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Once in a Generation: Creating Little Giant Stadium



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Thanks to generous alumni support, the new Little Giant Stadium honors Wabash legends while preparing for the next generation of Wabash athletics.

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To tell the story of the new Little Giant Stadium is to tell dozens of stories of Wabash leadership and generosity. With teamwork spanning continents, uniting alumni from different paths, and continuing through a global pandemic, the new stadium is not merely a shiny, new facility, but a representation of some of the best that Wabash offers.

On Wednesday morning, President Feller revealed the identity of the anonymous donor who kickstarted the new stadium project: Kevin G. Clifford '77. Clifford, a former Wabash quarterback, gave \$10 million to make the new stadium a reality.

“Kevin’s gift for Little Giant Stadium is truly transformational, and it will make an enormous

difference for our scholar-athletes, alumni, and all who love Wabash,” wrote President Feller.

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-Michelle Janssen

Clifford’s record of service to Wabash should have been a clue to his role. Clifford served on the Board of Trustees from 1994 to 2014, leading a presidential search committee and two successful capital campaigns. His extraordinarily-generous gift catalyzed the stadium designs, transforming visions of Little Giant

Stadium from an abstract dream to real blueprints.

“This is once in a generation,” said Michelle Janssen, Dean for College Advancement. “It’s a once-in-a-lifetime facility.”

But, as Janssen explained, the stadium is not “just for football.” The stadium adds a brand new track and field, allowing Wabash to host track meets. But beyond the stadium’s tangible features, it also represents a campus hub. Clifford envisioned this, saying “My family and I hope the new Little Giant Stadium will provide future generations of Wabash scholar-athletes, coaches, faculty, and the broader community a best-in-class facility in which to compete, learn, and win!”

Recognizing what the new stadium would mean for Wabash, Greg Birk '77 joined the drive. “Anybody

who’s run track or cross country in the past 30-40 years knows Birk,” said Janssen. And Birk used those connections to pitch in. Despite time-zone difficulties from his home in Switzerland, Birk reached out to dozens of track and cross country alumni, leading the track and cross country teams to raise over \$300,000.

“[Philanthropy] is just part of the DNA here. You’re just breathing it all the time. You’re seeing it in action.”

-Michelle Janssen

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Sig Chi Back on Top

After a two-year hiatus, Sig Chi wins Chapel Sing to kick off Homecoming Week



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The men of Sigma Chi rejoice in their Chapel Sing victory, improving their winning record after two years of second-place finishes.

Once in a Generation, Cont.

Clifford and Birk led a wave of alumni generosity that built the new stadium. Alumni who had not previously donated joined in the push for the next generation of Wabash athletics.

“At a lot of other schools where I’ve worked, you have to teach people how to be donors and philanthropists -- how to be good alumni volunteers,” said Janssen.

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But, even more inspiring, at each step of the way, donors sought to honor other Wabash icons with their gifts.

Clifford requested that the new field be named in honor of Wabash Hall of Famer Coach Frank Navarro, who led Wabash to the 1977 Stagg Bowl Championship. Shortly after his arrival, Navarro led his team to Wabash football’s first winning season in a decade. Although Navarro



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Kevin Clifford '77 envisions the new Little Giant Stadium as a Wabash icon for years to come. Clifford's \$10 million donation kickstarted the new stadium designs.

is no longer with us, his family will be in attendance for the dedication of the Frank Navarro Field.

Other notable dedications in the stadium include two of the most successful, beloved football coaches in Wabash's history - Stan Parrish and Greg Carlson. After Navarro's transformative tenure at Wabash ended in 1977, Parrish and Carlson led the next two generations of Little Giant football into the 21st century.

A coaching booth will be named in Carlson's honor, while the tunnel in the stadium carries on Parrish's legacy.

Jim Dimos '83 was an essential member of Janssen's team tasked with fundraising for the stadium. After graduating from the College, Dimos remained a constant force in alumni circles and in the legal world before his death last year. Broadcasting was always his passion,

and the voice of Wabash football will soon reside in the new broadcasting booth named in his honor.

The many stories behind the creation of Little Giant Stadium weave a narrative of the best of Wabash: bold leadership, constant generosity, and giving back. Though the new stadium is "once in a generation," creating it required unity across Wabash generations.

Classes of '70 and '71 Come Home for Big Bash Reunion



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Jon Pactor '71 leads his alumni brothers in song on the steps of the Chapel.



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Members of the classes of '70 and '71 prepare to sing the Fight Song.



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Though a half-century has passed, members of the classes of '70 and '71 still remember the lyrics.

Monsalve Publishes Newly-Discovered Poetry

COOPER SMITH '23 | NEWS EDITOR • This month, the Wabash community is celebrating a recent book from Dr. María Cristina Monsalve, Professor of Spanish. Her book, *La mano desasiada* (The Loosened Hand), is a collection of poems from influential Peruvian poet Martín Adán. In *La mano desasiada*, Monsalve brings hundreds of pages of previously unpublished poetry to light.

Monsalve explained the fragmented, odd origins of Adán's original work. Adán wrote the poem in many unusual pieces: napkins, cigarette papers, and notebooks, to name a few. Interestingly, the fragmented writing mirrored Adán's subject matter: the fragmented ruins of Machu Picchu. Unfortunately, the poet himself never compiles all of his poetic clippings together, and scholars have attempted to collect them all for decades.

Dr. Monsalve became interested in Adán's missing fragments while in grad school. Her research earned her a fellowship to continue her project in Peru.

"I became an archaeologist of the fragments of a poem written in fragments about the fragmentary

Machu Picchu. Nobody knows why it was not completed, so, in a way, Machu Picchu mirrors the structure of the poem," said Monsalve.

Though segments of the poem had been published in the 1960s and 1980s, collecting all of the missing portions had been an elusive challenge for decades. Monsalve's book contains over 150 pages of yet-unpublished fragments of Adán's work. Finding and compiling those missing fragments, according to Monsalve, was no easy task.

"The legend was that this poem was kind of a labyrinth," she said. "Other people in the past told me that this could not be done, that I would waste my time... But I felt really encouraged by this poetic force I felt."

Monsalve ultimately successfully documented the poetic labyrinth. To hear her tell it, every turn in the poetry -- and in the research process -- was defined by surprise.

"The poetic work is surprising all the time," she said. "If I go through the pages right now without knowing where I'm going, I will find a couple of verses that are completely fresh, new, and shocking to me. And I think that is why I kept going with this for



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Dr. Monsalve teaches Spanish literature, language, and culture.

a long time."

For those interested in joining Wabash's celebration for Dr. Monsalve, don't worry: you don't have to research missing documents

to find your way. Simply show up at the Caleb Mills House at 4:15 on Wednesday, September 22.

