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- STUDENTS ORDERED TO REMAIN INDOORS;
- SUSPECT CORNERED IN INDIANAPOLIS; ENDS HIS OWN LIFE

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8:50  
a.m.

**Two homicide victims  
found in Zionsville**

# TIMELINE OF EVENTS

**8:50 a.m.:** According to Boone County sheriff Mike Nielsen, police responded to a call in the 6800 block of Old Hunt Club Road in the western part of Zionsville. Upon arrival, they found an adult female and a young child dead, but did not report on how the two were killed.

**9:30 a.m.:** A white 2013 Dodge Caravan, with license plate number WA25, was checked out from Campus Services.

**11:50 a.m.:** Upon dismissal from their 11:00 a.m. classes, students notice several police officers and squad cars blocking off the mall. Students are quickly guided to the nearest campus building.

**12:07 p.m.:** Wabash College Campus Security notifies the college via text and email to shelter in place. Classes scheduled for 1:10 pm are cancelled.

**12:47 p.m.:** Campus Security inform the college that police officers will be conducting searches of campus buildings immediately. For the first time since JFK's assassination 53 years ago, Wabash College cancels classes for the remainder of the day.

**1:10 p.m.:** Officers name Louis Oliver Hamilton III, a Major Gifts Officer for the College, as the main suspect in the Zionsville double homicide. Sheriff Nielsen further reported that the suspect was last seen in the college van driving north on US 231 towards Lafayette and that he is considered armed and dangerous.

**2:12 p.m.:** Police release the names of the homicide victims as 31 year-old Katherine Janet Giehl and her son, 4 year-old Raymond Peter Giehl IV; Hamilton III was Katherine's paternal uncle. It was later revealed that Wednesday was Katherine's birthday. Local police also lock down Hoover Elementary School in Crawfordsville.

**3:00 p.m.:** Campus Security signals the all-clear signal for the College. Students are released from the campus buildings.

**3:34 p.m.:** Indiana State Police and WTHR report that Hamilton was found at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Indianapolis and barricaded himself in a room on the fourth floor of the hotel. Upon police arrival, Hamilton fired two shots, one of which went through the locked door.

**3:52 p.m.:** Officers find Hamilton in the hotel room, dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound, as reported by WISH-TV.

**5:00 p.m.:** Sheriff Nielsen reports that the motive behind the murders was related to inheritance and a substantial amount of money from a family trust.

**5:14 p.m.:** President Hess and Chief of Staff Jim Amidon release the College's statement on the day's events, summarizing the day's events and what steps will be taken in the near-future.

**Hamilton found dead  
of self-inflicted  
gun-shot wound in  
Indianapolis hotel**

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12:07  
p.m.

**College placed on  
lockdown; 1:10 p.m.  
classes cancelled**

12:47  
p.m.

**Building search  
begins; all afternoon  
classes cancelled**

1:10  
p.m.

**Louis Hamilton III  
officially named  
prime suspect**

3:00  
p.m.

**Campus lockdown  
lifted**

3:52  
p.m.



# GIFTS OFFICER TAKES OWN LIFE AFTER ZIONSVILLE HOMICIDES

**ADAM ALEXANDER '16** | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • A Wabash College staff member killed himself yesterday after an afternoon of high tensions, drama, and a Zionsville double homicide.

Local, state, and federal police officers ordered a campus lockdown searching for their primary suspect, Wabash Gifts Officer Lucius Hamilton III '76. Police swarmed the campus causing a late morning stir.

Indianapolis media outlets were reporting the double murder of Katherine Giehl, 31, and her son Raymond, 4, in a Zionsville subdivision. Hamilton was Katherine's uncle.

Throughout much of the day,

Hamilton was not thought to have been on the Wabash campus. Still, authorities were not taking chances. Police went from building to building around campus, evacuating faculty, staff, and students and keeping all buildings and the entire campus community on lockdown. The College utilized its emergency messaging system to facilitate the sheltering and subsequent evacuations.

Prior to the "all clear," Sergeant Matthew Voorhees '97 with the Indiana State Police said the purpose of evacuating buildings was to ensure that Hamilton wasn't on campus.

The search continued until about 3 p.m., when authorities located Hamilton in a downtown Indianapolis hotel. When police knocked on the door, two shots were fired from inside the room. According to published and police reports, Hamilton was found dead with a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Media reports surfaced late in the day that stated financial matters may have been a motive in the homicide.

Boone County Sheriff Mike Nielsen said a family trust worth millions of dollars in inheritance money had been an issue within Hamilton's family for years.

While police searched for Hamilton, Wabash students were relegated to staying in place during the lockdown and watching the drama unfold via Indianapolis news outlets and social media.

The Wabash community was perhaps shocked to see officers with assault rifles, K-9 units, and body armor. When classes got out at 11:50 a.m., Wabash administrators, working with the police officers, activated the College's



Lu Hamilton '76



COLIN THOMPSON '17/PHOTO

A police officer runs on the eastside of Center Hall in the confusion of whether or not Hamilton was still on-campus. Students, faculty, and staff were on lockdown the search.

emergency procedures and urged students to hurry to their destinations. Once students were indoors, an emergency alert was circulated ordering students to remain in place.

