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College Pushes Forward to Library Overhaul



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A view of the proposed renovated Lilly Library from the south. One of the biggest changes proposed by the architectural firm Shepley Bulfinch is a large window to satisfy the Wabash’s community’s desire to bring in more natural light into the building.

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Among the many goals highlighted by the Campus Master Plan unveiled in the Spring of 2019 was a full-scale renovation of Lilly Library. Though a timeline, and many exact details, for this large project are still under consideration, The Board of Trustees and College officials are pushing forward to bring broad plans for the 60,000 square foot structure into fruition in the near future.

One of the main catalysts that placed the overhaul of the library near the top of Wabash’s construction priorities was a pressing need to update decades-old electric, heating and cooling, and plumbing systems. Nearly all of these vital components date back at least to the 1991 refurbishment of the building and many are much older. Bringing Lilly up to code with modern infrastructure would significantly lighten the burden on the grid.

“The Campus Master Plan recommended the library and Sparks Center as priority capital projects, and the College chose to start first with the library because of its aging infrastructure – much of which dates to the 1958 construction,” said Jim Amidon ‘87, Chief of Staff and Director of Strategic Communications for the College. “And because of its size, the library has evolved to become a significant gathering spot for the entire campus community.”

The library’s unique status as a campus gathering point was a key area of focus in the Campus Master Plan. The process brought an explicit realization that Lilly is alone among campus buildings in its degree of multifunctionality and the extent to which all students, regardless of living unit, major or class year, view it as a space belonging to them.

“Come here after seven o’clock and you’ll see this really is the campus living space,” Jeff Beck, Director of Lilly Library said. “[The library] is where our population communes, in this space. So what better tribute to our community than to make even better facilities to study and collaborate in.”

In May, the Board of Trustees authorized a Library Planning Committee tasked with finding a design partner to conduct research on Lilly. The committee settled on the architecture, planning, and interior design firm Shepley Bulfinch to spearhead the project. Many of Wabash’s recent construction initiatives, including the 2016 building of Ott Residential District and the renovation of Martindale Hall, were completed in tandem with this Boston-based agency.

Representatives from Shepley Bulfinch were on campus during the fall semester to lead nine engagement sessions with the Wabash College community, which included over 200 unique participants and provided 400

data points. Through these engagement sessions, the College found that students, faculty, and staff prioritized areas for individual and group study, a new entrance, universal access, connection to nature and natural light, social and intellectual interaction and food and gathering spaces in the newly designed building.

“The key to what we’re doing...is to support students and their studies,” said Laura Vogler, Associate Director of Lilly Library. “That is the reason we’re here. We like to hear suggestions. We want to hear what people want because it doesn’t do us any good to get things and they just sit there. So student input is very much valued by everyone in the library.”

Though goals for the renovation are far from being set-in-stone, Shepley Bulfinch has provided floor plans and sketches detailing some of the major changes that reflect the community’s desires for the space. Some of the major proposals for the project include the construction of a large window on the building’s south end, the creation of a grand reading room to the west of the Goodrich Room, the building of a new central staircase leading from the first floor to the lower level, and a second seminar room on the third floor.

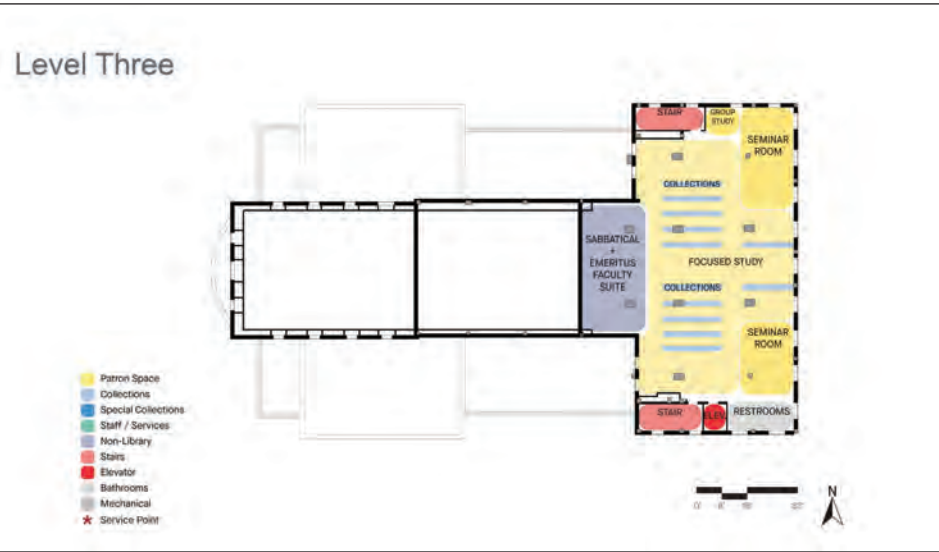
Notably, such drastic plans for floor space redesign are likely to force the library to reconsider the size and content of its physical, circulating

collection of 194,000 volumes. In such a case, Lilly’s collection will be systematically reviewed by Wabash students and faculty to determine their practical value. All in all, it’s not unthinkable that the collection could be reduced to approximately 100,000 volumes of books.

“We’re going to keep everything published after the year 2000,” Beck said. “We’re going to keep everything that’s been checked out, everything the faculty says has value. For the remainder, we’re going to engage with each department, each faculty member and say ‘help us.’”

Though many are anxious to get the ball rolling on the library renovation, the administration is holding off on making permanent decisions too soon. For the time being, more information is being gathered to figure out what the best move forward will be for this expansive project.

“Because of the significant investment the College will need to make in the infrastructure, the Building and Grounds Committee of the Board of Trustees has put the project on hold for the time being in order to do a study of what will be required when Sparks Center is replaced,” Amidon said. “Knowing the functions, adjacencies, and infrastructure necessary for both Lilly Library and the replacement of Sparks Center will better inform decision making.”



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Proposed floors plans for the Lilly Library Renovation. The College hopes to begin the overhaul within the next year.

Professors Mohl, Strader, Walsh Earn Tenure

ALEX ROTARU '22 | ASSISTANT COPY EDITOR • The Bachelor sat down with BKT Assistant Professors of Art Damon Mohl and Annie Strader, as well as Neuroscience Program Chair and BKT Assistant Professor of Biology Heidi Walsh, who earned tenure at Wabash this past December.

A native of Northwestern Pennsylvania, Professor Damon Mohl always loved art - drawing in particular. "I grew up building and making things, and drawing, and that just kind of never left me," Mohl said. "I also got [my interest in art] from both sides of my family; my parents were both involved in the arts to various degrees." While at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, in Philadelphia, he got a chance to explore various art media. "It was almost like a liberal arts education, only just for the fine arts," Mohl said. "I was doing lithography, advanced printmaking, sculpture, [...] a lot of painting, a lot of drawing, and a lot of mixed media." Of all these media, filmmaking stuck with him. "I'm very drawn to narrative," Mohl said. Mohl creates his art intuitively, following trains of thought that can begin from anywhere.

