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FRESHMEN KICK OFF HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES BY SPREADING THE FAME OF HER HONORED NAME



LEVI GARRISON '18 / PHOTO

Sphinx Club members test a freshman from Kappa Sigma on his focus and memory of the song under pressure.

HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

RECENT DISASTERS

The Bachelor sends its thoughts and prayers to all those affected by the recent natural disasters. From hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria to the earthquakes in Mexico, the tragedies are horrible. Multiple foundations are accepting donations to help with clean-up, as well as assisting in the repair of all of the buildings destroyed. Nelson's Chicken will be in Mud Hollow on Saturday donating all proceeds from sales to Hurricane Harvey relief. Please, help where

POKEMON GO AWAY

Townies of every shape and size gathered in front of Center Hall on Sunday afternoon in pursuit of a legendary Pokemon. This group is one of the handfuls that still play Pokemon Go with any regularity. The walk to Wabash proved tiring for many of these aspiring Pokemon Masters. These exhausted townie trainers decided that the historic senior bench was as good a place as any to rest, filling the entire bench and sitting on the Sphinxes' heads. While the Bachelor commends this group's drive to catch 'em all, we cannot condone the violation of one of Wabash's most sacred traditions.

WHAT THE TRUCK?

Are you trucking kidding man? The Phi Psi pledges wanted to test the horsepower behind a jacked-up pickup during last weekend's football game. We have no doubt that Logan Kleiman '18 is behind the plot. Luckily, pledgeship is a learning experience. Y'all will learn one day. Hopefully.

WOODS GIVES THUMBS UP TO DESSERT THROWERS

Hi-Five to Beta Theta Pi for throwing one heck of a rager this past Saturday. Rumor has it that Dick Woods called it one of the best run parties this campus has ever seen! Due we suspect that the brothers paid off Mr. Woods? Nah. Well maybe.

Seriously though, good job gentlemen.

TRUMP - "ROCKET MAN"

Kim Jong packed his bags last night, pre-fly. Zerohour. Nine a.m. And he's going to be high, as a kite by then. According to President Trump, Sir Elton John was describing the North Korean dictator when writing and performing his 1972 hit single. Maybe the song will provide some insight about the dictator unknown to citizens of the world. And of all the science he doesn't understand, its just his job 5 days a

week. Rocket Man.

'SATURDAYS AT WABASH' GETS PROSPECTS EXCITED

AUSTIN RUDICEL '20 I STAFF WRITER • Wabash hosted the first of many campus visit days this past Saturday. The program, aptly named Saturdays at Wabash, was designed for students that want to visit campus, without sacrificing their attendance record at their respective high schools. The program is designed to give prospective students a fuller understanding of student life at Wabash College, and provides them with an opportunity to sit in on a student/alumni panel to address frequently asked questions. 19 students attended this past Saturday, and around 50 students are already registered to attend the next program on October 7.

Chip Timmons '96, Associate Dean of Enrollment and Director of



Chip Timmons '96

Admissions, expressed his satisfaction regarding the results of the first visit day, and voiced high expectations for the next one. "It is important to take multiple visits to a college campus when

considering a school," Timmons said.
"The goal is that we give enough to
make the students want more."

Students asked questions to a current student and alumni panel, went on a student led tour of campus to learn about Wabash's facilities and traditions, looked inside a showroom in the newly renovated Martindale Hall, and ate lunch behind the Hollett Little Giant Stadium before attending the football game against the Lords of Kenyon College.

Zack Myers, a prospective student from Brownsburg, IN, learned a lot

about the unusual traditions Wabash students uphold on his tour. He was rather skeptical when learning about the tradition of 'The Arch', and how students do not walk under the arch due to the fear of failing Senior Comprehensive Exams, and because of the myth concerning the student who got struck by lightning after walking under the arch.

"I thought the story was funny," Myers said. "But I don't know if I believe it entirely." Whether they believe it or not, the current students of Wabash respect this tradition, as Myers noticed that not a single student walked under the arch during his time on campus. Myers learned about Wabash through his wrestling coach and enjoyed his visit day during Saturdays at Wabash. He plans on returning to campus this coming Saturday for Homecoming.

Another perspective student who left with a positive impression of Wabash was Alex Juhl. Juhl was guided to Wabash by his high school football coach and was excited to watch the Wabash football team play Kenyon as part of his visit.

"After coming here and experiencing a weekend at Wabash, Wabash has definitely moved up on my list." Juhl said. What amazed Juhl the most on his tour was how beautiful and clean the mall was. This was Juhl's first visit to Wabash, but will not be his last.

Sam Malott, a swimmer from Crawfordsville, has always known about Wabash growing up and has visited the campus in the past. Malott also has a job in the Allen Center working as a lifeguard. Even though it was not his first visit, he still found Saturdays at Wabash to be helpful in making a decision on colleges.

"Wabash has always been my first choice for college," Malott said. "But this Saturday visit really helped to solidify my decision."

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors:

Contrary to your reporter's statement, our course on the Holocaust is not "similar" to courses such as "Harry Potter," "stupidity (literally)," or "How to Win a Beauty Pageant." The comparisons manage to trivialize both our course and the topic it explores. Our course is a rigorous and well-rounded introduction to the complex issues of history, politics, and representation surrounding the Holocaust.

Sincerely,

Professors Hollander and Tucker

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'DEFAMATION' EXPERIENCE JUDGED A SUCCESS

EDITOR • Wade. This is the verdict that the audience reached last Friday night after the Defamation performance. Defamation is a 75-minute courtroom drama by Todd Logan, touring the United States for the past seven years. The play has garnered much success, having been showed to more than 50,000 people with over 300 different performances. The performance at . Wabash last Friday featured high level actors that have had roles on various prime time cable TV Shows and various other stage performances. Last week's performance marks the second time Defamation has visited Wabash, Marc Welch '99, Associate Dean of Students, brought the performance to Wabash College through the Robbins Family Fund in order to create an opportunity for Wabash students to interact with a unique and different style of theater.

"I think the show was a big success here in 2015," Welch said. "When I met Kim Beavers at a conference, she was very excited to hear I was from Wabash. She told me that our College stood out her due to the level our students engaged and participated with the performance. After our conversation, I knew that we should try and get the play back on Wabash's campus."



