

Moot Court Topic Announced



Last year’s Moot Court finalists.

BENJAMIN HIGH '22 / PHOTO

DREW BLUETHMANN '22 | STAFF WRITER • “Moot Court is the liberal arts on steroids,” Associate Professor of Political Science Scott Himsel ’85 said. The event, which tests a Wabash man’s ability to articulate both sides of an argument, puts students in a judicial hot seat. The Wabash College Moot Court begins its twenty-sixth annual event on October 19. This year’s topic is the right to keep and bear arms. The Founding Fathers explicated this right in the Second Amendment, writing, “A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.” The Moot Court case topic emphasizes the nuances of the Supreme Court ruling on the Second Amendment in 2008. The Supreme Court ruled in D.C. v. Heller that the Second Amendment includes self-defense in cases of confrontation in the home. Professor Himsel said, “The real issue

is, to what extent should the people’s elected representatives. . . have the ability to limit people’s ability to carry guns outside the home?” Competitors will grapple with the conflict between public safety and the right to own military weapons. Contestants must come prepared with a deep understanding of both sides of the case and are tested in a multi-round competition that will start on October 19th and conclude with the final arguments on October 23 in Salter Hall. Professors, alumni, judges, and other professionals will judge contestants in each round of the competition. Judges expect the contestants to be able to change course at any moment. To complicate things, judges can interrupt contestants and ask any question. Moot Court is the perfect experience where a Wabash man can develop universally practical career skills. Kwaku Sarpong ’22 won Moot Court last year as the second-ever freshman to accomplish this feat. He is on the

pre-med track and found value in Moot Court. He said, “In the medical field... you are going to have to present why you believe something is right—why a medication is right—why you need to implement a certain policy to take care of a patient over [different policy]. And people’s life depends on that.” A Wabash man will have to make strong arguments in their career while understanding both sides. If you missed the Moot Court call out, you could still participate. Email Dr. Jeff Drury at druryj@wabash.edu. Dr. Drury can also pair you with another contestant if you have yet to find a partner. Professor Himsel and Dr. Drury also urge all nonparticipating students to watch the final arguments on the evening of October 23. This is a serious issue that needs serious consideration and attention. Himsel said “You are going to see an intellectual dialogue and an exchange at a very high level. [This is a] very significant and current issue that involves life or death.”

In the Wake of Andrew Luck

BLAKE LARGENT '22 | SPORTS EDITOR • As both the college and professional football seasons are starting to get underway across the country, the football community, specifically in the NFL, was stunned by the announcement that Andrew Luck, the star quarterback of the Indianapolis Colts for the last seven seasons, was retiring from football at age 29. Luck, who held a press conference after the Colts’ preseason game against the Chicago Bears on August 24, gave an emotional speech to the public regarding his decision, saying, “For the last four years or so, I’ve been in this cycle of injury, pain, rehab, injury, pain, rehab, and it’s been unceasing, unrelenting, both in-season and offseason, and I felt stuck in it. The only way I see out is to no longer play football.” Luck continued, saying, “I haven’t been able to live the life I want to live.” While Luck’s retirement became a football controversy that was responded to with a mix of respect, boos, tears, and praise, his decision has created a larger conversation throughout the sport. As football at Wabash College shows, the issue of injury and mental health is not limited to the NFL alone. Mark Elizondo, head athletic trainer at Wabash, said that athletic injuries at the collegiate level can “often affect your life, no matter the severity. When you are very busy, your injuries will sometimes take a back seat in priority.” Wabash football head coach Don Morel agreed with Elizondo, saying, “There’s a real aspect to injury, you know? It’s hard. Isaac Avant [’20], who is one of our best players, has been out for five weeks now with a heel bruise. Mentally, that’s tough.” Injuries in the NFL are nationally televised, announced on networks such as ESPN, and treated by world-class doctors and technology. Meanwhile, injuries at colleges like Wabash can often go unnoticed, and can lead to other complications. Austin Coy ’20, who played football at Wabash from his freshman through junior year, stepped away from football prior to his senior season because of injury. Coy spoke on playing football at Wabash and the injury that caused him to step away from the game. “I really didn’t even know if I was going to want to play football in college,” he said. “My dad went to Wabash, so I knew how rigorous the school was and how rigorous the academics were. I wasn’t sure if I wanted to join a fraternity either, so if I did all three of those at once - being at Wabash, playing a sport, and pledging a fraternity – I didn’t know how stressful it would be.”

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This Week’s News Roundup

DRONE ATTACK HALTS SAUDI OIL OUTPUT
Half of Saudi Arabia’s oil processing and shipping capacity was knocked out in a drone strike on the 14th. This shuts down 5% of the world’s oil supply. Iranian-linked terrorists have claimed responsibility.

MUTANT MOSQUITOS RAMPANT IN BRAZIL
In an attempt to eliminate yellow fever and Zika, British biotech firm Oxitec modified the genes of 450,000 mosquitoes and released them in Brazil. Instead of dying off as planned, they’ve interbred with the local population.

FED CUTS RATES 1/4 POINT
The Fed cut interest rates by a quarter point on Wednesday. This is part of an ongoing attempt to keep the markets afloat as they slow from 2018 highs.

OBESITY KILLS 40,000 IN AUGUST
While the 53 deaths from mass shootings claimed headlines last month, a more silent killer has claimed exponentially more Americans.

W. HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

TUESDAY	
Chants at the Chapel	9:00PM
WEDNESDAY:	
Banners are Due	12:00PM
Banners Judged	6:00PM
THURSDAY:	
Chapel Sing	11:10AM
FRIDAY:	
Upperclassmen Dodgeball ...	7:00PM
SATURDAY:	
Alumni Chapel	11:00AM
Soccer vs. Wooster	12:00AM
Football Vs. Denison	2:00PM
‘shOUT Reception	5:00PM
Glee Club Concert	7:30PM

New Homecoming Schedule Adds Action, Loses Debauchery



BENJAMIN HIGH '22 / PHOTO

Patrick Azar '19 distracts a pledge.



BENJAMIN HIGH '22 / PHOTO

Then rhyne Davis Lamm '20 brings water to pledges.

REED MATHIS '22 | ONLINE EDITOR • For many, Wabash is a place that they call home. It is easy enough to talk to an alumnus, whether it be one year out of college or sixty-five, about the memories and traditions that fashioned their Wabash experience. However, as we head towards Homecoming Week, we are once again reminded why this place is unique to each one of us.

When it comes to Wabash, tradition is everything. Although the same events will comprise the week, there will be slight changes.

“Unlike homecoming week in the past, it will not start on Thursday and be a mad dash to end Saturday. This year we will be spreading out the week in a couple of different ways,” said Sphinx Club President,

Clark Tinder '20. In attempts to give fraternities and everyone involved with homecoming week more time, the most significant change involves the schedule not being mainly Thursday-Saturday. The events and activities will span the entire week. “The first thing we are going to start is to have a Spirit Day on Monday, and on Tuesday there will be an Air-Raid-a-Thon where someone can pay \$1 to yell Air-Raid to Sphinx Club members and the rynies,” said Tinder. The proceeds made on Tuesday will be going to the Montgomery County Women’s Shelter and the Family Crisis Center of Montgomery County.

