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COLLEGE SUPPORTS KHAN'S DECISION NOT TO TRAVEL

COLE CROUCH '17 | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF •

Most students wouldn't think twice about an opportunity to study abroad for over a week in Europe. But one student did.

A month ago, Ahad Khan '19 still planned on fulfilling his unique opportunity to study over spring break with his peers and professors in their classes traveling to Brussels, Belgium and Frankfurt, Germany. After President Donald Trump issued his executive order, Khan still hadn't thought twice about it. Born and raised nearly 7,350 miles from Crawfordsville, Ind. in Lahore, Pakistan, Khan didn't give a second thought to his decision until two weeks ago when his conscience finally folded to uncertainty.

"Two weeks ago, I began having doubts," Khan said. "I did not realize that it would affect me in anyway because Pakistan was not on the list."

That's when Khan met with Dean of the College Scott Feller and Director of International Programs Amy Weir. After asking for direction and listening to their advice, Khan began reconsidering his decision and the effect it might have on continuing his education.

Ultimately, Khan decided to stay home. "The biggest concern is me not being able to come back," Khan said. "I think the concern comes from me being Muslim and Pakistani. The college strives to provide equal education for everyone. I've seen this. I've seen the support from everyone around me."

"Amy always encourages us to takes risks, but she gave me a sense of direction. The College felt I should avoid any chance of risk and jeopardize my degree. I was told throughout that this was my decision. It's still my choice. And they said we would help me all the way through. I'm pretty thankful to both Amy and Dean Feller."

Khan's decision not to travel with classmates means his educational experience will not be equal to his classmates', despite the equal travel opportunity afforded to him. His choice

was influenced by external forces that have negatively impacted his educational experience.

"In some ways it's voluntary, but it's pushed on him because of these awful circumstances," Ethan Hollander, Associate Professor of Political Science, said. Hollander teaches the Political Science 322: Politics of the European Union immersion course.

Hollander will attempt to somehow recreate the missed experience.

"We can find an alternative for him to do," Hollander said. "You have to recreate a different experience that does the same thing. Now what that will be, I don't know yet because this is a little unprecedented. What kind of experience can we make

sure Ahad has that sort of works as the learning equivalence of traveling to Europe with a class? We haven't figured that out yet, but we will find something because this isn't his problem. This is perfectly excused and understood."

Peter Mikek, Associate Professor

of Economics, teaches Economics 221: Economics of the European Union, and his class will travel alongside Hollander's class on the trip. In an act of solidarity and respect to Khan and his decision, Hollander, Mikek, and Feller decided Khan's nameless seat on the plane would be left open.

"Dr. Mikek, Dean Feller, and I discussed it, and we decided that we shouldn't [give the seat to someone else]," Hollander said. "I just didn't think I should be looking for a student or anybody for that matter to take the seat of somebody who I think, by any reasonable standard, should be on the trip with us. We understand why he's not, but he should be. I think everybody agrees on



Ethan Hollander



LEVI GARRISON '18 / PHOTO

Ahad Khan '19 will not take part in the EU immersion trip to Belgium and Germany, due to the uncertainty of the travel ban.

that. Ahad hasn't done anything wrong."

As an F-1 International Student Visa holder until 2020, Khan did not want to jeopardize his five credits for the spring semester had he been denied re-entrance to the country. Furthermore, Khan did not want run the risk of losing his entire degree. After graduating from Wabash, Khan would like to attend law school on the East Coast or in the Midwest. Ultimately, although disappointed, he decided to protect his dreams.

"Right now, there is a greater uncertainty around international travel for some of our students," Feller said. "We will continue to monitor it and try our best to meet the needs of every student to participate in an immersive experience of some sort."

Beyond guiding Khan's decision, the college and Weir help international students navigate the administrative policies, memos, and regulations created by agencies that enforce and uphold our nation's immigration laws. The recent changeover in administrations brought with it uncertainties about the domestic

and international environments and influence certain policies could have over others.

"We could have a whole new landscape tomorrow morning," Weir said. "If you're not a U.S. citizen, and you go outside the U.S., there is always some risk. It's just a matter of how risky it is for you. Unfortunately, like it or not, if you are from a Muslim country or have a Muslim-sounding name, you are more at risk."

Weir's responsibilities include protecting international students to the best of her ability as they travel internationally, so that they can safely return to fulfill the requirements for their degrees. In fluctuating political climates, Weir is charged with having to continuously assess the potential risk of travel for international students. She must weigh the likelihood that an international student traveling out of the country would be readmitted into the U.S. safely.

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HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

YOU CAN'T BEAT THE LEFEVER

Hi-Five to Riley Lefever '17 for being so physically intimidating that his opponent wouldn't even come out on the mat in the finals this past Saturday. Perhaps the opposition in the title match next weekend will get busted for taking estrogen pills and you won't have to wrestle in that one either.

THE OSCAR GOES TO...

Hi-Five to the Oscars for the total swing-and-miss on announcing the most prestigious award for movies this past Sunday. You literally had one job: hand the correct envelope to Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway for them to announce Best Picture. Survey says Steve Harvey is finally in the clear.

CAMPUS UNITY WAS A SMASH HIT

Hi-Five to the first unity tour of 2017, which took place last weekend. Students began the tour at Sigma Chi and proceeded to Phi Psi, where one student was unable to control his excitement and smashed a light bulb over his head. He immediately left, but was in attendance at the next house. It goes to show that the love of brotherhood drinking can withstand any form of light bulb destruction.

SCANDALOUS JOHNNY

Low-Five to one of the Crawfordsville's Giants going out of business. Johnny P's has reportedly closed up shop after an IRS investigation them for tax infractions. On the other hand, all 17 other pizza places rejoiced upon hearing the news.

CAMPUS WAKES UP

Hi-Five to Kappa Sig for their social event this past weekend. In a semester filled with the winter doldrums, it was nice to finally have a quaint, little gathering. DJ Jimmy kept the crowd entertained with catchy tunes and rhymatic beats. We hope that other houses on campus can take note of the dignified manner the Moids "throw down."

CORRECTIONS:

In the February 24 edition of the *Bachelor*, Sam Gellen's '18 letter was cut off in the opinion section.

TENURE REVIEW: PROF. JEFF DRURY ADDS TO SCHOLASTIC REPERTOIRE

AUSTIN HARRISON '18 | STAFF WRITER • Whether it is on Chadwick Court cheering on the basketball team, in Pioneer Chapel inspiring students with his use of powerful words, or chatting with students outside of the classroom about life, Jeff Drury, Assistant Professor of Rhetoric, has been an embodiment of what it means to be a great Wabash professor. Drury's contributions to Wabash were recognized with his recent grant of tenure.

Drury is the faculty advisor of the Parliamentary Union, a member of the Pre-Law Committee, and the Chair of the Faculty Athletics Committee. This upcoming spring break, Drury is leading the Marketing Immersion Program. "One of the things I think Wabash does really well is that we take the liberal arts curriculum and then seek to advance it with immersive programs," Drury said.

Drury is heavily involved in these programs, because he invests most of his time challenging and also getting to personally know Wabash students. "Professor Drury is one of those professors that you hear about when you first get to Wabash," Jordan Smith '17 said. "He will grade you hard, and sometimes write more than you did on your own paper, but you improve so much as a student because he challenges you so much."



