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# Student Government Solidifies Plans for Buses to the Bell Game



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Ephrem Chedid '18 plants our flag after 2017's Bell game victory.

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• Taking the Bell to and from Greencastle has been more expensive than usual this year. Due to restrictions from DePauw and other factors, Senate has spent \$30,500 on the game.

At previous Bell games, DePauw's regime allowed Wabash fans (which always have outnumbered local ones) a large field for parking. This year, we were given a lot with 75 spaces for all students, faculty, and alumni. Compounding the issue is the increased towing patrol on game day and limited parking space in Greencastle as a whole.

The result of these hindrances is an environment where the legions of Wabash fans have few options to get to the game. To solve the issue, Senate has hired two busses and is in the process of negotiation with local schools to use their lots.

The decision to hire busses was a topic of debate over the last few

weeks. Senators were concerned that busses would expose Senate to unnecessary risk in the event that students were abandoned in Greencastle and unnecessary costs if students left a mess. Student Body President Mohammad Adnan '20 said, "There was no direct conflict. However, some Senators were wary of the liability associated with getting busses--some also questioned whether they were an appropriate use of student activity fees."

In the end, the three busses have been contracted and spots are available as of Wednesday, November 6th. The Gentleman's Rule and a \$5 deposit alleviated Senate's qualms. The debate doesn't end there. Some students want to bring guests on the free busses. Adnan announced on Tuesday that spots not filled by students would be available for guests willing to pay a small fee.

For students who don't ride the busses, parking is going to be a

nightmare. Street parking and the 75 spots allotted to us will likely be taken up before most Wabash men hit the road. An additional 92 spaces are at the Ridpath Primary School adjacent to the Danny campus. This year, those spaces are going to cost between \$10 and \$30. Adnan and others are working to negotiate a lower price. Adnan said, "If we do rent the lot, all expenses (\$1500, providing parking for the buses and 106 cars) will go toward a "Be Nice, Be Kind Kids" fund that helps the Greencastle community."

The threat of DePauw intervening to dissuade Wabash fans from showing up still lurks. Adnan said, "There is a chance that the school down south will take the lot, open it to all, and charge a cost of their choice per spot. We will provide updates on whether we end up acquiring the lot or not."

In all, the student activities fund and AFC have spent \$3000 for charter busses, \$14,370 for 500

tickets, \$12,000 for 1,000 shirts, and \$1,100 for 400 cups for IFC. AFC Representative Mitchell Beard '20 says that while these costs are huge compared to a home Bell game, it is not abnormal for Senate to spend this much for an away game, even in the face of the parking squeeze imposed by DogPaw. It is also important to note that Senate, not the athletic department, has paid for tickets for away Bell games in the past.

Going into Bell Week, President Adnan, Senate, and Beth Warner have ironed out almost all the problems created by DogPaw. As Wabash men, all we need to do is show up and outgun their measly fan section so the Bell can stay home, and not be cast into the slum that is the Lilly Athletic Center. DogPaw, which is \$110 million in debt, will be doing its best to entangle Wabash men in its complex web of rules and regulations. We're smarter than they are and will bring the fury regardless. Ding ding.

# Wabash Mourns Vern Easterling



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Professor Easterling taught in the Physics department for 38 years from 1962 until his retirement in 2000.



COURTESY OF WABASH MAGAZINE

Professor Easterling was also the father of Fellowship Advisor Susan Albrecht and the grandfather of Jackson Albrecht '21.



# Wabash's Master Storyteller Steve Charles Set to Retire

JAKE VERMEULEN '21 | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • Steve Charles works a bit like a madman. His office is filled with books and papers haphazardly stacked in piles wherever there is open space. Charles has been the editor of Wabash Magazine for more than two decades, but the next issue will be his last. Charles will enter retirement after a long career writing and editing.

Charles came to Wabash in 1995, when he was hired to his current position. Since then, he has worked telling the stories of students and alumni alike, in effect, as Wabash's chief storyteller.

Charles traced his interest in storytelling back to his childhood. "My grandfather was a storyteller... he had a story about every one of his grandkids. He was a quiet man, and that was kind of how he told you he loved you." Charles majored in English at Hanover and then spent several years editing for the Children's Better Health Institute, before the opportunity to apply at Wabash came up. "My copy editor at the time, Janet Hoover, had seen this ad and knew that I was looking for something else... She saw this ad and gave it to me. And I applied. The more I read about the place, the more I kind of thought, 'I want this job.'"

In an interview with The Bachelor, Charles pointed to the Spring/Summer 2017 issue, "Walking Beside Each Other" as one of his favorite that he produced. That issue focused largely on issues of mental health, something Charles said he battles. He said, "It was kind of a response to [the fact that] I've lost some friends to suicide, and so it was a real pent up desire to address this... Everything about it was just beautifully and carefully done. You can see the love for this place on every page of that [issue]." Noting the overwhelming response to the issue,

Charles said, "We got more letters for that [issue] than anything we've done lately. A lot of people wanting to tell their stories, a lot of people suddenly not feeling alone, and that was my favorite thing that I heard from a couple of people. 'I read this and realized that we're not alone. I'm not alone.' That's a good issue."

Part of what he said he's enjoyed about the job is the ability to explore a wide variety of topics and tell interesting stories. He said, "A lot of these alumni magazines have become kind of the last vestige of the general interest magazines, if they're with liberal arts colleges, because we have all these disciplines you can draw from." He continued later on, "The thing that's amazing about working at a college is you work among experts. There's an interesting story in every person there."

As he steps down from his work at Wabash, Charles will have plenty to keep him busy. He writes songs and plays in a local band. He also enjoys hiking and spending time with his wife and grandchildren. In fact, his grandson recently started racing go karts, so he is the pit crew chief and mechanic for Tucker Blue Racing (named after Charles' two dogs). "It was really cool to watch. It's amazing. Any athlete, when you're watching the competition, you're watching them get better, you're watching them learn, you're watching all those mistakes that lead to something beautiful, which is essentially what we're doing here. It's been inspiring to see," he said about the experience.

When Charles steps away after the next issue, it will be the end of an era for Wabash Magazine and the Wabash community. Wabash's next chief storyteller will have big shoes to fill after nearly 25 years of service from Steve Charles.



COURTESY OF TUCKER BLUE RACING

**In his free time, Charles is the pit crew chief and mechanic for Tucker Blue Racing, where he helps his grandson Myca emulate his favorite driver, James Hinchcliffe.**



COURTESY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING

**Charles will soon retire after spending nearly 25 years heading up the Wabash Magazine, and becoming one of campus' most beloved storytellers in the process.**

## College Increases Awareness for Student Support Funds

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Earlier this week, Dean of Students Gregory Redding announced the rehabilitation of an overlooked and underused program. While the College works with each student to make sure that they have a plan in place to cover tuition, there is no controlling unexpected personal financial situations. Wabash remains dedicated to seeing its students graduate. To help that happen, alumni and friends of the College endowed Student Support Funds. These funds allow students access to moderate amounts of money when financial hardship strikes.

While alumni and friends of the college endowed these funds years ago, there has never been a convenient location to gain access to information or apply to receive the aid. That changed this week. The College created a new web page under Student Life to heighten awareness of these resources. This also accelerates the application and review process. Per Dean Redding, while some of these funds have been around since the 1980's, they are not well-publicized in the Wabash community. The goal of the new webpage is to inform students of their options when "life gets in the way," as Jennifer Evans, co-founder of the Mother's Fund stated.

