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Jack Davidson '21 maneuvers past defenders in Wabash's matchup against Kenyon College.

CONTAGIOUSLY COMPETITIVE

ERIC CHAVEZ '19 | STAFF WRITER • Jack Davidson '21 from Fishers, Indiana has made a name for himself on the basketball court here at Wabash. If you don't know the name, you might know him as the youngest looking person on campus. Don't let the baby face fool you, in his first

year of college basketball, Davidson is averaging 17.4 points to go along with 5.1 rebounds and 3.1 assists a game. To put up numbers like this as a freshman takes a remarkable amount of talent.

"The kid is just dead set on playing basketball," Head Coach Kyle Brumett said. "The game is so important to him,

and he shows it. No matter what time I end practice, he is always the last one to leave." With this work ethic, it isn't much of a surprise to see the success that Davidson is having in his first year.

Along with his work ethic, Davidson

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SENATE UPDATE

IAN WARD '19 | ONLINE

EDITOR • In the second meeting of Oliver Page's presidency, Student Senate was full of budget allocations and a few denials. Overall, the vast majority of budget requests were approved either by the Audit and Finance Committee (AFC) or the Student Senate Body. However, there were two budgets that both the Student Senate and AFC had issues with and are now back in the hands of the Inter Fraternity Council (IFC), and W.A.R. Council.

First, the IFC requested \$20,000 for a variety of events throughout the semester, including Fraternity Day, a possible trip to an Indianapolis Fuel game, and Pan-Hel drink ware. The issue with the budget was an overall disorganized approach, and unspecific estimates regarding actual costs for transportation, catering, and event fees. Therefore, after fruitful discussion, the Senate moved to return the budget to the IFC for clarification and re-drafting.

The second budget with issues was the W.A.R. council. The council had three budget requests that the Senate took issue with, retroactive funding for a conference, t-shirts for the student body, and t-shirts for prospective students. The retroactive funding request was for an APPLE conference that took place on the week of January 22, 2018. This funding was denied, as retroactive funding is not allowed per AFC bylaws, and an early allocation request was not taken forth to the AFC, therefore the Senate was not in a position to fund the request. The second and third requests were for t-shirts and the request totaled \$8,000. After discussion regarding Senate apparel policy, as well as the use of t-shirts as a potential recruiting tool, it was voted to deny the requests as they were seen as a non-productive use of Senate funds.

The rest of the budget was approved, and clubs wishing to gain access to more funds will be able to go through the additional request process.

HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

HOMICIDE IN THE AIR

Hi-Five to the murder of crows that are making themselves feel at home on Wabash's campus and to the students that are provoking them. This past Tuesday, Jade Doty '18 was the lone student walking on Wabash's mall at 8pm when a single firework was shot into the trees behind Center Hall. As Doty solely walked across the mall in pitch black, 1,200 crows flew over the mall, leaving him feeling like a sinister character in one of Poe's short stories and needing to do some laundry.

TRADITION MELTS AWAY

In an attempt to revive the campus tradition of the east vs west snowball fight, TKEs bisected the mall with a snowwall in the first week of classes. Alas, they were thwarted by rising temperatures and were unable to revive the slush-slinging brawl. With all the hot air wafting over from the District of Columbia, it seems unlikely that we will see a successful attempt this winter.

DTD KICKS OFF CAMPUS SOCIAL LIFE

Congrats to Delt for officially coming back on campus with their party last weekend. Sure, they've throw some "parties" last semester, but they were get-togethers compared to lthis shin-dig. They have completely shed their GDI genology for Greek alleles. Even though the crowd was younger than usual, it still was a good time. Welcome back boys!

ONE MAN'S TRASH...

With a complete disregard to the current flu outbreak and sanitation in general, Trevor Hix '19 made a questionable move at the Delt's rave by snagging not one, but two Juuls off the dirty, sweaty dancefloor. They say finders keepers, but who the loser is in this situation is in question.

SENIORS BEGIN CHECK-OUT PROCESS

As the rest of the student body enjoyed their extra week of break this January, the class of 2018 returned to begin the rite-of-passage known as Comps. What the rest of the campus may not realize is that immediately following Comps, the 'check-out process' begins. This check out process has nothing to do with submitting the formal graduation application, rather it involves the seniors mentally and emotionally detaching from any and all responsibility. Hopefully, they still have enough motivation left in the tank to secure a decent post-Wabash job.

FLU SEASON HITS CAMPUS

JACKSON BLEVINS '20 | STAFF WRITER • The transition from fall to winter brings frigid temperatures, the occasional snowfall, and unfortunately, the flu. October to January is normally the time where some form of influenza, better known as the flu, spreads across the country and infects most parts of the United States in some way. Currently, every state except for Hawaii has reported widespread flu activity.

37 children have already died in the United States in 2018, and this year's flu season is on pace to be the worst since the swine flu pandemic in 2009. Numbers are showing that this year's flu season is set to equal or surpass that of the 2014-2015 flu season in which the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimated that 34 million Americans got the flu and about 56,000 people died. What is causing this heavy spike? The H3N2 strain of the flu is sweeping across the country at an alarming rate. Although this strand is not new and has been affecting humans for fifty years, it continues to mutate and avoid being completely controlled by vaccinations.

Many rumors have been spread about the effectiveness of this season's flu shots, and it is unclear of the exact effectiveness. Last year's flu shots were 39% effective for all flu strains and 32% effective for the H3N2 strand. Since flu season is not over, the CDC can only estimate that this year's vaccine effectiveness is very similar to last year's. The flu has garnered much attention on a national scale, and it has also made an impact here at Wabash.

Head Basketball Coach Kyle Brumett faced a huge challenge over

winter break as it spread quickly throughout his team. "I haven't seen anything like this year," Brumett said. "We have 19 guys on our team, and 10 of them had some version of the flu. Some guys had the aches, pain, and fever, while others dealt with stomach issues. If you can find one positive, it's that it didn't happen during class time, so our guys couldn't spread it across the campus." Brumett cited that it took a toll on many players and caused many key players to have rest or not play due to increased fatigue from the influenza virus.

Dr. John Roberts '83 and Nurse Carol Lamb in the Student Health Center have also been impacted by this year's flu season. Over break, Roberts sent out a campus-wide email titled "INFLUEZA – RED ALERT", and proceeded to talk about the dangers of flu season. Roberts cited that the flu can spread rapidly across a living unit and college campus, and it is safe to say he hit the nail on the head with this prediction. Along with many suggestions as to how to avoid the flu in Roberts' email, Lamb had some wise words for everyone on campus.

"Make sure you are washing your hands whenever you can to prevent the spread of germs," Lamb said. "The Student Health Center runs just like a physician's office, except there is no charge. We have a small dispensary of medicine that the doctor can also give you for free. We see anything and everything, so if you have any type of concern, we encourage you to come see us." Eat healthy, rest up, and stay sanitary, Wallies, flu season will be over before we know it.



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Flu season hits classrooms hard this time of year. Students are advised to practice sanitary flu prevention methods, and to go to the Student Health Center if they are feeling ill.

