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# SIG CHI THREE-PEAT

SIGMA CHI WINS CHAPEL SING TO KICK OFF HOMECOMING WEEKEND



IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

Sigma Chi took home their third consecutive Chapel Sing championship this year.



# HI-FIVES

SIX? THINGS WORTHY  
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

## SENIOR BENCH MEMORIAL

Hi-Five to fraternities for preserving the Evan Hansen '19 memorial on the back of the Senior Bench. TKE, Beta, Kappa Sig, and Fiji preserved the memorial on the back while adding their own flair to the front.

## FOUR CORNERS CANCELLATION

High-Five to whoever decided to cancel Four Corners this Tuesday. We understand that life is hard and the rain can make it even harder. However, Mud Hollow has a name for a reason... missed opportunity.

## BLUE RUGBY BALLS

The Wabash Rugby team was left with some blue rugby balls when they drove five hours for a match against Ashland University only to find out Ashland had canceled the match but never contacted Wabash about not playing. Although it was disappointing to dive that far to not play, technically, Wabash still won.

## HOT AND HEAVY THETA DELT

In recent news, Wabash email continues to be hacked. In completely unrelated news, Nigerian princes asked for a \$100,000 investment last week. In return, The Bachelor is set to make one million dollars next week. Instead of producing our normal issue, we will be parading in the Caymans for a few days.

## CUT THE CORD, ORR FELLOWS

When will the Orr fellows graduate? It seems like they been on campus every week since the start of the semester. We wonder if these grads even work. If they don't, sign us up for their job.

## MUD COMING IN NICELY ON MALL

Hi-Five to Campus Services whose mud is coming in nicely across the mall. We understand the need for soil to settle, but does the dirt really need watered 24-7? Let's just hope that Camp Serv continues these antics so that IM hockey can be a thing on the mall this upcoming winter.

# WALLIES TO VISIT NYC FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**ALEXANDRU ROTARU '22 |**  
STAFF WRITER • This fall break, eight Wabash upperclassmen will be going on a Professional Immersion Experience (PIE) trip to New York City. There, they will network with alumni working in finance, visit major banks, insurance companies, financial consultancy firms, and experience the special places in The Big Apple.

"There's two parts to it," CIBE Fellow Alejandro Reyna '17 said. "Get them off campus and see what it's like to spend a couple of days in a city very different from Crawfordsville. Of course, the difference is, if you go to a city like New York, DC, or Los Angeles, part of the trip will do a cultural immersion part of it. The other part is also to get students face-to-face time with alumni in whatever the field of the trip is. So, for New York, students that are interested in finance or investment banking will meet with alumni who do just that."

The students will leave Wabash on Wednesday, October 10, after a short orientation with Frank Howland, Professor of Economics and John W. Bachmann/Edward Jones Chair in Economics and Leadership, and a briefing of the schedule. The next day, they will visit companies like Bank of America, Bloomberg, Deloitte Advisory, and APG Asset Management. In the evening they will have an alumni networking dinner. They will experience life in The Big Apple and visit historic places in the city, such as the Greenwich Village.

There are two ways in which PIE trips are advantageous. On the one hand, the students will get to know what the field they are exploring is like at the moment. "The students get a chance to ask questions on 'What can I do now?', 'What can I be preparing for?', 'What did you do in your free time that prepared you for that position?'" Reyna said. "So they get to hear the story one-on-one, and they get to ask questions that will really set them apart in the sense of, once they get back, they'll know the kind of work ethic, as well as preparedness they'll need."

On the other hand, it will help Wabash stand out, and, in turn, help both companies to reach out to the gentlemen from the College and Wabash men to get jobs more easily in finance. "Some of these companies will not take students from schools our size," Reyna said. "So, it's an opportunity for some of these companies to bring in their HR representatives and see the caliber of the students Wabash produces and has produced. It's obvious that our students can succeed at companies like Bloomberg or Morgan Stanley."

Reyna himself has been on a PIE trip to New York during his time here as a student. He says that it helps students comprehend the challenges of living in a large city, like New York, and what it is like to work in the field the trip will be about, in this case finance, long before getting a job or an internship in that field. This in turn, helps Wallies both make a more informed decision about getting a job in finance and in The Big Apple, and get more insight in how to make their resumes, cover letters, and applications stand out.

This is the last PIE trip before the window for internship applications closes in November. During Winter break, freshmen will be able to apply for PIE trips. This year, there will be two more: one to Washington, DC, during Winter break – which will be about not-for-profit organizations and government consulting – and another one to Los Angeles, during Spring break – which will be about marketing. Next year, there will also be three other PIE trips: one to Chicago during Fall break, in finance; one to Denver and Boulder during Winter break, about sales; and one to the Indianapolis area during Spring break.

According to Reyna, the trips will repeat themselves every other year, having only one trip per break, so that every Little Giant can experience them. Also, the trips are organized according to student needs and interests, making it difficult to predict what and where the future PIE trips will be.

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# Wabash.

COLLEGE LAUNCHES RE-BRANDING EFFORT JUST IN TIME FOR HOMECOMING

**IAN WARD '19** | PHOTO &

ONLINE EDITOR • Over the past few weeks, there have been inquiries surrounding banners in the Allen Center, apparel, and what a period is doing after a distinctive Wabash “W”. This new design is a result of a months long process of evaluating and creating a new messaging platform for Wabash College. This platform surrounds on a new way to recruit Wabash men

“[We are] emphasizing our greatness, and focuses on the experience of Wabash men, as well as the incredible outcomes of alumni,” Chief of Staff Jim Amidon '87 said.

This messaging change is key to the continued success of Wabash College, so that the College can have more prospective recruits interact with Wabash in their college search. At the start of every recruitment cycle, Wabash College buys names of students from testing agencies who fit certain criteria to attempt to recruit them to Wabash. The first step involves sending impersonal emails to prospective students. This branding strategy and subsequent messaging is meant to improve those initial interactions with the college.

