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Mason Hooper '18 searches for grounds and filters to prepare coffee for members of the community at Ability Services Inc. Hooper has been a part of two courses offered at Wabash that include a community service component.

## CLASSROOM COMMUNITY SERVICE

**JAKE VERMEULEN '21 | STAFF**

**WRITER** • Sitting in a classroom day in and day out can get a little bit monotonous. Several courses on campus, however, are breaking up the monotony by giving student an opportunity to learn while getting involved in the community. Among these courses are ENG 302 Writing in the Community and PSC 230 Disability in Politics. These courses

provide students with opportunities to get into real world situations to further their education and put a more human face on concepts that can sometimes seem abstract.

Crystal Benedicks, Associate Professor of English, teaches Writing in the Community, and the course has focused on writing grants for local non-profit groups. Students were put into small groups

and given a non-profit group to work with throughout. Students have helped organizations like Pam's Promise, Dusk to Dawn Bereavement, and the Recovery Coalition apply for funding to help start new projects in the community. Benedicks said that part of her motivation for teaching this class stemmed from a desire to give students more realistic

experience writing. Rather than getting students to write to try and get a good grade, Benedicks wanted to give her students the opportunity to write and to achieve a goal, and "get the teacher out of the writing."

Students in this class have been able to make a tangible impact within the community. One of

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# HI-FIVES

## FIVE THINGS WORTHY OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

### SHAHERE TODAY, GONE TOMORROW

In recent years, some NCAA Division I Men's basketball programs have been attacked for creating a system where top recruits only stay for one year then go to the NBA. This phenomena is known as "One and Done", and it made its way to Wabash in the athletics department. Mr. Shaheen gave us a short run of two years, and now he's off to bigger and better things, a sad sight to see. However, Wabash athletics will prevail with or without him.

### CHREASTERS

Hi-Five to the Notre Dame Women's Basketball team on winning the National Championship last Sunday, as if you are surprised. Did you really think God was going to let the Catholics lose on Good Friday and Easter? This was a recipe made in heaven (ha) for the Irish. Cheer, Cheer for Old Notre Dame.

### MAN VS. BEE

Hi-Five to the besieged Jacob Miller '18 who braved a swarm of wasps this past weekend to keep the student body apprised of the invasion as it progressed throughout Lilly Library. He kept his wits about him as he used his biology education to rapidly classify the insects and braved his allergy to bring news of the swarm and nutritional advice to an unaware student body. Some Little Giant.

### JESUS LOVES PARTIES

Kappa Sig threw a party on Easter weekend. Jesus turned up all the time. He turned water to wine in one of his acts on Earth. To us, that sounds like Jesus is always down to party. We also salute the gentlemen going to their respective service the next morning. We hope you drank plenty of water before swaying to Amazing Grace the next morning.

### #GAINZ

Hi-Five to the Wabash Athletic Dept. for creating weight-slammng, creatine-chugging monsters. In the new weight room facility last week, the floorboards and concrete beneath the pads began to crack after Wallies were slamming down their hefty gains. While it isn't yet clear if this is due to poor craftsmanship or inadequately poured concrete, one thing for certain is that we have some seriously jacked lift-bros on campus. We look forward to seeing you in action at the Mr. Wabash Competition tonight and tomorrow. If the floors can handle your brawn, that is.

# NATIONAL ACT UPDATE

IAN WARD '19 | ONLINE EDITOR

• As the late March snowstorm bore down on Crawfordsville two weeks ago, Senate made the preliminary decision to postpone part one of 2018's National Act. However, after a fruitful discussion last Tuesday in Student Senate, they made the further decision to cancel the Act for various reasons.

Once the snowy forecast seemed imminent, and discussion by both parties commenced on Friday afternoon, the postponement appeared as the only logical decision. This decision was made with a heavy heart, however with the best interest of all parties involved.

"We wanted to keep those guests who were coming to campus safe," Nathan Gray '20, Vice President of the Student Body, said.

After this initial decision occurred, the discussion regarding rescheduling began. When given options Tuesday, the Student Senate unanimously decided that rescheduling this semester was not in the best interest of the Student Body. Further particulars were not forthcoming from the Student Body cabinet, as requests for detailed budget breakdowns and additional comments went unanswered.

After correspondence over the weekend between Wale representatives and the Student Senate Executive Cabinet headed by Nathan Gray '20, a makeup date of April 27, 2018, was proposed as a tentative solution that

satisfied both parties. This date is the Friday of "dead week" and costs more than any previous National Act in the last three years. The cost comes the staging "bought" for concert one, (at a loss of \$20,000 of Student Senate funds due to a failure to insure the event). If rescheduled, the stage needs to be repurchased at the same price. This loss puts total staging's cost at \$40,000 for one concert, plus a \$30,000 singing contract, a \$3,000 agent fee, totaling \$73,000 for one event. This estimate does not include the costs for the separate B.o.B. concert, which are estimated to be \$60,000. With the B.o.B. costs included, the total for the 2018 National Act comes in at around \$123,000. In comparison, the last three years National Acts costs have been lower. The cabinet of Student Senate did not provide exact numbers when requested.

The denial of rescheduling for this semester came in part from to a conversation on the viability of scheduling Wale for the fall semester. This idea does have precedent, as in 2015 there was an opening concert to kick off the school year. (Any reality regarding this possibility is unknown, as the Student Senate Executive Cabinet did not return a request for comment). However, after all of the bumps in the road and questions remaining unanswered, students still have the opportunity to experience the music of rap artist B.o.B. two weekends from now



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National Act last year featured DJ Spaghetti on the turntables.

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Community service within the classroom often takes many different forms. For example, students had the opportunity to participate in a cooking class alongside of community members with disabilities.

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the non-profit organizations that students have worked with is called the Recovery Coalition. This group is working to create a "Sober Recreation Center", which would provide a place for people recovering from addiction a place to spend time away from things that could tempt them to relapse. Students have already helped the group win one community grant and reached the second round of the process for another.

Lorraine McCrary, Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, teaches Politics in Disability, and students spend time at Ability Services Inc., which provides services and activities for people with disabilities, as part of the course. McCrary said students, "...jump into whatever is going on," while they are there. McCrary also saw it as an opportunity to give students a glimpse into what it is like to do research, since much of her research deals with disability in politics, and it often entails doing exactly this kind of interaction with people with disabilities.

"I wanted to bring that into the classroom and have students experience that way of learning

as well as reading texts," McCrary said.

Both McCrary and Benedicks said that feedback from students about the community engagement portions of the class has been overwhelmingly positive. McCrary said that students' experience at ASI has become a key part of class discussion. "They have made very good connections between the readings that we are doing in class and their experience there," McCrary said.

Students themselves were enthusiastic about their experiences. "My experience working in the community as part of a class at Wabash has been hugely influential," Mason Hooper '18, who has taken both courses during his Wabash career, said. "Some of my greatest Wabash learning experiences come from working inside the greater Crawfordsville community."

Courses focusing on service such as these provide valuable opportunities for Wabash men to obtain practical knowledge in their classes, and to make a sizeable, as well as tangible, impact on the greater Crawfordsville community.

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# FRATERNITY DAY FAST APPROACHING

**DANIEL CUEVAS '21** | STAFF WRITER • Despite the country's growing criticism of fraternities across the US, Wabash continues to celebrate its Greek life, and for good reasons. On Sunday, April 8, from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m., the college will be hosting its annual Fraternity Day in Chadwick Court. Those who reserved their seats and meals will go to celebrate the importance and impact of Greek life at the college.

At the ceremony, a designated speaker for each fraternity will talk to the congregation about his house's accomplishments and challenges. Between speeches, fraternity members will be encouraged to engage in dialogue with students from other houses in order to find solutions and build unity. In addition, IFC will be giving out several awards like Best Senior Class, Best Fraternity President, and the Dean Raters

Award, among other accolades.

For many fraternities, this annual event allows these houses to demonstrate their continuous progress, accomplishments, and what they bring to the table.