Moot Court Returns for 28th Year



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The annual Wabash Moot Court Competition provides students the opportunity to practice real Constitutional arguments before panels of alumni attorneys and judges.

ETHAN WALLACE '25 | STAFF WRITER • For the undergraduate student interested in politics and law, experience with legal argumentation is hard to come by. But not so at Wabash. Open to all students, Wabash's annual Moot Court competition allows students to hone their oral advocacy skills while making Constitutional arguments. After a virtual competition last spring, the 28th Annual Wabash Moot Court Competition is set to return this fall.

"Moot court essentially simulates an appeals court argument, specifically at the Supreme Court level," said Dr. Jeff Drury, Professor of Rhetoric who organizes Moot Court. "And so the idea is that we have pairs of advocates on two different sides of a legal problem,

arguing for their clients."

Participants advocate both sides of a real case pending before the Supreme Court. The judges for the competition are Wabash alumni with experience in the legal field. Throughout the competition, these judges challenge participants' thinking skills to find the best available solutions.

Though arguing a Supreme Court case may seem daunting, the competition is structured for all students, regardless of class year or major.

"There is no correct formula, no correct profile, to the student who wins," said Drury. "So for instance, we've had freshmen win and we've had seniors win, we've had people who've made it to the finals four

years in a row end up taking home the competition, and we've had people who made it for the first time."

The competition is also structured as a networking opportunity.

"[Participants] get to interact with a variety of alumni who are currently in the legal profession," said Drury. "We also have faculty who judge and so it's a great opportunity to get to know different people on campus. It also looks great on a resume, especially for those who are interested in going to law school."

As four-time finalist and 2021 Top Advocate Jake Vermeulen '21 put it, "Doing Moot Court as a freshman solidified my plans to go to law school. I don't think you can undersell how great it is as a

networking event."

Students who enjoy debating, want to improve their speaking skills, or just enjoy competition should consider participating. Moot Court provides students the chance to experience a realistic simulation of a court case, improve speaking skills, and meet various Wabash alumni.

"It really I think comes down to the willingness to think critically, to engage in the practice and preparation, and that's what I think is really rewarding about this opportunity," Drury said.

The case details will be released at a call out meeting in Hays 104 on September 23 at 7pm. Interested students who cannot attend the call out meeting, should contact Professor Drury directly at druryj@wabash.edu.

Celebrating Tucker's Newest Book

ALEX ROTARU '22 | MANAGING EDITOR • There are some struggles humanity faces that change with the times, but never go away. One of them is disingenuous speech - people not meaning what they say all the time, and thus society not being able to rely on their word. This is a key theme in Professor of German and Division II Chair Brian Tucker's new book, "Theodor Fontane: Irony and Avowal in a Post-Truth Age," a theme which he explores through the lens of late 19th Century German literature.

Tucker's work focuses on literary rhetoric, language, and irony in German literature, and this book built upon his previous work. "I'm someone who has written a lot about literary rhetoric, and also about Theodor Fontane," Tucker said. "So, this continues my work on both literary and intellectual history through German language sources."

Professor Tucker wrote this book while he was on sabbatical in Palau, which does not have a dedicated research library, so getting the resources he needed became a challenge. As a result, actually sifting through the sources needed to write the book became an international affair. "A lot of people gave me a lot of assistance in having the books that I needed," Tucker said. "They sent

books in packages through the mail. They brought books with them in their luggage. People here, at Wabash, went to the library and scanned books for me."

To add more complexity into the mix, finding the right sources for a book takes up time. "To find the most relevant sources, you have to read a lot of things that turn out not to be all that useful," Tucker said. "[In the Humanities,] you [usually] have to read 10 articles to find the one you want to grapple with." However, once he had all the sources sorted, Professor Tucker found the book came together. "I felt like I had a lot of fertile ground to work with," Tucker said. "I felt like Fontane has a lot to say about [disingenuous speech] that people have not really acknowledged."

In many ways, the issue of disingenuous speech ties into the Gentleman's Rule and Standing TALL maintaining an environment that fosters growth. "The idea that we can deliberate, that we can have class discussions, where we come to a better understanding of things through this act of communicating with each-other only works with a certain degree of openness, reliability, earnestness, and honesty," Tucker said. "A lot of what we're trying to do here at the college, which is just intellectual inquiry,



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Dr. Tucker's publication highlights the role of disingenuous speech in 19th Century German literature.

would come to a halt if we always had to spend time worrying whether the other person actually meant what they said."

As a result, in true liberal arts spirit, Professor Tucker's book highlights German literature from the Long Nineteenth Century to help inform how to navigate political speech in the post-2016 era. "The obvious audience for my book is other scholars and students of 19th Century German literature," Tucker said. "But I think anybody who is concerned about the efficacy of

public discourse in the 21st Century might be interested in the kinds of concerns that I'm raising or stones that I'm turning over in this book."

Professor Tucker hopes that this book will be able to contribute to informing discussions on the topic. "I hope it has some impact, at least among people in my field," Tucker said. "I hope it changes the way we think about [matters surrounding disingenuous speech] a little bit."

Professor Tucker's new book is now available in the Lilly Library.

Be Cautious of Crypto



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I was introduced to the concept of cryptocurrency back in 2012 when one of my professors handed me a Wall Street Journal article on this new idea known as blockchain. This led me to participate in my college's equivalent to the Celebration of Student Research (Shameless plug: applications to present are due by December 17th) where I presented my findings on virtual currencies, namely bitcoin. Over the course of my research project, bitcoin had increased in value from \$10 per bitcoin to \$270. I found myself, on my way to graduate school to

study economics, in a position to claim that bitcoin had the potential to become a global currency if its growth continued.

While bitcoin (and other cryptocurrencies) experienced the growth I was hoping to see, I am now less convinced it will ever take its place among other global currencies. The primary reason for my doubt is that cryptocurrency is a currency in name only. Sure, it satisfies two of the three requirements for currency (a unit of account and a store of value), but it only exists as a medium of exchange so long as it is tolerated to be used as such.

For ease of understanding, let's compare bitcoin to the US dollar. The US dollar has the benefit of being legal tender from the US government. As printed on the dollar bill, it means that other people and firms in the US are required to accept US dollars to settle any debt within that country. This benefit does not extend to any other thing in the US. Some places might be willing to accept other forms of payment like euros or bitcoin, but they are not required to do so.

This is where cryptocurrencies run into problems. Not only do you have to find someone who wants to purchase it, but its trade must be tolerated by the nation in which it is traded. As noted by the steps taken by the Chinese government,

if cryptocurrency ever becomes a threat to the sovereign currency of a nation, I would wager that the government will take action to ban its trade in order to protect the currency which they control. When that happens, whoever is holding the cryptocurrency is going to lose big.

