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Members of the new Sphinx Club Executive Council, from left to right: Enrique Vargas '19, Matthew Fajt '20, Samuel Hayes '19, Former President Jacob Woodward '18, and Club Members Jordan Hansen '18, and Logan Kleiman '18.

SPHINX CLUB ELECTS NEW LEADERSHIP

BRAXTON MOORE '19 | NEWS EDITOR • Last week, the Sphinx Club held elections to determine officer positions for the upcoming year. While members of the Club consistently pride themselves on being campus leaders, the need for executive leadership within the group still exists to fulfill various roles and responsibilities. The previous EC board has stepped down, and have handed the reins over to President Samuel Hayes

'19, Vice President Scott Bye '19, Treasurer Matthew Fajt '20, and Secretary Enrique Vargas '19.

With the new leadership of the Club in place, the executive members now look to the improvement of the group, to establish a greater sense of campus unity, and to continue to promote campus spirit and tradition at Wabash. Hayes, who follows former Club President Jacob Woodward '18,

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OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

SHAHEEN DOES IT ALL

Hi-Five to Meteorologist Shaheen and his up-to-the-minute Wally forecasts as winter weather hit this past weekend. Granted, the first forecast was helpful for planning Saturday, however were three needed, really? Keep on chugging Shaheen; tornado season is just weeks away.

DON'T EAT THE YELLOW SNOW

Last weekend's blizzard may have stopped several planned activities, but Wabash students still managed to turn up. Several intrepid explorers reported patches of chunky orange and pink snow outside of many fraternity houses. Trails of empty beer cans littered the arboretum like a trail of breadcrumbs left by the drunken Hansels who wandered home in the snow.

MODERN ART GONE MISSING

Lo-Five to the thieves who forcefully removed the phallic structure found mysteriously close to the Theta Delt house last weekend. The boys in black, white, and blue were saddend to see their majestic artwork shamefully liberated from it's rightful place, and are requesting its immediate return. That is, if it hasn't melted due to the increasing temperature.

LAX VS. THE ELEMENTS

Hi-Five to the men of lacrosse as they battled snow, sleet, and players as well this past weekend. Despite clearing skies early in the game, marking lines were shoveled multiple times as by the end of the game as at least two inches of snow plummeted to the ground. All that was needed was a snowball fight to conclude the winter marvel.

PUPPETS IN PRAGUE

Wabash Men do it all, don't they? Next fall, the Theater department is offering a class on puppetry that has an immersion trip to the Czech Republic. Not only is the class about puppetry, a lost art if you ask this staff, but the class is also going to Europe. Kermit and Ms. Piggy would be proud.

UNEXPECTED SETBACK

DESPITE WINTER WEATHER INTERFERENCE, ADMISSIONS
DEPT. CONFIDENT IN RETURNING STUDENTS FOR APRIL

JAKE VERMEULEN '21 | STAFF WRITER • Almost everything on campus was affected by the unexpected winter storm last weekend. Among the things impacted the most severely was the first Admitted Students Weekend of the year. Events were scheduled throughout both Friday and Saturday, but due to safety concerns for those travelling, the events on Saturday, as well as a few on Friday evening had to be canceled. Among the events affected by the cancellations were Fraternity Rush on Friday night, and a Networking 101 event on Saturday morning.

The cancellations were unfortunate all around, but the Enrollment and Admissions Office attempted to make the best out of a bad situation. They pushed ahead with most of Friday's agenda, giving prospective students the opportunity to explore the campus and get acquainted with some of the academic programs on campus. They also invited fraternities to send representatives to eat lunch and dinner with the visiting students and are hoping to bring many of them back to the next Admitted Students Weekend on April 13th and 14th. They are also hoping to reach out to prospective students that were on campus this past weekend with more information about fraternities on campus, and how to get involved with them.

The next Admitted Students Weekend in April will have a very similar schedule to what was planned for this past weekend. Friday's events will focus primarily on getting prospective students acquainted with campus life, as well as "academic opportunity sessions" which give them the opportunity to explore areas they are interested in studying at Wabash. Meanwhile, Saturday's events will focus on giving them an overview of the curriculum at Wabash and alumnus Rob Shook

'83 will help get them started on every Wabash man's favorite activity: networking.

According to Associate Director of Admissions Matt Bowers, the cancellations will have very little impact on the content of the next weekend, "students that attended this past weekend can come back [in] April so that they can specifically participate in Rush activities and get the meat of the programming on Saturday." Admitted Students Weekend is, in many ways, very similar to Scarlet Celebration and other events that have taken place over the past few years, but Associate Director Bowers said that, "the college as a whole has started working with 'Freshman Onboarding'" in an attempt to get students to be fully prepared when they step on campus in the fall.

These events are crucial for the college to bring in new students. Associate Dean for Enrollment Heidi Carl said that, "about two-thirds of the students who come to one of these weekends will end up here in the fall." She also said that current students play an important role during these weekends, and that the connections prospective students make on campus are crucial for getting them to commit to Wabash. Current students are also important for allaying concerns that prospective students may have about—among other things—attending a small, all-male college in rural Indiana. Senior Assistant Director of Admissions Julia Wells also said that helping to create a "welcoming nature" on campus is "powerful to these prospective students."

Associate Director Bowers estimated that there are currently about 120 students registered for the next Admitted Students Weekend and noted that they expected that number to increase as the date approaches and students who were on campus last weekend register to get to some of the things they missed.

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spoke about his excitement to be named for the position, as well as the goals and vision he has for the Sphinx Club moving forward.

"It's a great honor to be elected to President of the Sphinx Club," Hayes said. "The Club has been at Wabash for decades, and many students have been a part of it over the years. At the same time, it's a great responsibility as well. We're expected to promote campus life and preserve the traditions that our students are aware of ... we need to make sure that we are including the greater student body and faculty as well. It's all part of the vision for One Wabash, and any way that the Club can improve student life around campus ... that's what our main goal is and will continue to be."

While the roles of President, Vice President and Treasurer have been filled by new members this year, Vargas maintains his role as Secretary for the second year in a row. He spoke about Club goals, as well as his confidence in Hayes as President of the Club.