OREY LEUTERS '19 / PHOTO

Kim Beavers, who portrays Mr. Golden's attorney, raises a question after the show.

Although there were few students in attendance last Friday, many audience members participated in the play's post-show discussion. The play focuses on the case of Wade v. Golden, where Ms. Wade is suing Mr. Golden for defamation. In order to win her case, it must be demonstrated that Wade was falsely accused by Golden of stealing her watch and that his actions prompted by the accusation caused Ms. Wade financial harm. Defamation is popular for the way in

which it involves its audience members; the case is ultimately decided by the audience, who act as the jury during the performance. Compared to the last time the play was on campus, Logan Kleiman '18 felt that the audience's participation was different from the 2015 performance.

"I think that we had a different audience this time than that in 2015, which created a different aspect to the show that I did not see last time," Kleiman said. "I think we ruled in favor of Golden in 2015, so that shows how the audience differed this time around."

Both Kleiman and Welch thought that many of the issues that was brought up in the play correlate well with the Wabash curriculum. What makes the play interesting is that it pits an African American woman from the south side of Chicago against a wealthy Jewish white male from the northern suburbs of the city. The play does a good job at looking beyond the actual case and touches on social and cultural aspects of race, gender, religion, and class. The play claims on its website that the performance allows the audience members to place themselves in the characters' situations, which ultimately leads them to possibly learning more about themselves than the actual

plaintiff or defendant. This adopted perspective is what many classes here at Wabash attempt to show students due to the college's unique all male campus.

"I would like the play to revisit campus and have the EQ classes fit the performance into the EQ curriculum," Welch said. "I believe many aspects of the play could correlate with the material of these classes and make for an interesting class discussion. The play touches on subjects that students here on campus have never undergone."

Ultimately, it was Wade that the audience sided with. The audience at first was very split, but after a group discussion, the audience favored Wade by two or more votes. The discussion after the voting, lead by one of the actresses, held for many interesting points. The performers revealed that Wade has won in about 85% of their performances, but stated that predominantly black audiences typically side with Mr. Golden and predominantly white audiences side with Ms. Wade. Many students continued their discussion on the play after the performance was over, demonstrating how certain performances allow students to better educate themselves on this world's many different perspectives.



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WABASH TO HOST LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

BRAXTON MOORE '19 I NEWS

EDITOR • In addition to the numerous events that surround Homecoming week on an annual basis, the Alumni and Parent Relations Office is hosting a Leadership Summit beginning on Thursday evening and extending into Saturday, in an effort to bring the various associations regarding the Liberal Arts Plus Initiatives. The organizations scheduled to meet are



Hugh Vandivier '91

the National Association of Wabash Men (NAWM), Indianapolis Association of Wabash Men (IAWM), Parent Advisory Committee, Alumni Class Agents, as well as the Center for Innovation,

Business & Entrepreneurship (CIBE), the Democracy and Public Discourse association (WDPD), and the Global Health Initiative (GHI). Hugh Vandivier '91, Assistant Director of Engagement, spoke about the intended goal of the summit, as well as the organizational details that went into developing this event.

"With the creation of the Liberal Arts Plus Initiatives such as the CIBE, the WDPD, and the GHI, we wanted these groups to meet all at the same time," Vandivier said. "We put them under one umbrella and named it the Leadership Summit. In the developing stages of these committees, the end goal is for them to find out what their role is, and how they can serve Wabash College."

Vandivier also talked about the decision to host the Leadership Summit over Homecoming, emphasizing the opportunistic timing of the events that already draw so many parents and alumni back to campus.

"Homecoming is obviously an ideal time to host this event," Vandivier said. "There's a natural affinity to this event because, outside of a Bell Game, this is one of the times during the year where we see a lot of alumni return to campus. The idea behind the summit is that the committees will be engaged in meetings during the day on Friday; they will listen to an address given by President Gregory Hess, and will then break off into their own respective groups."



Steve Hoffman '85

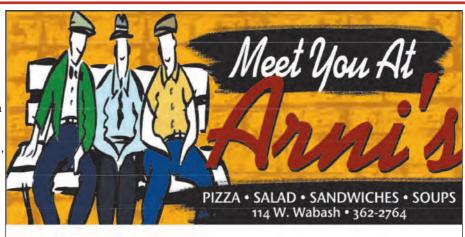
Steve Hoffman '85, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations, also provided an overview of the events outlined in the itinerary for the Leadership Summit. "Our three Liberal Arts Plus Initiatives

each have an advisory committee," Hoffman said. "Paired with the Parents Advisory Committee, we have four fairly new groups. This will be the third Leadership Summit, and the college wanted to pull these groups in all at the same time for a series of meetings among our different committees."

"One of the main goals of this Leadership Summit is to focus on outreaching to students" Vandivier said. "We want the students to be aware of the attempts that the college is making to help the student body out however and wherever we can. The Liberal Arts Initiatives provide us with regular updates, but we want to make sure that we are engaging these groups...the Leadership Summit helps us do exactly that."

Vandivier went on to explain the necessity of such summits for the sake of each group informing the others of their plans and events for advancing student involvement and aid, as well as addressing concerns of the administration and leadership of the college. The Leadership Summit looks to take advantage of gathering the various committees that are primarily concerned with connecting with prospective students, supporting and advancing the student experience of current Wabash men.

During the regularly scheduled events that transpire over the course of a typical Homecoming weekend at Wabash, students and guests of campus should additionally expect to encounter parents and alumni involved with the summit this weekend. Over the course of three days of meetings, the summit strives to work towards the enrichment of student life, and also provides those involved in the initiatives with the welcome opportunity to attend the Homecoming activities.



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HOMECOMING EVENT RECAP

STUDENTS EXPRESS EXCITEMENT FOR HOMECOMING TRADITIONS

PATRICK JAHNKE '18 I STAFF WRITER

· Yesterday morning, students heard 'Old Wabash' echoing throughout the campus. As is tradition every year, freshmen in both Greek life and Independent housing come together to sing the beautiful Wabash fight song as loud and as perfectly as they can. Chapel Sing is the first event of one of the biggest weeks on campus: Homecoming Week. For a lot of schools, Homecoming is just about the football game. However, Wabash spends the entire week celebrating school unity, friendly—but serious—competition, and campus tradition. The competitions range from Chapel Sing, the Chants, floats, and the banner and queen presentations during the game.