"For Kappa Sigma, Fraternity Day is an opportunity to show the rest of the campus what we have to offer as far as diversity, as a group, and as individuals," Koty Hall '19, President of Kappa Sigma, said.

"The day is a great chance for Lambda to show that we are transitioning away from our recent past and taking steps in the right direction," Dalton Vachon '19, President of Lambda Chi Alpha, said. "It also allows us to highlight some specific brothers like Hank Horner who's up for the Senior Award and showcase all of the other great things that we are doing here."

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The men of Theta Delta Chi were honored at last year's Fraternity Day for their philanthropic efforts over the course of the year.



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Fraternity men gather on the steps of the Allen Center for a group picture following last year's celebration.

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The event also encourages students to reflect on their time as a fraternity brother and how their house has impacted them.

"My fraternity has given me brothers that I will have for the rest of my life," Patrick Azar '19, President of Phi Gamma Delta, said. "Every wonderful experience I've had thus far has been through the fraternity or through a brother at the fraternity."

The college already pushes students to become a leader in and out of the classroom and to expand their horizons, but fraternities push students even further, producing well-rounded individuals with the drive and support system they need to succeed.

"Being president and going through alumni control boards have helped me build several connections and become a better leader," Vachon said. "There's always something new that's pushing me in a different direction."

However, Fraternity Day does not simply commemorate the accomplishments of fraternities across campus and ignore everything else about Greek life.

"The day allows the Greek community to come together and celebrate who they are, but at the same time, it also provides them with an opportunity to present challenges that they face as individual chapters and as a Greek community as a whole," Associate Dean of Students Marc Welch '99 said. Stereotypes about fraternities have grown significantly worse over the past few years, but Wabash strives to refute those images.

"We give out awards for community service, philanthropy, academics, and much more," Dean Welch said. "It shines a positive light on our fraternities, which I believe we do on a daily basis, but it also permits us to challenge any stereotypical images that people might have of Greek life."

Even in the face of adversity, the fraternities at Wabash prove to be great houses of true brotherhood and responsible gentlemen. Students believe there are several factors that make Wabash Greek life so special.

"What separates Wabash fraternities from those at other campuses is how closely we work together, especially during Rush," Vachon said. "You constantly see guys from different houses walking high schoolers over to other houses, introducing them to brothers there."

"Wabash Greek life is the exception rather than the rule," Hall said. "There is a hard push from the College to ensure that fraternity men are seen as gentlemen and scholars rather than frat stars and people who just party all the time. We're more than that; we're Wabash men."

Although fraternities today face new challenges, Wabash fraternities prove that they are capable of managing these issues.

# ONLY POSITIVE VIBES

I am by no means a philosopher, or an English major, so writing a *Bachelor* article in the opinion section is not exactly in my wheelhouse, but I figured it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity; I had to say yes. When brainstorming a topic, I first consulted my roommates, they said I should speak to the benefits of living off campus, and why it should stay an option for our students. I considered this topic, but as I sat down for lunch at my living unit, I found myself agitated by all the negative things people were discussing.

While I have definitely been at fault for speaking negatively about other people and complaining about my experience here, I think we should all become aware of when we are complaining about unnecessary subjects and speaking negatively of others.

Too often we view ourselves as more busy, more occupied, and having a harder life than our peers around us. Often this feeling is not due to us being overwhelmed by work, but rather our lack of good time management skills.



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We are all going through a similar academic experience and most of us are involved in extracurricular activities that take up large amounts of our time. These commitments create frustration, which many of us like to tell many of our peers about. While this venting can feel relieving in the short term, the negative mindset it portrays has a toxic effect on our mental health.

The negative “vibes” given from this complaining do nothing to enhance our Wabash experience, but rather they promote a pessimistic mindset

that bums everyone out. The last person someone wants to hang out with on the weekend is the dude telling everyone how busy he is. Rather than looking at the negative, difficult aspects of our lives here, we should be embracing the positive aspects, such as brotherhood and freedom. When you think you are too bogged down by the Wabash academic load, take a deep breath, realize that the assignment you're working on will have a minimal effect on the rest of your life, and think positively.

Another thing I have to consciously remind myself to not do, that I think many of us are at fault of, is speaking negatively about those around us. It is very easy to look at another person whose lifestyle we disagree with and think about they are doing the wrong thing and we are in the right. Too often when speaking with our friends, we begin to speak about another person and all their flaws, rather than looking at how we ourselves can be better. If you feel strongly enough to speak about

that person when they are not around, you should be able to confront them personally and voice your opinions in a productive manner.

I have found myself at fault for both of these subjects and have realized how it affected my general mindset. A positive mindset focused on improving yourself has been more beneficial than complaining about the negative aspects of my life and the negative aspects of others. We are all busy, we all will struggle through this place, but with a positive mindset we can have a more enjoyable experience. Before we begin to look at the flaws of others, we should look at our own flaws and how we can improve.

We are all extremely blessed to have the access to the opportunities that we currently have. While we may not have girls or parties on Tuesday nights, we have an amazing brotherhood, with amazing professors and amazing faculty. Stop complaining, think positive, and realize how lucky we are to be attending this institution.

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am known for many things on this campus, like the guy who makes a great drink named “Sploosh,” one of the more recent Rhynes, a baseball player, polar pop enthusiast, the guy who lets his brother date his ex-girlfriend, but most importantly, the guy who walks around with a ‘Porn is Lame’ sticker on his laptop. My partners in combatting this miscarriage of justice are my Rhyne Brothers, Keith Owen, and Max Atkins. Keith also wields this fine sticker on his laptop, spreading the message. Max is one of our most recent success stories. He was doubtful of the tangible effects of porn, but after debate and research, he has fully bought into its egregious effects. Some people laugh at this sticker, some people smirk, question me, or support me, but the matter of it is, that we believe in what we advertise, the message that the sticker brings. Porn is lame.

And we don't mean ‘lame’ as in unpopular or not cool, because in today's day in age, it is just that. It's that socially acceptable; everyone's

doing it, type of thing. And as educated Wabash men, maybe we should ask ourselves, “Why is pornography seen this way?” Society sets a screen image of Pornography that is morally okay to indulge ourselves in such pleasures. However, in this fine age of advocating for the sanctity of life, at every level, we see a lack of saving the dignity of life in this field. Viewing pornography is a widespread issue that is so prevalent it often goes unchallenged, and the negative ramifications are left unknown.

Pornography is an expansive industry with users spending \$3,000 every second on porn, and a third of all internet traffic is from pornographic sites. This only further progresses the encouragement for the mistreatment of women and the destruction of the viewer's cognitive and social ability. In 2010, the Journal Violence Against Women reported physical aggression in 88.2% of leading pornography scenes and verbal aggression in 48.7% with 94.4% of the aggression directed towards women and girls. Keep in

mind the distinction “and girls” must be made. Teen porn accounts for one-third of total daily porn searches. This increase in teen porn over the last eight years along with an increase in incest porn reported by GQ magazine has caused a massive distortion in the sexual expectations of men. One study found that people exposed to significant amounts of porn thought violent sex was twice as common as people not exposed to porn believed. These stats cast a radical shadow over viewing porn, and they should show that watching porn is not okay.

Others may argue that watching porn in moderation has no implication on daily life, but watching porn in any context supports a corrosive industry. By watching porn, one supports the mistreatment and objectification of women. From a relational standpoint, pornography has long-term effects on the mind. Porn witnesses train their mind and body to react to the dramatization of sexual encounters and the simple act of searching videos on a

web browser.

This process is much different than courting, falling in love with, and having sex with an intimate partner. This process of becoming attached to a web browser instead of a physical person has caused people to have less connected, less active, and smaller areas of the brain due to an extensive viewing of porn one study found. While pornography gives many people short-term pleasure, most are unaware of the long-term sacrifices they are making with one click of a mouse. Decreasing one's sexual image, confidence, and relationships with others are all side effects that come with porn especially at a young age when the brain is still developing. Porn is lame, and it has real implications on the way we act and the people we are. Join the movement, get a sticker, and stop watching porn!

