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Feller to be Inaugurated as College’s 17th President



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After serving as a Professor of Chemistry and Dean of the College, Scott Feller becomes the 17th President of Wabash College. Feller’s tenure as President has so far been defined by his response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Today’s Inauguration marks a new chapter.

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• The last 18 months at the College have been marred by unforeseen, rapidly-changing circumstances for everyone involved. Today, October 8, the Wabash community will get a glimpse of what is to come. The College will begin a new chapter in its 189 years of existence that will allow for a merited step forward through the Presidential Inauguration of Dr. Scott E. Feller as the 17th President of Wabash College.

For over 20 years, faculty and students alike have known that Feller is not one for spectacle or overplaying a moment. Yet, he understands the gravity of his role in the current

critical times.

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-President Feller

“It is daunting to think that in 189 years that we’ve only had 17 presidents,” Feller said. “I do have this special realization that I have been blessed to be able to have a long association with the College.”

Feller’s atypical path in becoming President of the College through stepwise involvement, first with the Chemistry Department, then serving as Dean of the College, will equal a distinction that only Byron K. Trippet '30 has had at Wabash.

“It is certainly unusual that the way that I’ve become the President of the institution I’ve served for 24 years now,” Feller said. “My path is rare in higher education today, and it has not happened to Wabash since the 1950s with Byron K. Trippet,” Feller said.

Beyond the glitz and glamour, today’s Inauguration also signifies a true return to the Wabash community and atmosphere that only a few

current students have known and experienced.

“I became much more excited about the Inauguration after we experienced our Homecoming two weekends ago,” Feller said. “That kind of joy that you saw on people’s faces, to be both back on campus, and I think for those of us on campus, the joy we felt to host those people.”

The joy and significance that Feller and others possess leading into the weekend are not only for what the weekend entails, but for what this weekend represents in the grand scheme of the last two years on campus.

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Letter to the Editor: Professor Colin McKinney



First off, bravo to our four speakers from Chapel last week: Joe, Joseph, Zach, and James. I myself could not possibly have imagined speaking about being gay before a significant part of the campus community when I was an undergraduate student nearly twenty years ago: I was more worried about it coming out to my roommates and closest friends. Fortunately for all, the atmosphere has shifted since I was in college.

As one of the faculty advisors to ‘shOUT, I wanted to take a moment to share some of my own thoughts on the topics of “queer” history, coming out, and being gay. Yea, that’s right, the nerdy math professor who speaks Klingon and occasionally wears a Starfleet uniform to class and does ultra-nerdy computer stuff and likes guns and is from Texas...is gay. You see, being gay is only one dimension of my identity: an important one to be sure, but still just one. It’s also not a part of my identity that I chose, any more than I chose to be a man

or from a military family or white. This point baffled both of my parents when I came out (separately) to them.

I came out to my mother when I was 19, on National Coming Out Day 2002. She cried. A few years later, when we were driving on a road-trip, and after a period of extended silence, she randomly asked me: “But...how do you...know?” My answer was simple: I asked her the same question. She said “I guess I just did”. Precisely. We just do. The difference is that knowing that you are straight is “normal” and not just accepted by society, it’s expected. It’s default. For those of us who are LGBTQ+, us knowing that we are requires accepting that we are first. And as our four brave speakers shared with everyone, internal acceptance is incredibly difficult in itself. It is only after this internal acceptance, “coming in” we might say, that one can begin the process of “coming out.”

I say process because “coming out”

is not a singular event. It is one that continues over time, throughout one’s life, in different contexts and circumstances every time. Sometimes it’s easy, and sometimes it isn’t. Sometimes it’s in your control, and sometimes you’re “outed”. Let me just say, as someone who was “outed” in college and suffered some rather severe social consequences as a result...DO NOT do this to someone. Voluntarily sharing with someone is scary and potentially dangerous enough. For example, when I came out to one of my professors, someone to whom I looked for mathematical and intellectual guidance, the first thing out of his mouth was about prayer camps. DO NOT do this to someone. It was only last semester, after nearly twenty years of not speaking to him, that we corresponded again.

Finally, I’d like to talk about “queer history.” First, the word “queer.” Let me just say that personally I dislike the word “queer”. For me, it carries the tone and to some degree the weight of other slurs, like the F-word or N-word. But for some of my LGBTQ+ family, “queer” is the precise word they choose to use or find best describes them. This is an example of reappropriation; like appropriation itself, it is rife with controversy and disagreement. Also, “Queer Studies” and “Queer History” are terms used widely in the academic community for the study of LGBTQ+ people, works, and their place in history.

Second, some of the “history”. During his part of the chapel talk, Joe mentioned Alan Turing. Given that Turing was one of the greatest mathematicians of the 20th century, I would be remiss in not filling in some of the details. Turing was a foundational logician, publishing sweeping works in mathematical

logic. He essentially created the field of theoretical computer science, which considers what “computable” means. This field informs us, no matter how advanced or fast our computers are, of what is within the domain of possibility and what is forever out of reach. He was an instrumental part of the Allied effort to crack the various German “Enigma” encryption schemes, undoubtedly saving thousands of lives and perhaps even shortening the war. And yes, Alan Turing was gay. Remember when I said above that one can be a computer nerd and also be gay? Alan Turing invented this. After the war, in the early 1950s, the police became aware that Turing was gay when he reported that his house had been burglarized. He and his partner, Arnold Murray, were tried; Turing plead guilty. His punishment? A choice between imprisonment or hormone injections. Turing chose the latter and lost his security clearance. He committed suicide, likely by taking a bite of a cyanide laced apple, a few years later. Prime Minister Gordon Brown apologized on behalf of the British Government in 2009. Queen Elizabeth II formally pardoned Turing for his conviction in 2013. Today, Turing’s image and work appears on the £50 note: recognition, yes, but it falls woefully short for a man who should have been knighted rather than tried and convicted.

To conclude: for those of you who are in the process of discovering your LGBTQ+ identity, welcome to the family. As James put it, “you are still you.” For the rest of you, this advice equally applies, and we’re all thrilled that you have figured yourself out! We ask you to kindly do us the favor of accepting us for who we are, and help us be our best selves. We promise to do the same for you.

FELLER INAUGURATION, CONT.

“The joy we get to feel celebrating together in a way that’s been really hard over the last 18 months is another reason for why I am enthused,” Feller said.

After these last two years, the ability to travel is something the College is still re-adjusting to, and, for Feller, the weekend will include a few guests that stand out.

“It is also nice I have family coming from all over the country [including from his home state of Oregon], too many of whom have never been to Wabash College before,” Feller said.

Another group of guests that quickly caught Feller’s attention are former students whom he taught. Quite simply, it is a blessing Feller will not soon forget.

“A fair share of my former students will be on campus. Again, that is a benefit most college Presidents don’t have in that their former students return for their Inauguration,” Feller said.

As Feller will tell anyone, the focus is not on this weekend or on any particular day. As the last 18 months show, the entire campus is focusing on and working towards what comes next.

