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6IX 9INE NATIONAL ACT?

Hi-Five to Student Senate of giving students what they want, a decent National Act. Rumor has it that 6ix9ine will perform at this year's event, giving the spark that this campus desparately needs in the dreary months of Februrary and March. Prez Warbs, you are the man.

OH WAIT...

Oh darn, we've just been informed that 6ix9ine has been incarcerated. The never-ending saga of National Act futility apparently continues. Prez Warbs, you stink.

RIDE NEEDED

As the snow descends upon campus, we just want to prepare everyone for the invitable blizzard that will arrive on campus in two weeks. No, we aren't talking about the snow. We are talking about the emails begging for travel help to an airport for very little pay. Some students only offer minimal cash. Sources say that one student offered three dollars and a tuna sandwich for a ride to Chicago. Good luck braving the storm.

RUSH GDI

Hi-Five to Gamma Delta lota for throwing the best rush event for this evening's activities. They are buying 30 dollars worth of pizza and throwing a Playstation party. Many other fraternity houses are wondering how they can possibly compete with the obvious top house on campus. Some dejected fraternity men were begging freshman to show by promising some leftover turkey from Thanksgiving to augment their numbers.

N-N-NOVEMBER'S OVER

Hi-Five for the end of November. We've noticed a lot of students on campus seem stiff. Those of you not, um, relaxing this month are just 24 hours from sweet, sweet relief. Here's hoping you can stop pitching your tents and come in from the cold during December. Staying, um, relaxed during finals is crucial.

WALLY'S IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

WALLY'S OFFICIALLY OPENS TO GIVE STUDENTS ANOTHER CAMPUS DINING OPTION

BRYCE BRIDGEWATER '19 |

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • It is official. Wally's is open, bringing a new casual dining option to Wabash students. Opened on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 4:30 p.m. – 10 p.m., Wally's is a place for students, faculty, staff, and others of all ages to enjoy a nice dinner on the weekends. In addition, Wally's provides Wabash students the opportunity to watch a game or come together as a community after a long week to enjoy an adult beverage.

"Everyone is welcomed to come, all of the students," Mary Jo Arthur, Bon Appetit General Manager, said. "There is one section that is open for everybody, and there is another section for 21 and over to join."

Despite the perception of most on campus, Wally's is not a bar. Instead, it is a restaurant that serves beer and wine. There are booths and standard tables for patrons of all ages to enjoy there and a section for patrons over 21 years old. For most fraternity guys, it gives campus access for students to get meals when the houses aren't providing them. Yet, some students started to utilize Wally's in a unique way throughout the soft opening.

"Some students bring laptops or meet with groups at the communal table," Arthur said. "Students will order food, but aren't drinking and still can enjoy the space available."

Wally's boasts two draft beers, along with a few more options available in bottles. The new restaurant also has five or six wine options. Mostly, Wally's serves pizza, burgers, and truffle fries as part of the menu for students.

Yet, this is a new business venture for Bon Appetit.

"We want to hear from students about what you want from Wally's," Arthur said. "Head Chef Jason Anderson is the general manager of Wally's, and he wants to hear from the students about what you guys want from it."

Wally's will look at different ways to increase student attendance at Wally's, too. Not limited to a sandwich of the week, Bon Appetit will seek to augment the experience there through special events.

If you want to provide feedback about your opinions, Bon Appetit would love to hear it. The best way to ensure that feedback is by dropping in or sending an email to Anderson. For a total review of Wally's menu, check out next week's issue of The Bachelor. Most of the staff will be attending the restaurant and sampling several different menu items.

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A GIANT PROMISE THE WORLD AS OUR CLASSROOM

COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING • John and Diane Schroeder love to travel, and they love the impact travel has on Wabash College students.

The Schroeders, whose involvement with Wabash stretches more than half a century, have made a gift to Wabash that comes with a giant promise for future generations of Wabash men.

The promise? Their gift to the College's Giant Steps Campaign, when coupled with existing endowed funds, will guarantee that every future Wabash student has the opportunity for a fully funded immersive learning experience.

John, a member of the Wabash Class of 1969, is thankful for the chance to help recruit future generations of Wabash men. "You look for the areas that will make a prospective student think, this is what will put me over the edge. These immersion trips are such a draw for Wabash."

The Schroeders' gift is part of the largest comprehensive fund-raising campaign in the College's 186-year history. The Giant Steps Campaign seeks to raise \$225 million to increase the College's endowment for scholarships, professorships, and academic programs, as well as immersion learning opportunities for all Wabash students.

At the campaign launch on November 9, Wabash President Gregory Hess announced that the College had raised \$150 million in the leadership phase, which is more than any previous campaign in Wabash history.

Wabash immersive experiences routinely come at no extra cost to the student. Though the cost of each trip can vary dramatically from \$1500 to \$3,500, the College's commitment to sending 250-275 students traveling a year marks a serious investment.

John and Diane, an honorary member of the Class of 1999, have a history of supporting Wabash men abroad. One such student is Sam Vaught '16, a Crawfordsville native who remembers watching his high school friends leave town for college. But he's never regretted his decision to stay in his hometown. "Ironically, by going to Wabash and choosing to stay in Crawfordsville, I was able to travel the world in a way that wouldn't have happened at any other college."

Sam credits a semester abroad at Harlaxton College, supported by the Schroeders, with opening up the world to him. After the semester ended, he says, "I wrote them a thank you letter, telling them what my experience had been like and what I was hoping to do with that experience in the future."

John and Diane still have Sam's letter they keep all of their letters from Wabash students. "It's things like that that have given us an appreciation for how these trips change Wabash men," Diane says.

The Schroeders want Wabash students like Sam to be confident when they leave Wabash; they also know that if anyone is going to take advantage of the opportunities offered by travel, it's Wabash men. Diane says, "There's just a difference in the students here. Wabash students want to know about everything. It's this genuine quest for learning all the time."

