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## LITTLE GIANTS KEEP THE BELL



IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

The Little Giants took down DePauw, 24-17, in the 125th Annual Monon Bell Classic, sealing the victory with a crucial fourth-down stand.

# HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY  
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

## NO BATHROOMS FOR BELL

Where were the Bathrooms at Monon? Wabash fans were treated to long lines to drain the main vein in both the Monon Village and in the football stadium. *The Bachelor* sees two solutions to this problem: prevent alcohol from being consumed during the tailgate or add more bathrooms. We hope you know which is easier.

## WE CALLED IT

Self-Five to *The Bachelor* for predicting the final score of the 125th Annual Monon Bell Classic within just four points. We are currently waiting for the next opening for a football analyst at ESPN. Clearly, we have a knack for this kind of work.

## TIGER NO SHOWS

Hi-Five to DePauw for leaving seats empty during the Bell Game. Way to show your support for your team during the historic 125th Annual Monon Bell Classic. We know it's a long trip up from Greencastle, but that was just sad.

## EARLHAM THROWS IN THE TOWEL

Hi-Five to Earlham College for finally taking the hint after 53 straight losses and axing their football program. We are confident that some fraternity IM teams that could beat that program. The program might return in 2020 if they have funding for it, hire a "highly" qualified coach, and recruit players for a competitive team. At least they are getting back to basics.

## ON-FIELD FESTIVITIES

Hi-Five to students that drank libations on the football field out of the bell immediately after winning last Saturday. We would especially love to show the photo that IndyStar took, but due to copyright, the photo will live on in our hearts. Ding Ding, fellas.

# A MESSAGE FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE LET'S EAT!

**MIGUEL AGUIRRE-MORALES**

**'19 | GUEST WRITER • Food.** We see it in magazines, on TV, on billboards, and (best of all) we see it on our plates! Our love for food is so great that we dedicate entire channels to watch people eat and cook both mouth-watering and (seemingly) disgusting meals. Though it is great that we are fascinated with food and all the different recipes that exist, we need to add an extra layer to our eating habits. One thing that is often overlooked is how easily we can adopt new practices to eat a little more environmentally friendly. This is not a plea to make you all go vegetarian so please keep reading and you might learn a thing or two!

When we think about eating habits, we tend to automatically think about how healthy (or unhealthy) we like our food to be. I am here to tell you that the first step to eating more environmentally friendly does not involve eating at all! What?! That is right, it all starts with where we choose to shop and how we acquire our groceries. One growing trend is to buy groceries and produce from local sources. Buying local means that you will be helping members of your community while also decreasing the distance your food must travel (meaning less transport cost and impact). The best place(s) to buy local are farmers markets in your area, such as the Crawfordsville farmer's market. Many communities also have co-ops with locally sourced food.

Now, I get that most of us college students do not cook so we do not need to purchase produce, but we still make plenty of runs to stores. Another habit you can adopt is to carry your own reusable grocery

bags. This cuts down on the plastic waste we produce. You can also pare your plastic impact down by not buying bottled water. You can save yourself a lot of money on this front by utilizing a reusable water bottle (and a mug/thermos if you enjoy warm drinks). Similarly, try to look for products that use the least amount packaging material as possible since most ends up in landfills or look for products with packaging that is recyclable. One great solution is to buy things in bulk (this is both cheaper and uses less packaging). Having overviewed the basics of filling your amazing reusable bags, let's look at some food!

While cutting down on the amount of meat you consume is a good way to reduce your environmental impact, there are plenty of alternatives that are probably more acceptable for the average Wabash Man. The best part is that these solutions are easy to adopt. The first of them is to buy organic. Organic products avoid the use of chemicals. This means that there is a decreased risk for pesticides/herbicides to end up in our aquatic systems, protecting ourselves and the animal habitats in our state. Apart from buying organic, try to purchase your meat from local farms. This allows you to get better information on how the animals were raised and what they were fed. Fish are also included in this.

I suggest trying to catch your own fish, but make sure you educate yourself on what fish are endangered to avoid eating those! Following the theme of knowing

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# COLLEGE TAKES GIANT STEPS TO SECURE THE FUTURE

**BRYCE BRIDGEWATER & JAKE VERMEULEN** | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF AND NEWS EDITOR •

While the Wabash community was preparing for the Bell Game, the College kicked off a campaign with the potential to have an even greater lasting impact than the Little Giants' 24-17 victory. At the Indiana State Museum on Friday, November 9th, Wabash unveiled Giant Steps: A Campaign for Wabash College. This campaign will be the largest and most "audacious" fundraising campaign in the College's history. The last major fundraising campaign, known as the Campaign for Leadership, achieved a very ambitious goal, raising \$136 million despite a goal of only \$100 million. This campaign's goal dwarfs that one, with a \$225 million mark.

"This is bold. It is giant," Michelle Janssen, Dean of College Advancement, said about the campaign. "Schools that are double our size have similar goals, just to put it in context."

Fundraising for the campaign began on July 1, 2017 and will continue until June 30, 2023 and all gifts made to the college during that time will count toward reaching the fundraising goal.