Echoing the movement to make homecoming week more enjoyable, the Chants competition, which is

traditionally on Friday night, will be moved up to Tuesday at 9 PM on the Chapel Steps. “The one thing that we are attempting to do is having a scoring event every day. Doing this will make the events more competitive, smoothly flowing, and the day-to-day standings becoming more meaningful,” said IFC President, Matt Fajt '20.

Homecoming, more or less, revolves around the freshmen at Wabash. Having said that, this year there will be a competition that only upper-classman can participate in and it will be a Dodgeball Tournament held between 7:00 PM-9:00 PM on Friday. “This allows upperclassman to participate in homecoming week, while also having the chance to score some points for their house,” said

Tinder. The tournament will be held at the Mall and is open to all living units who can construct a team of eight individuals.

In general, homecoming is a time where all parts of campus come together in comradery and take part in activities that promote student unity and tradition. What makes homecoming week distinct is being around the people that enhance Wabash and taking a step away from the pressure of classes by appreciating everything Wabash has to offer.

“Instead of three days of madness, we now can get everyone out and together each day. With this being our first home game, it will build up more anticipation going into the football game on Saturday,” said Tinder.

Fall ‘Bash to Kick off Busy Autumn



COURTESY OF BUZZFEED

Wabash will welcome autumn and several sororities to campus on Saturday.

ALEX ROTARU '22 | ASSISTANT COPY EDITOR • Student life is about to get spooky. Fall ‘Bash, organized by the Student Events Committee of the Student Senate, will include multiple fun activities: from volleyball and cornhole, to a pie eating contest, pumpkin carving, and sack races. The teams involved in these events are competing for the opportunity to donate the sign-up fees to a charity of their choice, and to go down in Wabash history as winners of this potentially re-emerging tradition.

“Our idea is to get as many groups from around campus – be it fraternities, independents, or clubs –, and get them to put a little money in a pot, and compete for the opportunity to donate this pot to the community,” Benjamin Kiesel '20, Student Events Committee Chairman, said. After intense brainstorming session, the committee thought, “What’s better

than a bonfire and pumpkins, and just hanging out and competing with your brothers, now that Fall is starting?” Kiesel said.

While the current event is purely the result of the minds of the Events Committee, Fall ‘Bash is not at its first edition. From 1980 until 1988, the Student Social Activities Committee (disbanded some time within the last 10-15 years) organized a yearly Fall ‘Bash, similar in format to Pan-Hel weekend. “I didn’t even know there was a history to Fall ‘Bash,” Kiesel said. “Corbin [Landrum '20, Vice-President of the Student Body] came up with the name, and we thought it sounded cool. Then [the Historian of the Student Body] mentioned that there’s some history behind it. Now I’m intrigued and looking forward to learning more about it.” We invite you to check out the Bachelor issue of September 22, 1987 for



COURTESY OF THAT OREGON LIFE

The Brew has announced new fall pastries and drinks.

a sample of what the Fall ‘Bash schedule looked like back in the day.

The current format, however, is more focused on philanthropy, inclusion, and increasing campus unity by creating a home-like atmosphere. “We’ve been trying to reach out to other independent groups – MXI, other clubs on campus –, and just make sure that we’re trying to make it as inclusive as possible, and not make it feel like solely a fraternity thing,” Kiesel said.

This event is also a chance to showcase the Wabash spirit of living humanely, which translates to brotherhood and giving back to the community, combined with the Wabash Always Fights mantra. “We want each group to compete, but also to understand that this is a friendly competition,” Kiesel said. “And we’re just here to have fun. And we’re here to compete for something that we care a lot about. But, at its core, we just want to

give back and show this kind of Wabash spirit of giving back.”

There are many things to be on the lookout for during Fall ‘Bash. “We’re really excited about the pie eating contest,” Kiesel said. “That’s got to be the number one thing I’m most excited to see.” Then, there are the pumpkin art competitions, where the teams will be able to show off their inner artistic selves. “A lot of houses will have at least a few artistic guys,” Kiesel said.

The event will close with an hour-long s’mores bonfire and social, after a long day of competing and good will. Fall ‘Bash will be held from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the volleyball courts in the Ott Residential District, which are between Rogge Hall, Williams Hall, the Collett Tennis Courts, Union Street, and Sigma Chi. The entrance is free for all, and food will be provided.

Raising the Next Generation of Gentlemen



Matthew Mosak '20

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Last Monday I found myself listening to a presentation about masculinity in poetry. Dr. Mong gave a very compelling presentation, but a question posed by Dr. Jill Lamberton struck me the hardest; how to teach her sons about masculinity and what that means for them moving forward. This question hit me much harder than I expected, and it prompted me to go down that very same rabbit hole: how would I teach my son about what it means to be a (gentle)man, to be masculine?

I would start by saying that I do not have children, but I, like many of my colleagues, am at the age where thoughts of marriage and having children are certainly gnawing. So, how would I teach my hypothetical son about masculinity in this world? I will start with what I think of masculinity, which may include some

outdated ideas of that very same thing. However, I also find myself incorporating and attempting to balance some neo-masculine ideas as well. This puts me in an interesting position regarding my own ‘masculinity’.

How do I, as a man who loves whiskey and cigars but also has no qualms about getting a manicure, pass to the next generation a definition that could impact the remainder of his life? There would certainly be an understanding that my son may have a broader spectrum of attraction than what society may consider the archetypal masculine. I can say that I would be proud to support my son with any passion or attraction that makes him happy. My own father certainly never shamed anything I was passionate about; I do not believe that I would ever shame my hypothetical child either. This understanding forms the crux of what I have come to understand as my answer, as it stands now, to Dr. Lamberton’s question.

I would say that, to be masculine, a man must be true to himself and his passions while understanding, truly understanding, that everyone else is simply trying to do the same. I know that this is not a new basis on which to form my opinion, but I will elaborate more on my position now. To paraphrase Dr.

Mong, the archaic position of masculinity was the ability to bestow and withstand pain. While this is certainly not the sole definition of masculinity available, it is the one I find most compelling. What I would want my son to understand, from this definition at least, is that trying to internalize pain or bestow that pain on others is not a way of being true to himself. I do not believe that at the core of every man is the desire to do others harm, and that is certainly not the way of the gentleman.

Being true to himself would mean understanding that pain is a part of life. Further, pain need not always be withstood and certainly that pain should not be redirected at others. The “understanding” I have been referencing is knowing that simply because some interactions may cause pain does not mean that every interaction should or will. I would hope that my son experiences interactions with fellow people, in any capacity of self-identification, that center around respect and compassion rather than judgment and condemnation. That is what it truly means to be a ‘gentleman’ for the next generation of men and, hopefully, terms like ‘understanding,’ ‘respectful,’ and even ‘compassionate’ become associated as masculine qualities starting now and

moving forward. Personally, I believe they are; however, it is, at times, difficult to sell.