"Our main focus in the coming year is to establish better relations with other groups on campus," Vargas said. "We're brainstorming events to host in cooperation with shOUT and the MXI. We want to increase the relationship between the Sphinx Club and other organizations. Woodward helped to plan out the campus March Madness with the MXI this

year, and we are also going to plan an event with shOUT concerning mental health week, which would involve a panel of students to talk about mental health awareness. We also want the Rhynies to wear some rainbow tape on their placards to show solidarity for LGBT students. I'm proud of my Rhyne Brother, Sam. I believe he's the best person for the role as president, and I know he will be organized and will communicate his goals for the Club to both the EC and the student body."

Former Sphinx Club President Woodward also echoed Vargas' sentiments in his confidence in Hayes for the leadership position, and briefly touched upon the achievements of the Club that he experienced during his time as president.

"Being elected president was by far the best day of my life thus far," Woodward said. "It was an incredible honor being able to serve as president of an organization that is comprised of so many distinguished individuals. During my time as president, I was able to work hands on with multiple other campus leaders to help build and develop both unity and cohesion between entities that we have previously not worked with in the past. Over the past year, the Sphinx Club continued to protect the cherished traditions of Wabash College, but arguably more importantly built upon them and developed new traditions for future generations to share in

order to make a more inclusive environment for all members of the Wabash Community. These positive changes that the college and the Sphinx Club have made over the course of the year excite me, as Sam Hayes and his new executive team prepare to take over this spring. They are experienced, involved, and dedicated to the betterment of the club and the campus alike and I wish them all the best."

Hayes also further expounded upon the goals he hopes the Club will achieve in the coming years, and talked about how the group hopes to tackle these objectives with the new leadership in place.

"One of our biggest goals for the Sphinx Club this next year is to get more involvement in student events on campus," Hayes said. "Not only increased Sphinx Club member participation, but also more students in general to more athletic events, theater performances, and talks on campus... just making sure that we consistently have good turnouts for these events that so many people in the Wabash community put a lot of work into. I feel like that goal coincides well with the aim to increase campus unity. We want to show everyone that this is a brotherhood that supports one another. It's going to take quite a bit of work up front, but once we get into the motion, it will be significantly easier to maintain."



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Newly elected Club President Samuel Hayes '19 addresses the student body from the podium during closing announcements of last week's Chapel Talk.

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TRACE’S MUNCH A SUCCESS

TRACE BULGER SPECIAL COMMITTEE HONORS
STUDENT THROUGH FOOD AND CAMPUS UNITY

CLAYTON HUBER '21 | STAFF WRITER • Last Saturday, Trace’s Munch was held by the Trace Bulger Special Committee. This event was held in honor of Trace Bulger ’19 as a campus unity event. Students, faculty members, and alumni were invited to sit down and eat dinner with fellow Wabash men and live the true meaning of a “community.” During the Munch, Joe Walters ’18 stood up and spoke about Trace’s condition and the event itself.

“Trace is a Wabash man that is currently facing serious health issues,” Walters said. “During his time at Wabash College, his kindness spread like wildfire to each of his fraternity brothers. That fire within their hearts created the idea of taking Trace’s Munch to become a greater campus event. This event was something that Trace always wanted to create while at Wabash. He sought to create greater unity by bringing people together through food.”



Oliver Page '19

In addition, Student Body President Oliver Page ’19 spoke about Trace and how he was such a ball of energy inside and outside the Sigma Chi fraternity house Wabash College. “Trace was a man that embodied that values of Wabash College,” Page said. “He was a true Wally

that showed kindness and generosity to everyone. He had the biggest heart in my class that I knew, and he always wanted to help whenever possible.”

The committee consists of six Wabash men: Joe Walters ’18, David Daugherty ’18, Steven Stark ’20, Nathan Young ’20, Jared Timberman ’21, and Clayton Huber ’21. Each executive team member gave their heart out for this event and for Trace himself. “This event was created by some of the Sigma Chi juniors and seniors. We wanted to make this event come alive because Trace is a Wabash man and he is facing a serious health crisis,” Walters said. “He represents the values of a Wabash gentleman.”

“Once I met Trace and his family, I understood why this committee was created in the first place,” Young said. “Even though he cannot speak or move, I could see the emotion in his eyes.”

“We as a group of men wanted to create a campus event that would consist of all students with a community dinner so that we can increase community,” Daugherty said. The Munch was meant to be an awareness and communal event for Trace himself. “When I saw students and faculty walking in with Trace Bulger shirts, I really understood the impact that Trace left on the community and how many people were behind his inspiring movement,” Stark said.

“The opportunity given to me by this committee was amazing,” Timberman said. “The men on

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Knowing Fieldhouse was home to Trace's Munch last weekend. The event, hosted by the Trace Bulger Special Committee, sought to increase awareness concerning Trace's condition, and to continue the event started by Bulger during his time at Wabash.

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this committee were great and we worked well together to set up an event that I hope continues in the future. Even though I never met Trace personally, I heard many great things about him and his actions. I hope next year that we get more people to show up for Trace's Munch and that we can make this a tradition."

The Trace Bulger Special Committee thanks everyone for showing up to Trace's Munch and encourages the rest of the community to participate in the next Munch. The committee

would be happy to accept additional help in preparation for the next Trace's Munch event. Students interested in assisting the planning committee can contact any of the six members for information regarding the logistics and preparation involved in this event. If you would like to write to Trace and his family to update them on what is going on inside the walls of Wabash College, contact Daugherty. If you would also like to buy a t-shirt or donate to Trace's cause, contact Walters for more information.

TRACE BULGER

SOME LITTLE GIANT!

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TRANS WABASH MAN



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Would you read and trust a research paper on density matrix normalization if the author had no prior experience in the field of physics? Probably not. A similar thought process ran through my mind as I read Frank Russel's opinion piece in the March 16 edition of *The Bachelor*. This is my response.

To begin, let us go over some terminology that Mr. Russel used interchangeably. Gender is a social phenomenon, not a physical marker on the body. External genitalia determines sex by the doctor who delivers you. To ignore an entire field of study makes an argument invalid. To have done no research makes an argument invalid.