For one thing, this means that the money raised during last semester's Day of Giving is included in this campaign. The first phase of the campaign, which just concluded, was the Leadership phase. The Leadership campaign raised over \$150 million, led by a school-record \$40 million dollar gift from trustee Paul Woolls '75 and his wife, Betty O'Shaughnessy Woolls.

"For him, along with Betty, [they] gave one of the biggest gifts given to any college or university this year," Janssen said. "Its cool that these leaders lead."

They, along with Steve Bowen '68, immediate past President of the Board of Trustees, and his wife Joanie, are the National co-Chairs of the Giant Steps Campaign. Over 30 donors gave at least \$1 million to the college as part of the Leadership phase of the campaign. The campaign is focused on getting members of the Wabash community to take their giant step for Wabash College.

"We are shifting into the Regional public phase starting now," Janssen said. "We are going around the country to get the next level of gifts and to give their Giant step. These Giant steps include giving a gift to start a

scholarship or doing something to enhance a fraternity house because there is an element to fraternities. Maybe their Giant step is providing a scholarship or an internship."

At the kickoff event, which was billed as "The Bash: A Red Letter Event", attendees were encouraged to explore the Hall of Giants, which showcased some of the giants of the College's past in order to inspire them to take that Giant step. The Hall of Giants honored men and women like Byron Trippet '30, whose service as Wabash's ninth President was the highlight of a 30-year career serving Wabash, legendary religion professor William Placher '70, Melissa Butler, the first woman to be granted a tenured professorship at Wabash, and Gail Pebworth, whose swimming and diving teams earned 48 All-American awards during her 18 years at the helm.

Size isn't the only thing that separates Giant Steps from the Campaign for

Leadership. While the Campaign for Leadership was focused primarily on building what would become the Allen Center and Hays Hall, the College is not currently planning to use this campaign for construction projects--though a major construction project is certainly not out of the question. Rather than primarily investing in tangible new buildings, this comprehensive campaign is expected to invest in the more intangible things that will allow Wabash to compete with other high-caliber colleges well into our second century, and provide high quality experiences to students.

"When we do things, we think how are we better impacting students as a result of what we are doing," Joe Klen '97, Associate Dean for College Advancement and Campaign Director, said. "If we increase opportunities for students, then we say it was success on

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The College hosted its campaign kick-off event at the Indiana State Museum on the canal in downtown Indianapolis.



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# STUDENTS PUT ON ONE-ACT PLAY BY PROF. DWIGHT WATSON



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The one-act play put on this week was directed by Ian Little '20, Aaron Boyd '20, and Anthony Williams '20.



BENJAMIN HIGH '22 / PHOTO

Cruz Paulino-Salazar '19, acts out a scene during the one-act play written by Prof. Dwight Watson.

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what you are eating, make sure you are only buying fruits and vegetables that are “in season.” Neglecting this means the produce must be shipped from further distances, which means more gas, and less fresh fruit! Also, I know that I said that you do not have to give up meat to be environmentally friendly, but we can change our meat-eating habits. Rather than giving up on meat, we can simply decrease how often we consume it. Luckily for us, there are many meat-substitutes that taste and feel like meat (and they are healthy too). There are so many things we can do to eat more environmentally friendly! You can start with something as simple as carrying

reusable containers, and work your way toward sourcing food from sustainable sources. I leave you with a few challenges to try:

1. Make one entire meal using only locally grown food
2. No meat for a day once a week
3. Go a week without using disposable items (utensils, plates, cups, etc.)

Even better, try to get your fraternities and Sparks to adopt at least one of these challenges. I know getting out of our comfort zones is daunting for some people, but just know that all great changes begin with a single step in the right direction. I would love to hear back from you all. Please tell me what practices you are planning to adopt and let’s help each other eat more sustainably!

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that level. From the operation of the College, how did we do engaging our constituent base? Are they closer to the College now? We want to impact and better connect people who aren't as well connected."

"We invite everybody. In the greater Chicagoland area, we invited 1500 people to four events," Janssen said. "We want everybody to get involved."

Giant Steps has four key fundraising goals: Giant Value, Giant Minds, Giant Experiences, and Giant Ideas. Giant Value focuses on improving scholarships so that students from all types of backgrounds are able to come to Wabash and thrive, regardless of their financial standing. This includes the establishment of a number of new scholarships. Giant Minds will improve support for the faculty who make an incredible impact on Wabash students. Giant Experiences will provide new and better immersive experiences for students during their time here.

"The donors created a wonderful

gift for immersive learning," Janssen said. "For the class of 2023, by the time they are juniors, [the students] will be guaranteed an immersion trip. For some students, these trips are life changing."

Giant Ideas will focus on new spaces. This segment of the campaign has already started making its impact on the campus, beginning with the renovation of Martindale Hall, the Ott Residential Life District, and Fusion 54 in Downtown Crawfordsville.

The overarching theme and goal of the campaign is to position Wabash to continue being one of the premier colleges in the world by asking alumni, family, friends, and students to take a Giant Step for Wabash College. Noting the challenges small liberal arts colleges face today during "The Bash: A Red Letter Event," Jay Allen '76, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, said, "We remain undaunted. Our collective commitment is clear, and our resolve is firm. To ensure that Wabash continues to be a place that educates young men to be leaders, problem solvers, and visionaries for our world."