The impetus to centralize this information came from the desire to implement the Mother's Fund back in 2017. The implementation process led to a full-scale review, per Dean Redding. He said, "The process of implementing these funds and distributing them is really a tricky process. There are special considerations that need to be made, and fine lines that the College has to walk." In other words, the College needed to be very deliberate in how it implemented these programs so as to not negatively impact a student's ability to receive Federal Financial Aid. "The last thing we want to do is create any extra financial problems for people," said Redding.

The website lists four main funds. Each fund in some way provides support for students who seek financial help in some way. For example, the Dean Norman C. Moore Student Fund assists students with "personal financial situations that might preclude them from continuing or finishing their Wabash education." Similarly, the Mother's Fund provides funding, "So that students can keep working toward their long-term goals." Other funds are open for a broader range of circumstances, such as the Horace

Turner Fund. This fund supports a few areas of need, including, "academic support, book support, unexpected hardship, and the pursuit of graduate, professional, and fellowship opportunities." The final fund is the Wahl Fund. It is similar in nature to the Mother's Fund, asking only that students who benefit from the fund will one day pay it forward.

The common theme among the funds is a commitment to students and a connection to integral members of the Wabash community. In a way, said Redding, "This is a way for us to recognize those people who are important to Wabash and put our philanthropy on display." The namesakes of these funds capture some of Wabash's giant figures. For example, Dean Norman C. Moore served as Dean of Students from 1959 to 1984 and is a revered figure around the campus. The Wahl fund honors Capt. George C. Wahl Jr. '37. After graduating, he gave his life for his country in World War II. His B-17 was shot down in the commotion over France. For Dean Redding, those stories are what make Wabash so special, and their memory lives on in the name of making sure unexpected circumstances do not derail education. Alongside the four funds outlined

above, the Dean's Loan is still the primary option most students should turn to. On the new webpage, the Dean's Loan is described as, "interest-free small loans, repayable no later than the current academic year." They are designed to help students, particularly those with WISE jobs, who need a cash advance in order to meet expenses for the upcoming semester. "All of the Dean's Loans I gave out this year were for books," said Dean Redding. In scenarios beyond the purview of the Dean's Loans, the Student Support Funds kick in. It is important to note that the funds do not operate on an unlimited budget; they are endowed, and as such there is an application process. That process involves a review of the application by Dean Redding and Dean Steven Jones, as well as staff in Financial Aid, particularly Alex DeLonis. From there, the team in place checks for proper documentation and makes sure the dollar amount is reasonable. If the application is approved, either Dean Redding or Dean Jones administers the funds. The Dean of Students Office hopes to issue a guide at the end of the year, detailing proper application and use of these funds so as to better guide future applicants.

## Administration Parking Committee to Plan New Lot, Wield Tow Truck of Justice

ALEXANDRU ROTARU '22 | ASSISTANT COPY EDITOR • Parking is a worldwide issue. From the bustling streets of historic European metropolises, to the busy streets of American cities like Indianapolis and Chicago, it can take more time to find parking than to get to your destination. Universities also face similar struggles: people have to get permits to park, and generally take a shuttle between class and their parking spot. Wabash used to be exempt of this issue, thanks to the Gentleman's Rule. That is, until this year, when the parking occupancy rate reached 101%.

"We're a campus with very little control over parking," Director of Security Thomas Kearns said. "We don't issue permits. We don't have assigned lots. But, with that, at times, when you have problems, you don't necessarily know you have them until it's too late." Until the college made a car count in September, they had no idea about the overcrowding.

According to the car count, there are 50 more student cars this year than there were in the spring semester. "And that's with a lower student enrollment," Chief of Staff Jim Amidon '87 said. "[The car count] includes 106 cars that were in unmarked spaces

and 35 on streets really close to campus. 35 of those cars were parked in the grass, west of the Allen Center on Milligan Street. That can't last forever, [particularly once] the ground starts freezing."

However, the occupancy rate is not uniform across campus. "There were available spots in the Wilhoit at Pike lot [also known as the Lew Wallace lot, after the Hotel that used to be in its place]," Amidon said. "There were a lot of empty spots behind the football stadium. There were a lot of spots in the Fine Arts Center. So, we have three pretty large parking lots, that are underutilized."

Some students have to strategize when it comes to choosing where they park. "I have a checklist," Charlie LeBlanc '21 said. "If I can't park behind my house, which is Teke [Tau Kappa Epsilon], I park at Kane House. If I can't park at Kane House, I park at Trippet [Hall]. If I can't park at Trippet, I park on Pike Street. Worst case scenario, I park at Lew Wallace [Pike at Wilhoit]."

Also, the upcoming renovations to the Stadium will take up a good chunk of the available parking. "Some of the parking in the areas immediately adjacent to Knowing Fieldhouse [will be lost]," Amidon said. "And the

new football stadium will go farther southwest, and the stadium itself and its plaza will be on part of the Knowing Fieldhouse parking. So, we will lose maybe a third of the parking in the Knowing Fieldhouse lot just for the football stadium once it's constructed."

To address this situation, the administration created a parking committee, made up of Amidon, Kearns, LeBlanc - who is living in a fraternity on the east side of campus -, and Micah Keller '21 - who lives in the Ott Residential District.

The administration believes that towing is not a viable option for solving the parking crisis. They actually wish that there would have been a way to prevent towing in the first place. "I think there has been some misunderstanding about this," Amidon said. "There is a company that comes through, and looks for illegally parked vehicles in our main parking lots and around the Mall. The college does not profit from that, and typically does not call that company and say, 'come to this car.' It is a random patrol that they do. And that arrangement was created when the Fire Department urged us to eliminate parking around the Mall and in other places so that they can have better access to our

buildings. [...] We basically made a deal with the Fire Department that we would keep cars off yellow curbed areas so that their fire trucks could get where they needed to go. And that's why Wilson Towing comes through, to make sure our people are doing that, so that we keep our agreement with the Fire Department, because we don't want anything bad to happen with a fire or a loss of life because a fire truck couldn't get to where it needs to go." "I really hate the whole aspect of towing vehicles," Kearns said.

Unfortunately, given that parking near residences has become an issue, and any new lots cannot be built until the spring, Wabash men will have to hold each other accountable. Also, "we need to change the [parking] culture so that people understand that walking two blocks to your car is [perfectly fine]," Amidon said.

Thankfully, among the plans of the committee is to build a new 105-space lot on the west side of campus some time next year. In the meantime, the committee would love to hear any suggestions you may have that will improve parking. You can reach out to student representatives Charlie LeBlanc '21 at caleblan21@wabash.edu, and Micah Keller '21 at mskeller21@wabash.edu.





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I want to start this opinion piece by thanking some members of the student government who, over the course of the semester, have given freely of their time while working together to solve unique problems and provide valuable resources for students. For instance, Brent Strahla and his committee have worked tirelessly to bring us things such as Wing Night, Bell shirts, Bell tickets, Bell game transportation, and Casino Night. Many people do not see the amount of work that goes into setting these things up, and the many perspectives that need to be considered—so I feel I should take the time to recognize them.