I know this definition seems mildly cliché, but so many of the conversations at Wabash about masculinity forget that a gentleman is often described as masculine too. The notion of ‘toxic masculinity’ has become a cornerstone in conversation, one that severely detracts from the social responsibility we have as future fathers to teach the next generation of self-identifying gentlemen. We are so quick to brand ‘toxic masculinity,’ but so slow to do anything about it. Merely pointing out an issue, as is all too common on this campus, does nothing to fix an issue, and to degrade the very concept of being a gentleman is not how issues with masculinity are resolved. Toxic masculinity is resolved by teaching our sons about how to be respectful and understanding to everyone without putting pressure on them to fall in line with historical conceptions of masculinity. Consider this a type of rebranding for gentlemen moving forward. Respect, understanding, and compassion are learned behaviors, and I would want to make sure that, as a father, my son learned them. I call upon all the future parents of Wabash College to do the same.



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For those of you who may not know me or are not well acquainted with me, my name is Owen Doster and I am a senior here. Among other things, I am a wrestler here, Chair of the Mental Health Concerns Committee, and fill some other roles. I do apologize in advance if this piece happens to stir up any precious memories, but aren’t those the most deeply rooted and life-changing ones? Those memories make the stories for your children and grandchildren. Those experiences dictate how and who you choose to live your life with. With the theme of story-telling beginning to shine

early on in this commentary, I’ll take this time to tell you small a segment of the story of myself and why Wabash will live on in my heart forever.

At two days old, I was on a professional baseball field. I’ve met and sat alongside some of the greatest names baseball had to offer in the early 2000’s. That was my life pretty much every summer until I was 9 when my dad retired after 13 years of professional baseball. His baseball led us to 3 countries: USA, Japan, and Mexico. I was always surrounded by stars, but never felt truly connected to any of them. All I knew was that I wanted to have the relationships that they shared with one another as men and teammates. But, within all those crazy, cool, and fascinating stories, there was something missing.

I didn’t know or necessarily realize that something was absent until I found it here at Wabash. It wasn’t evident particularly through my adolescence, but I have always felt a little different. When I say different I don’t mean physical or even mental. I mean this idea of not having a fully developed connection with others.

I struggled through middle school and high school to fit in or belong to the “in” group. Something set me apart. I wanted to be great, do extraordinary things, meet amazing people, and live life fully.

What I have always missed and never knew until I got to Wabash College was my own sense of true brotherhood, commodore, and genuine love among my peers and teammates. As I sit here tears welling in my eyes, I can’t help but say a thank you to Wabash College and everything it entails. From the moment I stepped on campus, I knew I would live my next four years no where else in the world. I fell in love. My mom told me she saw it in my eyes as soon as I stepped off the steps of Trippett Hall on my first visit.

This thank you is so much deeper than I can describe to you as you read this, but I’ll do my best. My thank you comes from a senior who has seen his fair share of trials and tribulations academically, athletically, physically, emotionally, and mentally. But for sole possession of the world, I would not change a single second of the time that I have been here. Wabash has given me so much more than it has taken.

Wabash brought me the opportunity to excel in the classroom, on the mat, and among my peers. Wabash has brought me lasting knowledge through my studies and experiences. Wabash has taken me across the United States and to other countries. Most importantly to me, Wabash has shown me true brotherhood and brought to my life other Wabash Men and Women that I would die for. I met my absolute best friends for life here; guys that will unequivocally be in my wedding and God-fathers to my children. That sense of brotherhood that Wabash preaches is all too real, and if nothing else, I want you to believe that and take it to heart because that brotherhood has changed and saved my life.

Hopefully, this piece has helped you get to know me, and why I cherish the Wabash College that we know so well. Among the many things that were stated and even left unsaid, is a common thread. That thread is Wabash. Owen Doster is Owen Doster because of Wabash College. When they say this place develops men, it does. I am a man today because of Wabash College. There is no place like it. Period.

Making the Most of these Fleeting Years



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Our school is widely known for its unique traditions and signature events that every student knows is essential to the Wabash experience. Virtually every student has attended quintessential events like Chapel Sing and Monon Bell at least once during their time here. Outside of these special occasions, many students still comment that there’s nothing to do at Wabash. In reality, the College and the student body offer an abundance of events and activities for students to engage with campus and make the most of these four fleeting years.

Despite our small campus size, the range of resources, events, and activities that the College offers is extraordinary. Whether it be the Car Club’s recent trip to the car show Tuner Evolution Chicago, a soccer game at Fischer Field while the Rhynies

are grilling burgers, or a lunch talk featuring a visiting professor and the world-renowned Brother’s Pizza, Wabash offers something for every student and every interest. I can go on and on about the different opportunities on-campus and describe how cool each of these are, but I’m here to tell you why you should attend these on-campus events rather than staying in your room. Why you should take a closer look at the emails we all receive about the latest lecture or Coffee & Careers.

Many of the on-campus events expand upon the traditional classroom education that the College offers, providing knowledge and lessons that simply cannot be taught in the classroom. About two years ago, I attended a panel discussion regarding the #MeToo movement that featured students and faculty. At some point the panelists and attendees were all discussing the topic of how men should be responding to the #MeToo movement, and Dr. Adriel Trott brought up the point that men shouldn’t be thinking, “What can I do to make sure I’m not a perpetrator?” Instead, they should be asking themselves, “What can I do to help?” My perspective completely shifted in that moment: I realized that I had been more focused on not being a perpetrator of the crisis rather than seeing what I could do to help give voice to victims of sexual

violence. Although I was a passionate advocate for the movement, I realized that even I had work to do. It was a humbling yet enlightening experience. I could not have learned a lesson like that in the classroom.

Aside from the educational and sometimes life-changing value of these events and resources, they also have a financial value: they come out of your tuition dollars, so why not go? Even though Wabash can offer some fantastic financial aid, the education here is expensive. Tuition is \$43,870 plus fees and room & board. Some of these expenses go towards events like *Avengers: Endgame* on the mall and the LaFollette Lecture series, so you might as well get the most bang for your buck and head to these events. Staying in your room is just money wasted.

Lastly, you should use your resources and opportunities here because students at larger universities often don’t have access to these same resources. The Counseling Center in the basement of the Chapel allows an unlimited amount of appointments for each student. When I first heard this, I thought nothing of it as it seemed normal and fair. However, I learned through several conversations with students from bigger universities that most schools have a strict limit for the number of counseling appointments that a student can have for “free”. After a student surpasses this limit, he

or she has to pay for each additional appointment. I was shocked to know that the services that the Counseling Center provides for students at Wabash is extraordinary compared to other schools.