Unique to this strategy, however, is that once data and lists are analyzed, it found that Wabash ranked in the Top 20 colleges on nine lists that no other college in the nation. After this analysis, it was concluded that Wabash should lead with its outcomes when talking to prospective students. For example, Wabash ranks first in mid-career salaries from Indiana colleges and university graduates; therefore, why should Wabash not lead with that statement? Through examples like this, the tagline: “Why shouldn’t Wabash be on your (prospective college) list?” was formed.

The new period after Wabash, and

the “W” is based on the fact that we are Wabash, period. We are and will continue to be a great institution of higher learning.

This approach is somewhat unique to Wabash as well. Wabash is undertaking a rebrand, even while doing great as an institution and exceeding expectations on several fronts. “Usually rebranding is done when a college is in trouble or crisis,” Amidon said. “However, we are doing great, and we are wanting to expand on this greatness.” This usual trouble Amidon speaks of is smaller incoming classes (Wabash exceeded its goal for the class of 2022), financial troubles (Wabash exceeded its annual fund goal and had a Day of Giving that exceeded \$1 million), and overall turmoil at the college, which Wabash lacks. Instead this broadening of our greatness and branding is the culmination of a plan to become a institution that is recognized by more people as a great institution and is selective yet also does not lose its identity.

Part of this lack of losing of identity is key as Amidon explained, “We are still a great liberal arts college and we aren’t changing that.” At the same time, the tagline of “Wabash College: The Liberal Arts College for Men” has been replaced under the retooling of messaging techniques. Amidon also stressed that, contrary to some students’ beliefs, this process started last spring and was not part of the switching to Adidas for athletic apparel, instead, Adidas branded materials were just the first examples seen on campus.

Moving forward, the Wabash community will see new street banners lining Grant and Wabash Avenues with the new designs. Down the road, an updated website will be unveiled with the new branding throughout.

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The new marketing strategy for the College emphasizes alumni outcomes to prospective students as they are initially recruited to become Wabash men.



# ADMINISTRATION CONSIDERS ADDING NEW COMPUTER SCIENCE MAJOR

**JOHN WITCZAK '22** | STAFF WRITER • Wabash College is a serious institution. Given the fact that a strong academic curriculum is the backbone of the school, one is not surprised to learn that the process of establishing a new major is a time consuming and rigorous endeavor. Last Tuesday, September 18, the faculty met for an open discourse regarding the proposed implementation of a new computer science major and decided to bring the matter to a faculty vote tentatively scheduled for October 2nd. The faculty vote is the second of the three biggest hurdles any potential new major faces.

In order to gain a clearer understanding of the process that is already well underway to add a new major, *The Bachelor* sat down with Scott Feller, Dean of the College and head of the Academic Policy Committee. Feller laid out the method Wabash uses to decide whether or not to accept a new major. The first task, submitting a proposal to the Academic Policy Committee, had been undertaken on behalf of his colleagues by Professor William Turner, the chair of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science.

The proposal contains a number of interesting and illuminative arguments regarding the merit of a new computer science major. The first is that Wabash has been offering a minor on the subject for years and that a significant number of students, both past and present, have expressed their interest in majoring in the field. The second and related argument pertains to prospective students, many of whom demonstrate strong interest towards Wabash in general but go on to enroll elsewhere due to their wanting to major in computer science. This problem is especially prevalent among international students, and the adoption of the major could see Wabash competing head on with other institutions that are currently ahead of the curve. As we all know, Wabash men

are always willing to engage in some friendly (and at times not so friendly) competition.

Instituting a computer science major is well in line with the tradition of a liberal arts education. As the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science’s proposal argues, computers and technology play a large role in all disciplines and literacy in the field will aid students in leaving their mark on a society increasingly dependent on computing. Though this is certainly true, an education in computer science also prepares the student for problems of all kinds, not just those in a specific area. The proposal makes this clear.

“While computer science can be a very technical discipline in which computers play an important role in every course, the discipline actually focuses primarily on the systematic study of the formal properties of algorithms and data structures and their mechanical and linguistic realizations,” Feller said. “It teaches a method for solving complex problems and studying processes in general. The techniques we use to analyze algorithms on a computer can be used to find more effective processes for systems that do not involve any technology. Computer science thus really teaches a way of thinking and problem solving.”

Having heard these and other arguments over an extended period of time, Dean Feller and the Academic Policy Committee agreed to set the motion to a faculty vote, moving the aspiring major past its first hurdle. The motion now sits in limbo until the vote commences, but Dean Feller feels positive regarding its chances for adoption. In reference to the faculty-wide brainstorming session that was held last Tuesday, Feller said, “The conversation was very positive yesterday at the faculty meeting. New questions could come up but my sense was that there was an understanding that this is an opportunity and, honestly, all

of our peer institutions already teach computer science, including what I would call our aspirant institutions.” He went on to add, “I think there is a large reason to think that this is something we can add to our curriculum.”

If the faculty were to vote “yes” on the proposal, it would then head towards the Board of Trustees, which meets three times a year. The Board represents the third and final obstacle in the way of computer science being Wabash’s newest major. If they were to give it the greenlight, the program’s existing catalogue would be

renumbered and expanded upon by at least five additional courses, with a new faculty member being hired in order to handle the increased workload.

Although there is still much debate, preparation, and paperwork to be done, there is reason to believe that computer science will soon be Wabash’s newest major. “Really, it has been the Math and Computer Science Department that did the research and the work to find out what computer science should look like at a liberal arts college in 2018,” Feller said.

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Professors Derek Nelson '99 and Rick Warner have assisted with creating the furniture and menu for the new pub.

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Construction for the pub is well underway in the Sparks Student Center as the College seeks to improve its communal spaces on campus.

# NEW PUB OPENING IN SPARKS

**AUSTIN HOOD '21 | STAFF WRITER** • Wabash College is an institution where change happens pretty infrequently. Wallies of all ages often delight in knowing that life on campus today is similar to how it was many decades ago. However, a change is coming to Wabash, and campus leaders are betting it will be a hit.

