

Omicron Variant Casts Uncertainty



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Medical professionals in South Africa work to mitigate the spread of the Omicron variant as countries restrict travel from South Africa. Early research from South Africa may suggest that Omicron is more transmissible than other variants, but possibly less deadly.

COOPER SMITH '23 | NEWS EDITOR
• As students prepare to return home for winter break, headlines of the new Omicron variant have heightened fears of a possible next chapter in the pandemic saga. With over 30 identified mutations in the coronavirus' infamous spike protein, the Omicron variant appears to be more transmissible than even the Delta variant. Over 20 US states have confirmed Omicron cases, and the US has joined a number of other countries in restricting travel from eight countries in southern Africa. As The New York Times front page asked

this week, "Should we be worried?" Unfortunately, there are few concrete answers available -- we simply do not know enough about the Omicron variant at this point. Though some early data suggests that Omicron is more transmissible, it also seems to suggest that Omicron may not lead to more severe cases. However, it's still early -- we just do not have all the information we need yet to analyze the threat posed by Omicron.
Dr. Ann Taylor, Senior Associate Dean and Professor of Chemistry, discussed reactions to the new

Omicron variant.
"I think right now... there's a lot of Chicken Little stuff happening," said Taylor. "Yes, there's a new variant. But what we know are the things we can do to prevent it are the same," said Taylor. "I think try to keep somewhat calm about it, but know that there are things that you can do -- the same things of watching your contact with large crowds and people you don't know, washing your hands, and paying attention to what's going on around you -- those are things that will protect you anywhere."
The fears over the Omicron variant

come at a time when the US is not "in a good place," as National Institutes of Health Director Dr. Francis Collins told the Senate on Tuesday.
"We're not in a terribly good place right now," said Collins. "Following Thanksgiving, we're seeing cases going up again, now over 100,000 new cases every day, and we didn't want to be there. And hospitalizations are also going up, and sadly, deaths now in excess of 1,000 every day, the vast majority of those being unvaccinated people."

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Cassie Hagan Returns to Lead Professional Development



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• Wabash College President Scott Feller has announced the appointment of Cassie Hagan as the new Director of Professional Development and Center for Innovation, Business, and Entrepreneurship effective January 3, 2022.
"Cassie emerged from an exceptional pool of applicants based on her strong record of accomplishments, including her past experiences helping Wabash men prepare for their lives after Wabash," said President Feller. "We know that she will hit the ground running and will continue Wabash's

stellar record of helping our graduates find their first destinations in jobs, graduate schools, and service."
This is Hagan's second stint at Wabash. She previously served as Associate Director of Career Services and now returns to Wabash after serving as the Executive Director of the Crawfordsville-Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce.
"We are delighted to have Cassie return to the Professional Development Team," said Dean for Professional Development Steven Jones. "Her contributions as Associate Director contributed greatly to the excellent outcomes we achieved between 2013 and 2019. Her most recent experience will allow her to lead the Center for Innovation, Business, and Entrepreneurship (CIBE) with a new perspective on how we continue to grow the CIBE."
Hagan's leadership of the Chamber of Commerce involved a complete rebuild of the staff and board of directors. She led efforts to re-brand the Chamber and helped create new strategies for supporting small businesses and non-profits, made particularly difficult because of the COVID pandemic. She has also worked on a number of community initiatives, including the Mayor's County-Wide Workforce Development Roundtable, the Early Childhood Education Coalition, and events supporting financial and entrepreneurship training for youth.
"I look forward to returning to campus with new experience in non-profit management and leading the Professional Development team into the next chapter of amazing outcomes

The Bachelor will release in-depth analysis of Cassie Hagan's return at a later date.

for Wabash graduates, and all the important steps along the way," Hagan said. "Wabash is a special place and I don't think it will come as a surprise to many that know me that I ended up back here. However, two years ago I couldn't have imagined this detour in my career or how it would ultimately lead me back to campus better prepared to lead."
Working alongside the late Roland Morin, Hagan helped create Wabash's professional development program that has resulted in consistent national rankings for the College's internship program and career services. During her time as Associate Director, she organized and executed innovative Professional Immersion Experiences in Indianapolis, Chicago, New York City, Los Angeles, and Denver. She also supervised and trained a staff of 15-25 students comprising the Peer Career Advisors program, and implemented new Career Services Management software programs for the College.
She also helped lead in the development of Wabash's creative career services programming, including Reverse Career Fair, WabashWorks Recruiters Summit,

Etiquette Dinner, Entrepreneurs Summit, Suits & Strikes, Dress Codes 101, Real World Week, Wabash X Indy Tech, Coffee & Careers, Internship Week, Non-Profit Careers Day, and Colts/Pacers/Indians Alumni-Student Networking Events.
Hagan earned her undergraduate degree at Ball State University. She is a graduate of the Montgomery County Leadership Academy (MCLA) and recently served that organization as its president. She is also a member of the board of directors of the Montgomery County Educational Foundation.
"After stepping away for two years to lead the Crawfordsville/Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, I have an even greater appreciation for the potential for Wabash men to find meaningful internships, professional experiences, and business mentors right here in our own county," Hagan added. "My work with the Chamber has been incredibly rewarding, both professionally and personally. As a Montgomery County native, I will always love the part of my job that brings together these two amazing communities and the people who make them special."

