate enough to be *The Bachelor's* Copy Editor, charged with the enjoyable job of reviewing and changing the grammar, structure, and style of 16 stories every week. And despite a few errors on my part (see Latin-gate), I have thoroughly enjoyed my position with this paper. However, in my time as both a student and a reader of approximately 400 stories this year, I've noticed an interesting trend that stands against the type of mindset that Wabash tries to teach all of us. While it's only fair to warn you that this article is about politics, it's also about being a better person and striving to be the type of man that Wabash creates.

As we all know, our four years at Wabash turns us into men. It doesn't churn out 22-year olds with college degrees and beer guts, but rather, it transforms boys into critically thinking men who are ready to give back to society. This idea is most strongly seen in our simple mission statement, which succinctly establishes the concept of standing "TALL" when faced with



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the world's problems. Our mission statement is something we all know and try to enact every day of our lives. (if you don't believe me pick up any previous issue of this newspaper; I personally guarantee there is some reference to it in there) However, though we pat ourselves on the back because we're so good at this, enacting our mission statement seems to fly out the window when we start addressing politics.

This problem of not thinking critically in politics is most visible when we talk about political candidates' supporters. As we know, presidential candidates Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders are two of the most polarizing people

in the world right now. As such, their supporters reflect this very polarizing atmosphere in their absolute devotion to their respective champions. But the problem that we face is not that these supporters are polarized; the problem is the general and dismissive nature in which citizens (and more importantly Wabash students) talk about them. Many statements that I have heard from Wabash students on the issue lack critical thinking of any kind. Here are two brief examples from both the pro-Trump and the pro-Bernie camps.

The general way that people in this country identify Trump supporters is that they are racist, ignorant Fascists who want to build a wall and close the United States to everyone. And yes, I concede that those people exist in his fan base. But to say that all of his supporters fit that description does not explain the whole picture. The truth of the matter is that many of his supporters are poor, unemployed, and angry at their lack of representation in government, or who are afraid that some rights are getting trampled in favor of others. The middle-class worker

who lost his job when the company moved to a foreign country stands next to those racists, yet they all get branded as Fascists.

Bernie supporters fall into similar generalizations, just on the other end of the spectrum. They get designated at entitled young Communists who just want free college. And again, those people are mixed into the larger group. But also mixed in are 18-year old college students who will be in debt for the rest of their lives and people who recognize that the current establishment doesn't work for the majority any more. The entitled or lazy stand next to the truly struggling of our society, but they're all deemed Communists.

I know that I have left out details and that I myself am generalizing in this article. But at Wabash, we're taught to think from a variety of perspectives, drawing upon a diverse set of knowledge and subjects to see things differently. We fail our mission statement when students say that a candidate's supporters and their views are just garbage and should be thrown away immediately.

TRANSGENDER DEBATE: A BETTER WAY FORWARD

Like many issues that come up in the student body at Wabash, February's debate about the admission of transgender men to our College has now died down. It has died so much that I hesitated even writing this column. However, this issue is certain to come up again, probably when the student body is less consumed preparing for final tests and papers, and so it is worth thinking about. I have been at the center of some debates of this kind throughout my time at Wabash, memorably the debates surrounding HJR-6 and the President's decision to join Freedom Indiana. I like to think that I learned a thing or two from these experiences, and if I could do anything over again, I would most likely have listened more than I spoke, thought critically more than I argued, and been less consumed with my own voice and more concerned with the voices of others, particularly those on the opposite side of the issue.

As I watched this current debate unfold, mainly through the Student Senate resolution and a few opinions in *The Bachelor*, I began to feel uneasy. Something was missing from the conversation, something I think those in the midst of the debate couldn't hear



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over their own voices. It reminded me of what I couldn't hear two years ago when fighting over different issues. What I'm afraid we didn't have then, and what was certainly not present last month, was any consideration for the other point of view, for any thought that "I might be wrong," in short, any sort of critical thinking.