John, president and CEO of Wabash Plastics and Crescent Plastics in Evansville, IN, was elected to the Wabash Board of Trustees in 1994; he is also on the Board at the University of Evansville and helps to support their international counterpart, Harlaxton College in England.

Diane has spent a lifetime dedicated to her community in Evansville, serving on the board of numerous charitable organizations. A gifted violist in her own right, Diane also founded the Evansville Philharmonic Youth Orchestra and served the Evansville Philharmonic as its Board Chair and Advisory Council Chair.

The Schroeders are continuing a legacy of giving established by his John's father, John H. Schroeder '42, after whom Wabash's Schroeder Center for Career Development is named. The elder Schroeder served on the Board of Trustees, and the John H. Schroeder Interdisciplinary Chair in Economics is endowed in his honor.

Immersive learning has never been more important to Wabash, and now this valuable program is set to continue in perpetuity.

Classics Professor Jeremy Hartnett '96 knows that there is no better broadening experience for a Wabash student than a course that includes an immersion component. "On every trip we have a student who has never flown on a plane before. The students come away from these courses empowered and itching for more."

Especially in the Classics, Hartnett has witnessed firsthand the value of travel for his students. "Even in the best professor's hands, the ancient world can feel like a fantasy land you only encounter in the library." Actually stepping foot in these ancient cities, Hartnett says, makes the Greeks and Romans real. "You feel their looming presence, either by standing below a towering temple, hearing the acoustics of a theater, or feeling the roughness of their roads.

"At Wabash we are committed," says Professor Hartnett, "to making immersive learning the purview of every student, rather than just those who can afford it."

Thanks to the generosity of John and Diane Schroeder, that is exactly the promise — a Giant Promise — that Wabash can now make to future students.



COURTESY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING

John '69 and Diane H'99 Schroeder have made a giant promise to ensure that every Wabash student gets the opportunity to go on an immersion trip in their Junior year.





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The CIBE also makes use of office space on the College's floor of Fusion 54.

LIBERAL ARTS+ INTRODUCTION: CENTER FOR INNOVATION, BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

DANNY CUEVAS '21 I STAFF WRITER • Career Services at Wabash College has been more visible than ever the past few years: as the organization has introduced Professional Immersion Experience (PIE) Trips, the weekly sessions of Coffee & Careers at the 1832 Brew, and Mock Interview Days to students, Career Services has become a staple at the College. However, arguably the most impactful service provided by the Center of Innovation, Business, and Entrepreneurship (CIBE) has been the CIBE Partners Program.

Through the program, select students have the ability to gain valuable work experience by working alongside local businesses and organizations on various projects. CIBE Partners are assigned to engagement groups that are tasked with helping firms achieve a particular objective, whether it be creating an advertisement campaign for a local organization or writing algorithms for a data set. The list of engagement group opportunities offers something for every Partner, where students may work in a field they are skilled at or interested in. For example, if a Partner wishes to work on a project that includes accounting, the CIBE would be sure to offer a venture that allows that Partner to develop and hone his accounting skills.

Where many other colleges offer a program such as this to strictly upperclassmen or business majors, the CIBE Partners Program presents these significant experiences to students regardless of major or class level. Because of this, Partners and other students who make use of the opportunities and events provided by Career Services leave Wabash with the experience and leadership abilities to enter and thrive in nearly any industry. Many students and alumni can attest to this fact.

Schuyler Nehrig '20 believes his experience as a Partner thus far has brought him various opportunities and benefits. "The work experience I've gained has allowed me to secure an internship every summer since freshman year." Nehrig said. Nehrig previously collaborated with Amazon for his engagement group project to develop better discounts for students at Wabash and for the school as a whole. This semester he is working with Coaches' Toolbox, a company which offers resources and advising for baseball and basketball coaches so that they may be more effective leaders and lead their teams to success. He has essentially assisted the company with marketing as he manages their social media and contacts potential clients. "The benefits of being a CIBE Partner have been endless," Nehrig said. "I was told to talk with Roland Morin '91 about joining the program, and the rest is history.'

Students at Wabash do not only enjoy a top-notch education but stellar resources for professional development from Career Services. Through initiatives like the CIBE Partners Program and more, students leave the College with a diverse set of skills that can transfer to any field, proving once again that majors don't matter, experiences do.

TASTE @ WABASH BRINGS WALLIES A TASTE OF C-VILLE

ALEXANDRU ROTARU '22

I STAFF WRITER • Kicking off winter at Wabash College is the third edition of Taste @ Wabash, a popular events on campus, according to Crawfordsville to Campus committee treasurer Ian Ward '19. 13 different vendors, all from around Crawfordsville, from Maxine's on Green, to El Charro, to The Barefoot Burger, will be showcasing their food in the Knowling Fieldhouse, on December 1 from 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

"The whole idea of the Taste @ Wabash is modeled after Taste of Montgomery County, and offers students at Wabash College and greater Wabash community an opportunity to try local flavors and cuisine from the Crawfordsville area," Ward said. "As college students, we like to migrate to McDonald's and Subway on a weekly basis. This event offers the opportunity for us to try some different food that what we would normally not have, and, also, hopefully, promote students towards these businesses in the

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future." Another goal, according to Ward, is to get Wallies to explore Crawfordsville beyond the college's campus.

"[Having Taste @ Wabash happen during Scarlet Honors weekend] is an idea we came up with last year, trying to showcase prospective students, an event that is completely student organized and run and also show prospective students that there's a lot more than chain restaurants in Crawfordsville," Ward said. Faculty, staff, and the Sugar Creek alumni association are also invited

Given that the Wabash basketball team will have their season opener against Denison University in Chadwick Court only 30 minutes after the Taste @ Wabash ends, attendees can treat the event as a pre-game meal. Taste @ Wabash will be a free meal to all students and visitors of the admission weekend on campus, and an amazing opportunity for socializing and campus unity. Independents, fraternity men, prospective students, parents, alumni, faculty, and staff, basically all the different kinds people of Wabash people, will come together and talk, bond, and share ideas and experiences over Crawfordsville finest food.