What is unsettling about Mr. Russel's piece amid our campus' recent conversations surrounding toxic masculinity and LGBT+ issues, is his failure to have listened to the stories of individuals who have expressed urgency in what Mr. Russel is denouncing; the subjective does not supersede the objective here.

What does it mean to be transgender? In layman's terms, an individual who is transgender can be a woman who transitions (changes gender identity) to a man, or a man who transitions to a woman. So why does

Wabash not admit transgender students? Good question. The College has no official policy on the admission of transgender students. Through all my meetings with administration at the College, many cite a dated 1972 code of the state, IC 22-9-1-2.

"There are institutions of learning in Indiana presently and traditionally following the practice of limiting admission of students to males or females [...] It is further recognized that this chapter is susceptible of interpretation to prevent these institutions from continuing their traditional policies, a result not intended by the general assembly."

What this code does not state is, "an institution whose admission practices are limited to a single sex *must* continue this

practice." Wabash willingly denies the admission of transgender men because they *want* to, not because they have a legal obligation. It is asinine to proclaim our institution would be tainted if we admitted transgender students. President Hess said in an interview with WorldMag, "If a student has been accepted into the college, based on the requirements of the school, and they decide to make a transition they are perfectly welcomed to stay here."

If a man decides to transition during their time at the College, the College would provide proper accommodations. This logic is problematic. The College will deny a trans-man's identity in fear of tarnishing our "All Men" status; yet, we will allow a student who transitions to a female to continue their enrollment. Is this a double standard? No. Per the College's reasoning for denying the admission of transgender students, we will not accept a female to male student because they were born with male genitalia. At the College, a penis will decide if you are admitted or not. So, if we allow a trans-woman to remain at the College, are we still denying her identity? Yes. The College is still denying her identity because the same discriminatory practices it uses to deny the

admission of transgender men is the same train of thought for transgender woman on campus. Because the newly identified woman was born with the anatomical parts of a male, the College is able to pacify itself because they will not take her gender identity into consideration.

In a meeting I had with President Hess my first year at the College, I was told "the college does not deal with hypotheticals," in response to my asking why the college has not begun considering the possibility of transgender men on campus. Transgender applicants are not hypotheticals, they do happen. A friend of mine, who is a transgender man, who consistently lives and identifies as a man, applied to the college. They were not the first, either. When they applied to the College, they indicated in their application material that they identify and live as a man. They received a denial letter with three sentences—this is not usual. How can the College claim it does not deal with hypotheticals if they will not acknowledge that transgender men HAVE and DO apply to the College. Willful discrimination is inhumane. a College whose mission statement emphasizes the importance of living humanely, we sure have done a terrible job.

SOMETHING WORTH FIGHTING FOR



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In my first two years at Wabash, I have seen many changes the college and clubs are implementing for a better college experience for students. From the IFC structuring more campus-wide events to strengthen campus unity to the college cracking down on fraternities' length of pledgship, I see the benefits these changes hold. As the wave of change stretches across campus, the annual Phi Delta Theta bouts are a subject some would like to see changed or stopped altogether. As a brother of Phi Delta Theta and one of our rush chairs who plan this rush event, I would like to open a dialogue defending the bouts and provide more information to those who only know them from rumors to be "pledges forced to beat each other up while everyone watches."

For anyone unfamiliar with the Phi Delt bouts, every year on Admitted Student Weekend, our fraternity hosts a rush event where we have brothers of the house participate in a boxing match in our courtyard to provide entertainment and promote the spirit of brotherhood for the visiting students along with current Wabash students who decide to attend. I would like to establish that no pledges participate in this event and only brothers of Phi Delta Theta voluntarily take part. Our bouts are no backyard bare-knuckle boxing match

as we take them very seriously. Although we want to see an exciting competition, we value the safety of our brothers over anything. Our house uses protective headgear, gloves, and mouthpieces to ensure the highest quality of safety to participating brothers. A referee officiates our match while a professional doctor is on the sidelines for any medical emergency.

From conversations with fellow students and professors, concerns with the image our bouts project to the college and our fraternity have been voiced. I spoke with students who stated that the bouts are entertaining but knew they did not want to be a part of Phi Delta Theta. The college holds a similar concern with a visiting student who might see the bouts develop a negative image of Wabash after seeing two students boxing.

Although there is potential that admitted students would hold negative views of the bouts, through my experience participating in them last year and discussions with those who saw them, it is my understanding that the bouts hold many beneficial aspects that go overlooked, and I would like to reveal some of these points.

Wabash loves tradition. The bouts are a tradition. It would be easy to use this one point to defend my argument, but not all traditions are positive, and traditions sometimes are forced to change. Although I could go into the history of the bouts originating from the campus-wide Caveman Bouts and how Phi Delta Theta prides themselves in tradition, I would instead like to illustrate the positive aspects of the bouts from interactions as an admitted student and participant.

I first witnessed the bouts in 2016 during my Admitted Student Weekend visit. This was an opportunity to see my actual brother box one of his pledge brothers instead of fighting me like we would while growing up. I remember the event being entertaining, but what stuck out the most was the way the brothers treated each other after the match. There was no bad blood; it was all smiles and congratulations between the participants and from other brothers in the house. There

were never smiles after my fights with my brother, so I was curious what would make them act this way.

I saw this again during my experience in the bouts. In a match between two of my pledge brothers, there was a knockout. Although the referee called the match and our doctor checked the brother out, the most memorable moment was when my other pledge brother came over and hugged him and congratulated him. After talking with an admitted student after the match, he told me this moment most directly expressed the idea of brotherhood that fraternities had preached the whole weekend. I said I wouldn't use tradition to defend my argument, but I brought up this moment to my father who graduated in '92 and participated in the Phi Delt Bouts. He told me that he had the same experience with the brother he boxed and after their match, they hugged it out, and to this day they are still very close.

Our bouts are not about destroying each other in the makeshift ring; they are about participating in an entertaining rush event with your brother and promoting brotherhood. As long as there is one admitted student who develops a new understanding of brotherhood from our bouts, I will not give up the fight for hosting them.