I see two problems with the current debate. On the one hand the resolution failed to contain the nuance necessary to tackle such a complex issue. In fact, I doubt any short resolution passed by a student government could do that. This is clear from the second line in the resolution. "No institution should be in the business of policing an individual's identity." That is simply wrong. Wabash College is in the business of policing its

students' identities. And it should be. We do not admit women to Wabash College, as a college for men, and we haven't in our 178-year history. I'm not arguing that we have to define "man" the same way we always have, but I cannot understand how anyone who supports the mission of Wabash College as a liberal arts college for men would not want the college to police the gender of its students. It's what makes Wabash what it is.

On the other side of the debate, we had at least one student trying to argue that transgender students should not be admitted because they don't exist. While he is free to make this argument, Mr. Kaufman contributes little; this debate is not going away, and simply pretending that transgender men don't exist is not helpful. Calling transgender men "females who incorrectly identify as males" isn't just wrong; it prevents a proper debate about their admittance to Wabash from happening.

What we need is time for real debate. We need a solution that preserves our identity as an all-male institution and respects the identity of transgender men. We need students who are not satisfied with a simple Senate resolution, thinking that it will solve our

problems. We need a comprehensive look at this issue from all sides. Mr. Cramer was right in saying that the conversation has begun. I propose a committee of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and administrators form to study the admittance of transgender men. This group should include not only traditional LGBT advocates, but other members of our community who have important voices to add. We owe to ourselves to get this right. We owe it Wabash College as a college for men to get this right. A simple, if noble, Student Senate resolution is not going to be sufficient. Reaching decisions in community takes time. I'm glad the resolution failed, because it attempted to skip the months and years of conversation necessary before such an opinion can be reached. I think our students understood that, and I applaud the Senate for listening to their constituents. Ultimately, I think we can get to the place as a community where transgender men are admitted to the College and our identity as an all-male institution is preserved. But that will take time, generous listening of others' points of view, and a good dose of critical thinking.

WABASH CLOSSES THEATER SEASON WITH 'OUR TOWN'

WHAT'S ON?

THE RADIO,
THE TV, THE MOVIES

BRIAN HAZARD'S COLOR THEORY

IAN ARTIS '16

★★★★★

Educated at California Tech Long Beach, musician Brian Hazard of the one-man act Color Theory put out his first CD in 1994. After selling out of CD's, he quickly found an Internet fan base and started publishing music online. His focus is building a relationship with his fans, and making his music as accessible as possible to the public.

"My focus is on building my relationship with the fans that I already have, rather than reaching out to a publicist," Hazard said.

When not producing music as Color Theory, he's mastering music.

"I've worked with Microsoft, a number of Xbox titles, and there's one game called Lips that I had to work [along with] a label to help master," Hazard said. "Normally my role as an artist is usually separate from production."

Citing Depeche Mode as a major influence, he says he prefers studio-produced music to live shows, and rarely ever performs live. For him, "lives shows don't interest me. It's all about making the record and producing the record and putting on a pair of headphones." He also notes concerns about the potential for hearing loss after too many loud shows in large stadiums. His songwriting process has evolved over the years, but largely consists of starting with the piano.

"I've got the production idea down, then flesh out the melody, then maybe come up with a great title, then kinda work backwards from there," Hazard said. On his name: "A good friend of mine was in fashion school, and she had a Color Theory 101 class. The 101 just really struck me, after watching a Depeche Mode documentary titled '101,'" Hazard said. His next EP release date is very soon, and will be announced on his Twitter (@colortheory). For the CD, check his website at music.colortheory.com – in the mean time, find two songs "OBE" and "drive you home" on YouTube. Overall recommendation - 4/5 stars.

GRIFFIN LEVY '17 | STAFF WRITER

As the 2015-2016 school year comes to an end, we also get the last production of the year, Thornton Wilder's, "Our Town". Although "Our Town" is one of the most performed shows, Wabash has never put on a production of it before.

The show will be showing from Wednesday April 20th through Saturday April 23rd, starting at 8 p.m. Unlike the other shows this season, "Our Town" takes place in the Experimental Theater, below Ball Theater, which allows for more intimate seating and a closer bond between the actors and audience.