Jordan Smith

"Not only is he engaging, challenging, and knowledgeable in the classroom, he is also interested in the lives of his students," Kyle Stucker '17 said.

Drury hopes to continue the good work that he has done by looking to get more involved. He is an enormous advocate for tackling the issue that Wabash does not have an accessible campus. Drury wants to find out ways to make all buildings accessible for all students.

"A student with a broken leg, for example, cannot meet me in my office and that's the same for other buildings on campus," Drury said. "I just think that is appalling for a college in the 21st century."

Drury also hopes to create a positive environment around sporting events. He believes there are certain phrases that students use to address one another that are a bit inappropriate. Drury wants students to, "think about the culture and support tradition, but do so in a productive and positive manner." He hopes to tackle these issues when he gets back from sabbatical next year.

Drury is on contract to write a textbook about argumentation; he will be doing that over sabbatical next semester. He feels some of the introductory rhetoric textbooks are not that well done or accessible to undergraduate students and hopes to solve that issue with his own textbook.



Kyle Stucker



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Jeff Drury, Assistant Professor of Rhetoric, celebrates the publication of his book: *Speaking with People's Voices: How Presidents Invoke Public Opinion*.

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“It’s my job and the student’s job to try to make it as easy for him to be readmitted to the U.S. as possible,” Weir said. “If I suspect a student could have a hard time coming back to the U.S., I would say, ‘Look, I think you would have a really hard time coming back to the U.S.’” “Right now, I think that is true for many of the international students that they could have a hard time coming back.”

Muhammad Nadeem ’20, President of the Muslim Student Association, supported Khan’s decision not to risk losing his degree by leaving the country. He also expressed concerns and touched on the realities of traveling for Muslim students.

“It’s a hard time on us [Muslim students], but it’s fine” Nadeem said. “He made a good decision by not going because he was risking his two years of education if he was not able to get back.”

Many in the community are standing by Khan’s decision. Khan shared that many people have reached out to him personally to support and show their understanding of his circumstances.



Amy Weir

“There’s definitely a sense of disappointment that followed from my decision,” Khan said. “I really think that everyone around me has shared my sorrow and disappointment. I feel that I’m surrounded by really awesome people that includes faculty, staff, and most importantly all the Wabash guys. Everyone I know closely has shown much more disappointment and that is something I’ve really appreciated during all of this.”

Khan appreciates that others have shown him empathy and commiseration. He also expects others will join him in standing up against oppression and discrimination in America.

“Going or not going is not a big thing, but I’ve been able to see the genuine compassion for me and for Wabash, and that is a really awesome thing,” Khan said. “When there are times that we see injustices and inequalities happening, it’s the best to stand up against them because if it’s not one of us today, maybe tomorrow it will be our turn.”

“America is going through a turbulent phase, but I just cannot help stop praying for America because I find it an immensely awesome place. I consider America, especially the people around me—Wabash—my home.”

Khan plans to major in political science and minor in religion at Wabash. He works

as a Peer Career Advisor at the Schroeder Center for Career Development. Among several other extra-curricular activities, Khan serves as the Opinion Editor for *The Bachelor*, a Class of 2019 Student Senate Representative, and the Chairman of Diversity and Inclusion Committee for the Student Senate.

“It really does not matter who you voted for,” Khan said. “I believe that before people they think about how issues will affect them personally they should think about how America will be affected in general. I really

respect what people vote for, and I really want the American president to succeed because that will be the best for the world.”

In addition to spending time in Crawfordsville, Khan will visit relatives in Dallas and Austin over spring break. He also plans to meet up with Jeremy Wentzel ’13 and Dan Susie ’68. Khan has already secured an internship for the summer as an Innovation Intern at EnFocus, a non-profit in South Bend, Ind. Jeffrey Houston ’18 and Austin Ellingwood ’18 will join him.



LEVI GARRISON '18 / PHOTO

Ahad Khan ’19, a native of Lahore, Pakistan, will instead travel to Texas to visit relatives over the break.

WALLIES GO GLOBAL

BRYCE BRIDGEWATER '19 | STAFF WRITER

Spring break is not always a beach paradise for students here at Wabash. For three groups of students, their break will include visiting different parts of the world on two immersion trips and one domestic concert series. One group of students will be flying to Nairobi, Kenya for their African Christianity class with Richard Warner, Associate Professor of History.

“The class is about developments in Christianity,” Kevin Griffen ’18 said. “Specifically, we are studying how some developments started in Africa.”

With the trip heading to Africa, this is a unique experience for students. Most immersion trips do not venture into the continent; rather, most trips stay in Europe. While in Kenya, the students will be staying with Franciscan friars in Nairobi.

“I’m nervous, but I am also very excited,” Griffen said. “I am excited to experience a different culture. For me, being in a place where a lot of people haven’t been before, I am going in with a lot of things unexpected. But I’m treating it as a good thing.”

The group will spend a week in Kenya, discovering multiple places important to their class.

Also, other students will be traveling to Rome, Italy for the Early Christianity in Rome course with Jeremy Hartnett, Associate Professor of Classics, and Derek Nelson, Associate Professor of Religion. This trip is crucial for the students, as they have a project about a building important to the early Christians in Rome.

“This is not my first time going to Rome,” Patrick Azar ’19 said. “However, I am very excited to return as a student and study the city and its impact on the world.”

This trip will stay in Rome and focus on the different churches and monuments there. Azar will concentrate on the Portico Dii Consentes, a forum in Rome.

He will be studying the impact the forum had on Christianity in the early history of the religion. “I’m excited to experience the




Patrick Azar

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SENATE CORRECTS NATIONAL ACT DEBACLE WITH DJ CARNAGE

DAVIS LAMM '20 | STAFF WRITER •

Not every car is a Tesla. While Elon Musk's electric car simply funnels energy from batteries to motors, the majority of vehicles on the road today use a complex system of gears, chambers, explosions, belts, drive shafts, and differentials to change gas into useful momentum.

To most Wabash men, the Wabash College Student Senate appears to operate like a Tesla: a simple conversion of funds into action. In reality, it is as perplexing as combustion engines: a few of our peers work arduously to maneuver through various bureaucracies to satisfy the needs and standards of both the administration and student body. The planning of this year's national act exemplifies how conflicting standards, legal labyrinths, and short deadlines can derail the pursuit of a legendary event.

The bottom line is that there will be a national act this spring, but the orchestration of the next one will be a deviation from the norm. An offer has been sent to DJ Carnage, and funding has been approved for an opening performer.

With the angst of a potential cancellation gone, it is now essential to understand what transpired after student body president Jack Kellerman '18 took office in January. Kellerman, who handled last year's hiccup-free national act, intended to be an advisor

to the Events Committee of the Student Senate. "Because I did it last year, I had the contacts and was already working over winter break to make this happen," Kellerman said. "It took an afternoon last year, and I was just going to guide them through the process. This year, what took an afternoon took five weeks. It was never intended to be my responsibility."

According to surveys done earlier in the year, Lil Dickey was the best option. "Lil Dickey was the go-to," Kellerman said. "Migos was first, but they were booked. There were initial concerns in terms of some of the headlines that were written about him, so they [college administrators] said I had homework to do. I had to call the last two or three institutions he had performed at, and they said they had come concerns."

Pat Sullivan, advisor to the student senate, said, "I don't think that he would be a very good representation of the college, and in my delving into his record, there were definitely things about him that were questionable: some of his behavior at concerts and some of his lyrics."