Cordially,  
Parker Noll '20  
Keith Owen '20  
Max Atkins '20

# A RESPONSE TO “SAVE THE EARTH!”

One week ago, an opinion piece authored by my comrade Miguel Aguirre-Morales appeared here in *The Bachelor's* opinion section. If you have not yet read this, I implore you to do so now. Miguel's piece was well-written and contained an exceptionally important message—to save the Earth. There is perhaps nothing more pertinent than a sense of stewardship for our planet, and nothing more virtuous than a sense of wonder for the natural world. It is our only home, and we should behave accordingly.

While many people purport to care for the planet in this regard, few people actually behave in ways that reflect this. In his piece, Miguel offers several suggestions for reducing your carbon emissions (conserving water, recycling, turning off unneeded lights, etc.), which you should certainly adopt as one of your habits if you have not already. Rather, my overarching aim in this piece is to break down the illusion that these actions are sufficient to combat anthropogenic climate change. They most certainly are not.

I hope to clearly define what is required of any one individual in our time if we hope to ever “save the Earth.” Put differently, I want to highlight the *most* important behavioral/lifestyle changes that will actually reduce the climate impact



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of an individual. Finally, I sincerely hope that a certain environmentalist organization on campus will consider broadcasting the messages I am conveying here.

Consuming animal products at our current rate and magnitude is not sustainable. Producing animal protein is a tremendously energy-inefficient process, and therefore contributes to tremendous greenhouse gas emissions. Compared to what is required to produce plant derived protein, meat is shamefully wasteful. An alarming majority of the crops grown in the world are grown for no other purpose than to feed livestock that humans then eat. This is not a viable way to feed the explosively increasing human population. If you are genuinely concerned about the well-being of our ecosystems and the stability of our climate, you cannot

justifiably support this process by consuming meat on this scale.

For perspective, the United Nations' report on the climate impact of animal agriculture estimates that the CO2 emissions are as great or greater than *all of the transportation sector combined*. Every car, plane, boat, train, and semi-truck's carbon emissions combined are equal to that of the intensive production of meat. Point being, you can strongly reduce your carbon emissions simply by abstaining from eating meat as much as possible.

While adopting a plant-based lifestyle is an incredibly effective and simple lifestyle change to abate your carbon emissions, it is not the most any one individual can do (barring legislative action). The most efficacious strategy is to abstain from reproduction. In other words, not having children, or not continuing to, is the most significant carbon savings option available. In fact, avoiding reproduction is projected to save more emissions than living car-free, buying green energy, avoiding transoceanic flights, and eating a plant-based diet *combined*.

Not reproducing is expected to have the largest potential carbon savings in the United States as compared to other industrialized nations, which is not terribly surprising given the superlative resource-

consumption of the average American. Alternatively, simply having one (or two) less children than planned can be critical in saving carbon emissions. While I'm confident many people will be dismissive of this proposition, I urge anyone doing so to carefully consider their ideas regarding this. I might also remind anyone feeling this way that a decision to reproduce is not an isolated action that affects only you but contributes substantially to our population and climate change problem. Plus, there are plenty of children awaiting adoption that offer you the opportunity of being a parent.

We are not all individually capable of investing significantly in green energy or more fuel-efficient cars. Because of this, I have highlighted the two most simple and inexpensive ways that we as individuals living in our current socio-political circumstances can use to combat the issue of climate change. The time has arrived when we must tolerate minor inconveniences for the sake of security in our foreseeable future. None of this is to say that Miguel's advice is not worth the effort, but instead represents a small supplement to the more impactful behaviors that have the potential to make a real difference.

# THE GENDER STUDIES ECHO CHAMBER

Last week, Corey Leuters wrote an opinion piece advocating for transgender students to be considered in the application process to Wabash. Mr. Leuters criticized Frank Russel's opinion on the topic with an argument from authority. An argument from authority is a fallacy because it suggests that only people who are deemed experts in a certain field can speak on issues in that field. Mr. Leuters said Mr. Russel's argument on transgender issues is “invalid” because he “ignore[s] an entire field of study.” He is surely referring to the postmodern thought that came into popularity in the 1950s. Now, I come to a dilemma.

I would like to express my views on postmodernism, specifically in the subcategory of transgenderism. But, I am not sure if I have met the standard of intelligence that Mr. Leuters requires for me to speak on the issue. Mr. Russel's argument was “invalid” because he didn't meet the standard of education. In my eyes, it shouldn't matter what your credentials are for you to make a compelling argument. Arguments should be taken objectively at face value. Of course, credentials can be a form of ethos to strengthen the argument. But no argument should be labeled “invalid” because the person speaking isn't an expert. It should be deliberated upon, not put down. I have



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completed gender studies and multiple political theory courses here at Wabash. I've read Mary Wollstonecraft, Judith Butler, Shulamith Firestone, and Simone de Beauvoir. I hope I satisfy Mr. Leuters', or the reader's, completely subjective standard of expertise on transgender theory to make my argument valid. If not, the rest of this opinion will be irrelevant.

It seems ironic to me that Mr. Leuters criticized Mr. Russel for ignoring an entire field of study when Mr. Leuters does the same thing in his article. In two short sentences, Mr. Leuters sums up postmodern thought: gender is a social construct while sex is a biological fact. He then says, about Mr. Russel's views, that “the subjective does not supersede the objective here.” The irony bounces off the page.

Simone de Beauvoir brought the separation of gender and sex to the forefront

of feminist theory in the 1950s. Until then, gender and sex were seen as the same. Intersex people existed, of course, but they suffer from biological and medical conditions according to the U.S. National Library of Medicine and are a minimal amount of the population. From there, postmodernists promoted the idea because it facilitated another potentially oppressed class of citizenry. I accept the validity of this relatively new argument. But I do not accept it as objective fact.

This postmodern idea seemingly forgets that at the very least, 99.05% of Americans identify their gender in accordance with their sex according to the Williams Institute. That seems to be extremely statistically significant. It cannot follow that gender and sex are mutually exclusive when the correlation between the two are so astonishingly high. The fact that 95% of the entire U.S. population separates gender from sex does not negate the fact that they are at least related; and have been that way for centuries.

According to postmodern thought, identity is a choice that can be decided on by one's subjective self. I reject this claim. Identity, as I perceive it, is something agreed upon socially. It is a social game with other players. My identity as a college student is not a product of my subjective whim. I went through millions of interactions and cultural negotiations

within elementary, middle, and high school. I met the standard to enter Wabash College and now society identifies me as a college student. I cannot claim that I identify as a college student and impose that upon people without completing certain social negotiations throughout my life.

I understand that conversations should be had to whether my arguments are reasonable. I will never label someone's argument “invalid” because they disagree or don't read feminist theory; nor will I accept my opinion as objective fact. And, this is the problem I have with Mr. Leuters' argument. He accepts the postmodern thought as objective fact, with no arguments to justify this thinking, and proceeds to push it upon Wabash College.

This is also my problem with gender studies courses. I never learned about the two arguments I proposed in courses. Gender studies courses on college campuses operate in the postmodern echo chamber. Since there is no provided argument against it, students perceive it as objective fact. Now that it is an objective fact, they have reason to force it down the throats of other citizens or institutions, like our college. Wabash College is not compelled morally or legally to admit transgender students; especially when the societal conversation concerning transgender problems is far from a conclusion.



## BASEBALL SPLITS WITH ALLEGHENY IN NCAC OPENER

**JAKE CHRISMAN '20 | STAFF WRITER** • This past weekend, the Little Giants (14-5, 1-1 NCAC) baseball team kicked off conference play with a double header against the Allegheny College Gators on Saturday. After a 5-0 rout of the Gators in game one, the Little Giants dropped game two to split the double header.