“We are going to hear a lot about

changes brought on in a post COVID-19 world,” Feller said. “I think for Wabash that involves not being afraid to innovate, while staying true to the College’s mission and core values.”

Though the past 18 months have brought about great changes in how the classroom experience looks, restrictions within the social scene of campus, and uneasiness over what lies next, the Wabash community’s undying determination resulted in a full year of uninterrupted in-person, on-campus learning for almost every student. This is something few, if any, other colleges have been able to achieve. To Feller, this leads to a resounding thematic conclusion: gratitude.

“I am grateful for the resilience that the campus has shown over the last 18 months. I think for those who see Wabash Always Fights as our athletic motto, it now represents our College more broadly,” Feller said. “When we get to the point where we can reflect on this experience there are a lot of things for us to be proud of.”

That being said, it will not get any easier for Feller, the College, or any higher education institutions throughout the country.

“All of private higher education is going to face some headwinds, as we have declining numbers of



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President Feller welcomes alumni back to campus at Alumni Chapel during Homecoming Week.

young people graduating from high school, along with questioning the value of college,” Feller said. “I think the COVID-19 pandemic can give us a roadmap for the significant challenges we will soon face.”

Feller’s Inauguration represents

many things for the many different types of people that make up the community he serves as President of the College. Still, more than anything, it is an opportunity to glance at what the future may hold for Wabash College.

Despite Vaccination Success, Respiratory Infections Surge



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Thanks to last April’s COVID-19 vaccination drive on campus, over 95 percent of Wabash students are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. This exceptionally high rate has allowed the College to roll back mask mandates in the classroom.

ALEX ROTARU ‘22 AND KIHYUN KIM ‘24 | MANAGING EDITOR AND ASSISTANT OPINION EDITOR • This week marked a return to mask-optional classes -- a welcome development in the ongoing Wabash fight against COVID-19. The campus vaccination data supports a triumphant narrative; 95 percent of students and 99 percent of full-time employees are vaccinated. Despite the good news,

it would be an undue conclusion to announce victory against COVID-19 at this point -- this is not the end of the fierce battle between Wabash students and disease. With COVID variants devastating the off-campus community and a respiratory infection surging on campus, Wabash health woes are not yet over.

While Wabash is well protected against COVID-19, the surrounding

community is not. According to the CDC, between September 29 and October 5, Montgomery County has had 119 new cases and a 9.5% positivity rate. The current vaccination rate of eligible people in the county is 48.2%.

“Almost 99% of [Montgomery County] cases are the Delta variant,”said Dr. Scott Douglas ‘84, Montgomery County Health Officer.

Though transmission remains high, Montgomery and the surrounding counties have been seeing a decrease in the number of cases. However, “despite our cases coming down, we’re still seeing our hospitalizations fairly high, and our deaths are starting to bump up,” Dr. John Roberts ‘83, Montgomery County Deputy Health Officer, said. “And it’s [Wabash students’] age group, 20 to 29, who got the most people infected.”

To predict Indiana’s COVID trends in the coming months, Roberts pointed to the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation. Though the county cases are slowly decreasing now, they will eventually plateau and then increase again by December.

“With the Delta variant, it really started to surge dramatically in Florida in July, and then started to kind of peak and start to come down. And so they’re able to use Florida, Alabama, and Missouri, who’ve all had peaks, as a model to kind of predict what may happen to Indiana,” said Douglas.

Despite COVID surging in the surrounding counties, Wabash has done an excellent job of keeping COVID-19 at bay, with only 6 cases identified since the beginning of the semester.

“I’ve been very impressed with Wabash students overall,” Douglas said. “And they have been as a group, very considerate and of the masking policies, and have been I think very

considerate of other folks and what their worries are about COVID-19.”

In addition to battling COVID-19, Wabash is currently facing the spread of a respiratory infection. Chris Amidon, nurse in the Wabash College Student Health Center, commented on the spread.

“So far this semester, we have tested 22 sick people who did not have COVID, but some other kind of upper respiratory infection,” said Amidon.

“I think part of the reason so many people are sick right now is that we’ve been well-protected from respiratory germs because of washing hands more often, wearing masks, and people got conditioned to stay home when they were sick,” said Amidon. “Now, we’re approaching a more “normal” time, even though COVID is still a big problem in the US and in Indiana, so we’re being exposed to more pathogens than we were last year.”

Amidon offered advice to students dealing with these milder illnesses.

“One just needs to drink plenty of fluids, get a lot of rest, and let the immune system work it out,” Amidon said. “Several people got secondary infections when their illness hung on for more than a couple of weeks or so—ear infections, bronchitis, things like that.”

Another important preventative measure, according to Amidon, is the seasonal flu shot. Students who missed the flu shot drives on campus can still get one at CVS, Walgreens, or Walmart.

The best preventative measure is still common sense. More precisely, we should remind each other that we have to continue to wash our hands, cover our mouths when we cough, and stay home when we are severely ill.

With Fall Break approaching, Wabash must stay vigilant in order to keep our campus healthy.

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American Taste and Authenticity



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When I say something is authentic, you probably have a sense of what I mean. A synonym that may come to mind could be “true.” Like, “This is a true or authentic Babylonian artifact.” It has an air of legitimacy or realness to it. Hence it is authentic. There is also a subtle nuance to the word’s usage in regular parlance with an association to what is foreign. The most common use in my experience is with food. We’ve probably seen hanging awnings over a downtown cafe that advertises something to the effect of “Macaroons, Crepes, Croissants, Authentic French Pastries.” But what makes them authentic? I personally don’t profess to have any claim to knowing authenticity in anything when I see it. Nevertheless, as someone who has thought about it with a hermeneutic of suspicion, I have a reservation

about the usage of this word that may be intriguing. Hot take, I think this word is perhaps used too often; I don’t think that the common person is versed enough to detect authenticity; and I think there is something in its colloquial usage that is uniquely American for the wrong reasons.

Since I have already used food as an example, I’d like to continue using it as it’s probably the most familiar way the term arises. Principally, what is the appeal of authentic food? What comes to mind is knowing that the meal was probably prepared using a technique from wherever the specific food was from originally. But how could I ever know? Well, I could have visited the place where it was from. Perhaps I’ve had tacos at a taqueria in Mexico City. That may reveal the authenticity of a taqueria that claims to have authentic Mexican tacos. But what if the owners of said taqueria are from Yucatan? Would that make it less or equally as authentic? Oddly enough, anthropologists know that the taco comes from the lake region of the Valley of Mexico, where Mexico City presently is. That’s a 650 miles regional difference. Does this present a quandary? In my mind, both, of course, would be authentic no matter if they were prepared by someone from Yucatan, Jalisco, or Veracruz—pick and choose the state you want. But I think this specificity supports authenticity, but that is contrary to how we use the word. This construction of authenticity

begins to fall apart quickly.