Wabash students are also at a special advantage with resources like Career Services: there’s a smaller pool of people here, so you’re much more likely to get the professional advising you need at Arnold House and more likely to stand out to employers at networking events on-campus. While students at other schools have to vie for an employer’s attention in order to avoid being seen as just another number, we have countless opportunities to have 1-on-1 conversations with employers that can lead to some awesome internships later on.

Brothers, our time at the College is limited. Before we know it, graduation will be here, and we’ll be walking under that arch into the next chapter of our lives. We likely won’t have the same level of access to resources like Career Services or performances like the theater productions in the Ball Theater ever again. Enjoy your opportunities here at Wabash while you can. You not only make the most out of your money, but you receive insights and perspectives that can leave a lasting impact on your career plan, your social perspective, and your life overall.

Scandal: A Cause of Human Corruption



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In this day and age, we are bombarded from all sides by scandal, new clothes, new gadgets, celebrities doing something controversial, and, of course, reputations soiled in a moment of weakness. At best, this “harmless fun” causes us to waste hours of our life. In the worst case scenario, it causes us to waste hours of our life – when we could have worked to fulfill our lives’ dreams or to help fight plagues, starvation, desertification, mental illnesses, xenophobia, and addictions.

Scandal is addictive, just like methamphetamine, cocaine, alcohol, tobacco, chocolate, sex, and many, and other things that give us pleasure. And, of course, just as the law of marginal utility dictates, as time goes by, we need

more to fulfill our desire to the same level. What’s worse, people who sell scandal know that, and they give the masses what they want: more. That’s why tabloids and soap operas exist; that’s why impact is more important than fact for some. It’s the bombastic title that gets you to read the article: we call it click-bait.

Our main sources of information – and scandal – are social media platforms. The reason we have to act as gentlemen at all times is because we have a reputation at all times. Now, more than ever, an event that could smear one’s reputation is not only easy to transmit, but also forever stored somewhere in the depths of this massive data library called the Internet. During the Gentlemen’s talks in August 2018, we, the class of 2022, have had the opportunity to have a speaker whose life was completely destroyed by a mere accusation of sexual assault. Years later, he still has this reputation.

Basically, social media, tabloids, and all the others, exploit our schadenfreude in order to obtain maximum attention, and, therefore, maximum profit. This attention, in turn, involves us spending the time to read these pieces, which leaves us with no time to fact check

everything. We’ve all heard the saying “We are what we eat.” In the case of the media, we are what we consume, what we read, and how we react. We are the schadenfreude, the drama, the scandal that fill these pages.

In Soren Kierkegaard’s “Either/Or,” the character A says “What was it [...] that delayed the fall of Rome, was it not panis [bread] and circenses [circus]?” While the bread is easily accessible to every common citizen, it was the circus part that made this kind of manipulation so difficult. However, in this day and age, circus is on every single social media page – in the form of scandal, in the form of funny videos, in the form of everything distracting us from our work, from our goals, from our dreams. Yes, anything that causes us to procrastinate while not offering any learning or opportunities in return is in this category.

We have become a society that consumes scandal – which makes us very susceptible to manipulation. Just think about it: what if someone famous (I am terrible with anything that has to do with celebrities and pop culture; I do apologize for that) were to run nude through Times Square, or to have an adult video of them released, and, at the same time, have

politicians time their actions around events like this, in order to discreetly launder money and successfully discredit the police in the process, even though the facts are there? What do you think the media will concentrate on? What do you think people would like to see? This causes the facts to be left in plain sight, ready for one of those politicians to remove any trace of them or, even worse, cook them in such a way as to promote their laundering.

Personally, I prefer to consciously avoid scandal: I limit my time on social media – only using certain platforms -, I don’t read tabloids, I don’t have a TV in my room, and my favorite daytime show is the dances that trees do on the Arboretum Network. Seriously, think critically about the effects of scandal next time you are reading any kind of outrageous story – think about how much truth there is to the story; about what is its true, intended, hidden goal; and about why it does show up at this time. Or, even better, you could spare yourself the hassle and just ignore them. It may be hard, but you can do it. You have faith in the scandal you’re reading about; just refocus that faith on your abilities and you should be good.

Weird Wabash: What the Seal?

Christian Redmond '20 | OPINION EDITOR • *The Bachelor* continues its long and deep tradition of bringing Wabash students and faculty insight into campus culture by presenting the Weird Wabash series. This series will analyze Wabash traditions that may seem strange to outsiders, but go relatively unnoticed in everyday campus interaction. First out of the gate for Weird Wabash comes the mystery and tradition surrounding the seal in the Lilly Library.

Students take great care with every push of the second set of double doors when entering the Library to make a sharp step towards the scarlet carpet in order to avoid the seal. Disregarding the multitude of freshmen that choose to disrespect tradition and their fellow students simultaneously by uncaringly stepping on the seal with the dirt-filled soles of their shoes before failing to bend down and kiss the sacred symbol, most students, like Alex Rotaru '22, stop all action and get on hands and knees to pardon the sin of violating the unspoken rule. But why?

Rotaru serves as the Student Body Historian, a new position within the Extended Cabinet special committee established by Student Body President Mohammad Dayem Adnan '20 this semester. “From what I have researched, the Rhynies’ manual in the 1960s explicitly prohibited the Rhynes from stepping on the seal and from there, it somehow became a campus-wide tradition,” said Rotaru. The title “Rhyne” in the contemporary Wabash

lexicon usually refers to student future initiates to the Sphinx Club, usually seen wearing orange vests with bells on their shoes. However, Rotaru points out that every student in the freshman class qualified as a “Rhyne” in the 60s. This may go a long way to help explain how the tradition originated. If every freshman had to undergo these standards of conduct, or an “initiation for Wabash itself” as Rotaru called it, which included avoiding contact with the seal, then one could see how the tradition evolved into something followed by all students.

Other students have different theories of how the tradition started. Davis Lamm '20, Sphinx Club Treasurer, totes a more safety-oriented origin story. He claims that, just as individuals around campus honor previous Wabash military-men by rolling in the grass and kicking their legs in the air, avoiding the seal could be a testament to how previous soldiers were taught to avoid stepping on unknown ground as land-mines were plentiful abound in war. Another Sphinx Club member, Frank Russel '20, argues that the tradition is merely a sign of respect to the college.

Disappointment sweeps the scarlet halls when a brother grazes the seal with the bottom of his shoe. “It makes me cringe,” said Rotaru, recalling seeing young freshman disgrace the “heart of the Library” with no remorse. Some students take this sort of action personally while others just shake their head in disgust.

So, why do Wabash students take



AUSTIN RUDICEL '20/PHOTO

The famed seal resides at the entrance of the Lilly Library.

such care to not step on the seal in the Library? Tradition signifies brotherhood at Wabash, and the protection of the seal is just one of those unspoken and subliminal signs of connection

between men. Therefore, no matter which theories are correct historically, students and alumni alike will continue to cut right angles as a matter of instinct when entering the Library.