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Giant Steps has already raised over \$150 million of its highly ambitious \$225 million goal.

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Steve Bowen '68, Past President of the Board of Trustees, helped spearhead the campaign as one of the National Co-Chairs of Giant Steps.

# THANKFUL TO BE HERE

**T**hanksgiving break is nearly upon us, and we all cannot wait for its arrival. From deep-fried or baked turkey to canned cranberry sauce, we all know we are going to regret not working out earlier this year. Whether you are heading home overseas or down I-74 to Naptown, everyone should take into account the value that this holiday brings us Wabash men.

Thanksgiving's start can be traced back to 1621, in which the harvest meal shared between Protestant pilgrims and Wampanoag natives became famous. Over the last 394 years, the physical meaning of Thanksgiving has been adapted and adjusted to fit modern culture. While the meal varies from household to household, the core meaning has not changed. In my opinion, Thanksgiving is designed for people to return to their roots and give thanks for all they have in life. We as humans have broke bread together for thousands of years,



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and the act giving thanks over this meal calls us back to our roots.

As Wabash men, I believe we can apply this act of giving thanks to our lives at the college. While we may not be with our blood relatives, we all share the fact that we are Wabash brethren. Together, we should all give thanks for all of the things we have achieved in our time here. Even as a freshman I have already found a great many opportunities to grow as a man here. By going to campus events, I have seen what many upperclassmen and alumni can achieve, and I am blown away. While I was attending the

Giant Steps for Wabash College fundraising launch with the Glee Club in Indianapolis last Friday, I truly saw what Wabash has done for us men across several decades. From Anthony Williams '20 moving speech of his journey to Wabash to Mr. Allen's '79 speech of what Wabash meant to him, I began to realize that I myself was part of something bigger.

For me, Wabash College has been a godsend. While the classes are hard, it has provided me with an escape and a clean slate. This past summer held many hurdles for me, as familial altercations led me to leaving my home of 11 years and spending most of my summer living with a close friend. Jackson, I will always be thankful for your opening of your home to me. I am very thankful for friends like him, but I know for a fact that I have met many more here at Wabash.

How do all these things apply to Thanksgiving? I ask all of you, students and staff alike, to step back and look how far you have

come as men and women in our society. Once you have realized the astounding progress you have made, look ahead to all the opportunities you yourself have produced, as well as the opportunities Wabash has provided for you. Once you do this, you will be thankful for what you have and hopeful for what is to come. Never before have I seen such a close-knit community of men. My fraternity brothers are at the forefront of this brotherhood for me, as they have been there for me several times this year already. While I had only met Evan once at the beginning of this semester, I was impressed by the impact he has made on this campus, but I was even more impressed at our ability to come together and celebrate the life of Evan as one beating, scarlet heart. As we fly towards final exams and comps, remember that Wabash Always Fights, and Always means Always. Just as we kept our beloved Bell, let's knock these comps out of the park together, for Evan.

# DON'T FORGET ABOUT THANKSGIVING

**G**etting. Receiving. Wanting. Needing. All words that can loosely describe Christmas. Amazon and Walmart now control a once religious holiday that is no longer dominated by pastors and priests. Before the greed and gluttony consume us all, let's not forget the holiday we all will celebrate next week, Thanksgiving.

My favorite holiday, not because of the food, is continuously overlooked and skipped every year in preparation for Christmas. The core of Thanksgiving is not the turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, or even nine hours of football; rather, its the appreciation of what happened during the previous year. Thanksgiving is a time for friends and families to acknowledge the blessings in their lives. Starting here, I want everyone to know how thankful I am for them.

First off, my family supported me through a challenging year of



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my life. They provided me with an opportunity to be able to apply and attend Wabash, setting me up for applying to medical school. Applying to medical school is not exactly a stress-free process, and my parents' faith never wavered in me. They always gave me confidence when studying or working through applications. I am even thankful for my little brother. His wit and personality make me roll my eyes a lot, but he has enhanced my life tremendously. I could write 20 opinions about how thankful I am for all my mom

and dad do for me, but hopefully, this next sentence will do them some sort of justice: I love you both very much, and I can't wait to reciprocate all the things you've done for me.

Secondly, my friends and fraternity brothers are some of the best people I've met. I couldn't be more thankful for all of the guys I've lived with over the best four years at Wabash and friends I've made while studying here. *The Bachelor* guys on staff are some of the hardest working guys I know, and I greatly appreciate all of the hard work. I'm thankful for the laughs; I'm thankful for the fights; I'm thankful for the late nights; I'm thankful for the early mornings. I knew from my freshman year that I won't meet a better group of guys, and I'm thankful to ride this wave of college with you all. I'm grateful for this journey with you all. I'll miss you all dearly next year and the many years following graduation in this summer.