Another example could be something like wiener schnitzel. If I go to Germany and have a German wiener schnitzel, is that an authentic schnitzel? Or should I prefer the wiener schnitzel in Vienna, Austria, for authenticity’s sake? The answer could very well be that I should choose the Wiener schnitzel in Vienna because that’s where it’s from. In fact, the Viennese have a government sanction on wiener schnitzel where the foodstuffs that make it up are legally protected from deviation, designated as a “protected geographical indication.” Now that’s an authentic schnitzel. But let’s say that an ambitious Viennese immigrant butcher decides to make wiener schnitzel in Crawfordsville, Indiana, from the veal in the area. Would it still be authentic if he uses regionally dissimilar cows? Perhaps it doesn’t matter in the least in matters of taste and methods of preparation. But that government sanction may very well say it’s not up to spec.

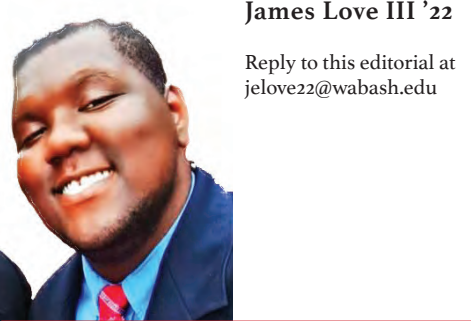
The big reveal, authenticity is probably arbitrary in function. And I’m sure my exhaustive belaboring of its unclear nature hasn’t been incredibly illuminating of anything other than that fact. But I see something about the use of “authentic” in the United States as an unintentional marketing trick. Authenticity may be this weird proxy for an experience of something alien. I’d wager that the lengths to which things that profess to be authentic are measured by versed judges of

authenticity based on geographical origin, method of preparation, or food sourcing is not very often. When we encounter authentic food, there is an evident superficiality of our analysis.

Perhaps it boils down to something as simple as when we see the color of someone’s skin in the kitchen; we assume some length of authenticity. Authenticity, therefore, acts as this double-edged sword that I can say at least for the United States both neuters the word’s meaning and renders the consumer a passive partaker of a proxy for foreign immersion. It leaves you thinking that to experience something outside of what we understand, it has to be done our way, safely and to our taste—defeating the purpose. Even though food may profess the authenticity related to where it came from, it may be more in the air of complementing a customer’s perceived sophistication of their knowledge of foreign cultures and experiences. “Oh, but we should go here! This is where the authentic food is.”

Therefore, authenticity takes up this weird space where it ensures something that cannot be confirmed or denied, yet there is no way to ensure good faith. It seems to me that it is more of an appeal to Americans’ want to be cultured and to be able to experience something foreign on a whim. But it also indicates to us that it isn’t fully a bastardization catered to our preference, kind of like a zoo.

You are more than OK; You are Loved.



James Love III '22

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This past week I did a chapel talk with Zach Alvarado, Joseph Julian, and alum Joe Mount. We talked about our own personal struggles with coming out and what that means for us and our world. I talked about what coming out and being a gay man meant to me, but I didn’t get to say all I wanted to, and I think this would be the best time to say a little bit more.

Coming out; it’s easier said than done. It has its own hardships, but I won’t speak for the others when I say that my coming out was my own personal hell to rise from. Every minute of every second was me asking myself if I was worthy to see heaven, or if I was

even worthy to live. I would sit and think to myself, “why bring this shame on everyone I hold dear? Why live to see the disappointment on their faces when I tell them?”. From a young age, I realized that some people in my family felt negatively about anyone who was gay, and I let their opinions define my relationship with them going forward.

From then on, I figured that I could sit in my room alone and “pray the gay away”, then it would magically be over, and I could be the “normal” straight kid that did what everyone told him to. Then I thought that if I prayed enough, or if I prayed a little harder and been a little more sincere, it would have worked already. Little did I know that a thought process that toxic would trigger my relationship with religion and send me down the rabbit hole of how I was doomed from the start because I thought that God didn’t want to listen to me, and I disappointed him too.

I lost all sense of self and ran from the thought of me liking another guy, ever. I held in all my thoughts, worries, insecurities and my fears from people who said that they loved me, but all I could think about was how long that “love” of theirs would last

once they finally found out about me. I was beginning to isolate myself from everyone to keep them from digging in more and asking more questions, and for a while, it worked.

That was until I started high school, where I met kids that were already making peace with themselves and finally living their own lives, and all I could do was look at them with awe and wonder. Wondering to myself, “is this what it means to be celebrated and loved for being YOU?” and I grew sad thinking that I couldn’t have that, because what would my parents say? It was my chosen family that was, themselves, evolving and showing me that growth comes in all forms and that you are loved regardless of who you love and that you deserve love too.

It wasn’t until my senior year of high school that I formally came out, but by the time I did, everyone was already waiting for me at the finish line to celebrate. It was here that I learned that I had made up all the drama and restrictions in my head and prevented people from getting to know the real me, because I was scared of falling short of expectations. My chosen family gave me the foundations for self-love, but it was up to me to keep the fight

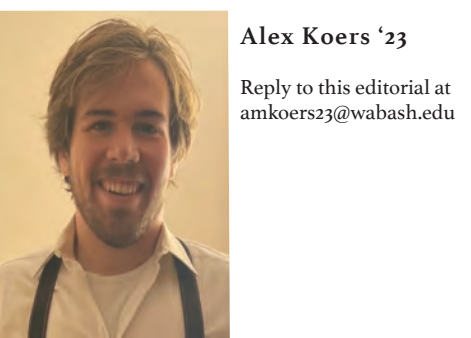
going because the fight doesn’t stop once you come out, it gets harder, and it gets real.

I wasn’t lying last week when I said that I still struggle with my own thoughts getting the best of me. It is now a habit that I must break; constantly putting myself down and thinking no one cares about me and that the world would just keep going and that I wouldn’t be missed. So, I’m still learning to love myself and I’m still learning that people do honestly care about me, I just must allow myself to believe them when they say it.

If you skimmed through this piece, or just skipped to the end, at least let me leave you with this: coming out is overrated. This is YOUR journey, and you are allowed to not let anyone who doesn’t have your best interest at heart go on this journey with you. Coming out isn’t about you letting just anyone know, it’s really all about letting in the people who you know care for you and want to see you grow. You don’t owe anyone anything and you don’t need people telling you how to live and who to love.

So, when you’re ready to go on your journey, just know this: You are more than ok, you’re loved.

Studieren in Österreich (Studying in Austria)



Alex Koers '23

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At Wabash, study abroad has been somewhat of a tradition. Before I came here as a freshman, I distinctly remember hearing of all the places Wabash men have gone and experiences that they had from Spain, France, Thailand, Australia, to where I am currently writing this opinion piece, Salzburg, Austria. (PS there are no kangaroos in Austria)

I want to begin by saying that I wholeheartedly recommend diving into a study abroad experience regardless of what you study. I thought as a chemistry major, I would be unable to graduate on time if I took as semester away from Wabash but remember: you are at Wabash. Your professors want you to get a wholistic education and will work with you to make it work.

Don’t let your area of study hold you back from your international dreams.

This particular semester has been an atypical experience all around considering COVID-19 and its status globally. Travel is still odd, and the vibe of airports is one of fear, both of covid and of having filled out paperwork wrong. Bureaucracy has had its way with travel.