Last year, the rapper engaged in uncouth onstage antics at a Jesuit school in Kentucky that included lewd dancing and hurling food at the crowd. "They didn't give him any guidelines or require him to have a clean act; they just hired him to perform," Kellerman said. "Whereas, we, knowing this

information, drafted a document requiring a clean act."

Unfortunately, after five weeks of deliberation and research, the administration vetoed the students' top choice. "We were hesitant to send out an offer sheet. As a result, Lil Dickey and his agent never got a chance to respond to those concerns that we had," Kellerman said.

This led to another survey, the one that sparked the email battle that clogged student inboxes for a few days. Currently, student leaders and the administration are negotiating with Carnage for a performance after spring break.

The events and clubs students enjoy require immense amounts of effort to properly manage. Experience in coordinating events and responsibly spending money has been a defining aspect of the college.



Mike Raters

However, the responsibilities of student senate could change. Dean of Students Mike Raters '85 addressed the Senate last week to explain the situation from his perspective and to explain some changes he seeks to implement.

"I think that there's been great effort on the part of many on campus to secure a national act," Raters said. "It is not simple to make agreements in today's world. The way that we do this is messy, it's very challenging, it's very time consuming, it's cumbersome."

After commending the work of men like Sullivan and Kellerman in triumphing over that challenge, he presented a few steps to their jobs easier in the future.

"The college collects fees from the students, and then takes most of that and hands it to the Student Senate to run the operation," Raters said. "Moving forward, I'm going to convene a group that's going to look at the system. For example, how can the senate adjust its rules to secure funding and negotiate a contract a year ahead."

It is important to note that an amendment to the constitution would be required to allow spending that far in the future. Though these changes will give organizers more time to create a magnificent event, they could also sacrifice some of the senate's autonomy.

As we will see later this year, the national act will not be a failure. For that, we can thank the leaders who tenaciously worked to make this tradition fruitful. As improvements are added to the process, the national act has the potential to become a major source of notoriety for Wabash. Little Giants, step up and enjoy the show.



LEVI GARRISON '18 / PHOTO

Jack Kellerman '18, President of the Student Body, addresses committees Tuesday night's senate meeting.



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VIRT HUSTLES FOR SUCCESS

CHARLES FREY '19 | STAFF WRITER

• It isn't uncommon that a Wabash man succeeds after spending four years here. For the lucky few, however, success is already in the works. Fiji brother Wesley Virt '17 is one such senior whose hard work and dedication are paying off for his senior year, and he couldn't be more excited for his future. A financial economics major, Virt has put his knowledge to good use as Founder and CEO of two start-up businesses—Vionix Academy and Explore International LCC. There have been ups and downs along the way, but Virt attributes his resilience and perseverance to the ideals Wabash has instilled in him.



Wesley Virt

“In entrepreneurship, you constantly face struggles every single day,” Virt said. “It’s always tempting to say, ‘this isn’t going to work.’ With our motto ‘always work harder,’ there is a way. Wabash Always Fights, and that’s stuck with me throughout my career here and in my entrepreneurial and start-up experience.”

With the help of some people here at Wabash and Purdue University, Virt began his quest for success during his junior year when he founded Vionix Academy. With a National Science Foundation grant through Purdue, Virt had the opportunity to interview about 75 teachers across the nation. This information was used to address what

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cultural side of Rome,” Azar said.

In addition to the two international trips, the Wabash College Glee Club will be touring during the break as well. The group’s annual tour will include visits to Philadelphia and Gettysburg, Pa., in addition to Washington D.C., and nine concerts with approximately 14 songs during each. While he wasn’t aiming for a particular trip theme, Richard Bowen, Director of the Glee Club, said that this year’s locations meshed together very well.

“When you look at these places, these

the concerns were that teachers had about the future of education. The biggest concern was utilizing technology in such a way that it engaged students.

“We specialize in creating education technology to engage students in higher order thinking abilities through different types of technology,” Virt said. “We’re working on videos, augmented reality experiences, virtual reality experiences, and other types of technological products to engage students in science and math.”

Since the computer revolution, not much has changed in the classroom. Books are read on screens, and students are learning how to type on a keyboard earlier and earlier. Explore’s goal is to innovate new methods to allow students to engage fully with their education through a more immersive technology.

“There’s never a right time to do a great thing,” Virt said. “If you think you’re going to wait until you have a career to do something if you think you’re going to wait until you have a certain house or a certain amount of money, there’s never going to be a right time. You should do what you want to do right now and make it happen. If you don’t, then you don’t want it that badly.”

Virt contributes much of his success to Sara Drury, Assistant Professor of Rhetoric, for having such an impact on his leadership development and helping his understanding on how to lead effectively. He thanks her for getting him involved with rhetoric, his minor, and Democracy Fellows with all of its amazing experiences. An innovator, an entrepreneur, and a Wabash man, Virt has been an exemplary student and citizen during his four years at Wabash.

are all markers of important points and aspects in our country’s history, and they continue to be important and resonate today,” Bowen said. “It gives us an opportunity to get a closer look at the United States, its founding, and a couple critical junctures in its history.”

In previous years, the club has performed in Texas, Ecuador, Nashville, Memphis, and St. Louis, Mo. Bowen added that the trips also offer the students a unique chance to bond with each other outside of rehearsals, and club members agreed.

“During rehearsals, we sing for roughly two hours and then go home,” Ben Wade '17 said. “This will be my third tour, and it’s been a lot of fun to interact with other guys in the group on past trips. They’re honestly like mini-immersion trips in that way.”

The group is leaving Saturday morning and will return on March 11.



Ben Wade



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Wesley Virt '17 with alumnus Spencer Sheridan '12 at his summer Lilly internship.

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HOW THE U.S. TRAVEL BAN HAS AFFECTED ME

As the last winter recess was coming to a close, I could not wait to return to Wabash and already looked forward to spring break, for I was selected in a political science course which had an immersion component to Germany and Belgium. Winter break was the first time I got a chance to visit home, Lahore, Pakistan, after spending almost a year and a half in America. I was exhilarated to see my parents, siblings, and friends, but all of them sensed my excitement for the upcoming Euro trip. They would often times make fun of me by saying that I had made Wabash my first home—something which I wholeheartedly accepted. Yet, my family and friends equally shared my anticipation for the trip, not to mention my Wabash brothers and also the faculty and staff members who were only wishing me the best for my travels.

On January 27, however, President Trump issued the executive order that banned citizens from seven predominantly Muslim countries. At first, I could not recognize the implied consequences stemming from the ban, as Pakistan was not on the list of banned countries. After some time, I went to talk with Professor Hollander, who is teaching the course, and Amy Weir, the Director of International Programs. They also shared concerns about my traveling.



Ahad Khan '19

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Seeing and hearing many cases of immense scrutiny exercised by airport officials always keeps me nervous while traveling, whether domestically or internationally. My own experiences and what I've seen happening at airports to some of my relatives and other students from Pakistan amounted to a greater confusion in my mind regarding the possible ramifications of traveling to Europe. While the ban was still in place, I even learned about some Pakistani-American families (citizens and Green Card holders) who were not barred altogether from entering the US, but were subjected to extreme vetting processes which took hours to get done. If this was the case with citizens and Green Card holders of Pakistani origin, what might

have been in place for an international student like myself who just holds a regular F-1 visa? After further talks with Dr. Hollander, he expressed a great optimism on my coming to the trip because legally, my visa status is protected and the ban was non-binding on F-1 visa holders. His support reiterated that we would all make this a success story rather than an uneventful occurrence.