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TRUSTEES, NAWM DINE WITH STUDENTS

ALUMNI, BOARD MEMBERS, AND STUDENTS EXCHANGE WABASH EXPERIENCES

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'18 | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • The Board of Trustees convenes on campus each quarter to gain perspective from the students and faculty of the College, collaborate on solving campus issues, and reconnecting with their alma mater. You can say what the Board of Trustees does here is fairly similar to most colleges across the country, except for one thing: few schools have trustees who attempt to reach the level of student engagement for which Wabash's trustees routinely strive.

For their first quarter meeting every year, the Board, along with members of the National Association of Wabash Men (NAWM), meet on the weekend of the Celebration of Student Research, which took place last Friday. This is just one way alumni engage with students and the work put forth in courses and summer internships. Further, student presenters, as well as any undergraduate juniors and seniors, are all invited to sit down and share a meal with Trustees and NAWM members in Knowing Fieldhouse that evening.

"Our trustee weekends are busy, packed full," Jay Allen '79, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, said. "But, we work hard to find time to meet students. We want the same things that the students do—to support the faculty, to support the infrastructure, to figure out how we attract the kind of students that make Wabash what it is—that's the kind of insight we hope to get from these events."

Despite the dinner's past reputation for poor student attendance, this year marked a reversal of the trend. The students turned out to engage the Board and talk about their futures, thoughts on the state of the College, and any other topic that might come up. Both the alumni and the students left the dinner with full stomachs, brotherly sentiments, and a better understanding of each other. But what exactly is the purpose of the Board of Trustees as a body? It's a

question many students probably ask themselves, and the lack of understanding likely plays a role in some students' lack of interest in attending these rare events.

"One thing that is really important to understand is that the Board of Trustees doesn't run the College. Dr. Hess runs the College along with his staff," Allen said. "We try to use the diversity of experience both in terms of years and background. We have bankers, lawyers, doctors; we have all kinds of people who bring all kinds of variety and perspectives to our beloved Wabash College."

Essentially, the Board and President Hess' administrative staff work together to ensure that Wabash works at exceptional levels. They share ideas and offer insight with respect to possible initiatives. The Board brings their industry specific knowledge to the table, with marketing executives helping shape the College's brand and financial experts offering guidance on the management of the endowment and raising capital for on campus infrastructure improvements. While the Board might weigh in on these initiatives, the staff of the College execute the plans created by these discussions. The staff are the experts when it comes to running the school, as it is their professional endeavor. The pool of advice provided by the Board of Trustees aid the staff in their execution of these plans, and these plans will reshape the campus as a whole.


"It's great seeing how much the trustees care about our college and the degree to which they consider feedback from the students," Oliver Page '19, President of the Student Body, said. "I think we as a student body need to better understand how special this is. The fact that so many students get to interact with trustees on this level is a tradition we should cherish and fully embrace as a college."

The next Board of Trustees weekend will be held during the weekend of commencement from May 10-12.



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Students and alumni swap stories, share future hopes, and enjoy a good meal together.



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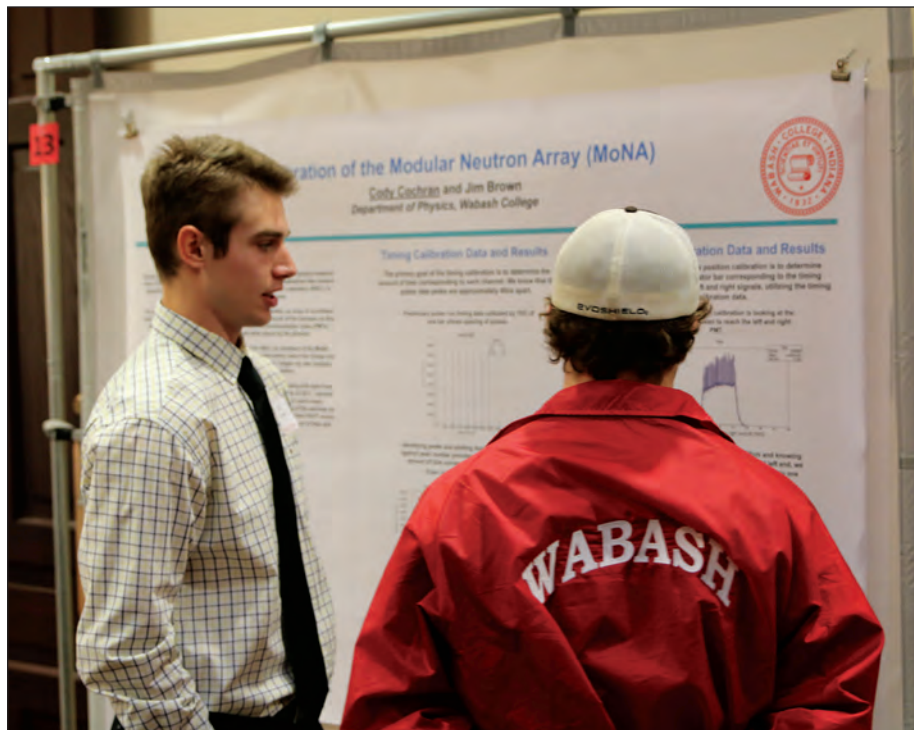
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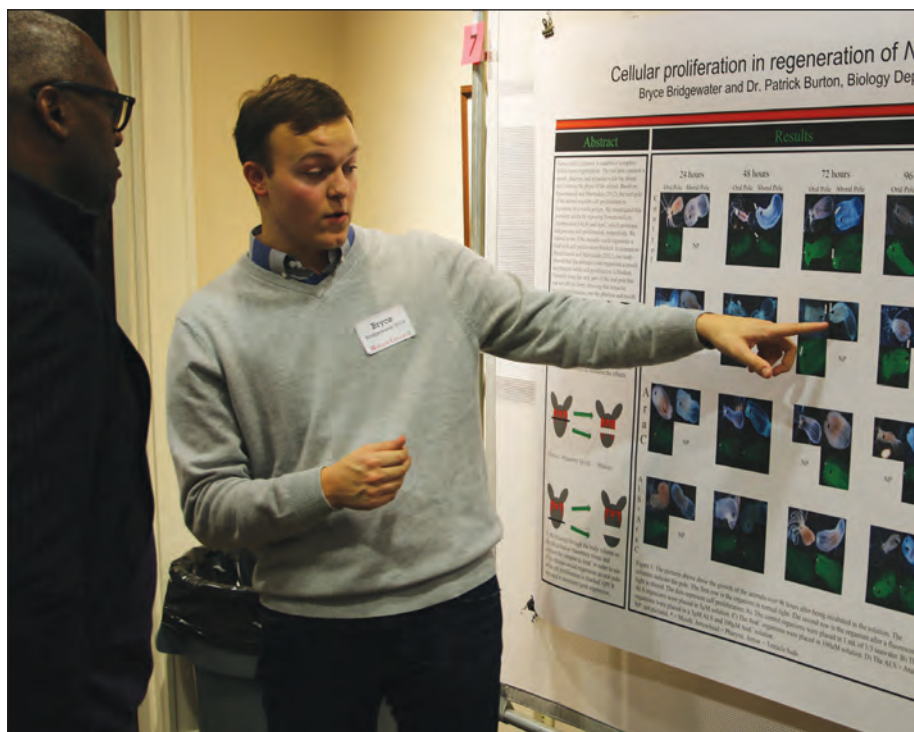
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Cody Cochran '18 breaks down neutron scattering to a fellow Wally.