So, come on down to the Allen Center's Knowling Fieldhouse to experience what Crawfordsville has to offer to your taste buds, socialize with the amazing people on this campus, network with alumni, meet some future Wabash men and their families, and then go to Chadwick to watch the Little Giants take down the Denison Big Red. Tickets are free for students with Student ID, and \$20 for guests of the Wabash Community; these tickets are also shareable between people and are not needed for each individual attendee.



WALLIES JOIN REINDEAR PROGRAM TO HELP LOCAL KIDS

DAVIS LAMM '20 I STAFF WRITER • Around the year 300, Saint Nicholas saved three women from prostitution when he furtively provided their dowry after their father went bankrupt. The trend has continued through the ages to now, when Christmas is the year's pinnacle of charity and gift giving.

In Crawfordsville, the effort to make Christmas merry for the needy is more organized than a Saint throwing gold through a window. The flagship Christmas giving program, called REINdear, allows local businesses and residents to fund gifts for over 1,200 children in Montgomery County every year.

Families apply for the program through Montgomery County's Youth Service Bureau (MCYSB). Then, wish lists containing the children's two wants and two needs are distributed to donors who buy the gifts for MCYSB to deliver. Wabash College and four fraternities have sponsored over 50 children this year.

Director of Gift Planning David Troutman is the liaison between Wabash and MCYSB. He says, "They send us names and pertinent information about the children like their favorite color, shoe size, and other interests. The goal is to brighten Christmas for kids who come from difficult situations. Their families don't have the resources, so REINdear fills the void."

Every year, Wabash proves that its resolute chivalry is not limited to campus. Troutman says, "MCYSB gives us about 50 names. We have some regular folks on the faculty who step up to the plate every year and are eager to participate. Families of our faculty get their kids to participate." Sponsoring a child through the program costs around \$50, and there's still time for clubs and fraternities to get involved.

REINdear is part of a long menu of services provided by MCYSB. It is funded by community members ranging from Nucor (the nation's largest steel company) to local auto body shops. Troutman says, "MCYSB has been a program in Montgomery county for several decades. They exist to prevent child delinquency." It provides services like court appointed special advocates for victims of abuse, guidance programs for teen girls in the county, mentoring programs, and an alternative school where expelled students have a second chance to graduate high school. These services are not just government funded handouts, they are programs that have earned investment from community members and businesses alike.

While REINdear is the largest Christmas charity project in which Wabash participates, Troutman emphasized that the Global Health Initiative's Peru Christmas Smiles campaign is another worthy cause. Part of an up and coming venture, it is still establishing brand recognition around campus. Using donations from Wabash, the Global Health Initiative sponsors dentists and sends dental supplies for Peruvians in need.

We cannot ignore the town through which we will drive once we dig out from under mounds of tests and word counts. Too easily, the weight of grades makes us forget our obligation to help people around us, which is the gentlemanly thing to do. Our college is not physically isolated from Crawfordsville, and thanks to the philanthropists among us, the unquestioned support students enjoy can be enjoyed by local residents. No wonder Saint Nick and Wally prefer the same colors.

OPINION

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KEEP ON FIGHTING, WABASH, ALWA riving north last Tuesday, on my way to the University of Chicago, I thought of this piece and what I might say. At that time, one year ago, I was in St. Elizabeth Central in Lafavette, a behavioral health in-patient facility that had become familiar to me. From the morning introductions - an always awkward time for the week's newcomers - to the food to group psychotherapy, I knew what to expect. The staff were lovely, attentive, a bitty chatty for my liking, and always insistent on playing those damn board games during downtime. Still, they had become part of a community of support that was so much larger than I realized at the time.

That last hospital visit - my fifth - made real for me my illness. I realized that I was sick, and it wasn't going away. I left that visit with a diagnosis, a badge of sorts: bipolar disorder. I'm not quite sure I knew what it meant at the time, but I knew what people thought it meant. To many, including myself, it was a poet's disease; symptoms included but were not limited to creative genius, wild sex, and elation that could give cocaine a run for its money (I wouldn't know, but I suspect that part might be true). I soon realized the terrifying and debilitating realities of the illness left



unmanaged, none of which were romantic. Each time I was admitted to St. E's, my mother visited along with my brothers and step-father. Each evening, they'd sit on the edge of my flat, firm bed, my brothers cracking jokes about my new get-up (green scrubs and non-slip socks) and this new home-away-from-home. To passersby, they may have seemed patients themselves; to me, it was comforting to hear the same outrageous banter I'd hear at my kitchen table. They were funny, sincere, themselves - nothing more, nothing less. They kept me grounded, even when I felt so detached from the world around me.

Having been given a diagnosis, Jamie Douglas, one of our dear counsellors and dare I say a woman worthy of sainthood, asked that I look back on my life and try to piece together a narrative. What I found was unsurprising and for my purposes here, perhaps, uninteresting: a family history of mania, episodes gone unnoticed, and symptoms that I thought were mere idiosyncrasies. And yet, I found, too, a community that had always been there, people who had always been there. For the first time, I saw those living with mental illness - not just surviving but living - here at Wabash.

Though I felt isolated for so long at Wabash, I began to see what was right in front of me. This, I know, sounds trite. It sounds like something that might be plastered on a shrink's wall. But suddenly, I remembered who had always been there. Each hospitalization, Rob Shook '83 visited, asking what he could relay to my friends, to guys I never once thought would give a second thought to my missing class or suddenly disappearing from campus, to guys I thought didn't care. Professor Warren Rosenberg called me during my last hospitalization, worried but confident in my ability to get better precisely because I was seeking help. After every return to campus, I would open my inbox to a dozen or so emails - some from friends, some from professors - expressing their concerns, asking me how they could help, assuring

me that the road back to functionality would be made as smooth as possible.