SAVE THE EARTH!

Being sustainable was never a concern in my household. The most sustainable things my family did were recycle aluminum cans, use reusable water tanks rather than buying water bottles in bulk, and ensuring all lights were off if they were not being used. Those actions had no focus on the environment; rather the focus was to minimize expenses. Though my family never thought about the environmental benefit such actions had, it helped make me aware of my consumption.

Over the years, I was able to turn my consumption awareness into thoughtful reflection. I also learned about the decaying state of our planet as I increased my awareness of environmental issues we face. Being aware and able to reflect on our environmental impact are great start points but they are not enough, we need to act.

Whether we like it or not, our world is changing. Though we have made amazing technological and cultural advances, our actions have compromised the health of our planet. The worst part about this is that we cause harm without even realizing it and, even when we realize it, we do not do anything to change. Take some time to reflect: Do you leave your car on while waiting for your



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friend to do some shopping? Do you leave the lights on when you leave a room? How long are your showers? Even what food we choose has an environmental significance. With everything seemingly hurting the planet, why should we care and “go green”?

For some people, change is good. Generally, I would agree with them because I like change. Even environmental change can be good; however, the rate of change we are seeing is very dangerous. I care about this change because we are currently experiencing extreme habitat loss and extinction rates. What affects me the most is the thought that future generations will not be able to see and experience the beauty of this world because most of the animals will be extinct. This might all

seem grim, but there is hope. For us to harvest this hope, we must take action in our everyday lives.

There are many things we can do to minimize our impact on the environment. The following are immediate changes you can implement in your life: Turn off the faucet or shower when you are not using it. Ever heard of “military” or “staggered” showers? This is not complicated. You simply turn off the water while lathering. You might be a little chilly for a short time, but this will make you appreciate the warm shower so much more!

Similarly, try turning off the faucet while shaving and brushing your teeth. Oh, and do not forget to turn off those lights as you leave the room. Not only will these practices save water and energy, but they will also save you money on your next water and electricity bills! I know we, students, do not have to worry about bills while living on campus, but getting these habits down early will help you when you move into your first apartment after college. This is exciting! We can save money and help the environment all at the same time!

Why stop there? We can do so much more if we apply our liberal arts education to helping the environment.

One of the most important skills we learn in college is how to do research. Apply that knowledge to learn more about ways you can alter your lifestyle to be just a little more “green.” For example, go learn what fruits and vegetables are grown during what seasons. Go do some research to figure out what all those weird symbols on your groceries mean (quick hint: there are stamps that indicate which products were grown/made following eco-friendly guidelines). Then, once you have educated yourself, apply this newfound knowledge to be just a little more eco-friendly!

Do not sell yourself short; we can do a lot to help the environment. Little actions such as the changes I mentioned above can truly be impactful. Much like the snowball effect, those changes add up over time and can even influence others around you to adopt these habits. It is time we become proactive and live our lives mindful of our environmental impacts.

If anyone has ideas on how to make Wabash a green campus, feel free to reach out to the Environmental Concerns Committee. You can contact me directly at maaguirr19@wabash.edu with any ideas or concerns. I will make sure to reply and even adopt your idea to some of our future projects if it is feasible.

ON THE QUESTION OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT

As my sophomore year draws to a close, I can safely say while I have a long and never-ending road to personal development ahead of me, I’ve certainly bettered myself over the last two years at Wabash. I’ve learned how to conduct myself in various settings, how to forge alliances, make friendships outside of those professional alliances, and to carry out variety of tasks: whether it be maximizing a student organization’s participation, record keeping, or drafting a contract. None of this would be possible if I went to a college or university in either Pakistan, the UK, or Germany. I credit these successes to opportunities Wabash has given me, including participation in a strong institution such as student government.

Let’s look at some base things before we get to the meat of the topic. Wabash boasts of the ‘Gentleman’s Rule’, and whether you believe people follow it or not, the underlying assumption this rule functions on and its consequences are profound. At Wabash, we’re treated as adults. We are responsible for our own actions, inside and outside the classroom. This leads to a very student-centered approach at everything we do at Wabash. This obviously means that student voices matter, and that the college wants to empower students to take responsibility in shaping this community. It’s not a school: it’s our “home away



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from home.” Therefore, even though some people may argue that student government doesn’t have any power, or that AFC is useless since it just “allocates money”, I disagree. Having visited many other colleges, and having participated in different parts of student government at Wabash, I can tell you it really matters whether or not students have autonomy on such institutional matters.

Let’s talk about student autonomy. Yes, we aren’t making the big decisions for the college that President Hess and the Deans might make, but the faculty doesn’t either. Yet, they are an important part of the college. A very important part. Similarly, without students, you have no college. We matter. Our voices matter. The kinds of decisions administration, faculty, and student government cater to are different, but equally important. I’m not here to

argue that things will fall to anarchy without the senate. What I argue instead is that this opportunity is awarded to few, if any, especially to the extent it is to Wabash Men, and that we must capitalize on it!

At Earlham College, student organizations barely get funds. Their minority organizations are always fighting their administration regarding demands that fall under student senates jurisdiction at Wabash. For the people who carry these tasks out, that’s an important skill they’re learning. Things such as problem solving, and being exposed to various issues. At other colleges, like DePauw University, the staff deals with issues and topics pertaining to student life, with students assisting, rather than leading. At Allegheny College, there’s a Dean for Diversity and Inclusion. We have a student organized, student run committee, that caters to everything a person with a master’s degree or higher does at Allegheny.

We sometimes forget that, yes, while our student government does pass a lot of the funding to organizations, and that is an important experience in itself, there are other branches of student government that come up with events such as the Taste @ Wabash, National Act, or Culture Night. Planning and executing a \$140,000 event itself is a big responsibility. Learning how to utilize the skills learned in class, rallying

people you would normally disagree with, conducting oneself in a professional setting, learning to draft a contract, inviting a speaker to campus, teambuilding, taking political stances, and working with alumni to convince the administration to do something are skills we learn as part of student government. I’d argue that we wouldn’t have the MXI, or the International House, had it not been for political action by students at Wabash.