"There was obviously a public safety emergency," Director of Strategic Communications Jim Amidon '87 said. "When you see police officers with assault rifles running across campus, the last thing you want is students walking around outdoors. When it became clear that they were actively searching for a suspect, that's when we issued the shelter-in-place order.

"We were very pleased with the response from students, faculty, and staff. They heeded the warnings, they saw the text messages and emails, and they sheltered in place. You can plan for these types of

situations, but when it comes time to really activate a procedure like this, you rely on the people in the community."

The media reports added to the tension throughout the day. The disbelief and shock spread as details emerged. "In my 32 years of law enforcement, I have never witnessed a crime so heinous and heartbreaking," Sheriff Nielsen said.

In the coming days, the College will provide counseling for faculty, staff, and students.

"All of us at Wabash College are deeply saddened by the events that unfolded in Zionsville [Tuesday] morning, and we extend our condolences to all who are affected by these tragedies," President Gregory Hess said in a written statement.



COLE HARLACHER '18/PHOTO

Police officers occupy the drive to Center Hall. The heavy police presence Wednesday started at approximately 11:50 p.m.



# IN CRISIS, STUDENTS TURN TO SOCIAL MEDIA

**STEVEN BAZIN '18** | STAFF WRITER • “Initially, we thought it was a [local] escapee, but then we learned it was a [staff] member,” sophomore Jacob Miller '18 said. “I wasn't really surprised at first, but then I learned it was someone who works here. That kind of caught me off guard.” The details were unclear as the events began to unfold, and the community used various means of social media and other cell phone technology to piece together the situation. The narrative was relatively the same across campus for both students and faculty members.

“I wasn't sure at first what was going on,” Associate Professor of Religion Jonathon Baer said. “The initial messages were a bit unclear. Then we got an e-mail from a faculty member that they were looking for a particular staff member. Over time, I sort of pieced it together from the info I was getting from my wife and the IndyStar.”

The faculty was caught off guard as much as the students were.

“I asked if we were doing some kind of active shooter drill, and if so, wouldn't somebody tell us,” Associate Professor of Psychology Neil Schmitzer-Torbert said. “It seemed like a bad sign. I think it was like five minutes later when we couldn't find any information on Facebook or Yik Yak that the email went out to the campus.”

Yik Yak, an app which allows users in the area to communicate anonymously, had heavy traffic Wednesday afternoon. It seemed to be the easiest way for people to communicate with each other. The posts were a mixture of humor and seriousness. Junior Colin Thompson '17 shared some vital information through the application. “In Montgomery County, there is an option to text 911 instead of having to call,” Thompson said. “I ended up putting it up on Yik Yak.”

As the all clear became imminent, it seemed all members of the Wabash community were shocked. “As Mr. Hamilton is a graduate of the College, and is (or was) a valuable asset to the support system that the College thrives on account of gifts from its community, I feel a certain tinge of betrayal and absolute disappointment in

his alleged actions,” said junior Brand Selvia '17. “It is a veritable punch in the stomach for me as a fellow Wabash Man, who takes my College's values to heart, to consider how this could've unfolded.”



**Brand Selvia '17**

Police were rarely on campus prior to Wednesday's events, usually only to help with security. “I was in Detchon, finishing up my EQ session,” said freshmen Corey Leuters '19. “I walked outside, and saw Dean Raters. I looked to my left and right, and there were cop cars everywhere. I wasn't really surprised. I am from the city, so that's not really out of the norm for us, but I was a little surprised because this was in Crawfordsville. That's not something you see every day” The officer's equipment was possibly a source of student unrest. A number of the officers were heavily armed and wearing body armor. “[The officers] were wearing something along the lines of SWAT uniforms,” Thompson said. “It was the green tactical gear and what looked like silenced assault rifles. This was the most advanced tactical gear I had ever seen, especially on campus. You see these things happening on campus, but you never think they'll happen to you.”

The Crawfordsville Police Department searched every room in all the academic buildings on campus during the lockdown. “We are no longer involved [with the investigation]. We were only here to help with clearing the Wabash campus,” said Detective Bob Rivers of the Crawfordsville Police Department after the all clear was issued. “Hopefully [the students] feel safe at this time. We cleared all the buildings. We had a lot of cooperation from the staff and students... Sometimes the more liberal students don't think we're keeping them safe...All the students we came in contact with were really cooperative which made our job a lot easier. It was easier to keep them safe.”



LOGAN KEMP / PHOTO

Students, professors, and faculty shelter in Lilly Library during the lockdown on Wednesday afternoon.





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# WHO WAS LU HAMILTON?

**PATRICK BRYANT '16** | BUSINESS MANAGER • Lu Hamilton '76, Senior Major Gift Officer, began his career at the College in 2003 after a long career in the Indianapolis banking industry. His friends and colleagues were in shock Wednesday after a day of rumors, shocking developments, and finally their friend's death.