It took me some time to embrace this community so eager to help. But every time I 'came out,' every time I told someone I was struggling, the response was always, "What can I do to help?" My illness may be different than yours. Perhaps, you're not 'sick' but feel lost or sad or angry or lonely. I write this only to assure you that class can wait, your grades will be fine, your friends will understand, professors will work with you, going to the Counselling Center isn't shameful or scary, and that you are loved so much.

I know what it's like to look my mother in the eyes and tell her that I don't want to be here anymore. I know the havoc illness can cause in one's life. But as I write this sitting at my kitchen table, having met with a possible doctoral advisor at Chicago, planning my future, planning Christmas with my family, I also now know what the other side looks like. I know that your community is double, triple, quadruple what you may think it is, and each person in it would do anything to see you live your best life. As I prepare to complete my undergrad this fall, I encourage you, Wabash, to keep up the good fight, always, and to love one another.

LIVING UP TO THE MISSION STATEMENT MEANS

his month marks 186 years since the founding of Wabash College. On November 21, 1832, a group of young Presbyterian ministers from New England knelt in prayer deep in the wilderness of the Western frontier. Their mission was to educate the young men of this rugged region to think critically, lead effectively, act responsibly and to live humanely.

It would be hard to argue that the College has failed in this educational endeavour. Wabash Men are creatures of success. At times, it can feel nearly impossible to find an alumnus who isn't an accomplished doctor, lawyer, or businessman, and this phenomenon shows no signs of dissipating. I, like many of my fellow students, was drawn to Crawfordsville by the promise of becoming one of them.

Surely this is something to be proud of. Wabash boasts some impressive statistics and fares well in yearly rankings publications. Our endowment is large and the average mid-career salary is



high. The literature from admission tend to reflect this, their message by-in-large being that four years here won't be easy, but it will be worth it because of the financial benefits to come.

It's easy to see how this conception of the College, as a sort of economic transaction wherein students pay tuition in order to be awarded an induction into the "Wabash Mafia," has gained so much traction. Whereas once a college degree was practically a ticket to a comfortable lifestyle, today even graduates from elite institutions can

struggle to find gainful employment. Thus, prospective students can be easily swayed by these statistics. Wabash offers a sense of relief from the fear of becoming a barista that weighs on the minds of many high school seniors.

This can be a dangerous game to play. Yes, Wabash graduates are financially successful. But if the only measure of success that we have for the graduates of this college is the size of their pocketbooks, we begin to lose sight of the mission laid out by those preachers kneeling in the snow 186 years ago.

This is not to suggest that Wabash has failed to live up to its mission. Wabash Men do in fact think critically, lead effectively, act responsibly and live humanely. This stems from the undying commitment to a liberal arts education. Students are forced to put in serious work day in and day out. Classes here can feel like a goal-line stand, where you fight for every intellectual inch you can. No assumption is simply allowed to go unchallenged.

The aim of such an education is not to create better businessmen, or lawyers, or doctors, but to create better men. This means the true value of a Wabash education simply cannot be measured by the financial success of its graduates. An alumnus of this institution may reach the upper-echelons of a Fortune 500 company, as many Wabash men have in the past and surely many Wabash men will in the future. But if that alumnus is morally corrupt, his education ought to be considered a failure.

The semester is winding down and soon we will all make our way home, where we'll engage in my favorite tradition: talking to those outside of the Wabash community about what makes this college so unique. When doing so, it can be easy to cite those flashy numbers that tell us how much the average graduate of this college makes, or how many famous alumni we have. I'd like to challenge you to avoid this, and instead get to the real point: this college makes you a better man. Wabash Always Fights.

OPINION

STOP DEMONIZING PEOPLE

he message I intend to convey in this piece is simple: just because academia believes it does not mean you should believe it. I wrote an opinion piece arguing this message last year titled The Gender Studies Echo Chamber. However, I feel this idea should be presented again considering the problem I articulated, which I am passionate about, continues to persist on college campuses. The overarching problem I am addressing is that opinions that differ from academia's seem to cause hostile behavior toward dissenters on college campuses. This is the archetypal partisan battle that pits the left-leaning academic body, a mass of professors and students, against the rightleaning college student. Obviously, there is nuance in every individual's opinion. But, I do not fear this as an overgeneralization of academia and the professors in its departments considering the literature on the topic, done by Mitchell Langbert, suggests around 78.2 percent of academic departments at top-tier liberal arts colleges "have zero Republicans, or so few as to make no difference.'

This is a staggering find because it harms the integrity of the social sciences on campuses considering their nature is to hold conversations around politically controversial topics. Jonathon Haidt writes, during his analysis of his findings on this topic, "The academy has been so focused on attaining diversity by race and gender (which are valuable) that it has created a hostile climate for people who think



differently." Haidt's argument coincides with Daylan Schurg '21's conclusion in his opinion titled Make America Civil Again. Schurg, when combatting execrable comments made about Governor Holcomb on his visit to Wabash's campus, writes "Wabash needs a diversity of thought, not a diversity of values."

The problem therefore lies in the facts that 1) professors do not necessarily hold the same views as their students, considering Haidt's data shows us that academia "has been transformed from an institution that leans to the left, which is not a big problem, into an institution that is almost entirely on the left, which is a very big problem," and 2) professors maintain significant systemic power in being able to thwart specific students' performance, especially in the social sciences. My argument then is not to change these two facts, rather we should recognize that important and valid opinions that differ from the prevalent opinion on campuses exist and that academia's arguments are

not gospel. When we take these opinions to be gospel and the objective truth, we turn hostile toward dissenters for denying the "truth", which inevitably justifies actions that physically and mentally harm our fellow students.