When members of student government graduate, the things they did for this community will live on as they are passed down to others to build upon. The lessons and skills they learned would show in what they do in the future, in things what people might consider “matter” more than student government.

Finally, I’d like to say that I do recognize not everyone is interested in student politics. I am not advocating that you must be involved with senate or you’re missing out, no. I do, however, believe that undermining our student government is harmful, and disrespectful to opportunities we are awarded. I have seen student governments in Pakistani, British, German, and even other American colleges, and I believe we are lucky to have the freedom to achieve our goals and to shape our community the way we want to. It is a gift, and opportunity, that I am thankful for.

TRADITIONS WE DIDN'T INHERIT



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Wabash thrives off tradition, but the students of today have not experienced old traditions like the greased pole event and the campus wide bonfire.

AUSTIN HOOD '21 | STAFF WRITER • Wabash College prides itself as being an institution that places a lot of value in tradition. From the time they first step foot on the mall, Wallies are immersed in a world of ritual ranging from the silly and superstitious, like rubbing the head on the bust of Eli Lilly in the library, to the profoundly meaningful like the ringing-in and ringing-out ceremonies. The role of tradition in the culture of the college is a frequent talking point employed by all members of the Wabash Community in relaying to the outside world exactly what it is that sparks such passion about this obscure college.

While remnants of the past actively live on through various ceremonies and rituals, not every tradition that has once been observed by the Wabash Community survived the 21st Century. Some campus wide rituals have faded away slowly, others have died swiftly. What are some of these traditions we did not inherit?

A quick assessment of the archives indicates that in many ways Wabash was a more violent place in the past. Many of the college's traditions of yesteryear were harsh and open displays of hypermasculinity; and editorials voicing pride for the student body's caveman cultural motif can be found well into the latter decades of the 20th century.

One such display was a late 19th/early 20th century practice known as "corridor rushing," in which immediately after Chapel, then held on the second floor of Center Hall, freshmen threw hymnals at the sophomores seated directly in front of them. The two sides would then separate and face each other at opposite ends of the hall, eventually rushing towards each other with significant force after a period of yelling and mockery. "Corridor Rush" came to an abrupt end when one day when President Kane emerged from his office just as the two sides met, causing him to fly high into the air.

Perhaps the most famous, or

possibly infamous, of bygone Wabash traditions is the Greased Pole Fight, an annual event dating back to the years following World War II which pitted freshmen against sophomores in a grizzly effort to scale a greased telephone pole and retrieve a green pot.

"The freshmen were given three opportunities to charge the sophomores and scale the poll and try to get the pot, which of course was very rare," David Blix '70, Associate Professor of Religion, said. "What you would typically see happen is one or two freshman getting towards the top, and then immediately being pulled down back into the abyss."

The Greased Pole Fight, and its poleless predecessor, the Freshman-Sophomore Scrap, were part of the "freshman orientation" program devised by members of the Senior Council, which listed rules for freshman to follow on posters headlined "RHYNIES! Read and Reading Tremble!" In the rare event that the freshmen

class won the pole fight, the rules of freshman orientation were immediately suspended.

Among these rules, beginning in 1920, was the requirement for all rhynies to don pots (resembling those worn by the pledges of Phi Delta Theta to this day) when on campus. Rhynies were obliged to tip the pots, which were frequently sought after by thieving upperclassmen, to all women, visitors of the college, faculty members, and seniors.

"I think, at first, we found it a bit of an annoyance, but there was a certain playful quality to it," Blix said. "I thought it to be a sort of basic training in gentlemanly behavior."

Those rhynies found to be in violation of the rules of freshmen orientation were handed out punishments as the Senior Council saw fit. Some of these punishments included a requirement to wear green long johns over one's clothes

TAKING NOTES - DR. BURTON

NICK VEDO '19 | STAFF WRITER • Sometimes during the heat of the semester, it can be hard to remember that our professors have lives outside of research and the classroom. Similar to students, they have hobbies and passions that are non-academic. In an effort to illuminate the secret lives of our professors, The Bachelor continues its "Taking Notes" section with Patrick Burton, Associate Professor of Biology. Besides being the master of cnidarians and a tattoo connoisseur, Burton also has a unique taste in music not unlike many Wabash students.

Q) What music genre do you listen to the most?

"I mostly listen to classic rock and roll, and alternative music."

Q) What are your top 5 bands from your favorite genre?

"Bruce Springsteen and Pearl Jam are my favorite bands, and I like Barenaked Ladies, Stone Temple Pilots, and Dave Matthews band as well."

Q) What concerts have you been to?

"I have seen Bruce Springsteen live four or five times, and I have seen Pearl Jam. Also, I've seen a range of other groups like Metallica, who are great live, and Barenaked Ladies more times than I can count. I grew up in Buffalo, New York and since the Barenaked Ladies are from Canada they would come to Buffalo all the time when I was growing up."

Q) Have you always been into alternative and rock?

"I have pretty much always been this way."

Q) What was your favorite concert that you have been to so far?

"I went to see Springsteen with my dad, because he is a big fan also, and that was pretty neat since they had the whole band together. Springsteen has continued to make albums over the decades and definitely bridged the gap between my parents and me in terms of music."

Q) What is your favorite type of venue, stadium or smaller halls?

"I like smaller but most of the time end up going to the larger venues because that is where the bands I want to see play."



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One of Dr. Burton's favorite bands is Pearl Jam, which he's seen in concert several times.

Q) At performances are you moshing in the pit or observing from the seating area?

"These days I prefer to have a seat because I'm a bit older, but when I saw Green Day I was on the floor and there were definitely mosh pits opening. Then, when I saw Pearl Jam I bought lawn tickets because they were cheaper than trying to get seats closer."

So the next time you are talking to your professors after class, or during a brief break in lab, bring up music because they just might surprise you.

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for a week, or in more extreme cases of subversion, getting a "W" haircut.