Just to quote an example, the company that we use for Casino Night informed us one week prior to the event that the Butler dance team had dropped out of staffing the event. But the way Vice President Corbin Landrum, Off-Campus Advisor Luke Bender, and Student Life Chairman Brent Strahla handled the situation in this short

amount of time is not only admirable, but a classic example of the skills they’ve acquired at their time at Wabash. Thanks to their efforts, Casino Night will be hosted without any interruptions for Wabash Students this coming Friday, November 8th, 2019, just as planned.

On another front, the Crawfordsville to Campus Committee, under the leadership of Patrick Carper, has brought us ‘Dine-out Crawfordsville.’ This new event provides students with meals worth \$20-24 at certain restaurants, over the course of three weekends...all for the same cost as Brew money each semester. In fact, the contracts are set up in such a fool proof way that we’ve ended up saving money, promoting local businesses, and giving Wabash students a chance to eat quality food over weekends. The best part? They negotiated 20 to 34% discount for every restaurant that is participating in this event!

I could go on and talk about the admirable work all other committees and members of the student government are doing behind the scenes, but it would take a lot more words than the space allowed for this opinion piece. Instead, I want to challenge a thought process that I’ve seen with some members of the student body. Some of us believe that student government is not important because it doesn’t affect our life very intimately. As somewhat of a libertarian, I would argue that’s a good thing, but I’d

also push back and say that our job is to provide opportunities for students and enrich their experiences over the four years. We do everything from negotiating prices with vendors, to reducing our carbon footprint, to sparking initiatives like student rental cars, to ensuring that larger administrative changes do not hurt student life on campus. I appreciate all the feedback we have gotten this semester and consider that as a form of being involved. Contrary to popular belief, you don’t have to hold a position to “get involved.” Your feedback and participation is invaluable as we center things around the changing culture of Wabash—for example, resolving the budgetary changes compared to 2 years ago. And for those who do get involved more intimately, what does student government have to offer? You’ll learn how to negotiate contracts, deal with multiple stakeholders, put yourself in uncomfortable environments, and ultimately learn to take the heat as a leader. You will learn to fail, and to improve. You will make lifelong friendships while doing your part in making Wabash better for successive generations. So, I implore you, especially the freshmen, to get involved as elections come up for student senate. Speak your mind in Senate, take initiative--let’s find ways to keep Wabash Men on campus over weekends, while also finding ways to help them get out every now and then. Let’s learn to lead together, because leaders find

solutions rather than passing the blame. In fact, a good leader takes the blame and passes on the credit to those worthy of it.

When you work within these organizations, you quickly realize that we are only as strong as our own strength allows us to be. There is nothing that can be achieved by putting others down. And so, I write today to address a pattern I’m seeing developing on our campus in the hopes that it will provide an opportunity for us to reflect on what kind of a man we want to be. As we head into bell week, let our chants not be derogatory towards the school down south. Let us not waste our energies trying to hurl abuses that will not affect the opposing side but only work towards our own moral decay—and project our insecurities. Let us chant in favor of our Little Giants. Let us honk our horns as we pass under the bridge to Greencastle to let DePauw know that Wabash is coming for the bell yet again. Let us focus our energies on our strengths and uplifting our brothers. Wabash Always Fights is an uplifting and positive phrase. It symbolizes our proactiveness, and our positive outlook in the face of adversity. “DePauw Never Quits” on the other hand is a defensive, reactive, and more passive phrase with a negative attitude when compared to ours. We’re ready to fight for the best, quitting doesn’t even cross our minds. So, this Bell game, let’s show the world what it means to be a Wabash man and how WABASH ALWAYS FIGHTS.



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I am a diehard sports fan. My nights are mostly planned around what game I will be watching. It doesn’t matter if it’s football, baseball, or basketball, I am most likely going to tune in. One of my favorite things about sports is the statistics: field goal percentages or batting averages or

player efficiency ratings—all help tell the athlete’s story. Similarly, Wabash’s numbers help tell our story.

The first number is 882: the number of students that attend Wabash. These students come from all over—Crawfordsville, Indianapolis, Arizona, and Pakistan are just a few examples of places that Wabash students call home. For comparison, Indiana University’s enrollment currently sits at about 48,000, about 54 times bigger than us. In a community this small, it’s hard to walk across the mall and not see a familiar face or stop and catch up with a friend.

My second number is 62: the number of times that Wabash has beaten the school down south in the Monon Bell Game. 62 times we have triumphantly defeated the Dannies and the Monon Bell

has rung on our campus. The game every year brings nerves and excitement, but the Wabash spirit always propels us to these 62 victories, a number that I hope continues to grow quickly in the coming weeks.

My third number is 39: the number of majors offered at Wabash. From Political Science to English, a Wabash Man has a wide variety of majors to choose from. But this number does not tell the full story. These 39 majors are taught by dedicated faculty who help us succeed. This success comes in many ways, too. Our professors help us succeed in the classroom by offering accessible office hours, review sessions, and even the occasional extension on a paper. But they are also our some of our biggest athletics supporters too. The stands at athletic events are often filled with professors

cheering on their students. A testament to how strong the Wabash community is!

The most important number at Wabash, though, is 1. This unity-centered mindset is what makes this small school in Crawfordsville, Indiana such an amazing place. If we lose this identity, then who would come here? What is there to fight for? We as students must continue to embody our One Wabash identity by not only celebrating our accomplishments but also by coming together during our hardships. Throughout my four years, I have seen the Idea of One Wabash bend but never break. As we approach this year’s Bell Week let’s come together and strengthen the bond and brotherhood that is One Wabash. Let’s continue to show the world (and especially D\*\*\*\*\*) what it is that makes Wabash truly special.



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Thanks to the progression of humankind, we have a female draft in the United States. That’s good news for a 250-pound soldier who just got shot in the chest and needs his body moved 400 yards by a 150-pound woman. If you think that scenario sounds awful, you’re right! I would much rather rely on a genetically advantaged person to carry my body to a helicopter in

a firefight. Men have a biological advantage over women when it comes to brute force, and that is a fact. Now I’m not saying that women have an inability to add value to the military. Still, I am saying there is a reason you don’t find many female construction workers or laborers. There is also a reason men outperform women in physical tests – look at the Olympics if you don’t believe me or look at the VO2 max chart for males and females.

Some of you might be reading this and thinking this guy is full of toxic masculinity. I would like to disagree with you because masculinity is a normal thing; some characteristics are associated with men and not with women, and vice versa. Close your eyes and think of a physically strong person for a second. Was it a guy? That is interesting, and I wonder why you thought of a guy.

What’s even more interesting is the fact that laborer industries (which require physical strength) are dominated by men. Moreover, nobody ever talks about a father’s love; the phrase is strictly a mother’s love. Why is it that females dominate the nursing and elementary teacher roles? I think there is an intrinsic bias inside men and women that lead them to like the things they are biologically geared towards doing. This is not to say that men and women need to fit inside their “roles”, I am only trying to highlight some relevant points.

So what is toxic masculinity? We heard Dr. Trot talk about mass shootings supported by incels, but that is the far extreme. I think society stands united when it comes to shootings of any kind. That being said, do we know what toxic masculinity is? According to the

dictionary, it is “a cultural concept of manliness that glorifies stoicism, strength, virility, and dominance, and that is socially maladaptive or harmful to mental health.” So, part of the definition claims that if you endure pain or hardship without the display of feelings or complaint, which is stoicism, then you are a toxic male. Virility is defined as “the quality of having strength, energy, and a strong sex drive.” The difficulty I have with the definition of toxic masculinity is the unfortunate lack of clarity it provides because the term is ambiguous. Is it toxic for a special forces operator to glorify stoicism, virility, strength, and dominance? Moreover, how much does one need to glorify these traits in order for them to enter toxic levels? Where would the Wabash alumni network be without masculinity?