CLAYTON HUBER '21 / PHOTO

Tung Bui '18 summarizes his findings during last Friday's Celebration of Student Research.



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Bryce Bridgewater '19 details his research of cellular proliferation to onlookers.

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President Trump addressed Congress Tuesday night regarding the State of the Union.

STUDENTS WEIGH IN ON SOTU

JACOB ROEHM '18 | GUEST WRITER • The State of the Union address is typically a chance for the president to pull together the nation by calling upon our shared values and experiences. This year's address was a remarkable display of self control from a president who rarely exhibits it. It is telling that the Democratic reaction to President Trump's speech on Tuesday echoes Republican responses to President Obama during his two terms. It is clear to anyone that the divisions between left and right in this country have grown deeper over the past two years. Today, the left and the right in this country see two completely different worlds. When the president speaks about bringing together all Americans, those of us on the left see his disregard for common decency and the norms of public behavior. Indeed the president spent a great deal of time talking about bringing the country together while Democrats tried to control their contempt for the president. Representative Kennedy,

in his response on behalf of the Democratic Party, talked powerfully about the anxiety of living under such a rash and unpredictable leader. These anxieties and the genuine harm that Republican policies and congressional infighting are having on everyday Americans does not bode well for the president's party. On the other hand, the Democratic Party has fared well since the election, genuine anger at President Trump is set to give us gains in the next election cycle. However, in the long term, the cultural and economic divides in this country must be addressed if Democrats want to take back the White House and make real gains in the legislative branch. Democrats must ensure that debates over important issues do not devolve into shouting matches. Civility and substance will win elections in the long term, not berating and belittling our opponents. Often, Democrats will have to reach across the aisle and find common solutions even if the president won't.

ISAIAH MEARS '20 | GUEST WRITER • As President Donald Trump took us on a journey through this past year, I couldn't help but think that the American Dream is alive and prospering. Mr. President talked of tax cuts and unemployment being at an all-time low. He then hit on the bringing back of jobs from overseas, and the investment of billions of dollars into the U.S. economy from companies like Apple and Exxon mobile. With this economic landscape, many have been able to start and expand small business, which have been the backbone of the American economy for decades. The bolstering of the economy has left an optimistic outlook on its citizens who continue to chase their "American Dream."

Now, what I found this speech to lack was a clear agenda for future projects. The President seemed to be defending the advancements of the past year all night, and not talk about his plans for the future. We heard about North Korea and

immigration, but we failed to hear about the infrastructure plan in detail, or how he wants to combat the opioid crisis. I know that State of the Union addresses are not the place for specific detail, but parts of his speech were lacking in depth.

With that being said, the Republican party should be proud of the President's address. At the very least, this State of the Union was the most presidential we have seen from Trump, and that should give the country some much needed optimism, not just Republicans.

Finally, I found the most impressive part of this speech to be when Mr. President told the stories of the courageous American people. "No people on earth are so fearless, or daring, or determined as Americans, if there is a mountain, we climb it," he said. "If there is a frontier, we cross it." I believe that as Wabash men we are known to run towards conflict and confront it. Thus, we should take Mr. Trump's words and continue to change the world.

GRINDING THROUGH THE PROCRASTINATION

Wabash is a great school for procrastinators. At first, this may sound like I am talking negatively about our school, but honestly it's the perfect place for people like myself who have waited to answer the daunting question, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" By the time you are an upperclassman, it is common to think that you should have this figured out. Luckily for those of you that do not, you are not the only ones. I have struggled with this task. Being a history major, I always get the question, "So what are you going to do with that?" Before it is even asked: no, I do not want to be a historian or be a history professor. I decided to study history because I enjoy the subject. Even though I may not see myself pursuing a career particularly in this field, I believe the way Wabash pushes its students in anything that we study will allow us to be able to pursue any and all opportunities that present themselves before and after graduation.

So, what do I mean by Wabash pushes its students? Well, I don't know if you have



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noticed but Wabash is a pretty unique college. There are no weekday parties. There is no sleeping in class. There are not any classes where you can show up for only the midterm and the final and expect to get a good grade. It is drilled into you from day one that average is not satisfactory in anything that you do. This can be said because here at Wabash, every student is held accountable. This accountability forces students to work hard and take being a student seriously each and every day. This accountability is what prepares Wabash men to be able to thrive in the workplace after graduation. It

is what allows us to become leaders in our communities and exceptional husbands and fathers. When there is work to be done, Wabash men do it, and they take pride in doing a good job.

Wabash obviously wants success for its students in the classroom, but they also provide a multitude of career building and networking opportunities. We also boast one of the best alumni networks in the country along with being one of the best schools to get an internship. Utilize all of this to meet people who are doing things that interest you or by giving yourself different experiences to figure out if this is something that you enjoy or do not.

I am not inferring that Wabash is better than other schools; I am just saying that we are different. The College has high expectations for its students, and they truly want to see us succeed. Their formula is not to pigeonhole you into one occupation but for you to take many classes and get many experiences so that you can do something that you truly love and want to do once you graduate. So, for freshman who are already freaking out about

their majors or upperclassman who still don't know what they want to do for an occupation, you are not the only ones.

In my opinion, I honestly believe if you can grind through four years at Wabash, you can do anything. While you are in the thick of things you will question many times why you chose Wabash. You won't want to complete your readings or finish typing a paper... keep pushing yourself and holding yourself accountable. Why? Because that is what Wabash is all about. Developing a work ethic that other students from other schools may not ever have the opportunity to tap into.

So the next time someone asks you what you want to do after graduation, do not fret if you do not have an immediate response. Not everyone just wakes up wanting to be a lawyer or a pharmacist. Study hard here in whatever interests you the most. Learn intangible skills by participating in class and getting out of your comfort zones. In most careers, these are the skills that will set you apart. The more you push yourself here, the better employee, boss, and man you will become.

IT'S OKAY TO DISLIKE YOUR HOME

It's difficult to talk about your country in an honest and negative fashion. I should qualify that statement: when I'm with another American (here meaning U.S. Citizen), it's easy to talk about what we dislike about our country. There's an implicit understanding that even as we disparage our country, we love it. The, "yes, I hate such and such, but man do I love being American," unsaid bond does a lot for conversation. But, when I talk to someone from another country, especially with one we have a bad history with, it feels almost like betrayal to admit wrongdoing.

Even the most egregious crimes we commit are somehow defensible in the moment someone starts throwing our past around, and that doesn't sit right with me. I don't think it really sits right with anyone. I feel uncomfortable and dishonest; yet for some reason, I find it hard to stop myself from being defensive in an honest conversation with foreigners. Whereas, I would simply nod and agree, "Yes, that was a terrible thing we did," if I was talking to an American. Years of being brought up to love and defend a country



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is a hard thing to step past.