Since its use as a medium of exchange is questionable at best, I would classify cryptocurrency as a commodity, rather than a currency. Furthermore, I would classify cryptocurrency as a fiat commodity. This is uncharted territory for commodities, as a fiat commodity has no intrinsic value compared to other commodities like gold. Much like our fiat currency, a fiat commodity only has value because we believe it has value. However, cryptocurrency doesn't have the full faith and credit of the United States of America to back it up.

This brings me to my second warning about cryptocurrency. While I love me some decentralization, there are benefits to having a centralized currency. Namely, a centralized currency is less prone to volatility and manipulation. It's quite hard for anyone who isn't named Janet Yellen to influence the global value of the US dollar, which is beneficial to everyone that trades it. On the contrary, countries like El

Salvador can purchase a bunch of bitcoin, declare it their national currency, then enjoy the pump in value to cash out.

For those who participated in my virtual discord office over the past year, you might remember my frequent posts about dogecoin. Yes, dogecoin's rise was exciting and fun to get in on, but I called it a pump-and-dump scheme then and it turned out to be true. There are going to be many forces that leverage the decentralized nature of cryptocurrency to fleece the masses, so you must be cautious before you invest any money you are not willing to lose in these cryptocurrencies.

My suggestion is this: when someone is advertising that people should either buy or hold cryptocurrencies, ask yourself why. If something is such a good deal to purchase, why would anyone be advertising it in the first place? If you can't satisfactorily answer that question, the deal might just be too good to be true.

Let me be clear: blockchain is really cool technology. It needs refinement, especially on its environmental impact (we can talk about that next time), but as Simon put it, it has the potential to change how we secure and store data. Just be careful. Remember that in many of these situations, you are, in fact, the mark.

Update Our Pet Policy



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Often, professors will say that when a student is sick, they do not need a doctor's note for an excused absence. Rather, they just need to be upfront and honest about the situation. This is a classic example of the school's touted "Gentleman's Rule." It is curious to me why the same does not apply for the school's pet policy. Students should not have to have a doctor's note explaining their mental health issues for the school to recognize that a pet would be beneficial for their mental health.

Where is the Gentleman's Rule in this case?

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the administration has been offering guidance to the entirety of Wabash College based on direction by the CDC. The CDC clearly states, in the first line on their website regarding the topic, "There are many health benefits of owning a pet." It goes into further detail about the specifics of proven health benefits of owning pets, but it is summarized in the quote, "Studies have shown that the bond between people and their pets can increase fitness, lower stress, and bring happiness to their owners." These benefits are not exclusive to those who have diagnosable mental health crises; they apply to everyone. Wabash likes to brag about how rigorous, and therefore stressful, academia is here (which it is). There is no reason to prevent the regular student from reducing their stress by finding a companion to keep in their dorm room.

In the spring semester, a cat made its way into Williams Hall. With a few steps in between, I ended up taking him into my room. I made a Walmart run to get everything I would need to provide a good home for my new pet. Since I roomed by myself, I did not think there would be any issues with keeping him until the summer

then I would take him home. A few weeks later, I had a surprise visitor who informed me that I would need to send my new friend home prematurely since he was not registered in the school system. I thought no problem, I will get him registered through the school and everything will be okay. I then learned that it would require a doctor's note outlining my need for an "emotional support animal." Luckily for my new cat and I, my parents were willing to accept him into their home otherwise he would have been back on the streets of Crawfordsville. I would not have let him go back to the streets, but it seemed as though the college couldn't care less as long as he was out of my room.

Here I was believing that I was living humanely and acting responsibly by giving this skinny, homeless townie cat a home, but I was unable to do so because I didn't want to lie to a doctor and say that I have a mental health issue that I don't have. That would be a waste of their time and empathy, as I do not actually have any diagnosable issues.

All of that ignores the benefits for myself and those around me who got the opportunity to interact with our new friend. Since we were in the middle of a pandemic, no one was able to hang out

as they normally would. There was little time for interaction with other people and if there was then it was under masked circumstances and it just wasn't the same. This is when having Arlo (my cat) became particularly helpful to me because it was nice to be able to go back to my single in Williams Hall and have someone to interact with. This is my sob story about how my pet was sent home, but I know that I'm not alone in this.

The benefits of having a pet as a college student are undeniable. Especially when you are a student who lives by yourself in the middle of a pandemic. But none of this matters when there is minimal regard for mental health. There could be an argument made that there's a possibility that people could be allergic to cats or dogs, but since he was confined to my room there was no interaction between the cat and others. Another argument could be made that the pet could cause damage to the room, but as of last year, the students are now financially responsible for their rooms so that is a weak argument.

This is all to say that Wabash needs to support their students' mental health, starting with updating the pet policy. There's more to mental health than a doctor's note. Be better.

Stop Biting the Hand that Feeds You



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Respect is a complicated word nowadays. Who deserves it, how is it lost, why do we give it and when? Sometimes, the answers to these questions are a bit more obvious than other times. A basic definition for the word is a feeling of admiration toward someone for their skills. An example of who someone is would be the people that feed you nearly every day. Whether this is your parents or the staff in your fraternities and Sparks, they all deserve respect for what they do. This is simply because they don't have to do it. You can argue that it's their job or obligation that makes them do it, but this simply isn't true. Other jobs exist and your parents

can be tough on you and simply make you do things on your own. Cooking is not easy and comes with a lot of criticism, just watch anything with Gordan Ramsey cooking with another person and you'll see (and hear) for yourself. There are so many different parts to preparing a meal correctly and a large group of guys makes it more difficult.

Sanitation of the hands, utensils, and food all must come first and can be a tedious task to carry out every day. Next comes the prep stage where vegetables are chopped, ingredients are laid out, and measurements are made. Then the making of the meal can really begin. Techniques such as roasting, grilling, sauteing, and seasoning all take time to learn and not to even mention knife work. Too many times I have cut myself learning proper knife technique, burnt food that I thought I had perfected, and under and over seasoned meats I thought would be delicious. Cooking something right takes a lot of time, patience, and passion so do not disrespect the people that do it for you every day. Some of us love to cook and it brings us joy, but harsh criticism and disrespect can diminish this passion and make those

who enjoy cooking hate it simply because of other people.

Regardless of your opinions and criticisms of the food that you are fed, be grateful that you did not have to cook it yourself. Many of the staff that serve us food here on campus are already getting it ready for us long before any of us are up and stay here late into the night to clean and prepare for the next morning when we are studying and or sleeping. The words 'please' and 'thank you' tend to elude us most of the time and regardless of your class year these words should be a very active part of your vocabulary. I understand that it is easy to take things for granted but those that serve us are not one of them. Simply put yourself in someone else's shoes and do your best to empathize and you can realize how they should be treated. I'm not asking you to be on your hands and knees worshipping these people but to simply smile, say 'please' when asking for something and 'thank you' when you are served. You can take it a step further and ask for their names and how their days are going to show that you realize they are an actual human being with a life beyond their work.