Some members of the audience may even be only a couple feet away from the actors on stage at all times. Even those that are in the back of the audience will be very close, as the seating surrounds the stage.

Due to the intimate nature that "Our Town" has, it also has very limited seats; only around 140 seats are available each night compared to the several hundreds seats available in Ball Theater. Due to this, the play sold out very fast, and in response a fifth show was added to the schedule on Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m.

"Our Town" is a more unique show than the other productions this semester. It features no props; everything will be pantomimed with a very minimalistic set. This puts additional pressure on the actors and crew of the show to portray the most realistic version they can, but also makes it very difficult to conceal mistakes and errors in such as close space.

This is the feel that Director and Professor of Theater Michael Abbott wanted for the show. The intimacy and close feeling is how the playwright Thornton Wilder saw the show.

"It's been one of my favorite experiences in the theatre really," Zachary Anderson '18 said. "Abbott



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The play features no props; everything will be pantomimed with a very minimalist set.

puts everyone at ease and he creates those kinds of environments and I think that gives us leeway to do our best work."

Anderson is the assistant director for the play, which while not unheard of, is notable for its rarity.

The plot itself is fairly basic as well. It revolves around an early 20th century town called Grover's Corners, New Hampshire. The story primarily focuses on two neighboring families and how the two neighbors, Emily Webb (played by Elizabeth Hutson) and George Gibbs (played by Quinn Cavin '19) fall in love. The play is also split into three acts: one about life in

Grover's Corners, one about Love and Marriage, and the last about Death and Dying. One of the most unique parts of "Our Town" is the narrator (played by AJ Clark '16) of the show who goes by the name of "The Stage Manager". Throughout the play, The Stage Manager takes on different characters of Grover's Corners and also narrates and creates the city.

"Our Town" also features a very large cast, including several members of the Crawfordsville Community and Wabash students. It will be a great closing production and will leave audience members emotional but wanting more.

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MSA FEST SUPPORTS CLINIC

WILLIAM KELLY '18 | GUEST WRITER • It is said that, “to be doing good deeds is man’s most glorious task.” The Montgomery County Free Clinic heeds this glorious task by doing great deeds each day. Unfortunately, the Clinic’s decorum often goes unnoticed by the general public. The Clinic’s constant effort to bring free healthcare to qualified individuals of Montgomery County is an act that many believe deserves great praise, and members of the community sought to recognize them recently.

On April 9th, individuals of all backgrounds validated the importance of the Montgomery County Free Clinic. Students involved in the Muslim Students Association at Wabash hosted a Philly Cheesesteak Festival to benefit the Montgomery County Free Health Clinic - and the response from the community was overwhelming.

What started as a small idea for a few Muslim students from Philadelphia has turned into a tasty act of fundraising for the Clinic. For the past three years, the Muslim Students Association has been putting on the Philly Cheesesteak

Festival to promote and fundraise the good work of the Montgomery County Free Clinic. But why did the group feel the need to fundraise for the Clinic? How did they hear about the work that the Clinic does?

The answer lies within the volunteer opportunities that the Montgomery County Free Clinic offers. Many of the individuals who thought of the idea for the Philly Cheesesteak Festival were avid volunteers for the Clinic. Captivated by the culture of caring that the Clinic promotes, volunteers formed a desire to give back to the Clinic and to repay them for their generosity and good work.

The Muslim Students Association raised \$637 for the Clinic with the help of steady attendance from students, professors, and members of the Crawfordsville community. The unusually cold April weather did hinder the event slightly, but the excitement did not waver.

“I think that I can speak for the entire

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SCHEETZ GOES FROM '10 TO '16, REFLECTS ON DIFFERENCES, SIMILARITIES

JOSEPH RELLY '18 | CAVELIFE EDITOR • Wabash men often talk about how the idea of every student foraging his own way through his time at the College is the true typical Wabash story. Most students believe every Wally has a unique experience and should. Anthony Scheetz '16 has one of those stories whose uniqueness goes far and above what most people understand.

Scheetz, originally class of 2010, returned to his soon-to-be alma mater this semester to wrap up his education after a several year hiatus. Scheetz, after passing comprehensive examinations, did not end up completing the requirements to graduate. He came back to campus and will now finish his Wabash education as a member of the Class of 2016 in a few short weeks.