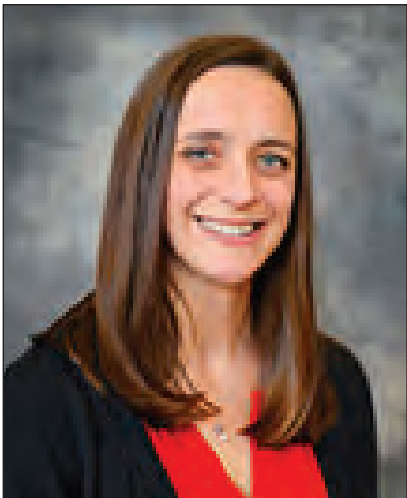
Class Favorites

You might see these professors on campus or take one of their classes, but how well do you really know your professors? These professors gave a list of their favorites, try to match each professor under the correct answer.



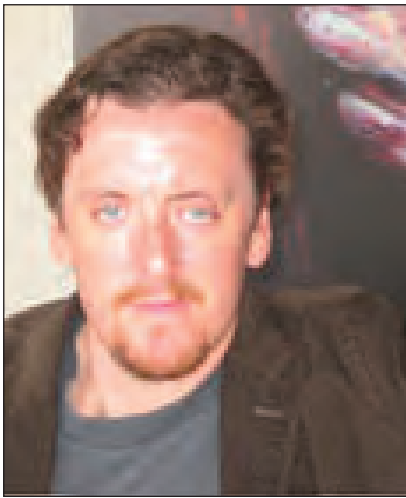
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Laura Wysocki

Associate Professor of Chemistry, Dept Chair



James Cherry

Associate Professor of Theater, Dept Chair

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Favorite Movie

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Favorite Band/ Singer

Snarky Puppy

Favorite Food

Fish Chowder

Favorite Wabash Landmark

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Ingrid Michaelson

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Ball Theater

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Movie: Guardians of the Galaxy
Singer: Ingrid Michaelson
Food: Pizza
Wabash landmark: Tuttle Chapel in Center Hall
(It’s where I got married!)

Cherry
Book: Vanity Fair by William Makepeace Thackeray
Movie: Dr. Strangelove
Band/Singer: Miles Davis
Food: Fish Chowder
Wabash Landmark: Ball Theater

Comic Relief by Sam Hansen '22



Mohls on Display in Art Gallery



BENJAMIN HIGH '22/PHOTO
 Jessica Mohl's metalwork is on display in the Eric Dean Gallery.



BENJAMIN HIGH '22/PHOTO
 Damon Mohl's exhibition, *The Bellbird's Morning Song*, includes both full size and miniature pieces.



BENJAMIN HIGH '22/PHOTO
 Although it looks life-size, this is one of Damon Mohl's carefully crafted miniature.



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Unholding, Jessica Mohl's latest exhibit, utilizes both 2D and 3D pieces.

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A Culinary Tour of Wabash

BENJAMIN HIGH '22 | PHOTO EDITOR

• Nothing brings people together as well as a good meal. Food is a binding cultural element that transcends borders and bridges generations. Here at Wabash, dining is a unique experience for the various independent and fraternity men who gather at its numerous kitchens for their daily meals. Several houses pride themselves on their chefs and good food, while others commend the dining experience itself. The food culture here at Wabash College also extends into the extracurricular field, with clubs such as the Cooking Club and Barbeque Club.

There has long been the debate between fraternity men on campus as to who has the best chef and the best food on campus. Certain houses insist on their place at the top, others admit to slightly more humble fare when it comes to their daily meals. FIJI is one of those fraternities promoting the best food a man can eat during his time here at Wabash, and their meals certainly do not disappoint. A typical week includes different protiens every day, plus luxury flourishes. Last week's burgers were topped with avocado. Chef Moi Lopez at Fiji promotes a friendly atmosphere both in the kitchen and at the table. He prides himself on providing hand-made food to the men of FIJI and providing a friendly, family style atmosphere in the dining area.

During meals at FIJI, brothers of the house can be found clustered together at tables, discussing everything from classes to sports. The lighthearted atmosphere during FIJI meals definitely brings in that family feeling that Chef Moi aims for. FIJI brothers also raved about Moi's catering at brotherhood events like Pig Dinner. There, he smoked steaks and a whole pig.

Over at the TKE house, meals are also geared towards that friendly atmosphere. At dinners, men at the TKE house can be seen gathered together having friendly conversations and playing tabletop and card games as they

finish their meals. Dining at the TKE house is an opportunity not only to eat, but also to socialize and enjoy a bit of a break from the dull cycle of classes, studies, and extracurriculars.

Beyond the fraternity scene, there are a few other noteworthy mealtime spots on campus. The Sparks Center provides food for independent men. While the kitchens themselves at Sparks may feel less homey than those at fraternities, the conversations and energy of interaction between friends as they eat remains the same.

While it may be said that there is something lost from the experience of having a personal chef, and a close-knit group of men to eat with as seen at fraternities, independent men forge strong friendships for themselves that can be seen at daily meals.

The Scarlet Inn and Wally's Pub are two more dining options on campus, both of which are open to the college community as a whole. Both Wally's and the Scarlet Inn provide restaurant style dining, although there is enough variation between the two that they maintain their own unique atmospheres that are well worth experiencing. The Scarlet Inn serves men diner-style food from 9:30am to 1:00pm, Mondays through Fridays. Wally's serves pub style food to all ages and serves alcoholic beverages to those 21 and over. Students and community members are encouraged to come out on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 4:30pm to 10:00pm, and on Thursdays and Fridays from 4:30pm to 11:00pm.

A new facet of the Wabash food culture has manifested itself in the form of clubs and extracurriculars. Cooking club has made a name for itself around campus for a few years, and now Wabash is adding some spice with the founding of the Barbeque Club. Both of these clubs promote good, free food as well as good times and a chance to learn about food.

Students and community members alike are encouraged to get out and share in good times with good food.

HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

K SIG COMPOSITE STOLEN

Lo-Five to the K-Sig Composite Cat Burglars. We don't know if this theft is your attempt to one-up the members of the Bipartisan Bell Heist, but there won't be any memorable stories about your brazen act.

BBQ CLUB PROMISES MORE JUICY BEEF

Hi-Five to the BBQ Club for getting started. We think we speak for everyone when we say that we're excited to get your succulent meats in our mouth.

FOOTBALL PERIL

Hi-Five to the Football team for fighting through a serious string of injuries and still hanging tough in a season-opening loss. Get healthy, boys.

A DIFFERENT KIND OF AA

Hi-Five to the Rhynes for continuing to defend our campus from arial attacks. However, we certainly hope that if the college were truly attacked, they would spring to their feet rather than collapsing to the ground as if they'd just had a stroke. Hang in there men, Wabash always fights.

INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM

Good luck to everyone risking their lives storming Area 51 today. We at The Bachelor hoped to recieve funding for a journalism expedition, but Student Senate denied our request claiming it was too "politically charged". If anyone makes it out alive, take some photos for us.