Additionally, the ban was revoked by a federal judge and this meant that I could travel without any issues. Unfortunately, this was not true. In my case, the question is not about going to Europe, but coming back and entering the U.S. While the ban remains void, uncertainty still lurks. Statements from the White House persistently pushing for further executive orders make me think about my future at Wabash. Will I be able to complete my degree or not? If I go on this trip, will it be equivalent to jeopardizing my whole future? If I am not allowed to re-enter the U.S. or even allowed to board the aircraft, am I ready to miss one semester worth of credits for which my parents have already paid? These and numerous other harsh questions have made me cautious and put me in a position to take zero chances if I am to ensure my completion of studies.

The questions originating from this hasty travel ban have led me to a further question: was it really my best decision to come to America to pursue higher education? Is America's greatness something real or a sham? Every time I ask myself these questions, my heart leans to the affirmative, not because I was afforded the opportunity to come here, but because at every step of my two-year time at Wabash, I have witnessed true compassion and humanity. I am fortunate enough to be surrounded by people who equally share my happiness and grief. I believe all these exceptional people far outnumber the bigots due to their special weapon of love and benevolence. All is not bleak and I remain thankful to those on campus who've helped me to make the right decision by guiding me and also for standing by me in this tumultuous time. I am grateful to all in the Wabash community for their sheer support and have discerned that it is these awesome people around me who define America's greatness, not those who spew hatred, ignorance, and bigotry.

My plans might have altered, but my prayers and efforts remain to play my role in making this country a citadel of tranquility and peace for all, a principle for which the American nation strives.

THINGS ARE NOT AS BAD AS THEY SEEM

I have heard people say recently that the United States is divided. Perhaps it is, but I must really be missing why the divisions today are so devastating. Turn the clock back about 50 years and African Americans still do not have the right to vote. Turn the clock back 100 years and women are still treated as second class citizens. Turn the clock back 150 years and the country is literally divided North against South, preparing to fight in one of the most brutal conflicts in history. My point is that America today is divided, but when has it not been? There have been far more divisive issues facing this country since the beginning.

These divisions we face today are political. As long as there is a democracy, we will always have political divides and that is a good thing. We need to make sure that we hear two sides to every story to get the full picture. Division in politics should never change; there should never be unilateral thinking.

America is in pretty good shape today. Does it have it have problems? Absolutely. America is far from being perfect. Things,



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however, are pretty good. Races are able to coexist, the economy is doing fairly well, and despite what many believe, America seems to be safe. This makes me wonder about where people get this absurd notion that things in this country are so bad and that we are so divided.

Perhaps the division lies in a fear of the future. This fear has manifested itself in many different forms. Some are afraid of immigrants causing trouble in our country. Others are afraid of Donald Trump and his presumptuous attitude. More locally, students at Wabash are petrified that the student senate will allocate too much

money to our clubs on campus. Regardless of what scares us, I want to make it clear that we should not succumb to fear when dealing with these people.

Immigrants are not bad people, there are checks and balances in our government designed to stop our president from having too much power, and there are reserves in the senate for a reason. Fear moves us away from the truth. As we move away from the truth, we become divided.

It is of the utmost importance that we do not become a polarized nation. Arguments are never settled between two extreme opinions. It takes moderate people to get things done. The only aspect of political divisiveness that should scare us is the far-left and the far-right. These two groups are incapable of compromise. They are incapable of finding the best solutions for everybody, as they only see things from one perspective. We as people have a pretty good understanding of what is right and what is wrong. If we disagree with each other, we need to ask questions to expand our understanding. None of us

know everything. Obtaining knowledge from various sources saves us from ignorance. If we remove ignorance, we can remove fear.

We have come so far in terms of removing the real divisions within our country. We still have a way to go, but as we have seen throughout history, change does not just happen. In comparison to the divisiveness of the past, we are doing very well today.

I am not trying to belittle the issues that we face today. People are worried about where the country is going, and their views are valid. I too am concerned about the issues that we face today. I just don't want people to get caught up in this fear that things are somehow worse now than they have been. They are not. Things in the America are always improving. We are always moving forward and we do so together, despite our apparent divisiveness. Let's be optimistic, wary of what is right and what is wrong, but keen on doing the best we can so that we can continue the positive trend forward in America.

DISTINGUISHING FRIEND FROM FOE

It would not be completely wrong of me to claim that we live in times of very low tolerance. We have plunged ourselves into a world filled with hate and shed more blood than any other species on this planet. Many believe that Islam is the greatest threat to modern civilization. Muslims are a bunch of barbarians who believe in an archaic scripture presented by a fraudulent man who presented false miracles. A world without Muslims would be much better. All are very interesting claims to which I can offer rebuttals in a debate. However, the point of this article is not to win an argument. I'm not aiming to convert anyone to Islam, nor am I interested in garnering any sort of sympathy. The purpose of this opinion piece is to help people understand the significance of the way that we at Wabash handle the issue of war on terror and how we can help to combat it as responsible global citizens.

First, we need to identify the stakeholders in this war on terror. Who is the enemy? Is it the Arabs? Or the Muslims in general? Perhaps it is the ISIS. But wait, ISIS is a Muslim group or at least claims to be, right? So, is Islam at the root of destruction in the world? Not quite. I believe that too many of us rely heavily on Hollywood and other media outlets to get informed. There is nothing wrong with that, and I also understand that not all of us can be expected to have the resources, experiences, and connections to get a better understanding of all the issues that plague our society. I



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do, however, feel that the image presented by these media outlets and TV shows is fictitious rather than factual. Many TV series that flaunt patriotism as an admirable trait do it at the expense of making someone the target of the American public's animosity. A glimpse of the TV series 'Homeland' would leave me laughing, until I realize the consequences of such careless depictions. "Homeland" depicted Islamabad - Pakistan's capital and the city I grew up in - as a war-torn place where women are forced to wear burqas, people chant "Death to America!" and of course, the sign boards are in Arabic. The site where they shot this series is in Africa, and unless things have changed significantly since I last visited my homeland, we do not speak Arabic. The place is beautiful, green, and right at the foothills of the Himalayas. Women can wear whatever they please; in fact, fashion shows are very common and you'll barely find any woman in the portrayed attire. Why are

depictions and biases important to highlight? They are important because they paint the wrong target.

Pakistan has remained a front-line ally of the United States in the war on terror, post 9/11. The common man of Pakistan has suffered at the hands of terrorists and despises these "animals." While schools are fortified with walls and concertina wires, children undergo drills training them on how to evacuate in case of a terrorist attack. When you know that tomorrow is not guaranteed and that these terrorists have utterly defiled your religion, you barely feel anything but contempt towards these people. I have seen children die in a school operated by the Pakistan Army. Their crime? To be the children of the men and women in uniform who are fighting against the terrorists. In that school attack, civilian teachers fought terrorists to protect their students. A child in another incident jumped on a hand grenade to save his classmates. How do you think they feel when the West so carelessly paints them and abuses them as the terrorists they so despise? I still remember the day I was pulled out of my school because reports came in that my mother's workplace, a government university, was attacked by terrorists. Yet, the media would have you believe that I am the terrorist.