"I never start with a specific idea," Mohl said. Rather, he finds some sort of idea, associates it with a medium to express it in, and starts working on it. "I don't want to understand completely," Mohl said. "I don't want to figure it out as I start to develop it [...] If you're dedicated to [the process of exploring an idea], themes will naturally embed themselves in what you made, and then [your work] is open to interpretation." Mohl came to Wabash from Colorado. He loves both Wabash students and the ways in which he can best use the Fine Arts Center to educate them. "I like the freedom that we have within the department," Mohl said. "I find that [the Art department] is supportive. Studio space is great - and I've taught in some very small classrooms before." Mohl found that having the right space, and the student with a can-do attitude can make a class work much smoother, and helps him teach more effectively - which is what Mohl found at Wabash.

In the future, Mohl hopes to work on some projects - film, multimedia

animation, and others. "I have ideas for projects for the next three years," Mohl said. "My plan on it is just to continue to push that work forward and, in the meantime, hopefully, new ideas will come to me." He hopes to create new courses and opportunities for students to explore digital media, potentially paving the way to a Digital Media major.

Professor Annie Strader found Art while in college. "As an undergraduate, I think Art chose me - largely it was where I found myself wanting to be and enjoying myself," Strader said. "I was drawn to the visceral nature of making with my hands and quickly seduced by the possibilities reflected in contemporary art and art history. I checked out stacks of art books, attended exhibitions, artist lectures, and quickly realized that the field of Art went far beyond anything that I could've imagined and is interdisciplinary at its core. Interdisciplinary research is essential to my work, where I might be researching specific histories of augury, modern spiritualism, telegraphy, and feminism to locate points of intersection that inform and shape a project." Her art focuses on connecting seemingly different and contrasting ideas. "My work manifests in a variety of forms and I utilize a range of processes including sculpture, live performance, photography and video," Strader said.

Strader's biggest concern is how people encounter art later and later in life, and take more time to realize just how important it truly is. "This lack of experience and exposure to the Arts means that most of our students don't understand why and how Art is useful to their education," Strader said. "They think it is extracurricular rather than critically curricular. They often think Art is for someone else and not for them. Broadening how our students define creativity and their relationship to it is a primary concern in my teaching at Wabash, and I see it as a critical part of what Art does across the College."

Strader teaches courses in Performance Art and Video, Ceramics, Senior and Advanced Studio Art, and Freshman Tutorial. "I love Wabash students and I am constantly impressed with the insight they bring into the studio classroom - Art



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Heidi Walsh, BKT Associate Professor of Biology, instructs a student in lab. Walsh is a native of West Virginia.

is a fertile place for Wabash students to make essential connections between disciplines and to tease these connections out in innovative ways," Strader said. In fact, her favorite tradition "is how deeply supportive the students are of each other in and outside the classroom," Strader said. "This truly unique sense of community and connectedness is something I feel fortunate to experience on a daily basis."

In the future, Strader plans to develop new courses and relationships with people on campus, as well as to plan new projects and think of innovative ways to creatively engage the community.

A native of rural West Virginia, Professor Heidi Walsh enjoyed her high-school Biology and Chemistry classes. "When it came time to choose a college, I was intrigued by a major at Allegheny College that I had never heard of - neuroscience. I liked the idea of studying the brain using approaches from different disciplines (Biology and Psychology), and plus it just sounded cool," Walsh said. "My physiology professor, Dr. Judi Muir, sparked my interest in how hormones of

the endocrine system interact with the brain and the cellular level. Little did I know that this would become the focus of my scientific career."

When Walsh came to Wabash, she encountered a warm, open community of people. "I think what has been the most different at Wabash from my own college experience is the sense of community across campus and the engagement of alumni," Walsh said. Walsh enjoys working with Wabash students, whom she describes as enthusiastic, and feels supported to become a better person every day by the faculty. "So many individuals have given me advice, feedback, and support, and that has made me a better teacher," Walsh said.

Walsh team-teaches BIO 111, and teaches Cell Biology, Physiology, Molecular Endocrinology, and Enduring Questions. "Outside of the classroom, I enjoy hiking at Shades or Turkey Run, checking out local breweries, and going to basketball games with my fiancée Tom. I also like to cook, especially in the summer when I can do my shopping at the Farmer's Market," Walsh said.

Student Senate Approves National Act

JAKE VERMULEUN '21 | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • Student Senate held its most contentious and impactful meeting of the semester on Tuesday. During the meeting, Senators debated the fate of this year's National Act, scheduled to be held on April 15th, and expressed support for a climate change initiative proposed by the Young Conservatives for Carbon Dividends group.

Prior to the Senate meeting, rumors swirled about the price tag for this year's National Act, prompting significantly larger than normal attendance. Those rumors (some of which reached over \$100,000), proved to be exaggerated. Student Body Vice President Corbin Landrum '21 requested a total of \$51,000 at the meeting to pay for the performers, and provided the body with estimates for the other costs that will be incurred for the event such as security, staging, and food. The \$51,000 included \$40,000 for country music artist Jordan Davis, and \$11,000 for The Vagabonds as the opening act. In the end, Senate approved funding for Davis, but rejected the \$11,000 for The Vagabonds, citing concerns over spending levels for an opening act.

Jordan Davis is a country music artist who released his first album, titled Home State, in 2018. That album peaked at 6th on the Billboard Country music charts in the United States and received a Gold certification from the Recording Industry Association of America. The top two singles from

that album, "Singles You Up" and "Take it From Me" both peaked at 4th on the Billboard Country music charts and both have received Platinum certifications from the RIAA.

During the meeting, Landrum said that he expected to finalize the budget requests for National Act for the next Student Senate meeting. The estimates he provided to Senate during the meeting included up to \$24,000 in staging costs, \$700 for security, and \$8,000 for food trucks. The total cost that Landrum estimated for the event, at maximum, was \$83,700.

Senate also approved expressing support for a climate change initiative proposed by the Young Conservatives for Carbon Dividends. The group was founded by more than 25 current and former state leaders of College Republican organizations around the country, including Isaiah Mears '20, the Chairmen of the Indiana Federation of College Republicans and a Regional Director for the YCCD. The organization was founded to promote market-based climate change solutions, specifically the Baker-Shultz Carbon Dividends Plan, proposed by former Secretary of State and White House Chief of Staff James and former Secretary of State, Treasury, and Labor George Shultz. This vote was mostly a symbolic move and will likely have little impact on campus-wide policy. The motion to express support passed overwhelmingly in the Senate, and the meeting adjourned shortly thereafter.



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Joseph Julian '22 raises his hand to make a comment at Tuesday's Student Senate meeting.