Now that I have laid the foundation of the problem, I would like to bring attention to a specific example of this problem to demonstrate how this problem can manifest itself, and how harmful it can be to students who differ from academia's gospel. In late October of this year, a Christian student senator, Isabella Chow, from UC Berkley was ousted from her position because she merely abstained from a motion to condemn the Trump administration's proposed definition of "sex", biological and not socially constructed, under Title IX. She said, "I cannot vote for this bill without compromising my values and my responsibility to the community that elected me to represent them." The notions that sex and gender are not independent of each other (considering the William Institute reports that at least 99.05 percent of Americans' identify with their birth sex), and that categories that separate based on sex are not only important, but historic and necessary, are not invalid or harmful.

They are most certainly not notions that should be met with the harassment Chow received. Chow was ousted from the Student Senate, criticized by her school newspaper, rejected by the newspaper to run an opinion defending herself, called "violent, hypocritical, and bigoted", told by one student that " [she] won't be f***ed with" and is "down to fight", and ultimately threatened to the point she must now walk with her friends to class in fear of being harassed and physically harmed.

These students have accepted the current gender theory proffered by academia as fact and have excluded valid and important voices like Chow's. Now, when someone with a comparable opinion to Chow's speaks, he/she is denying LGBTQ+ students' existence and not "validating the experience of those at the hands of bigots who have cowardly hid behind religion to justify their actions." This now justifies violence, harassment, and systematic bullying towards a student who dared to challenge academia's opinion.

I understand this example is anecdotal However, I do not feel it is unreasonable to fear this type of behavior in the aggregate. I also fear the hostility towards dissenting opinions is increasing on college campuses. I am fearful that Chow's situation is being and will be repeated multiple times over across the nation. I genuinely believe that college campuses and environments, like Wabash's, can start the fight against this type of behavior. And I thoroughly believe that if we understand academia's opinions (especially in the social sciences), as opinions that can be challenged, even when they are presented as facts, we can invite civility and inclusivity back to college campuses.

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THE 'HOLIDAY SPIRIT' PLAYLIST

SONGS GUARANTEED TO GET YOU ROCKING AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE



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Whether you love the classics, or more modern takes on Christmas songs, this list will make sure you are in the Christmas spirit come Winter Break.

BRYCE BRIDGEWATER '19 | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • "Christmas, Christmas time is here, and Christmas songs we love to here." Yep, it's the annual Bachelor Christmas list of the best Christmas songs out there. Everyone knows the classics, and it's our turn to rate them. Now, no one apart of writing this list claims to have any musical talent, but these are The Bachelor's favorite Christmas songs.

10) "Christmas Eve/ Sarajevo" by Trans-Siberian Orchestra. We've all heard this song when some try-hard in their neighborhood sets this to flashing Christmas lights on their lawn. Despite this, the different style of this song is pleasing to the ears. The heavy electric guitars blend nicely with the horns. Electric violins add to the epic chorus, all culminating to one legendary Christmas song. 9) "Step into Christmas" by Sir Elton John. The king of the piano has a slight switch change of pace with this upbeat song. Released in 1974, the song didn't get released with a Christmas album. We don't have a lot of Christmas songs from Elton, but we love this instant masterpiece.

8) "Baby, It's Cold Outside" by Michael Buble and Idina Menzel. Almost every singer in existence performed their own rendition, but Buble and Menzel's is our favorite. Buble Sinatra-esque voice paired with the power of Menzel's is special. It is a classic for a song often overplayed.

7) "Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday" by *NSYNC. Any other original for the list, but this song embodies the Boy Band era of the late 90s. It is upbeat, it is fun, and it features a masterful musician in Justin Timberlake at the lead. If you are looking for a song to put everyone in the Christmas spirit but also starting the party at your ugly sweater shin dig.

6) "Feliz Navidad" by Jose Feliciano. If eggnog and whiskey/brandy or peppermint schnapps are not your thing, margaritas are year-round delicacies. Throw this song on, grab the blender, salt, and limes and have a party. But seriously, this song is a classic, making Americans feel like they know more Spanish than they do.

5) "Santa Claus is Comin' to Town" by Bruce Springsteen. Honestly, this song could be higher on the list. The rock legend puts on an absolute show, and the live version might be better than the one on

Scarlet Honors Weekend 2018

Friday 11-30-2018

1:15p.m. Student Arrival

2:10-2:50p.m. Welcome to Wabash located at Pioneer Chapel

3-4p.m. Passport to Wabash Interactive Tour

4-5:50p.m. Class

6-7p.m. Dinner at assigned location

7:15-8p.m. Student Activities and Boat Races located in the Class of 1950 Natatorium

8-8:30p.m. Meet your overnight host in the Knowling Fieldhouse

8:30-11p.m. Open Houses at Fraternities, Rogge Hall, and the MXI

Saturday 12-1-2018

9:30-10:15a.m. Breakfast located at the Frank Hugh Sparks Center

10:30-11a.m. Competition at Salter Hall

11-11:45a.m. Student Panel at Salter Hall

12(noon)-1:30p.m. Taste @ Wabash located in Knowling Fieldhouse

1:30 p.m. Programming Concludes

2p.m. Basketball versus Denison at Chadwick Court

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Prospective students are sure to keep busy for the upcoming Scarlet Honors Weekend.

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the album. Springsteen is masterful at commanding a crowd, and this song is a prime example of it. Karaoke, jamming in the car by yourself, or at a loud party, Bruce has you covered.

4) "Do they know it's Christmas" by Band Aid. This song was a fundraiser for the famine in Ethiopia in 1984. Including some of the big names of George Michael, singer of Wham!, Bono, singer of U2, and Simon Le Bon, singer of Duran Duran, this song is a reminder that Christmas is not always a time of relaxation and receiving gifts. The song raised over \$24 million upon being released and reminds a classic for modern day music lovers.

3) "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" by Andy Williams. We've been throwing around the word classic a bunch in this article, but this truly, truly is a classic. Starting with the famous horn section leading directly into William's powerful voice immediately makes everyone dawn a Santa Claus cap.