The reason I bring this up is not so people can be considerate towards others feelings. I bring it up so we can identify friend from foe. When we allow such ignorance to plague our society, we push our allies away.

We persecute our friends and all forms of communication breaks down. Suddenly, the victims are fighting a war on two fronts. These terrorists are killing them physically, culturally, and emotionally, while their allies paint them as a threat to be exterminated. Suddenly, it's not cool to question and talk about your own religion. Pseudo-scholars jump at this opportunity and sever the remaining channels of productive discourse. Now you have masses of people - who don't know anything about their own religion - being brainwashed and told that these 'western states' are your real enemies.

This identity crisis amongst the youth, this taking away of free speech in the fear of being associated with the West: this is all playing into the hands of our real enemies. The only way to combat terrorism is to understand that Muslims are not your enemies. Encourage platforms to discuss and understand the religion. Support your allies to help them reclaim their religion from these terrorists. Encourage a productive society where Muslims and non-Muslims alike ask questions so that the enemy cannot exploit this polarization and pit brother against brother. By our current methods, we are legitimizing the terrorists as the real Muslims and sidelining the real Muslims fighting against these terrorist groups as an abomination. Our current rhetoric and approach to Islam does nothing but help our enemies. Muslims are your allies, terrorists are our enemy.

A CALL FOR VEGETARIANISM

Anyone who has eaten enough meals with me and paid sufficient attention would notice that I abstain from consuming meat. Eating this way is quite unpopular in America, where eating meat regularly is a cultural ubiquity. When I say regularly, I mean every day and sometimes every day for every meal, meat is included. I am surprised that this fails to be an interesting point about the American diet to most people. I am also perplexed by the lack of seriousness that vegetarianism is met with in the social sphere. An uncountable number of times I have heard someone say to me, "well, I personally just can't give up meat" and I think this is rather sad. It is sad to hear someone completely dodge any intelligent conversation about American eating habits and their relation to them, and it is sad to hear them effectively eliminate any possibility that they will consider giving up meat.

Inevitably, when someone learns that I am a vegetarian, they will ask me why. This is a question that I am glad to answer, and I hope to persuade you to reconsider your consumption of meat by appealing to reason. My motivation to abstain from meat is (mostly) three-pronged: environmental, health-related, and ethical.

The production, processing, and transport of animal products for the American eater is



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an incredibly resource and time consuming industry that is rife with ecological damage. The production of meat (at least on the industrial level) requires raising livestock as large as possible as quickly as possible. These animals do not simply sprout from the ground as plants do; they require vast amounts of food, mostly in the form of grains, and vast amounts of water in order to reach sufficient mass to be slaughtered. All of the energy required for producing the food for these animals comes at the cost of millions of tons of carbon poured into our already vulnerable atmosphere. The point being raising these animals depends upon an enormous input of energy that is provided by fossil fuel combustion. In fact, most of the crops we raise are for feeding our food, food being the livestock. The environmental damage is many-sided,

but perhaps the most relatable issue is that of manure. Livestock produce a notoriously tremendous amount of manure. Manure run-off is a global agricultural problem because of eutrophication, in which watersheds receive an over-input of nutrients and consequently natural ecosystems are (sometimes permanently) impaired. I object to this, and you should too. Abstaining from meat will reduce its demand which will reduce the ecologic damage its production causes.

Vegans and vegetarians are often criticized for willingly forgoing a source of protein and other nutrients, meat. A plant-based diet is actually more nutrient-rich than many realize. By striving to obtain all the necessary protein for a day, the vegan or vegetarian is forced to eat a wider variety of foods. Therefore, the plant-based diet is more nutrient-rich. Not only this, but the medical literature consistently finds that those who eat less or no meat live longer and suffer from far fewer health ailments than those who eat more meat. Plant-based diets are lower in fats, contain zero cholesterol, are higher in essential nutrients, and taste better. Plus, from first-hand experience, I can tell you it is not that hard to get sufficient protein with a plant-based diet. I may remind you that vegan bodybuilders exist. Vegetarian meats are increasingly common

and delicious. Abstaining from meat may be among the wisest health decisions you make.

I subscribe to the idea that the loss of sentient life should be minimized whenever possible. Before I lose you, know that I am not a member of PETA (though I acquiesce with many of their points) and that I simply hope to remind you of the needless suffering of many millions of conscious creatures a year. I think it is a simple ethical responsibility to consume less of them. It seems to me that someone who eats meat as much as the average American is on a slippery slope when they become worried about the loss of life in the form of comparably few human embryos/cells used in medical research or anywhere else for that matter. All I am calling for here is some consistency with one's ethical reasoning in regards to meat consumption. To me, eating meat in the way Americans do is to give one's consent to the needless suffering visited upon livestock on a daily basis.

I urge you to rethink your consumption of meat in light of the things I have said here. I hope you come to the same conclusions that I did when considering them. If you have questions and see me around campus, please do not hesitate to ask me.

COMPARING CAMPUS MENUS



CAL HOCKMEYER '19 / PHOTO

Many fraternities have changed their meal plans due to new cooks and new food ingredients.

CHRISTOPHER BARKER

'20 | STAFF WRITER • Wabash students, staff, and faculty constantly debate over which style of dining is the best: Sparks or the fraternities. Within this, the Wabash community also wants to know which fraternity serves the best cuisine. However, this is a challenging question to answer. Everyone has their unique taste as to what they like best. The diversity of the house cooks' culinary backgrounds and cooking styles must also be considered along with the different ingredients they contain. Also, people may have different traits for what they look for in "the best."

Despite these different factors, many fraternities share similarities in the way they dine. Most lunches and dinners have a buffet-style setting. These meals perform a fundamental role in bringing fraternity brothers together to chat, despite everyone's busy schedules.

"I think brothers really enjoy coming to meals," Phi Kappa Psi Kyle Warbinton '20 said. "We have some pretty good meals which

brothers enjoy coming down to eat. It really is a great chance to bond in the house."

Fraternity brothers also have the opportunity to have a more direct influence on what is on their menus. Many houses have an appointed brother or set a system in place to communicate with the house cook to give them feedback on what to keep cooking and what to improve on.

Sometimes, faculty members visit different fraternity houses to have meals with the brothers. Also, dining at the fraternity house grants prospective students with a very clear perspective about life at Wabash. This gives them the perfect opportunity to experience the brotherhood firsthand while learning more about the possibilities that Wabash has to offer.

Though fraternity meals share similar characteristics, each dining venue provides an experience that cannot be replicated anywhere else. Many fraternities have their special nights, including taco tuesday at Kappa Sigma, fried friday at Lambda Chi Alpha, and

wing night at the Beta Theta Pi house. The Greek community can also recognize dishes that other houses do well, including Sigma Chi's burger bar and chicken & waffles at Phi Psi.

The cooks in the fraternity can also go the extra mile for their guys. Sigma Chi's cook, Troy, is known to create a lot of what he serves from scratch, including his pizza dough and his hot sauce. Lambda's cook, JB, who has experience working with Disney, will go out of her way to cook at special events for the guys there. The Phi Gamma Delta cook will even go all-out with her themed dinners.

"Sandy does specialty holiday meals, like a crazy Halloween dinner or our famous Fiji Island faculty dinner," Fiji Austin Heise '17 said. "Those events are really fun, and she goes out far out of her way to decorate and prepare for these events."