Such rules and their punishments saw push back from time to time. A Letter to the Editor attributed to E.W. Mace published in The Bachelor in October of 1929 replies to a previous opinion piece calling for the abolishment of the "W" haircuts. In the letter, Mace assures the Wabash Community that "...this traditional practice of giving the rhynies hair-cuts will not be abolished as long as there are upperclassmen who feel that the rhynies should be kept from being so damned cocky."

The requirement for rhynies to wear pots, and most of the other rules associated with freshmen orientation, were abandoned as college-wide practice by 1968. Soon thereafter in the early 1970s, compulsory chapel attendance was controversially scrapped after a series of student protests against the mandate.

Another bygone Wabash tradition is the observance of Elemore Day, a holiday in which on a particularly beautiful fall morning the President of the college would cancel all classes and dedicate the day to leisure. The holiday is named after James Buchanan Elemore, an early 20th century poet from nearby Alamo, IN famous for soliciting his lackluster poetry in and around Crawfordsville. The practice ended after the departure of President Thaddeus Seymour from the college in 1978.

Wabash traditions come and go. For every old one that dies, whether it fades away or is abruptly killed, a new one will likely arise. An old jokes goes that if you do something once at Wabash, it's an abomination. If you do something twice, it's a tradition. If you do something three times, it's how Caleb Mills intended it to be.

"Not walking through the arch is a neat tradition, but I don't think it's nearly as important as the tradition that this is the kind of place where faculty and students take each other's ideas seriously," Brian Tucker '98, Associate Professor of German, said. "That, to me, is the bedrock tradition of this college. If students started walking through the arch tomorrow, Wabash would still be Wabash."



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Today's students know some former traditions, but many traditions remain unknown.

POETRY BRINGS MARSHALL BACK TO CAMPUS



CAL HOCKMEYER '19 / PHOTO (LEFT) | PHOTO COURTESY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING (RIGHT)

Nate Marshall, former Visiting Professor of English at Wabash College, was invited to return to campus by the college's English Department to share excerpts from his award winning collection of poems, *Wild Hundreds*, and poetry that he's more recently worked on. The *Wild Hundreds* is decorated with several awards, most recently the 2017 Great Lakes Colleges Association New Writers Award. In addition to sharing some of his own work, Marshall graced the podium of the College's Chapel to give last week's Chapel talk and put on a spoken word poetry workshop this past Monday. Marshall shared his poem *Finna* in his Chapel Talk and his poetry reading last Friday; the poem chronicled aspects of his life as a child growing up in Chicago and how a mindset allows him to succeed in life despite the negative experiences he encounters. Marshall taught at Wabash during the 2014 - 2015 school year, whereas he now resides in Chicago, where he teaches classes at Northwestern University and continually works on his craft.

STUDENT COACHES IMPACT COMMUNITY

CLARK TINDER '20 | STAFF WRITER • What is it like to be a coach? Two of our Wabash students, Jon Montoya '18 and Hank Horner '18, experienced what it's like to be a coach this past basketball season at Hoover Elementary school. Their goal was simple: have a group of eight fifth graders listen, have fun, and hopefully learn something. These goals may seem simple, but there were challenges along the way.

"I think the hardest part about kids this age is that sometimes they just want to have fun," Montoya said when asked about the challenge of coaching this age group. "A lot of the guys we had, had never played organized sports that required two hours straight of just practice."

Horner wanted his kids to learn about what sports could teach them and how the kids would be able to translate sports to life. "You have to understand that for this league and these ages it isn't about winning games; it's about teaching the kids the fundamentals of the sport and attempting to improve the character of the kids to show them how sports translate to life," Horner said.

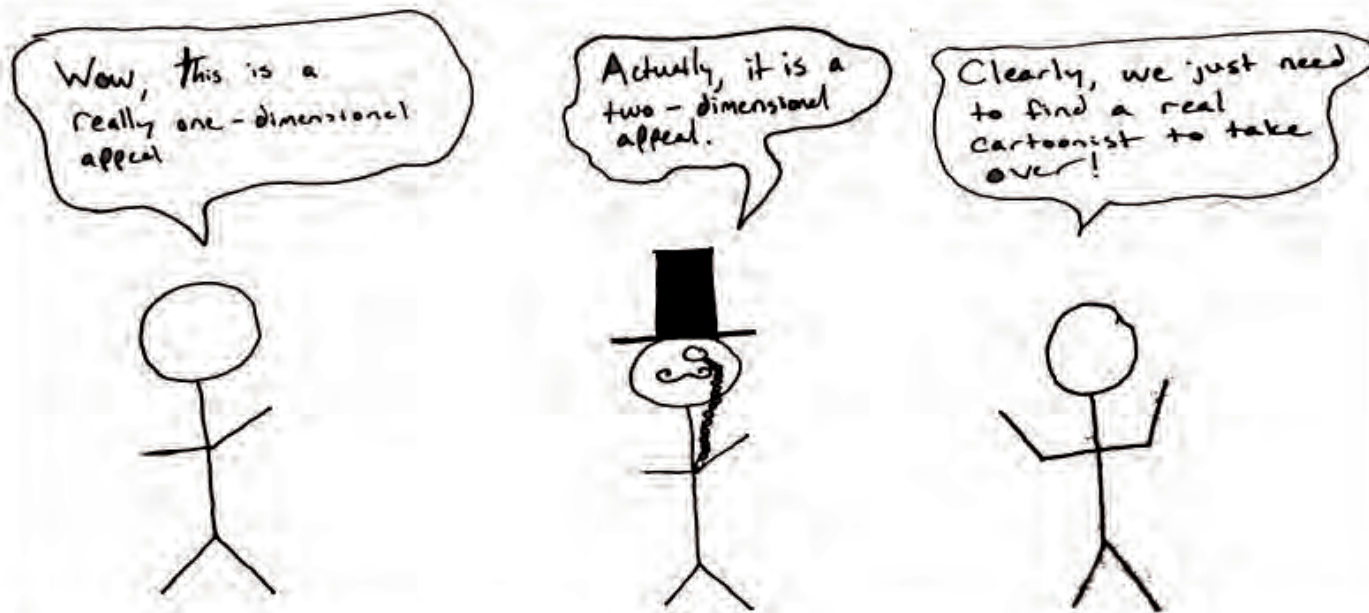
Horner and Montoya acknowledged that their team was not very talented this season, but that did not stop them from trying to coach the players to the best of their abilities. The coaches were proud of several things. With some of these kids being younger and never playing an organized sport before, emotion would run very high at practices and games. Horner and Montoya recalled the first few weeks of practice while one of them coached the other had to calm down a frustrated kid, but as the season moved on, the tears dried up and the hard work began showing.