2) "Last Christmas" by Wham!. Another song that has been remade a dozen times, Wham! is the best rendition of the song. The late George Michael belts out all of the notes that make this song great. Despite not being great for raging Christmas parties, this is a good one to sing well making your ex-think about how great you truly are.

1) "O Holy Night" by Josh Groban. We know what you're probably thinking about reading this list now, what the heck are we doing? If you haven't heard the song, it's phenomenal. Groban has the voice of an angel and sings the notes with absolute magic. "O Holy Night" is a song for the singers with powerful voices, but Groban operatic tone makes the song special. Give it a chance; we guarantee that you will not be disappointed.

Here are our favorites. If you disagree with us on these choices, then write an opinion about it in next week's edition of The Bachelor. We'd love to hear your voice on the subject. However, we can't imagine that this list is changing at all.



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Les Garcons de Paris pose with Professors Rhoades and McKinney.



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Wallies pose with their baguette creations after an afternoon in a Parisian bakery.



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Wabash Men in Prague captured the landscape and classic architecture that the country had to offer.

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THREE W'S FOR BASKETBALL

LITTLE GIANTS TAKE OUT EARLHAM, BOYCE COLLEGE, AND ROSE-HULMAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

JACKSON BLEVINS '20 I STAFF WRITER • The Little Giant basketball team started off the 2018-2019 regular season with a bang after they rattled off three consecutive wins in a twoweek period. After competing against two tough opponents in Northern Kentucky and Bellarmine in their exhibition schedule, the Little Giants took what they learned about their team and were able to apply it to their first challenges at the Division III level. The team knocked off Earlham College on the road and defeated Boyce College and the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology at Chadwick Court to start off the year with a perfect record.

The Little Giants traveled to Richmond, Indiana on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving break and defeated the Earlham Quakers by a score of 79-64. The Little Giants went into halftime facing a four-point deficit by a score of 34-40 but outscored the Quakers by 21 in the second half as they cruised to victory. Jack Davidson '21 led the Little Giants with 28 points and Connor Rotterman '21 followed with 17 points of his own. Harry Hallstrom '20 contributed 16 points and 9 rebounds for the Little Giants, while Ben Stachowski '19 scored 6 points and was a monster in the rebound category, pulling in 14 rebounds.

On Tuesday during Thanksgiving break the Little Giants hosted their first game at Chadwick Court against Boyce College. The Little Giants cruised to a 119-33 victory that saw the team clicking on all cylinders. The team never trailed and were lights out from behind the arc, as they broke the school record for 3-pointers made in a game with 21. Colten Garland '20 dropped in four 3-pointers to score 12 points and Jack Davidson led all scores with 22 points. Tyler Watson '22 had a quality game for the Little Giants, as he contributed 18 points. This game saw seventeen Little Giants get playing time, a good sign for this team that is comprised of some youth and experience.

After classes started back up on Monday, the Little Giants defeated Rose-Hulman by a score of 77-74. This game was a back and forth battle against the Fighting Engineers, who were picked to win the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference. The game was tied up at the half and the second half was a battle that saw many lead changes, but clutch free-throw shooting and tough defense late in the contest brought home the win for the Little Giants. Jack Davidson led the Little Giants with 20 points while playing 36 minutes, and Colten Garland contributed 11 points in just 15 minutes of play. Alex Eberhard '20 chipped in 14 points, and Harry Hallstrom led the Little Giants with 8 rebounds while he scored 4 points.

"In the offseason we worked on a new offense that consists of lots of cutting and moving the ball," Davidson said. "This year we are spreading it out and driving and kicking more. I think it's working out well, as we've been shooting the ball well and scoring a lot of points. Defensively, the coaches want us to lock in on defense, and if we continue to perform on the defensive end, our offense will come."

"We're taking care of the ball and shooting it really well so far," Garland said. "We've been solid defensively but I think that's a place we can keep improving. If we follow the scouting report and take away the other team's strengths, we'll be a really tough team to beat."

The Little Giants defeated Elmhurst 95-71 on Wednesday. Starting point gard Jack Davidson'21 scored seventeen points. Wabash will open North Coast Athletic Conference play by bringing Denison to Chadwick Court on Saturday, as the coverage for these games will come out next Friday.



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Conner Rotterman '21 goes up for a layup against a defender.

WABASH COMPETES AT HOME INVITE THE SWIMMING TEAM FINISHES 4TH AT THE WABASH COLLEGE INVITE

REED MATHIS '22I STAFF WRITER • The Little Giant Swimming and Diving Team hosted the Wabash College Invite, which took place between the dates of November 16th-18th right before break. The meet ended with Wabash barely missing the podium as they took fourth place. The team beat Albion College and Centre College. Saginaw Valley State took first with Birmingham Southern and John Carroll University, earning second and third place, respectively.

The team as a whole performed well, with everyone breaking their season or personal best. Senior diver Aaron Embry '18 broke the school record in the one-meter dive and finished second overall in the one-meter competition with 482.55 points. Other standout performers were Hunter Jones '18 winning in the 200-yard breaststroke and Jan Dziadek '21 finishing first in the 100-yard Individual Medley.

The season only began three weeks ago, and the invite before the mid-season meet grounded expectations. "There were not a lot of expectations going into the meet, yet all the guys were able to go season-best," Sam Colaiacova '19 said. The expectations and attitude of the team have differed this year compared to past years, and one big reason is the new coaching staff.

"The teams meshing really well with the new coach and he is doing a great job of keeping us motivated." Hunter Jones '18 said. The team is already pretty experienced with many junior and senior members, yet Coach William Bernhardt is introducing a new dynamic for the team as he begins his first season coaching for the College. For many of the swimmers, the comradery and cohesiveness of the team this year has allowed for more of a family dynamic to the group and given them the opportunity to grow from each other. "He brings good energy to the team, as a team I think we are closer than we've ever been," Jones said. "With the hiring of coach (Bernhardt), it forced us to re-evaluate why we are on the team, and what holds us together."