## A Freshman’s Point of View



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The class of 2023 has had quite the turbulent first semester. Beyond all the struggles that go along with being away from home, and dealing with the academic rigor here at Wabash, the class of 2023 has been included on a question of tradition. For all 187 years the College has been open,

sheepskin diplomas have been given to seniors as they graduate. Now, amidst questions of the quality of the sheepskins, the administration has decided to end this tradition.

The seniors have a clear interest in this, as it was seemingly sprung on them in their senior year. And I’d say the juniors have an interest. They’ve done the hard work for the past 5 semesters. But should any of the underclassmen have any say in this? This tradition has been alive and well since 1832, and I think all four graduating classes at the school should have a say. We were told and promised by the College that when we graduate from this institution, our diploma would be hand-written in Latin and printed on sheepskin. Is the college throwing away our traditions?

What does tradition mean, anyway?

I’ve only known about Wabash for three years, but I know we value our traditions around here. All the tours led to the library, so I was warned to never step on the College logo. We know that if we ever need any good luck, we need only rub the head of Eli Lilly’s bust. I know not to step on the block “W” in Allen Center unless I want to kiss it. Those are just the traditions on campus, not even mentioning the Monon Bell game and the Chadwick Crazies. Is this administration throwing away all of our traditions? No. We may be losing the sheepskin diplomas, but we aren’t losing the traditions that make Wabash what it is.

The moment we, as a class, stepped on campus I knew that we were never

supposed to walk under the arch, lest we wished to fail comps our senior year. But the arch hasn’t been there that long. Professor Himself never had to avoid the arch, and neither did any of the alumni I’ve talked to that graduated in the 1980s. Does that lessen the value that we give it as a tradition? I don’t think it does. We check each other when they get close to walking under the arch because we obviously value it as a tradition. I think the College-wide outrage made it clear that we value this tradition.

I can’t make anyone do anything, but I make one recommendation to the administration: keep the promise you made to the students at the school right now. You’ve told us we would get a sheepskin diploma, so please keep your promise.



# First-Generation Student Celebration

AUSTIN RUDICEL '20 | CAVELIFE EDITOR • Friday, November 8, 2019 marks the third year of the nationally recognized First-Generation College Celebration. Wabash is celebrating this day and showing its appreciation for the substantial amount of first-gen college students, faculty, and staff within the Wabash community.

NASPA, Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, created the day of recognition to honor first-generation students and illustrate how impactful their role is within university life. College students as a whole come from diverse backgrounds and it can be challenging to identify other first-gen students. This celebration will recognize these students and their achievements and connect them with other first-generation students.

Wabash consists of a significantly higher percentage of students, faculty, and staff that are first-generation college as opposed to other Indiana and liberal arts institutions. Bobby Horton, Professor of Psychology, said that 35% of Wabash students and around four dozen faculty and staff members are the first in their family to attend or graduate from college. Five out of the seven Senior Staff members are also first-generation college graduates.

"Wabash has a long tradition of educating and working with first-generation college students. They are the bread and butter of this college," Horton said. The First-Generation College Celebration lets first-generation students know that there is a large support network within the faculty and staff that have similar experiences with the unique challenges with being the first in their family to attend college.

Eric Olofson, Associate Professor of Psychology, is a first-generation college student and understands the obstacles first-gen students face. From an early age, Olofson's mother stressed the importance of education, and this motivated him to succeed academically throughout school and into college at Concordia College. As the first in his family, Olofson did not know how to prepare and apply for college and had to learn through competitions on his high school's speech and debate team



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The First-Generation College Celebration is held on November 8th.

held on college campuses.

"Attending college was not part of my family's culture," Olofson said. As the first in his family, Olofson was exposed to a new culture that took time to understand. His family and extended family were very proud of him for being the first family member to attend college, but this created pressure to not disappoint them.

This pressure is something many first-generation students face. Shane Taylor '21 was the first in his family and extended family to attend college

and hears similar comments at family gatherings. "I am looked up to by my young nieces as a role model for them because I'm in college." Wabash helped alleviate some of the pressures Taylor felt while he transitioned into Wabash life. With over one third of students being first-generation, it is important that they know they are not alone. To help recognize other first-generation students, faculty, and staff, Wabash will distribute "W. First Gen Proud" stickers for the First-Generation College Celebration and encourage

students to proudly display them.

"I hope this day makes it clear to students who feel they don't belong that faculty and staff have been there and students take advantage of those resources," Olofson said. As this celebration grows, Wabash hopes to bring in first-generation guest speakers and hold larger events. Students are never alone at Wabash, and this celebration will help connect them with other first-generation college students and staff within the Wabash community.

# Remembering Outstanding Little Giants



AUSTIN RUDICEL '20 / PHOTO

The T-Tones sang "Sing Your Way Home" in honor of Trace Bulger.

COOPER SMITH '23 | STAFF WRITER • Last month, Wabash lost two outstanding Little Giants. While they influenced Wabash in different eras, they both exemplified the strong characters of true Wabash men. Wabash will not forget Thad Seymour and Trace Bulger.

Dr. Thad Seymour was Wabash's 11th President. Seymour truly loved Old Wabash. In his Inaugural Address, Seymour wrote, "I believe in Wabash. Some places are not as good as they claim to be; Wabash is a much better place than it lets on." Seymour was a brilliant scholar who always loved to learn. An English Ph.D., Seymour was ready and willing to recite the beginning of Canterbury Tales in Old English. He truly earned the nickname

"Dad Thad." He was a cheerleader at games, a magician around campus, and a kind friend at all times. He loved playing "donkey basketball" with students and faculty as a charity event. When he left Wabash, the college was in much better shape than when he began. But above all, he was a friend to all. The impact he made was clear: over half of the student body attended his farewell dinner in 1978. He once said, "Wabash will best serve by producing men of balanced judgement, broad knowledge, and good character – 'Scientiae et Virtuti,' "know-how and guts." He proved himself to be one of those Wabash men.

Trace Bulger was the kind of Wabash man that everyone wanted to know. He was a linebacker, a poet, and an



AUSTIN RUDICEL '20 / PHOTO

The Wabash community shared heartfelt memories of their interactions with Trace.

artist – but most importantly, he was kind. As the Indy Star put it, "all around Bulger that word echoes from those who crossed paths with him -- lucky. Lucky to have known him. Lucky to have met him. Lucky to have been his friend, his brother, his parents, his teacher." Bulger, a Sig Chi, was an active member of his fraternity who helped promote unity and brotherhood. But tragedy struck. In his sophomore year, a degenerative neurological disease began to inhibit his speech and movement. Bulger was forced to leave campus, but he continued to write poetry and post it to his website. Some of his most gripping poems focus on his battle. "As of late my daily struggle of life, caused by an unclassified neurological disease,

which has been crippling to my day to day lifestyle, coupled with the loving support from my Brothers of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, my professors, coaches, classmates, and my family, have provided me with more than enough kindling to spark my poetic flame." Throughout his battle, Bulger remained kind and hopeful. "Do not be sad, brethren, for sadness itself is a disease. Instead, be merry and enjoy each day, knowing that my heart is always with you and there it will forever stay."