I was worried about the COVID regulations here preventing me from experiencing study abroad properly. Within one week of arriving the government of Austria mandated FFP2 masks (think N-95) for all public transport again. This had me immediately worried considering I had not been there but 3 days and already regulations are tightening. No more restrictions have come to pass, and as its more or less the same here as in the US with COVID. Bars and restaurants have been requiring proof of vaccination, a negative test in the last 72 hours, or proof of infection in the last 120 days. This means that most social spaces are completely open for people who have this paperwork including the annual fall festival here called Ruperikiertag which was a blast.

Beyond just the novel aspects of travel in COVID times, the country of Austria has been a hell of an

experience. I wish I could convey the natural beauty of this nation and this city of Salzburg. I am in the very northern tip of the alps, with planes to my north and some of the largest mountains in Europe to my south. Hiking is wonderful here, with the nearby Geisberg being a 20-minute bus away. Living your whole life in Indiana really makes you appreciate the views here. Although Turkey run and Shades are beautiful, it’s hard to beat the foothills of the Alps.

Beyond the nature of the country, the people I have met have been phenomenal. There is a stereotype that Germans are unfriendly, but any Austrian will quickly remind you that they are not Germans. They have much of the same community focused and friendly demeanor of the Midwest I am familiar with. You can show up to any bar/beer hall and meet your new group of friends within 10 minutes. Doesn’t hurt that everyone speaks great English.

The culture here is similar to the US in many ways but differs in the finer details. For example, I have found that Austrians are way more willing to discuss politics casually than Americans, catching me off guard as someone casually brings up a contentious issue while getting

coffee. As well, it is still a bit jarring to see a 16 year old order themselves a beer and grab a cigarette, as that is the minimum age to drink or smoke. One last thing I particularly enjoy is the cheap food served every day at the market in front of the University church, where I can get a fresh sausage and a warm roll for about 4 euro.

If one does decide to study abroad, remember the word study is in there too. For my program, we are all American students on a single semester study, with all of our classes consisting of just the 7 of us and are all taught in English. It is easy to forget that Wabash is genuinely rigorous when my classmates were complaining about a 10-page reading when I’m used to 20-40 minimum plus a writing assignment. But the courses for abroad programs tend to be broader topics, like a class I’m in titled Protection of Human Rights, or regionally specific, like the Contemporary Austrian Culture course. Be prepared for not being able to find core classes for your major but focus on getting some of the more general course credits.

It has been an amazing four weeks thus far here in Austria and I can’t recommend enough going for study abroad, as it is an experience that you really can only have once.

The Amateurs Debuts to Live Audience



JAKE PAIGE '23 / PHOTO

The Theater Department opened their first live audience performance at 8:00pm on Wednesday night with *The Amateurs*. “This play squarely addresses the struggle for survival in a pandemic, but it does so in a wildly entertaining way,” said Director Michael Abbott. “It’s a dark comedy, which gives us a channel of communication to engage big, difficult questions.”



JAKE PAIGE '23 / PHOTO

The Amateurs, written by Jordan Harrison, follows an acting troupe as they travel across Europe amidst the Black Plague.



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The cast features just seven actors, which includes a healthy mix of both veterans and newcomers.

Fashionable Insights for Wabash



PHOTO / WILLIAM GRENNON '24

K'tren Wilson '24 (Pictured left) and Carson Price '23 (Pictured right) offering us a glimpse into two unique selections from their personal wardrobes.

WILLIAM GRENNON '24 | CAVELIFE EDITOR • Wabash College is hardly known for its fashion culture. Our alumni network, access to professors, or gender ratio maybe, but you'd be hard-pressed to find someone who came to Wabash for the role fashion plays on campus. In fact, for some, the lack of prevalence placed on things like what you wear to class might have been what enticed them to come to Wabash in the first place. But for students who do place importance on style and fashion, even around campus, creative self-expression is an important outlet. Carson Price '23 remembers his journey in finding his own sense of style as really starting after getting to Wabash.

“I think getting to college allowed me to somewhat reinvent who I was and that included my style,” said Price. “Over the past two years or so, I’ve finally been able to figure out what ‘my style’ really is but I’m always refining it.” Drawing inspiration from the likes of Evan Mock and Frank Ocean, Price has especially enjoyed seeing the crossover between skateboarding and more traditional fashion culture. The development of streetwear as a leading fashion trend has radically influenced style around the world. Even at Wabash, you can often find the streetwear influence in what guys are wearing. Likewise, shoe culture has also exploded over the past decade. Not only is having sneakers that look

good and can complement an outfit important, but the practice of buying and selling rare and limited edition sneakers has grown in popularity as well. For Price, shoes are a significant piece of his outfits every day. Not do they tie a look together, but they also serve a functional role. Even here at Wabash, Zach Myers '22 started his own footwear shop, Bash Boy Kicks, to capitalize on the craze. Even after feeling like he grew into his own style through his first years at Wabash, Price continues to learn from others. “Here at Wabash, I feel like there’s a pretty wide range of styles you can see around campus. You’ll find a lot of guys wearing athletic clothes, but I also see some really unique fashion from people which is refreshing,” said Price. “I lived in downtown Philadelphia for the summer and spent some time around some people in the fashion scene so I got to see some truly great styles there. Making friends with a lot of artists and skaters in the Philly area allowed me to be around a lot of other people who’ve really spent a lot of time figuring out their own unique take on fashion which I loved.” The cultural ties within fashion trends and standards can sometimes be hard to see but are some of the most influential. As Price touches on, recognizing those differences provides an opportunity to appreciate and even incorporate new aspects of fashion into one’s own wardrobe. K'tren “K” Wilson 24’ credits the fashion of the past as inspiration for the looks he showcases on campus and the fit showcased for this piece. “Apparel for men back then was bold and flamboyant, and only recently began... boring,” said Wilson. Looking just look to those within the fashion industry. From influencers like Boon Vivant to actors like Cameron Boyce, his conception of style can even draw from politicians like Pierre Laurent. Wilson, a Psychology and Theater major, utilizes fashion and styling to represent and express himself to all fortunate enough to catch a glimpse.

“I think I have gone from trying to find and utilize “statement pieces” to trying to make an entire outfit a statement,” said Wilson. “In the past, I would obsess over trying to find that one thing that “popped,” and I still do, but I feel that I have learned to appreciate these pieces as an equally important element of dress as each of the others.” The very nature of fashion and style is grounded in elasticity and the ability to experiment. Like all forms of art, there is no one way to approach a look and no right way to be dressed. While the editors of Vogue might not appreciate the daring use of reflective vests against gray sweats, the beloved Ryne outfit is a classic look on campus. Because at the end of the day, what someone chooses to wear is a story they decide to tell. “Fashion is powerful because of its potential to influence a community,” said Wilson. “Fashion gives us the ability to express the reality of our condition at a given time or maybe even the ability to escape those conditions if even temporarily. The power is the fact that whatever you put on becomes of who you are and your story.” From Princess Diana’s ‘revenge dress’ to the shirts made and worn for the Montgomery Bus Boycotts, the agency that fashion can provide is potent. Wilson eludes to the importance of even the smallest amount of control over how others see us or even how we see ourselves. For Wilson however, the focus remains on the process as much as the end result. A model and technician in The Haze Fashion Show on campus last year, Wilson has continued contributing to the Wabash fashion scene through his costuming work with the Theater Department. As for personal style, you can always find him walking to class rocking a distinctly ‘K’ outfit. Exploring anything from a cutoff to a turtle neck, he’ll keep pushing to find what fits him best. If you know someone you’d like to see featured in a future piece like this one, please email wkgrenno24@wabash.edu.