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Student Body President Mohammad Dayem Adnan '20 addresses the body. Senate's approval of the National Act performer is a victory for his administration.

Conservatives Should Embrace Sanctuary Cities



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There exists an increasingly-present ideological divide amongst conservatives today. Many popular conservatives are preaching competing ideas and arguing for different solutions to the same problems. As a conservative, I regularly watch most of these pundits. I started to notice the divide about two years or so after Trump won the presidency. Before, it seemed as if, at least to me, that the Republican party was largely in agreement on most principles. But since the election ended, I have noticed more and more rifts in thought.

For example, two popular conservatives, talk show hosts Ben Shapiro and Tucker Carlson, faced-off recently on the issue of how to combat future technology’s threats to the unskilled laborer market. Shapiro argued that the invention of new technology will push truck drivers out of jobs, because of the increase in self-driving trucks, but will also create new and unpredictable job markets to where former truck drivers will move. Therefore, we should not impose any legislation on companies to limit technological advances. Carlson, on the other hand, argued that we should impose legislation to restrict the implementation of self-driving technology in the trucking business to protect truckers, since their skills are hard to translate to other markets. While I appreciated the fact that conservatives can get past ideological constraints and hold differing beliefs/values, this division still scared me. Unlike many European parliaments, the United States Constitution incentivizes a two-party system. We do not have mechanisms that encourage single-issue

parties to run such as Germany’s five percent threshold for parties to enter the parliament. Therefore, it is pretty important that American parties agree within themselves on issues such as the one mentioned earlier to dissuade third parties from rising and cutting the main party’s voting base. I find one of these divisions particularly perplexing and hope this article can serve to persuade conservative audiences to reconsider their stance on the issue of sanctuary cities.

Earlier this year, the county I live in, Jennings County, declared itself a Second Amendment sanctuary city. This specifically means that the Jennings County Sheriff’s Department will refuse to recognize and enforce any state or federal legislation that further infringes on the Second Amendment’s protection of an individual’s right to bear arms. I was confused when I first learned of Jennings County’s sanctuary status because I believed sanctuary cities referred to only cities that refused to detain illegal immigrants per ICE’s request. However, sanctuary cities represent a far broader concept: local disobedience to unjust laws.

Plato famously depicted the theory of political obedience in the *Crito*. Socrates refuses to go with Crito and escape his death sentence in Athens. Socrates puts forth the argument that by happily living for seventy years under the laws of Athens, he has tacitly consented to the “Law” and it would be unjust for him to disobey those same laws now and escape his sentence. This is a good and sound argument against sanctuary cities today. By providing sanctuary against national or state legislation, the city or county is not applying the laws it has, up until this point, agreed with and enforced. However, Socrates’ argument relies upon the idea of tacit consent. Tacit consent is the idea that just by living in a state, the individual signs an imaginary contract agreeing to abide by the laws of that state. Using tacit consent as a standard, this argument falls apart when applying it to the circumstances today. I argue that the original understanding of the “Law” in America, the Constitution, has been so corrupted since ratification, and

contemporary politicians actively disregard it, that citizens should not be bound by tacit consent when considering civil disobedience.

In *District of Columbia v Heller* (2008), the Supreme Court held that the Second Amendment protected an individual citizen’s right to own firearms, rather than the right of a collective militia. Justice Scalia argued that the Framers and the ratifiers of the Constitution understood the Amendment to mean a specific thing, namely that the right to bear arms is not constrained to only members of the military. This means that the people of America, when agreeing to abide by the new “Law”, understood it to incorporate private gun rights. This is what the people of America tacitly agreed to. Future politicians slowly chipped away at the individual’s Second Amendment right. Therefore, while the average American may have believed that he/she is tacitly consenting to the right of private individuals to own arms (just what the Constitution says), they are actually consenting to whatever gun restrictions politicians think they can get away with. While some counties and cities may not mind consenting to these national restrictions, other counties and cities do. What do you do when you find yourself consenting, tacitly or explicitly, to something you do not desire to? Naturally, you express your discontent and stop consenting. This is exactly what the people of Jennings County did. They believe in the original meaning and interpretation of the Second Amendment and refuse to sit by and tacitly consent to contrary interpretations.

While most conservatives may find this idea agreeable, they seem to disagree when the same concept is applied to different situations. President Trump, for example, disavows immigration-based sanctuary cities. However, the reasoning behind the immigration-based sanctuary cities share strikingly similar reasoning with the argument I articulated above. How immigration-based sanctuary cities differ from regular cities is that they refuse to comply with ICE’s request to detain an illegal immigrant longer than needed for his/her

crime. So, if an illegal immigrant is pulled over for speeding, neither city (sanctuary or not) would arrest the individual. However, if that individual is committing a *crime* and not a civil infraction, then both cities would arrest him/her. The difference then comes in when ICE files a request for the jail to hold the illegal immigrant longer than needed so that ICE can come down and pick up the individual. Sanctuary cities refuse to hold the individual longer than what the crime requires them, while federally-obeying cities will hold the individual until ICE retrieves him/her. Cities that abide by the national law are then disobeying the original meaning of the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution. The Fourth Amendment protects *persons* from searches and seizures not warranted by probable cause. Originalists (a group made up of primarily conservatives) believe that the Framers understood that words matter. The difference between *citizen* and *person* matters. They chose to put “person” and not “citizen” in the Amendment. Every *person* in the United States is entitled to the Fourth Amendment’s protection against unwarranted searches and seizures. Therefore, sanctuary cities are following the same logic as Jennings County when refusing to disobey the Constitution and seize a person without a warrant substantiated with probable cause.

This is all to say that cities and counties are correct in refusing to consent to ideas and laws that they did not originally agree to through the ratification of the Constitution. Just because politicians refuse to confine their powers to what was prescribed to them by our Framers, does not mean we must submit to their whims. The Constitution must be upheld in a time where it is ignored by our representatives. I applaud Jennings County and the other sanctuary cities/counties that refuse to let politicians soil the meaning behind the words of our Constitution. And I hope this article will also serve to push conservatives to look past news headlines and talking points, critically think about their values, and apply them to situations accordingly.



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After reading about/watching the Mueller Report, Impeachment hearings, DNC primaries, and the State of the Union Address, I think it is fair to say that our country has become extremely polarized since the election of President Donald Trump. Some may blame him for this political polarization, while others defend him endearingly, but whether you are a Never-Trumper or wear a Make America Great Again hat, it’s crucial

to look at the evidence at hand. Have the Democratic Party, and the Mainstream Media, given President Trump a fair shake? Are they supposed to? To me, it seems that this polarization does not stem from a difference in opinions, as in the past, but, rather, from a difference in solutions.