Men like Thad and Trace were model Wabash men; they were thinkers with passionate hearts. They reminded us what Wabash is all about: brotherhood. As their brothers, it is our duty to remember them and honor them for their strong characters.

# Wabash Students Return to the Airwaves

ALEX ROTARU '22 | ASSISTANT COPY EDITOR • The written word has covered all the Wabash goings-on for the past couple of years. However, the times are changing, as WNDY, the college's radio station, started broadcasting again this year. Every day, from 6 p.m. to 5 a.m., you can tune in to 91.3 FM and listen to Wabash students DJ, hold talk-shows, and spread campus unity.

"[The radio station was] started by the First Baptist Church in 1948 as WFMV, 106.3 FM," radio station manager Joshua Brogi '22, said. "Wabash bought that station in 1963, and we began broadcasting in 1964 in the Baptist church. It then moved to Yandes hall and then to Detchon hall, the Sparks

center, the chapel basement, and finally to the armory. The station was shut down in the mid nineties for 2 years but opened again in 1997, under the non-commercial license and new frequency of 91.3 FM." Recently, however, people lost interest in the radio, and WNDY stopped broadcasting until this Fall.

Brogi and Maxwell Atkins '20 decided to revive the radio due to their passion about radio broadcasting, National Public Radio (NPR) in particular. "We both have an interest in indie alternative music, which is not like what most people hear a lot of the time," Atkins said. "And, so, the idea is that we can take these bands that we like [and broadcast their music across campus]." By doing that, DJs also give

students a chance to hear new music, and explore their tastes, in true liberal arts spirit. "We always encourage progressive, experimental styles of music," Brogi said.

As in all other media, radio has rules, which mostly relate to the Gentleman's Rule. "You are not allowed to use explicit language," Brogi said. "You are not allowed to endorse any companies, because it's an educational radio station, and not a commercial one. [...] Instead of commercials, we play Public Service Announcements. There must be talk breaks every 20 minutes, PSAs twice an hour, and a Station ID at the top of the hour."

Also because they are an educational radio station, WNDY cannot get statistics

for what people listen to. At the same time, "I think it's more [about what] the students love as a college, since it's our campus and station," Brogi said. "And now, as in years past, there's been such a diversity of music. For example, we had a DJ come in and play Japanese children screaming music for, like, 20 minutes, and then proceeded on to other Japanese rock, like indie music rock, which I would have never expected."

If all this piqued your interest, and you have an idea about what you'd like to do on the air, you can e-mail Josh Brogi at jpbroggi22@wabash.edu. Alternatively, if print journalism is more up your alley, we invite you to e-mail any of the editors at the addresses provided on page 6.



# Taking Care of That Long Hair



DAKOTA BAKER '22 / PHOTO

Some Wallies, like Sam Thompson '23, look great with the flow.

DAKOTA BAKER '22 | STAFF WRITER  
 • Winter at Wabash is already starting to set in and everything seems to be dropping: snow, temperatures, GPAs, and the long locks of some of our favorite Little Giant hair. Some students are finding warmth in their stocking caps and scarves, but these well-groomed gents are leaving it to their hair to keep them cozy around the necks. There are plenty of students around who are donning these winter dos, but I asked Sam Thompson '23 about his flow (perhaps the best on campus).

Thompson's hair – a dark, wavy mane – is quickly distinguishable around Wabash. The freshman's stature is on the short side, but the confidence that glows from his hair seems to carry him a bit taller. When down, all 12.5 inches of the thick stuff bounces behind him like leaves on a trampoline; but it can be economic too. When he's all business, Sam pulls the mass of fur into a small, dense bun on top of his head. Both are pulled off without flaw from the ex-pre-med student (Sam's in the market for a new major: any suggestions?)



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Other Wallies, like our Caveliflife Editor, look like a Walmart-brand Keanu Reeves

Shockingly, Thompson doesn't put too much thought into the care and maintenance of his hair. "I'm surprised you want to hear about my hair," he laughed. "I do nothing when it comes to up-keep." I prodded him further: surely some semblance of a hair-care routine kept his waves shiny and full. He held his position. "No, I use a 3-in-1 soap. I don't brush, comb, or blow dry it. I wash it twice a week because they say that's good practice, but mostly, my hair takes care of itself." Whatever it is, it's clearly working for Thompson, who grows the hair out

about 12 inches before donating it to the Children With Hairloss nonprofit. They make wigs out of long, healthy hair like Sam's for children with conditions or circumstances that render them hairless. He's donated twice before (each time taking over two years to grow the appropriate length) and he's close to his third. In fact, if you're looking for Sam at the Bell game, don't search for the aforementioned flow – you'll have better luck looking for a small, pale dome on this smiley Little Giant.

# BBQ Club Brings the Meat

BEN BULLOCK '23 | STAFF WRITER  
 • What's eight-inches long, thick, and juicy? That's right, hotdogs from the Wabash BBQ Club!  
 The BBQ Club, newly established this summer, has already proven itself to be a great success among the Wabash community. Under the supervision of Chef Jason and Dr. Warner, students from fraternities and independent living units have come together to sizzle up an array of mouth-watering smoked meats. The Griddle Giants, as they are known, was set up to teach Wabash men the art of smoking the perfect brisket, with students themselves training to be the pit-masters. Through collaborations with Bon Appetite and the Sphinx Club, their barbecue has quickly become the apple of Wabash's rib-eye.  
 "Chef Jason wanted to explore the idea of a barbecue club," said Warner. "So, I went out to find a variety of guys from fraternity and independent units. We had a callout that was very successful."  
 Following their initial callout meat-ing, the club gathers most weeks and has since cooked lunch for trustees, who were delighted to see Wallies getting involved in such a hands-on way. What's more, the club has some big ambitions, with their sights firmly set on entering into a competition circuit in which everything will be at steak. Wabash will compete in events organized by the Kansas City Barbecue Society, making our student life the



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The BBQ Club smokes meat and serves it at various events on campus.

tastiest in the nation.  
 "I think that this is a unique project given the variety of people involved," Warner added. "Bon Appetit has been incredibly generous, having purchased

a new smoker and providing a good amount of the food. The group has strong leadership, and I do virtually nothing except for show up at events with my whites on and shake hands."

The BBQ Club's next smokeshow will be at the Monon Bell tailgate on November 16th, so be sure to stop by and fill up on Wabash's thickest, juiciest meat.

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# GCLA Students of Color Conference Offers Excellent Networking Opportunity

NOLAN HUGHES '23 | STAFF WRITER • “An opportunity for students of color to find academic success, network, and develop leadership skills that extend far past the conference.” This is how Dean for Professional Development Steven Jones '87 described the Great Lakes Colleges Association (GLCA) Students of Color Conference. Since 1988, the founding year of the conference, Wabash College has proudly been a part of the GLCA, never failing to send its own students to represent our storied institution.

The conference, according to Dean Jones, is an opportunity for minority figures at predominately white liberal arts schools to listen to an accredited panel speak about finding their “niches” and “sense of belonging” at these institutions. The event is sponsored by the Great Lakes Colleges Association and is hosted by a different GLCA school each year. The GLCA currently boasts 13 different liberal arts institutions. Dean Jones, however, made it abundantly clear that this is not just an opportunity for students of color, the LGBT, and other minority groups; but for ALL students to grow and help build an environment fostering acceptance and self-awareness. The GLCA, Dean Jones said, is a concerted effort to “help strengthen our colleges” and to produce leaders, as new areas of opportunity and challenge emerge.