30th Year Anniversary of 'shOUT



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(Pictured Left to Right) Joe Mount '15, Joseph Julian '22, Zachariah Alvarado '23, and James Love III '22, deliver their talk titled, "Past, Present, and Future of Queer History" outside Pioneer Chapel.

WILLIAM GRENNON '24 | CAVELIFE EDITOR • This October marks the 30th anniversary of 'shOUT's establishment at Wabash College. 'shOUT serves at the Gay-Straight Alliance on campus. Charged with promoting diversity and inclusion around campus and the creation of a safe space for all students, 'shOUT has served an integral role in changing the culture on campus since its inception. A feat they accomplished through events, providing support, and promoting visibility, in some cases at great personal expense. It would be a disservice to their sacrifices to not recognize that the Wabash we have come to know today was quite different from the Wabash that the founding members of 'shOUT navigated.

The work of those members and the countless faculty, staff, and alumni, most recently culminated in a chapel talk in honor of LGBTQ+ History Month. Yet even today, despite that distinction, gay, bisexual, and questioning students deal with obstacles and prejudices which their straight peers never need to face. The LGBTQ+ students of today endure a culture, while far from perfect, is more understanding than the reality thirty years ago. Death threats, harassment, social ostracization, and even assault awaited the openly gay student in the early 1990s. A history of discrimination and oppression, sometimes easily overlooked.

Joseph Julian '22, the current Vice President of 'shOUT, paints a somewhat different picture of Wabash today.

"It has certainly become easier for some of us to come out to Wabash, thanks to the courageous example of others, but I know that isn't necessarily true for everyone," said Julian. "To be perfectly honest, our students may still face

additional challenges based on where they live or with whom they associate. Some living units or groups are more accepting than others, of course. There's also the issue of identity. There's no 'one way' to be LGBTQ+, but oftentimes we act as if all gay people want or need the same things, and they don't. The wider the cross-section of campus, (fraternity brothers and independent men, athletes and artists, people with different backgrounds and interests, etc.) that 'shOUT represents, the better. LGBTQ+ people are all of those things! We're stronger in our diversity, and we need that right now, in order for our voices to carry more weight."

Wabash being an all-male institution also contributes to a culture that can often perpetuate homophobia, even today. In stressing the ideals and model of what a Wabash Man is, consciously or unconsciously, we can create a standard that suffocates those who cannot conform.

"We might tend to think there's a particular mold all Wabash men are expected to fit, but that's not true, of course," said Julian. I firmly believe that the best way for this campus to become a more inclusive place is for there to be LGBTQ+ people and allies represented everywhere on campus. I'm very optimistic about that."

In order to create a truly inclusive campus, all students have an active part to play. Choosing compassion and empathy first for fellow Wabash brothers and doing the little things to support one another can make a big difference.

"As they say, if you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem," said Julian. "Make sure to promote respect everywhere you go. That way, people know you support them, and that

it's perfectly ok. That doesn't mean just not using words or sayings like 'that's gay,' but it's about affirming the positive things, like referring to people's girlfriends or boyfriend in conversation."

Through those small and easy acts of inclusion and kindness, every student at Wabash can contribute to a more inclusive campus.

The work of 'shOUT continues, as they aim to push Wabash further and

further towards an inclusive and safe environment for all students, regardless of identity. In addition to the 30th anniversary of 'shOUT's founding, October is home to both LGBTQ+ History Month and National Coming Out Day. No matter how you identify, this month provides a chance to learn more, acknowledge, and pay tribute to the remarkable stories of the past, and support one another.

The controversy decided: Student Senate recognizes 'shOUT

From The Bachelor 02-18-1993

by Royce Smith

Last night, by a vote of 15-11, the Student Senate recognized 'shOUT as an official campus organization. The decision quieted two years of confrontational discussions, attempts to persuade the Wabash campus to focus more on unity and diversity, and three failed attempts to receive Student Senate recognition. 'shOUT is the organization designed to promote the acceptance and the understanding of gay, lesbian, and bisexual lifestyles on the Wabash campus.

According to Kent Sorenson, an active member of 'shOUT, the organization has sought Student Senate recognition three previous times. The first attempt was made in 1991 when the voting yielded a tie which was broken by Pete Horvath—then the Student Senate president—in opposition to 'shOUT's recognition. The second attempt, made in the spring of 1992, yielded more opposition and the third even more. One unfamiliar with the Wabash community might think that these failed attempts would yield an attitude of hopelessness. But, according to Michael Czerwicz—'shOUT member and former parliamentarian—each attempt brought increased support from the gay and heterosexual community including several members of the Wabash faculty.

'shOUT first applied for Student Senate recognition in the fall of 1991. The vote was a tie, broken by the President, against recognition. 'shOUT immediately applied again, then a third time in February of 1992. Each time the vote was a no. On February 17, 1993 a vote was again called. The condensed article above tells of the debate and the vote.

After Student Senate representative noted that the discussion had disintegrated into "cheap theatrics as far as sleeping with a cow," a motion was made to close open discussion. After some discussion as to the propriety of roll-call and accountability, the Student Senate voted to hold voting on a roll-call basis. The monotonous nature of the room was suffocating, but after much apprehension and hope on the part of 'shOUT members and other concerned individuals, the motion to recognition 'shOUT passed 15-11.

Following the vote, mixed reactions were abundant. Kent Sorenson said, "I am very, very happy. . . we have moved forward toward a more positive generation in the Wabash community. Though this recognition will not eliminate the prejudices against gays, lesbians, and bisexuals, we are one step closer to dealing with these issues."

Tansinsin was equally elated, not only because he desired 'shOUT to be recognized, but also because he desires the Wabash campus to be more unified. He was glad that the representatives of Student Senate "made a choice keeping in mind the future of Wabash College." With a smile of satisfaction, Tansinsin commented that despite his initial fear that 'shOUT might not be recognized, he now viewed the campus as "becoming more aware of diversity and bringing several issues to the surface."

Notwithstanding, some people who walked out of Sparks Center last night were not so thrilled. Brent Waltz, a strong opponent of this recognition throughout the meeting, wrote in a prepared statement, "I hope Wabash realizes what will happen in terms of the college's reputation and future admissions size because of the vote tonight."

Ian Karnell, showing few signs of dejection following the rather close, yet successful vote, simply said, "I tried."