And, I do love my country. I really can't imagine living somewhere else. Cheesy as it sounds, not being able to get a good burger and a shake would probably hurt my soul. My chest swells when we sing our anthem, and my heart stops watching a shooting on the news. I think it's the same no matter your nationality: you can hate almost everything about your homeland, but you can't get away from grandma's signature meal, or your memories of playing with your friends, and the blast of nostalgia associated with those memories.

It's always tempting to take that feeling

to an extreme when you get in an argument with someone different, especially if you don't like them. To take that 'America' sentiment, whatever that means to you, and shove it in their face. So what people died? That's war. So what your government collapsed? You killed U.S. citizens, you killed my family, you hurt my country and me; you deserve to die. It's not a conscious thought and it's not something any of us are proud of, but it is there. That is an idea that is wrong in every sense, and there is no rational way to justify it.

We have to be able to take responsibility for our country's actions. As individuals, we have to be able to admit that our country did something wrong. That we as a nation failed, we can do better, and we need to do better. Being able to look someone who just made you feel dirty about what your forefathers did in the eye and say they're right is a huge part of that responsibility.

So, here's my political opinion: defending your country from criticism is wrong and misplaced. At college in general, we get to look at things from a new perspective and meet new people. For me, Wabash has allowed me to travel the world and

meet new people in a way I couldn't have otherwise: students from other countries, people in other countries, and people who I just wouldn't have met in the regular course of my life who are good friends now.

We get into spirited debates and arguments over a variety of things, from the names of cats on campus to whether or not we are all inherently racist. It's a great culture to be a part of. Yet, even here I still hear pretty casual nationalism and, yes, racism, in conversations about our politics [domestic and international]. I'm not trying to insult our college or country; rather I want to point out how easily anyone can fall into this pattern.

I can't give any informed advice on how to get past our defensive cultural stance. I'm not even observant enough to have noticed this on my own. I only started thinking about it after I got called out, roasted, and stewed over it for a while. Just being aware that I do get defensive and somewhat irrational in conversations about my homeland was a huge step in being more receptive and reasonable in conversations about it for me though.

WHAT MAKES THE FUNGAL KINGDOM MAGNIFICENT

For many people, when they think of a fungus, they often conjure up a mental image of bread mold, or a fuzzy, filamentous mass on a fruit. The question is really, how much does any one person know about the fungal branch of life, their lifestyles, interactions, and diversity? Here, I'm aiming to inform the uninformed on fungi and also about why anyone should want to know more about these fascinating organisms.

First things first, the scientific study of fungi (broadly) is termed *mycology*. This is reflected in the taxonomy of the lineage; groups in the Kingdom Fungi commonly have names ending in –*mycota* or –*mycetes*. In terms of their evolutionary relationships to things we're more familiar with, fungi are actually more closely related to animals than plants, which may be surprising. Fungi are heterotrophic, meaning they cannot make food from sunlight, water, and CO₂ as plants do, but instead obtain their energy comparably to animals. They are marvelously speciose; a recent estimate put the number of fungal species at 2.2-3.8 million species. Furthermore, fungi are over 1.5 billion years old as a kingdom, beating both plants and animals to make it on land. Beating them so well that early plants probably relied in part on the presence of fungi for their jump to land, and as we know, the land plants facilitated the



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arrival of animals, including us. So, we could thank the fungi in part for their help.

Fungi play extremely important roles in nearly every ecosystem on Earth. They and bacteria are the principal decomposers of dead organic matter, by secreting digestive enzymes into dead things they intend to eat. Things like cellulose in tough plant tissues are very hard to decompose; however, fungi are specialized to do the job and release the broken down components in a form usable by other organisms.

Thus, they are integral in mediating the input of nutrients (especially carbon) into the soil system, where it is potentially stored as recalcitrant matter. Without them, the carbon cycle would be drastically impeded, and global productivity of biomass would suffer. Fungi are well-equipped to absorb nutrients from the soil environment. Their bodies of filamentous “tubes” known as a hypha, have the highest

surface area to volume ratio of any other type of organism, which means they have the best absorptive capacity of any organism. Because of this, plant roots and fungi very often form a symbiosis in which the fungi obtain phosphorus and other nutrients in exchange for carbon from the plant. This allows the plant to access much more substrate than it otherwise would be able to reach by itself.

Demonstrating the importance of this relationship, many plants cannot persist as strongly without their fungal partners. This symbiosis is thus mostly mutualistic, and is termed a *mycorrhiza*. Because of the ubiquity of this mutualism, many strands of plants are intimately connected by underground networks of these fungi that allow for interplant communication and transport of valuable products. This network makes for some very interesting systems under the forest floor. One of these things that may interest those economics majors out there are what's known as *biological markets*. It has been shown that these mycorrhizal fungi are able to detect the presence of competitor fungi that intends to form a mycorrhiza with a plant of interest. When this happens, the fungi compete for the plant's carbon by lowering their “price” for phosphorus. Perhaps fungi beat Adam Smith to it by a few million years.

Any conversation on the fantastic world of fungi requires a discussion of their relations to us humans. Most obviously, we harvest mushrooms (the reproductive body) of fungi for their appetizing taste and psychotropic effects. More inconspicuously, fungi are essential in the production of other foodstuffs like bread, cheese, and beer, upon which humanity has relied quite strongly for most of its existence.

A British company has even managed to harvest protein from a fungal species to produce a delectable meat substitute. In addition to helping feed us, fungi are also the source of many antibiotics against bacteria. Given the competition between bacteria and fungi in ecosystems everywhere, it isn't surprising to learn that they produce some of the best compounds against bacteria. On the flip side, fungal pathogens against humans (and many other organisms) do exist and can be devastating. Fortunately, there are only around 300 known fungi that are pathogenic to humans, representing only about 0.25% of all described species.

I hope this (very brief) essay on the importance and awesomeness of the fungi serves as an interesting point for thought. I encourage everyone to learn more about these organisms, and to eat more of them, because eventually they'll be eating you.

FOR THE LOVE OF SPORTS, NEVER CHANGE

Sporting events have been bringing entertainment to humans around the world since before the Stone Age, literally. From gladiator games, to the Olympic games, sports have always been there for people. Sports have always been there for me. It is hard for me to say that there are many other things in life that can have such a profound effect on people like sports do.

I have grown up with sports, playing a huge part in who I am. Personally, I can attest to the fact that sports bring out emotions in people that a lot of things in life cannot. The pain of a 1-0 loss in the sectional championship baseball game your senior year of high school, the pain of a Monon Bell loss, the pain of an onside kick by the New Orleans Saints coming out of halftime of the Super Bowl against the Indianapolis Colts in 2009. Sports bring a lot of pain, yet we still love them. What else can bring



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so much pain and heartbreak that we would not try to get away from? Nothing. But with pain and what some sports fans will call misery, comes an unending love for competition.