A pub is currently being constructed in the area of the Frank Hugh Sparks Center formerly known as the Forbes Lounge. This pub, which will be open to all ages on Thursday through Sunday nights, is projected to be complete within the next two weeks.

The project began 18 months ago as an outgrowth of conversations about life on campus spearheaded by Dean of Students Michael Raters '85. Through a series of surveys that engaged students and alumni, the Ad Hoc Committees on College Life determined that there is a lack of common spaces at Wabash.

"What we found through the campus life conversations was that a lot of fraternity guys don't feel comfortable in Sparks. They see it as belonging to the independents," Chief of Staff Jim Amidon '87 said. "What we're hoping is that this will be a common ground where people can come together and engage one another."

The pub is operating as proof of a concept for further, long-term improvements to various student facilities, including the Sparks Center being discussed in the context of the College's bicentennial.

"I think everyone involved has seen

this as a labor of love for the college," Chief Financial Officer Kendra Cooks said. "This project really showcases the things that our community is passionate about, community and visual beauty. And I mean who doesn't enjoy getting together over some good food and a drink?"

Bon Appetit sous-chef Jason Anderson worked closely with Associate Professor of History Rick Warner, who worked as a chef for 12 years and owned an Irish pub for 16 years, to create a menu that will appeal to students, faculty, and alumni.

"The interesting thing about this pub from a business perspective is that there's really two kind of clientele," Warner said. "There's faculty, alumni, people with resources who'll be willing to spend money on a nicer product and then there's students, who won't. The food and drink menu will reflect this."

Among the food offering beings discussed are a la carte items such as potato chips and sliders, and full plates including Carolina-style Crab Cakes and ribeye steak sandwiches. The hope is to keep all food under \$12 a meal. A number of beers ranging in price from \$4 to \$6 will be on tap, and the pub will offer a selection of red and white wines for \$5 to \$7.

Despite not being named yet, the new pub will look to be a local watering hole for students, alumni, and faculty at Wabash. We look forward to our new addition and hope that the pub is here to stay.



# THE CAMARADERIE OF HOMECOMING

As a recent Freshman, the week of Homecoming holds a special place in my heart. This week is a time of unity. A time where we Wabash men take part in events that have been around for a very long time. Two years ago, when I was still deciding on Wabash, the two things that stood out to me were Brotherhood and Tradition. Looking back on it, and now looking back on my freshman year Homecoming week, I can say this week as a whole exemplifies those two traits of Wabash in a remarkable way.

That being said, I propose that we as Wabash men make the best of this Homecoming week and not take it for granted. If everyone shows that sense of camaraderie, not only in your own fraternity house or living unit, but instead, throughout the entire campus, then we will set the precedent for years to come.

All that being said, I myself realize that shenanigans can be fun. But, at the same time, there is a level



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that we as Wabash men should stop before we ever reach. For example, the majority of the freshman work extremely hard on floats, banners, or whatever the case may be this week, and sometimes students feel it is humorous to sabotage other competitors.

It happened to my pledge class last year, and let's just say it is a terrible, terrible feeling. Luckily, we got it back up and still managed to place in the final standings. However, if that were to happen to someone this year and the damage was even more severe, then those

pledges or whoever it is, will have nothing to show for all their efforts. All I'm attempting to say here is that, if we promote unity and brotherhood, then we should stand firm to those ideas.

However, and these words are primarily for the freshman, don't forget this week is a competition among living units and fraternity houses. I took this week very seriously last year because I am very competitive. More importantly, it represents where you live, and better yet, Wabash as a whole. Work hard this week and this weekend. You will look back on this week the rest of your Wabash career and realize you'd do it all over again if you could. To me, the week of Homecoming is one of the most difficult yet most exciting weeks you will ever experience as a freshman. So, like I said above, don't take it for granted. Have fun this week and grow closer to your pledge class or your fellow independent participant. In the end, this week is

supposed to be fun, and the events are to be enjoyed, so do exactly just that this week.

To wrap this up, I will state that I myself am very excited for this week. I think this week gives us the chance to show how strong our traditions are, as well as how strong our brotherhood is. Homecoming is a time where a wide variety of alumni will be back on campus reminiscing about their time spent on this campus.

If we show camaraderie and support for one another, those alumni will realize how far this place has come. So, to everyone, please come to every event you can: Chapel sing, chants, tailgates, and, most importantly, our homecoming football game. Brothers, please have a great time this week and enjoy every second of it. However, please do this as one collected and unified group. Also, one last thing, good luck to the Little Giants this Saturday, go out and get that WIN over Wooster!

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Water scarcity is an economic concern that pans out both on a global scale and on a community level. The term is defined as a lack of available water to meet the demands of an area. As of today, more than 1.1 billion people lack access to clean drinking water. While many would consider this to be common mainly in developing countries, it is becoming an increasingly important issue in the United States, especially in western United States.

Inhabitat research shows that "by the middle of this century more than a third of all counties in the lower 48 states will be at higher risk of water shortage by more than 400 of the 1,000 countries facing risk." While our planet's surface is primarily water (about 75%), only 3% of it is freshwater, and only 1% of that is actually available to us (fun fact: a lot of that is held up in the Great Lakes, making Indiana an important player in keeping that

water clean). While this issue may seem distant to us, it is quickly approaching a critical point, with reservoirs across the US quickly draining. It is imperative that we take steps now before the problem grows too large.

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce, the state's most active business advocacy organization, highlights that we must first take it upon ourselves individually to reduce our water consumption. One way in which we can decrease water consumption is to encourage home and business owners to upgrade their restroom services for water-saving alternatives, such as water-less urinals and water-saving toilets. This guarantees a decrease in water consumption and enforces the idea of using water conservative products in our buildings.

There are many practices that I have adopted to reduce water consumption and they are pretty simple. You may be doing them

already, but if not, I challenge you to implement them in your routine. Simply turning off the water while you brush your teeth, for example, rather than leaving it running for the duration is one such easy change. Shower times are also an easy fix.