Now, what do I mean by that? I mean that throughout recent American political history, there has been no room for bipartisanship, no desire for it, and, if it exists, it is to be taken like it never happened. For instance, during the State of the Union, Speaker Pelosi deliberately, and quite rigorously, ripped up the President’s speech after hearing numerous accomplishments that have come under the Trump Presidency, including record-low African American, Asian American, and Latino American unemployment.

Does the party who totes that they

hold the best interests of minorities at heart refuse to stand for these great accomplishments? Let’s look at the Democratic debate stage for further reference. The top 5 Democratic candidates are all white! Some may claim that this isn’t what it looks like, others may say that the Democrats are hypocritical; pick your perspective. The fact remains that even though Trump has stayed consistent on his promises made during his campaign, Democrats do not like the President simply because “orange man bad.” He is not the killer of modern American politics; he is simply the coroner.

Trump and the conservatives in the Republican party consistently, and often, state that they love America, so it logically follows that my argument is to say that the modern Democrats do not love America. You hear it all the time: America is (insert absurd allegation here). The parties do not want the same things anymore. Now

we have capitalism versus socialism, sanctity of life versus abortion, free speech versus censorship - I could go on until I’m blue in the face.

The hysteria that we see on the news and social media is enough to drive each and every one of us insane. It is easy to hide behind a screen (or even a newspaper), and spout off about how much we disagree with that person and hate everything that they stand for. It is harder to look that person in the eye and call them all the vulgar names you typed up with your thumbs. Go look at all the death threats that Rush Limbaugh received after receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Who cares if he has stage 4 lung cancer, right? I call all of you to be mindful of the things you may or may not do to dehumanize other human beings, have civil discussions face-to-face, because, whether you like it or not, that’s a freedom that will not be taken away.

Preserving the Great Heritage



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In what’s been deemed by “The Atlantic” as a ‘bizarre plan,’ last week, the Trump Administration was leaked to have been considering deeming classical Greek and Roman Architecture the preferred architectural style of the United States Federal Government, and I think they ought to do it.

The directive would make the classical style the default for Federal projects of \$50 million dollars or

more, and constitutes a substantial shift from previous policy, which held that ‘Design must flow from the architectural profession to the government and not vice versa.’ The simple question, of course, is, why?

Our national buildings are not built to keep the federal government in fashion with the latest trends, but instead to extend and entrench the symbolic commitment and power of our republic in the real space of our communities. Cherished national landmarks and the images of our founding buildings are held in this classical tradition: from the Jefferson Memorial to the White House or the Capitol Building itself; and for good reason. Not Gothic, not Tudor, nor Palladian style captivated the minds of our founding fathers, though all were newer, more hip, and more close to the country’s cultural background at the time. It was instead the

classical and Greco-Roman revival which was immortalized in our Capitol buildings, because they harken us back to those places from which our federal government draws its founding principles.

Many Americans will never travel to Rome or Athens, and certainly none were alive to see the great speeches of the Roman Senate or of Socrates at the Athenian Boule. Still, we are drawn to romantic daydreams in contemplation of the beauty of their society which lives on in ours. We see the grand columns and winsome carvings, and we are mesmerized by their craftsmanship and the timeless quality they carry. We can understand the symbolic appeal our federal state has made to the democratic spirit of ancient Greece and the republican virtue of Rome. We can feel our connection to that tradition through the grand constructions of our own

state, informed by not only their aesthetic but also their wisdom.

Objections have been raised that the move would exclude many architects who are not competent in the classical style. Unfortunately for those architects, federal buildings do not exist to offer all stripes of architect their own publicly-funded canvas, but instead to instantiate the spirit and law of our federal state into a focused being, and so the spirit, principles, and traditions of that state come first, always. There is room, of course, for the full breadth of styles within the United States, and through private building that rich diversity will be maintained. There is no fear, as “The Atlantic” pretends, that a shift in preferred style of Federal building will “flatten and warp the rich architectural heritage of our country,” but it might just remind us where the great heritage of our civic virtues lay.

Independent Social Spaces



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Why do the independent men of Wabash College hardly utilize their dormitory “hang out” locations? As an independent on campus, I have had access to the Williams Lounge and the Martindale Lounge, yet I hardly see anyone using such an ideal location for hanging out and socializing with their fellow brothers. These spaces have flat screen televisions, comfy couches, and a heap of potential just waiting for a group of guys to utilize it. Sure we use these spaces for large gatherings such as Monday

Night Football, but shouldn’t we be using them for more than that? As for Martindale, almost the entire first floor is dedicated for socialization and comradery. It is a space where men can get together and talk about classes, how their day is going, or simply just talk gossip. However, many men choose to sit in their rooms and socialize with their roommates or to head to another room to be in isolation with their friends.

This large space becomes a breeding ground for dust and dirt. The flat screens seem almost brand new due to the lack of usage, the couches cry out for someone to sit in them, and the space becomes a grim reminder of the path that our generation is heading towards. Throughout my 3 years of living in the dorms, I can tell you that I hardly know my hall neighbors, let alone who lives on the floors above and below me. I am certainly one who has fallen into this isolation category and am frustrated with myself for not using the spaces that were given to me. We independent men should come

together and utilize these spaces to full potential. We could easily meet a new friend or a mentor by simply being in those locations longer than what we normally are. I believe the root to this problem stems from the culture we live in today.

Our generation has created a social culture that revolves almost solely around our phones. We text, Snapchat, Instagram, and Facebook our friendships to the max. We let a little screen dictate our entire lives and control whom we present ourselves to. We get into a routine where we only talk with people via a cellular device. We only know what our friends are doing based on what their last tweet says or what picture they uploaded recently to Snapchat. This is no way to live and is detrimental to our social development.

We have the power to change the culture on this campus and be more active in our living units. Put down the PlayStation controller and pick up a conversation with someone you

haven’t met yet. Say hello to the people coming in and out of your dorm, ask them to stop and chat, or simply offer a conversation for another time. Ask yourself this question; have you made a new friend this year? Have you talked to someone outside of your normal group about something other than a class assignment?

If you answer no to either of those questions, get yourself to one of the social spaces provided by the dorm you live in. This is Wabash College, a place where brotherhood thrives but social connections are at an all-time low. I’m not saying that you have to constantly live in the lounge, but take some time to enjoy the company of someone other than your roommates. You only have 4 years at Wabash, make the most of it and connect with someone special. Don’t be scared of sitting in a lounge by yourself, sooner or later someone will come and have a chat with you. It only takes one person to start a movement; why not be that person?



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The Marie Canine Plaza is one of the prettiest public places in Crawfordsville.



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The theater in Crawfordsville is nice, but Wabash offers many free screenings on campus.