SPORTS

Football Falls to UWSP

LOGAN SMITH '23 | STAFF WRITER

• Despite a three touchdown outburst from Ike James '20 in the second half, the Wabash football team came up just short in the first game of the 2019 season, which finished with a final score of 31-28 in their bout against the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point (UWSP) last Saturday.

Even before the first snap, it was evident that both teams were filled with excitement and energy, as two flags were thrown just after the kickoff for unsportsmanlike conduct on both sides. Coach Don Morel commented on the penalties saying, "That's just the excitement of game one. Their guy hit our guy, and our guy yelled at him. The offsetting penalties doesn't really affect us, but we are trying to avoid that all together."

With each team scoring on their first drive, it looked like the game was going to be highly offensive-based. But this would prove to be untrue for our Little Giants in the first half, as they went on to score only seven more points through a scramble by freshman quarterback Liam Thompson '23. UWSP scored once on the ground and twice through the air, with one of those scores coming off of a triple reverse pass that went for 64 yards.

When asked about the team's first half, Coach Morel said, "Our whole team in the first half looked like a team who hadn't played a game going against a team who had played a game. It took us the whole first half to get up to speed."

Morel tried a couple different things to get the team going in the first half, including a fake field goal, which ended up being short by about a yard. In reference to the near success, Morel said, "We have done a bunch of those here, it is a good part of our game."

Coach Morel explained just how many unknowns, along with injuries, there were in this game for his team, saying, "There were just a lot of unknowns on Saturday. Ike James hadn't played a game in 13 months, so we didn't know if he would be able to play the whole game, and boy he definitely did. We didn't know how our freshman quarterback, Liam, was going to do. Of all the wide receivers who played Saturday, none of them had started for us before. Jackson Garrett ['21] was out on defense, he was all-conference last year. We were also missing our defensive linemen Don Schuch ['21] who was also all-conference last year. So there were



IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

Mason Durrett '22 runs through Allegheny defenders in last season's 54-17 victory. Wabash will travel to Allegheny looking for the first victory of the 2019 season.

just a lot of unknowns in this game."

All of these unknowns, along with injuries to starters including Issac Avant '20 (day-to-day), Garrett (Season), Schuch (Season), and several other players throughout the roster, were definitely concerning. However, Morel was still confident in his first time starters, saying, "Reliable new guys like [Ryan] Zientara ['22], Cooper Sullivan ['23], Liam, and [Gavin] "Donkey" Patrick ['23] were all first time starters who did really well in their first game."

The whole team seemed to step up all at once in the second half, with Ike James stepping directly into the spotlight with a hat trick of rushing touchdowns in the latter half of the game. Morel talked of the second half, saying, "I am really proud of our comeback even though we fell short.

UWSP is a really good football team and a big state school. We played as hard as we could for as long as we could. I think the comeback speaks for the toughness of the Wabash guys. Even though we made mistakes on both sides, we managed to come back, and I am proud of that."

Although it looked like Wabash had a chance at a comeback victory, it ultimately came down to a fourth-and-long situation where the Little Giants came just a few inches from completing a pass and keeping the game going. Coach Morel was still very happy with the way Thompson was able to perform all game, saying, "He had a very good day, he made a couple of mistakes, but so did other players, and even coaches. We are all in it together here."

Morel looks to keep moving

forward while learning from the mistakes made in their first game of the season. He plans to "clean up and come back and beat Allegheny," who lost 52-14 in their first game against Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Wabash clobbered the Gators last year in a 54-17 win, where Avant had a total of 229 yards and three touchdowns in the game. Although Avant is not guaranteed to be back for Saturday's game, Morel was sure that other players on the roster are ready and willing to step up to the challenge. Coach Morel put it best when he said, "Last week is a memory, and next week is an opportunity."

Wabash will travel to Meadville, Pennsylvania in preparation for an away matchup at 1 p.m. tomorrow against Allegheny at the Robertson Athletic & Recreation Complex.

Football Gameday Experience to Change

JOHN WITCZAK '21 | COPY EDITOR • The Red Zone Fan Club, the organization resulting from a recent push to improve student turnout at Wabash home sporting events, is just beginning its second year this fall. Innocuously conceived as a program meant to incentivize athletic attendance through in-game giveaways, promotions, and matching T-shirts, the Red Zone has been met with some opposition from current members of the Sphinx Club, who are unsure as to how the Red Zone will affect the club's traditional role of leading Wabash student sections. *The Bachelor* spoke with a few members of the Sphinx Club, as well as the Associate Director of Athletics, Kate Burke, in order to get a better understanding of the situation.

"The Red Zone is, by no means, intended to replace or compete with the great tradition of the Sphinx Club," Burke explained, "Instead, it will complement it with an all-student fan 'section.' Once the Red Zone leadership team is developed, the idea is for leadership of both groups to collaborate on game-day experience." While this goal may seem harmless enough to most of the student population, some members of the Sphinx Club have their reservations.

When asked what the general reaction to the creation of the Red Zone was amongst Sphinx Club members, Frank Russel '20 answered that, "The original reactions were confusion. We did not understand what they would be doing and how they would fit into our regular game-day routines." Adding to that, Charles Brewer '20 said, "The general perception of the Red Zone has been negative amongst the Sphinx Club members. We feel as if the creators of the Red Zone went behind the back of the Club and are really trying to make us less of a factor at home sporting events [...]. I think that the creation of the Red Zone has lit a fire in the entire Sphinx Club, that will make this year one of our best years yet."

It appears that the main issue is having the Sphinx Club get replaced by the Red Zone as fan leaders at home sporting events. Regardless of what the future holds, replacement is not the stated intention of the Red Zone. "The Red Zone," Burke explained, "Is an opportunity for all students on campus (regardless of affiliation with Greeks, Independents, Sphinx Club or any clubs, Sport Team, etc.) to be a part of celebrating athletics and school spirit together as one student 'section'

or group with no requirements other than to show up, have fun with their brothers, share in their excitement and support for the Little Giants, and wear the Red Zone shirt."

Perhaps the most iconic role the Sphinx Club has in Wabash athletics is their presence on the track at home football games, where they lead cheers, celebrate vivaciously, and perform one push-up for every point Wabash scores. With the Red Zone, the privilege of cheering on the football team from the track will no longer be reserved for Sphinx Club members. While the vast majority of Red Zone fans will be located in the right-side section of the stands, starting on the bottom and reaching as far up as needed, a certain amount of Red Zone members will be able to stand on the track. The specific number is to be decided jointly by Red Zone leadership and the Sphinx Club.

It is possible that any misgivings between the two clubs could have been reduced through Sphinx Club input during the creation of the Red Zone. Neither Brewer nor Russel recall the club being contacted during the Red Zone's creation, with the former commenting that the club's lack of inclusion "seems [to him] like a way to try to get the Sphinx Club off the sidelines at football games and other events which is the main gripe from the Club." While there is no evidence of an effort to get Sphinx Club members off the track, there is no doubting that they will no longer have the exclusive right to do so.