Early on at Wabash, Hamilton oversaw several grants from Lilly Endowment Inc., the Business Immersion Program, and the Lilly Small Business Internship Fund. Though some of today's Wabash students may have had little interaction, students from five to 10 years ago would likely have known Hamilton through those programs.

Herm Haffner '77, who serves on the housing corps for the Sigma Chi house, said he knew him as a fraternity brother. "It's totally out of character, total surprise," Haffner said.

Haffner remembers his friend as a rhetoric major and former winner of the Baldwin Oratorical Contest.

"He was a very happy guy to everyone," Haffner said. "He was someone to party with and always very

available to people and easy to talk to. Even to this day if he saw me across the street he would come talk to me and



Lu Hamilton '76

I would do the same for him."

Haffner said Hamilton had worked in banking in Indianapolis as a loan officer prior to working at the College.

In a July 2004 article for The Wabash

magazine, Hamilton described summers spent on a dude ranch from being a child and as recent as his days as an Indianapolis bank executive. As of 2004, he was the huntsman for the Traders Point Fox Hunt in Zionsville. He lived in Carmel with his wife, Liz.

Haffner believed the last time he talked to Hamilton was at Homecoming.

"I didn't know much about his personal life so I don't know what caused him to do this."

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## JUST ACT NATURAL

“And as always, Wabash... Everybody Love Everybody!” \*Clip the footage as hand gets close to camera lens. Cut to 5 seconds of black screen. Fade in “We Like to Party” by Showtek. Cut to the “NoHateNate” screen as the song plays for 10 seconds, fade out for 4 seconds. And hit “Upload to YouTube.”

This is a process that I repeat at the end of each video blog I write, film, and produce. When I started watching ‘YouTubers’ in 2013, I became very intrigued with the different ways personalities like Jenna Marbles, Grace Helbig, and MarkE Miller chose to tell their personal stories. Much like the blogs I had written for Wabash during my freshman and sophomore years, these YouTubers shared stories about their everyday lives, their thoughts on current issues, and even the personal struggles that accompany the lives of many young adults. But instead of doing it with words, they shared their stories through video. As someone who loves to tell stories, I decided that my junior year semester abroad in Buenos Aires, Argentina, would give me a perfect excuse to try my hand at video blogging. At least, I figured people might be more interested in my daily



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life in a foreign country than at home! After setting up a tripod, a camera, and a spinning chair (with terrible lighting), I uploaded my first video to YouTube in November of 2014.

During my semester abroad in Argentina, I published a video once every one or two weeks, and the videos became a great way for me to share my experience with my friends and family at home. The videos also gave me a platform to process my own experience living in a new culture. When the Restoration of Freedom Act drama was unfolding in Indiana, I had so many different emotions about the issue that the video blog was the only way I could turn my frustration and resentment into a positive message.

The resulting video, “Angry, Gay, and a Little Bit Thirsty,” became my first video to reach over 1000 views (and earned me my first hate comments! #Success!). The individual videos themselves became a wonderfully creative outlet for me and, in the way that many talented artists use painting or songwriting to express themselves, my video blogs have become an expressive resource. The great thing about video editing is the simple fact that I am limited only by myself, in the way that I choose to create and share my vision.

I have learned quite a bit in the past year, most notably that the video-creation process is substantially more complex than just sitting down and talking to a camera (which in itself is one of the toughest parts to do without sounding like a bored robot trapped in a human flesh-prison). “Just act natural” can be tricky - talking to a camera in an empty room like it’s someone listening back can be a little bewildering. Between writing each video blog, filming the different pieces, and editing the final product, I spend anywhere from 5-7 hours producing each 8-minute video. These hours are not tedious though – on the contrary, they seem to fly by alarmingly fast. By producing video blogs, I get to enjoy

watching the vision in my head form before my eyes, piece by piece.

They say that, “a picture is worth a thousand words.” If that is true, then I can only imagine how many words a video blog is worth. Have you ever sent a text message or email that came across in the completely wrong way to the recipient? Video allows me to incorporate a real face and human personality to the messages I hope to send. If I had written out a blog titled “Angry, Gay, and a Little Bit Thirsty,” it may have come across as bitter or sarcastic. With video, I can laugh, smile, and use humorous visual and audio gags to convey the same message in a positive way. It’s attracting flies with honey, folks. Niceness works. And that’s the message I hope to send with the video project. As it has continued to grow since Argentina, the “NoHateNate” blog hopes to make people laugh, think about some issues, and hopefully spread some love and positivity. Currently, the “Wally Wednesday” series shares the story of a Little Giant who brings something special to campus. Embracing the positive effects the videos can have, each video ends on the same note – “And remember, Wabash...Everybody Love Everybody!” Cut to black.