With a Wabash career that spans roughly a decade, Scheetz certainly has a perspective that transcends the typical four-year enrollment. However, he claims that amidst all the College's changes, it has actually remained quite the same.

"It's not totally different," Scheetz said. "It's actually exactly the same.

There are a few things that are different. Those buildings over there for the new housing weren't there, and when I started, the current TKE house was the old Sigma Chi house. College Hall was still the TKE house/dorm combo it used to be. And the old FIJI house was still around, which was exactly where that parking lot is now that is right next to the new one."

"But other than that, it seems like everyone who was there then is here now - just recast as a different person. I mean I haven't gone to look for the current versions of people I know, but it seems like they are all here. The transition was seamless. It almost doesn't feel like it's been five years."

Scheetz also noted the difference between Cultures and Traditions and Enduring Questions, the course that replaced it. Cultures and Traditions was a class taken during sophomore year that examined several different topical units. These units ranged from an African unit to a science unit to a Biblical unit.

"On campus, somebody said, 'let's try to bring the pot tradition back', you

know those little hats that the Phi Deltis wear," Scheetz said. "Someone decided to try to make all the freshmen do it. And that only lasted that one year."

Another similarity he found was that the attitudes of entitlement seemed to transcend class years.

"People still said then 'I pay so much money to go here, I can do such and such and whatnot,' Scheetz said. "Even though that's not really that true."

Notably different is the size of the endowment. Scheetz remembers the mood on campus during the onset of the 2008 recession. He remembers that a significant number of student resources went away over a short period of time. This included the College giving cash grants to students who studied abroad whose scholarships exceeded the cost of their program.

"President White gave a chapel talk where he said, 'I'm so angry!' Scheetz recounted. "That's probably the two main differences. The first is that Cultures and Traditions got condensed and the second is they reduced spending on study abroad."

Ultimately, Scheetz primarily found the home he had come to love ten years previous to be well-kept and easy to return to.

"It's mostly the same," Scheetz said. "For whatever reason it doesn't feel like it's been five years here. It's sort of strange. Although one person commented when I brought that up that Wabash has a type and the Wabash type continues to come here. Whatever



IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

Scheetz '16 has returned to a familiar yet different campus to finish his education.

you think about that.

While he definitely does not recommend following the route he did while at Wabash, Scheetz did offer some wisdom from his experience.

"I suppose I guess if you don't know what to do after college, just work in a factory," Scheetz said. "You'll get some life experience and that will do you some good."

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Attention Wabash students:

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MSA by saying that choosing to donate all the proceeds to the MCFC helps them help others who are in need," said President of the Muslim Students Association Mazin Hakim '17.

Further praising the work that the Clinic does each day, Hakim added, "A few of our members have done volunteer work with the MCFC and we know that all the much needed services they provide for the community are funded by donations."

There are a lot of ideas being berthed for improving the already stellar Philly Cheesesteak Festival. Next year, the MSA hopes for better weather and



Mazin Hakim '17

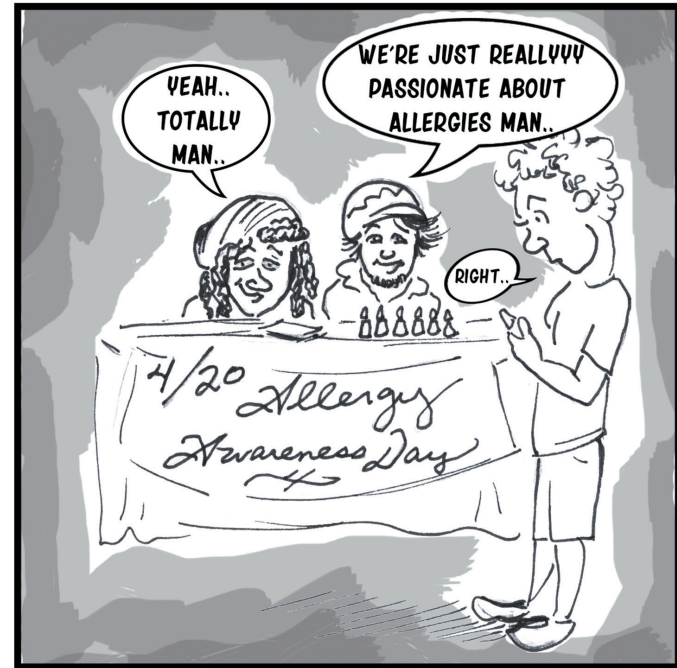
get even more students involved. Naturally, more people would be helpful; however, Hakim wants to make sure that the event equally benefits all people, students and community members alike.