When I came here my freshman year I was excited to see the kitchens that were available to me so I could cook. I soon realized that I would be way too busy to enjoy cooking as often as I did back home. To this day, my mother loathes cooking, so I tended to do most of it growing up and I soon developed a passion for it as I aged. Eventually, when I left for Wabash and discovered that nearly all of my meals were made for me I was a little taken aback. I had become so used to making all of my meals that I was filled with gratitude towards people who actually cooked meals for me. Not every meal for me at Wabash has been perfect nor enjoyable but I am still grateful for all of them. Whether it be food offered at meetings, networking events, or the Sparks Center I am always grateful for it. Food is necessary, sometimes expensive, and often difficult to prepare correctly so it stands to reason that those who make it are thanked for their work. Respect the people that feed you because eventually you will need to feed yourself and potentially others around you. Maybe then you will realize how thankless of a job it can be and how deserving those that do it are of your respect.

Looking to join the conversation? Want to make your voice heard?

If so, contact Jakob Goodwin (jmgoodwi23@wabash.edu) and get your point across to the campus in *The Bachelor* opinion section.



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Latest Big Bash Celebrates Classes of '70 & '71

ALEX ROTARU '22 | MANAGING EDITOR

Wabash certainly isn't easy. But attending Wabash during the Civil Rights Movement and the Vietnam War was exceptionally difficult. That was precisely the Wabash experience for members of the classes of '70 and '71, who returned to campus last weekend for their Big Bash reunion. Going to college with the impending draft threat in a small town in Indiana with an active KKK office was hard enough. But, as alumni from that era recalled, Wabash prevailed as a bubble where people could come together, learn, and respectfully disagree.

The late 1960s were a turbulent time, and the Vietnam War draft lottery caused plenty of concerns for all students.

"If you got a low number [in the lottery], you were likely to be drafted; if you got a high number, you were likely not to be drafted," Jon Pactor '71 said. Pactor was a brother at Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity and now serves as his fraternity's advisor and as a Class Agent.

"Most of us lived in fear of getting drafted," Dan Holderbaum '71 said. Some guys would drop out of the College, go into the army, go to Vietnam, then come back to finish."

"All of us had friends, people we've gone to school with, who had gotten drafted, or had joined," Keith Nelson '71 said. Nelson was a founding member of the Malcolm X Institute of Black Studies and an Independent who lived at the Afro House and Martindale Hall.

To compound on top of the looming draft, anti-war protests erupted across the nation, including at Kent State University in Ohio.

"Within weeks before Kent State, there was a small group of us that went with [then Professor of History] Peter Frederick H'92 and [then Milligan Professor of English] Bert Stern H'62 to Kent State for a conference that was being held," Nelson said. "That was just one of the strangest experiences, to have been there, then, all of the sudden, seeing what happened on TV [where the Ohio National Guard opened fire on protesters]." In true Wabash spirit, the students chose not to sit idly by, and the student body went on strike in 1970 in reaction to the Kent State shootings.

"The conservative [students] were opposed to [the strike] because they thought [they] paid for these days, and we should be able to take our classes,"



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Members of the Class of 1971 pledged over \$2,000,000 to support the College for their 50th reunion gift. Between the classes of 1970 and 1971 over \$8,000,000 dollars were raised.

Holderbaum said. "And the anti-war students said this is not business as usual, we have to do something to show our disapproval."

"What's amazing about the student strike [is that] perhaps half the Student Body showed up in the Chapel to discuss what to do, and vote on it," Pactor said. "Then, once the students voted on the strike, the faculty had to react to it. [...] So, the faculty came out with a couple of resolutions. The students who [went on strike] would not be punished academically. Classes would continue. And, then, the people who were on strike - some of them at least planned alternate programming."

While all this was happening, the Civil Rights Movement was also in full swing, and it left a considerable mark on Wabash that lives on to this day, like the Malcolm X Institute of Black

Studies and the Black Studies minor.

"The Civil Rights movement took place almost, like, in a different world - at least, compared to Wabash - but, nonetheless, we were living in it, and it prompted a lot of the activities that we engage today and, as Black students, leading up to the development of the MXI," Nelson said. This was when the KKK had an office across the street from Crawfordsville City Hall, which only closed 2 decades later. "We were told that it wouldn't be a good idea to go downtown by yourself, [and I didn't] all the way up until I graduated," Nelson said.

Still, despite all this upheaval, Wabash remained Wabash, and the Gentleman's Rule kept the campus civil. Nelson said, "fortunately, little old Wabash stayed mostly as an island in the storm,"

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Former Columbia Mentor Accepts Wabash Grid Post

Frank Navarro, Columbia University football coach for the past six years, has been named as the new Wabash

Coach-of -the-Year.

The New York Football Writers honored him in 1971 as their choice for the Eastern College Coach-of -the-Year. His Lions had a 6-3 record overall and finished as the Ivy League runner-up with a 5-2 mark. Columbia's two conference setbacks were at the hands of Cornell and Harvard by a total of five points.

Navarro is a member of the American Football Coaches Association's Ethics Committee and has also served as a member of the rules and programs committees. In 1971, he was chairman of the Ivy League Football Coaches Association. He co-founded the New England College and University Football Coaches Association and has served it in various capacities.

The new Wabash coach said he was pleased to return to the small-college coaching scene. "I was quite happy at Williams, basically the same kind of school as Wabash... a small liberal arts college. The quality of life, the type of faculty and the calibre of students are very similar," Navarro said.

He will also be reunited — in a way — with his college coach and good friend, Tommy Mont, now the coach at DePauw University, Wabash's traditional athletic rival.

Navarro will inherit a young Wabash team which finished with a 5-5 record last fall. There were only two seniors among the 41 players receiving varsity letters. Eighteen of the lettermen were freshmen and 14 were sophomores.

Navarro is a graduate of White Plains High School (N.Y.). After getting a bachelor's degree in physical education from Maryland, he did graduate work at Columbia. He also spent two years in the United States Air Force, holding the rank of first lieutenant.

Married, he and his wife, Jill, have eight children. Seven of the children are boys.



From The Bachelor of 05-03-1974

College football coach to succeed Dick Bowman, who earlier accepted a position as an assistant coach at the United States Military Academy.

Announcement of Navarro's appointment was made, Tuesday, April 30, by President Thaddeus Seymour, at a special news conference held at the Indianapolis Athletic Club.