The team initially was supposed to have the rest of the semester off after the latest invite before coming back in early January to resume the season.

Instead, the team now has a new meet against the University of Indianapolis (UINDY). The UINDY swimming and diving team is ranked number one for NCAA Division II and presents a fortunate opportunity for the Little Giants. "We don't have another meet until January, so

"The teams meshing really well..."

COLAIACOVA '19

it's good to see where we are before mid-season meets." Colaiacova said.

The date of the meet happens to be the Friday of Finals Week on December 14th at 5:00 P.M. For much of the team the day will consist of taking their final exams and heading straight to the Ruth Lilly Fitness Center on UINDY's campus.



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Joshua Powers '22 swims backstroke in a meet.

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AGREAT START AT WABASH, RUNNING, AND FUTURE GOALS

SETH GALLMAN '22 STAFF WRITER • Ethan Pine '22 is no stranger to success on the crosscountry course or the track, but in college, it is a whole new playing field. Pine's high school career at Greenwood Community High School

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ETHAN PINE '22

ended at the state track meet where he finished 13th overall and ran a personal best in the 1600m. Previously that year during the crosscountry season, he finished 36th in the crosscountry semi state meet, just missing the cut for the state race. Pine is a fearless freshman here at Wabash College and is looking to take his running abilities to the next level.

Pine has made a quick adjustment to the academic life here at Wabash, and he is making strides in his athletic competition as well.

"It was definitely hard at first, having to basically start over with everything like making new relationships, but once I got to know all the guys, I felt a lot better," Pine said.

Pine resides in Martindale hall along with three of his teammates and takes great pride in the independent life as he competed for the independent men's chapel sing team. As many Wabash students know building new relationships and beginning the trek to getting a Wabash degree can be daunting. With the size of the campus being just under 1,000, the faces around campus get more familiar each day. Pine has found community in his teammates as well as the Martindale Hall residents. Although Pine chose not to rush a fraternity, he has still found a band of brothers throughout campus through sports and his independent living unit, Martindale.

Recently at the NCAA Division III Great Lakes Region meet Pine placed 90th overall with a personal best time of 26:44.3 in the 8k race. Wabash placed 13th as a team and have a bright future ahead. The team brought in 11 freshman which makes up half of their current roster of 22. With a promising future within grasp, Pine will be focusing on training hard as he transitions to track season. "The training for college is putting in a lot more mileage than I did in high school, but I feel like I am adjusting quickly," Pine said. As Pine looks to make that transition to the track he will be focusing on maintaining his endurance and strength. "In college there is not much off season. We get a two-week break and then are right back to preparing for the indoor track season," Pine said.

Although Pine is unsure of what he will be studying at Wabash, he has enjoyed his course load so far. One of his classes with Professor Bost explores the way cars have an impact in today's society. Pine works hard to put academics first but still compete at the highest level possible on the course. He is hoping to compete in the 1600m, distance medley relay, and the 800m before he heads into outdoor season where he will compete in the 1500m and the 800m. With a hopeful future, Pine has nowhere to go but up in his career at Wabash College.



STRONG WRESTLING AT CONCORDIA OPEN HATCH, SCHURG, AND OTHERS TAKE TOP SPOTS ON PODIUM DURING MEET

BLAKE LARGENT '22 I STAFF WRITER • After finishing first out of 12 teams in the Adrian College Invitational and grabbing a decisive victory over Manchester 37-7, the Wabash wrestling team continued its strong start to the season at the Concordia Open, with eight wrestlers grabbing top-six individual finishes.

"Our coaches do a great job preparing us for big tournaments like Concordia," Will Amberger '19 said. "We've been going to this tournament for a while, so the coaches know what it takes to succeed."

Darden Schurg '19 was the top-placing wrestler for the Little Giants, grabbing four total victories in the tournament and capturing the 174-pound weight class title out of 30 total wrestlers in the weight class. Schurg's first win of the day came from a technical fall (24-5) against Wisconsin-Eau Claire's Evan Lawrence. Schurg then pinned Wisconsin-Whitewater's Ryan Vedner (1:48) and secured a spot in the championship match after an 11-3 major decision against the University of Chicago's Ben Sarasin. In the championship match, Schurg claimed the title after a 12-2 major decision over Wisconsin-Parkside's Connor Price.

Kyle Hatch '19 was also one of Wabash's highest-placing wrestlers, finishing second

in the 165-pound weight class. Hatch opened the tournament with a technical fall (16-1) against Loras College's Keegan Gilligan. Hatch then continued with a pin against Lakeland University's PJ Ladd (1:53) and a spectacular sudden-victory win over Chicago's Kahlan Lee-Lermer (12-6) to advance to the championship match. Facing Loras' Eddie Smith in the championship, Hatch was unable to pull away with a victory, falling to Smith by a 6-3 decision and finishing second.

Other top-six finishes for the Little Giants include Riley Lomenick '21 in the 141-pound weight class, Griffin Schermer '19 in the 149pound weight class, Jared Timberman '21 in the 165-pound weight class, Levi Miller '22 in the 197pound weight class and Maxwell Bishop '21 as well as Wade Ripple '21 in the 285-pound weight class.

Amberger credited the success in the tournament to the team's practices. "We

Darden Schurg '19

focused on wrestling hard, building up our gas tanks and being tough in all positions," Amberger said. "We prepare to win the big matches and our practices reflect that."

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Amberger also spoke on the leadership of the team so far this season. "We have a lot of young guys on this team, so senior leadership has been extremely important this year," Amberger said. "We have to set the bar and show the younger guys what this program is about. That sets a great foundation for the future. When the younger guys can learn from the senior group and buy into the process, we set ourselves up for success."

And, with the expectations surrounding the team high so far this season, Amberger spoke on some of the team's goals for the rest of the season. "We want to be team national champions, be one of the top academic teams in the country and have fun," Amberger said. "That performance proved that we can compete with and beat the best guys in the country. That's what we're working for every day."