The average shower uses about 5 gallons of water per minute of run time. Cutting your shower down by two minutes or turning off the shower while you lather up can cut your water usage down by 10 gallons a DAY! Imagine that adding up over a year! For example, I have limited my shower time to ten minutes so I do not waste more water than necessary. Finally, if you really want to make the leap, wash some of your clothes by hand in a bucket (also helps with those biceps: did someone say "sustainably swole?") washers use loads (pun intended) of water.

Though these are simplistic ways of conserving water, we can push water-efficiency to the max

by bringing these conversations to others, especially community stakeholders such as farmers and industries. Investments in water efficiency today will give us a competitive advantage in the future, especially in an agriculture-rich state and county like ours. Ensuring the ongoing, responsible use of our resources isn't hard, it just requires some proactivity. Technological advancements, even if they may not seem like it such as low-flow shower heads, toilets, and urinals are a big step in the right direction. Many of them are either in the process of or are already implemented here on our campus.

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# RE:ALL LIVES MATTER



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The “All Lives Matter,” response to, “Black Lives Matter,” is commonly criticized as being dismissive of racial problems in the United States. That is to say, the A.L.M. undermines the perceived struggle that black men and women experience in America... well allow me to retort. The charges levied in your Opinion, Mr. Leuters, is listed below (at least to the extent I can effectively speak on in 600-800 words):

1. The matter of implicating the Wrestling team.
2. The A.L.M. motto is a backlash of “white victimhood”.
3. A.L.M. is equivocal to the Confederate flag.
4. Trayvon Martin was murdered as opposed to being killed in self-defense.
5. Blacks are massively incarcerated and, by implication, disproportionately so.

There are other, smaller pieces I would contend with but this should be enough for the occasion.

1. The team does not necessarily hold the beliefs of any individual therein. Not to mention there has been vandalism perpetuated against a student with Georgia license plates (the Georgian flag resembles the confederate design) in the past semester. Obviously, a controversial topic, the Confederate flag, despite anyone’s personal beliefs, is commonly held as symbol

of states opposing federal overreach by many. So let’s not just assume that everyone flying the rebel flag is a tiki-toting, white supremacist. They still teach critical thinking at Wabash. By taking such a brash assumption (which I do not think you intended in your opening lines but can be perceived that way), the team and the individuals of the team are implicated as racists without any tangible proof. If there are damages, such as the vandalism to a Wabash student from Georgia’s car last semester, we certainly should not be addressing certain people in this manner.

2. No, A.L.M. is a backlash to the violence of B.L.M.. One need only search the for a video of the Milwaukee riots (yes, there are plenty of other instances) to find B.L.M. organizers calling for white people to be targeted for violence. That is, being pulled out of vehicles and beaten all to the chorus of, “He’s white, get him,” and to the backdrop of, “Black

Power,” chants. Additionally, the persistent lies of different shootings are becoming intolerable. For example, “Hands up, don’t shoot,” where the autopsy report of Michael Brown (who had been smoking pot and just before his police encounter strong-arm robbed a gas station, (see surveillance video) clearly states that it was physically impossible that he was not reaching for Officer Darren Wilson’s sidearm (see the DOJ report as of March 4, 2015).

3. No. Just no. Laughably so.

4. See the DOJ report as of February 24th, 2015. Trayvon Martin was supposedly shot for wearing a hoodie, buying candy, and tea while black. The autopsy report shows that he had severe internal organ damage from Codeine, a cough syrup that is known to cause confusion and hallucinations when consumed recreationally. We can then surmise that the candy and tea were possibly for making lean, a drink commonly made to cover the taste of Codeine.

At the time of death, Trayvon was intoxicated by means of Codeine. The report shows at the time Zimmerman was calling for help (something a murderer doesn’t tend to do) and suffered trauma to both the face and the back of his head. The report also shows that Trayvon had been texting about beating up peers that he had burglary tools and stolen property in his locker at school as well as on

numerous occasions been suspended for violent behavior. So was George Zimmerman a murderer, no. Was Trayvon a violent individual that may have had been experiencing paranoia at the time when approached by Zimmerman? It was the case to the Grand Jury that acquitted him.

5. Yes, blacks do make up a large segment of the prison population. That does not mean the system is racist. Crime does not have to be proportional to every group. The Aryan Brotherhood makes up 0.1% of inmates but is responsible for 18% of all murders in prison. In the same way, crime is disproportionate outside of the penitentiary. For example, there was an inquiry about bias in citing drivers for speeding violations in New Jersey (by Joseph Kadane & John Lamberth). The conclusion posits that blacks are more egregious drivers in NJ and simply commit more offenses. In Chicago, Detroit, L.A., New York City, etc. - black crime is substantially higher because the demographics are overwhelmingly black in high crime neighborhoods. Equity is not the same as Equality.

I don’t think myself or anyone bears anything personal towards you but the way your article was written centered on emotion and unnecessarily targeted the Wrestling team. As the old adage goes, “sticks and stones will break my bones but words will never hurt me.” Go Bash.

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# CRUSHING THE COMPETITION

## A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO A WINNING HOMECOMING FLOAT

**WILL HARVEY '22** | STAFF WRITER •

Homecoming is on the horizon, and many have their eyes on the elusive first place prize in the float contest. With the criteria of theme, creativity, design and interaction being the main focus, The Bachelor sat down with Professors Ethan Hollander and Christie Byun, Associate Professors of Political Science and Economics respectively. They served as judges of the contest last year and we asked them a few questions that might be useful for this year's competition.

**Q: How were the floats last year?**

Byun: The Lambda Chi house had a guy dressed up as the Hiram terrier and they gave us this giant net on a pole and we had to chase him around and catch him with the pole. Fiji had a little stuffed dog that was the Hiram terrier, and you had to kick it across the goal post. It was just really fun and they came up with some ideas to make it a group activity. That was great and that's what I thought was really fun.

**Q: What are some of the aspects of a float that make it stand out?**

Byun: Anything colorful and creative is really fun to look at. One house from last year even had audio sounds too that sounded like a dog whining or lost.