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'shOUT is Wabash's LGBTQ+ organization on campus. "It's a GSA (gay-straight alliance), which means it's about being visible and present to show solidarity between all sorts of people, however they identify," said Joseph Julian '22. "In that respect, we've come a long way, as visibility among students, faculty, staff, and alumni has increased drastically in 30 years."

Reviewing Would You Rather (2012)

WILLIAM GRENNON '24 | CAVELIFE EDITOR • The American horror-thriller film *Would You Rather* centers around the story of a dinner party game. Offered a once in a lifetime chance to play, the only rule is that contestants must make a simple decision each round. The film, directed by David Levy, gives us a horror-ish glimpse at social psychology under the utmost duress.

Written by Steffen Schlachtenhaun, the story follows a young woman named Iris, played by Brittany Snow, in curing her younger brother's leukemia. His oncologist introduces Iris to Shepard Lambrick. A wealthy

philanthropist and the head of a major foundation, Lambrick offers her a seat at the table in his dinner party game in exchange for his help in treating her brother. Iris goes on to accept his invitation and shows up to find a group of seven other contestants.

Rounding the dinner table is a whole cohort of characters. All very different, but peculiarly, all very familiar at the same time. From elderly grandmother to alcoholic debtor, the diners all too soon learn the cost of what they seek.

The game, as you may have expected, is would you rather. Players are offered a choice between two options, for example, "would you rather skydive

or scuba dive." In Lambrick's devilish adaptation, the choice is much more gruesome. With just fifteen seconds to decide, the question offered in the first round asks players to decide to either electrocute themselves or the person next to them. Faced with a simple choice, players must grapple with the social and physical ramifications of that choice since the other players' have equal influence in the outcome of the game.

As audience members, it almost feels as if we are working backward compared to watching other films. Instead of watching a character develop throughout the movie, they

practically deconstruct on screen.

Amidst the terror, we also get to see how people respond to other people's choices. But horror junkies be warned, *Would You Rather* is much more a thriller than a true horror film.

In my eyes the film is quite similar to the popular new Netflix show *Squid Games*. While a slightly older film, I would recommend *Would You Rather* to any group of people looking for a thrilling yet thought-provoking movie. In talking about the choices you might make if seated at Shepard Lambrick's dining table, you might realize you don't know your friends as well as you might think!

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Celebrating Gelbman's New Book



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Dr. Gelbman teaches political science with a focus on the Civil Rights Movement.

JAKOB GOODWIN '23 | OPINION EDITOR • Dr. Shamira Gelbman, Professor of Political Science joined a group of Wabash professors who have published books this year with the release of her first book, *The Civil Rights Lobby: The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights and the Second Reconstruction*. This book is the culmination of more than ten years of her research that began even before she came to Wabash. In her book, Gelbman presents her research on the formation and development of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights and its role in lobbying for, amongst other things, the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Gelbman's research focuses on interest groups, social movements, civil rights, and the lobbying efforts by interest groups. She is breaking ground in research on this issue. This book is one of the first on the development of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. The LCCR is a lobbying group that was formed in the 1950s. Gelbman said that the most impactful event in their history was their major change in 1963. Before then, they were an organization made up of volunteers working out of an NAACP office, but in '63, the LCCR opened a DC office to coordinate the lobbying effort. This change was the most important finding in Gelbman's research.

This book is the culmination of research that Gelbman became interested in during graduate school at the University of Virginia, but the book itself has taken just over three years to write and publish. Gelbman did most of the writing during her sabbatical in 2018 & 2019 and has spent the last two years editing and revising her book.

In addition to her book, Gelbman just returned from an American Political Science Association event where she got to present research related to this book that looks at the individual lobbyists who had been working in DC before the LLRC. The research in her book and the research she presented at APSA explore the rise of the United States' administrative state.

Gelbman's research has influenced her classes and the class offerings of the Political Science department, which just made PSC-214, the Politics of the Civil Rights Movement, a regular offering rather than a topics class. Her research has also brought about a class on Freedom Summer. This class has also influenced the way that Gelbman thinks about the researching and writing process that Political Science majors go through for senior seminar.

Next Monday, Wabash will celebrate Gelbman's new book at the Caleb Mills House at 4:15.

HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

DON'T GET ANY IDEAS

Hi-Five to Squid Game for giving the Sphinx Club next year's update to Chapel Sing battles. Pledges who fail to stop marching when the Rhynies shout "Red Light" will be eliminated.

"FACEBOOK DOESN'T CRASH"

Lo-Five to the folks at Facebook for crashing Facebook, Instagram, and Whatsapp for hours. Was The Zuck running his entire platform on Eduroam?

RAZORS PLEASE, GENTLEMEN

Lo-Five to the weak "beards" suddenly visible all over campus. We finally can ditch the masks, but we have to suffer middle school facial hair once more. Yikes.

COLOSSAL CAJONES

Hi-Five to Coach Don Morel's ballsy play calling in the overtime win against Denison. Here's to Frank Reich's inevitable successor.

A SINGER IN A SMOKY ROOM

Hi-Five to Jaguars Head Coach Urban Meyer for getting caught at a bar with a woman who isn't his wife. That's one way to get canned from coaching in Jacksonville - we can't blame you.

SPORTS

FOOTBALL:

W. Wabash 39
D. Denison 38
Oct. 2

SOCCER:

W. Wabash 1
H. Hiram 0
Oct. 2

GOLF:

W. Wabash 10th/14 at
Wabash Inv.
Oct. 4-5

CROSS COUNTRY:

W. Wabash 24th/42 at
Louisville Classic
Oct. 2

Football Wins OT Thriller

Gutsy Play Call Pushes Wabash past Denison, Little Giants Sit atop NCAC

JAKOB GOODWIN '23 | OPINION EDITOR • The Wabash Little Giants (4-0, 3-0 NCAC) added another to the win column this past weekend in a road thriller in Greenville, Ohio against the Denison Big Red (3-2, 3-1 NCAC). This weekend's game took Wabash fans through every emotion imaginable in four quarters and an overtime period. This upcoming weekend brings Oberlin College (0-5, 0-4 NCAC) to Crawfordsville for Wabash's second home game of the season.

The first quarter of Saturday's matchup was all Wabash. With a pair of Liam Thompson '23 touchdowns, one to Jackson Clayborne '22 with seven minutes left and the other to Heisman Skeens '23 with two minutes remaining, the Little Giants started the second quarter up 14-0 on a Big Red team that struggled to get started. Denison produced just 48 yards in the first quarter.

The second quarter brought the points in droves. The Big Red made two field goals, to which Jacob Handley '22 responded with a field goal of his own. Denison followed with a touchdown and two-point conversion. The first half ended with the Little Giants leading 17-14 and the Big Red set to receive the second half kickoff. Wabash had amassed 196 yards in the first 30 minutes, holding Denison to 157, but that would change quickly.

The third quarter started fast. The Big Red returned the kickoff 93 yards for a touchdown to take a 21-17 lead just 12 seconds into the second half. Denison would put another three points on the scoreboard after a Wabash three-and-out to take a 24-17 lead with just over four minutes left in the third quarter. The Little Giants responded by driving quickly for a Thompson and Cooper Sullivan '23 connection for seven, tying the game 24-24 with 30 seconds left in the third.