Navarro, a 1953 graduate of the University of Maryland, also served as head coach at Williams College (Mass.) from 1963-67. Prior to that, he was an assistant and freshman coach at Williams and an assistant at Columbia and Westover Air Force Base (Mass.).

His five-year record as head coach at Williams was 26 wins, 11 losses and one tie. In 1967, Navarro's Williams team posted a 7-0-1 record, winning the Little Three Conference title. For this achievement he was selected as the New England College

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Dei'Marlon Scisney '21 and Youran "Sebastian" Wang '22 performing in the college's 2019 production of *Anonymous*. This was the last "traditional" production performed prior to the pandemic.

REED MATHIS '22 | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • After 18 months of virtual and COVID-friendly productions, the College's Theater Department is back in person with their new dark comedy, *The Amateurs*. To mark the return, the Wabash Theater Department aims to return to the screen with a gripping, relevant story for the audience to find attachment. The black death.

No, not the one we have experienced for the last year-and-a-half, but the bubonic plague. There is little coincidence as to why the production was tabbed to be the first in-person production to kick off the Fall 2021 Season for Theater.

"Too on the nose," said Michael Abbott, Professor of Theater & Chair of the Music Department, when asked on the reasoning behind picking *The Amateurs* as the re-introduction of Wabash Theater. The greater-Wabash community will be able to witness how a group of traveling actors have to deal with strangers, unforeseen obstacles arising, and the ever-looming bubonic plague hindering them from their ultimate desires. Circumstances like those mentioned above have been almost routine for the Theater Department over the last 18 months.

"[Abbott's colleagues] brought theater to our audiences remotely, distanced, masked, asynchronous ... If anything changes, we'll adjust and overcome as we have from the beginning [of the pandemic]," said Abbott. Although the return to live theater does not come without any hiccups, there are things to be hopeful for as opening night inches closer.

"The vaccination requirement has

been enormously helpful. We've been able to rehearse and build the show knowing everyone involved in the production is good to go," said Abbott. Everyone involved understands what is at stake going into performing a live show. That understanding, however, comes with a renewed, appreciative outlook on future productions to come.

"We're all in the same boat when it comes to campus guidelines and requirements. There continues to be an uncertainty to it that we've all learned to deal with. The College told us to go make live theater again, in person. So that is what we are doing, joyfully," said Abbott.

For Abbott, his focus and approach towards theater's return are rejuvenation and clarity on what matters in life.

"Well, it's made me more aware of the gift that maybe I took for granted over the years. We have this marvelous theater and a bunch of talented students ready to devote six weeks of their lives to creating something with me ... I think the pandemic has caused many of us to stop and consider how fragile our everyday life can be. People and things you love can disappear," said Abbott.

Through the productions this year, it is apparent for Abbott what the most notable change will be for the Wabash community.

"The essence of Theater is that live connection between performer and audience. It's why Theater isn't film or tv. An actor needs that perilous live moment when anything can happen. That's what our students are returning to, and I'm so happy for them."

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Hall of Fame Inductees

CHASE BREAUX '23 | STAFF WRITER

On Friday evening, the Athletics Department will induct the 2005 football team and individuals Cliff Bell '76, Greg Birk '77, Mike Brown '76, Bill Cannon '79, Russell Harbaugh '06, Jim Pursel '73, Jake Waterman '13, and Chris Whitfield '88 into the Wabash Athletics Hall of Fame. The Athletics Department holds this event every other year. The ceremony is made possible through a partnership between the Athletics Department, the National Association of Wabash Men, and the Alumni and Parents Office.

Brent Harris, the Athletics and Campus Wellness Communications Director, will serve as the Master of Ceremonies for the event.

"Individuals are nominated by alumni and coaches. We tabulate all of those names. We put together information about each nomination. Then there is a Hall of Fame selection committee that looks at all the nominees," said Harris.

The ceremony will honor seven individual inductees and the 2005 Wabash College Football Team by inducting them into the Athletics

Hall of Fame. One member of the football team to be inducted is also an individual inductee. Of this, Harris said, "It is special that the 2005 team is going in because their starting quarterback, Russ Harbaugh, is also an individual inductee." Russ Harbaugh '06 is one of the top 5 passers in Wabash history and all-time leaders in quarterback ratings in the North Coast athletic conference. The committee will recognize the team for their conference championship and playoff run.

Current Wabash student athletes will introduce the inductees at the ceremony and speak to their accomplishments. Each inductee will then have the opportunity to say a few words and thank those who contributed to their success. A representative will speak on behalf of the 2005 Wabash College Football Team.

The Athletics Department will also recognize the inductees during Saturday's football game. Join the Athletics Department, the NAWM, and the Alumni and Parents Office in celebrating our Wabash athletes this Friday evening at the Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

BURNING THE MIDNIGHT OIL

Low-five to our Hi-fives last week. All of them sucked. ALL OF THEM.

GATOR ECONOMICS

Lo-five to Allegheny for making a 14-hour road trip only to lose. Their biggest challenge this week is to match their points scored with their bus fare.

WE DIDN'T START THE FIRE?

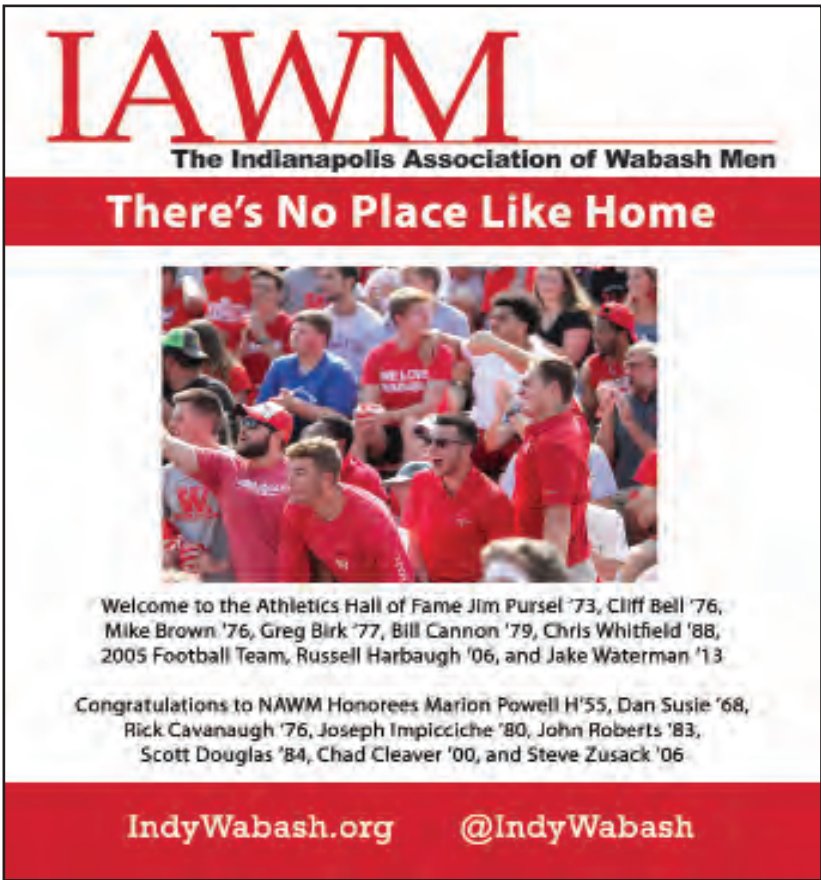
Hi-five to the sprinkler at Lambda for putting out the fire. They may not have started the fire, but the sprinkler put it out.