(Affordable) Valentine’s Day Guide

CHRISTIAN REDMOND '20 | OPINION EDITOR • Why take your significant other out to Francis & Mount when you can save forty dollars by dining at Culver’s? Why gift your girlfriend a new pair of boots when you can just regift the pair your roommate’s fling left in your house a few months ago? Why spend Valentine’s Day throwing money at Marion County’s economy when you can stay in Crawfordsville and support local business? The answer to all of these questions is: you shouldn’t. Saving cash is a priority of any college student, but they shouldn’t have to sacrifice the experience of Valentine’s Day to achieve that. This problem particularly affects Wabash men, since there are already a set number of days in the year that students can interact with college-aged females. Thankfully,

here is a list of the top five activities Wabash students can do on Valentine’s Day to save that money and not look like a schmuck.

1. Visit the Fountain
Some students took that first walking tour around Crawfordsville during freshman orientation and haven’t seen that big downtown fountain since. The fountain is the centerpiece of Marie Canine Plaza. The scene serves as a perfect end to a romantic walk past a few banks and the illustrious Valero. Just make sure to pick up some rocks along the way to substitute for pennies. No one wants to spend five cents just to make a few wishes.
2. Dinner Date at the 316
When it comes down to it, any money spent at a restaurant is money wasted. Luckily, Wabash has one of the most powerful networks of alumni and staff

in the country. This network manifests in some pretty amazing ways, including some recent college-graduates willing to help penniless Wabash students located right outside of campus. Chef Haley Blonsley is widely known amongst her roommates as at least tied for the best cook in her house. A delicious meal is then served by Coach Lincoln Kyle with enthusiasm rivalling any server this side of El Charro.

3. T-Tones concert
The prestigious sect of the Wabash Glee Club is putting on a concert at the historic Masonic Temple the day after Valentine’s Day. This is a perfect spot for a broke student to treat his date to a nice Italian dinner and a fancy venue. If Italian isn’t your thing, you can always stop by Arnie’s on the walk from campus.
4. A Political Thriller

The Crawfordsville AMC Theater is a great place for students to watch the newest blockbusters for a student-discounted price. However, it can get a little pricey adding popcorn and pop into the mix. Plus, the movies currently playing are underwhelming to say the least. Instead, students could bum a bag of popcorn and a can of soda off their roommate and take their date to Korb Classroom for a screening of Parallax View. Who knew politics could be so thrilling?

5. Stargazing with the Rhynies
There are few things in this world more romantic than a combination of a cold night, a thin blanket, and a few thousand stars in the sky. Students can spoon up next to their significant other on the mall for an exhilarating night of constellation counting to the tune of “BOOM, BOOM, BOOM.”

Best Seltzers to Sip

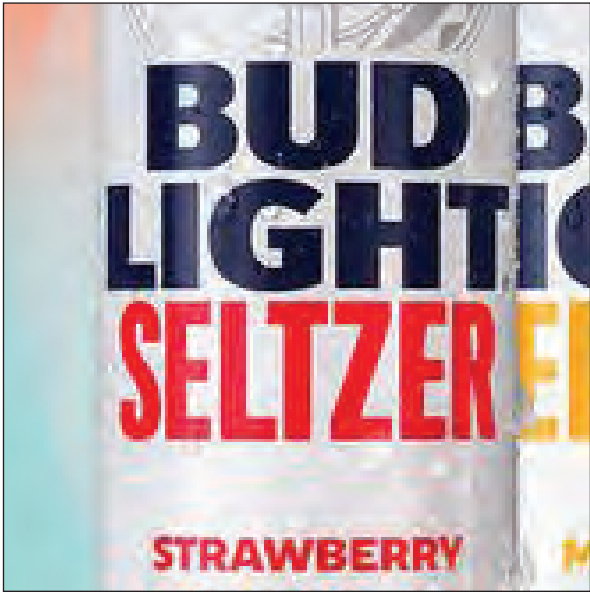
These days, every alcohol company seems to have their own seltzer. Seltzers are a nice drink for people who don’t actually enjoy drinking, as they usually taste somewhere between a Vitaminwater and the lightest of light beers. We at The Bachelor took the time to research this phenomenon and compare the different seltzers (so you don’t have to). Final conclusion: None of them are that good.



COURTESY OF LEGACYLR.COM

High Noon fails to score high.

- Pros: Colorful can
- Cons: Taste like sand from a beach
- Rating: 1.5/5



COURTESY OF ESQUIRE.COM

Thankfully Wally’s has Bud Light and not the seltzer.

- Pros: Tastes a bit better than it smells
- Cons: Smells like cat urine.
- Rating: 1.69/5



COURTESY OF DRIZLY.COM

The can is the prettiest part of this seltzer.

- Pros: Tastes good depending on your taste buds
- Cons: Tastes like feet (some might enjoy)
- Rating: 3/5



COURTESY OF FOURLOKO.COM

Four Loko succeeds in making the hardest seltzer.

- Pros: 12% ABV
- Cons: 12% ABV
- Rating: 4/5



COURTESY OF NEWYORKBEVERAGE.COM

This was a Truly forgettable experience.

- Pros: Hard to distinguish from other seltzers
- Cons: Struggling to remember any qualities
- Rating: 2.5/5



COURTESY OF DRIZLY.COM

There is a strong correlation between White Claws and breaking laws.

- Pros: Has a funny video
- Cons: Example of Bandwagon Fallacy
- Rating: 4.5/5

Kelvin Burzon '12 Opens Exhibit



COURTESY OF KELVIN BURZON '12

Burzon's exhibit, *Noli Me Tangere*, opened February 6th. Burzon was raised as a Filipino Roman Catholic, which influenced the exhibit.



COURTESY OF KELVIN BURZON '12

The exhibit examines the intersection of homosexuality and religion.



COURTESY OF KELVIN BURZON '12

Reggie Steele '12, aka Silky Nutmeg Ganache, was featured in the exhibit.



COURTESY OF KELVIN BURZON '12

Burzon graduated in 2012 and went on to receive his Master of Fine Arts from IU.

Word on the Street

This week's question:

What is the best smelling place on campus?



Max Cobos '21

"The bathroom in Center Hall. It smells like cinnamon."



Kontee Siravongtanawadi '21

"The Brew. I am absolutely in love with the smell of freshly ground coffee. It gives me that little bit of caffeine from the scent."



Zach Moffett '20

"The Baseball field. It's fresh. It's not artificial. Nice balance of dirt and grass."



Ace Dzurovcik '22

"The Archives. I love books and seeing the history of the College. It smells like home."

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Wabash Think Tank Looks to Make Mark on Campus

WILL OSBORN '21 | NEWS EDITOR

E-mails from the Wabash Think Tank Club have been steadily flowing into student inboxes since the beginning of winter break. For those who are less thorough about reading emails, the purpose and focus of the club may remain unclear. Jeremiah Eaton '22, founder and president of the Wabash Think Tank, removed this unclarity, explaining that, "The Wabash Think Tank is a discussion-based club that is dedicated to working with students who have trouble talking in class."