## ATTACK ON HUMANITY

The Holodomor, the Asian Holocaust, the Cambodian Genocide, the Armenian Genocide, the Ottoman Greek Genocide, and yes, the Genocide of the Indigenous Americans. In an inexcusably brief list of genocides, it seems unjust to omit the Holocaust. No one will ever deny the deplorable, evil, and unforgettable taint on human history. But, it seems peculiar that we should ignore the hundreds of other equally despicable bloodstains on the pages of our history books.

In the aftermath of the deadliest attack on European soil since World War II, it seems that humanity needs a lesson in humanity. Presumably, people will take action to ensure further genocides do not occur. The first step is to acknowledge a problem exists. Fortunately for Americans, our geographical isolation incurs a particular security. However, this security does not revoke our responsibility to retain our humanity. The deadliest attack on European soil since World War II (to clarify, it occurred



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in Paris this past November) provides an opportunity to demonstrate American sympathies and awareness. France has been an American ally for ages, and the American response to their insufferable tragedy was exceptional and sympathetic. But the same cannot be said for several million souls lost in distant, forgotten lands.

For example, the Ottoman Greek Genocide destroyed 1,700,000 lives. The Armenian Genocide destroyed 1,500,000 lives. The Cambodian Genocide destroyed 3,000,000 lives. The Asian Holocaust

destroyed 10,000,000 lives. The Holodomor destroyed 750,000 lives. The Holocaust was not an isolated incident. It is not the only mass extermination of children, women, and men that has tainted our history books. Once this fact resonates with a larger population of individuals who can promote positivity and take action, perhaps genocide will become a permanent chapter in history and remain there.

No one is so blindly optimistic to believe that this change can happen within our lifetime, but it is indisputable that this change can begin with our voices. Not only is it indisputable, it is necessary. The Parisian terror attack, the San Bernardino terror attack, and the September 11th terror attack are merely fragments of a larger, more sinister attack on humanity. Death tolls from isolated terrorist activity are increasing, while human acknowledgment as well as sympathy is decreasing. It is necessary that we do not become insensitive to threats that affront human life.

If we succumb to the gradual, unbiased

genocide creeping behind our generation, we will continue to suffer tragedy executed by terrorists. To date, according to statistics published by Quora, more than 170,000 lives have been destroyed by ISIS, one of many active terrorist threats. Several other terrorist organizations operate far away from America and without the necessary resources to reach us or our closest allies which inhibits our perception to their threat. However, this inhibition does not suggest that the threat does not exist. Boko Haram, for example, ravages North Africa and sometimes parts of Europe. Unfortunately, their atrocities are often overshadowed by ISIS.

By spreading this knowledge and informing friends, family, and neighbors of these active, unexplored threats in discussions over terrorism and genocide, perhaps we can begin to accelerate change. Perhaps, one day, enough people will acknowledge these threats, and be inclined to discover solutions to this existential problem. But for now, the first step is to acknowledge that a problem exists.

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# THE VOTES OF WRATH

People seem pretty angry this election cycle. Negative campaign ads have always expressed an ugly side of electoral politics, but this time, things are different. Both political parties are faced with surprisingly substantial challenges from outsiders carrying messages of discontent. Though the central topic of conversation has changed from immigration, to national security, to the future of the Supreme Court, the background theme is the same: people want something better. For President Obama, that something takes on the form of a return to cooperative governing between the parties. In a recent speech in Illinois, the President expressed his regret that the parties did not express more desire to work together to solve problems that cannot possibly be dealt with by one party, or by executive authority. This age of polarization in Congress has held back outcomes on everything from action on immigration reform, judicial nominations, even proper budgeting. Obstructing these kinds of basic duties of the Congress produce frustration for people. If Congress cannot work with a President of a different party, then nothing terribly



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substantial will get done. When disappointment with this sort of dysfunction reaches a critical mass, it looks something like what we have today in the presidential campaign: ideological polar extremes emerge, channeling the anger of voters on either side of the aisle.

The general hope on either side seems to be that their chosen anti-establishment candidate will, by virtue of their election, implode the system of politics as usual and usher in a new age of politics. Nothing could be more unrealistic. Even if more extreme candidates like Sanders, Trump, or Cruz were to win the presidency, they would both still have a Congress to contend with. So far, not a single one of those men have

persuasively been able to argue that as President, they could achieve exactly what they outline as goals in their campaign. Most of their supporters might willingly concede that their chosen candidates' proposals probably won't contain 100% of what they would ideally want, but they also likely overestimate how ideologically pure their antiestablishment platform remains once it becomes part of the establishment.

The reality is that, if any of these candidates would want to see legislation passed as President, they will have to moderate their policies. Short of one party gaining complete and unquestionable control of both houses of Congress, Bernie Sanders will likely never institute any of his tax policies that seek to place the super-rich on more level ground, nor will Donald Trump be able to build his wall. Compromise still remains a prerequisite to getting anything done in Washington. This is what happens when a country consists of as many different sets of interest as America does.