Hollander: The Beta house last year were grilling dogs and they made this grill with fake flames with a fan that was blowing streamers to make it look like a fire. I think also that some houses are really clear that they made the freshmen do it and never look back. And some it's clear that even though the freshman do the bulk of the work, the upperclassmen were still involved. I don't like it when the whole house writes it off as "oh the freshmen will take care of it". I like it when it's clear that the house gave a shit.

When upperclassmen help with the work, "it's just going to be better," Hollander said. "No matter what you do, it'll be better quality. You see a lot of them even if it's a good idea and funny, it's still a half ass job and falling apart. Then there are some

that aren't as creative but are clearly well done, and that matters."

**Q: What does the Wabash Homecoming tradition mean to the staff here?**

Byun: It's always a lot of fun. I love the idea of fall and the weather changing, school is starting and everything is kind of fresh and the football season is underway. To me there is nothing more beautiful than sitting up in the stands and seeing the whole campus spread out and the fall colors. It's gorgeous. People are coming together and having a good time, being supportive of one another, and you see a lot of alumni come back. These events are also kind of goofy and silly. The houses use their creativity to have a good time and even though many of them are tired from staying up until 4am, it brings people together to create a funny idea.

**Q: Any house that always sticks out?**

Byun: It varies. One year the Independents had a Homecoming queen and had this really clever idea where their freshman was dressed up as Paris Hilton and the other guys were dressed up as paparazzi and trying to take her picture. Clearly their numbers were down compared to other houses, but the fact that they came together with a creative idea and executed with only a handful of guys was really great.

**Q: What are some things that houses should avoid?**

Byun: I can't remember which house it was but when we arrived there was only one freshman there to greet us. They had clearly stuck him with everything. They had a good idea but it seemed that he was abandoned by all his buddies. It could have been such a good idea. It's easy to say "Oh I'm tired, I'm going to bed" but you can deal with it right? It defeats the purpose of what Homecoming is about. You are letting down your brothers by slacking off.

Hollander: Yeah that's related to what I was thinking too. It's not nice or brotherly to just leave everything on one or two or three guys. I'm waiting for the day when the whole house gets involved! Maybe the freshman put on the show but the house is there to watch them do it. They should care too. The house wins the award so why shouldn't they be there helping out & cheering on?

With this insight into the competition, be on the lookout for the most creative floats starting at 8am this Saturday. The Float competition is not only just one more factor that can potentially add points towards a house's goal to winning the overall competition, but also serves as a great way to creatively express Homecoming spirit and bring the various classes and houses together. Take these words of wisdom from Float judges past, and put up some points for your organization this Saturday!



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Dr. Hollander and Dr. Byun have fun judging last years Homecoming floats.



# MORE PHOTOS FROM CHAPEL SING



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A Sphinx Club member paints the coveted red 'W' on a proud freshman.



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**9 p.m. Homecoming Chant Competition (Located on the Chapel Steps)**

### **SATURDAY**

**8 a.m. Homecoming Float Competition Judging Begins**

**11 a.m. Alumni Chapel**

**12:15 p.m. Homecoming Luncheon (Located in Knowing Fieldhouse)**

**2 p.m. Football vs. THE College of Wooster**

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# TOUCHING BASE WITH PROF. SCHMITZER-TORBERT

**SPANDAN JOSHI '22 | STAFF WRITER •**

**Q: What brought you here to Wabash in the first place?**

A: I was an undergraduate at Knox College in Illinois. The small liberal arts environment really resonated with me so after I got my PhD degree, I decided to go back to a small liberal arts school, except this time, as a teacher. I returned to my Alma Mater at Knox College as a visiting faculty member for about a year and a half. After that, my wife and I wanted to stay somewhere in the mid-west, especially towards the central region of the mid-west, so I chose to apply as a teacher to colleges mostly in this area. It was during this period that I had a chance to visit Wabash and I really loved it here. What impressed me most was the sense of community and togetherness. I also really liked the faculty and had a chance to meet and talk to some current students so yeah, those were some things that drew me towards Wabash.

**Q: What kind of activities do you and your family engage yourselves in, outside of college?**

A: Well, I'd say that activity wise, our lives are pretty "vanilla." There really isn't any sharp flavour to it, but generally speaking, we have a pretty family centric routine. It usually comprises of taking our kids to athletic practices, such as soccer and swimming practises. We're kind of introverted in that sense, we prefer to spend time as a family. I try my best to attend soccer matches here at Wabash, and swim meets. I also serve on the board of the local swim club, and not to mention my involvement in the weekly meditation group that we have for college faculty and staff.

**Q: What are your musical preferences?**

A: Well, the only band that we've gone out of way would probably be Kaleo. I also enjoyed the Lumineers at a show when they were opening for Kaleo. The Head and The Heart and Avett Brothers are some other bands that I enjoy. I was also recently introduced to the Star Wars bad lip-syncing videos by my kids which are very odd, but strangely addictive.

**Q: What are some books that you really like and would perhaps recommend to others?**

A: Ancillary Justice by Ann Leckie is probably my favourite book. I've incorporated it into many Freshman Tutorial classes because of that reason. The last book I read that I really liked was recommended to me by Professor Healy. It's called The Power by Naomi Alderman. It was one of those books that I am glad to have read, although it was kind of unsettling and had a dark overtone to it. The 5th Season by N.K Jemisin was a good read too. I have to say that I'm quite picky when it comes to what books I read because I do not have much time. My choice of genre generally revolves around social commentary or speculative fiction.

**Q: What is your favourite vacation spot, or your favourite place to go during breaks?**

A: We don't usually go out on vacations much but there have been some pretty memorable trips we have taken as a family. Places like Ocracoke Island in North Carolina and Hilton Head Island in South Carolina were particularly enjoyable. We also took our kids to Disneyworld in Florida which was fun but very exhausting. There was also this road trip we took to take the kids to Rushmore along with my in-laws. We generally like to take the kids to trips that they can later look back at and cherish.