"We are playing really well right now," Bryan Roberts '18 said. "We are playing really good defense and were hitting the ball well."

In game one, the Little Giants jumped out to an early lead in the second inning when Canton Terry '21 and Andrew Jumonville '21 scored on a single by Jared Wolfe '19. Sean Roginski '19 then knocked in Eric Chavez '19 to increase the lead. The Little Giants added on to their lead in the next inning with a single off the bat of Jumonville, scoring Matthew Annee '21. The

final run for the Little Giants came in the fourth inning when Roginski singled, scoring Tyler Downing '18. On the mound, Roberts continued his impressive senior season with a three hit complete game shutout. In nine innings, Roberts recorded five strikeouts to improve to 5-0.

"It's fun going out there and playing," Roberts said. "I haven't thought to much about my success so far. I just want to do what I can for the team and help them win."

In game two, the Gators struck first with four runs in the first. Wabash responded with three of their own of the bats of Bryce Aldridge '19, Annee, and Jumonville. The Gators then tacked on three more in the second inning to take a 7-3 lead. Allegheny added an eighth run in the fifth inning, but Wabash rallied with four in the bottom half of the inning to decrease the gap to one run, 7-8. Roginski,

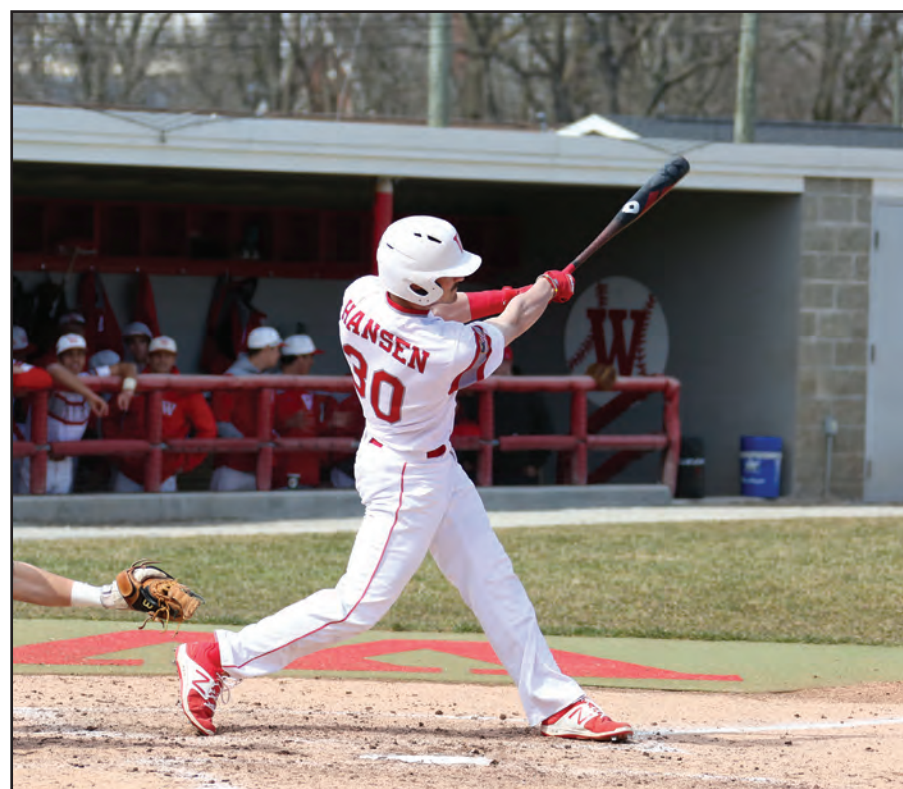
Jackson Blevins '20, and Aldridge all recorded RBIs in the inning. The Gators added another in the seventh. Wabash answered with one in the eighth inning off Chavez's bat, but was unable to rally to tie the game in the ninth inning.

"I think we played well this past weekend, but we could have done better," Erich Lange '19 said. "We had a couple of rough innings in the second game. That is not something we are too worried about and it is a good sign that we were upset about not winning both games. This competitive edge is something we need to keep moving forward."

Defensively, Cody Cochran '18 started on the mound, but was unable to make it through the first inning. Kevin O'Donnell '19, Lange, Kurt Lange '21, Tyler Cooper '21,

and Zach Moffett '20 all came out of the bull pen to combine for 8 1/3 innings. Kurt and Moffett recorded three strikeouts each. Cochran received the loss, dropping to 4-1.

After inclement weather postponed Wednesday's games against Wittenberg University, the Little Giants take the field again tomorrow against Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio. "Our mentality is to take one game at a time and break down an entire season into just one at a time," Lange said. "We approach each game as if we are 0-0. Each game before and after does not matter to us, just the one that we are playing. Our goal Saturday is to go 1-0 twice." The first half of the double header at noon, with the second game scheduled for 3 p.m.



IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

Jordan Hansen '18 sends a pitch deep into the outfield during a game at Goodrich Park.

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# TRACK & FIELD FINISHES 2<sup>ND</sup> AT WITTENBERG MEET

**PATRICK MCAULEY '19** | STAFF WRITER • Every coach in the sphere of collegiate athletics takes pleasure in seeing their athletes succeed as the season progresses. Clyde Morgan, Head Track and Field Coach, with his unique philosophy in training, is going through the thick of it. Last weekend, the Little Giants scored 108 total points (2nd place) behind Rose-Hulman's score of 188.5 points.

Peaking early in training is not the goal. In the early stages of training (especially in the outdoor season), a track runner's mindset can easily lend itself to thinking about earning higher mark times, more wins, and overall better scores during meets. For Morgan, this mindset is destructive, and it further creates a barrier between an athlete's desire to improve and their actual progression. This is where Coach Morgan's focus on individuality comes into play.

WTIB – Win the Inner Battles. As a repetitive theme in Morgan's coaching style, this philosophy did not come out of the blue. From his early stages in coaching, the esteemed Wabash track coach surrounded himself with the positive energy of a few experienced coaches. They taught him that athletes (yes, even LeBron James) show signs of negativity, which can transition into poor competitive drive. In the sphere of Wabash Track and Field, this same

decline in performance often spurs about during tough, long races or when cold weather strikes. That is why focusing on this strategy is so crucial for Coach Morgan, even to the point that he is always trying to improve it.

Change is necessary for success. Morgan is always adding, especially in the realm of mental toughness. Every athlete faces physical and mental challenges, but the psychological side can help any athlete get over the monkey. One way Morgan implements change in his style is through awareness. In the early days before a meet, he warns players to start thinking, preparing, and visualizing their performances. It must be helping because the squad showed out last weekend at Wittenberg Tiger Invitational.

Personal records add to the whole. Luke Doughty '18 finished his weekend with back-to-back top-five finishes in the 3,000-meter steeplechase and the 400-meter hurdle event. Both of his scores (9:39.76 and 58.64) gave him career bests in both races. In the same steeplechase, Collin Rinne '18 set a career-best time of 9:45.07. These Little Giants are doing big things as they continue to implement Morgan's philosophy. This Saturday, the team heads to DePauw University for another big meet! Go out and travel to Greencastle to support Wabash!



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RaShawn Jones '20 earned NCAC Sprinter/Hurdler for his accomplishments in the Wittenberg Meet.



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Jared Strehl '20 soars through the air in the long jump competition.



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# LACROSSE FALLS TO DEPAUW IN THREE QUARTERS

**ZACH MOFFETT '20** | STAFF WRITER  
Wabash finished off last weekend with a tough loss to Hope College, but they moved forward to take on Calvin College Saturday and host DePauw University on this past Tuesday. The Little Giants went faced some tough weather over the course of the past week, but this would not stop them from putting up a fight. They went into the weekend with a 2-6 record.