Lastly, I couldn't write a list of people I'm thankful for without mentioning my girlfriend and love of my life. \*insert all the awhs here.\* She probably won't read this, but all of the things she's done for me over the past four years are life-changing. I'm thankful for your companionship, your goofy texts, your constant phone calls, your smile, but mostly your love. I can't want to see what the future looks like for us.

As Thursday approaches, make sure the people you love the most know that you are thankful for them. You don't need to write an opinion in *The Bachelor* about how grateful you are for those people in your life, but a hug, phone call, or just a text message and change the scope of someone's week or month. Keep this in mind as you rejuvenate next week. Thanksgiving is a time for love. Make sure that the Christmas season doesn't overshadow this year's Thanksgiving.



# MAKE WABASH CIVIL AGAIN

Indiana's 51st governor Eric Holcomb addressed the Wabash community in Pioneer Chapel on November 1st. In his talk, Governor Holcomb referenced a conversation that he had with President Gregory Hess, citing one of Wabash's most distinguishable traits: civility. He then proceeded to explain how many parts of the United States don't practice civility in today's political climate, especially on social media. He also spoke to the fact that millions of Americans only tune into what they wish to hear, rather than differing opinions, and create an echo chamber that further reinforces their biases. I am aware that our opinions are shaped by our own unique experiences and we are free to express those opinions through any desired medium. However, it's troubling when folks from Wabash take to social media and spread the opposite of civility: specifically, comments such as "\*explicit\* Holcomb!" or "Holcomb is such a \*explicit\*!". Is this the response a Wabash man should have to a guest, even if he doesn't agree with him or her? It seems hypocritical to be taught to "think critically", while simultaneously acting unprofessional. "Think critically" should be more than just an advisable slogan.

Jim Obergefell spoke in Pioneer



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Chapel last semester and was met with a positive response, as he should (he was a guest). My friends and I attended Mr. Obergefell's talk and did our best to understand his position rather than tune him out. We could have taken to social media and shared some nasty or sarcastic words towards his message, considering that not all Wabash men agree with him. We didn't do that. We responded to Mr. Obergefell's talk with what I previously alluded to, which should be the Wabash Response: respectfully listening to and practicing civility in response to what we see and hear. For my own reasons, I did not agree with everything that Mr. Obergefell said, but I listened to his story about the drastic means he had taken to marry the man he loved. I respected his position and personal experience, and I applaud him for not

giving up the fight for what he believes in. Those who know me well can attest that I can be very sarcastic at times, but I did not ridicule Mr. Obergefell with sarcasm or insults against his character.

This article is not about me disagreeing with politically opposed Wabash men. This article is not to reprimand those who responded negatively to Governor Holcomb's talk (it's not my place to do that anyway). I would like to raise awareness about the Wabash Response and encourage Wabash men to practice civility when faced with opposing viewpoints. I also recognize that the responses I have shared to these Chapel Talks were my personal experiences. Your experience is just as valid as mine, but the way in which we respond doesn't need to be radically different. Having a civil debate is a good starting point.

One may argue that we need to cast out harmful voices that inherently disregard civility. But this idea eventually restricts the Overton Window, or the area of acceptable discourse, to an increasingly small size, effectively rejecting all different perspectives than one's own. This is already happening on our campus, evident by the gross remarks used against Governor Holcomb, who is by no means a radical conservative. I

studied productive and unproductive discourse in RHE101. Let me tell you, I am confident that swearing at and ridiculing the opposing view or person is not the proper way to have discourse. Unprofessional responses and personal attacks ultimately lead to unproductive discourse. Other than unproductive discourse, this type of rhetoric leads to the politically destructive partisanship we see today. I believe a better solution is to employ the Wabash Response to harmful voices. If we promote civility over insults, I believe we can shrink the influence of damaging rhetoric while keeping a healthy-sized Overton Window. Wabash needs diversity of thought, not diversity of values.

I would not stop at encouraging only Wabash men to practice the Wabash Response. I would go straight to the top and call out President Trump on his rhetoric and tweets, as well as U.S. Representative Maxine Waters and her call for Americans to harass members of President Trump's cabinet. At the end of the day, I think we can all agree that civil debates are much more productive and favorable than insulting each other. Having said all of this, let's keep asking questions and having productive conversations about topics we don't agree on, practicing the Wabash Response.

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# TOUCHING BASE WITH PROF. SABRINA THOMAS

**JOHN WITCZAK '21** | STAFF WRITER

• *The Bachelor* had the opportunity to sit down with BKT Associate Professor of History, Sabrina Thomas for another segment of 'Touching Base'.

**Q: How long have you been at Wabash?**

A: This is my fourth year at Wabash.

**Q: What courses do you teach?**

A: Currently I teach courses in U.S. history including the survey – HIS 241, 242, 243 and topics classes ranging from The Vietnam War, to the History and Politics of Hip Hop, Sports War and Masculinity, and the History of Mass Incarceration in America.

**Q: What drew you to the field of History?**

A: I have always been fascinated by history – the factors in our pasts that shape the people we are, the events in national histories that shape nations and governments. My own families history is so diverse and I can see the roots of who I am in the lives of my grandparents and I love that!