The Philly Cheesesteak Festival was seen as a great opportunity for the Muslim Student Association to promote the hard work they do through partnering with the Montgomery County Free Clinic. This serves as a strong example of how, in multiple facets, the Crawfordsville community intersects with the Wabash community to produce a sum-total benefit to all. Numerous events have been put on in the past which benefit both of the communities, and the Philly Cheesesteak Festival serves simply as the most recent example of a successful City of Crawfordsville - Wabash College partnership.



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Wabash splits wins after a tough offensive battle during Sunday's double-header against MacMurray College. Wabash won game one 7-3, while losing game two 1-6.

ROBERTS WITH THE 'NO-NO'

ROBERTS BECOMES SECOND LITTLE GIANT TO THROW NO-HITTER

JOEL JANAK '19 | STAFF WRITER • This past week, the Wabash College baseball team witnessed history. Bryan Roberts '18 threw the second-ever no-hitter in Wabash College baseball history. The last time a Little Giant threw a no-hitter was the 1923 season: freshman Harold Ropiequet '26 led Wabash against the DePauw Tigers in a victory of 5-0. Head Coach Cory Stevens spoke a few words on the no-hitter as well. "Anytime you witness a no-hitter, it's a special thing," Stevens said. "To be part of such an outstanding performance is something our players and coaching staff will never forget." Witnessing a no-hitter from a young pitcher is truly something special. Stevens said that he and the rest of his coaching staff has the utmost confidence in the pitching staff that anyone of his guys has the skills to throw a no-hitter. "Our coaching staff believes that any of our pitchers have the capability of doing great things on the mound

when given the opportunity," he said. "We expect them to compete at a high level and give us an opportunity to win each time they are given the ball." Coach Stevens also had some thoughts about Roberts as well. "Bryan has had a great season so far," Stevens said. "A no-hitter is a rare thing, but I believed he was capable of doing it." Andy Weeks '09, Wabash's pitching coach, has done a fantastic job this season with the pitchers. He has done a great job instilling confidence in every one of his pitchers this season. Coaches Stevens and Weeks also have a great deal in the position players backing up their solid staff. "Our position players have played solid defense behind them to reaffirm that confidence," Stevens said.

Even with the team's immense success recently, many do not know how young the Little Giants really are as a team. Five freshmen have seen significant playing time recently, this being the first action of their college baseball careers. With the leadership of seniors David Oliger '16 and KJ Zelenika '16, the team has been able to find their way towards many wins. Stevens believes his guys' recent play has been really clicking. "Our team has been playing well in all phases

of the game," Stevens said. "We have been solid defensively, offensively, on the mound, and running the bases. If we have a good approach as hitters, collect outs in the field without giving up free bases, and consistently throw strikes on the mound, we have an opportunity to beat anyone." Everyone in the lineup has contributed in some sort of way this season, such as the two leaders on the mound: Roberts and Jensen Kirch '17. Roberts, hot off his no-hitter last week, and Kirch have

"A no-hitter is a rare thing, but I believed he was capable of doing it."

CORY STEVENS

helped the other young pitchers to a successful season so far.