The Wabash wrestling team will return to action on December 1, when the team will compete in the Indiana Little State Tournament at the University of Indianapolis beginning at 9 a.m. in the morning.



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THANKSGIVING: ANOTHER REASON TO HIT THE GYM SOME IDEAS FOR GETTING IN SOME WORKOUTS AFTER THANKSGIVING

PATRICK MCAULEY '20 I SPORTS EDITOR • Thanksgiving is a time for celebration, remembrance, and (a lot of) eating. From the endless piles of your mother's homemade sweet potatoes to the leftover turkey sandwiches on the day after. All of this munching, however, impacts human physicality over the course of a few hours.

According to recent statistics compiled by CNN, the average American consumes 4,500 calories (3,000 for the meal and 1,500 by snacking) on Thanksgiving Day. According to healthline.com, that amount is 1,500 calories higher than the recommended amount of daily calories for a human. Additionally, the overall average intake on the holiday is 1,000 calories more than a pound, which means Americans are gaining an unusual amount of weight in one given day. There is, however, a solution, and it involves getting up off the couch.

Physical exercise is one of the best ways to shake off those post-holiday pounds. It does not involve running a marathon or anything to that extent, but it does mean you'll need to sweat more than usual. Running, walking, biking, and so on are all options, but their are some more specific ways to lose the weight. Hight Intensity Interval Training (HIIT) is one option

According to an article by HealthandFitness. com, HIIT allows an average 180 pound man to burn over 1500 calories in one hour. That's a lot! Furthermore, the actual exercises focus more on quick, fast paced movements in short periods of time with small breaks. For example, one HIIT workout involves sprinting around a track for twenty seconds and jogging or walking for thirty. According to the Texas Heart Institute and the Baylor College of Medicine, the interval process allows people to adjust the workout to their bodily abilities. So, given the feeling of a post-Thanksgiving slump, anyone can prepare a HIIT exercise adaptable to their current state of being.

Another form of exercise is through the use of machines such as ellipticals, treadmills, stairmasters, and stationary bikes. However, most readers are probably thinking: "Why are treadmills and other machines so special?" Well, similar to HIIT training, these machines are extremely personalized; they have setting for just about any type of cardio workout. For example, the new workout machines in the Allen Center have pre-determined settings that specialize in getting fit and weight loss. A user can adjust the settings to one that fits their personal style and body type. They're really nice.

Also, winter is right around the corner, so getting in those last outdoor workouts is always an option, too. An article by healthandfitnesstravel.com titled "Why Exercising in Nature Provides the Best Results," illuminates the mental health benefits of exercises done in the outdoors. Furthermore, the writer believes that different aspects of natural environments, such as trails and hills, provide a challenge compared to workouts done in a gym. Wabash, fortunately, has many options for natural exploration. Just off the west side of campus (on the train tracks) begins the Sugar Creek Trail, which is a beautiful run through the vast Indiana country-side. Also, there are some hills right behind Goodrich Ballpark, which provide terrain for some uphill bear crawls or sprints.

In the long run, the most important part of getting back into shape is to make sure it's fun. Be creative, text your friends, and use your resources. Working out can be hard sometimes, but getting back into shape is worth the extra pain, especially with winter break right around the corner.

Q&A: TYLER WATSON '22

WATSON TALKS BASKETBALL ROLE MODELS, GOALS, AND TEAM DYNAMICS

CLARK TINDER '20 I STAFF WRITER • Tyler Watson knows how to score. The 6' 2" guard from Brownsburg Indiana scored 1,999 points at Tri-West High School. The Little Giant Basketball team is hoping that Watson can pick up right where he left off in high school and keep scoring and be a key member of the 2018-2019 basketball team.

WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO COME TO WABASH?

I would say the big thing to make me come to Wabash was the culture of this place. There is just a different vibe here than other campuses I visited. I also really like the coaches who sold me on the school and the basketball program.

WHAT HAS BEEN THE BIGGEST ADJUSTMENT YOU HAVE HAD TO MAKE FROM HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TO COLLEGE?

I would say the biggest adjustment from high school basketball to college basketball would be the speed of the game. The decisions have to be made a lot faster and you have to know what you're going to do every time before you do it.

WHAT ARE YOUR EXPECTATIONS FOR YOURSELF THIS SEASON AND THE TEAM AS A WHOLE?

My expectations for myself this year is to help my team win some games and the overall goal for the team this year has to be to make the NCAA tournament and try to make some noise in the post season. We have the talent and leadership to do it so I like our chances.

IS THERE A CERTAIN PERSON YOU CONSIDER A MENTOR ON THE

TEAM AND WHY?

It's impossible to specify one mentor on this team because a lot of the guys returning have played and been through it. So they're all willing to help me and explain to me how to play the college game. So I can't pick just one but I would say the overall leadership on this team is some of the best I've ever been a part of.

WHAT PLAYER WOULD YOU SAY YOU RESEMBLE YOUR GAME AFTER?

I wouldn't say I resemble my game after any one player but the two players I have watched a lot of are JJ Reddick and Steve Nash. I might see certain things from players that I try to replicate but I try to make my game unique to me and just try to get buckets.

WHAT ARE YOUR INITIAL REACTIONS TO PLAYING ON CHADWICK COURT IN FRONT OF THE CHADWICK CRAZIES?

Chadwick crazies are second to none. I've seen a lot of small college basketball games and no student section even comes close. I love the atmosphere and I get excited to play in front of the Chadwick crazies. I hope they keep coming out all year because they have a huge effect on the game. Our home court advantage is probably some of the best in the county.

Four games into the season Watson is beginning to figure out college basketball. He is averaging six points and game while shooting a little over fifty percent from the field. You can catch Tyler Watson and the Little Giants as they open up conference play tomorrow December 1st as they take on Denison University at 2 p.m. at Chadwick Court.