Given this, voters need to think beyond making seeing their frustration acknowledged in the election. They need to think about

which candidates are poised to be able to actually do anything about it. It will not be perfect. Everyone will not be satisfied. Many of us will still be bitterly disappointed in some regard or another. But there is a reason people keep voting for so-called establishment candidates. There is a wisdom to emphasizing pragmatic politics in favor of the most ideologically appealing politics. There is no use in idealism if it cannot translate into results. Voters need to consider if their vote should be aimed towards merely making a statement, or aimed towards getting results. Intention does not go far enough in actually solving problems for Americans.

Expressing frustration is a healthy start to dealing with it. As Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump have proven, frustration can have a powerful role in framing the discussion on how we go about doing things as a society. There is a fine line between expressing frustration in conversation and making frustration the foundation of one's policy. That line must not be crossed if voters don't want to disappoint themselves when the next presidential term begins in January.

# THE RETURN OF THE DELTS

As the time grows closer and closer to having Delta Tau Delta back on this campus, I have wondered what is going to happen to Greek life? Will some of the houses fall in numbers? Will there be more energy that comes back to this campus? Honestly, I would like to remain optimistic on their return. I mean how great is it to have around 50 more guys join in the Greek life experience?

Let's start by addressing my point that their return could hurt some of the houses. I have heard this float around campus, and I want to discredit it. Whenever you're rushing a fraternity, you're essentially looking at a product. It is up to each house as to how they want to market it. If you're really worried about Delta Tau Delta coming back, then perhaps you need to address your house, and reevaluate your product. However, I can say that I believe the Deltas are going to start off strong, so be ready to compete.



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Another point I have heard others worry about is that this is not the same Delt identity that existed before their departure. Well gentleman, I can tell you that it will not be the same Delt. As I have witnessed my own house change dramatically in one year, I can say with confidence that Delta Tau Delta will have a brand new identity that will take some time to develop. However, this is not a bad thing. Identities take a while to form, but again I am optimistic when I say that this new group of Deltas will be

a strong and fun group. I'm excited to watch them grow.

Now that I've addressed some negative concerns, I would like to focus on some positives that I believe Delta Tau Delta will bring to this campus. Energy is the main thing I believe that they will bring with their return. Having another fraternity on the West side will be interesting, especially after they get their house back. It is an entirely new group that will get to join in great Wabash traditions, such as Chapel Sing and Homecoming. It is a new group of brothers to meet and will bring back a void that has been left since their departure. It's more people to simply celebrate in Greek life. I believe this will be great for not only Greek life, but also Wabash as a whole.

Another key thing that Delta Tau Delta will bring is residency. I, as well as many others, have noticed the expansion of Wabash. This expansion needs housing options, and Delta Tau Delta helps provide

that. I do not know about many of you, but I am very passionate and proud of this school. I want other deserving people to join in, and the Delt house will help with this. Their house will soon be filled just as it was before their leave of absence, and will hopefully remain full for some time.

Essentially, The return of the Delta Tau Delta will be huge for this campus. It will help bolster campus morale and allow others to join in "The Spreading The Fame Of Her Honored Name." If you are worried about their return, then your house should address some other issues, because I believe that this will be one of the best things to happen to Wabash in the modern era. Once the Deltas are up and running, I have no doubt that they will have a positive identity. Deltas will add to the identity of Wabash. In conclusion, I only ask that you receive the new brothers with an open mind, and join in welcoming back a great fraternity.



# SEARCHING FOR HAMILTON



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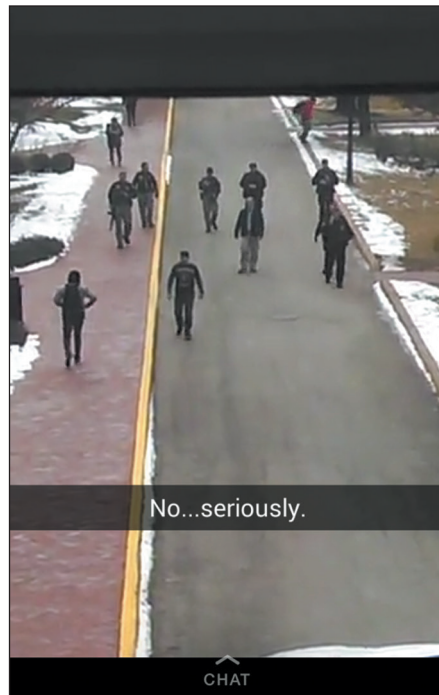
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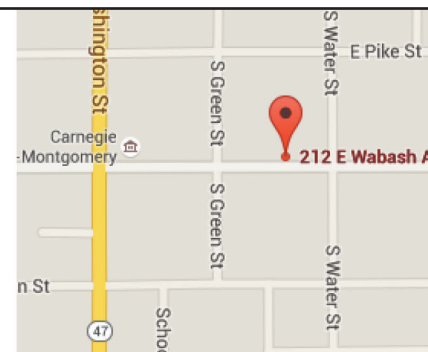
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# WALLY'S PLANS GET OUT OF HAND, MAKE MESS

## WAYNE KER'S VALENTINES DAY UNSATISFIED

**ZACH BLEISCH '18 | STAFF**

**WRITER** • Another Valentine's Day at Wabash College has come and gone. For the first time, many freshmen discovered the downside to an all-male college.