"Fraternity competition during Homecoming is crucial," Logan Kleiman '18, President of the IFC, said. "At Wabash, we like to compete. I think Homecoming is the epitome of it with all

the competition going on.'

The week began on Thursday morning, where in lieu of the weekly Chapel Talk series, freshmen from each fraternity and Independent students stood in lines on the Mall and sang the fight song for 45 minutes while the Sphinx Club tested their knowledge and determination. If they made it the whole time without a mistake, they will be able to proudly wear a red "W" on their white t-shirts for the entirety of the following week.

"Perhaps the primary Wabash College tradition is Chapel Sing," Sphinx Club President Jacob Woodward '18 said. "The uniqueness of the event in and of itself is enough to make me admire the event, but the true passion for one's Alma Mater expressed by all involved is my favorite. Seeing nearly 200 newly admitted brothers of this campus sing Old Wabash is truly inspiring, and I am extremely eager to have the opportunity to carry on the many great traditions encompassed within homecoming week."

Tonight students will also meet in front of the Chapel once more for the Chant competition. During this section of Homecoming week, freshmen will perform parodies of popular songs that invigorate the crowd and excite people for the football game the next morning. The competitors should also keep in mind that these songs should bring the Wabash community together and should not disrespect anyone and must follow the Gentleman's Rule. After the Chant is over, Wabash students are invited to attend the Sphinx Club's Campus Unity Tour. The tour is intended to unite Wabash students together the night before the big game against the Terriers.



LEVI GARRISON '18 / PHOTO

Pledges from Beta Theta Pi present their banner during last year's Homecoming halftime.

"What I'm really excited for this year is the Sphinx Club's Campus Unity Tour on Friday night," Kleiman said. "I think after a week of competing with each other this is a great way coming into the game to show that we embody One Wabash."

The day of the game, Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m., judges will be walking around to each fraternity for the float competition. These floats, according to the rules, should promote the spirit of Wabash while mocking our opponent, the Hiram Terriers, in a familyfriendly way. Members of both the Wabash and Crawfordsville communities will also be walking around to see if the floats can amaze the crowd this year. Finally, at halftime of the football game, those in attendance will get the pleasure of watching the banner and queen presentations. Each fraternity will construct a banner, which follow the same principles as

the float, that they will then walk across the track for all to see. While the game is going on, people will also see some students dressed as queens walking around and collecting donations. This year all proceeds will go to the Montgomery County Family Crisis Center.

This week is meant for us: the Wabash community. Make sure to come out to all of the competitions and the game to show your Wabash spirit. "Homecoming is one of the many excellent opportunities for the entire Wabash Community to unify for the great good

of the college." Woodward said.

The Homecoming football game will begin Saturday at 2 p.m. at Hollett Little Giant Stadium, and will play against the Hiram Terriers. Also on Saturday, the Glee Club and other Wabash ensembles will be performing the Homecoming Concert at 7:30 p.m. in Salter Hall in the Fine Arts Center.

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SPHINX CLUB AND KEEPING TRADITIONS

bout two years ago, I wrote a piece for this very same publication commenting on certain secret societies and methods thereof. Apparently, that article did not generate enough thought or self-reflection so I will try once more. After all, if I can paraphrase Dante, there is a special place in Hell for one who is neutral during times of crisis.

While we do not face a crisis here on campus, we do face an issue that is. I believe, wrong. What does our mascot, Wally Wabash, embody? One might say dear Wally encapsulates the beautiful tradition and spirit that is Wabash College. Perhaps Wally points towards a persistent 18-22-year-old male who is trying to find himself. Or perhaps some may view Wally as simply a cartoon. Overall, I think Wally Wabash should be a reflection of each student who has ever gone to Wabash College. Either way, I can assure all those on and off campus that Wally Wabash does not signify hypocrisy, entitlement, and mistreatment. However, unfortunately, maybe this is what Wally has come to represent.

The bedrock of Wabash College, the upholders of tradition, the prime



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marketing tools, the cheerleaders of the school is the Sphinx Club. These tasks have fairly or unfairly befallen them. If unfairly, I apologize to them, but Wabash does Always Fight. Now, the Sphinx Club is also explicitly represented by the depiction of Wally Wabash. Fine. I can agree with the uniqueness of the club and what the organization portrays to the outside world. But internally is where I have a problem.

Tradition is largely why I came to Wabash. The Sphinx Club does a pretty good job of making sure some of those traditions stay put, where generations of Wabash Men can continue to enjoy them. However, it seems as though the Sphinx Club has checked the traditions of Wabash more than their traditions.

Of course, I haven't joined the club, so I can't find out, but why join the club when I can witness their procedures and actions in every fraternity kitchen on campus, outside the back walls of every fraternity, or the morning after a Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday? I think that is all I need to see to gain a glimpse of motives behind the Sphinx Club.

But that itself would be unfair to the Sphinx Club, right? They do deserve a chance to represent themselves how they wish. However, I quickly take that second chance away when I see the club sit together on Thursday mornings, while the Rhynes are outside yelling in full regalia. Or, while they promote unity on campus, but then help gouge a fraternity on an admission price to a party, simply because your pot did not get you into a "closed" party the week before. Or, perhaps while you promulgate your rhetoric of campus leadership, but your methods for forging leaders remains in deep question. Furthermore, while every fraternity on campus is required to sit through Title IX, alcohol, and hazing talks and is increasingly under the focused microscope of the College, the Sphinx Club seems to get off scotfree. This is not to say the Sphinx Club does not have to sit through those talks as well. How would I know? I am not in the club. However, while my fraternity – and every other house on campus – is seemingly under constant scrutiny for any slip-up, the Sphinx Club continues their "traditions" nearly every night. I feel as though the club has lost its chance.