Eaton had noticed that there are a number of students who are quiet in class but engage in plenty of conversation outside of it. He wanted to make a club that fostered a comfortable setting for stress-free discussion while letting people talk about whatever was on their mind. "It's a club where people can get together informally and participate in student-led discussions and talk about the topics we want to talk about. It's more fun to talk about things you want to talk about than things you are forced to talk about," Eaton said.

The club meets bi-weekly, with a public and private meeting taking place every month. For Eaton, the goal is to get people interested in the club by offering public meetings. Once someone attends a meeting, they are added to the mailing list and made aware of future meeting times, all of which are in the Lilly Library Game Lab. Another

important thing to note is that the club sends around a survey to pick the next discussion topic. This goes right along with the idea of letting people talk about the things they are interested in. Prior meeting topics have ranged from conspiracy theories to waste in human potential. "It's all pretty random," said Eaton, "but it's fun stuff to talk about."

While the Think Tank averages about 10 people, Jeremiah hopes to grow the club and allow more people to express their creative and interesting ideas. According to Eaton, this club fits in with Wabash perfectly, as it allows for the interchanging of ideas in a collaborative space. "A lot of what Wabash focuses on is discussion," Eaton said. "Every subject has some discussion element, from physics and math to art."

On top of that, Wabash encourages critical thinking and leadership qualities, and one of those qualities is being able to speak your mind to other people. With the mission statement and the structure of our classes, this club fits in well." In the long run, Eaton wants people to feel more comfortable in a classroom discussion setting. He also hopes that the Wabash Think Tank can promote productive discussions and good listening skills. "I want to give people an opportunity to hear other people's perspectives," Eaton said. "If any of this spreads awareness on how to have a better, more productive discussion, I'd be very pleased."

HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

XFL BACK IN ACTION

Hi-Five to the XFL for bringing football to America during a time of the year that was once critically low on CTE cases. Maybe Vince McMahon won't fumble the second time around.

COD MAYHEM, WIFI LAG

Hi-Five to the hoards of Wallies who downloaded the 68GB Call of Duty upgrade this week, slowing down the WiFi for the entire campus. The spiteful part of us hopes you don't have a killstreak over two ever again.

KOPPELMANN'S KERFUFFLE

Hi-Five to the Writing Center for openly holding a "Quick and Dirty" event. Last time we tried to do that, we were abruptly escorted out of the Applebees.

DOG FACED PONY SOLDIER

Hi-Five to former Vice President Joe Biden for calling a supporter a "Dog Faced Pony Soldier" at a campaign event. I mean all press is good press when you just came in fifth place in New Hampshire.

REDMOND THE BLEEDING HEART

Hi-Five to our own Opinion Editor Christian Redmond '20 for endorsing a liberal policy for the first time in his life. This time next year, we're confident you'll be self-identifying as a Democratic Socialist and drinking kale smoothies in San Francisco.

SPORTS

Basketball Downs DePauw, Winners of Six Straight

JAKE VERMEULEN '21 | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • The Wabash Basketball team (15-7, 11-4 North Coast Athletic Conference) extended its winning streak to six games, including wins in three games at Chadwick Court over the past week. After an uneven stretch to start the season, they have found their footing in conference play. With three games to play, they sit tied at second with Wooster College in the conference standings.

The Little Giants kicked off the week by topping Allegheny College (11-11, 5-10 NCAC) 83-71 on February 7. The Gators played to a tie game at half behind 54% shooting beyond the arc. The Gators cooled off in the second half, however, shooting just 17% beyond the arc on 24 attempts in the second half. The Little Giants took the lead with just under seven minutes left in the game and never looked back. Jack Davidson '21 led all scorers with 30 points on 9-20 shooting, including 11-13 from the foul line. Wabash dominated the inside all game long, scoring 54 points in the paint, compared to only 24 from Allegheny.

The Little Giants were back in action on February 8 against Hiram College (7-15, 4-11 NCAC), and took an 87-78 victory. The team had significantly more breathing room in this game than against Allegheny. Wabash took a 3-2 lead with 18:03 left in the first half on a three point shot by Jack Davidson, and never looked back. The lead stretched to as much as 22, before Hiram made the score respectable by the end. Davidson again led all scorers with 27 points on 8-12 shooting from the field and 8-11 from the foul line. Harrison Hallstrom '20 was the only other Little Giant in double figures, posting 12 points and 9 rebounds. The Little Giants forced the Terriers into 22 turnovers during the game, turning them into 22 points.

They wrapped up the last week with a 71-64 win over DePauw University (12-10, 9-6 NCAC). Wabash held the Tigers to 36% from the field during the game. Both teams traded the lead back and forth through the first eight minutes before Davidson hit a three point shot to give Wabash the lead for good. He finished with 16 points



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Jack Davidson '21 led Wabash with 16 points on 41.6% shooting against DePauw on Wednesday. Davidson responded well against the Tigers after being held to just three points in the rivalry earlier this year.

REMAINING BASKETBALL SCHEDULE:

Saturday, February 15 at Kenyon College 3 p.m.

Wednesday, February 19 vs. Wittenberg University 7 p.m.

Saturday, February 22 at Oberlin College 3 p.m.

Lacrosse Season Preview

LOGAN SMITH '23 | STAFF WRITER • The Wabash College lacrosse team is a fairly new entity within the sports program, which can sometimes make it a struggle to have successful seasons early on. Coach Tim O'Shea, who is in his second year as the lacrosse head coach, is looking to continue to build the newly founded program in the years to come. He talked about transitioning from last season to this season, saying, "I think we had a pretty good season last year, we tied the program record for wins, set the program record for home wins, we did a lot of good things. This year obviously we have higher goals, one of them is to be more competitive within the conference. Last year we won 1 conference game, so we are hoping to win more than that. The [North Coast Athletic Conference] is arguably

the best college lacrosse conference in the midwest, so it is pretty tough top to bottom. So we want to be more competitive in games we weren't as competitive in, and then try to find ways to win more games."

O'Shea also said that winning the non-conference games at the beginning of the season being one of the best ways to build momentum for a good season. The non-conference games are held only once a week, compared to the two-a-week conference games, and will help get the team into a rhythm while preparing them for the more compact conference schedule.

With the preseason poll projecting Wabash at ninth, O'Shea and the players will be looking to prove they are ready to show the conference what they can do. "I don't put too much weight into polls, it's a coaches poll

so it is from the ten coaches of the conference. It's just an opinion, but I would like to think we should have been a little higher. At the end of the day, it is what it is. You can use it as motivation, especially having a first-year program, Allegheny, right above us. It's something that will motivate us, especially when we play them. It should be a really good game."