Wayne Ker '19 went into the Valentine's Day weekend with a rather optimistic outlook. "My tinder game is pretty strong," Wayne Ker said. "So I was confident I would find a Valentine."

To ensure his success, Wayne Ker adjusted his radius in order to stretch as far as possible in the hopes of finding the perfect Valentine's date. Wayne Ker added some new pictures to his profile and was ready to go out and see what he could find.

However, Wayne Ker came face to face with one of the greatest problems at Wabash. "I got on to use my daily swipes when all of a sudden the Wi-Fi stopped working," Wayne Ker said. "I couldn't get any Internet because we are in the

middle of nowhere."

Left without options, Wayne Ker had to think outside the box. "I thought I might walk around the grocery store, and find some local girls," he said. "I met the girl of my dreams. Her name was Lois, and I believe her last name was Shun." Wayne Ker invited Lois Shun to come over for Valentine's Day.

"But then the Wi-Fi started working again, and I started looking on tinder," Ker said, "and I totally forgot about the Lois Shun date I had." After looking through tinder for a couple of days Wayne Ker came upon a new girl. "Her name was Jill; she seemed like the girl for me," Wayne Ker said, "in her bio it said she was pretty handy with tools." Not remembering his previous engagements he set up date with Jill.

By the time Valentine's Day came, Wayne Ker realized he had a problem. He needed to find a solution. "After watching some TV,

I realized that I could try to pull off the old two dates in one night without either of the girls knowing," Wayne Ker said. The only problem, Wayne Ker scheduled the dates at the same time. "I had to try to slip out for a little to give both dates enough attention."

Finally Valentine's Day had arrived and Wayne Ker was ready. "It took a while to make all of the preparations, but I had it planned out perfectly," Wayne Ker said, "Nobody was going to find out."

Wayne Ker managed to take both girls out to dinner without them initially noticing he was on another date at the same time.

"However, eventually they both noticed I was gone for extended amounts of time many times throughout the night," Wayne Ker said, "I guess I didn't really think that part out too well."

Wayne Ker's date with Jill and Lois Shun went by quick. "It didn't last long, but hey, I tried it," Wayne

Ker said. After Ker accepted that he was finished, he returned back to campus for the evening. "It was still pretty early in the night and I wasn't quite ready to call the night, so I decided I would just go back to my dorm room and hang out with my roommate."

Wayne Ker got to his room and to his surprise his room was locked. "I don't really know why it was locked," Ker said, "my roommate was there, but he didn't have any date for Valentine's Day."

Blocked from entering his room, Wayne Ker was forced to wait alone and spend the rest of his Valentine's Day exiled to the hallway outside of his room.

On his first Valentine's Day at Wabash, Wayne Ker learned about the struggles of going to an all-male school. Wayne Ker had to spend the romantic day alone with himself. "It may not have been the most successful day," Wayne Ker said, "but I'll always have next year!"



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# ON THE BORDERLINE

**MICHAEL LUMPKIN** | SPORTS

**EDITOR** • Records were broken last weekend. New heights were reached. Wabash College Swimming & Diving took fourth place in the North Coast Athletic Conference Championships at Denison University in Granville, Ohio. The performances are in the books and for many Wabash competitors, it will mark the last competition of the swimming & diving season. For some, the NCAC Championship marked as a stepping stone to the NCAA Division III Championships.

Head Coach Brent Noble said the weekend was “overall, a success.” Wabash College Swimming & Diving broke seven school records and achieved two times Noble is “pretty certain” will get into the Division III National Championship meet. There are a few more times Noble said are “more borderline” on whether or not they will be good enough to advance.

The team convened Monday in the Class of 1950 Natatorium to try and improve on those “borderline” times. “We planned to do that from the beginning, we didn’t necessarily plan for that to be something we needed, but we had a relay that we wanted to try and get a little bit faster,” Noble said. The relay team had a “good swim” but did not improve on its best time. “It might get us into Nationals, it might not,” Noble said.

The top 16 teams qualify for the Division III National Championships, and with Division III Conference meet still yet to occur, the 200-yard relay of Elliot Johns ‘16, Zechariah Banks ‘16, Wyatt Tarter ‘17, and Chris McGue ‘16 sit at twelfth in the standings. All of the times have to be submitted by next week, so that relay team and the others that are on the border will have to wait until then to see if they will advance to the next level. Johns was able to take Monday’s opportunity in the home pool to break the new pool record for the 50-freestyle event.

Noble was proud of his team’s overall performance. He also knows there’s always room to grow. “With any end of the season in a sport that’s as objective as ours, you know exactly where you left things on the table,” Noble said. There were events the Little Giants underperformed last weekend,



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**Zechariah Banks ‘16 won the 100-yard and 200-yard breaststroke competitions last weekend at the NCAC Championships.**

but some performed very strongly. Noble cited Chris Dabrowski ‘19 as a strong performer of the weekend. Dabrowski set a new personal record and impressed Noble in the 1650-yard swim. The time will likely not allow him to advance, but is a bright sign for the future.