**Q: What inspired you to pursue Psychology as a career path?**

A: I started college with the intention of pursuing a 3-2 engineering program. This stemmed from the fact that I worked as an electrician with my father after high school, and I thought that it would be a good career path for me. During fall, of my first year in college, I couldn't take one of the advanced calculus classes that the program required because of my schedule. So, my academic advisor at the time placed me into a biological psychology class. I thoroughly enjoyed the class, and not long after, came to the decision that I did not want to be an electrical engineer.

I then shifted to the idea of pursuing a career in psychological therapy but then again, I had other ideas later on. I happened to do a summer research internship in Massachusetts at the Centre for Mindfulness. While I was there, I read a book called Zen and the Brain, most of which is probably inaccurate, but I found the idea of taking a subjective, cognitive state and analysing it from a biological perspective. I came back and asked our neuroscience teacher what I had to do to pursue neuroscience in grad school, and she suggested me a minor in cell biology. So yeah, it was not something that I thought I'd be doing growing up. It came to me kind of slowly and took me some

time to discover my interest in the field. I realized that I was attracted to answering questions that arise from consciousness and experience, from an empirical perspective.

**Q: What would you say is your favourite Wabash memory or experience?**

A: Now that's a hard one, but one thing I'll always appreciate is that several years back, there was a play that we did called The Misanthrope, which was an adaptation of the original. It was directed by Professor Jessie Mills. That play impressed me with its quality, the script and the overall build up to the play. I was mainly proud that a college our size could pull off something of that quality with such finesse. I'd say that a lot of theatre productions at Wabash are really good but that one definitely stood out to me the most.

**Q: Over the years, you've guided many students towards graduation, what would be your advice to the students for college, especially the freshmen?**

A: Well, I'd advise the students to look at this as important work. My parents did not go to college to get bachelor's degrees, but when I was older, they went back to our local community college to get associate degrees. This reflected the importance of college upon me and defined how essential college would prove later on in my career. I always looked at college as an opportunity to learn and broaden the mind. I'd advise our students to do the same. Try and make the most out of every class. Ask yourself questions like "What can I learn?" and work accordingly, go ahead and explore the boundaries of learning.

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## LITTLE GIANTS SHOW GOLF CLUBS

**BRENT BREEZE '19 STAFF WRITER** • With the 2018-19 Wabash College Golf season underway, The Bachelor sat down with three varsity golfers to get a feel for what clubs they use and how they shape their game. Each player gave us a look inside their bags.

Per the official rules of golf, "The player must not start a stipulated round with more than fourteen clubs. He is limited to the clubs thus selected for that round." Throughout a round, a golfer can sometimes expect to use every single club in his bag, and will hardly ever face the same shot twice. A player must adapt his club selection to his play style and the conditions.

Kyle Warbinton '20 typically carries a Ping G400 driver, a Taylormade M2 3-wood, a set of Callaway Forged Apex irons (4-iron through pitching wedge), an S-Grind Taylormade Vokey gap wedge, a Cleveland sand wedge, a lob wedge, and a Newport Scotty Cameron putter. Tiger Woods used a similar style of putter for 11 of his 14 wins at Major tournaments. "

It's definitely my favorite club," Warbinton said. "I know exactly what I'm going to get out of it every time I take it out of the bag." To get a sense of the amount of variation one can expect from a set of clubs, Warbinton hits his sand and gap wedge the same distance, yet the two clubs have a drastically different ball flight, making his wedge play an extremely situational aspect of his golf game.

Heath Whalen '19 has a Titleist D2 driver, a hybrid 3-iron, Titleist AP1 irons (4 through pitching wedge), a Taylormade Rocketballz 3 wood, the only non-Titleist club in his bag, Titleist Vokey gap, sand, and lob wedges, and a Scotty Cameron Newport 2 putter courtesy of Head Coach Malcolm "Mac" Petty. Note that Whalen carries only one club that is from a different brand. This club came from a family friend who passed away several years ago. This club adds a certain sense of remembrance to Whalen's game.

Zachary Podl '20 boasts a set of all Titleist clubs: he has a Titleist driver, hybrid, 3-wood, AP 2 irons (4

through gap wedge), Vokey sand and lob wedges, and an Odyssey Two ball putter.

On the subject of brand loyalty, we can see that Whalen and Podl are already preparing for careers as Titleist staffers, while Warbinton is significantly more eclectic. "If you want to play golf, you have to make sure you have the clubs that work for you, regardless of brand," Warbinton said during an interview.

In addition, Warbinton is known to make regular modifications to his bag before every tournament, which gives him a mental and physical edge over opponents. Major factors that determine the club selection are the style of the course. A more traditional "links" style course presents an increased wind factor, forcing a player to adjust his strategy. While Whalen and Podl make little to no club switches, Warbinton regularly cycles between his lob wedge, 3-wood and a driving 2-iron. Podl is of a different philosophy. "I practice with my 14 clubs every day," Podl said. "The only time I would ever want to

switch something out is if I went to a links course. However, we rarely play those style of courses." Whalen has made steady modifications to his bag throughout his career, but also does not typically switch out clubs between tournaments.

All three golfers however must modify their strategy based on conditions. "This past weekend we played at [the Dick Park Invitational]," Whalen said. "Most courses have a total yardage of about 6,500 yards. This course measured about 7,000 yards, meaning that if I tee'd off on a long hole, I found myself needing to hit a hybrid for my second shot."

Warbinton's favorite club is his putter, while Whalen and Podl prefer their 7-irons. All 3 of them love their individual clubs for their precision and accuracy thanks to long hours of practice dialing in exact distances.

The Golf team returns to action with their weapons (clubs) of selection in the Depauw University Classic at 1 p.m. Sep 29-30 at Deer Creek Golf Club.



CLAYTON HUBER '21 / PHOTO

A young golfer shows his pitching wedge after hitting a shot.

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# XC STARTS 2018 FALL SEASON

**ALEXANDRU ROTARU '22** | STAFF WRITER •

On Saturday, September 15, the Wabash Cross-Country team, also known as The Red Pack, had had their first 8K run at Blue River Memorial, hosted by regional rival Manchester University.