INDEPENDENTS... UNITED?

Hi-five to the GDI's for securing a podium finish at Chapel Sing. I guess it only took 42 of them to do it.

THE FIGHT SONG IS AN EASY READ

Hi-five to the Sig Chis for winning Chapel Sing... again. And this time it didn't involve any hospitalizations.



FOOTBALL:

W. Wabash 42



Hiram 14

Sep. 11

SOCCER:

W. Wabash 2



Principia 0

Sep. 10

W. Wabash 3



Fontbonne 1

Sep. 12

W. Wabash 5



Anderson 0

Sep. 14

SPORTS

Football Dominates Hiram

The Little Giants Score 42 Unanswered Points, Move to 2-0

LOGAN SMITH '23 & JUSTIN FISH '24 | ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR AND STAFF WRITER • The Wabash College football team was back in action over the weekend and did not disappoint. The Little Giants (2-0) annihilated the Hiram Terriers (1-1) and came home with a 42-14 victory. The Little Giants are 14-0 against the Terriers historically. Although early mistakes kept the team scoreless for much of the first quarter, Wabash persevered by scoring 42 unanswered points until late in the fourth quarter.

"We still had our hiccups," Head Coach Don Morel said. "We are working through them. And you know we got tremendous play on the offensive side. The offensive line dominated the football game. Those are names you never hear: Dane Smith [22], Bryce Adams [24], Thomas Bolen [22], Joe Mullin [23], Brandon English [23], Nathan Pairitz [23], Jackson Clayborne-Smith [22]. [They] all did a super job, you know, whenever you rush for over 300 yards. And then obviously our defense played well throughout the game. Will Olive [24] was the Defensive Player of the Week and did a super job for us."

Morel praised the offensive line for not only their performance but also their comradery. "It's a really good group," he said. "They've been together a long time. They lived together. You know, you never see one by themselves; there's always two or three. But we thought that was probably one of the best blocking games we have seen since I've been here."

The Little Giants featured a ground-pound offense that still managed to pass for four touchdowns. The Wabash offensive line helped the team rush for 301 yards over the weekend and produced three rushers for over 50 yards. Donovan Snyder '24 led the team in rushing with 134 yards on 23 carries and two rushing touchdowns. Ethan Haessig '25 debuted in the game and rushed for 63 yards on 11 carries. Despite an early interception, Liam Thompson '23 threw for 224 yards on 25 attempts and four passing touchdowns. The team receiving yard leader, Clayborne-Smith, added to his successful Rose-Hulman game, posting 53 yards for a season total of 121 yards. The longest scoring play of the day was a 27-yard reception by Derek Allen '24, who plowed his way through defenders for the touchdown.

The defense also shined for the Little Giants in the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) showdown over the weekend. Then defense opened the game out with a three-and-out with sacks coming from Seth Buresh '21, David Marsh '23, and Thomas Joven '24. Josh Meyers '22 led the team in tackles with nine, followed by Casey Crozier '22 with six, and Johnny Lamb

'22 with five. Olive and the defensive line spent time squeezing holes, forcing Hiram's running backs to run into Wabash defenders. The Little Giants held the Terriers to only 67 total rushing yards in the game.

It is a busy week for Wabash in preparation to face the Allegheny Gators (1-1). Tomorrow's game, which is the first home game of the season and the first game in Little Giant Stadium, also plays host to homecoming activities, Stadium Dedication Day, an induction for the Wabash Athletics Hall of Fame, and Senior Day. The Little Giants wish to build on their 66-26-8 all-time homecoming record. Their opponent, Allegheny, was held scoreless by Denison College, 31-0, in their NCAC opener. The Gators are averaging 21 points per game and giving up 22 points per game to their opponents. Allegheny quarterback Jack Johnson is a player to watch during the matchup. Johnson has thrown for 363 yards and 4 touchdowns across two games with only one interception. On defense, the Gators' linebacker Austin Ferguson is another player to keep an eye on. Ferguson has 12 tackles, one tackle for a loss, and one interception this season.

On the Wabash side, the offensive player to watch is Thompson. Opposing quarterbacks have thrown for 419 yards and 4 touchdowns against the Allegheny defense. With Thompson's hot start to the season, and a porous Gator defense, the Little Giant offense looks to have another big game. The defensive player to watch is Buresh, and more generally, the defensive line. The defense should have no problem at all generating pressure against Allegheny's offense as opposing defenses have produced three sacks and 12 tackles for loss.

"We have an idea of what they do, they just do a lot of things so we need to put the work in here," Morel said about Allegheny. "Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday cover everything, and then be ready on Saturday for something completely different."

With the amount of activities and importance for tomorrow's game, players are looking forward to taking the field against Allegheny. "I am extremely excited for homecoming," Josh Myers '22 said. "Being a senior now and seeing all my friends that have graduated and have gone on to have done some amazing things. To have some of those guys there on one of the most important games of my career, if not the most important [considering] a lot of my extended family will be there too. I just think it's an awesome experience and I'm really excited for it."

"I think it can be extremely difficult especially for some of the young guys that haven't really been exposed to that situation we are going



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Wabash defenders group together to tackle a Hiram player. The Little Giants used a team effort in all facets en route to a 42-14 win over the Terriers.

to be playing in," Myers said. "I think overall it is going to be an amazing experience and hopefully be able to take all of that emotion and energy and the craziness from the crowd and be able to channel that energy to become better players and hopefully keep that energy for the entire game and all 60 minutes to not only get a win but to play to the ability that the coaches know we can and we know we can and hopefully not make it too close of a game."

The field at Little Giant Stadium is being dedicated to Frank Navarro, who is a member of the Wabash Athletics Hall of Fame and took the 1977 Little Giants to the national championship game. Navarro was 26-17 during his four-year tenure at Wabash. Kevin G. Clifford '77 made a special donation that helped fund the beautiful stadium and requested that the field be named for Frank Navarro out of respect to his friend.