Dean Jones himself reflected on his time at Wabash, graduating just a few years before the assembly of the GLCA. He said that he feels

that the conference is a “great opportunity for young students of color to network with a large group of schools from the area.”

In 2018, Wabash college sent six students to the conference, and hope to send another group to represent us at Ohio Wesleyan University this year. The theme of this year's conference is, “Still I Rise - Dreams of Our Ancestors,” and the panel will reflect the ideas that everyone comes from somewhere and everyone is headed somewhere, along with the revolving theme of appreciation and gratitude for our ancestors as they made it possible for us to thrive in the modern world.

At this year's conference, OWU welcomes Cathleen Richardson and John Quinones as the keynote speakers over the course of two days. John Quinones is set to share his experiences after working at ABC for over thirty years and anchoring 20/20 and Primetime. Quinones impressive career stemmed from humble beginnings living in poverty and working as a migrant farm hand. Cathleen Richardson likewise boasts an impressive career working over 20 years as a pioneer in educational technology. Richardson likewise offers the panel a female perspective with a gauge for modern education.

If you are a Wabash Student interested in attending this year's conference, Dean Jones asks possible attendees to email him at joness@wabash.edu for more information, as well as write a one page essay regarding their personal stories.

# HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY  
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

## THE CAPTAIN BUYS IMS

*Hi-Five to Roger Penske for buying the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. After years of figuratively owning the track and the IndyCar series, Penske now literally owns both. With a rumored price tag of \$2 billion, we think the next couple thousand rounds are on the Hulman George family.*

## STUDY ABROAD APPLICATION TO THE WHOLE CAMPUS

*Hi-Five to Daniel Burkert '22 for sending his immersion trip application by hitting Reply All to an e-mail. This is at least the fifth consecutive week we have published an e-mail Hi-Five. Please stop giving us reasons to do this, guys. We don't want to be like this.*

## BLOCKING OFF THE FAC

*Hi-Five to the city planners, who are striving to make Crawfordsville a true "Athens of Indiana" by creating the trail on Grant Avenue. However, planning and execution mostly don't match up, and now the Fine Arts Center is an impenetrable fortress.*

## HOLLANDER WINS CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

*Hi-Five to Professor of Political Science Ethan Hollander winning the Second Ward City Council Election to become the only Independent member of the Crawfordsville City Council. We hope his experiences in politics will make him an even more valuable member of the Political Science faculty.*

## MCR RATM REUNIONS

*Hi-Five to the revival of angst 90's/00's music with My Chemical Romance and Rage Against the Machine announcing reunion tours. If you see students getting face piercings and dying their hair, it's not a phase, Mom.*

Correction: We made a mistake in our previous issue: the article Best Places to Study on Campus was authored by Alex Rotaru '22, Assistant Copy Editor; and not by Austin Rudicel '20, Cavellife Editor.

# SPORTS

# Wabash Relives Memories from Byron P. Hollett Little Giant Stadium

COOPER SMITH '23 | STAFF WRITER • Saturday's football game against Hiram College will be the final game played in Hollett Little Giant Stadium. After the game, construction of the new \$13 million-dollar Little Giant Stadium will get underway. In the days leading up to the final game against Hiram, former coaches and players reflected on their personal favorite memories involving the Hollett Little Giant Stadium.

For many Wabash men, beating the school down south is an easy favorite. Head football coach Don Morel showed no hesitation in choosing his favorite moment: winning the 125th Monon Bell Classic last year, which was truly a memorable game. Our Little Giants succeeded physically and emotionally, winning 24-17 and attributed the victory to Evan Hansen '19, who passed away two months before the game. For some Little Giants, the 125th Monon Bell game is an easy choice for a favorite stadium memory.

Many alumni fondly remember their experiences that took place on the field years ago. Annual Fund Director Aaron Selby '06, a former linebacker, provided his favorite game time moment. “In 2002, we hosted Wittenberg at home the week of Thanksgiving for the second round of the NCAA playoffs. It was the second coldest game I ever played in and our team played outstanding. Our defense forced eight turnovers and knocked out two of Wittenberg's QB's in a 25-14 win and secured a berth into the NCAA quarterfinals against Mt. Union.” For Athletic Director Matthew Tanney '05, Selby's teammate, the same 2002 season provided his favorite moment. However, his was from a beautiful practice, not an intense game. At the time, the field was natural grass, so the team typically practiced on the old practice field. But Tanney's favorite moment was an anomaly. “We were scheduled to practice early on Thanksgiving Day [...] but it was so cold and early the surface of our practice field was a glacier - cold, icy, and rock hard. The coaches moved practice to the stadium since the grass was in much better shape. Practicing football on Thanksgiving Day as the sun rose in Little Giant Stadium was



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**Fans filled the stands during last year's 125th edition of the Monon Bell Classic. Byron P. Hollett Little Giant Stadium saw many sold-out games in its tenure. Construction will begin on the new Little Giant Stadium after Wabash's game vs. Hiram.**

picturesque. It was bitter cold that morning, but still a lot of fun.” In games and practices, Little Giant Stadium has truly been home to many amazing moments.

Some favorite moments are more personal – they may not have had much team significance, but they greatly affected an individual Wabash man. Offensive Line Coach Olmy Olmstead '04 told of his freshman mistakes – and the impacts they made. “Late in the fall of 2000, my freshman year, I was fortunate enough to be given an opportunity in a varsity football

contest with a starting role. Right off the bat I made a mistake and did not execute my assignment. The extra point was no good- wide right, and the field goal unit ran off the field. I was certain that this was the end of that experiment, and that I had blown my chance.” He was wrong. “To my surprise, the coach sent me back in after a few brief, positive words of encouragement.” He explained how this memory has affected his coaching strategy. “I reflect on that single moment often as a coach at Wabash now. Knowing that someone believes

in you is an incredible, uplifting feeling. I strive to mirror that level of influence with our students today.”

On Saturday, we say goodbye to our beloved Hollett Little Giant Stadium, but not to the memories it has provided. Wabash memories live on, regardless of physical changes. The heart of Wabash lies within Wabash men – and their passion for lending a hand to other Wabash men. So let's bid farewell to the stadium of old, fond memories and welcome the new stadium -- along with the future victories to whom it will be home.



# Basketball to Build on Last Season

REED MATHIS '22 | ONLINE EDITOR • The Wabash College Basketball team is coming off of a blistering 21-6 (14-4 North Coast Athletic Conference) 2018-2019 season, where they made the NCAC Semifinals before ultimately falling to Wittenberg University, who finished the season ranked 22nd in the nation.

After last year's success, the team looks to carry that momentum forward into the season, led by star-player Jack Davidson '21. Davidson is coming off a season that is etched in not only Wabash athletic history, but the NCAA record books as well. He averaged 25.1 points per game (ppg) on thirty-two minutes per game while coming away with the NCAC Men's Basketball Player of the Year and breaking the NCAA record for most consecutive free throws, with 95.