Wabash will certainly keep these rankings in mind when they hit the latter part of the season, hoping to improve their conference record from last year. O'Shea also noted part of the ranking could be attributed to the lack of lacrosse in and around the Crawfordsville area. "I'm in my second year now, we've been focusing a lot on scouting the entire midwest. So Indiana, Illinois. Michigan, Ohio, and Kentucky, we're just trying to

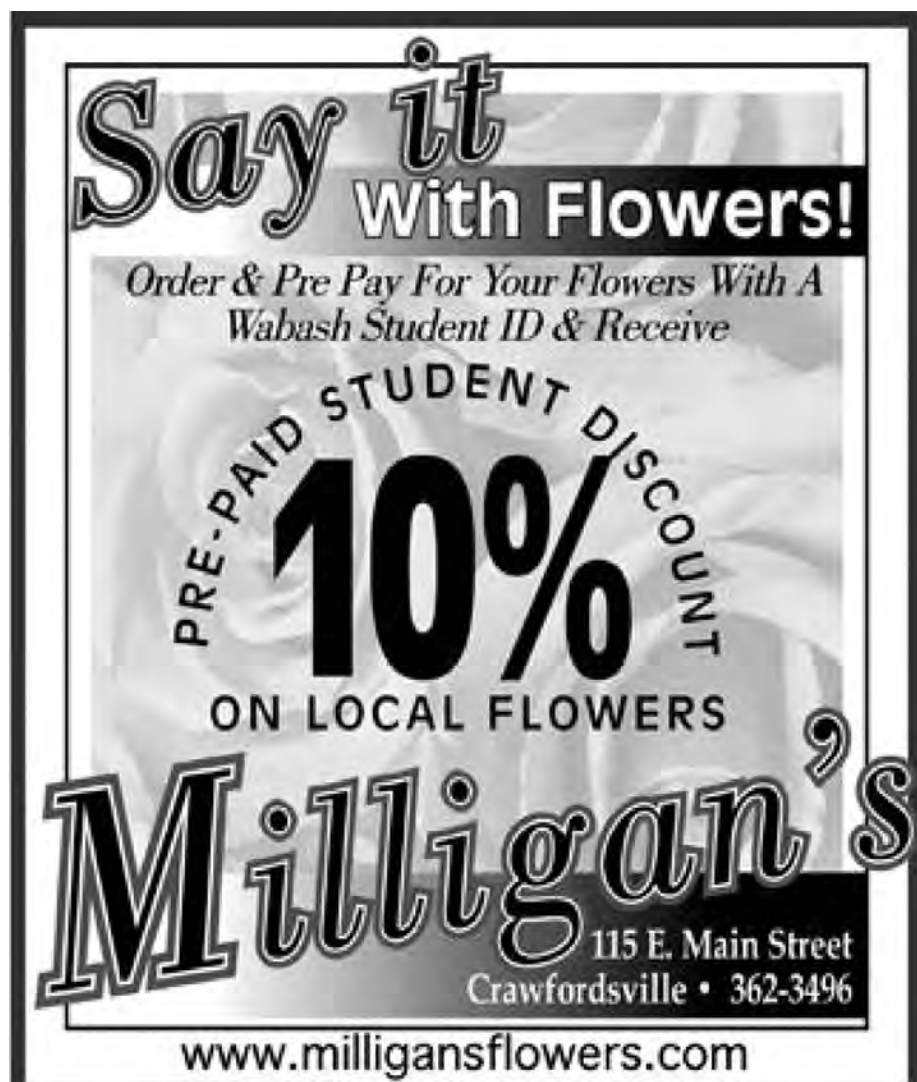
get as many guys as we can from the midwest region right now. There are very good players in the midwest, and if we can build our program with these guys, our reputation will grow. People know our reputation academically, our alumni network, and all that stuff, so I feel like we can get the kids who know of our academic record and build a program through that. And then soon, maybe even this summer, we can branch out into other regions and find guys that way."

Wabash will be looking to improve upon their 5-12 record, from last year, and part of that will be working on winning away games. The team was 1-8 last year in away games, but a solid 4-4 while at home. Consistency will be key as the team continues to move forward, and tries to build on last season's increased success.



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Jeremiah Eaton '22 takes the field in a home matchup last season.



Tennis Faces Early Struggles, Starts Season 0-6

DREW BLUETHMANN '22 | STAFF WRITER • The Wabash College tennis team dropped three matches last weekend against No. 11 ranked Kenyon College, No. 29 ranked Kalamazoo College, and regionally ranked Earlham College. The team has opened the season with an 0-6 record.

Despite the tough losses, Head Coach Daniel Bickett stayed positive for the team's future this season. "I think for us, ultimately, we are very young this year," Bickett said. "Our oldest player is a sophomore."

Bickett went on to say that, "Milo [Thambipillay '22] is the only player who got a lot of varsity duel match experience last year. For a lot of these guys, this is a learning opportunity for them to see the level of the top teams in our region and nation."

"I would not say it was disappointing

because that competition was tough. All the guys competed well. We were finding areas where we could make little improvements. Those kinds of matches, even if the scores do not look great [...] we can still find things and try to improve on it," Bickett said.

Bickett started his coaching career as a graduate assistant at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, who Wabash will compete against next. After traveling back and forth between programs in Wisconsin and the private tennis section, he ended up as a coach at the University of Houston for their women's team. He then left Houston to work for the company PlaySight, which uses artificial intelligence to prove video analysis for twenty-five sports. "After about four months, I was like, 'I really miss college tennis,'" Bickett said. "I did the job

for another couple of months until I saw the job at Wabash open."

Bickett has been at Wabash since this summer. As with any new coach, he has begun to develop and build his program and culture. "There are things that I want to do that may not have been done in the past from a culture perspective," Bickett said. "I am very big on the team... the team needs to be first and we need to lose sight of ourselves as individuals and focus on team unity."

"Some players have bought in with the new way, others have decided that they will not and have moved on and decided to do something different, we are not going to get upset with that, that is their choice," he said. "The people who remain are the ones dedicated to moving the program in the direction that we want to move,"

Bickett said.

The tennis team is looking to bring in about six freshmen this fall. They have one accepted recruit and are expecting more to accept soon. "We will be pretty young moving into next year as well. It is not necessarily a bad thing... this group now and the group next year will set the tone for where we want to go in the future," Bickett said.

"I was happy with [the team's] energy and how they competed. If this is the level we want to compete at, this is what it will take. Now it is up to us to go out and do the work," Bickett said.

The team returns to action Sunday, February 23 with an away matchup against the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater at 10 a.m. CST in Whitewater, Wisconsin.