The current relationship between the Red Zone and the Sphinx club could be far warmer than it currently is. However, both sides ultimately have optimistic attitudes and look forward to cheering on Wabash athletics. Both Brewer and Russel stated that they don't think the Red Zone will alter the Sphinx Club's role on campus, with Russel going so far as to say, "I think we can work together and create a more fun and inclusive atmosphere." Burke, for her part, reiterated that the goal of the Red Zone was simply to increase school spirit while creating a bona-fide student section at sporting events, saying, "This student group has no membership selection, Rush, or other requirements. It's just for fun and for everyone!"

All opinions aside, any student curious to see how the two groups coexist will simply have to attend more home sporting events. Both the Red Zone and the Sphinx Club can get behind that.



COURTESY OF WABASH ATHLETICS

The Red Zone will try to improve student engagement at athletic events this fall.



New Faces in Athletics Department

SAM HANSEN '22 | STAFF WRITER • As a school with high levels of athletic participation for its size, Wabash College has a high standard for its athletic department. Upgrading facilities and equipment is always on the agenda for this important sector of student life, but so is maintaining a dedicated staff of passionate and qualified individuals. Thus, athletic employees come and go frequently, and, with the continued growth of the athletic department under Matt Tanney '05, who is in his second year as athletic director, more staff members are joining as opposed to leaving. This year at Wabash College, the athletic department has welcomed four new members so far.

Samantha Emmart joins this year after working as a compliance coordinator at Houghton College in her home state of New York, and at Goshen College in Indiana. While she was an assistant track coach at Houghton,

she will focus on being a compliance and business operations coordinator at Wabash. This position is crucial - yet it often goes unsung - and will consist of dealing with important duties such as managing travel routes and expenses for sports teams. More importantly, Emmart will be in charge of making sure that our student athletes and coaches maintain eligibility under NCAA regulations. She has big plans in the coming years to make compliance education more efficient and comprehensive for everyone.

Ryan Clark will also be taking on an important job in Wabash Athletics, as coordinator of operations and logistics. He will play a significant role in enhancing game day operations, as well as the various equipment rooms. Ryan began working at Wabash last July, after graduating from Minnesota State University, and earning a Master's Degree at Western Illinois University. Coming from Buffalo

City, a town of about 1,000 people in Wisconsin, Clark is enjoying the urban atmosphere of Crawfordsville, and has quickly grown to like the community environment of Wabash College.

Sean Osnowitz has entered the legacy of Wabash Football this year as a running back coach. Coming from Kennesaw, Georgia, and having coaching experience at West Alabama University and Northeastern Oklahoma University, Coach Osnowitz is eager to become part of a winning tradition. Having completed an internship at Georgia State University, and having worked in quality control at Samford University, he will bring the competitiveness of the deep south up to Indiana. Having spent the past three years focusing on defensive coaching, Osnowitz is accepting the challenge of coaching on the other side of the ball, and, above all, wants to help the Little Giants where he can, to win some football games.

Also coaching at Wabash this year will be Seth Clark, who, despite the shared last name, is not related to Ryan Clark. Seth Clark will be serving as a strength and conditioning coordinator and an assistant basketball coach. Like Osnowitz, Seth comes from a rich background in his own sport of basketball and hopes to join one of Wabash College's many athletic legacies. Seth coached for a year at Otterbein College, and graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 2018, where he was a four-year starter for the first team all-conference twice in the North Coast Athletic Conference. On top of this, he owns the all-time record of three point baskets for the Battling Bishops (287).

The future is bright with these new individuals in the athletic department. All of them have joined the Wabash community with eagerness and competitive attitudes. They are here now, and the wins are soon to come.

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Coy decided to test the waters, and he did not regret the decision. “I went through that first year as a freshman and, unfortunately, we lost the Bell, but it was a fun season,” he said. “I got some time on the field halfway through the fourth quarters during my freshman and sophomore years. It was fun and it got me amped up to be out there more. I decided I’d stick it out one more year. I went through the offseason workouts. My second year, I saw a little bit more playing time, I had a little bit more responsibility. We won the Bell back, which was nice. [After the season], the hunger was still there. I wanted to continue playing football, I was healthy, I loved doing it and being around the guys on the team.”

After Coy’s sophomore season, he participated in the offseason workout schedule with the football team. While doing a team workout, though, Coy had his first collegiate experience with the beginnings of a serious injury. “We were doing one workout, it was 30 reps in four minutes of 135-pound clean and jerks, and I got to rep 24 or 25 and I just could not stand up,” he said. “I couldn’t do any more reps. I thought that maybe I had just strained something or, at worst, torn something in my lower back. I pushed myself up off my knees and I was inching myself back up to where I could stand fully and catch my breath with my hands above my head. I knew I was injured and went to the trainer. I did some rehabilitation stuff as if it were for a strained back, which is what [the trainers] initially thought as well. I couldn’t squat, deadlift, or power clean at all because every time I tried pain shot through my back.”

As spring ball rolled around for the football team leading up to the 2018-19 season, Coy was still practicing with the team and participating in drills. “I could still run some routes and some stuff in the first practice,” he said. “In the second workout, I dove for a ball and a safety smashed in to me from the other side and I heard my entire back pop. I told myself I’d sit the next one out, maybe run some laps on the side and try and get it all figured out. After that, I was running a 10-yard stop route at 50 to 75-percent speed. I went to throttle down and went to go turn and I just fell. I couldn’t get back up.”

After having another issue with his back, Coy finally decided to see a medical specialist. Coy, accompanied by his father, visited a Greenwood specialist in the coming days after the team’s spring practice and received the results of their testing. “We saw that I had a stress fracture in my L5 [vertebra] and a herniated disc,” he said. “My mother had a broken back in a car crash when she was young and was never supposed to be able to walk again. So, I had that in the back of my mind, that if I pushed this thing a little further, I wouldn’t be able to walk. My mentality after that was, ‘Is it really worth it?’ After I got the MRI results back, I was told I had to stay in a Velcro brace for five to six months. I could hardly do anything the entire summer, and I fell behind on the team’s workout schedules and stuff like that. I just didn’t feel healthy.”

Coy faced a similar situation to Luck in terms of mentality, but pushed himself to play for his junior season. After that season, though, Coy began to contemplate his future inside and outside the sport of football. “Wabash does a great job of making you think critically about things,” he said. “I had talked to different professors about what I should do, asking for help basically. I got told, ‘If I were in your shoes, I wouldn’t push it. Think about the future; you won’t be able to do certain things if you have a broken back.’ At the end of the day, my mentality was that ten or fifteen years from now, hopefully I’ll be a father and a husband at that point and have kids. I wouldn’t be able to share experiences with them. I wouldn’t be able to play ball with them or shoot hoops or play catch, whatever it may be. If I can’t walk, I can’t do that. I talked with the coaches after that and told them what my mentality was. They said it was a sound argument, and that they wouldn’t make me play if my heart wasn’t in

it or my body wasn’t in it. The coaches were very understanding.”