**Q: What is your favorite historical time period or event and why?**

A: I enjoy all history post 1600 basically but my own research focuses on more recent history - the post Second World War era. This period is fascinating for U.S. history as Americans begin to hold themselves accountable by force to the values written into our founding documents: equality, justice, opportunity etc. ...It's a period in which black and brown Americans, women, the youth begin to push for access to these rights and also a time in which the resistance to those rights results in more creative ways to take them away, like mass incarceration.

This dance between equality and inequality is interesting and is the only way progress ever happens in this country – one step forward and two steps back. We are seeing that again right now.

**Q: Have you taught anywhere else? If so, how is Wabash different?**

A: Yes, I taught at Arizona State University and Middle Tennessee State University before coming to Wabash. Almost everything is different here mainly because both were larger state institutions. My classes at ASU were quite large and I very rarely knew the names of more than 5 of my students in each class.

Because of the size I lectured without much student interaction or discussion. MTSU was a bit smaller but the population catered more to commuters so many students were underprepared or overworked which hindered their ability to really perform in the classroom. I could not really assign the readings or documents at either campus that I can now at Wabash.

The investment in education that most of the Wabash students have is incredible and really allows professors to push students (and challenge ourselves) to think at higher levels!

**Q: Is there a history-based movie or book that you think Wabash students would enjoy?**

A: There are so many good movies these days so this is a tough question. I tend to use the movie *Crash* as extra credit in some classes so I would suggest that. Also I think *Babel* would resonate well and any one of the thousands of films on the Vietnam War – except for *Forrest Gump* - despite what most students think, it is not historically accurate.

**Q: What are some of your hobbies outside of the classroom?**

A: I like to work out, binge Netflix/Hulu films, listen to podcasts, go bowling, listen to live jazz, and I ride horses – it really keeps me sane.

**Q: What was it like leading the Vietnam immersion trip last semester? What were some highlights?**

A: The immersion course was



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**Prof. Thomas has taught a variety of History courses during her four years at the school, ranging from Vietnam to the History and Politics of Hip Hop.**

incredible. I really enjoyed leading the trip- we had a wonderful group of Wabash men who engaged with the class completely and were so interested in learning about Vietnam, the Vietnamese perspective of the war, and the history of the country. I was proud of them every day of the trip.

There are numerous highlights and I know the visit to the orphanage really affected the students. I think the War Remnants Museum in Saigon was equally powerful. The Museum exposed the fallacy of America's strategy to "win the hearts and minds" of the South Vietnamese during the war. The photographs and testimonies of the

civilians injured or killed by our weapons and soldiers were very hard to see and read, as was the evidence of the global protests against the U.S. involvement in the war.

I think for many of our students it was one of the first times they confronted arguments and evidence against America's moral global superiority, humanitarianism and exceptionalism. While we believe ourselves to always be the good guy, this museum reminded us of the cost of that narrative. The museum gave us perspective on how other countries see us.



# THE BEST PHOTOS FROM BELL WEEK



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The football team kept the Sphinx Club doing pushups for the duration of the afternoon.

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The Little Giants prepare for victory against the Tigers before kickoff.



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The crowd goes wild after another Wabash first down.



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The 125th Monon Bell Classic saw one of the largest turnouts in attendance of the game's history.



# PROF. MICHELLE PITTARD NAMED NEWEST HONORARY SPHINX

**CLARK TINDER '20 | STAFF WRITER** • One of the more interesting but not as publicized traditions of the Sphinx Club is welcoming an honorary member with the induction of each new rhyme class. This year the Club honored the Chair of the Education Studies Department, Michelle Pittard. Hired in 2004 and awarded tenure in 2010, Pittard joins an impressive list of faculty to be welcomed into the Club.

The tradition of honoring faculty, administration and alumni dates back to the late 1960's. To name a few, Sherry Ross, Richard Warner, and Coach Clyde Morgan are just a few of the many honorary members. Pittard was truly honored to join

the club and understands the importance of the club on campus.

"It seems to me the Sphinx Club sets a tone on campus and this is so important," Pittard said. "They're a positive force and with such a diverse membership, they're in a position to unite the campus in ways I'm not sure any other organization can do."

The process the Sphinx Club goes about for choosing their honorary members is quite simple in theory, but not necessarily an easy task in practice. The club takes nominations from their members, they discuss the merits of each nominee, and vote on who they believe is most deserving. Sphinx Club President Sam Hayes said that

this decision was quite easy for the Club this year. He talked on the process that the Club undergoes in order to decide upon a new honorary member, and what it means both to the Club and the campus as a whole.

"The club decided to make Pittard this semester's honorary member due to her passion and love for Wabash College in a variety of ways," Hayes said. "It is not uncommon to see Dr. Pittard attending extracurricular events around Wabash's campus, whether it be sporting events like basketball and baseball games, or other events around the school."

Pittard's love for Wabash and her students was on full display after the

passing of our brother Evan Hansen '19 as she made herself available to students all across campus and was ready to help wherever she could. This love and compassion that Pittard showed during this difficult time is what makes our College so special and unique.