Zechariah Banks was the highlight of the meet. Banks took two conference titles home from the toughest conference in Division III swimming. Banks broke two school records in the 100-yard and 200-yard breaststroke events and took first place in the conference in each event. Noble said, “It was another step forward for our team, as it was the first time in the NCAC that we’ve had a swimmer win two championships.” Banks received votes for swimmer of the meet as a result of his performance. He currently sits at third in the nation with his time in the 100-meter breaststroke.

Banks was humble with regards to

his success in the pool last weekend. “I attribute my success at conference to Jesus, my coaching staff, my teammates and their support, and my family’s support,” Banks said. He is excited for his opportunity to perform at the Division III National Championships. “I feel a special responsibility to bring a NCAA championship to Wabash,” Banks said. “That’s what I have been working towards for the past four years. It would be really cool if I accomplished that.”

Divers Aaron Embry ‘19 and Max Von Deylen ‘19 also delivered strong performances to help the team finish fourth overall. The two were able to achieve a top-five finish, which is incredibly challenging in the NCAC Conference dominated by the diving prowess of Denison University. Embry will go on to diving regionals for a chance to compete in the DIII National meet. Diving differentiates itself from swimming in that it is a judged competition. The subjectivity of this

judgement means that diving holds a separate regional meet that allows for another judgement that will dictate who moves on to the next stage.

The team will not engage in competition as a full unit another time this season. Noble reflected on his third year at Wabash as a success. “As far as the diving program, we’ve shown that we are a diving program now,” Noble said. Noble placed emphasis on Banks’ opportunity at Nationals as important to the Wabash College program as a whole. “It’s been a really long time since a Wabash swimmer has scored top-eight at the National meet, which I think he has a really legitimate shot to do,” Noble said. Noble thinks the team is devoted to “building the bigger picture.” That will be put to the test next year when the team will be without ten seniors from this year. The young leadership will be required to step up if Wabash swim team wants to continue building a successful program.



# CRUNCH TIME

## BASKETBALL LOOKS TO KEEP MOMENTUM HEADING INTO TOUGH POSTSEASON

**TUCKER DIXON '19** | STAFF

WRITER • As the Wabash College basketball regular season comes to a close tomorrow afternoon against Kenyon in Gambier, Ohio, the team starts to shift their focus to the North Coast Athletic Conference tournament that begins next week. Wabash sits at sixth place in the conference immediately behind Denison and Wittenberg, as of Wednesday. With Wednesday's game against DePauw and tomorrow's game versus Kenyon, Wabash can have a few different matchups for their first round game, which takes place next Tuesday, the 23rd of February.

A few of the potential matchups include Hiram, Denison, and Wittenberg. Because Wabash cannot move up enough in the standings to gain a home court matchup, the Little Giants will be traveling for their first game. The Little Giants have struggled against the currently 3rd ranked team in the conference, Hiram, who is a likely first round opponent. In their first matchup this year, the Little Giants came out strong and possessed a 12-point lead in the first half, but couldn't maintain their lead, giving up a five-minute scoreless streak that let the Terriers back into the game. The Little Giants lost their five-point halftime lead, falling to the Terriers 80-64. In the second matchup between the two teams, poor rebounding on both sides of the ball hindered Wabash's ability to change the course of the game, eventually falling to the Terriers for the second time this season, 84-72.

Another potential opponent for Wabash is the Denison Big Red. The Little Giants fared well against the Big Red, winning both competitions and scoring 80 points in both games. In their first game, hot shooting from Daniel Purvlicis '16 and Johnny Jager '19, who contributed 27 and 21 points respectively, gave the Little Giants the edge they needed to defeat Denison 80-66. In their second matchup, Wabash traveled to Granville, Ohio, which resulted in a similar story. Sharp shooting from Daniel Purvlicis and Austin Burton '16 gave the Little Giants the boost they needed to secure another big conference win.

Wabash's third potential matchup is against the Wittenberg Tigers. In their two matchups earlier this year, the Little Giants and Tigers split the series, each securing a win on the other's home courts. In the first game between the two in Crawfordsville, a second half

scoring drought by the Little Giants proved to be a defining factor in the early season loss. The Little Giants got their revenge though, outshooting and outthrusting the Tigers to a 69-54 midseason victory.

Whoever the Little Giants face off against next week should be ready to face a team on a hot streak. Wabash is on a three-game win streak including a huge five-point victory over #10 Ohio Wesleyan. A big win against the number-one ranked team in the NCAC came on no better night than senior night.

"We've really come on lately making some big strides and playing well," freshman Johnny Jager said. "It's perfect timing going into the conference tournament. I know I wouldn't want to play us if I was on any of the other teams." The Little Giants have some real positive momentum moving into the postseason and look to make another strong conference tournament run.