The team motto was "work hard" and the kids took it to heart. The team took this motto onto the hardwood and played a gritty and scrappy defense and no matter the score, the team's defense kept coming at you. The team had an early exit from their post season tournament, and the coaches were worried that the tears and anger could come back, but then the kids showed the coaches what they had learned.

Horner recalls the final game as a proud coaching moment. "At the end of the game, the team came

over to the bench and nearly all of our players were saying things like 'I'm not even mad that we lost,' 'I'm sad the season is over, but we gave it our all tonight,' and even encouraging one another 'You played hard man, way to leave it all out there.'" Horner said. "This was a huge step from our first loss where we had 8 5th graders bawling their eyes out after we lost the game." Both Montoya and Horner saw how their kids learned to deal with losing and be proud of what they had accomplished.

Both of these coaches thoroughly enjoyed their coaching experience. Horner and Montoya both loved their time at Hoover Elementary school and said it never got in the way of their time at Wabash. "For two hours a day, I was able to step outside of the Monday-Friday Wabash grind we all know so well and just dedicate myself to something that was equal parts fun and rewarding," Montoya said. Montoya and Horner were able to make an impact on the youth of Crawfordsville, and they loved every minute of it. Both of these Wabash students were proud to take part in the Crawfordsville community.



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BASEBALL SWEEPS EDGEWOOD, DROPS GAME TO ROSE-HULMAN IN BUSY WEEK OF COMPETITION

JAKE CHRISMAN '20 | STAFF WRITER • This past week, the Little Giants took the field three separate times and went 2-1, 2-0 against Edgewood College and before dropping a game to Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology (RHIT) on Wednesday. Playing in Westfield, Indiana last Friday night, the Little

Giants won game one 8-2 over Edgewood and took game two 14-2. "I think we did really well this past weekend," Ryan Thomas '18 said. "Our hitting has been outstanding."

In game one against the Eagles, the Little Giants started off slow, but they put two runs on the board in the fourth inning off the bats of Eric

Chavez '19 and Henry Wannemuehler '20. Wabash added on in the fifth with four more runs. Contributing to the rally was Matthew Annee '21 and Andrew Jumonville '21, both with RBIs. Six would be plenty for the Little Giants with Two-Time NCAC player of the Week Bryan Roberts '18 on the mound. Roberts went seven full innings, allowing only two run and recording six strikeouts. Kevin O'Donnell '19 finished the game on the mound with two innings and a pair of strikeouts. The Little Giants would tack on a run in the seventh and another in the eighth in the 8-2 game one win.

In game two, the Little Giants bats stayed hot. In the 14-2 victory, Wabash only recorded nine hits. Jackson Blevins '20 and Bradon Nelson '21 recorded three RBIs. Canton Terry '21 recorded a career high four RBIs in a Wabash uniform. Tyler Downing '18 also recorded an RBI in the win. "You can't really get through our lineup without facing an offensive threat," Thomas said. "We are on fire right now." On the mound, Cody Cochran '18 went six innings, allowing only one run, and striking out eight batters. Sean Smith '21 took over, but only went 2/3 of an inning before giving way to Eric Murphy '20, who through 1 1/3 innings. Zach Moffett '20 closed out the game for the Little Giants retiring the side and striking out two.

Despite the Little Giant hot streak, the team team dropped a tough game in the mist in Terre Haute against RHIT by a score of 6-5. The team could only scrape up four hits throughout the game. Sean Roginski '19 led the game with three RBIs. The team had a Johnny whole-staff game, with eight pitchers throwing in the game.

The Little Giants return to action tomorrow for their conference opening series against Allegheny College (5-10). "We are going to start seeing more competitive play," Thomas said. "We know what our conference is and Allegheny has a couple .400 plus hitters. Games are going to become a battle, but we are ready to compete and answer that." The games will be played at Goodrich Ballpark starting at noon, and the second one scheduled for 3 p.m. on Saturday.

WABASH: 5

ROSE-HULMAN: 6

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IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

Jackson Blevins '20 hits the ball to right field during a game at Goodrich Ballpark earlier this season.



IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

Eric Murphy '20 sends a pitch towards the strike zone during Wabash's game against Manchester University.



IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

Kurt Lange '21 eyes the opposing batter as he starts his pitch.



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Chris Dabrowski '19 races down the lane in the 1650 freestyle in Indianapolis.

DABROWSKI '19 TAKES ON NATIONALS

TUCKER DIXON '19 | SPORTS EDITOR • The NCAA Division III National Championships took place in at the IUPUI Natatorium in Indianapolis last week and one of our own was in attendance competing against the best Division III swimmers in the country. Chris Dabrowski '19 qualified for the National Championship for the first time in his collegiate career in the 1650 freestyle. He also competed in the 200 and 500 freestyle.

In the 1650 freestyle, Dabrowski finished the grueling race in 16:23.94, putting him in 21st place out of 23 swimmers.

In the 200 freestyle, Dabrowski completed his race in a season-best time with a final mark of 1:46.43. Additionally, he posted a time of 4:46.82 in the 500 freestyle on Wednesday.

"Going to nationals felt great for the accomplishments," Dabrowski said. "But there is also a determination to get more people from Wabash there next year."

Dabrowski and the Little Giants swimming and diving team wrap up its season with dual record of 4-4. The team looks forward to putting in hard work in the offseason to get ready for its 2018-2019 season. Congratulations to Dabrowski.

TENNIS TOPS ROSE 6-3

WABASH DEFEATS ROSE-HULMAN 6-3
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Kirill Ivashchenko '18 returns a shot with a strong forehand in a match this season.