Pittard shows her love for the traditions of this campus as she is almost always in attendance at Chapel Talks. She enjoys that the Sphinx Club is able to bring in such a wide array of speakers each week. Pittard would like to see the chapel full each week with students and faculty so we can all partake in this great Wabash tradition together. Through her passion for our College, Pittard truly is some Little Giant.

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The Sphinx Club selected Prof. Pittard to be the newest honorary member.

*Q: If you could have your pick as to where your next immersion trip would be, where would you go and why?*

A: I definitely plan to return to Vietnam in the near future and to do that trip better. However, I also hope to lead a trip to Cuba at some point. US-Cuba relations during the 20th century are fascinating and a critical yet undervalued tension within the Cold War.

*Q: Other than History, what academic fields are you interested in?*

A: I'm interested in lots of things as long as they don't have numbers or equations. I'm very interested in political science – which fits well with my own focus on foreign policy and I admire the eloquence of the written word and so English would be another.

*Q: Does Crawfordsville have any historical significance you find interesting or that isn't well known?*

A: Yes I think Crawfordsville is very historically significant. Historically it contains all of the social, economic, political tensions that define the entirety of our nation's history.

Elite education in a rural community. Pro-slavery/Confederacy sentiment amidst an underground network of escaping slaves and a very rooted African American community. Farms and factories surrounding a campus where students

are prepped for 21st century business. A small town caught within the unstoppable wave of globalization, demographic shifts, and technology. It's a rather interesting microcosm of larger historical divisions and conflicts and points of unity.

*Q: Is there anything one can get out of a study of history that non-professionals may not realize?*

A: Yes! The absolute best thing that history teaches is how to think critically and empathetically and to contextualize those thoughts to understand the roots of an idea, event, action, reaction – something that appears to be on the decline in our society – and to write.

The ability to think through an argument, to put that on paper in a coherent, convincing format and to use evidence – actual evidence – to support that argument... is one of the most valuable skills anyone can possess.

I see the absence of this more and more in our everyday discourse and it saddens me. Specifically I am disturbed by those who appear to think critically but fail to use verifiable evidence or to incorporate all of the different perspectives and who miss the empathy boat entirely.

In essence they fail to consider the history. Regardless of the topic – policy, money, society – we are human beings and history reminds us that humans are flawed and humanity is critical to our survival.



## LITTLE GIANTS, BIG STROKES

**JACKSON BLEVINS '20** | STAFF WRITER • The Little Giant Swimming and Diving program was placed in the Top 25 nationally this week, coming in at number 23 in the new College Swimming & Diving Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) rankings. They are hosting a big meet this Saturday in Crawfordsville with Division II and Division III teams pouring in from all across the Midwest. Besides the host Little Giants, the male and female teams of John Carroll University, Saginaw Valley State University, DePauw University, Davenport University, Centre College, Albion College, and Birmingham-Southern College will swim at the Crawfordsville High School Aquatic Center, while the divers will dive here at Wabash College. The event will run from Friday through Sunday with an expectation of competitive events all across the board.

Specifically, the Little Giants are hoping to continue to grow this weekend as the host team.

Diver Aaron Embree '19 is hoping for continued success and is excited to be the host team this weekend. "In order to be successful this weekend, we need to remember the technique that we've been practicing," Embree said. "It's easy to let the nerves get to you when you're up on the board in front of a lot of people, and as long as we rely on the technique we will dive fine. I love home meets because of the familiarity, as I'm used to the way the boards feel under my feet. I also rely on certain structures in the pool to know when to kick out of a dive. When you travel somewhere you have to find that spot in the short number of warmups that you have. It's also not bad knowing you don't have a long ride home after a meet."

As for the swimmers, they head to Crawfordsville High School to compete, and the Little Giant swimmers already have experience in this pool. "We have an advantage over the other teams this weekend as we have a short drive to the pool at Crawfordsville High School," Sam Calaiacova '19 said. "It's a pool we have a lot of experience swimming in, and we have had a couple practices and tune ups in this pool to get a feel for it. Up to this point I am very happy with the way we have competed in meets because we have shown we can fight and motivate each other while doing so. There will be good competition this weekend so we must remember we can only control what goes on in our lane and we must stay positive and cheer on our other teammates."

"Hosting a mid-season meet is going to be a new experience for all of us,"

Hunter Jones '20 said. "The major advantage of hosting a meet like this is being able to sleep in our own beds each night and having a familiar place to relax between sessions. At our previous midseason meet, there were a lot of Division I and Division II teams which made it difficult to qualify for the night swims. With fewer teams at this meet, we are going to have some really competitive races for all of the guys on our team. I am looking forward to seeing some really great matchups. I think we have the potential to throw up some really impressive swims and come out of the weekend with a number of individuals and relays among the top in the nation."

The races will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Friday and will conclude on Sunday evening at 5:30 p.m.



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Wabash is currently ranked 23rd in the CSCAA rankings.



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Wabash competes in the Wabash College Invite this weekend.



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Sam Calaiacova '19 swims breaststroke in an event.