“When you play football here, you do it because you love it.”

AUSTIN COY ’20

Coy continued, saying, “[Leaving football] was bittersweet, because this year would’ve been my ninth year playing football. Obviously, the odds are you’re not going to the pros. I knew I wasn’t going to the pros. When you play football here, you do it because you love it. If I didn’t love it anymore, I wasn’t going to do it. That doesn’t mean I don’t love football, it was just a matter of being able to do it, staying healthy, and looking out for my own future. I had to come to terms with it.”

Both Luck and Coy left on their own terms, deciding to protect their future in life from further or more serious injury. And, in Luck’s case, while the decision to leave football altogether was respected by many, others had different opinions. As the Colts headed into the locker room after the preseason game against the Bears, fans who had heard news of Luck’s retirement cascaded boos and echoed disapproval towards Luck, who was jogging off of the field. In response to the fans during his press conference, Luck said, “I’d be lying if I didn’t say I heard the reaction. It hurt.”

Football, from the NFL down to elementary and high school teams, has become the most popular sport in the country. The number of fans who watch the sport has increased, and continues to increase, dramatically. While this part of the sport has many positives, aspects such as fantasy leagues and sports betting have, in some situations, taken away the humanity of football players in the minds of fans. Rather than respect Luck’s decision and celebrate his time spent with the Colts organization, many fans focused on how his departure would affect the remainder of the season, their team in a fantasy league, or their bets on the Colts.

“You never will understand what someone is going through unless you are living it with them.”

MARK ELIZONDO

“Absolutely,” Coy said when asked if fans’ perceptions of football players need to change. “When Andrew Luck retired, at face value, that’s all that you see. There was no explanation for it. And I think a lot of people, especially sports fans, are very geared towards their team and don’t really care about what’s going on underneath the surface. I would say fans should change their perception about what’s happening, because at the end of the day, [Andrew Luck] is another human being. He has his own problems, his own stresses and anxieties to deal with. If he believes this is the way he needs to handle this moving forward, I’m



COURTESY OF USA TODAY

In his seven-year career, Andrew Luck led the Colts to four playoff victories, including a 45-44 comeback win against the Kansas City Chiefs in the 2013 season.



COURTESY OF NEW YORK POST

Luck emotionally tells the public that he is retiring from football in a press conference on August 24.

all for it. What if you were in that position, right? Your outlook and insight into the situation would be completely different if it were you in that setting.”

Morel agreed with Coy, saying of the Luck situation, “That was just awful, and those people haven’t played anything in their life except the radio. The word fan comes from fanatic. It’s a weird deal where Andrew Luck’s job was some other guy’s hobby. Then, with fantasy teams, fans really do think they have their own team. They don’t get that whatsoever. The guys on our team are just like you, except from 4:20 to 6:20, they’re out there at football practice.”

“Anyone who is not part of the situation does need to think critically, but with an open mind,” Elizondo said, echoing Coy’s and Morel’s comments. “You never will understand what someone is going through unless you are living it with them.”

One of Wabash College’s main principles for life is to think critically. As the Wabash football season continues to pick up steam, fans who watch the Little Giants this season must remember that the players who make up the roster on Saturdays have personal lives outside of football. As seen with the reaction of Andrew Luck’s retirement, football fans

across the country need to respect that while football players may make up the roster of their favorite team or fantasy league, a player’s health and future should not come at the expense of one’s personal enjoyment.

“I saw this a lot during my freshman year and especially last year with Evan [Hansen]; there’s a lot going on behind the scenes that not everyone knows about,” Coy said. “I think that, as far as mental health issues go, we all have our own internal struggles and definitely more so with someone who plays sports. Not only are they doing their academic work but, in the pros at least, taking care of a family and handling all that different stuff from the outside world. It can be stressful when you have sports put on top of that. It gets a lot more complicated, yet your priorities have to be set a little differently. You can say that’s part of life, but everyone handles things differently. Everybody has a different mentality towards things. As a human being, it’s really hard to be focused on one thing at a particular time. It’s tough, but I think Wabash does a really good job of having that support system for you. Not only on the academic side or the collegiate sports side, but as a person as well. I think that helps out a lot, and it definitely helped me out a lot”

Soccer Ends Skid, Moves to 4–3

BLAKE LARGENT ’22 | SPORTS EDITOR • After jumping out to a 3-0 start to the 2019 season, with all three wins coming as a shutout, the Wabash soccer team suffered its third-straight loss of the season on Sunday, September 15 to Trine University, 1-0, before bouncing back with a 3-0 win against Anderson University on Tuesday, September 17.

In Sunday’s matchup, both teams battled back and forth in the first half, but neither managed to score a goal. Wabash posted just two shots in the first half, which is tied for the team’s lowest shot amount in a first half this season, while Trine posted five shots. The Little Giants also committed 10 fouls in the first half compared to the Thunder’s six fouls.

In the second half, both teams were able to put more pressure on the defense, with Wabash taking seven shots and Trine taking six. Each team also grabbed four corner kicks in the second half, but neither defense had allowed a goal. Then, as the match looked to be headed to overtime, Trine scored the game-winning goal off of a kick from Nooh Aljabaly with just 59 seconds remaining in the match.

Sunday’s defeat was the third in a row for the Little Giants, who had suffered losses to Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and Adrian College prior to the match. Wabash’s all-time record against Trine is now 1-1-1.

After the loss, Wabash traveled to Anderson University on Tuesday in an effort to end the three-match losing streak. In last season’s matchup, the

Little Giants won a thriller against the Ravens, which ended in overtime in favor of Wabash, 2-1. The Little Giants won by a final score of 3-0, ending their losing streak and marking the fourteenth straight defeat of the Ravens, pushing their all-time record against Anderson to 22-3-1.

In the first half, Wabash used offensive presence to pressure Anderson, outshooting the Ravens 11-7 in the half. At the 17:51 mark, David Riggs ’20, who scored the game-winning goal in overtime against Anderson last season, used that pressure to his advantage and scored his first goal of the season off an assist from Coledon Johnson ’23.

The Little Giants continued their offensive pressure in the second half, and opened up the lead even more at the 57:18 mark on a goal from Joseph Kaefer ’22, which made the score 2-0. With less than two minutes remaining in the match, Wabash sealed the game after a header from Jesus Rodrigo Del Real ’23, who scored his first goal of the season with an assist from Abdoulie Waggeh ’20.

Wabash (4-3) will look to improve upon the 2019 campaign after suffering its longest losing streak since the ending of the 2015 season and the beginning of the 2016 season, in which the team went 0-4-1 before grabbing a victory. The Little Giants will travel to Olivet, Michigan on Saturday for a 2 p.m. away matchup against the Olivet College Comets at Cutler Athletic Complex. Wabash has played Olivet three times in school history, and has a 3-0 record in the series.



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David Riggs ’20, who scored the game-winning goal against Anderson last season, had one goal in Wabash’s 3-0 victory over the Ravens on Tuesday.