I recognize this topic is unpopular. Will I be crucified or praised by the students? I don't know, and it doesn't matter. What does matter is that we start asking these tough questions as a campus. We need to take the approach of the classroom asking hard and challenging questions and apply that to our College socially. If you disagree with this piece, let's talk about it. If you agree, let's talk about it. This is not an article meant to spite one side or the other. Rather, it is an effort to ensure the future of Wabash College, and to help a fellow group on campus grow and become better. Member or not, pro or con, this is a conversation that needs to be had, because I believe it may be a factor in campus disunity, and therefore entirely detrimental to the goal our College is trying to achieve. Stop the rhetoric, start the action.

HOW THE BROTHERHOOD SAVED ME FROM LEAVING WABASH

ost people that know me don't know this about me yet, but after my freshman year I didn't think that I would ever come back to Wabash. As an out-of-state student from Texas, I dealt with a constant duel-dose of homesickness and depression during that first year. Foolishly on my end, I kept it a secret from everyone around me that I knew. This is the story of how my bottled-up homesickness and depression almost made me drop out of Wabash, and how the Brotherhood we have here, saved me.

Just to give you some reference, so you understand where I am coming from, my hometown is Donna, Texas. Donna is the southernmost city in Texas, it's 1,354.0 miles away from the Pioneer Chapel; we are so far down there that we might as well be in Mexico. Because I don't live in Indiana unlike the vast majority of students who go here, I do not have the luxury of going back home to see my family and friends on the weekend



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whenever I want. The only times I do get a chance to go home and see my family is during winter break and the summer. Before my freshmen year, the longest I've been away from home was just one week, and that was for Honor Scholarship Weekend. Out-of-state students can relate, and international students as well (I honestly don't understand how they cope with it), that homesickness is a real thing here at Wabash, and it affects our mental health every single day.

It didn't help my spirits that in that first year I was taking the most challenging courses that I had ever taken before; I felt stupid in every single class. No class that I took in high school tested me as much as Wabash tested me that first year. With all of this combined, being away from home so long and taking difficult classes, eventually, I started believing that I was not good enough for Wabash, and that I should just pack up my stuff and go back home. This toxic idea kept going through my head constantly throughout that entire first year, and I had no idea how to get rid of it other than just let it in and give up.

What pushed me not to give up on Wabash was the Brotherhood. Through all of the darkness that I faced my freshmen year, whenever I thought of the Brotherhood I was comforted. I was comforted because I knew that my Brothers were going to be my protectorsthat even if I wanted to give up, they weren't going to let me. It was my Brothers

who cheered my spirits up during freshmer year; they were the ones who kept me moving forward. If it had not been for my Brothers support, I would not be where I am today.

Brotherhood can be reassuring, but it can also be something that we can take for granted. Sometimes we forget what it means to be a Brother. We get to a point where we rely on our fellow Brothers to always be there, but when they need our help we are absent. Brotherhood requires a hundred and ten percent commitment. It's not something to be taken likely. Day and night, during all hours, Brothers helping Brothers. Today, I stand as a junior, believe it or not, and I cannot imagine my life without Wabash. Wabash has become my second home. I would not still be here had it not been for the Brotherhood that we have here. The Brotherhood gave me something to hold onto when I needed it most: spirit.

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TWO YEARS AND COUNTING

s a first semester junior, I have now hit the mark of halfway in my college career here at The Liberal Arts college for men, Wabash College. I have learned a multitude of things while being here at this fine institution and I almost didn't even go here. Trine University was the college I would attend in the fall of 2015. My grandfather graduated from there and I was going there no matter what. That was until an early spring campus visit in which I did not feel at home. What should I do? Where am I going to go? Luckily I had a fellow Wabash man, William Yank '19, who was a close friend of mine during my high school years that encouraged me to look at Wabash College. Hesitantly, I looked at the only all-male institution that I ever knew existed and thought to myself, 'Who would want to go to an all-male college? What about girls? What about my social

After my first two years at the college I have discovered that state



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schools, although wild, aren't all they are cracked up to be. I've watched some of my high school friends drop out, give up on a dream and just stop caring about school in general. Even though at times it may seem like a daunting task to graduate from here, it will be worth it in the end. So, welcome freshmen to the craziest, most frustrating yet rewarding college you could have picked. The challenge for you all is to get adjusted to not only the (more than likely) increased workload but also time management. If time management is

a struggle then you need to get some help early because it is very difficult to fall behind and catch back up at this place. Take the preemptive steps and put yourself ahead of the curve.

Sophomores. Welcome to year 2 of your experience at Wabash. For some of you, it may be the first time having a room in a fraternity house and for some others it may be the first time you'll have a chance to branch out and join a club. Get involved. It's definitely worth it. I wasn't so sure what I really wanted to get involved in at the college my freshman year and was very reluctant to get involved in clubs. My sophomore year rolled around and I finally got the confidence to get involved in things such as APO, NSLS and Sphinx Club.

Juniors. Well, we're still here. Halfway done and still another half to go. This year has been interesting so far. Classes start to turn into more major and minors rather than distribution and it's time to start thinking of that internship that's going

to place you where want to be after graduation. It's a big year for all of us and each choice that we make is going to keep increasing in importance. Obviously I'm biased towards our class and think we're the best. But you all have been amazing classmates, let's keep grinding and finish strong.

Seniors. So close. So so close. You can almost taste the ends of your careers here at Wabash and it's more than likely a bitter sweet taste. The sweetness coming from no more papers and exams but the bitterness from the real world. At least to me, you all have been an amazing influence on my career here at Wabash. I couldn't have accomplished some of the things I have at Wabash if it weren't for some particular Phi Delt seniors: Ephrem Chedid, Bryan Roberts, Nicholas Pollock and Kevin Murphy. Thank you guys for all you've done.

This is just a quick review from a junior and I hope that you all have a great year. WAF.

REPUBLICANS MUST ACKNOWLEDGE CLIMATE CHANGE

hen you have two "once every 500 years" storms in the space of a week, it is time to acknowledge the fact that the global climate is changing – or worse, has already changed. Specifically, the Republicans need to acknowledge this because they are the ones against this apparently ludicrous proposition when around 95% of climate researchers actively publishing climate papers endorse the consensus position.