# XC ENDS SEASON AT REGIONALS

**ALEXANDER ROTARU '22** | STAFF WRITER • Wabash's Red Pack has had a challenging year - from having a new coach, to being formed predominantly from freshmen, to having to endure the quickly changing, unpredictable fall weather, to having the team's star athlete suffer a major injury. In spite of all this, they have managed to keep going and achieve good results along the way.

Many of the members have achieved personal records at regionals last week. "We've had John Kirts '20, who battled some injuries over the years, and he came in really strong, he was 40th at the regional," Tyler McCreary, Wabash's cross-country coach said. "Joseph Deiser '21 came along really well this year, he was a big piece that's kind of offset Dom's absence. At the regional we've had two huge PRers [people who broke their personal records]: Matt Bailey '19 and Ethan Pine '22." Also, the team finished the race 13th, with only a 39 second gap between the first and the last runner. At the NCAC meet at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, the Red Pack came in fourth, having five freshmen race there.

All-American Athlete of 2017 Dominic Patacsil '19 got injured this season and was unable to compete at the regionals, which affected the Red Pack's final result. "He was incredible [after he got injured], because he was so devoted to recovery and getting stronger and back to it for track, so that's our focus for Dom," McCreary said. "But he was an amazing teammate all the way through it, very positive, he was there for everything to encourage the guys. He was a quintessential teammate for everyone."

The freshmen, who form most of the team, will have an easy transition to the Track season according to McCreary, since most

of them were middle-distance runners in high-school. "They're really looking forward to running track workouts and having the lower volume kind of work," McCreary said. "I think the biggest challenge for them is to come in calm and take it easy on the first workouts that we do and not to get too excited. It's about doing the small, day to day things and not trying to hit a home run in one day, being consistent with the training, and not letting the excitement overtake them." Most of them also will experience the challenge of their first 3000 m, 5000 m, and steeplechase races.

The team is eagerly anticipating the track season, as they are aiming to win team conference championships, to have members qualify both as independent runners and as relay teams to the NCAA, and to set the foundation for next year's results. They are planning to achieve this through consistent training, that will increase in intensity.

Since all but the two seniors on the team will compete next year, the Red Pack has used this year to assess where they are and how they can improve in the future. "This year was not about overlooking this cross-country season and looking to the future," McCreary said. "We wanted to achieve at a high level this year, but you also have to have the vision of what are we doing this for. I think, for us, the specific team, especially when Dom went down, it was saying - alright, it's not our time this year, but our time is coming for our team to achieve at a high level."

In retrospect, this cross-country season has been defined by trial and growth, as the Red Pack is preparing to perform even better next year. Until then, let us cheer for Wabash's cross-country team as they take on the upcoming season's many challenges.



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John Kirts '20 dashes ahead of various other opponents in the meet last weekend.

## EVENTS OVER THANKSGIVING BREAK

### SWIMMING AND DIVING

Wabash College Invite - Friday, November 16th - Sunday, November 18th

### BASKETBALL

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# BASKETBALL AND BROTHERHOOD

**ERIC CHAVEZ '19** | STAFF WRITER

• *The Bachelor* sat down with Ben Stachowski '19 and Logan White '19 of the Wabash basketball team. Listed at 6'4", 200 Lbs, Stachowski is a shooting guard and small forward. At 6'4" 215 Lbs, White is a forward and post. When talking to these two, one comes to the realization that they could be siblings. While bearing physical resemblance, these two are also captains of this year's team and have been roommates for three years. However, when it comes to schooling, they couldn't be more different. Stachowski is studying to become a history major with a biology minor while White is a religion major with a business and German double minor.

While they say living together is a

Wabash, we understand it a little more than a freshman or a sophomore would. This means we are able to help them and mentor them both as teammates and as students so that we can meet our goals as a team and as men here at Wabash." This leadership off the court comes from team cohesion and the ability to constantly be around the team as a whole.

"We are always together," White said. "It's easy for us to go from class to practice to dinner and even hanging out after that. We like to be around each other and we are around each other a lot of the time." Stachowski added that this feeds into academics as well. "We are kind of our own tutors," Stachowski said. "We have a lot of smart guys on the team so a lot of the underclassmen will come to us even before they go to the QSC or the Writing Center. Even the upperclassmen rely on each other for help. It's a pretty tight knit group."

The leadership and the young talent heighten the excitement to this year's team while simultaneously heightening the expectations. "Wabash basketball has never won a conference championship so that remains the goal," Stachowski said. "I second that," Logan responded. "We have a competitive conference so winning it is a big task but I think we can meet that goal."

As this year's basketball season is already underway, these two seniors want to let everyone know what they should be expecting when they step out onto that court. "You're going to come out and see a bunch of guys who work hard for ourselves and for those who show up for the games," White said. Stachowski agreed and added, "We are a hard working bunch, we are hard on each other but we support each other as well."

In a sense, these two couldn't be more similar. The looks, the leadership, and the goal are virtually the same. As the season rolls on, look for these two men to have a significant impact on this Wabash team and watch how what they do affects everyone around them. The Little Giants will take to the court for their home opener against Boyce College at 7 p.m. on Tuesday Nov. 20th here at Chadwick Court. Be ready to pack the stands at home once again immediately after Thanksgiving break as Wabash hosts the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology at 7 p.m on Monday Nov. 26th.