Competition comes innately in humans in some form or another. Whether that be competing on the field or court, or in the classroom, everyone competes. Competition is one thing everyone understands, and it is the base of our love for sports. Adrenaline rushes through our bodies as the excitement and competition rise all to lead us

to one of two things: heartbreak or happiness. Everyone knows heartbreak, but happiness is harder to describe. What is happiness? It may seem odd to ponder this question in an article about sports, but the topics actually fit right together. Sports can provide pure happiness and elation, whether it be for only a few hours, days, or weeks. If you do not believe me, go ask a Cubs fan about November 2016, and I guarantee they will back me up on this. Ask a Wabash football player about the feeling the Monon Bell provides for them. Sports bring out pure emotions.

I am a lifelong Colts and Cincinnati Reds fan, and I have been lucky enough to watch the Colts in two Super Bowls, and the Reds win the NL Central and play in the postseason. I was heartbroken when the Colts lost the Super Bowl and when the Reds lost in the postseason in 2012, blowing a 2-0 series lead to the San Francisco Giants. Yet, my love for these teams will never falter. It is

interesting, because with how much of a diehard Reds fan I am, I always find myself with chills when the last out of the World Series is made (unless it's the Cardinals of course). The sensation is something I simply cannot explain. Maybe it's watching and knowing that in that exact moment, I know how so many other people are feeling. Maybe it's just me, but I know that is not the case.

Happiness is what we all search for, and sports can bring that feeling if even for a moment. Everything else goes away during competition. Whether you are living your best life or you are really struggling, sports bring everyone together. Humans love competition, especially Wabash men. Our innate feelings for competition is why sports are successful. Our innate competitive nature is the reason we open ourselves up for sports to break our hearts, but also bring us pure happiness. So I ask, please, for the love of sports, never change.

BE - JUULED

CHARLES FREY '19 | STAFF

WRITER • JADE DOTY '18 | CAVELIFE
EDITOR • “What flavor?” This is the usual response given when someone offers up their Juul. The new vaping device is continuing to rise in popularity across the United States, especially in today’s youth. The device initially came onto the market in 2015, but Juuling didn’t become a fad until just recently. Juuling is fairly new, but the vape culture’s beginnings date back several years ago. Many former cigarette smokers have switched to vape modules and devices over the past decade in attempt to quit combustible tobacco for health reasons, but the science behind the healthy alternative of vaping is still in the air.

On January 23, 2018, The New York Times published an article discussing the recent National Academies of Science report on vaping benefits and hazards. The report makes a final claim that, “there is conclusive evidence that completely substituting E-cigarettes for combustible tobacco cigarettes reduces users’ exposure to numerous toxicants and carcinogens present in combustible tobacco cigarettes.”

As far as whether or not it is a healthy alternative to smoking, the report was hesitant to say. “When it got down to answering the questions about what the impacts on health are, there is still a lot to be learned,” David Eaton, head of the committee that issued the report, said. And he’s right. Because of vaping is relatively new introduction to society, there are no long-term studies signifying one way or the other for which method is healthier for an individual.

Despite how little we know about the effects vaping has on health, there are varied reasons for one to begin racking good ohms and puffing those sick sick clouds. Whether transitioning down from traditional analog cigarettes or attempting to be hip with the times, students and staff at Wabash came forward to tell *The Bachelor* their experiences with vaping.

Rich Woods, Wabash’s Head of Security, is someone who used vaping to quit smoking. “I talked with one of our college doctors, Dr. Douglas,” Woods said. “He told me [vaping] was a good step. I started doing a lot of research to figure out what vaping was all about and then I decided to try it two and a half years ago. I haven’t had a cigarette since. For me, [vaping]



CAL HOCKMEYER '19 / PHOTO

The Juul has become a popular vaping device on college campuses across the United States.

was about quitting cigarettes. If you’re doing it to be cool or if it’s the new thing, I’m not sure I’m buying into it. If you don’t smoke, you shouldn’t start smoking.”

It is not surprising that the school’s Head of Security has sound advice to give when discussing tobacco use. The truth about Juuls is that they contain about 50mg of nicotine per Juul pod. This amount of nicotine is significantly greater than that of cigarettes, which usually contain 1mg of nicotine per heater. This basic fact is not widely known among the younger Juul population, which is possibly the reason why Juuls are so popular among the youth. It is well known that nicotine is highly addictive, so the increase amount of the chemical compound in Juuls creates a much higher dependence than cigarettes. In addition to the high dosage of nicotine in vaping modules, Wabash doctor John Roberts ’83 M.D. said that there should be concern for the other unknown chemicals in vaping liquids.

“I always have concerns when patients are putting foreign chemicals

in their bodies and particularly at younger ages when they are more susceptible to toxins and the lure of addictive substances,” Roberts said.

(For the sake of protecting the privacy of the super cool Juulers interviewed, *The Bachelor* will maintain the anonymity of our student sources.)

Although Juuls give users a greater exposure to nicotine than cigarettes, several students state their reason for Juuling is to quit smoking cigarettes. “I started smoking first, probably four or five [cigarettes] a week,” Anonymous Juuler 1 said. “Once one of my friends got a Juul last semester and I thought it was awesome, so now I can’t remember the last time I had a cig.” AJ1 says he even feels healthier now than when he was smoking cigarettes. “Obviously, the health effects haven’t been studied,” he said, “but when running, or when doing aerobic activities, using the Juul instead of a cig, my lungs feel a lot better.” While AJ1 feels better, another Juuler from campus isn’t so sure.

AJ2 began Juuling as a flameless alternative to cigarettes, a habit he picked up around the age of 13. “I saw

Juuling as a good opportunity to change to something perceived as safer,” he said. “They say it’s not as bad, but we don’t know if that’s true or not because it hasn’t been around for long.” AJ2 said cigarettes allowed him to breathe in an organized way that he just couldn’t force himself to do otherwise. With vaping, he fully believes the practice is bad for him, but his thoughts on why youth are picking up that habit showed an insight on the bigger issue at hand.

“I think our youth are exposed to a different society than youth have been in the past,” he said. “We don’t do a good job of addressing ways to combat mental illness and depression and youth nowadays turn to substances to deal with that.” With the new study, factors such as mental health, socio-economic status, and location were not factored into the reasons behind why teens might begin vaping, only that more and more are vaping. Follow AJ2’s advice and, “Seek counselors instead of a substance,” if anybody is having problems coping with stress, anxiety, depression, or any other negative mental health issue.

WINTER MOVIE REVIEW

AUSTIN RUDICEL '20 | STAFF

WRITER • With a month off from school for Winter Break, many students took this opportunity to visit the movie theater to see some of the popular films that came out recently. Many people flooded the theaters to see the latest installment in the *Star Wars* franchise, *The Last Jedi*. Although audiences had a mixed response to this movie, there were many other films that were released in late 2017 that people may have missed. With the recent Golden Globe Awards and the upcoming Academy Awards in March, many films that moviegoers might have overlooked rose to the top and received several nominations and awards. Here is a list of some recently released movies from Winter Break that you should see.

THE DISASTER ARTIST- The Disaster Artist tells the behind-the-scenes story of the making of the cult classic film, *The Room*. If you have not seen *The Room*, it is recommended to move that to the top of your must watch list, as there is nothing like it. The Disaster Artist stars James Franco, along with his brother Dave, as the dynamic duo Tommy Wiseau and co-star Greg Sestero who move to Hollywood to chase their shared dream of becoming famous actors. This comedy based on a true story will leave you laughing and greeting your friends with "Oh, hai Mark" for weeks.