At this point in the season, the team is facing the "dog-days" of

the year. Often times, the team will play three-four games a year, which can wear down the players quick. "Playing three-four games in two days can be a grind," Stevens said. "Our players need to remain focused and rely on what we've done in practice since the beginning of February." Not only is this important in general, but the team also faces DePauw this weekend. The DePauw series is always a competitive one, and it will be interesting to see how the young team does against Wabash's biggest rival. "DePauw is a well coached fundamental squad," Stevens said. "Anytime you take the field for a North Coast Athletic Conference series, it is a battle. Records or past outcomes do not matter. Our approach and philosophy will not change based on the team that we are playing." The end of the season goal for the Little Giants is to finish on top. That goal begins with beating DePauw and continues with winning their last series against Denison, winning the NCAC West, winning the Crossroads Series, and finally advancing in the conference tournament. With how the team is playing lately, the Wabash faithful has all the confidence in the world in our Little Giants.

FAREWELL, MAMBA

John Janak '19

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Janak reflects on the historical career of NBA legend Kobe Bryant.



April 22, 2016

Mr. Kobe Bryant
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Dear Mr. Bryant,

I think Lil Wayne says it best, "Crossover good, a turnaround jumper. Or just drive the lane and dunk on dunkers. You know where it's going, it's going down yo. This is the Lakeshow, but don't drown though I call him King Bryant, now let the crown show." Where to even start? Was it the countless scoring titles, All-Star selections, MVPs, or championships? I mean, you had your own patented nickname: "the Black Mamba." If that does not make you sound like a big deal, then I do not know what is. You were the Michael Jordan of our era. And now it's all over. Who in the NBA is going to win those titles, score 81 points in a game, and still have time to live a respected lifestyle? I already know the answer to that question: no one.

You were not only the face of the Lakers organization for more than a decade, but a capstone figure for the city of Los Angeles. You had chances to leave your beloved fortress, but you said no. You planted your seed, grew your roots, and blossomed into something truly remarkable. For years and years, you simply "put the team on your back" and they rode that ship all the way to the finals. But it appeared as if you enjoyed it; you wanted the spotlight. That spoke volumes of the type of player you were.

I wish I could relive the times when you and Shaq ran circles around the Western Conference. You could put the '98 Chicago Bulls starting five out there and they would still not stand a chance. Opposing players had horrific nightmares of your fade away jump shot. I get a cold sweat just thinking about it. Teams knew that no matter what kind of defense they decided to play, you would find a way to tear it to shreds.

Think about it: you were an ambitious 18 year old when the Charlotte Hornets called your name on draft day. For most 18 year olds, they are worrying about their next high school prom or whether or not their parents were going to let them stay out past curfew. You were preparing yourself to compete against some of the best athletes in the universe. To an average spectator, you displayed little sense of fear, just a slight grin of determination. Little did you know that you would become one of the greatest players to ever step foot on a basketball court. Now, you have developed into a world-renowned superstar. Your name is seen and worn in obscure parts across the globe.

Just like that, it's all over. No longer will there be a number 24 Bryant strutting up and down the court at the Staples Center from the months of October to June. It's a part of it. But just think: you would not have wanted to go out any better. You scored 60 in your final game. It's just not just some everyday thing that a player wakes up and decides to drop that amount of points in one game. But you're different, very different. You are one of the bests and always will be. Do not forget it. I'll leave it at this: heroes get remembered, but legends never die. Thank you Kobe.

Sincerely,
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DUELING ACES

TOUGH PITCHING BATTLE RESULTS IN EXTRA-INNING LOSS FOR LITTLE GIANTS

WILLIAM KELLY '18 | SPORTS WRITER • Wabash lost an extra-inning non-conference contest to the Cleary University Cougars Monday afternoon. The Little Giants took the loss in 10 innings by a score of 4-2. The game proved to be a pitcher's duel with both teams shut out until the seventh inning. Bryan Roberts '18 kept the Little Giants in the game throughout, pitching nine innings and allowing five hits. He surrendered two runs in the ninth inning with two outs in a dramatic frame that could have seen Wabash claim the victory. Roberts also struck

out six batters and walked two.

The Little Giants rolled into the ninth inning and recorded two quick outs. Roberts worked the would-be final batter of the game to a two-strike count. On the payoff pitch, the hitter swung at the third strike in the dirt that got away from catcher Andrew Roginski '17. The ball skipped away from Roginski just far enough to allow the Cleary batter to reach base safely.