Coming into the season, after only losing two seniors from last year's squad and having three for this year, the Little Giants remain young. Wabash brings back a well-experienced team after last year's NCAC Tournament appearance. Besides Davidson, the group returns two starters, seniors Alex Eberhard '20 and Harrison Hallstrom '20, who excelled in crucial roles as frontcourt contributors. The other critical returners from last year's team are sophomores Tyler Watson '22 and Kellen Schreiber '22, who exceeded expectations as freshmen last season and found themselves playing prominent supporting roles throughout last season.

When comparing this year's team and last year, a noticeable difference is the ceiling for how effective the bench players can perform this year. Connor Rotterman '21 and Jayden Edwards '22 return this year after, for the most part, providing quality bench minutes a year ago. The two will fill key positions and fortify, hopefully, a bench unit that will dominate the other team's second unit throughout the upcoming season.

The hype coming into the season, for a good reason, is directed around returning players and the improvements by each player. However, there is always a focus on the long-term outlook of a team, and for the Wabash Little Giants to push the needle this season, they will continue to rely on young, energetic underclassmen to make an impact. Some freshmen to keep an eye on entering the season are freshmen: Ahmoni Jones '23, Justin Hensley '23, and Jeremy Norvell '23. Jones and Hensley played high school ball in Central Indianapolis, representing prominent programs in the state,

Pike High School and Cathedral High School, respectively. Norvell comes from Princeton, Texas, wherein his senior year, his team went 20-9 and lost in the district tournament.

Not only are the expectations and excitement raised to another level this upcoming year at Wabash, but the rest of the country is starting to take notice. In D3hoops.com's Preseason Rankings, the Wabash Little Giants are slated in the fourteenth position, nationally, and Wittenberg, at fifth, is the only conference team ranked ahead of Wabash coming into the season. Joining Wabash and Wittenberg in the rankings is Wooster, who is seen as the twenty-first best team as we enter into the season.

The Little Giants conference slate does not begin until December 4th, when they face off against Ohio Wesleyan University at home. Nonetheless, the NCAC Preseason Coaches Poll, released last Thursday, gave a glimpse of what could transpire in conference play this year. Mere points only separated the top three teams. Wittenberg is the favorite heading into the season with ninety-one points, Wooster with ninety points, and league-leading four first-place votes, and then Wabash, with eighty-nine points, and three first-place votes. After the first tip-off of the season, preseason rankings mean close to nothing. Still, the two rankings, as aforementioned above, provide a more clear baseline of where Wabash lies entering the season and what obstacles lie in the way. The Wabash Little Giants are still in pursuit of their first NCAC regular-season conference title in program history, but are in a prime position to compete amongst the perennial elite teams, Wittenberg and Wooster.

Looking ahead to the regular season, the Little Giants will start the season November 14th at home, against Centre College, with Earlham College coming to town on the 19th.

At first glance, it is easy to ascertain that the team will have to adjust to having many of their away games close to each other. After the Nicholas Investments Thanksgiving Classic, seven of their next ten games will be on the road, with road contests against Wooster and Wittenberg headlining the stretch. This stretch that includes five straight road games looks to be the most challenging of the season, as the Little Giants will be tested right away in hostile territory.

After the tough road stretch, the rest of the slate looks to be less relenting, as all of the games will be against conference opponents, with

many of the games at home. On the backstretch, seven of the last eleven regular-season contests will be at home, including matchups against the school down south, and the second of two regular-season games against Wittenberg and Wooster, both at home. The schedule as a whole is split into these two halves, where the first half will be road-heavy, while the second half will consist of essential home games. Whether the Little Giants come out of the gates running or are tested on the road early, the back-end of the schedule sets up the Little Giants in a favorable spot as many of the games that will decide the fate of the team in the postseason come at Chadwick Court.

Barring any unexpected circumstances, the most paramount string of games this season will more than likely fall between January 22nd-February 1st, as the Little Giants have four games in ten days against four conference opponents. With two games on the road - Depauw and Ohio Wesleyan, and the other

two at home - Denison and Wooster, the postseason aspirations of Wabash can be profoundly affected here, as the group above make up four of the top six teams in the conference. This stretch will also allow the final games of the season to bolster Wabash's place in the postseason tournament, or have them play catch-up. The remaining six games are all-conference contests with a critical matchup at home against Depauw and our last home contest against Wittenberg, which can prove to be significant in how Wabash enters the conference tournament.

It is hard predicting what a season can look like because of all of the external factors that affect Wabash and other teams alike throughout the season. However, what Wabash fans will receive entering the season is a team led by a nationally recognized player, several returning key contributors, and young bench providers who look to vault Wabash into the NCAC Conference title conversation and prominence on the national landscape.

## Wrestling Sits at No. 2 in National Preseason Rankings

CHRISTIAN REDMOND '20 | OPINION EDITOR • Intermatwrestle.com ranked Wabash College's wrestling team No. 2 in the nation for this year's preseason wrestling rankings. Wabash has consistently landed in the top spots of the NCAA national tournament for the past few years. Last year, the team took ninth place as a team and sent six wrestlers out of ten possible weight classes to the tournament. Those six wrestlers are all back for this year's season. This year, the team is looking to jump a considerable amount of spots from last year and send more wrestlers to the tournament. Preseason rankings have seven Wabash wrestlers ranked within the top ten spots in their respective weight classes.

Carlos Champagne '22 is ranked fourth at the 125-pound weight division. Last year, Champagne placed third at the Central Regional

tournament, punching his ticket for the national tournament. He ended with a seventh-place finish in the national tournament, making him an All-American.

Riley "Cowboy" Lomenick '21 is ranked ninth at the 133-pound weight class for this season. While Lomenick has never wrestled at the national tournament, he came close. Last year, Lomenick placed fourth at the Central Regional tournament, one place away from national qualification. Teammates are confident in Lomenick's abilities with his "mean mat-returns."

Owen Doster '20 is ranked ninth at the 141-pound weight class. Doster has qualified for the national tournament three times and became an All-American with his seventh-place finish his freshman year. Outside of wrestling, Doster chairs the Wabash Mental Health Concerns Committee and

dedicates himself to promoting mental health on campus.

Austin Bethel '21 is ranked sixth at the 157-pound weight class. Bethel placed third in the nation his freshman year. Last year, he was not able to compete for the year due to sickness. Bethel looks to make a fiery comeback this year.

Kyle Hatch '21 is ranked third at the 165-pound weight class. Hatch is a two-time All-American with an eighth-place finish during his freshman year and a sixth place finish in his sophomore year at the NCAA tournament. Hatch is ready to show people that "dad bods can do it too" according to his Instagram.

Darden Schurg '20 is ranked first at the 174-pound weight class. Schurg was forced into a medical red-shirt his freshman year with a season-ending injury. He has since become a three-

time national qualifier and a two-time All-American, placing fourth his junior year and placing first at the 174-pound class last year. Schurg looks to become a two-time national champ this year.

Wade Ripple '21 is ranked fifth at the 285-pound weight class. Ripple made his first trip to the NCAA tournament last year. Ripple lives by the motto "pin or be pinned." Apparently, this philosophy has provided Ripple much success on the mat.

The Wabash wrestling team is ranked second in the nation, only behind Loras College. They outrank the defending national champions, Augsburg University, and last year's sixth place team, Wartburg College. They will look to make big gains this year with all of their returning national qualifiers still on the team and seven wrestlers placed in the top ten of their divisions coming into the season.