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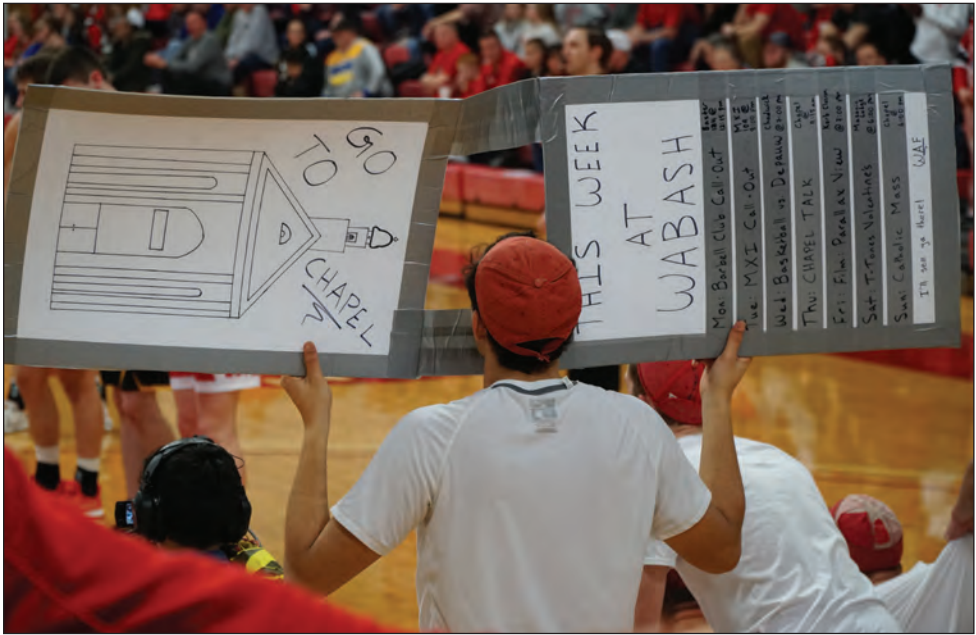
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Tyler Watson '21 dribbles the ball past a DePauw defender in Wednesday's win. The Little Giants avenged a 58-53 loss to the Tigers from January 22, winning 71-64 over DePauw. Watson finished with 13 points in the victory.



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Justin Hensley '23 nails a key three-pointer in the second half vs. DePauw.



DAKOTA BAKER '21 / PHOTO

Rhynies were among many fans who crowded into Chadwick Court for the game.



DAKOTA BAKER '21 / PHOTO

The Wabash pep band gave fans plenty of tunes throughout the game.



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Harrison Hallstrom '20 played in his final regular season game against the Tigers.

Track Grabs First Place at DePauw Invite

BLAKE LARGENT '22 | SPORTS EDITOR • The Wabash track and field team grabbed another top-two finish last Friday, earning first place out of 12 total teams in the Tiger Small College Invitational at DePauw University. The team has placed first or second in every scoring event this season. The meet at DePauw was no different, and the team earned its second consecutive first-place finish. “I thought we came out with a lot of energy, even from the time we got off the bus,” Director of track and field Clyde Morgan said. “We competed extremely well, and at the same time worked on some things we’ve been trying to get together. [...] Our staff and I were extremely impressed. Don’t get me wrong, we’ve got some work to do. We’ve got some guys that got to get through some mental barriers [...] competing and being a little bit mentally tougher upstairs. Once they get the fear out of being afraid to fail, they’ll be okay. Failure is part of it. I always tell them to ‘fail forward.’ [We] just got to get some guys, the younger guys, to kind of get that stuff out of their head and they’ll be fine.” Wabash scored a total of 152 points. No other team came close. Hanover grabbed second place with 94 points and DePauw rounded out the top three with 67.5 points. Despite another first-place finish and the large point spread, Morgan expressed that he does not place a lot of importance in how many points the team scores.

“To be honest with you, we just train and keep our nose to the ground,” Morgan said. “None of those events we go into them saying, ‘We want to score this many points,’ or strategically putting guys in certain places. [...] We want to score points at our indoor conference, national championship, and outdoor DIII Indiana championships, conference, and nationals. That’s the honest truth. We don’t have staff meetings saying, ‘Let’s score this many points in this meet.’ Track and field has changed over the last 15 or 20 years. A lot of people that do that end up breaking up their athletes, and then they wonder why they can’t compete in championship season. We just worry about ourselves and see what happens.” Many individuals had notable performances for the Little Giants. In the shot put, Isaiah Campbell '21 finished first and Brandon English '23 grabbed second. Sam Henthorn earned a first-place finish in the mile run with a career-best time of 4:25.58. Josh Wiggins '21, Leo Warbinnell '22, and Giovanni Zappala '23 finished first, second, and third respectively in the 60-meter hurdles. Ethan Pine also finished with a career-best time, finishing the 800-meter run in 2:00.76. Tyler Ramsey continued the dominant Wabash performance, grabbing first place in the 400-meter dash with a time of 23.52. Juan Montenegro '23 and Jose Franco '22 both grabbed top-three spots in the

200-meter dash, with Montenegro finishing second with a time of 23.46 and Franco ending in third with a time of 23.47. Zach Titus '21 also earned a top-three finish, finishing the 3,000-meter run in 9:28.22. Donnie Mader '22 rounded out an outstanding day for the Little Giants, finishing third in the weight throw with a distance of 14.66 meters. The track and field team has had an extremely successful season thus far. The performance at DePauw showed the talents of the team on full display. The ability to continue being successful, though, gets harder as a season goes on. Expectations can start to build higher, and with that comes pressure. Morgan spoke on how his team can uphold its success for the remainder of the season. “Just keeping the ‘team’ concept,” he said. “Us and we and not about me. Just continuing to work hard and get uncomfortable, then compete the best you can and see what happens. One thing our guys do know: I don’t believe, and our staff doesn’t believe, in the term ‘choking.’ If you do what you need to do, sometimes [winning] happens and sometimes it doesn’t. We love ‘em up either way. And when you know that, you just go out there and let it fly. That’s it.” The team moves forward to split meets at Indiana University and North Central College later today. Morgan will be sending some distance runners to the Hoosier Hills Invitational at

Indiana University while the rest of the team heads to the Pat Heenan Invitational at North Central College. “We’re sending three or four distance guys down to IU to try and hit some marks on a national level and conference level,” Morgan said. “To run on that bank track and in that atmosphere, it’s fast. We want them to chase some guys. The North Central meet [...] North Central is a Division III powerhouse. They could probably compete on a Division II level if they wanted to. That meet is going to be great for the rest of our guys. We’re going to be resting some guys, some younger guys. We’ll rest them and get ready for Wittenberg [...]” When describing how he feels about the team, Morgan could not hold back high praise. “They are a fun group of guys,” he said. “We’re blessed. We go through our little storms like every team, but they work hard and are not afraid to have fun, joke, and enjoy each other’s time. That’s my favorite thing about this team; we do a lot of laughing, a lot of bent over laughing.” Wabash has not finished outside of the top two spots in a meet and will look to continue that trend today. The team’s distance runners will race in the Hoosier Hills Invitational at Indiana University later today at 4 p.m. The rest of the team will be competing in the Pat Heenan Invitational at North Central College at 5 p.m. CST before the final regular-season meet against Wittenberg on Saturday, February 22.