THE POST- Nominated for many Golden Globes along with Oscar nominations for Best Picture and Best Leading Actress, *The Post* is a suspenseful retelling of The Washington Post deciding to go against the government and publish classified documents that exposed lies from the government during the Vietnam War. These papers would later be known as The Pentagon Papers, and by publishing them to inform the public, The Washington Post created a sense of trust in the news as people now knew the news would attempt to protect them from government scandals. As a film about the significance of news reporting, *The Bachelor* staff highly recommends this movie.

MOLLY'S GAME- If you are a fan of playing poker, this movie is directed towards you. *Molly's Game* tells the true story of Molly Bloom, a former olympic skier, who quits sports to take part in hosting a secret, high-stakes, poker game where celebrities, business leaders, and anyone with lots of money can come gamble. After being busted by the FBI, Molly must present her case that she did not make

any money illegally from hosting the poker games. After seeing this movie, you might feel inspired to host your own secret high-stakes poker game at Wabash.

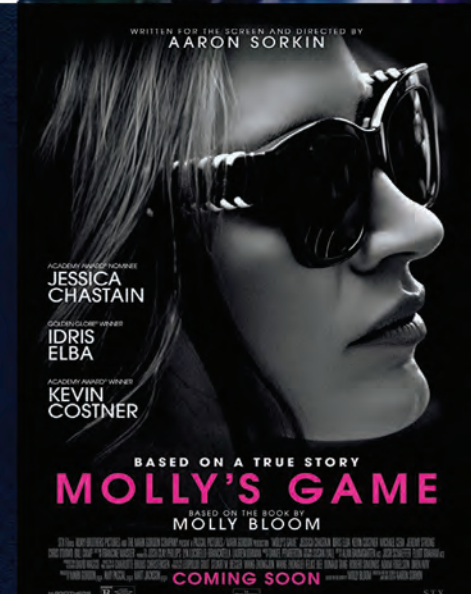
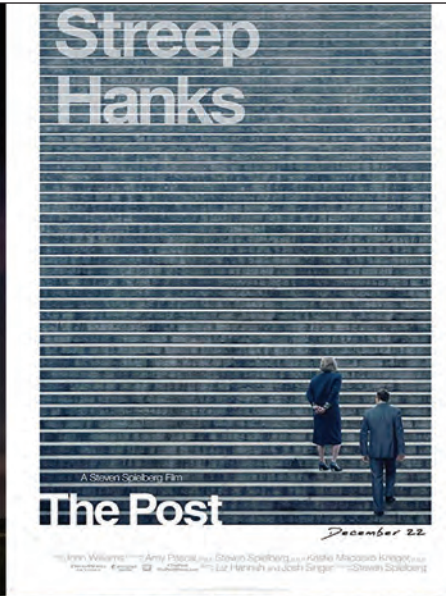
THE GREATEST SHOWMAN- Starring Hugh Jackman, Zendaya, and Zac Efron, *The Greatest Showman* is a musical that tells the story of P.T. Barnum in his journey in starting from nothing to becoming the iconic showman of the world famous circus. Winning a Golden Globe for best original song and nominated for an Academy Award in the same category, the songs of *The Greatest Showman* are incredibly catchy and joyful and will be stuck in your head for weeks.

If you are looking for an exciting movie that will leave you with a warm feeling in your chest, this is the movie for you.

THE SHAPE OF WATER- Nominated for over a dozen Academy Awards and winner of The Golden Globes for Best Director, *The Shape of Water* is Guillermo del Toro's most extraordinary film. In *The Shape of Water*, Elisa is a cleaner for a secret government facility who cannot speak due to a childhood injury damaging her vocal cords. When the government finds and captures a mysterious Creature from the Black Lagoon-esque creature, Elisa must risk her life to rescue the creature

from impending dissection.

THREE BILLBOARDS OUTSIDE EBBING, MISSOURI- Frances McDormand gives an award winning performance as Mildred Hayes, the mother of a child who was abducted and murdered. After a year of no leads, she rents three billboards and puts a message to attack the chief of police for his lack of progress. The film is an intense battle between a justice seeking mother and the entire police force that escalates her to further and further heights. With seven Academy Award nominations including Best Picture, you must be misreading the signs if you do not see this movie.



The Shape of Water has 7 oscar nominations this year, while James Franco did not receive a nomination for his highly reviewed portrayal of Tommy Wiseau in *The Disaster Artist*.

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CAMPUS EVENTS TO ANTICIPATE THIS SPRING

STEVE BAZIN '18 | STAFF WRITER •

The spring semester does not carry the same level of excitement and anticipation that comes with Chapel Sing, the Homecoming Competition, or the long road leading up to the Monon Bell Classic. 2018 my feel like it has had a bleak and frigid start, but there is still a lot to look forward to in the Spring semester.

The first major event of the semester will be the announcement of comps grades. Early in February, the class of 2018 will breathe a collective sigh of relief when the majority of them find out they passed. Many seniors will likely be absent from their classes on that Friday after a night of well-earned celebration at the Neon Cactus.

Sharing a meal is how many fraternity brothers build fellowship in their Houses. Wabash Fraternity Day kicks off the week-long celebration of Greek life known as Pan Hel. The business casual event includes a catered luncheon by Bon Appetite which is a step from the standard meals served at Sparks or in a Fraternity house. The luncheon has members from all the fraternities inter-mingling with one another, building fellowship between the various brotherhoods. After the meal, members of each of Wabash's ten national fraternities give a speech highlighting their trials and triumphs over the last year.

The IFC holds a different competition each night during Pan Hel Week, including tug-of-war and a dodgeball competition. For five days, the fraternities will battle to determine the winner. Pan

Hel Week culminates in the Bed Race around the mall. Freshman from each fraternity stuff a mattress into a shopping cart, and race each other down the mall. The Bed Races are truly a sight to behold, and the spectacle put on the freshman should definitely be seen in person.

In charity news, Sets on the Beach, a charity volleyball tournament, occurs every year towards the end of each April. The event has been organized by various organizations and fraternities since it first began in 2013. Teams of six, usually composed of fraternity brothers, pay an entrance fee, and compete for bragging rights and a small cash prize. Most of the entrance money goes to charity.

Also, the biggest parties of the year occur in April. Beta holds Betamania and Betona. Betamania is a party celebrating the sport of semi-professional wrestling. Betona is a party to relive the fun that came with spring break just weeks before. Also, Fiji Island held at the Fiji house that reinvents what the word "tropical." The best part of these parties are the usually occur in following weekends.

Finally, Awards Chapel happens during the slow weeks before finals and commencement. Outstanding students from each department are recognized for their achievements during the school year. Students may be recognized for a paper they published, either alone or with a professor, or for demonstrating excellence in their field of study. The admiration of one's professors and fellow students is reward enough, but award winners often win a cash prize as well.



JADE DOTY '18 / PHOTO

Beta Theta Pi, Fiji, and now Delta Tau Delta are fraternities that throw campus wide social events every spring.