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Ben Stachowski '19 drives the lane against a Wittenberg defender.

**"We have a lot of smart guys on the team... It's a pretty tight-knit group."**

STACHOWSKI '19

luxury, what the two really care about this time of year is basketball. "This year we have a lot of talented guys," White said. "For the first time in a while we have some upperclassmen so that'll be good. I'm interested to see how it all comes together. I think we can be really good from a talent standpoint." Stachowski added, "We have a good mix of young guys and an older core that can help lead those younger guys and having that junior and senior leadership is really going to show especially in close games." Stachowski also said that there is more trust from top to bottom, "Coach Brum talks about having a player led team and having older guys means we are freed up to lead ourselves a little more than in the past," Stachowski said.

While the leadership will be shown on the court, White says that it doesn't stop there. "Having teammates that have been around

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# WRESTLING TAMES SPARTANS

**SAM PIPIRAS** | STAFF WRITER

• Jacob Olbst started wrestling when he was in third grade and never looked back since. Olbst has been wrestling most of his life as a heavyweight contender and is still wrestling at the 285lbs mark. His father plays a huge role in Olbst wrestling career; Olbst dad used to wrestle and then became a referee. It helped Olbst wrestling career with having a coach constant throughout his life mentoring and critiquing him along the way.

Olbst has become a better wrestler because everyone on the team is a great wrestler with a common goal which makes forces you to become the best you can be. Olbst said that Coach Brian Anderson requires the best out of you always, he challenges you to show grit and find that dawg in you, Anderson does not allow the wrestlers to be timid out there on the

mat they must be fearless.

"The guys on the wrestling team are great, and I love all of them they are my brothers now," Olbst said.

The team rolled to an easy 37-7 victory over the Manchester University Spartans last Friday. After being down early, 7-3, the Little Giants rallied back to score 34 unanswered points. Darden Schrug '19 pinned his opponent in 1:22. Alexander Barr '22 and Jared Timberman '21 also pinned their opponent very quickly in the match. Ethan Herin '21 and Levi Miller '22 scored major decisions in their matches.

This Saturday is the Concordia University Open where they will be taking the four-hour long trek to Mequon, Wisconsin. Cheer on your Wabash brothers as they take on the Falcons and plan on bringing home another win this week.



IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

Jared Timberman '21 furiously tramples an opponent.



IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

Wabash wrestler goes for a pin upside down.



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## THE BELL STAYS HOME

**PATRICK MCAULEY '19** | SPORTS EDITOR •

This past weekend, Wabash faculty, students, alumni, and guests of the College witnessed the 125th Monon Bell Classic. The fans were loud, the beers were cold, and the game was an event to remember as time progresses. Wabash defeated DePauw University with a final score of 24-17. “We knew it was going to be a big game,” Patrick Kelly '21 said. “But at the same time we wanted to treat it just like any other game this season.”

The Little Giants came out of the gate firing hard against the Tigers. In the first quarter alone, Wabash edged over DePauw with two strong touchdowns compared to DePauw's one. In the second quarter, both teams scored, but Wabash continued to lead after their strong showing in the first quarter. Furthermore, the Little Giants threw up a field goal to gain them three extra points, putting the score at 24-10. The rest of the game was a combination of strong defense and a

desire to win on the Wabash side.

The Little Giant offense played hard. Jake Reid '20 threw for 232 yards and completed thirteen passes. Starting running backs Isaac Avant '20 and Matt Penola '19 combined for 173 total rushing yards. Avant's longest run was twenty-four yards. Wabash receiver Oliver Page '19 caught five passes for a total of seventy-three yards. Ryan Thomas '19 caught for ninety-five yards and scored one touchdown. The overall receiving yards on the Wabash side amounted to 232 yards by the end of the game.

On the defensive side, Wabash dominated the second half by only allowing the Tigers to score three points off a field goal. Brandon Yeagy '20 and Brock Heffron '19 lead the game with a combined thirteen tackles. Jackson Garrett '21 assisted the dominance with five assisted tackles and two solo stops on the ball. Jacob Helmer '19 obtained the only Wabash sack for a loss of twelve yards late in the second half.

In addition to the great play on both sides of the ball, the Wabash sideline was not silent. Seth Gallman '22, a freshman on the team, gave credit to the energy and support that came from the Little Giant's thirteenth man. “We were just being rowdy,” Gallman '22 said. “It was just fun being a part of it and screaming my head off on the sideline.”

Even before the start of the big game, the Little Giants were looking to obtain a bid into the NCAA DIII Playoffs. The team was up against Denison University, who capped off a strong season similarly to the Little Giants. The Denison Big Red, however, defeated the Little Giants early in the season, which gave them an edge in receiving the playoff bid.

Nonetheless, Wabash College retained possession of the Bell and strengthened the College's spirit and pride over the weekend. The Little Giants will return to the field next August for summer workouts.



IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

Jake Reid '20 receives a snap from Dane Smith '22. Wabash beats DePauw for second year in a row, and for the ninth time in the last ten years.