Austin Heise

The Sparks Center also offers independent students a state-of-the-art dining experience. The cooks here offer a much wider variety of options within a day, including a wide variety of drinks, a hearty breakfast, multiple entrees, and an excellent salad bar. Sparks feeds more students and faculty throughout the day, which allows for more interaction over meals between the student body, their professors, and the deans.

However, students who dine at Sparks do not have as much influence as to what makes the menu. This is because hundreds of Wabash students and faculty eat here multiple times a day. However, various options are offered at every meal to accommodate to everyone's tastes. The cooks and staff at Sparks are always more than willing to make sure everyone is taken care of.

"All the cooks at Sparks are really nice and fun to talk to," Franklin Russel '20 said. "One, in particular, made me a pancake without me asking, just because I didn't like the blueberry ones they were making that day."

It is challenging for an individual student to compare the overall food quality and dining experience between different dining venues and their own. A lot of independent students haven't had a meal at a fraternity outside of their freshman rush week, and most fraternity brothers don't dine at Spark outside of Freshman Orientation or Comprehensive Exams. However, some guys on campus have been able to experience dining both in Sparks and a fraternity house after living independently for a semester or two before rushing.

"I think both dining experience are great," Rogeno Malone '20, a spring pledge at Kappa Sigma, said. "Sparks has a multitude of options in a meal, which contrasts the fraternity houses, where cooks focus on one or two main dishes. Nevertheless, both eateries serve great food."

The debate on who has the best food on campus will never end. However, food options continue to get better each year. It appears food is among the many difference between fraternity and independent men on campus.

ROBOCOPP: PREVENTING THEFTS ON CAMPUS

BRENT BREESE '19 | STAFF

WRITER • ROBOCOPP is a San Francisco based technology startup that specializes in products to deter violent attacks. They create technology to prevent assault. Jill Turner, Director of Public Relations of ROBOCOPP, recently reached out to the Bachelor staff and expressed interest in informing Wabash students about their primary product, the Sound Grenade.

"We have done extensive research into finding the best crime deterrent for those who don't want to use a weapon," Turner said.

Their answer to growing violent crime rates on college campuses is the Sound Grenade, a small electronic device that functions very similar to an actual grenade: a small pin is pulled, causing the device to emit a 120 decibel alarm.

"It is great for urban environments as it is lightweight and concealable," Turner said. They also offer the Sound Grenade Plus, which is designed for outdoor usage, intended to frighten large animals. It emits a 130 decibel alarm and could also be used as an emergency signal.

ROBOCOPP aims to blend technology with safety. "Technology has in many ways failed society in the modern era," Turner said. "We are attempting to reconcile this and



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ROBOCOPP claimed that their device is able to prevent muggings and thefts.

invent a new way to keep people safe." It is the world's smallest SOS alarm and functions in a superior manner to a safety app, since it does not depend on phone battery or accessibility.

Initially, it seems strange that a company on the other side of the country would contact Wabash. The

connection with Wabash came with the product's high popularity among colleges: over 100 campuses across the country are extensively utilizing the Sound Grenade. "50% of our customers are in fact male, and the device is highly popular in Indiana," Turner said. Local Indianapolis news station WTHR recently published

a story about the Sound Grenade's popularity on IUPUI's campus.

When asked about the potential benefits of the Sound Grenade, Rich Woods, Director of Campus Security, said, "any product that helps an individual to feel safe is great." Apparently, it is not the first time that a product such as this has been brought to Wabash. In the 1980s, a similar company sold many products very similar to the Sound Grenade to Wabash.

"Many of the incidents occurring here at Wabash occur within four walls - that is to say indoors and around people," Woods said. He also noted the immense benefit of the outdoor version of the product, and how it transferred into an urban version.

"I don't suspect that many of our students have purchased this device," Woods said. "But I have not specifically looked into it."

Based on his vast experience in law enforcement, he encourages students to explore any option to maintain personal safety, but notes that devices such as this can be harshly limited. "I don't think it would be a big hit at Wabash, the fact that we are all-male being irrelevant," Woods said.

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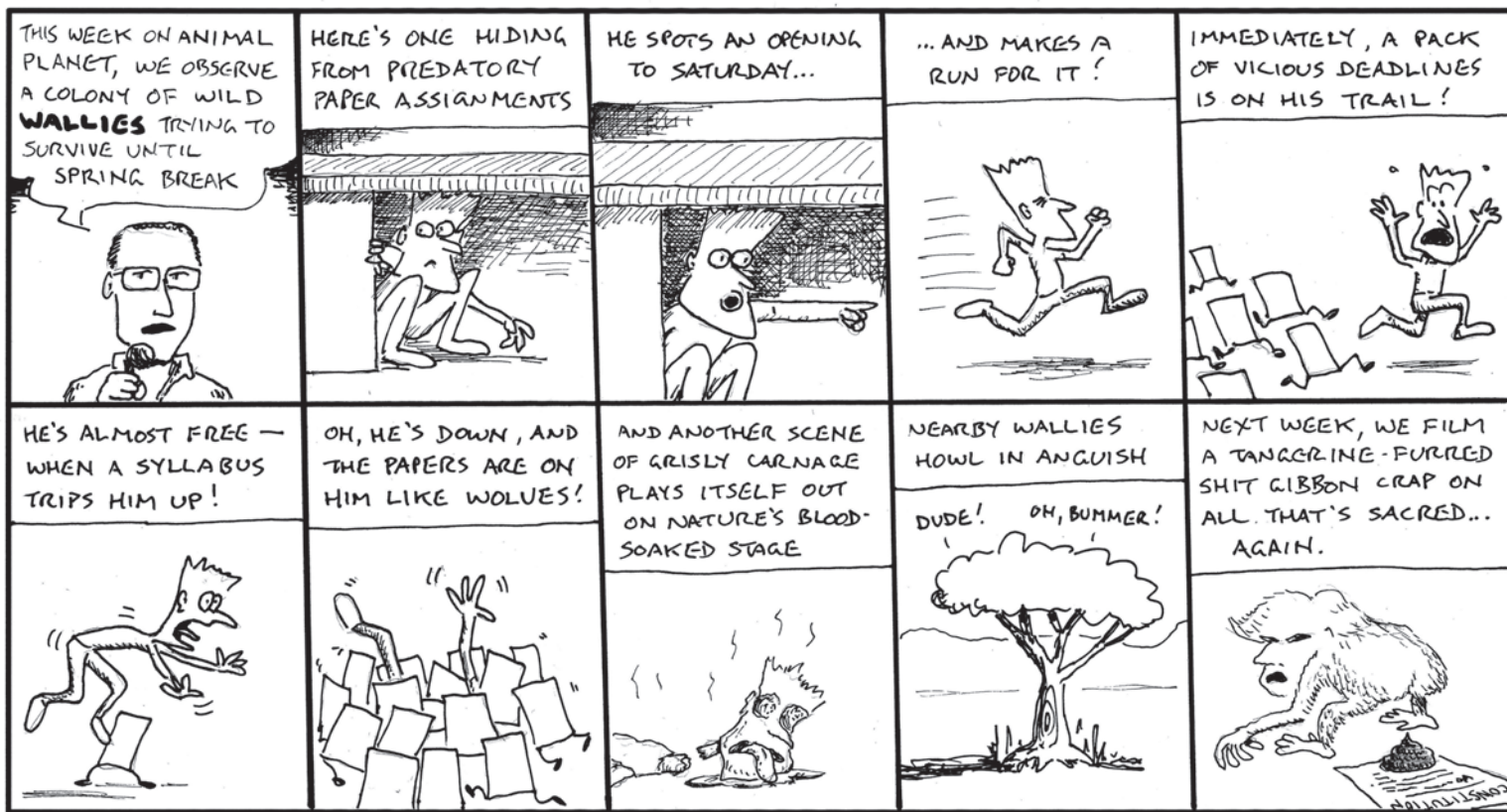
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SAVING CASH DURING SPRING BREAK