The fourth quarter started with three back-and-forth punts before Donovan Snyder '24 punched it in to give the Little Giants a 31-24 lead with 2:46 left in regulation. The Big Red moved quickly to tie the game at 31-31 with just over 20 seconds to go. Thompson came to the field and took a knee to send the game to overtime. On that decision, Head Coach Don Morel said that it was down to "common sense. The chance of driving the ball down the field in the pouring rain is highly unlikely."

Denison started overtime with the ball and struggled to move the ball on a Wabash defense that held them to under 350 yards. The Big Red were bailed out by a late pass interference call on the Little Giants, allowing them within the 10-yard line. Denison capitalized on its second chance with a



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The Wabash sideline celebrates in the rain as Jackson Clayborne '22 catches the game-winning pass from Liam Thompson '23. The Little Giants completed a risky two-point conversion in overtime, resulting in a 39-38 win over the Denison Big Red.

rushing touchdown and a PAT, pushing the score to 38-31. Wabash then received the ball with a chance to respond.

Thompson and the Wabash offense worked to the Denison one yard line, which then resulted in a Snyder rushing touchdown to bring the score to 38-37. Down one point in overtime, the Little Giants had the option of kicking a field goal to tie the game or go for two and the win. Morel said that there was no question on the game plan in that situation: "We had practiced our two point

play many, many times, and we believed it gave us the greatest chance of success," he said. Morel was right. Thompson connected with one of his favorite targets, Clayborne, on an impressive pass where Thompson had to throw back across his body. Clayborne was wide open in the endzone and hauled in the pass amid the pouring rain. The final score: 39-38 Wabash.

Wabash had to do everything to win this game. "The game was tough because Denison is a good team and they, too, wanted badly to

win the conference title," Morel said. "I don't see them losing another game this year." This was Wabash's toughest challenge yet and this win puts Wabash in the driver's seat for yet another NCAC Championship.

This weekend, Wabash hosts a winless Oberlin team that has struggled to finish in close games this year. "Oberlin is a young team that plays very hard," Morel said. "We need to play our best game every week to have a chance to win." The teams play tomorrow at Little Giant Stadium with a 2 p.m. start time.

Little Giants Still Unbeaten

Wabash Moves to 4-0 (3-0 NCAC), Looks Ahead to Oberlin



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Wabash and Denison battled through sun and rain in an important NCAC matchup. Both teams are considered to be one of the top in the conference.



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Derek Allen '24 runs for yards after a catch. Allen caught four passes as he continues an impressive sophomore season.



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David Marsh '22 celebrates with his teammates. The Wabash defense held its own throughout the game despite the tough conditions.



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Liam Thompson '23 scampers for yardage. Thompson had another spectacular game and delivered a Mahomes-esque throw to win the game in overtime.



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Donovan Snyder '24 rushes for a touchdown in overtime. Snyder's touchdown allowed the Little Giants to win the game on the ensuing two-point conversion.

Golf Aims to Improve

Little Giants Finish 10th out of 14, Seek to Refine Technical Game

BLAKE LARGENT '22 | SPORTS EDITOR • After a solid start to the fall season, the Wabash golf team suffered a setback in the Wabash College Invitational. On September 12-13, the Little Giants grabbed seventh place at the Hanover Invitational. Yet, competing at the Broadmoor Country Club in Indianapolis, the team finished 10th out of 14 total teams on Monday and Tuesday.

"A major take away from that Hanover invite was we must, as a team, limit the big numbers on the scorecard," Conner Taylor '24 said. "This is something we struggled with as a team at Belterra. Being able to grind out pars and good bogeys when we put ourselves in trouble off the tee is something we really hammered home in the couple weeks of practice prior to this Wabash invite."

"Our mindset going into Broadmoor was that we were one of the most prepared teams on the golf course and

all we had to do was play our game and we would be able to compete with some of the best teams in the country," Taylor continued.

Out of the 14 teams, six were North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) schools. Wabash, Wittenberg, and Depauw competed with a main team and a B team. Leading Wabash individually was Brayden Weiss '24, who placed 22nd out of the 70 competing golfers. Weiss shot a 223 (+7) over the course of the tournament. Matt Lesniak '25 and Mark Poole '24 both tied with a 43rd-place finish, shooting 232 (+16). Tim Neu '23 grabbed 48th place with a 235 (+19). Taylor rounded out the main squad for Wabash, finishing with a 245 (+29).

In terms of team performance, Illinois Wesleyan University claimed first place after winning a playoff against Emory University. The two schools tied each other atop the standings throughout regulation

play, resulting in a tiebreaker playoff. Carnegie Mellon University, Wittenberg, and Washington and Lee University rounded out the top five, respectively. Wabash did finish a place above Depauw, who ended the tournament finishing 11th.

"This tournament showed what it takes to play like a top ten team in Division III, and what we need to work on in the coming weeks/off-season to compete for a conference championship and a national championship, come the spring," Taylor said. "As a team, we really improved from Belterra by keeping the ball in play and not making many double bogeys or worse. We need to improve on finishing rounds out, especially on 36-hole days, that is where teams like Emory and Illinois Wesleyan really separated themselves from the rest of the field."

Wabash will have plenty of time to improve after the result. The next tournament takes place October 17-18

at Wittenberg. Head Coach Josh Hill has spoken many times about the team's youthful talent and ability to adapt, which may lead to improved results moving forward.

"We will really be hammering home our short game," Taylor said. "Being able to hit close shots from 130 yards [or closer] and getting up and down when we miss greens consistently will lower our scores and make our team hard to beat. The Wabash golf team expects nothing short of a win at the Wittenberg Invite and that is all we will be focusing on these next few weeks."

Wabash competes at the Wittenberg University Invitational on October 17-18 in Springfield, Ohio. The team rounds out the fall season on October 25-26 at the Guilford College Invitational in Greensboro, North Carolina. Guilford is the alma mater and former coaching position of Hill, which will be an interesting dynamic to watch as the fall season ends.

SPORTS

Soccer Grabs 2OT Win

Aleman '22 Scores in 108th Minute vs. Hiram, Pushes Wabash to 8-2-1

BLAKE LARGENT '22 | SPORTS EDITOR • The Wabash soccer team saw football's overtime victory and decided to take it a step further. The Little Giants (8-2-1, 1-0 NCAC) scored in the 108th minute of a double overtime match to escape the Terriers of Hiram (2-6-2, 0-2 NCAC) 1-0 on Saturday.

The weather certainly played a role in the contest. Similar to the conditions of the football game at Denison, rain and clouds were consistent throughout the day. The two teams struggled for momentum at the start of the match. The first half saw 11 total shots, 10 of which were taken by Wabash. And despite the shot advantage, nothing of fruition came for the Little Giants. The back-and-forth affair between the two teams and the weather resulted in a 0-0 score at halftime. Amid the offensive woes for the two teams, the play was very physical. Hiram committed 11 fouls in the first half, with Wabash posting eight fouls as well. The Terriers' Travis Shrout received a yellow card in the 14th minute.