Wabash traveled up to Michigan to face 2-7 Calvin College last Saturday. The first period started a great battle between the two as Calvin struck first blood taking a three goal lead in the early part of the first period. Jake Taylor '20 broke the ice scoring the lonely goal in the first period for the Little Giants. In the second period, Wabash dominated on both sides of the ball, scoring three goals from Steven Stark '19 and Tucker Dixon '19 combined. The two allowed for a Wabash lead at the half. The Wabash defense also made a huge impact on the offensive charge as they only allowed Calvin to take nine shots in the second period. Wabash had the lead at half, 4-3.

The second half was another tough battle for the Little Giants as they

started off the third period with another goal from Taylor. Calvin finally scored again breaking up the Wabash rhythm, but Wabash responded with another goal from Stark, putting him at three goals on the day. Calvin fought back towards the end of the third period and took down the Wabash lead and tied the game going into the fourth period at six all. Wabash struggled in the fourth period as Calvin led off with two goals to start the fourth before the Little Giants responded putting them down by one. However, the Little Giants failed to stay in it as they allowed two more goals at the end of the game finalizing the Calvin win. Wabash took 20 total shots on Calvin, but they allowed Calvin 50 shots on net. The Final score of the game was Wabash 7, Calvin 10.

Wabash followed the loss to Calvin with a big conference home game against (3-8) DePauw. Wabash started behind the Tigers in the first period as they trailed 3-0. DePauw scored six goals before Wabash struck with its first goal from Collin Brennan '19 in the second period. Wabash scored two more goals from Stark and Dixon in the second period. The Tigers added to their lead, scoring a total of eight

goals in the second period. At the half, DePauw led 11-3. The game continued into the third period only to allow for DePauw to add three more goals, and Stark added one more before the game was ended after the third due to the inclement weather and the darkness. The final score of the game was DePauw 14, Wabash 4. Max Atkins '20 finished with eight saves in the game, and Stark led the in goals with two.

"I think our play wasn't reflective of our capability," Andrew Weiland '19

said. "We have the potential to play much better and that will come with a shift in attitude. We have the pieces to the puzzle, we just have to figure out how to put it together. We just have to go out and execute."

The Little Giants move to 2-8 on the season. They head in to their next game at Hiram College on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. Live stats can be followed on the lacrosse page for Wabash. Good luck, Wabash lacrosse.



IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

Andrew Weiland '19 carries the ball across the top of the box.

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# GOLF TAKES 9<sup>TH</sup> AT ROSE

**TUCKER DIXON '19** | SPORTS EDITOR • The Wabash College golf team traveled to Terre Haute last weekend to compete in the 2018 Rose-Hulman Invitational. Wabash took the course at the Hulman Links Golf Club to take on 11 other teams during the two-day event.

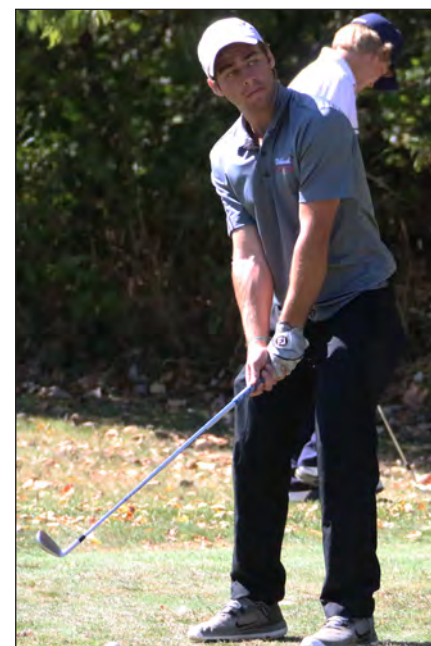
Wabash finished with two-day total of 635 strokes to give the Little Giants the ninth place finish. Parkland University took home the first place finish in the team standings with a two-day total of 573. Parkland narrowly beat second-place Kalamazoo College who carded a final score of 578.

Kyle Warbington '20 led the Little Giants by shooting a 76 on Friday and a 79 in the final 18-hole round on Saturday for a total two-day stroke total of 155. Warbington tied for 32nd place in the individual standings.

Ben Kiesel '20 and Sam Wise '21 were not far behind Warbington. Kiesel finished just three strokes behind Warbington with a two-day total of 158 (77-81), landing him in 42nd place. Wise shot a 163 (81-82) to earn him the 54th place finish.

A trio of freshmen tied with a stroke total of 165 to land them in 60th place overall in the individual standings. Devin Guard '21 and Will Osborn '21 both shot an 80 on Friday and an 85 on Saturday, while their teammate, Justin Kopp '21, shot an 86 on Friday and a 79 on Saturday.

"I think that our team is headed in a good direction moving on from this weekend. For limited practice and the conditions being so poor, we played some respectable golf," Warbington



IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

Ben Kiesel '20 eyes up the hole.

said. "I think the rest of the year is going to revolve around developing our young guys as they make up the majority of our lineup. We are pushing hard for a mid-conference finish, and with increased confidence and experience, we are going to make huge strides over the next year."

The Little Giants will be on the road this weekend, traveling to Seymour to compete in the Hanover College Invitational at the Shadowood Golf Course on Saturday and Sunday. Good luck, Wabash College golf team.

# RUGBY BRINGS IT HOME

**AUSTIN RUDICEL '20** | STAFF WRITER • The Wabash Rugby Club is gaining traction this semester with an impressive season. With an 11-1 record, the team looks to continue their hot streak in the next tournament that will be held at Wabash. This will be the first home tournament of the season with seven teams participating from colleges across Indiana and Ohio.

The rugby team grew significantly in numbers over the season with around 20 current players. Although there are enough players to play 15's rugby, the club developed a strong team in playing 7's. With a starting line up ranging from seniors to freshmen, the diverse team brings a range of experience and talent. Even players who are new to the sport are

given playtime in the tournaments. The team is young with a large number of sophomores and freshmen and looks to bring tough competition and be a dominating presence in its conference for years to come.

After sweeping their past tournament 3-0 at Ohio Wesleyan University last Saturday, the club is hopeful to find similar success on their home field. Players are excited to finally play at home after a season of traveling across Indiana and Ohio to play. The rugby team looks forward to sharing rugby with Wabash's campus and those who are not familiar with the sport and have never seen a match. Everyone is invited to come see the Wabash Rugby Club play this Saturday, April 7 from 12-4 p.m. at the Hollett Little Giant Stadium.



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## THE HARM OF HIGHER ED'S CONSERVATIVE BIAS

**STEPON BRANOAGAN '18 |**

**FAKE NEWS CORRESPONDANT •** The ivory tower has long been criticized as detached, idealistic, and unable to actually deal with messy real world problems. In the extreme polarity of today's political environment in the United States, this often takes the form of learned and worldly professors who have experienced the challenges of adulthood outside of academia and endeavored to pass on their wisdom to their students beyond the course material covered in class.

Colleges have long been understood as bastions of conservative ideas. Places where the traditional way of doing things is held up as the ideal means of furthering the education of the next generation. Sure, lip service is given to the need to question everything, but with winks and nudges in the background that remind everyone of the correct way of thinking about the world. And this goes unchallenged all the time. Because how many people actually step up and confront the dominance of conservative thinking in the ivory tower? The number may be higher in a place like WabCo, where the student body leans somewhat liberal. However, even here the cowards who avoid the potential conflict with an authority figure by muzzling their zeal for progressive ideas outnumber the few who really take a stand for what they believe. Whether it be in classroom discussions where they watch their words or in the crafting of papers to ensure that their theses are not hitting a sore spot, students find ways to go with the flow.

Finn Diablo '19 lamented late one evening that he wishes he didn't worry about GPA retribution for his political beliefs. "Maybe I am a coward," Diablo said. "You are probably right. But I just can't risk that one of my professors will get a hint of anything more than a slight desire for marginal increases in infrastructure spending. As a political science major, if my professors truly knew the degree to which I supported the ACA, I think the resulting disgust that they might have would forever taint every assignment I turned in." It's not so much that Diablo fears a direct retribution, he acknowledges that WabCo professors have the integrity to resist assigning Ds and Fs to students just because they are in the College Democrats. Rather, it is with the marginal subjective biases professors read the work



PHOTO BY RICE RIDGEFIRE '19

**GOP propaganda posters line professor's offices after the recent election.**

he does he is concerned.