JADE DOTY '18 & DAMION DAVIES '19 | STAFF WRITERS • These

past couple of days, most students have been putting their nose to the grindstone by studying for tests and writing papers. But as these students were spending time on school work, they all had one thing in mind: spring break. The thought of warm sun and Corona beer for seven days straight is what motivates these students to push so hard, knowing that they would soon have time to relax. Yet, most students falter and only think of the positives of spring break before they leave and do not think about life past spring break. Specifically, when throwing cash for booze or a souvenir shirt, many students forget that they will need money after spring break as well. To avoid this trap, Cavelifers have thought of some ways to ball on a budget while soaking up some sun this spring break.

- Indiana ranks among the top states with the lowest tax rates for wine, beer, and liquor. If your spring break trip calls for some booze, it might be in your best interest to stop at the Crawfordsville Liquor before you take off (unless you're flying...but in that case, we don't think you're worrying about spending too much money).
- At the end of a long day of doing nothing, it is always tempting to just order some pizza for delivery and then continue your night of debauchery. However, it's always smart to cook for yourself. It might be a painful thing to do during times of relaxation, but your bank account will appreciate it.
- If you do decide to go out and have a nice dinner with some friends, stay away from the drinks, especially the alcoholic ones. All sodas and alcoholic beverages are overpriced, and most restaurants make a majority of their money off of alcohol. As such, waiters are always ready to refill your glass. If you decide to grab a bite to eat, it's best to stick with some good ol' H₂O.
- If you haven't already, make some sort of budget. It's incredibly easy to create a rudimentary excel sheet with how much money you are going to be able to spend and your expected costs for each day. For example, if you're planning to go jet skiing in Florida, plan to spend a little more money that day than on a day you're just going to hang out on the beach. It'll be an exercise in self-control so that you have enough to last the trip.
- Don't flex. I know we all want to pretend to be high rollers and flaunt our cash for all the beautiful beach babes, but it's not worth it. She probably doesn't need that extra margarita anyway. You're a Wabash man; impress them with being a gentleman, something that may be lost in spring break's stupor.
- Only bring what you need on your trip. The more items you have to be accountable for, the more items you'll have to replace when you get back. Don't bring your \$3,000 gaming PC to South Padre; you won't have enough time to play it. Alcohol and electronics don't mix well.



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PAGE RESPONDS TO DEPAUW OPINION

OLIVER PAGE '19 | STAFF

WRITER • *The DePauw*, our rival student newspaper, recently published an article titled “The DePauw experience or lack thereof.” Before I continue, I want to clarify two things that you may be thinking of. According to Google, “thereof” is actually one word. That’s a point for Wabash in the Monon Spell Game!

Now that I have addressed those concerns, I will discuss the matter at hand: campus social life. In her article, Lexy Burton asserts that DePauw’s administration is not invested in its students’ social growth. “During my four years at DePauw, there have been no viewing parties for global media events ... that bring large groups of people together,” she said. She goes so far as to say that she feels as though she is, “living under the microscope of campus officials and administrators.”

Living under a microscope is a far cry from our beloved Gentleman’s Rule. Further, relative to the Dannies (and Danielles?), we have it pretty good. Two weekends ago, I enjoyed a cheeseburger and lemonade at TGIF on the mall. There was music, Spikeball, and students from nearly every housing unit. That same weekend on Saturday, the MXI threw

a student senate-funded rager in the institute’s classroom. Most recently, the school sponsored Taste of Wabash, which engaged students with the Crawfordsville community. On the whole, our administration is invested in providing the whole college experience.

Where DePauw may have Wabash beat, however, is in student-organized parties. One anonymous DePauw student said that social life at DePauw is, “mostly confined to fraternity parties during the weekend” due to a, “high proportion of Greek Life among DePauw students.” Our campus though, despite having a similarly strong fraternity system, hasn’t had very many fraternity parties so far this semester. In fact, I can’t name a party since last semester other than Kappa Sigma’s this past weekend.

The same anonymous DePauw student said that the administrators at DePauw have been, “attacking the social life of [their] Greek system” and allow only “a small number of parties each semester.”

At Wabash, we’re lucky to have an administration that doesn’t impose littler rules like these. Rather, we have one big rule. And as long as we’re following the big rule, Wabash will be able keep the tradition of enjoyable social experiences.



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DIVING SCARE ENDS SEASON

WABASH UNABLE TO ADVANCE ANY ATHLETES PAST 2017 SWIMMING AND DIVING REGIONALS

PATRICK MCAULEY '19 | STAFF WRITER • Aaron Embree '19 was the lone competitor as the Little Giants took to the pool in the 2017 Diving Regionals in Calvin, Mich. Since he would be facing the toughest competition in the region, Aaron

practiced specific dives that he was confident in.

"We focused on individual categories in the week leading up to Regionals," Embree said. Furthermore, Embree expressed the importance of mental preparation before heading into the weekend.

Confidence is key. Embree has been diving since he was six, yet he admits that his confidence still fluctuates in the midst of tough competition. Given this, Embree tries to gain his confidence during intense warm-up sessions before he is called to compete. It allows

the diver to choose a dive that feels comfortable, and one that will gain a high score.

"During warm-up, I felt really good on the board," Embree said. "Practice went really well, and I was keeping my confidence up." During the voluntary list (the lower scoring dives), he made it through the first three rounds with a group of 29 guys. However, during his fourth dive, Embree suffered a violent injury when his head met the end of the board.

During this last dive, Embree jumped straight up into the air in a normal fashion. As soon as he reached the climax of his motion, the diver knew that he was in trouble. He came straight down on

top of the board and gashed his head against the end, resulting in a large wound. Once he was out of the water, trainers rushed to his assistance as blood gushed down the length of his body.

"I got out of the pool, and I had blood going down from my head," Embree said. "The trainer laid me down and told me I had a nasty gash."

He received twelve stitches and suffered a mild concussion. Embree admitted that the fall could have been a lot worse. Unfortunately, the fourth round ended in his disqualification, which broke any chance of making nationals. This event marked the end of the Little Giant diving season.



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Wabash swimming and diving concluded its 2017 season finishing its season 4-6 in head-to-head meets.

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ZACH MOFFETT '20 | STAFF WRITER • The lacrosse season has started this past weekend as the Little Giants voyaged down to Memphis, Tenn. for their first game. Wabash took on Millsaps College (2-4). The lacrosse team is in its third year as a varsity sport and has developed quite a bit. The team is young, which also shows in why they have picked up several first-year players. They have ten freshmen, nine sophomores, four juniors, and one senior. With few upper classmen, they do not have a plethora of experience; however, head coach Todd Richardson will lead the team in his first year in

hopes to develop many of the young players on the team.