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Ben Stachowski '19 dribbles down the baseline against Allegheny College.





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**JOEL JANAK '19** | STAFF WRITER•

As the season comes to its end, the Wabash College wrestling team finished its final two matches of the regular season. The team wrestled against Trine University last Thursday, beating them easily 41-15. They then traveled to Ohio Northern over the weekend, placing first in an eight-team tournament. Coach Anderson had nothing but positives things to say about how his team performed the last

week. "The team performed very well against Trine and at the Mid-States Conference tournament last week," Anderson said. "Both competitions last week were a little less competitive than what our team is used too."

Even the weaker opponents give the team another opportunity to prepare themselves for the postseason. It also allowed some of the younger guys on the team to continue working towards greatness. Freshman Connor Armuth '19 spoke on the past two competitions, saying, "I think this weekend was important to close out the regular season with momentum and make a strong impact for the postseason." Armuth has been working hard all season for his opportunity to crack the varsity level. It is his determination that makes him an up and coming wrestler for the near future at Wabash College.

Coach Anderson did mention two guys who performed very well at the Mid-States. SaVonne Bennette '19 and Kellen VanCamp '19 both wrestled fantastically, winning the tournament in their respected weight classes and VanCamp pinning all four of his competitors in the first round of his matches. Coach Anderson told his guys before the tournament, "before the tournament that we should see a sea of red in the finals and they answered. Ten guys made the finals and we came away with seven champions." From the freshmen class to the senior class, all very motivated guys itching to get to the next level.

Overall, Coach Anderson has talked about how well the season went for his squad. "The team has performed up to expectations thus far in the season," Anderson said. "They finished as the National Runner-up at National Duals,

knocking off the returning national champions Augsburg on the way to the finals."

The only loss the Little Giants have suffered was to first ranked Wartburg College, finishing the season with a 13-1 record and number two ranking in the country. Also, the team won the North Central Invite for the fourth year in a row and placed second at the John Summa Invitational, and finished the regular season up dominating the competition at last weekend's Mid-States tournament. Coach Anderson felt the team has handled adversity very well at times. "We have done really well this season for having some of top guys out in our line-up at times." He is very excited for his top ten guys to perform at Regionals. Coach Anderson finished by saying "If the guys wrestle the way they are capable at regionals we will have a good size group out at nationals in March."

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Ethan Farmer '16 wrestles against Calumet earlier in the team's winter campaign.

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# BIG SHOES TO FILL

**MASON ASHER '18** | STAFF WRITER

• Taking over for recently departed defensive coordinator B.J. Hammer is no small task. Jeff Ramsey will look to step in and fill big shoes as he comes in from the west coast. Ramsey previously was at Puget Sound University as its defensive coordinator and led them to be a top five defense in their offensive-rich league.

Ramsey also was the head coach at Oberlin College for fifteen years and enjoyed some success there. Ramsey left Oberlin as the second-winningest coach in history and helped them set more than 300 records. Being a coach in the North Coast Athletic Conference before is sure to help him with the transition to Wabash.

“There is no substitute for experience,” Ramsey said. “Though there have been some changes at the helm of a couple of football programs in the conference, I am familiar with all of the teams in the conference. That certainly helps in game planning and learning from the past of what does and does not work, and how coaches call a game.”

The job is unlike any other Ramsey has had before: Oberlin and Puget Sound were jobs where he has needed to come in, take apart the system, and rebuild it from the ground up. Wabash is different. Wabash already has the players in place and the football knowledge a top-notch coach like Ramsey is looking for.

“The defense is fantastic from both a scheme and personnel perspective,” Ramsey said. “There are some holes to fill with the departure of the graduating seniors, and they will be sorely missed. I am impressed with the focus and determination of those seeking to



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Coach Ramsey will take over the reigns of a defense that has stifled nearly every opponent during the B.J. Hammer '01 era.

replace those departing seniors, and I hope to keep the defensive ship sailing fast towards our team goals of beating DePauw, an undefeated season, and winning the national championship.”

Wabash in years past has run a 4-3 front while Ramsey implemented a 3-4 front to Puget Sound. There will be no scheme changes though for the Wabash players; they just may change it up from time to time a little more. “There will be some minor changes, but there is not

much need to change something that works so well,” Ramsay said.

Ramsey said there were many different reasons as to why he decided to come to Wabash, none more important than Coach Raeburn and his staff along with the character of the Wabash community.

“The most compelling reasons were the sustained excellence of the football,” Ramsey said. “Coach Raeburn and the staff he has put together, the great teamwork and character of the

football team, the quality of the Wabash education, and the character of the entire campus community.”

Ramsey is a great fit for the Little Giant program and brings a vast amount of knowledge to the table not just on the defensive side. Ramsey joins offensive coordinator Don Morel as another former head coach on the Wabash staff, which is sure to bring another helping hand to the team. Ramsey has big shoes to fill, but nothing a Little Giant cannot do.

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