T&F TAKES THIRD AT WASHU

PATRICK MCAULEY '19 | STAFF WRITER • This past Saturday, the Little Giants Track and Field Team competed at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri in a mini meet. The weather was cold and rainy with a temperature of 42 degrees, but this did not stop the team from showing out. Out of the eight teams competing in the event, Wabash placed third.

Fighting the inner battles is key. When competing on a large team, it is very easy to fall into an unfocused mindset that places all of an athlete's focus on his teammates. While this is important because it spikes a mindset geared towards teamwork, it is also destructive because it takes an athlete's focus away from himself. Therefore, Head Coach Clyde Morgan preaches the importance of winning inner battles, which essentially means that the personal tasks of each athlete need to be their number one priority. In turn,

when everyone buys in to this game plan, each inner battle adds to the overall battle that the team engages in. In terms of Morgan's philosophy, teamwork starts with the individual, which then creates an energy of connection between each competitor as they participate in the event. Leadership plays a big role as well.

It takes multiple layers of class leaders to add to the whole. In terms of leadership, traditional sports teams usually push for a top-down structure; essentially, the upperclassmen took the positions as team captains and were considered the ones in charge. Nowadays, especially on very large teams such track and field, leaders emerge from the depths of each roster. "In all of our classes there are people to look up to," Rashawn Jones '20 said. "It's not even based off of ability... you just have to stay competitive." Strong leadership and focus on individual effort lead to



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Ballard Suiter '20 clears the bar in the pole vault event during an indoor meet this season.

strong results last weekend.

The Wabash athletes competed in many events. Jonah Woods '18 won the 3000-meter steeplechase after a scoring time of 9:33.00. Jones placed second in the 110-meter hurdle race with a time of 15.14. Hayden Baehl '18 finished third in the 1500-meter run with

a time of 58.81. PJ Schafer '18 hit a mark of 6.05 meters in the long jump, winning him fifth place. This upcoming weekend, the Little Giant squad heads into conference matchups as they travel to Springfield, OH. While there, they will compete against Wittenberg University and a few other schools.

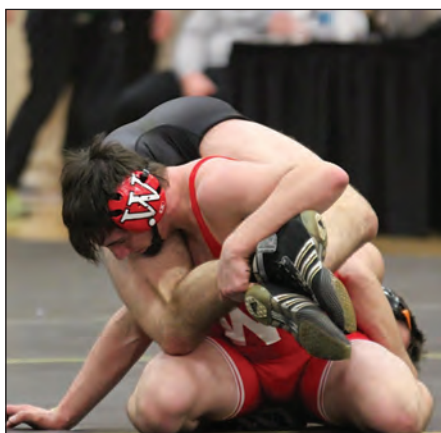
HATCH '21 AND BETHEL '21 NAMED TO ALL-FRESHMEN TEAM

Austin Bethel '21 and Kyle Hatch '21 were named to the 2018 d3wrestle.com All-Freshmen team. These Wabash Little Giants claimed two of the eight total spots on the list. The team is made up of competitors with freshmen eligibility who placed in the top eight at the NCAA Division III National Championships.

Bethel finished third in the 149-

pound weight class to earn All-America honors. He finished his freshman season with a record of 33-19 with 19 pins, two tech falls, and four major decisions.

Hatch finished eighth in the 157-pound weigh division. He finished his season with a record of 41-5 with 22 falls, seven tech falls, and seven major decisions. Congratulations to Hatch and Bethel.



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Austin Bethel '21 (left) and Kyle Hatch '21 (right) were named to the 2018 All-Freshmen Team for their performances this season.

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LACROSSE FALLS TO HOPE IN SPRING BLIZZARD

ZACH MOFFETT '20 | STAFF

WRITER • Last Saturday, the Little Giants' lacrosse team took on Hope College (5-1) at home in the spring blizzard that will be remembered for years. Most recently, Wabash took on first year program Earlham College last Tuesday. The Little Giants dominated that game as they went on to beat the Quakers 24-0 in their second win of the season. They did not play again until Saturday when they took on the Hope College at home. Due to the inclement weather, they had to shovel off the snow and clear the field just before the first faceoff. They also had to use an orange lacrosse ball so the ball would be easier to see.

At the hands of the blizzard, the Little Giants got off a rough start, turning the ball over often which led to Wabash falling behind 6-0 in the first period to the Flying Dutchmen. Wabash got this first score of the game during the second period from Andrew

Weiland '19. This was Weiland's first game of the season after he struggled with injuries. Weiland returned to the team after not being on the original roster at the beginning of the season. Weiland scored two goals in his first game back for the Little Giants. The Little Giants hung in with Hope in the second period as they held Hope to only one goal early in the quarter, but weren't able to be any additional goals in themselves.

The Hope offense found their stride in the third period and exploded for eight unanswered goals. Jake Taylor '20 scored the second goal for the Little Giants in the last minute of the third period.

"Saturday's game was rough with the snow, but we are making strides to understand more of the game," Taylor said. "I think it is a goal for the team to become more knowledgeable rather than focus on natural skill."

The Little Giants made small strides Saturday despite their hard

effort, only allowing one more goal in the fourth period to Hope. Wabash scored two more goals in the fourth from Weiland and Colin Brennan '19. The final score of the contest was Wabash 4, Hope 16. This puts the Little Giants now at 2-6 on the season. Statistically on Saturday, the Little Giants failed to put together much of an offense as they managed to get just 14 shots off and had a total of 47 turnovers, granted the snow enhanced both teams turnovers on Saturday.

Max Atkins '20 had 11 saves on the day and led the team with 11 ground balls. "We are definitely working hard to be a better team," Atkins said. "We are a very young team with little experience on the lacrosse field and to say we compete with some of the teams we do is motivating because of the tough lacrosse conference we play in."

The Little Giants surely are working hard to improve both on and off the field to establish the image and

respect the program wants.

The Little Giants travel away this weekend, taking on Calvin College Saturday at 1:00 p.m. The game will be shot live along with live statistical updates during the game. They follow the weekend game up with a mid-week contest against DePauw University on Tuesday at home. Be sure to come and support your Little Giants!

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



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AJ Shaheen '21 backs down a Hope defender in the first quarter of their contest.