The team's seniors will also be honored for Senior Day. The seniors being honored this year include: Joey Annee, Thomas Bolen, Seth Buresh, Jackson Clayborne, Kenny Coleman, Casey Crozier, Ethan Demaree, Kamron

Ferguson, Jose Franco, Jacob Handley, Nick Hamman, Johnny Lamb, Andrew Jamison, Josh Myers, Matt Runyon, Dane Smith, and Abe Wade. Although these seniors aren't finished yet, they have a combined record of 16-5 and were conference winners in 2019 and 2018. Hall of Fame weekend is also this week and Wabash will be honoring individuals and teams that have had success in the classroom, athletics, and in the community. These individuals will enshrine themselves into becoming Wabash College legends.

Homecoming will bring in many current students, alumni, friends, and family. Homecoming brings the school together; it brings out old memories and creates some new ones. The football team's presence will only ensure that. The Little Giants are looking to improve their record to 3-0, 2-0 in NCAC play. Their energy will be at an all-time high, as this weekend presents another opportunity for the Little Giants to build momentum within the conference season. Wabash faces Allegheny at 2 p.m. in the new Little Giant Stadium tomorrow.

Team Effort Leads to Win

Wabash Excels on Both Sides, Prepares for First Home Game of 2021



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Liam Thompson '23 scampers down the sideline. Thompson produced another stellar game, completing 18/25 passes for 224 yards, 4 TDs, and 1 INT.



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Joe Mullin '23 (left) and Cameron Ford '25 (right) protect Thompson on a drop back. The offensive line was listed among the team's 'Week 2 Players of the Week.'



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Derek Allen '24 makes a move past a Hiram defender. Allen caught one of the four touchdowns thrown by Wabash.



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Kenny Coleman '22 pressures Hiram's quarterback. The defense had another dominant performance, holding the Terriers to just 14 points and 197 total yards.

Player Profile: Aleman '22

Cristian Aleman Serves as a Major Part of the Soccer Team's Senior Core

BEN BULLOCK '23 | STAFF WRITER • A popular saying among soccer enthusiasts is that “defending is a lost art.” This is, however, not the case for Little Giant center back Cristian Aleman '22. Quite the opposite, Aleman prides himself on his work ethic, aerial ability, and physicality. No wonder, then, he is so highly regarded by coaches, fans, and teammates alike.

A native of El Paso, Texas, Aleman came to Wabash from Socorro High School where he captained the team for three seasons. It did not take him long to settle in as a regular starter for the Wabash side. During his freshman year he featured in all 17 games, scoring one goal and garnering two assists over the course of an impressive debut campaign.

“I was approached by Wabash first because of soccer,” said Aleman. “I never really gave Wabash an opportunity or attention at first because it was in the middle of nowhere, but the community at Wabash is like no other. I’ve never seen anything like it anywhere else. I’ve played with a lot of seniors that have come and gone including Michael Tanchevski [‘20] and many other people. I would say Tank was the player I had the most chemistry with. When he was a junior, I was a freshman, so we played together for the longest time.”

However, it was not all plain sailing in his first year with the Little Giants. “Freshman year I was able to play every game, except for my second game when I got a red card,” he said. “Second game ever and I got a red card! I have a video of it, it’s kind of bad, but I still stand by my decision that I got the ball.”

Off the field, Aleman is a rhetoric major and brother of Kappa Sigma, as well as president of Unidos Por Sangre. Yet while the global pandemic of 2020 may have brought soccer to an abrupt halt, it certainly did not stop Aleman. If anything, it gave him a new



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Cristian Aleman '22 prepares to kick the ball downfield. Aleman has been a key part of the Wabash soccer team the last four years.

challenge to conquer. “Covid definitely affected the team, but it gave me a chance to work on my personal attributes,” he said. “I’ve been going to the gym every day, I changed my habits completely, and it opened my eyes to the fact that nothing lasts. Everything can change very quickly, and it did. It made me realize that I only have one more season left, my senior season, so I started working harder in the gym and on my technical attributes as a soccer player.”

This grit and determination shine through in Aleman’s playing style. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, he has so far made 41 appearances for Wabash and will no doubt rack up more before graduation. A tall, brough center half, his ethos is straightforward. “It’s always fun to bully some forwards, you know. Tackle them to the floor, body them, etc. That’s mainly because I like being a center back. I like being physical and aggressive, and several times through

the season I’ll body a guy and it will make me feel good. I don’t know, that’s just me.”

Although injury has prevented him playing in the side’s last few games, Aleman should be fully fit to feature in this weekend’s back-to-back fixtures against Hanover and Grinnell. Aleman’s return will no doubt be a weight off of the team’s shoulders, and with an attitude and playing prowess like Cristian’s it is clear to see why he is such a valued asset.

Soccer Wins Third Straight

Wabash Bounces Back After Skid, Shows Offensive Prowess



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Coledon Johnson '23 moves past Anderson defenders en route to the goal. Johnson is the leading goal-scorer for Wabash this season with eight goals in six games.

BLAKE LARGENT '22 | SPORTS EDITOR • The Wabash soccer team opened the 2021 season 1-2. A promising opener against Franklin College was diminished after two heartbreaking losses in the closing minutes. The first, a 2-1 loss to the University of Chicago on September 3, was followed by an overtime defeat, 4-3, against Rose-Hulman on September 8. Tough losses early in a season can often derail a young team. Yet, the Little Giants refuse to fall in the eyes of adversity. Wabash is now on a three-game winning streak, with impressive wins over Principia College, Fontbonne University, and Anderson University.

Just two days after their loss at Rose-Hulman, the Little Giants traveled to Illinois for a matchup against the Panthers of Principia. Wabash did not give the home team a chance for any last-minute efforts. Coledon Johnson '23 scored two goals, and the Little Giants held the Panthers scoreless, cruising to a 2-0 victory.

Wabash then traveled to Missouri for a Sunday matchup at Fontbonne University. Johnson again spearheaded the Little Giant offense, scoring in the 22nd minute to give Wabash a 1-0 lead. Fontbonne did respond, though, tying the game 1-1 after a goal in the 25th minute by Tanner Harris. The Little Giants clamped down for the remainder of the match. Two more goals, one off the foot of Alexis Delgado '23 and the other from Austin Hughes '23, sent Wabash to a 3-1 win in St. Louis.

After a two-game road trip, the Little Giants returned to Fischer Field on Wednesday. Wabash faced Anderson, in which the Little Giants had won their last nine matches against the Ravens. The last loss for Wabash in the teams' histories occurred in 2000. With back-

to-back wins and history seemingly on their side, the Little Giants sparked another electric performance for the home crowd.