When President Trump pulled out of the Paris Climate Accord claiming he was "elected to represent the people of Pittsburgh, not Paris," Vice President Pence praised Trump for keeping his campaign promises and abiding by his "America First" mantra. How ironic then, it is America who are first to be hit with the devastations of two "once every 500 years" hurricanes - Harvey and Irma - in one week. This past Sunday in San Francisco, a city famed for its microclimates, a screenshot of the Mr. Chilly weather app shared on Reddit showed 54 degrees at around 2 p.m. in the Presidio. At the same time, the app showed a temperature of 109 degrees in Noe Valley. Even for San Francisco,



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where you can go from sweating to bundling up within an hour, a 55-degree difference is pretty extreme, to say the least. The UN-backed Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which includes more than 1,300 scientists from the United States and other countries asserts, "Taken as a whole, the range of published evidence indicates that the net damage costs of climate change are likely to be significant and to increase over time."

Why then are congressional Republicans staunchly advocating against climate change? Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt told CNN during a phone interview on Thursday that it was not

the time to talk about climate change. He said, "What we need to focus on is access to clean water, addressing these areas of superfund activities that may cause an attack on water, these issues of access to fuel. Those are things so important to citizens of Florida right now, and to discuss the cause and effect of these storms, there's the place and time to do that, it's not now." While helping those in need in any way possible is absolutely imperative, turning a blind eye on the causes of the devastation will only lead to more travesties in the future. His claim that "there's the place and time to do that, it's not now" would have been somewhat reassuring had it not been for the continuous jibes from the Commander-in-Chief that climate change was a hoax and Pruitt's plans to rollback EPA regulations regarding greenhouse gas emissions.

Then again, it is not so surprising for Republicans to advocate against climate change. According to reports, in the past three elections, the oil and gas industry has directed nearly 90% of its campaign contributions to Republicans, and the coal industry channeled at least 96% of its contributions toward them

in 2014 and 2016. Along with this, the Republican Party relies overwhelmingly on the states (for electoral college votes) that are the most deeply invested in the existing fossil fuel economy. Any regulation against the fossil fuel industries would certainly affect the campaign donations and economies of these states. However, IPCC, in its November 2014 'Synthesis Report', stated that the unrestricted use of fossil fuels must be phased out in order to avoid catastrophic climate change. So, the question Republicans and people against climate change need to ponder on is whether to focus on short-term success and prosperity or long-term existence.

It's time then for Republicans to press President Trump to deliver on "America first" by protecting America first from future natural disasters. Remember, the earth is not in danger due to climate change – it has gone through far worse in its course over the past 4 billion years – it is humans who are in danger. We – more specifically, the Republicans for now – need to ensure "once every 500 years" storms occur indeed once in 500 years.

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FRESHMEN EXPERIENCE THE GRIND OF HOMECOMING WEEK

JACKSON BLEVINS '21 I STAFF WRITER • We are a month into the school year, and returning students have seen many familiar faces and have reprogrammed themselves for another challenging, yet fun year. On the other hand, we have the Class of 2021 who stepped onto campus on August 18th and were thrown straight into the fire at Wabash. These new students quickly learned not only about how to navigate through the rigors of Wabash, but about the history and traditions that have built the immense pride surrounding our school. One of these important traditions on campus is Homecoming. Homecoming week is a special time where the traditions of Wabash resurface and members of the Wabash reunite. There are around 220 students who are about to experience this special week for the first time, and with that brings fresh perspectives on the week as a whole

Being newcomers at Wabash means that the majority of students are experiencing Homecoming for the first time, and with this comes new challenges and enlightening experiences. Homecoming week is filled with tradition-rich events that help promote brotherhood throughout the campus while also creating a competitive environment throughout the campus. Greek and independent men have the opportunity to participate in events such as Chapel Sing, chants, and float building contests. The football game also provides a great opportunity for students, alumni, and all supporters of Wabash to enjoy the game and festivities. These events are all based on either fraternity unity amongst their pledges, or a uniting of independent men on campus.



LEVI GARRISON '18 / PHOTO

The float competition is an intergral part to winning homecoming. Above is TKE's from last year.

While this is a very busy week, it is also a week where newcomers can grow their pride for their affiliation on campus, and for the school as a whole.

With over 200 students in the incoming class, there are many students who had different outlooks regarding the busy week. "We found out about our Homecoming tasks on Sunday and had to quickly plan out our ideas for our float and banner," Bryce Looze '21 said. "The biggest challenge was to manage the all projects at hand."

Grant Quackenbush '21, younger brother of Braden Quackenbush '18, had some insight on the important weekend. "I remember my brother describing how important Homecoming was at Wabash, and we hope to win Homecoming this year," Grant said. Grant also cited the time constraints and only having 24 hours in a day as a big challenge for the week.

Homecoming is more than a Greek competition. Independent men also work very hard to compete on Saturday. The Independents have had a growing number of participants in recent years, and they hope to continue this streak this weekend.

"I was at the Homecoming football game last year and got to see the fraternities with their banners, so I have an idea as to what goes on," Blake Miller '21 said. When asked about his plans for the week, Miller said, "I was unsure what to expect for this week, but I do know that I will be tailgating with the independent men before this year's football game."

These individual accounts can help paint a picture about Wabash Homecoming: a week of long days and nights, hours of work. However, it is also a time to showcase school spirit and enjoy the unifying week that Homecoming is. The winner can hold their heads high for a short time until next fall rolls around and newcomers have another chance to prove themselves. Although it is encouraged and expected that we all enjoy Homecoming Week, only one group will come home with the crown of Homecoming champion.





BRINGING THE POWER BACK TO THE PEOPLE

JOSEPH REILLY '18 | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • Campus was thrown into disarray last Sunday when Baxter Hall and Center Hall experienced a blackout. Much of the administrative offices of the College are housed in Center Hall and the "brain" of the College, the computer servers and IT department are located in the basement of Baxter. The situation necessitated quick and cooperative action as well as flexibility from everyone on campus.

Power was restored to Baxter and Center Halls Tuesday evening, after multiple days without power. The cause of the issue occured at 2pm Sunday September 17, 2017. A transformer in the basement of Baxter Hall failed.