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Students have several things to look forward too in the spring, whether that be earning money at the Awards Chapel, fraternity socials, or campus-wide charity events.



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TAKING NOTES - DR. GELBMAN

IAN WARD '19 | ONLINE EDITOR •

In the continuing The Bachelor series, Taking Notes, this past week we sat down with Shamira Gelbman, Assistant Professor of Political Science. To start, we were curious as to what genre Gelbman was first exposed to in childhood and how it shaped her current preferences in music.

"Growing up in Brooklyn, NY you may think that my music preferences were quite stereotypical, but it's weird," Gelbman said. This weirdness is due to the fact that Gelbman grew up in a religious community consisting of Greek Orthodox Jewish people. Therefore, from a early age Gelbman liked traditional classical music and opera-like religious hymns. With this sense of music came her own musical talents, which included being involved in various choirs and singing groups, as well as playing the piano.

This musical taste continued throughout Gelbman's formative years, however once she began her undergraduate studies at Hunter College, Gelbman began to expand her musical offerings. Those offerings included pop songs of the 1990's, not including the Grunge Movement. Also while at Hunter, Gelbman was involved in the Campus

Hip-Hop club that was very prevalent at that time in New York City.

So what now? According to Gelbman, if she is grading papers or completing academic work, she is much more likely to listen to classical music or religious music of her formative years. This compares to driving and regular music listening where Gelbman prefers the 90's or modern pop that we all know of. However, there is one outlier in Gelbman's music taste- Kanye West's "Power" and similar beats.

According to Gelbman in graduate school, she began to get into Powerlifting and Cardio, and with the additions in lifestyle, her associated music taste changed. Therefore, within the playlists of Gelbman, there are several soundtracks associated with workouts. For cardio, there are various playlists each with a set time associated with it, and a specific non-vocal then vocal song pattern to keep with the beat of the workout such as West's "Power." For lifting workouts, Gelbman prefers songs that have specific beats to associate with lifting movements.

Therefore, we can see that, like many other professors on campus, Gelbman's music tastes are as diverse as course offerings at Wabash.



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Dr. Gelbman enjoys to listen to Kanye West while she exercises at the Allen Center.



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is an extremely competitive person. “His competitiveness is his best and his worst attribute,” Brumett said, “He is a very results oriented person and that is something that is going to help move the program forward.”

With great success comes great responsibility. As a freshman, it might be hard to come to a team and be a leader but Davidson has handled the pressure seamlessly. “He leads with his actions,”



Jack Davidson '21 drives towards the basket on Chadwick Court.

IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

Brumett said. “He’s fiery and shows lots of emotions on his sleeve but at the end of the day he finds ways to positively influence everyone on the team.”

Davidson’s work ethic and leadership ability is great. “He just has an edge that you don’t see a lot in a Division III basketball player,” Brumett said. “It’s contagious and has spread throughout the entire team. It’s very exciting and we are looking forward to the future.” This unteachable edge, along with a strong work ethic, seems to be what separates him from the others on the court and will help him in other aspects of his life.

As a freshman, Davidson hasn’t declared a major or minor, but he hopes to study economics along with business. In his first semester at Wabash, he earned a 3.83 GPA while making the transition from high school to college both in the classroom and on the court.

“It wasn’t easy,” Davidson said, “The work load is higher and time management is harder, but I’ve always relied on my hard work to get things done both in basketball and in school, and I just tried to keep that mindset once I got here.”

Both the transition in the classroom and on the court is tough, but Davidson has made it look easy. “My teammates and coaches have helped me too,” Davidson said. “Being able to use their experiences has helped me grow.” He also gives a lot of credit to his family, “My parents are big inspirations to me,” Davidson said. “They have always supported me in everything, they are my biggest fans, and I can’t thank them enough.” Davidson also has an older brother who he admires. “I look up to my brother both on and off the court,” he said. “He taught me that nothing comes without hard work and I try to live by that.”

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SWIMMING STARTS SEMESTER 2-0

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Wabash Swimming spent an entire week training as a team in Florida over break.

PATRICK MCAULEY '20 | STAFF WRITER • Over the course of winter break, most Wabash students indulge in the leisurely activities associated with down time or work to grab some extra cash for spring semester. However, the Wabash swimming and diving team spent time doing what they do best, living in the water.

For one full week, the squad headed down to Indian Rocks Beach, Florida. This front end of the season is an allocated period where training with intensity is crucial. Essentially, it's not a vacation. Guys get in the water with one purpose: to grow faster, better, and stronger. It can be a miserable experience for athletes of this stature, but team bonding helped to ease the tension. Dakota Rhodes '18, has been on the team for four years now, and he has come to believe in importance of this team diving event.

"Every year the team takes these trips not only to train hard, but increase moral and relationships on the team," Rhodes said. "Out of four years as a Wabash Swimmer, my favorite memories are made in these trips."

Team chemistry is necessary for strong, competitive results. These Wabash athletes focused on cohesiveness alongside their everyday efforts in the water. Head Coach Brent Noble insinuated an inner-squad meet in which swimmers divided up into different teams for racing purposes. Outside

the pool, they put on a few relaxed events such as a skit show and trivia night. Noble believes their abilities to nurture chemistry stem from strong character, and Wabash places a major emphasis on recruiting these types of student athletes.

After returning home from a strong week of training, the squad took on IUPUI. The Jaguars' head coach, Matt Bos, was Noble's coach during his senior year at Eastern Illinois. During this reunion, the Little Giants had good results. Benny Liang '20, Chaz Rhodes '18, Wesley Slaughter '21, and Jan Dziadek '21 gained first place points in the 200-freestyle relay. Benjamin Klimczak '21 finished first in the 100 backstroke, putting up a time of 52.81. Kyle Louks '19 finished second in the 100 butterfly. The team uses this meet to prepare for conference.

This meet was a confidence booster. Going into conference, the Little Giants will take on Denison University and Kenyon College. These are two of the top DIII swim programs in the country. After a tough loss to the Jaguars, the Wabash guys are not satisfied. The mental and physical strength they have gained from winter break and the meet against IUPUI will only add to their performance in conference. The NCAC Swimming and Diving Conference Championships will take place on February 14 through February 17 at Denison University.



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STRONG DEFENSE LIFTS BASKETBALL PAST KENYON

ZACH MOFFETT '19 | STAFF

WRITER • The Little Giants basketball team is making strides this season. They just came off a tough loss against top conference opponent, the College of Wooster. Wabash followed up the tough loss with conference opponent Kenyon College at home Saturday. Kenyon is 6-12 overall in the 2017-2018 season. The Little Giants went into the contest with an 8-10 record.

The first half Wabash put on a performance defensively. They held Kenyon to 32.1% shooting from the field and 9.1% from beyond the arc. Kenyon only put up 24 points in the first half against Wabash. While the Wabash defense was solid, the offensive side of the ball was in a drought. They turned the ball over seven times in the first half and only managed to put up 33 points in the first half against a weak Kenyon defense. Wabash shot 48.3% from the field and 27.3% from behind the arc. Jack Davidson '21 and Harrison Hallstrom '20 led the charge with 11 points and eight points, respectively.