"I'm trying to get into a really good law school so I can be competitive with the other lawyers who want to become environmental defense attorneys and work for little to no pay for the first five years of our careers as our spouses support us financially and our marriages bear all the strain of the difficulties of our job and financial situation," Diablo said.

Not all progressive students see it this way. Mohammad Ahmarjabal '20 is one of the outspoken few who isn't afraid to press his professors on their conservative stances. "I remember a couple Clairvoyance classes where Dr. Witch was yelling at me by the end of the class. I understand where he is coming from, but I just don't want the market to decide how society improves. There is a moral imperative for us to get involved and take an active stance in correcting the flaws in the way we do things."

T. N. Witch, GOP Distinguished Professor of Clairvoyance, feels that his teaching style is an important part of the college experience. "Without a really hard challenge to their ideologies, many of these students will go their entire lives without seeing the major flaws in progressivism," Witch said. "I think that it is my job as a liberal arts professor to sit students down after class in one-on-one settings and explain to them that they are wrong and why they need to leave behind their flawed, leftist ideals. The only logical way forward is conservatism. I stress this as often as I can, even if it doesn't pertain directly to the course material."

Despite the typically unvoiced concerns liberal students have about the nature of their education, conservative students demonstrate often and loudly on the privilege blinds the leftist students to the harmful effects of their progressive and uncommon ideology.

"They just can't see that their wealth and social status gives them a position that is stable enough to engage in progressive ideas," Michael Soda-Pie '18 said. "Some of us don't have a safety net that allows us to advocate for societal improvements."

Soda-Pie also rejected the notion that conservative students gain the implicit support of their professors and thus feed into academia's echo chamber. Progressive students claim that the conservative students are victims of the system as well, because they don't get challenged in their thought processes. Progressive students cite the English Department requiring two months of Atlas Shrugged in all of their seminars and the Biology Department, acting under advisement from leading researchers at the Creation Museum, revising its syllabus to eliminate serious consideration of evolution as study for medical school.

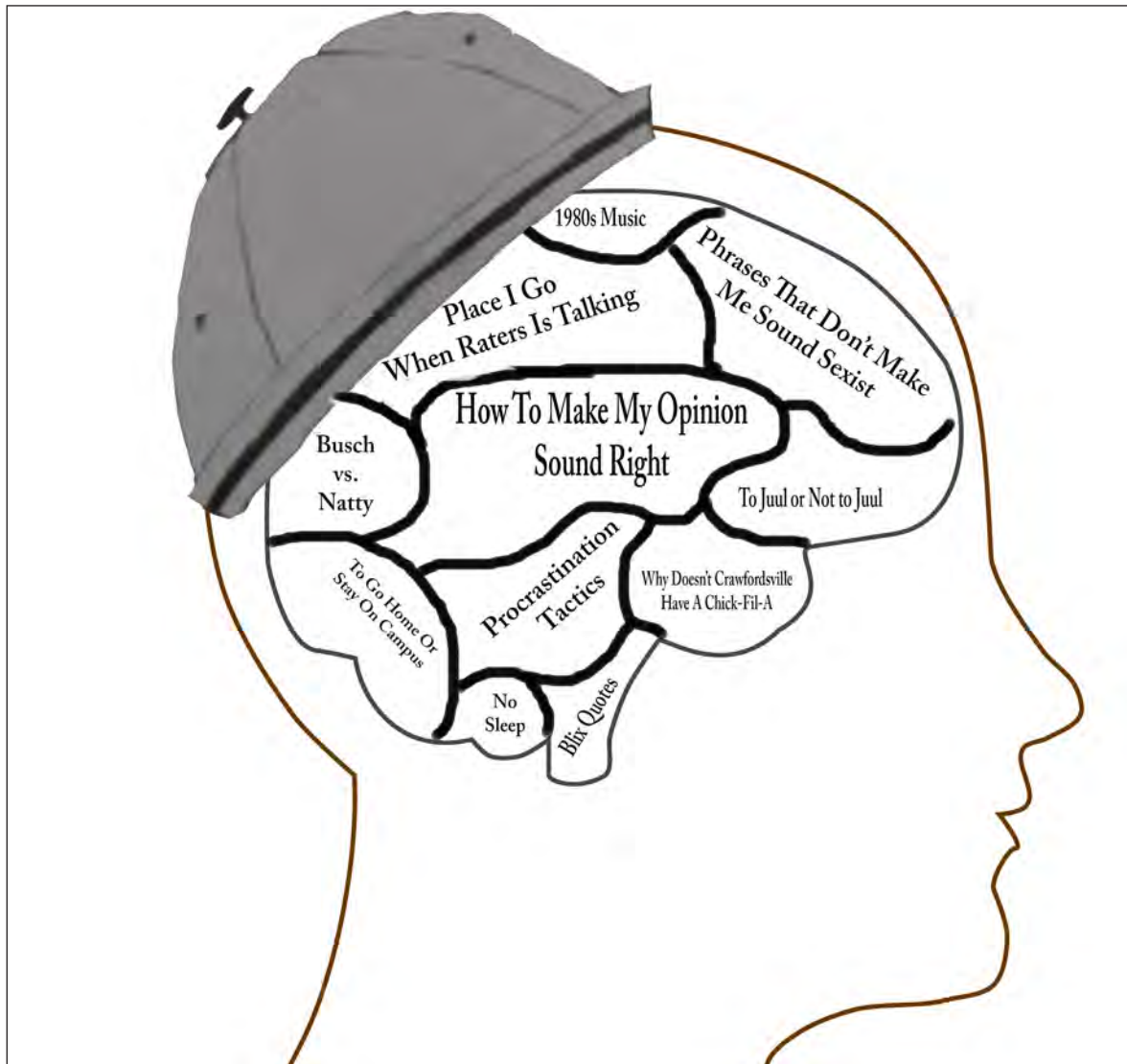
"Really, it's the simple notion that there are other ideas out there that should at least be discussed in order to show that they are disprovable," Ahmarjabal said. "Is that too much to ask? We just want the ability to present our thoughts in good faith and not be immediately destroyed in an onslaught of dehumanizing verbal assaults. We're people too, and for the most part, we want the same things as conservatives. The majority of liberals hold the same basic values of family and common decency. We're not demons."

At the end of the semester, many professors will provide students with the opportunity to give anonymous feedback on the course. While this might seem like a good time for liberals to speak their minds, many still hold back for fear of their handwriting being recognized, as final grades are typically not submitted before the surveys are handed out.

"The overwhelming stress of getting into postgraduate education is the primary cause for my silence on many issues," Diablo said. "I simply can't run the risk of trusting my conservative professors to be objective with their grading of my arguments instead of the content I'm advocating. If my facts are wrong or my argument is bad, that's fine. But when I see my fellow lefties called out for their worldviews for other reasons, I become afraid to take risks with my own work and contribution to society."



# IN THE MIND OF A WALLY



GRAPHIC BY EYEORE GARRISON '18

# WABASH, DIVERSE? HECK YEAH

**DOREY FLUTERS '19** | STAFF WRITER • Each year, the College increases its efforts to broaden our unique and diverse composition of students. Their efforts have not gone unnoticed; the students of the College commend Admissions for traveling far and wide from the west, east, north, and south sides of Indiana to bring us a truly unique body. The numbers do not lie either. Since 2010, the College's in-state enrollment has increased by 9%! That is right, instead of the measly 64% of in-state enrollment, the College has reached a total of 74% in-state enrollment—cannot get more diverse than that.