"The transformer failure is attributed to age at this point, as the transformer serial number traces back to a 1954 manufacture," David Morgan, Director of Campus Services said. From here Campus Services and a team of four other entities went to work restoring power, while the Registrar's office moved classes, and the IT department looked at keeping wabash.edu online.

"Wabash owns its own high voltage power system," Morgan said. Wabash owns its power infrastructure, buying power from Crawfordsville Electric



An old transformer in the basement of Baxter Hall was the

Light & Power. This complicates things, as Wabash College does not have "line workers" and Campus Services is not approved to work on high voltage power lines. Adding to the complexity of the project is the location of the server room culprit of the outage. in Baxter Hall's basement. The servers require

clean and pure power to protect the technology. Due to this, a simple replacement of one piece of equipment is not safe; therefore a new transformer must be installed.

A temporary generator was placed between Baxter and Center Halls to power the buildings while a new transformer is installed. It will be in use for two to three weeks. Once this transformer is installed, there will be one more campus-wide power outage to get Baxter and Center Halls back on the regular power grid. While power was out, classes were in unusual places across campus. This moving of classes

was done largely by Miriam Foster, Associate Registrar of the College according to Associate Dean of the College John Jump. The locations were unique and ranged from the Student Senate room to conference rooms across campus. "One thing that has made this process much easier is the online scheduler" said Jump. The scheduler provided initial class locations and rooms that were available for use across campus. Although not all room type preferences were fulfilled with replacement rooms, Jump believed the college did the best as possible while making use of non-traditional classroom space, all while working within the "team" of the administration.

The last issue the power failure caused was that of the server room and keeping wabash.edu as well as the on-campus-internet online. According to Brad Weaver, Director of Information Technology, there are systems in place to notify key people when power was lost, and recover the server room. One such system is that of a battery backup keeping the servers online until a secondary power source kicks in. According to Weaver this system worked well this past weekend and although not ideal the backup generator was still in use late Tuesday afternoon.



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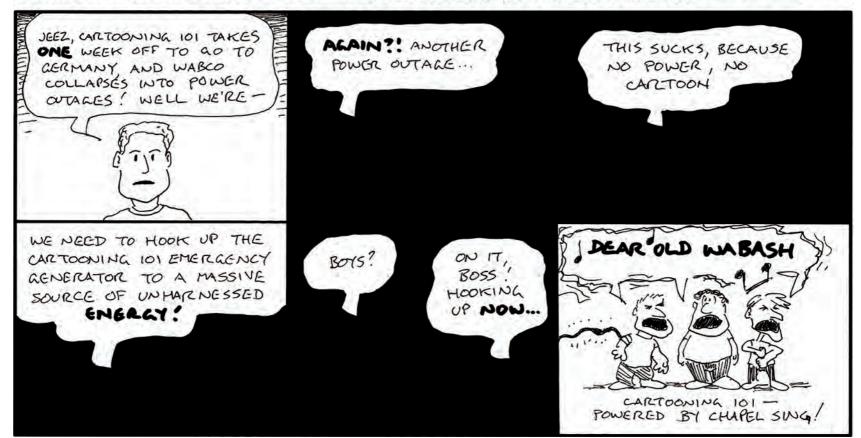
A temporary generator arrived on campus Tuesday afternoon.

"We had to shut down some nonessential equipment due to short-term nature of generator but it is working," Weaver said. "We have a diversified system to help in these types of events." After the summer upgrade to cloud based email, Wabash College email accounts were online for the entire ordeal. Power workers will be on campus in the coming weeks to finish installing the new transformer.

Thank you to the Campus Services team, the Registrar's office, and the IT department for their hard work and to everyone for your flexibility during the outage. Wabash Always Fights.

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125TH GLEE CLUB REUNION NEXT WEEKEND

CHRISTOPHER BARKER '20 | STAFF WRITER · Wabash College's Glee Club will celebrate its 125th-year reunion on Saturday, September 30. This historic event will feature the College's current Glee Club, numbering almost 50 members, and a Glee Club alumni group of around 100 members. The weekend after Wabash's Homecoming and the Glee Club's Homecoming Concert, all of these "brothers-in-song" will come together from across the country to sing with each other and recount their college days with their families and current students.

"Typically, we will have a reunion every five years at Homecoming," Dr. Richard Bowen, former Glee Club Director, said. "However, a quartercentennial reunion is definitely regarded as a higher mark. Few other groups have been around as long as we have. The small size of Wabash only makes this that much more significant."

This big event required a lot of work and planning out of the faculty and the alumni. "Rob Shook '84 and I began planning for this event about 3 years ago," Bowen said. "He's been a great driving force with planning and

networking. We have alumni from as far back as the Class of 1956, spending as much as \$500-\$1,000 to come from as far as the east coast, California, and Washington State. Alumni are committing their time and resources to attend this event, and it truly is a testament to this bond of brotherhood that we have.'

"This is the first time in history that the student Glee Club has to be this prepared this early, not to mention two consecutive weekends of concerts," Dan Azar '18, President of the Glee Club, said. "However, I'm honored and humbled to lead the group this year. I'm also proud of all of the new Glee Club members who are eager and passionately giving their best effort in quickly learning the new music. For the 125th, we will have a diverse group with a mature sound, singing a unique repertoire to which everyone in attendance can relate to.'

Professor Reed Spencer, Director of the Glee Club, is also thrilled to be a conductor in his first student-alumni concert. "I'm really excited to be able to meet a lot of the old Glee Club alumni and old directors that will be

here," Spencer said. "This will also be a great way to celebrate Dr. Bowen's retirement after him being here for all these years."

The format of the celebration will be different from the flow of a typical concert. The concert will be held in Knowling Fieldhouse to accommodate the large number of guests. The reception starts and the cash bar opens at 5:30 p.m., dinner is served at 6 p.m., and the concert will begin at 7 p.m. During the concert, both the Glee Club, the Glee Club alumni, their guests, and other attendees will be able to sit at their dinner tables while watching each other perform. "This is to provide a more relaxed, comfortable atmosphere than the typical setting," Bowen said. Afterwards, there will be an afterglow with dessert.

Everyone involved with this event is very hopeful for a large turnout of Wabash students.