The second half seemed similar to the first as Kenyon struggled to put it together all around. They only managed to put up 27 points in the second half. Their shooting

percentage would change slightly as they shot 28% from the field and 18.2% from three point range. They still were able to force Wabash to turn the ball over four more times. Despite the turnovers, the Wabash defense played fantastic. The Little Giants offense still fell into a little bit of a struggle in the second half. "We just have to get things going more on the offensive end," Hallstrom said. "We are leaving a lot of shots that we have open. We were definitely more prepared for the than the past and defensively we held them to 51 which is just really great."

Jack Davidson '21 finished with 15 points and Hallstrom finished with 13 points. Max Flinchum '21 recorded his first career points on Saturday against Kenyon. Colten Garland '20 has moved into sixth all-time in Wabash basketball history for career three point baskets. He hit his 110th in the game against Kenyon. Garland finished the game with five points. The Little Giants take their ninth win this season. The final score, Wabash 65 Kenyon 51.

Wabash will take on their next two opponents at home against conference opponents Hiram and Allegheny. Wabash moves to 9-10 overall and 5-7 in conference.



IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

Harrison Hallstrom '20 puts up a layup against Wabash's game against Kenyon.



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Connor Rotterman '21 drives against an opponent from top-ranked conference team, Wooster.



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WRESTLING SWEEPS ‘MAX SERVIES’ DUALS

JAKE CHRISMAN '20 | STAFF WRITER • On Saturday, January 20, the Little Giant wrestling team hosted the Max Servies Duals in Knowing Fieldhouse. The team had an impressive showing on the day, finishing 3-0 and dominating the mat in all three competition. The Little Giants competed against Thomas More College, the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, and Cornell College. “As a team I feel like we wrestled pretty well,” Jared Timberman '21 said. “It was probably the best we’ve wrestled all year and we beat a tough team in Cornell.” Notable performances were Sunny Nier '21, Kyle Hatch '21, and Grant Gough '18, all going 3-0 on the day.

The Little Giants took on Thomas More College in the first round, but it was hardly a contest with the Little Giants winning 45-0. Nier picked up the first win of the day with a 17-0 technical fall. Chris Diaz '19 followed with a hard fought 2-0 win. Riley Lomenick '21 kept the momentum with an 11-3 victory in the 141-pound

weight class. Austin Bethel '21 and Hatch both had impressive wins. Bethel pinning his opponent in the first period and Hatch winning by technical fall 17-2. Ethan Herrin '20, Alex Dague '19, Hunter Bates '20, Gough, and Wade Ripple '21 all won matches as well in the first round to give Wabash the 45-0 victory.

“The wrestling team did very well at the Max Servies Duals,” Diaz said. “The coaches did a great job at using everyone they needed for the Varsity matches, as well as making sure everyone got at least one match in.”

In round two, the Little Giants were matched up against University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and expended little effort in this match as well, winning 44-3. Nier started off with his second technical fall of the day. Owen Doster '20 picked the Little Giants second victory of the match and his first of the day with a 15-7 victory. The Little Giants followed with a technical fall from Brice Everson '20, another pin from Bethel, and Hatch ultimately received a forfeit. Darden

Schurg '19 pinned his opponent in the first period following an 11-6 win from Timberman. “I think I wrestled okay on the day,” said Timberman. I put myself into bad positions a couple times but I was able to wrestle through them.” After dropping the 184-pound match in overtime, the Little Giants rallied to close out the end of the match with two wins from Gough and Max Bishop '21.

The Little Giants would cap off the day with an impressive 32-12 victory over Cornell College. Doster won the first match against Cornell 18-2, following a forfeit to Nier. Everson left the mat after an 8-0 win, followed by Hatch's third win of the day. Timberman won his second match of the day 8-3, setting the stage for Schurg's second win. Gough would collect the Little Giants final win with a 6-5 victory at the 197-pound weight class. “Gough wrestled really well and finished 3-0 on the day,” Timberman said. “He faced some good opponents, but was able to keep his composure and stay tough.”

Finishing 3-0 on the day as a team the Little Giants swept their first tournament of the year. “This was a good tournament for us to have going into the last couple weeks of the regular season,” Diaz said. “That being said, these next couple weeks are going to be a grind, but it's what we were going to need to push everyone through nationals.”

The Little Giants return to action tomorrow after getting some rest the past two weeks. “Out practices have been really good over the past two weeks,” Timberman said. “We have been focusing on pushing the pace and staying strong in our matches.” The Wallies take the mat at the John Summa Invitational hosted by Baldwin Wallace University in Berea, Ohio. Wrestling starts at 9 a.m in the Lou Higgins Center. “As a team we are getting behind each other and pushing each other to be the best we can be. We want to put up another banner, and we want it to say 1st,” Timberman said. “Ultimately though, the goal is to be the best wrestler you can be.”



IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

Wabash wrestling dominated all three of their opponents, Thomas More, UW - Oshkosh, and Cornell College at the Max Servies Duals.

TENNIS OPENS SEASON WITH WINS AGAINST AUGUSTANA AND EDGEWOOD

ANDREW HARVEY '21 | STAFF WRITER • The Wabash tennis team began their season with victories at Augustana College this past Saturday, besting Augustana and Edgewood College. George Go '18, Krill Ivashchenko '18, Nicholas Pollock '18, William Reifeis '18, Jordan Greenwell '19, Patrick McAuley '19, and Andrew Denning '20 are taking up racquets for Wabash this season. Head Coach Jason Hutchison, entering his 14th season as coach, is looking forward to upcoming matches.

"We are excited for this season because of the experience on our roster," Hutchison said. "Every

member of this team has played in a varsity match at some point in their career. That experience should put us in positions to be successful in tight matches."

Hutchison is not the only person excited for this season. McAuley shared similar sentiments. "Not only are we good tennis players, but our team is really well-rounded personality wise," McAuley said. "Because of that, we are very cohesive on and off the court. We've all been working very hard to stay in shape for this season. Confidence and chemistry are our strengths." A lack of spirit will certainly not trouble the Little

Giant tennis team.

Both coach and player believe the tennis team will triumph in the face of tough opposition this season. "I feel confident that we are going to excel in pressure situations because of the experience that I described earlier," Hutchison said. "Plus, our team chemistry is outstanding. These guys genuinely want to see each other excel."

"When playing against teams that are good at tennis historically, we just have to believe that we can beat them," McAuley said. "Coach Hutch encourages to push each other, to see not only intrinsic motivation, but also to elevate each other to succeed. As long as that

mentality is present, we can win."

The tennis team strives to have the Wabash student body's support. There are plenty of opportunities to watch the tennis team play this month. At home, the tennis team will face Oberlin College on Feb. 3 and Kalamazoo College on Feb. 4. Then, the team will travel to John Carroll University and Case Western Reserve University on Feb. 10. After, the team is at against Kenyon College on Feb. 17 and Wheaton College on Feb. 24. Additional schedule information for the tennis team can be found online at sports.wabash.edu. Wallies, let's get out there and cheer on our tennis team.

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Jordan Greenwell '19 returns the ball with a backhand.