Saturday, the team took off for Memphis for their first game of the year on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. Dajon Thomas '18 scored the first goal of the game for Wabash. Millsaps responded with a four-goal streak that many would think would have put the Little Giants to bed, but Wabash worked back as Collin Brennan '19 scored his first goal to make it 4-2 at the end of the first period. Wabash recovered on defense as goaltender Max Atkins '20 had three saves, which led to the offense scoring four goals by Steven Stark '19, Tucker Dixon '19, Billy Bernhardt '19, and Nick Buening '19. Their scoring spree put the Little Giants up 6-4 at half.

After half, the Little Giants struck again as Andrew Weiland '18 scored to put Wabash up, 7-4. Millsaps put up a pair of goals following Weiland's goal, but Brennan responded with his second goal



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Steven Stark '19 dodges an Oberlin defender in a game last season.

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of day, and then Bernhardt added his second goal. Millsaps scored a last second goal to end the third period, 9-7. They then added to this as they scored a pair of goals, tying the game with 4:58 left in the game. As the game was coming to a close, Brennan added his third goal of the day with 43 seconds left, leading to Wabash taking the win. Despite the win, Wabash was out shot 44-33. The young talent in the Little Giant squad showed as Dixon had eight ground balls, Brennan had three goals on six shots, and Bernhardt with two goals on six shots. Atkins

finished the game with twelve saves.

"We definitely started out on a rough note; however, this isn't surprising considering it was our first game," Brennan said. With this said, the Little Giants have a lot of work ahead of them.

While in Memphis, the team also visited the motel where Martin Luther King Jr. was shot. The team will now be heading to Cincinnati, Ohio, and then to Georgia to start their spring break series. They will return Wednesday and play again on March 11 in their home opener against Calvin College.

WABASH SPORTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

BASKETBALL

Colten Garland '20 earned the title of NCAC Newcomer of the Year. In addition, Garland was named to the All-NCAC team as an Honorable Mention. This season, Garland averaged 15.4 points per game in 26 team starts. Garland led the NCAC in three-point field goals with 79 on the season for an average of 3 per game. Garland is the third Wabash player to earn Newcomer of the Year in the past five seasons.

TENNIS

Wabash tennis split a double-header last weekend when the team traveled to Elmhurst College to compete against them and Wheaton College. Wabash fell to Wheaton in the first match of the day followed by a victory against Elmhurst.

As a part of the team's annual spring break trip, the Little Giants will travel to California to spend the week facing some new competition.



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Nick Pollock '18 returns a backhand in an indoor match at the Collett Tennis Center earlier this season.

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IN THE NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

SEVEN WABASH WRESTLERS ADVANCE TO NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

JACOB CHRISMAN '20 | STAFF WRITER • The Wabash wrestling team had great success this past weekend at the NCAA Regional Qualifier. The Little Giants took home first place in the team category, as well as sending seven wrestlers to the national tournament: Owen Doster '20, Devin Broukal '17, Griffin Schermer '19, Nick Bova '17, Connor Brummett '17, Darden Schurg '19, and Riley Lefever '17.

Doster started off the tournament on Friday with two big wins over Fitzjerrels from Wheaton College by pin and Jared Bickley from Olivet Nazarene University. Then, he started off Saturday with a heartbreaking 13-12 loss to number one seed Jared Braun from Elmhurst College. He fought back with a 13-7 victory over Thomas More College's John Shirkey in the consolation semi-finals. To close the day, Doster took on Brickley again in the third place bout. In an invigorating overtime match, Doster came out on top with a 4-2 victory, sending him to the national tournament.

"The match didn't go the way we wanted it," head coach Brian Anderson said. "That kid did some dangerous stuff against us, and we are truly happy to just get out of that match. To see a freshman qualify is awesome, and it's so promising for the future. We just



Connor Brummett '17 pins his opponent against the mat. Brummett earned a trip to the 2017 national tournament.

PHOTO / COLIN THOMPSON '17

punched a freshman that could be on the podium in two weeks,"

Broukal is also heading back to the national tournament to defend his title after qualifying this past weekend. To open up the tournament, Broukal captured two wins, pinning Rankine of Adrian College and beating eighth-

ranked Hauser from Elmhurst 9-5 in overtime, putting him in the semi-finals qualifying match. On day two, Broukal started off with a hard-fought 2-0 loss to the nationally-ranked first wrestler Dustin Weinmann of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. He would bounce back with an 11-0 win

over Grant Morrison from the University of Chicago. Broukal then faced Layten Binion from North Central College and defeated him, 10-5, sending himself back to the national tournament.

Schermer went into the

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tournament as a third seed and proved himself on day one with two wins: one against Jasman from Adrian College 13-3 and the other against Ohio Northern University's Dolph, beating him 6-1. Schermer came back on day two and started off his day upsetting the number two seed Mason Geary from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, 5-4, sending him to the national tournament. Schermer would then take second after losing to sixth-ranked, number one seed Austin Kelley from Olivet College, 5-3.

Bova pinned his way through day one and received a forfeit in the semifinals, securing his spot in the national tournament. In the title match, Bova defeated Elmhurst's Keone Derain 9-3, giving him a great opportunity for a good seed in the national tournament.

Also, Brummett wrestled well this past weekend, getting two early wins over Meyer of Ohio Northern and Kouvelis of the University

of Wisconsin-Whitewater. Then, he beat Tim Noverini from Elmhurst College, winning his semifinals match, 10-5. Brummett dropped a match to defending national champion Logan Hersen from the University of

Wisconsin-Steven's Point. This was Brummett's first loss of the season.

Schurg started off the tournament in a much different fashion, losing to Farrel from Trine University by pin. Schurg then battled his way back and defeated Olivet's Tyler Grimsey 8-2 in the consolation semifinals. He then defeated Paul Papoutsis from the University of Chicago, 11-2 to advance to the national tournament.

"The biggest surprise of the



Connor Brummett

weekend saw Schurg get caught and pinned in the opening round, but I'm super proud of him for resetting and coming back through a tough weight class to qualify," Anderson said.

Lefever had little opposition this past weekend, pinning his way through the bracket until the finals match. In the finals match, Michael Swider from Wheaton forfeited to Lefever for medical reasons, advancing Lefever to the national tournament for the fourth time in his career.

Several other wrestlers competed this past weekend, but fell short of qualifying. Most notable was Myron Howard '19, who suffered a loss in his second match on Friday to nationally third-ranked Jordan Newman from Whitewater. Howard then battled back, but dropped the second match in the consolation finals, falling just short of qualifying.

"Even though Myron didn't make it out, he had a great tournament

and put himself in a good position to qualify," Anderson said. "For him to fight back and take forth was a great showing on his part."

In addition to the wrestler's achievements, two coaches were recognized as well. Anderson received the Midwest Region Coach of the Year award, and assistant coach Danny Irwin received the Assistant Coach of the Year Award.

The seven qualifiers will compete again two weekends from now in the NCAA Division III National Individual Tournament at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. Wrestling begins Friday, March 10.

"The thing about Nationals is if you just get out there and wrestle, every single guy that's there has the potential and ability to get one the podium," Anderson said. "There's not a team in the field we haven't touched and been more than capable of getting a lot of guys on the podium."

Good luck to the seven guys competing over spring break.

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