The second half saw much more activity, in terms of offense and fouling. Wabash fouled five times with Hiram fouling four times, pushing the regulation total to 15 fouls for the Terriers and 13 for the Little Giants. Four yellow cards were handed out, three towards Hiram. This included two yellow cards on the Terriers' Mickyas Maru, who was forced to leave the match after his second card. Despite the aggression, Wabash managed to blast 17 shots in the second half compared to Hiram's two shots. The Little Giants seemed to have the first (and potentially game-winning) goal late in the second half. At the 67-minute mark, Wabash netted the ball on a nice possession from the Little Giants. Yet, an offside call discredited the goal, and the match remained tied.

Throughout regulation time, the Little Giants outshot the Terriers 27-3. Yet, the score did not reflect that stat line: 0-0 remained the score at the end of regulation and the match headed to overtime.

The first overtime reflected much of what was seen in regulation: fouling and a lack of scoring. After the first overtime period, neither team managed to grab a lead. The match went to a second overtime. And just as the two teams seemed to be playing towards a tie, Wabash found life in the 108th minute. Cristian Aleman '22 found the net with just over two minutes remaining, giving the Little Giants a 1-0 victory in double overtime.



JAKE PAIGE '23 / PHOTO

Cristian Aleman '22 celebrates with teammates after scoring the game-winning goal. Wabash defeated Hiram 1-0 in 2OT.

The 1-0 scoreline does not do Wabash's performance justice. The Little Giants outshot the Terriers 33-4 throughout the match, with Coledon Johnson '23 taking a team-leading seven shots and Bruno Zamora '25 taking six. The 33 shots taken by Wabash is the highest shot total produced by the Little Giants since September 10, 2016. Wabash shot 33 times in a 4-0 victory over Monmouth College.

"The important thing was securing the three points for [the] conference [standings]," Head Coach Chris Keller said. "But any time we fire 30 plus shots on a team, we hope we score more than one."

Saturday's victory puts the Little Giants' record at 8-2-1 on the year. Wabash currently sits in third place in the North Coast Athletic

Conference (NCAC) standings behind Ohio Wesleyan University and Kenyon College. The upcoming schedule features two bottom-half teams in Allegheny College and Denison University, but tightens up quickly for the Little Giants. Wabash faces a gauntlet starting October 16, with consecutive matches against defending NCAC champions Kenyon College, Wittenberg University, Ohio Wesleyan University, and Depauw.

"So far yes," Keller said when asked if his team has performed as expected in conference play. "We need to collect points and win at home. [...] The NCAC is a dogfight every year. So there are no easy games. [These] OT games help us gain experience moving forward."

The Little Giants will travel to Meadville, Pennsylvania for tomorrow's matchup against the Gators of Allegheny (4-6, 0-2 NCAC). A road matchup in the NCAC is already tough, but the nearly seven-hour drive to Allegheny adds another dimension. "Any time you drive that far and play the next day is more of a mental test than physical," Keller said. "We hope to come out strong, and get three points [on the road]."

Wabash looks for a boost in the NCAC standings with tomorrow's contest against Allegheny. The Little Giants have not lost to the Gators since a 4-1 result in 2012; they are 5-0-2 since that match. The teams begin play at 1 p.m. at the Robertson Athletic Complex in Meadville.

Rugby On Top in Opener

Little Giants Claim First in Opening Tournament, Look to Repeat at Taylor



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The rugby team talks with one another in a huddle (left) and the team attempts a tackle on its opposition (right). Wabash won the tournament over four other schools.

BEN BULLOCK '23 | STAFF WRITER • Last Saturday, the Wabash Rugby Football Club (RFC) made their inaugural appearance at Frank Navarro Field in Little Giant Stadium. In their first home outing since the pandemic began, Wabash faced off against four other schools: Tiffin University, Taylor College, and Ceaderville University. The tournament played under sevens rules. While the weather may have been dreary, there was no raining on Wabash's parade as they swept aside all opposition to maintain their unbeaten start to the season.

Despite its shared history with football, rugby is a sport little known to many Americans. During the 1840s, elite private schools in England developed a myriad of different rules for a game collectively referred to as football. However, on this side of the Atlantic, the rules codified by the Rugby and Harrow schools eventually merged and evolved into the American brand of football we know today.

While the Harrow rules went on to become soccer, the Rugby rules thrived as a separate sport. Today, rugby is the most popular sport in five nations

(including New Zealand) and is played by around four million people each year. There are three main forms of rugby: Union (15 players on each team), League (13 on each team), and sevens. While some colleges boast clubs that play to Union rules, Wabash primarily plays sevens tournaments.

"The different forms of the game are very different speeds," said club president Hunter Seidler '22. "You've got 15s, which are your 40-minute halves with 15 guys on each team. Frankly, we just don't have the strategy or the bodies, and that would probably require a full-time coach. But in sevens, it's a lot more fast-paced, and it's a lot more about getting the ball out quickly. It's a completely different way to play."

As a student-led organization, the RFC is unique among Wabash sports. With no full-time head coach, the members are themselves responsible for training, tournament organization, and the day-to-day running of the club.

"The people who step up into the leadership roles and are part of Rugby Club are there because they love the sport and they want to throw time and effort into it," said Matthew

Brooks '24. "We're really close with our guys, and I feel like that plays to our advantage when it comes to tournaments. We're here because we love it."

The Wabash RFC has gone through several incarnations over the years and has enjoyed some remarkable success. Before the pandemic, the team won consecutive Great Lakes Conference championships and in 2018 finished runners-up in the Oak Leaf Cup. The current team, then, has a lot to live up to. However, if they have felt any pressure, it has not shown through in their performances. Having already beaten Purdue 33-0 in their opening match of the season, the Little Giants came into last weekend's tournament brimming with confidence.

"Last spring, we had a lot of new faces and a lot of new guys that had never played rugby before, so our record and skill just wasn't there," the team's Head Coach Brayden Goodnight '23 said. "But this tournament I feel like we changed our game to fit the needs of an actual sevens rugby team, and everyone was able to pick up on that. We hit the ground running and it

went really well."

It was never in much doubt that Wabash were going to win the tournament. The Little Giants won all four of their matches and held their opponents to just three tries in total. To top off the day, Wabash beat Taylor 43-0 in the championship match, a perfect end to a dominant performance by the whole team.

"In the championship game, we were actually able to get a lot of subs in, and the subs were able to hold their own against the other teams," added Goodnight. "We had chance to score some tries, so it was cool to see everyone grow from where we started in the spring and see everyone develop into the team that we are now."

Tomorrow morning, the RFC will be looking to extend their run of good form when they travel to Taylor for another tournament. While the home team will no doubt want to inflict some revenge, the Little Giants go into the weekend with a stellar record and a significant psychological advantage. So be sure to follow @wabash_college_rugby on Instagram to keep up with all the latest from the RFC.