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## Soccer falls to OWU in NCAC Tournament

BLAKE LARGENT '22 | SPORTS EDITOR • After suffering a 1-0 loss to Oberlin College in its last regular-season game, the Wabash soccer team fell 1-0 to Ohio Wesleyan University in the first round of the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) Men's Soccer Tournament.

Earlier this season, Wabash grabbed the first victory in school history over Ohio Wesleyan, winning 1-0 on October 26th.

"OWU has been a powerhouse team in the past 40 years," head coach Chris Keller said prior to the tournament. "Us beating them has been a few years in the making with some tough losses to them by narrow margins. We enjoyed that victory but every game can be completely different. We are going to attack to win the match and not be conservative."

Keller also spoke of his team's mindset heading into the tournament matchup against the Battling Bishops. "I think our focus increases," he said. "One loss eliminates you and there is less room for error. We will tweak a few things we learned from our previous match with OWU but will stay true to our play style."

In the first half against Ohio Wesleyan, the Little Giants faced pressure from the Battling Bishops early. Ohio Wesleyan fired off multiple shots, but spectacular saves from goalkeeper Chad Wunderlich '21 kept the score at 0-0. Ohio Wesleyan maintained much of the possession in the first half, but Wabash's defense held the Battling Bishops in check. The score remained at 0-0 until the 19th minute, when an Ohio Wesleyan corner kick led to a goal from Joe Brush, giving the Battling Bishops a 1-0 lead. Less than two minutes after the Ohio Wesleyan goal, Wabash looked to even the score on an Alexis Delgado '23 shot from inside the box, but the ball sailed just over the goal. After a physical first half that had 14 total fouls, the score at halftime remained 1-0 in favor of Ohio Wesleyan.

In the second half, the Battling Bishops continued to pressure the Little Giants. After saving multiple shots throughout the match, Wunderlich had another incredible save on a six-yard shot from Ohio Wesleyan's Ryan Roberts with 33 minutes remaining. Despite stringing together some offensive possessions, the Little Giants could not even the score, losing 1-0. Ohio Wesleyan



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**Kyle Holmer '21 takes a corner kick during a game. Holmer is one of six juniors returning as seniors to the team next season.**

outshot Wabash 12-6 in the match, and there were 29 combined fouls between the two teams.

Wabash loses six seniors, who will graduate in the spring: David Riggs '20, Gabriel Anguiano '20, Michael Tanchevski '20, Abdoulie Waggeh '20, Keith Owen '20, and Ethan McNaughton '20.

When evaluating the season, Keller expressed gratitude. "We are grateful to put ourselves in a position to be playing this time of year," he said. "Something that 60 percent of the conference and the country do not have. We never look at the season as a whole until later, but being in the postseason is an expectation now with our program, compared to here several years ago it was a reward and bonus."

The team finishes with a 10-6-3 (5-3-2 NCAC) record, which is its sixth-straight season with 10 or more wins. Despite the tough loss, the Little Giants will look to return to the NCAC Tournament next season and grab a first-round win.



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**Head coach Chris Keller and assistant coach Ian Hatleli discuss gameplans. Keller has guided the Little Giants to four-straight NCAC Tournament appearances.**

## Football Downs Kenyon, Awaits Hiram

LOGAN SMITH '23 | STAFF WRITER • The Wabash football team came out with another big 31-12 win on Saturday against Kenyon College. The Little Giants are on a sweet three-game winning streak heading into the last two games of the season. Amazing defense stood out once again, as Kenyon was held to 167 total passing yards, most of which came in the fourth quarter against a defense made up of a majority of second-string players. Head Coach Donald Morel was quite happy about the win, but knows the team could have done better despite Kenyon's improvement from last season.

"I think they're better than they were last year," Morel said. "They played way harder, had more excitement, but we played really well in the first half. Got out to a big lead and coasted, it's disappointing that we lost concentration a little in the second half, which is bound to happen in those games. Our start was great, but you still feel like they can come back, you are never safe until the final whistle. We just had some guys who played really well and kept us ahead."

The defensive game plan to force Kenyon to run was not surprising. Kenyon has over 1200 more yards through the air than on the ground. Morel showed he was well aware of what they were facing, saying: "I think Coach [Jeff] Ramsey had a really good gameplan, and we felt like we could stop their run with four guys, and allow for seven on the pass. It's just hard to throw the ball with seven defenders. It was ridiculous. We did well, but then we gave up 140 yards in the fourth quarter, and they ended up with 180. But we won the game and we are moving on."

This was much different from the first half performance, where the first-string guys held Kenyon to a fat zero on the scoreboard, and kept Kenyon out of the endzone in both of their redzone opportunities. Morel was very happy with his entire defense, especially the guys who don't always get the stats, but usually make the plays happen.

"We ask our defensive linemen to occupy people and sometimes not get a sack, but just occupy the lineman, force quarterbacks into bad decisions and stuff like that. Guys like Blair Broady ['21], Brandon Peck ['21], Malcolm Lang ['21], David Marsh ['22], Jacob Macaluso ['20], Bobby Scheele ['20], they just all do great jobs. More guys like Brandon Yeagy ['20], Patrick Kelly ['21], and Artie



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**Liam Thompson '23 looks to throw downfield in last Saturday's game against Kenyon. Thompson finished 16-21 for 244 yards and three touchdowns in Wabash's 31-12 win.**

Equihua ['20] are also smart guys we rely on. Artie even got an interception this week."

Morel was also satisfied with the way his offense came out and got the job done. He talked about Liam Thompson '23 making plays, despite the pressure put on him in the first half. "I think he has had big plays against everyone. Clearly Kenyon pressured us and he got sacked a few times, but yeah he did have an incredible game. And his numbers are really just from the first half. We just ran it out and got to play everyone, which was great." He also went on to talk about how Isaac Avant '20 continues to be one of their most reliable guys, saying: "He has been here four years, tough as nails, durable, and he makes great plays. He is a big guy, but he is also a good guy." These are definitely two guys Morel will look to lean on as the Little Giants

approach a potential playoff run.

Wabash (6-2, 6-1 NCAC) will take on Hiram College (0-8, 0-7 NCAC) in what will be the last matchup to ever be played in this Hollett Little Giant Stadium. Hiram is certainly having a nightmare of a season, but Morel states that he wants to stay ready for any possibility.

"They are 0-8 and their coach got fired a couple weeks ago so it is a tough situation. It is common for guys to rally around a new coach when the old one is fired, so they have been playing better, they actually played pretty well against Allegheny and lost. So we aren't good enough to walk out there and just win the game. We just prepare the same way every week, we got here early this morning, and we will be here late tonight getting our game plan together and figuring out what we are doing."

Morel also talked of his feelings

toward playing the last game in Hollett, but understood why it needed an upgrade, saying: "It really is bittersweet. It is exciting to have the new stadium coming because we need it, because it is so old and is lacking a lot of stuff we need. I know there will be a ceremony before the game and we will be releasing great moments in the stadium on social media, so that will be fun."

The team is certainly feeling amped up as they look to grab their fourth win in a row against a struggling Hiram team, along with trying to cap off Hollett's history at Wabash with a win. Wabash will go into battle against Hiram on Saturday at 1 p.m. in their Veterans Honors game. They look to honor the men and women who have served our beautiful country while giving Hollett the last game it deserves before we Wabash men say our goodbyes.