When asked how the influx of diversity affects his time at the College, Joshua Billiam '20 describes his classroom experience as “a truly wonderful time. “I can recall from Freshmen Tutorial our discussion of African-American rights,” Billiam said. “As a student of color, the amount of white people talking about African-American rights truly broadened my lens.” Billiam

intends on listening to the primarily white student body for their underrepresented opinions.

From the many students who have reached out, it is evident that there are some mixed feelings towards Admissions' marketing material. Why isn't campus' demographics reflected in the material we send around the country? Jake Paperbundle '18 voiced his concerns in an email sent to the everyone@wabash.edu listserv: “I am growingly frustrated at the underrepresentation of white, Indiana men in our marketing material,” Roehm wrote. “Wabash is diverse, 74% white enrollment; we're doing better than DeBauch!” DePauch's University's white enrollment sits around 66%, considerably lower than Wabash's demographics.

So why isn't our white hegemony reflected in the material we send to prospective students? This is a question that has gone unanswered for very long. The College emphasizes the ideals of white masculinity, and students want that to be reflected in all aspects of

the College.

Students have started an organization on campus entitled Caucasian Caucus, CC for short. CC's mission is to preserve and stress the importance of whiteness. The organization hopes to work with Admissions in the 2018-2019 school year to adapt their marketing strategies and make them more consistent with the population of the College.

One angry student notes that while the College's diversity has increased significantly, they can do more. The student, who asked to remain anonymous, states, “If the College would put more effort in further diversifying our student body rather than the copious amount of resources, funds, and support channeling into the Athletics, we would see a significant increase!”

While it is unclear where and how the College wants to adapt its marketing material, one thing remains true: Wabash will always be a place, a safe place, for white people.

# QUOTES ON CAMPUS



"I've heard from several people that students don't think I know their names. Well funny thing is, I memorize every one's name before they even begin their first day of classes. I just don't care to say any of their names when I pass by. It's not efficient. Time is money you know!"

- President Craig Mess on silencing his critics



"I really enjoyed my tenure as the President of the Sphinx Club. One of the perks of the position is sitting on the chapel stage during chapel talks. I would always listen and count the number of freckles and moles on the back of the speakers' necks. Usually, there was a positive correlation between the number of freckles and moles on someone's neck and how good their chapel talk was."

- Josh Dooward on the positives of being Sphinx Club President



"Well we were reading some interesting texts during class one day, some ancient Japanese religion I believe. But suddenly, during the middle of class, a student sneezed into the book he was holding and accidentally summoned a Japanese demon called an Oni, which began to eat the souls of several students, banishing them to the dark abyss of limbo. This is why I tell all my students to use surgical masks when reading for my class, but I have yet to see anyone take heed to my advice."

-Religion Professor Daniel Trix on Students Failing to Meet His Expectations.



"Well, you see it's not about me. It's about the students of Wabco. Can you tell me why it's about the students of Wabco?...[long pause]... Well, what I wanted you to say is how the students here are..."

- Dean of Students Mikayla Craters when asked about the perks of being Dean of Students

# A LESS IDEAL TIMELINE

**STEPHAN BERZEN '18** | STAFF WRITER

• Early in March, WabCo physics professor, Corbin McSkinney, began experimenting on the effect of high-powered argon laser beams on a radioactively unstable isotope of diet Mr. Pibb. McSkinney was attempting to develop a new solid pseudo-biofuel by rapidly evaporating the liquid in the off-brand diet soda. The exact conditions of the experiment are still unknown, but it was ultimately unsuccessful in creating a new pseudo-biofuel. However, McSkinney has come forth with his groundbreaking findings.

"During the WabCo Spring Recces, I made contact with my counterpart from a parallel dimension," McSkinney said at Monday's Press conference. The crowd assembled outside of the Bad Impoverished Physics and Mathematics building was naturally shocked by this announcement. Many eager WabCo students began shouting questions above one another.

"As many of you might expect, the WabCo of Dimension 49 is much different from our own," McSkinney said. "I expected to find a dystopian

mirror of our own world, but WabCo-49 is doing much better than us. To better explain this concept please welcome Professor Corbin McSkinney of Wabco-49"

McSkinney-49, as he will be called in this article, is virtually identical to our own dimension's McSkinney, except for the jagged scar and eye-patch across his eye. McSkinney-49 refused to comment on the exact nature of his missing eye-ball at press time. He did, however, mention a few key differences between our dimensions.

The first notable difference mentioned by McSkinney-49 was his WabCo's ability to keep the Monon Bowl in 2016. "The football team of WabCo-49 plays against DeBauch each year for the coveted Monon Bowl," McSkinney-49 said. "After defending their title each year, WabCo-49 students each scoop a tortilla chip's worth of homemade salsa from the sacred dish. The exuberance of WabCo-49 student body allowed them to persuade both Lady Gaga and Justin Timberlake at National Act in lieu of the Super-bowl Halftime Show."

WabCo-49 has also invested its money in more efficient ventures which lead to major improvements in the quality of life. "Rather than spending several million U.S. Pesos on new student housing, the Advancement Office invested our money into a fleet of buses," McSkinney-49 said. "The fleet is used each weekend to bring ten different sororities to campus each weekend."

"From my brief observations here today, and my conversations with my WabCo counterpart, it seems that you gentleman of WabCo-73, are living in the worst of all possible timelines in the entire multi-verse," McSkinney-49 said. "We of WabCo-49 take pity on you, and hope to find a way to help improve your lives one-day."

McSkinney-49 retreated hastily back into the building to ensure he could return to his own dimension before the portal collapsed. Our own McSkinney became disillusioned with academia, and has reportedly resigned to pursue a career in electronic music. It is rumored that the McSkinney of WabCo's 49, 12, 86 are all interviewing for the job.



## LO-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY  
OF A LO-FIVE THIS WEEKARK RETURNS TO  
REPOPULATE

Due to continuous rain fall in the past two weeks, the religion department prepared for the worst. After spending weeks on their creation, the Ark is finished. Taking the exact measurements from Genesis, the department made a scale replica on the mall. After gathering two students from each major, the W.S. Placher set sail. Too bad you can't repopulate the Earth solely with a group of college-aged men.

NICKELBACK FOR  
NATIONAL ACT

After years of booking highly polarizing artists to for National Act, Student Senate decided to book Nickelback in an attempt to ensure that all students were unhappy with the decision. Booking Nickelback cost more than the last three years combined. Sources say that Dean Craters encouraged the decision in an attempt to unify the campus through outrage. Little did he know, all he had to do was try to seem relatable.

## TRUMP WINS PEACE PRIZE

Trump, the great American President. The well-loved President recently won the Nobel Peace Prize for ending the North Korean Dictatorship by negotiating a peaceful coup d'etat without firing a bullet. Along with destroying all automatic rifles in the country, he unanimously won the award. We just hope that all Presidents after Mr. Trump will follow in his footsteps.

## FRATERNITY RUSH FIXED

The rush period for incoming students is constantly changing into a more regulated process. To keep things running smoothly and conflict free, the admissions office is now distributing bids for fraternities to eliminate the need for a chaotic rush process. When students first arrive to Wabash, in their red folders they will find a bid to a fraternity and be placed into that living unit to immediately begin pledgship.

TOO MANY GIRLS ON  
CAMPUS

WabCo students are complaining about too many X chromosomes gracing campus on the weekends. Many students complain that WabCo is not all male anymore due to the mass amounts of instagram models taking pictures in front of the Chapel. Most students blame Pie Belt for bringing in too many beautiful women, as they are the house with the highest chill-to-pull ratio on campus.

THE COLLEGIATE  
CONGLOMERATE BY THE  
ONE TRUE WALLY

**RUDY SAUCSTIN '20** | STAFF WRITER • A recent study of Wabash's campus discovered a strange correlation between the population of students and campus unity. As the number of students grows smaller from each class, the strength of campus unity grows. The reason for this phenomenon is students who reach a particular level of involvement are beginning to merge into one conglomerate consciousness known as The One True Wally. Tru Wally, as it is referred to by peers and faculty, is the perfect role model for everything that goes on at Wabash from academics to clubs and sports.