"It was a very hot day," Tyler McCreary, Wabash's cross-country coach, said. "Not ideal conditions, so it was good for us to experience that. We've had some good performances. John Kirts ran really well; he's been fighting some injuries over the year, so it's good for him to have a good [run]. Then we've had some freshman students step up and do pretty well."

For McCreary, the key parts of cross-country training are consistency, simplicity, and motivation. "Training has been very consistent, the guys have been putting in a lot of effort," McCreary said.

The 11 freshmen on the team are adjusting well to their difficult transition to college. "They're learning," McCreary said, "There's a lot of learning to do. But, I think, overall, they have an open mind, they're listening to the upperclassmen on how to manage things." One of the main challenges they face, according to

the coach, is knowing when to hold back, as they can put in too much effort and reach exhaustion, which, in turn, affects their performance for the following days.

Dom Patacsil '19, All-American athlete, ranked 12th nationally, has been doing well, "His training is very good right now, he does most of his workouts by himself right now," McCreary said. "He does a really good job at managing that and putting in the effort that he needs to without putting in too much, to the point where he is physically and mentally exhausted from having to do it by himself." The challenge they face is, according to the coach, that this is their last year, meaning they want to make sure they do something remarkable before they graduate. This can affect their consistency, and, in the long run, affect their results.

Due to the emphasis on consistency, the team has been constantly improving. "The evolution has come with the training," McCreary said. "This is much of what running is, what cross-country is – how we train on a day-to-day basis. The workouts are becoming a little more challenging, but the guys are up to it."

The team is planning to focus more on developing running close together - "pack running", as the coach calls it. This not only helps the team score more points, as they finish all together, but it also helps them remain motivated throughout the course. "[The Blue Bridge Memorial] was a smaller meet, which can also make it challenging, too," McCreary said. "Usually, if it's a larger meet, then you'll have less of a chance of getting caught by yourself and racing alone."

The Red Pack will be running this weekend, in Louisville, where Division I cross-country races and the Division III National Championship will be hosted. They are, according to McCreary, eagerly awaiting this meet, as there will be good competition, on a quality course, in the morning.

The team has had few races, so it is too early to tell how the season will be going, but they are optimistic, hoping to finish in the top three of the conference. They are eagerly awaiting the Pre-Nationals at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, on October 13, and the conference races of this season.

## FOX SPORTS TO BROADCAST MONON BELL AND PARTNER WITH CTCA

On November 10th, the Wabash College football team will face DePauw University at home in the 125th Monon Bell Classic. The rivalry will be broadcasted on FOX Sports Indiana and streamed nationally on the FOX Sports app. This marks the second year that the station televised the game.

In addition, the game will be presented by the Cancer Treatment Center of America (CTCA). Richard J. Stephenson '62, founder of the CTCA, graduated from Wabash and has family roots in both schools. The partnership offsets the costs of the televised broadcast of the game.



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# HOOVER IN AT RUNNING BACK

**JACKSON BLEVINS '20 | STAFF WRITER •**

Being a student-athlete at Wabash presents challenges that could make someone reevaluate their priorities and goals on this campus. All sports are demanding in their own way, but one could argue that football is the most demanding of them all. The sheer physicality of the game can quickly cause athletes to hang up their cleats, but not Austin Hoover '19. The Sheridan High School graduate stayed persistent throughout his entire college career and is currently enjoying his fourth year as a running back for the Little Giants. Many of his peers on campus have recognized his persistence and character on-and-off the field.

Despite being a senior on the team, Hoover noted some challenges he faced over the last three years. "It's a tough transition going from playing every game in high school to waiting for your name to be called in college," Hoover said. "The team has always bonded very well in my four years here. We always talk and hang out, and that has helped with the rigor of playing college football."

Hoover's persistence recently paid dividends for the Little Giants, as Hoover had two key performances to propel the Little Giants to victories over University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (UWSP) and North

Coast Athletic Conference opponent Kenyon College. Running back Ike James '20 suffered a leg injury against UWSP that rendered him out for the season, and someone had to step up. Hoover did just that, and more.

Hoover carried the ball 16 times for a total of 69 yards and a touchdown, which proved to be the deciding factor in the game. Head Football Coach Don Morel cited Hoover regarding his performance against the UWSP in the September 12th edition of the Don Morel Show and was pleased with his performance to help close out the game against the Stevens-Point.

"Austin came in and did a great job, as we would expect," Morel said. "He did a great job ending the football game."

Joe House '19, Hoover's roommate for three semesters in Lambda Chi Alpha, also had nothing but great things to say about Hoover. "Hoover is such a hard worker on and off the field," House said. "He's just a good guy, and I am super glad he has gotten this opportunity because he is a great athlete."

Hoover decided to take his game up a notch against conference foe Kenyon, as he rushed for 255 yards on 19 carries and tallied four touchdowns against the Lords. His performance earned him a spot on D3football.com's

Team of the Week and placed him third on the Wabash record list for rush yards in a single game. Regarding personal accomplishments, Hoover is not focused on them at this point in the season. He has other important factors on his mind, such as his teammates.

"I just want to keep helping the team out in the best way possible," Hoover said. "The team always says, 'When it's your turn, make sure you are ready. And if someone goes down, you need to be prepared', and that's what happened. It's unfortunate that Ike went down with an injury, but I was prepared to go and run the ball." Hoover has high hopes for the team this year and believes they can do something special.

"We want to win every game and win conference," Hoover said. "We haven't been to the playoffs since my freshman year, but I think we can do it this year. Personally, when I get in, I need to block who I am supposed to and make sure I hold onto the football. Whatever can get us to the playoffs is what I am trying to do."

Check out Hoover and the rest of the Little Giant Football Team at home tomorrow. They take on the Fighting Scots of the College of Wooster for the 2018 Wabash Homecoming Game at 2 p.m.



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Top: Austin Hoover '19 runs through gap towards defender.  
Bottom: Hoover breaks tackle against Stevens-Point Defender.