"This experience, which includes dinner, dessert, and a concert ticket, is definitely worth the price," Spencer said. "This is a one-in-a-lifetime experience, and even if you're not involved with the Glee Club, it is still

worth it to come out and see a piece of Wabash history that will not happen again for quite a while. This is especially true for those who have a vested interest in the legacy of Wabash."

Tickets can be purchased after the Homecoming Concert tomorrow evening, and they can be ordered online now at https://www.wabash. edu/ecommerce/GleeClub.cfm, or by scanning this QR Code with a smartphone. The time to buy tickets ends Sunday.



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Patriot smiles for the camera.

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Age: 4

Favorite Activities: Patriot loves to sleep and snuggle on all types of furniture.

About Patriot:

Patriot is a rescue dog with a tough history that is is the laziest and most cuddliest dog you may interact with He's also a very polite dog who doesn't eat until everyone is at the table. Overall Pät is a people kind of dog who wants to give everyone a lick and lay down in anyone's lap.

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TREJO '18 AND PATASCIL '19 NCAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

TREJO '18

Wabash forward Francisco Trejo '18 was named the North Coast Athletic Conference Men's Soccer Player of the Week. Trejo's performance last weekend of three goals and an assist in two games against Fontbonne University and Monmouth College was the determining factor in the presenting of the honor.

In Wabash 3-0 win on Saturday to Fontbonne, Trejo played a role in all of Wabahs's goals. Trejo scored the first goal of the game in the 14th minute, then added an assist to Mohamed Ndour '20. With 13 minutes left in the game, Trejo struck again scoring a goal off the post to give the Little Giants the victory.

In Sunday's game, Trejo scored the game winning goal to break a 0-0 tie in the final 40 seconds of the game. Wabash beat the Scots of Monmouth College 1-0.

To read to more about Wabash's performances last weekend, turn to page 15.

PATASCII '19

Wabash red pack cross country runner Dominic Patascil '19 was the second Wabash athlete to be named the North Coast Athletic Conference Player of the Week for their respective sports.

Patascil was named the NCAC Men's Runner of the Week for his first place finish in the Little State division of the 2017 Indiana Intercollegiates held at Purdue

University in West Lafayette last weekend.

Patascil finished fourth in the competition as a whole. He finished behind three runners from the host Purdue Boilermakers.

The Little State division is made up of all non-DII cross country programs in the state of Indiana.

Patascil finished the 8,000 meter race in 25:39.0.

Wabash finished third out of 14 teams in the team competition.

To read more about the team competition, turn to page 15.

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TAKING ON LITTLE STATE

CROSS COUNTRY FINISHES THIRD AT INDIANA INTERCOLEGIATES WITH GREAT RUNNING FROM DOM PATASCIL '19

ERIC CHAVEZ '19 | STAFF WRITER • The Wabash College cross country team ran in the Indiana Intercollegiate Championships at Purdue University last weekend and finished third overall out of 14 teams. The meet was separated into two divisions, one being the Little

State where Dominic Patacsil '19 came in first place and fourth in the entire meet.

"I was thinking top 10, as a rough estimate," Patacsil said. "At the beginning, I was just trying to stay conservative and focus on my form; it was a really hot day." Patacsil finished the race with a time of 25:39.0. "The last two miles of the race are obviously the most important," Patacsil said. "By the end, everything hurts and you just want to be done. I just tried to focus on keeping my form and luckily I was just a little stronger late in the race than most of the guys there that day. It was just

"I just tried to focus on keeping my form and luckily I was just a little stronger late in the race."

DOM PATASCIL '19 into their next meet.

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Charles Mettler '18 and Matthew Bailey '19 work together to push harder towards the finish of the Wabash Alumni meet.

nice to finish the way I did and be there for my team when they needed me."

To most, cross country seems like a very individual sport. However, to the runners, it's much more than that. Every runner, even the ones who don't finish at the top, play a pivotal role in the placement of the team overall in each meet. Other notable red pack runners were Luke Doughty '18 finishing 28th overall, Aaron Tincher '18 in 39th, Hayden Baehl '18 in 49th, and Charles Mettler '18 in 53rd overall. These Little Giants helped push Wabash to a great third place finish giving them a big momentum swing going

"We do everything to make the team better and our guys do a great job of doing that on and off the track," Head Coach Colin Young said. "For example, we have the highest team GPA on campus. Along with running fast, that's something we pride ourselves on."

To go along with a great runner, Young also said that Patacsil is a great role model to his teammates. "He's very consistent, he puts in the work, and is a very effective leader both by example and vocally" Having great leadership off the track is just an added bonus to the red packs already strong running.

As the season progresses, these early meets gives Young a chance to evaluate his guys and build as a team going into the later meets. "We use these meets as stepping stones," he said. Young is also excited, and has high hopes, for the rest of the season. "We have some guys banged up," he said. "When we get everyone back to full health we will be even better." There are many positives that came from this past meet and with any luck, there will be more to come from our Little Giant cross country team.

The team will travel to Louisville, Kentucky to run in the Greater Louisville Cross Country classic on September 30.

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quarter Wabash 6-0. The Little Giants turned on the jets in the second quarter as they scored 28 points. Bobby Blum '18, Dylan Buresh '19, Oliver Page '19, and James all scored in the second quarter. Wabash would also prevent the Kenyon offense from scoring in the first half. Head Coach

"As a defense, we had one of our best games playing as a cohesive unit."

EVAN HANSEN '19

Morel also said, "we have one goal and this to win the game." Surely the Little Giants followed this as they would go on a scoring frenzy for the rest of the game.

The second half was no different

for Wabash. They put up four more touchdowns from Nathan Melchi '20, Austin Hoover '19, Tyler Downing '18, and Blum. Wabash absolutely dominated on the offensive side of the ball. They had 549 total yards over 75 plays. Quarterback Weston Murphy '20 threw for 201 yards and went 15-20 on passes. The defense would also hold its own as the did not allow Kenyon to score until the fourth quarter. Kenyon only produced 160 yards of total offense, 32 rushing yards, and 128 passing yards. Defensive players Ahmaud Hill '20, Jacob Helmer '19, and Ryan Walters '18 each had six tackles leading the Little Giants. The final score was Wabash 62-7 Wabash.