Not much is known about Tru Wally's origin, but rumor has it, it was born overseas and grew up in The Region. Other rumors believe Tru Wally's was created in a secret lab in the tunnels under the college. It can be easily identified on campus as it glows in its red and white stripes and traditional red and green Wabash pot that is infused into its body.

Tru Wally is asexual and does not identify with any gender or race as these are barricades to absolute campus unity. It also is open to all forms of ideas such as politics and religion. Tru Wally is a member of College Republicans and College Democrats and also finds time to sit in on College Democratic Socialist meetings. Tru Wally attends every Sunday Mass and Tuesday Morning Chapel along with weekly visits to the closest synagogue and mosque.

"Religion and politics are important to be passionate about, but it is more important to make everyone agree on the same thing for the sake of unifying campus," Tru Wally said. Tru Wally works hard to unify campus and have complete agreement on topics. Although it likes to partake in the Cigar and Pipe Club, Tru Wally is also a member of the Clean Air Coalition and likes to combine these meetings into one event where students protest for cleaner air while enjoying a Cuban cigar.

To overcome the divide between different fraternities and independents, Tru Wally is currently pledging all ten fraternities along with spending two nights a week in independent dorms. Tru Wally is exceptional with its time management as it is able to balance ten different pledgship programs

along with the practices for all 11 varsity sports offered at Wabash. When it is not at a practice or at a club meeting, Tru Wally can be found in the library studying for one of its seven classes it takes each semester. Although Tru Wally is a part of the Senior Council, no one, not even Miriam Foster, knows when Tru Wally is expected to graduate or if it already has.

The requirements to be invited to become part of The One True Wally are challenging, but possible if the student is dedicated enough. If a student is involved in at least eight clubs (must be president of at least three), fluent in five languages, and has a minimum GPA of 4.2, they will receive an invitation to surrender their autonomy and join the collective consciousness of Tru Wally. Although this might seem extreme, joining The One True Wally will guarantee students will get the internship or job offer that they are looking for and have infinite connections to the Wabash Mafia.

Maximus N. Volved '21 learned about Tru Wally in his first year at Wabash and looks forward to becoming a part of the perfect unity.

"I was not very involved in highschool, but coming here, I see a lot of potential for me to grow as an individual and then surrender all of that individuality to become part of The One True Wally," Volved said. "My GPA is only a 3.9, and I am struggling to learn Icelandic and Mandarin, but if I can overcome those struggles, I should be eligible to join."

Students who encounter Tru Wally on campus always greet him with warm smiles and waves as failing to acknowledge it is seen as a direct threat to campus unity and punishable by excommunication from the college. Tru Wally knows every student and faculty member by name and remembers if you greet it or not. If students are lucky enough and meet the proper standards, they will have the special opportunity to become a part of The One True Wally. Although uniqueness is valued at Wabash, being a part of Tru Wally has shown to be superior to any other individual on campus. Why be just one Wabash man when you could be The One True Wabash man?

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## CROUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN ADMISSIONS

## DEBAUCH AGENTS INFILTRATE AND SABATOGE

**HUGH JASS '19** | BORING NEWS EDITOR • The Admissions Office at Wabco was overjoyed to hear that a devastating winter storm was scheduled to roll through campus during the weekend of March 23-24. Their dark magic had worked. Weeks of toiling in the basement of Drippet Hall performing animal sacrifices and traditional snow dances had paid off, as the most recent Honors Scarlet Scholarship Student Admitted Daisy Weekend Scholar Visit was cancelled hours after some prospective students stepped off of their planes at Indianapolis International Airport.

After dusting off their ancient runes and spellbooks and returning them to their place on the shelves, the Admissions team sighed a breath of relief, shook hands, and shed their Wabco-themed ties and hoodies to don the colors of their true alma-mater - Black and Old Gold. Cheers of "DeBauch Never Quits!" rang through the hallways and empty cubicles in the Admissions and Financial Aid department, as the celebrated the death of the highly-anticipated prospective student weekend.

*The Bastard* caught up with some of these 'trojan-horse' employees to get their perspective on the cancellation, as well as map out where Wabco will go from here.

"I'm moderately concerned with the success of this institution," Associate Director of Enrollment Tooler Wode (DeBauch Class of '12) said. "I was basically the Spanx Club President during my time at Wabco, and everybody knows about my lackadaisical commitment to the success of the current and future generation of Wabco students. We were all super-duper sad to hear that the visit weekend had to be cancelled. Oh, well, I guess there's always next year."

Director of Admissions Chim Tippons '47 also echoed Wode's sentiments regarding the cancellation of the event, and expressed his displeasure for his Admissions Team's efforts in light of recent events.

"We were supposed to have an event this weekend?" Tippons said.

Additionally, Wode touched on the issue of getting students back to campus after the cancellation of the first visit weekend. His dedication,



PHOTO BY BLAKE CHAMELEON '21

DePauch alumni tear through the admission department, almost guaranteeing sub par men come to WabCo.

as evident by his response, is a true testament of his devotion to school.

"Wabco is by far the second-best school within a 35 mile radius of Crawfordsville," Wode said. "It is imperative that we maintain this attitude when considering how we can best draw in and trap these prospective students. We need to ensure that we have enough of their sweet tuition money to put in the National Act fund so that we can get Weird Al Yankovic next year. Even now, as I speak, my Admissions Team is holding an important meeting to best determine how to better prepare for the next Honors Scarlet Scholarship Student Admitted Daisy Weekend Scholar Visit, or HSSSADWSV as we are calling it for short. I'm extremely regretful that I won't be attending this important

meeting, but I got tickets to go see the Masters Tournament in Augusta, surely you understand."

Prospective students chimed in with their opinions as well, and noted that poor planning surrounding this event would have a significant impact on their college decision moving forward.

"I only got the chance to be at Wabco for a total of 46 minutes before the Campus Security Director forcefully removed me and my fellow high school seniors from the grounds," John Q. Letterman said. "The disgust that I feel from this weekend has motivated me to attend college as far away from Wabco as possible. I was seven-time All Conference on my Cross Country team in high school. For this reason, I will be taking my running talents to Utah Northeastern University Online."

Toffee, IN native Quincy MoneyPants III was also quick to give Wabco a piece of his mind, complaining that the college's Admission process discriminated against upper-middle class white men from within Indiana.

"I don't deserve this kind of mediocre treatment from an institution," MoneyPants said. "Instead, I persuaded my father and his colleagues at Grubs, McCormick, Scheltzer, Young & Crumbs L.L.C. to purchase a college for me. Sure, I'll be the only student in attendance there, but even Wabco can't beat a 1:20 student-to-faculty ratio."

IFC President Baden Swavvy '21 was also quick to comment on the effect that the event cancellation would have on Wabco's fraternity scene. He argued that the Greek system would collapse without fresh fraternity men to fill the spots of many fifth year seniors who refuse to move out of many houses basements.

"This has been one of the worst trade deals in the history of trade deals, maybe ever," Swavvy said. "Without these freshmen to rush our houses, the Greek system is screwed. Who else is going to pick up the empty beer cans in our front yards? Who else is going to dress up as a DeBauch girl and parade down the sideline during the Homecoming Game, or scrape off the pools of congealed vomit from our party room floors? Who are we supposed to haze now? The current Brothers of the house? Hell no."

While many Wabco men are concerned for the future of the institution, Wode was quick to dismiss the notion that the college would face significant problems surrounding incoming class numbers this fall.

"Everything is still going according to the Admissions Department's plan," Wode said. "There is at least a 34 percent chance that this fine college will be around for another five or six years. Ideally, we should strongly consider merging our school with DeBauch ... I've heard that the education that one can receive there is far superior to anything in Montgomery County. Now stop talking to me, I've got Dancing with the Stars on my LaCIntosh computer right now, and I'm three seasons behind everyone."