The mishap sparked the Cleary offense in the top of the ninth inning. The Cougars capitalized on the wild pitch with a single and a triple to bring home both runs to tie the game at 2-2 heading into the bottom of the ninth.

Wabash could not get anything going offensively in the bottom of the ninth to respond to the Cougars. In the top of the tenth inning, Cleary strung together a series of hits again, as well as some Little Giant fielding

errors, to scratch across two more runs, making the score 4-2 in favor of the Cougars.

“We need to focus on playing against the game to get back on track.”

COLE HARLACHER '18

The Little Giant offense continued to stall in the bottom half of the tenth, which resulted in their retirement in-order and a heartbreaking loss for the Little Giants.

Taylor Canter '18 gave Wabash the

1-0 lead to break the scoring drought. Canter drove home Roginski with a single to left field in the bottom of the seventh. Cole Harlacher '18 drove in another run for Wabash in the eighth inning with a single to center, and gave the Little Giants a 2-0 lead heading into the top half of the ninth inning.

Second baseman Harlacher focused on the mental side of the game. “We’ve been derailed with a two-game losing streak and need to worry less about who is in the other dugout,” Harlacher said. “We need to focus on playing against the game to get back on track.”

Wabash (16-11) will travel to Richmond, Indiana to take on Earlham College Wednesday afternoon. The Little Giants travel to Greencastle this weekend to face DePauw University in a pivotal North Coast Athletic Conference West division showdown.



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Taylor Canter '18 eyes an incoming pitch in last Sunday's contest against MacMurray College.

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MEASURING STICKS

BRYCE BRIDGEWATER '19 |

STAFF WRITER • In its second year, the Wabash College Lacrosse team made massive improvements from the year before. After a 1-12 season in 2015, the team built to improve their record to 5-9 with the program's first-ever conference win. While the program has a bright future, the team still needs to improve upon its conference play. With a 1-6 conference record going into the finale on Saturday, the team will need to improve upon their play in future seasons.

The team had its ups and downs in the game against Wittenberg on Tuesday. Wabash struggled in the first half, giving up twelve goals while only scoring three.

"We started off slow in the first half," Holten Warriner '17 said. "We couldn't get the offense going and kept turning the ball over. The defense wasn't communicating as well."

The second half did change the game for the Little Giants. The team scored three more goals while only allowing three goals in the second half to the Wittenberg Tigers. Steven Starks '19 continued to add to his goal total this year by netting three goals and adding two assists to his effort yesterday. Starks now has 60 points on the season.

"We kept our heads on a swivel, which is something we try to do," Warriner said. "Our offense picked up in the second half, and our defense started communicating

more. In the end, we just couldn't overcome the first-half deficit."

Wabash will end its season on Saturday against Denison University at 2:00 p.m. at Mud Hollow Stadium. It looks to be a very tough matchup for the Little Giants, as Denison is ranked fourth in the nation.

"We are going out there and try the best we can," Warriner said. "We can't necessarily predict a win or lose. We just have to go out there and show who we are and develop the team that we can be."

Saturday will also mark the last game for the three seniors on the team: Andrew Sunde, Ian Sunde, and Scott Purucker. The team hopes to send out the seniors with a win in their final collegiate match.

The team also looks to the future to build off of this positive season. With adding five more wins this year, the program seems to be taking a very exciting direction.

"I think what we have done this year and what we've done improving wise is going to help next year," Warriner said. "I think the team can take a lot of what we learned this year and take it to next year. We always strive for improvement and getting better than we were the day before."

Although it is extremely early for predictions, the Little Giants will be in talks of an above .500 season. The team will continue to bring in strong recruits, and this summer also looks adds promise to the season.

"Some of the players are from central Indianapolis," Warriner said. "We are seeking to play together this summer. We have already built a great team chemistry and bond

that will continue into next season."

Try to make it out Saturday to support the seniors and cheer on our Little Giants as they look to close out their season with a win.



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Steven Stark '19 drives to the cage against Ohio Wesleyan University. Stark has a team best 39 goals this season.

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