Johnson's offensive momentum did not slow down. He opened the scoring just a minute into the match, scoring on an assist from Delgado. And four minutes afterwards, Johnson was on the board again. Adam Berg '22 delivered a pass to Hughes on the left side, who then guided the ball to Johnson for a 2-0 Wabash lead. The Little Giant offense was just getting started. At the 27-minute mark, Ben Wallace '25 scored on an unassisted effort to push the lead to 3-0. Moments later, Jordan Donsky '25 continued the avalanche, giving Wabash a 4-0 lead on an assist from Yuma Ozaki '24.

With the match sitting at 4-0, the Little Giants entered cruise control. And for good measure, Ozaki added a goal of his own in the 74th minute to produce a final score of 5-0 over Anderson. The Little Giants outshot the Ravens 25-13 in the contest, with Anderson only managing three shots on goal. Wabash has not scored five goals during a match since October 1, 2019 in a 5-2 win over Mount St. Joseph University.

While the Little Giants' recent success is certainly a team effort, the offense has been exceptional. Wabash is averaging three goals a game thus far. And in the midst of this offensive outpour is Johnson. With his two-goal performance against Anderson, Johnson now sits at eight goals in six games. If this pace remains throughout the remainder of the season, Johnson will tie the record for most goals scored in a single season. This record was set by Momodou Jagne '01, who scored 24 goals in the 1998 season.

Yet, despite the individual statistics that accompany scoring goals, Johnson

deferred his success to others. "I think it starts with the coach, and then carries on to the players surrounding me," he said. "It's not like I'm taking five guys on and scoring goals every game. It's a build up throughout every player on the field. I'm just in the right place at the right time to put the final touch away. I think it's the coaches, the players, and the trainers as well. We really all come together to provide that final result."

Johnson also spoke on the type of mindset he brings into each match. "Every match I go into it thinking that I'm going to score a goal," he said. "I go to bed thinking about it, I dream about it, the whole day I'm thinking about it. I just repeat over and over in my head seeing myself do that. And then when I'm on the field, I feel like I just get into a flow and I don't even think about that anymore. I just let the game come to me and just utilize what the game provides."

After a 1-2 start, Wabash's record now sits at 4-2. The matches against Chicago and Rose-Hulman were certainly heartbreaking challenges, but these results also provided a lesson for the Little Giant team that has blossomed into a winning streak. "I think every game is learning from our mistakes," Johnson said. "There's going to be tons of mistakes made. I think that, although we did lose those two very tight games, it showed what we are capable of as a team and the potential that we have. It gave us hope for the future, but it also reminded us that we still have a lot of work to do. We still have a lot of games [...] conference hasn't even begun yet, so it's good to get some of these strong teams under your belt to test yourself. We're going to be tested again this weekend for sure."

The tests sure are plentiful for this Wabash squad and a road matchup

against Hanover College is looming. The Little Giants will not have much time to reflect on their recent success. The Panthers enter the contest 3-1-1, including a 1-1 tie with Kenyon College. The Lords are the defending North Coast Athletic Conference champions from 2019 and sit atop the conference rankings this season.

"This weekend, I think it's going to be a big test, especially in the first match," Johnson said of the upcoming schedule. "Hanover recently tied Kenyon 1-1 a couple of weeks ago at Kenyon. [...] So, I think if we're able to produce a result there against Hanover, it will give us a lot of momentum going into conference play. I think that's going to be the biggest part or the biggest thing I'm looking forward to this weekend."

Johnson spoke eagerly about the team's performance thus far and the potential moving forward. "Compared to the seasons in the past, we hadn't been scoring a lot of goals," he said. "So I think it's super exciting that we're scoring goals as a team [this year]. I'm looking forward to being a part of more goals this weekend. And, also, just to see our team finally come together and overcome a very challenging opponent. I think that would be really satisfying. I just love being out there with the soccer guys, and win or lose, it's just what I love to do."

Wabash faces Hanover on the road tomorrow at 2 p.m. But the weekend action does not stop there for the Little Giants. Wabash returns to Fischer Field for a home matchup against Grinnell College on Sunday at 2 p.m. The Little Giants will look to continue their winning ways and potentially push their winning streak to five. If so, Wabash will have its first 5-game winning streak since the 2018 season.

Golf Places 7th in Opener

Weiss '24 and Lesniak '25 Lead Wabash, Team Hopeful for Season

BLAKE LARGENT '22 | SPORTS EDITOR • The fall golf season has officially begun. The Little Giants competed in the Battle at Belterra, hosted by Hanover College, on Sunday and Monday. Wabash grabbed 7th place in the 14-team tournament. And with a new coach at the helm, as well as a plethora of young talent, the golf team certainly has a bright future.

"I think the mindset is honestly to just go out and have fun and play their game," Head Coach Josh Hill said prior to the contest. "Each tournament is a learning experience. My expectations are to compete 110% and give ourselves the best chance to win the golf tournament. Every tournament has its positives and negatives, and no matter the result we will be better because of it. [...] We set big goals for this season, but we don't need to add any extra pressure on ourselves each week. If we continue to prepare the right way and enjoy playing tournament golf the results will speak for themselves."

The results were promising. Specifically, Brayden Weiss '24 and Matt Lesniak '25 offered a glimpse of the team's potential this season. Weiss and Lesniak both shot 151 over the course of the two-day tournament. Out of 76 total players, the Wabash duo tied for 12th place individually. Rounding out the Little Giants, Mark Poole '24 finished in 41st, Tim Neu '24 tied for 46th, and Conner Taylor '24 secured 54th place.

Wittenberg University claimed first place out of the 14 total teams, with the Tigers' Matthew Mattioli shooting a 144 to claim the top spot individually. Other

fellow North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) members were also present in the tournament. Allegheny College and Ohio Wesleyan University finished second and sixth respectively.

"It's good to get so many young guys experience early so they know how to handle tournament golf, pressure situations, and the meaning of 'every shot counts,'" Hill said. "At the end of the day one shot could be the difference between winning a tournament, a conference championship, or even a chance at a national championship."

The contest at Belterra offers Wabash a foundation to build from. The Little Giants have a bit of time to practice and improve as well, with the next competition taking place October 4-5. Hill spoke on the type of preparation he aims for with the team. "By creating a competitive atmosphere both in practice and in qualifying," he said. "Making sure everyone on the team is going above and beyond. Whether that is getting to the golf course after your last class in the afternoon, or going in the morning. Finding any available time throughout the day to get better. The main thing is practice like you play. Focus on every swing, putt, rehearsal so when it comes time for [a] tournament we are ready to roll."

Wabash returns to action in early October at the Wabash College Invitational. The tournament is the only fall competition to be hosted by the Little Giants. The contest will take place October 4-5 at the Broadmoor Country Club in Indianapolis, with a time yet to be determined.



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Brayden Weiss '24 putts a ball on the green. Weiss, along with Matt Lesniak '25, produced the top individual performance for Wabash.