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# MCPHEARSON SPARKS CONVERSATION

**ERIC CHAVEZ '19** | SENIOR STAFF WRITER • Don McPherson's masculinity discussion was eye opening in many ways. As members of an all-male college, we are put in a bubble. During our four years here we become accustomed to not being around women as often as others. This, and the fact that a large portion of the students play sports, often causes "locker room talk" to seep out of the locker room. Because of the bubble that we are put in, we may not even realize that we are not being politically correct and that is what McPherson is trying to change.

"Sometimes you just don't realize what you're doing," Basketball player Matthew Chinn '20 said. "Calling someone an offensive name is something that everyone seems to do and we don't think anything of it and over time, our words have more weight than we think they do. That was my biggest takeaway from the talk."

These types of talks are

imperative, not just for Wabash student athletes, but students everywhere. The more we as students and men realize what we are doing wrong, the easier it will be for us to hold each other accountable and address the problem.

The talk on Tuesday night (September 18) consisted of two main parts, a lecture type session where McPherson explained the problems that are occurring not only here at Wabash but around the nation. The second part was an interactive session where the students were split up into groups lead by a coach, and were asked to discuss the problems we have witnessed and possible solutions to all of those bad problems.

"This talk was good," Baseball player Zach Moffett '20 said. "For us to be one of two all-male institutions in the country, and for us to do something like that was pretty unique... my group really challenged each other on what the

outlook is on a lot of these topics in today's society. I think it was definitely heart felt and I think a lot of people learned from it because it was so heartfelt." Chinn also felt that the group session of the talk was helpful.

"It was good to know that other guys have seen what you've seen and are able to talk about it." Chinn said.

There are a lot of issues that were expressed in these discussions. And with those problems, groups were asked to find solutions. "We talked about what the deans told us in their talks, the 'see something say something' aspect of solving problems." Chinn said when asked about what solutions his group tried to come up with.

Moffett said that his group found that there isn't an exact solution but, "by taking small steps of taking certain words out of our vocabulary, or holding each other accountable just like we would if someone was late to practice, we as a college can

start to make it part of our culture in hopes that these problems will eventually go away."

In hopes that the outlook and descriptions of masculinity will change, we as Wabash students, have to hold each other accountable to act gentlemanly. This does not just mean treating everyone the right way when we are around everyone. But also when we are in our bubbles of the college and locker rooms. When you see something that is wrong, say something. Hold each other accountable for the words we say and the actions we take both on and off campus.

The students of Wabash, especially the student athletes, would like to thank Don McPherson and Jacqui Schuman for the eye opening talk and interactions and hope that they continue to open the eyes of other students around the nation about the issues concerning sexual violence and what masculinity truly is.

## GOLF TEAM COMPETES IN DICK PARK INVITE

**PATRICK MCAULEY '20**

| SPORTS EDITOR • This past weekend, the Little Giants Golf Team Competed in the Dick Park Invitational hosted by Franklin College at Timbergate Golf Course in Edinburgh, Indiana.

Wabash finished in fourth place, scoring a total of 660 points (329-331). The team trailed Franklin's "B" Team, who scored 647 points, by only 13 points. Will Osborn '22 and Kyle Warbinton '20 competed at their best.

Warbinton came out strong. He shot an 81 on the first day of the event and followed with a strong 79 on Sunday. His strong results placed him at ninth on the individual scores list.

Osborn played the best match of his career. With a personal best of 175 over the span of Saturday and Sunday, he placed sixth overall out of all the individual golfers.

The Little Giants as they compete at the Depauw Invitational.



IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

Kyle Warbinton '19 looks at chip.



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## COACH NOBLE SAYS GOODBYE

### WABASH SWIM COACH TAKES NEW JOB AT EVANSVILLE

**PATRICK MCAULEY '20 | SPORTS EDITOR •**

Earlier last week, Brent Noble, head coach of the swimming team, announced his decision to step down as head coach. He has been at Wabash for five years, giving the team his best during the span.

"We first heard the news right after practice," Sam Colaiacova '19 said. "It hit very hard for a lot of us because he is more than just a coach."

During his time at the College, Noble set a standard. Under his eye, seven athletes received All-NCAC Awards, including Jack Belford '15 who placed first in the 500-yard freestyle during his senior year Conference Tournament. 11 athletes set school records in various events, including Aaron Embree '19 and Kyle Louks '19.

Beginning in 2015, swimmers from different classes set 15 school records on the freshman team, which propelled many of the young athletes into starting positions during their following years. Furthermore, Noble coached Zachariah Banks '16, who received All-American Honors in the 100-yard and 200-yard

breaststroke back in 2016. Lastly, Coach Noble won the 2016 Conference Coach of the Year. He has various accolades. Many of the swimmers attribute their success to his unique characteristics and coaching style.

Noble cared about his swimmers. Embree, who joined the team during his sophomore year at Wabash, developed a relationship with Noble right off the bat. In an interview, the young diver spoke about the intermediate period when divers must qualify for nationals at regionals. It is time classified by solidarity and individuality as the divers constantly hone their skills to make the national tournament.

"Brent is always there," he said with a massive smile on his face. "He cares so much about every single swimmer and diver on the team. I think that is why this is so hard for everybody."

Though hard, the team now looks ahead for what is to come: a new coach. According to sources on the team, the guys have not heard about an official declaration.

"It's still very early," Colaiacova said. "We

have heard some names of potential candidates." Though they do not know much about what to expect, both Embree and Colaiacova understand the type of coach that their team needs and deserves.

"Somebody that is willing to listen and really get to know who they are coaching," Embree said. "Somebody who wants the best for everyone."

Similarly, Colaiacova mentioned the importance of the new coach's understanding of Wabash. "[A coach] that is understanding of tradition, one that is understanding of a liberal arts education, and one that can push guys in more than just swimming."

It is these characteristics that will continue to push the culture of the Wabash swim team towards achieving fine results, but Coach Noble played a big role in that. Nonetheless, Noble will see new opportunities. He is off to the University of Evansville, where he will move with his family. We wish him the best at his new job.



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Coach Noble cheers after a race as he looks at the scoreboard.



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