The Little Giants are now 2-0 overall and 1-0 in conference play. Wabash will be celebrating homecoming week, and they will play Hiram who is 1-1 overall and 0-1 in conference play.

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Ike James '20 fights for extra yards against a Kenyon defender as memebers of the Sphinx Club stand in awe of the hard-hitting rushing game from James.

WHY WE PLAY

DIXON '19 EXAMINES STUDENT-ATHLETFS' **MOTIVATION TO CONTINUE DIII SPORTS**

TUCKER DIXON '19 | SPORTS EDITOR • Being a collegiate studentathlete inherently puts young men and women in a busier, harder ifestyle. They have to juggle school work, practice, games, workouts, and clubs while trying to eat right and get enough sleep at night. Rising before 8:00 a.m. is difficult enough for most people to make them hit the snooze button, roll over, and go back to sleep, but these athletes force themselves up and out of bed at 5:00 or 6:00 in the morning o hit the weightroom, go for a run, or get in extra free throws. The ime commitment alone is enough o make most high school student athletes opt for a more academic college lifestyle.

The question of why athletes continue being athletes in college s even more profounding when

looking at the DIII level. At DI and DII, student-athletes can earn scholarships to help cover tuition for their athletic capabilities. A lot of DI athletes have big dreams of going pro after they finish their college career. It is easy for people to understand their incentives. The reasons and incentives are right in front of them. They are tangible; they are definitive.

But what are the reasons at DIII? We can't earn scholarships, there is very little chance of playing after college, unless your last name is Zurek or Lefever. The rationale isn't as easily defined for DIII studentathletes. So why do we do it? Why do we play?

As a lacrosse player here at Wabash currently entering my third year, I look back upon my first two seasons with the program. I think about all the sprints, conditioning, practices that went past 6:20 in the evening, and freezing temperatures in late January and early February. There are a lot of reasons to not play sports in college and a lot of athletes find those reasons after their freshman season. It is not an uncommon sight to see Wabash student-athletes opting to shift

their focus to other areas of their life after their first year. With all the reasons to hang up the cleats and call it quits, those who play for all four years of college only need one reason to stay.

If you asked any Wabash studentathlete or really any DIII studentathlete why they continue to play, most will respond with one answer. They love the game. Studentathletes have such a passion and love for the sport they play, all the extra time and energy their sport takes out of them is completely worth it. Being able to have one extra game rationalizes all the things that no athlete enjoys. The love for the game is the number one reason DIII athletes don't stop playing.

The passion for their sport goes beyond just the sport itself. It encompasses every aspect of the sport: the team, the competition, the coaches, and the friendships. Athletes love to compete. There is no denying that. While one can compete in their academics or in their internship applications, there is no type of competition like the physical competition of athletics. It's hard to replicate the feeling of lining up against an opponent and

knowing full well that you are going to beat him. You are going to be better than him and then actually making it happen.

Also, athletes love the friendships they make with their teammates. Friendships cultivated through sports are some of the best friendships to have. Seeing each other everyday at practice and suffering through the conditioning and early morning workouts makes the friendships grow stronger. These friendships don't apply to just teammates, but to coaches as well. Playing a sport gives you access to great coaches that truly care about your well being, on and off the field. They are great mentors that will be there for you for the rest of your life.

So, when you are walking across campus and see the athletes heading to practice at 4:00 p.m. everyday, with that "I would rather be doing anything else right now," look on their face and you ask yourself "why do they do this?," now you know the answer. The thought of never playing again is scarier and worse to most athletes than having to get up at 5:00 a.m. for workouts or staying late after practice to run conditioners.

SOCCER UNDEFEATED IN WEEKEND DOUBLE HEADER

TUCKER DIXON '19 | SPORTS **EDITOR** • The Wabash soccer team came out to play last weekend in their double header against Fontbonne University and Monmouth College after taking a tough loss against Rose-Hulman last Wednesday. The Little Giants took that loss to heart and had a fire in their eyes as the took the field against the their weekend opponents.

Wabash succeded in taking out their frustrations against the Griffiths of Fontbonne and the Scots of Monmouth and earned two wins at 3-0 and 1-0 respectively.

Wabash earned two blank sheets this weekend by holding both Fontbonne and Monmouth to zero goals.

Francisco Trejo'18 contributed two goals and assist in Saturday's

game and the lone goal on Sunday. His weekend performance earned him the NCAC Men's Player of the Week.

The Wabash defense played its best games this weekend and held Fontbonne and Monmouth to 5 and 8 shots respectively. The Wabash offense decisively outshot their opponents last weekend.

The offense was clicking and the defense was strong. These wins give the Little Giants some much needed momentum moving forward. With these two wins, Wabsh moves to 4-2 on the season. Wabash plays next at Hiram this Saturday.

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Bayden Lee '18 splits two Rose-Hulman defenders and moves the downfield.

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Bobby Blum '18 dives through the air and stretches towards the pylon in the second quarter in Wabash's game against Kenyon last weekend. Wabash dominated the Lords 62-7.

LANCING THE LORDS

WABASH DOMINATES KENYON IN IMPRESSIVE FASHION

ZACH MOFFETT '20 I STAFF WRITER • After having a week off, the football team was back on the gridiron Saturday. They would take

on their first conference opponent at home. Kenyon College was 0-2 overall and 0-1 in conference play. In both games, they lost by more than 20 points. Wabash won its first game against Albion 35-26. Head Coach Don Morel would not take Kenyon lightly this past weekend.

"Kenyon always plays us well, and it is always a competitive game," Morel

said. The first quarter would hold true to the wise words of Coach Morel.

The first quarter surely got the jitters out for the Little Giants. They started off their first drive with a fumble. Fortunately, the Wabash defense stood tough as they prevented Kenyon from scoring. "As a defense, we probably had one of our best games as a unit. Our goal was to not

play down to their level and perfect our craft," Evan Hansen '19 said, "In the words of Coach Denham, 'Everyone did a great job focusing on their 1/11.'"

Ike James '20 scored the first touchdown for Wabash. They missed the extra point, ending the first

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