Omicron Concerns, Cont.

Dr. Taylor discussed the steps Wabash students can take to limit Omicron's threat. And for the most part, they match the best practices students have become accustomed to throughout the pandemic.

"I think all the same things that we've been talking about the whole way along: vaccination, ventilation, hand washing, distancing, masking -- those are all the tools we have to deal with this," said Taylor.

Vaccination also plays a large role. Though over 95% of the Wabash campus community is vaccinated, only 51% of Indiana is fully vaccinated. The data from Montgomery County is even more striking. Only 43% of Montgomery County residents are fully vaccinated, and The New York Times classifies the county as an "extremely high-risk county."

The disparity matters. Unprotected friends and family members jeopardize not only themselves, but everyone. Not only do they increase the risk for immunocompromised individuals, by refusing the vaccine, they increase the risk posed by the Omicron variant and future additional variants.

"If you have family members or friends who are not vaccinated yet, them being vaccinated helps protect you. So talking about your experience and encouraging your friends and family to also be vaccinated... whatever you can do to encourage

your friends to get on the vaccine bus," said Taylor. For students seeking more information on covid-19 vaccines or general information about the pandemic, Taylor recommended dearpandemic.org and the Your Local Epidemiologist blog.

Amongst the general theme of same best practices, one newer practice seems to increase defense against Omicron: booster shots.

"Boosters are looking like they prevent infection," said Taylor. And as we have more and more students who are passing that six months since their initial vaccination, we'd encourage people to get a booster shot."

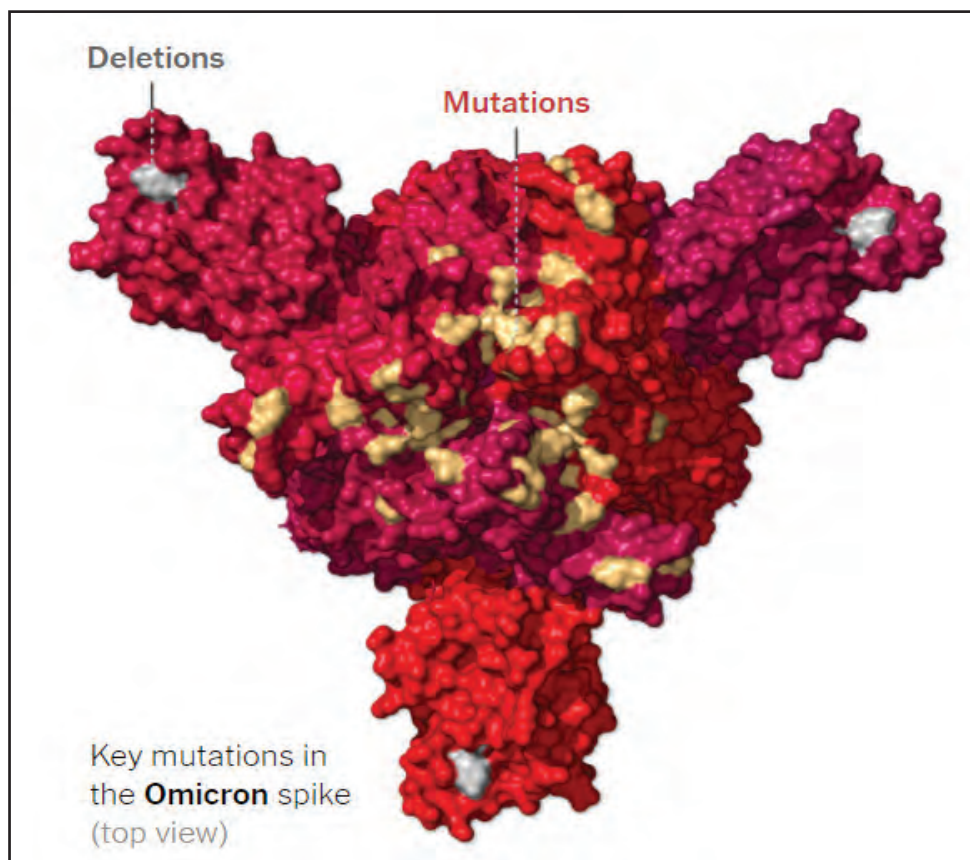
The 620 people vaccinated on campus last spring have passed their six months threshold, and can now receive their booster shots.

"If you were vaccinated at that April clinic, you're now eligible to get a booster, and you might want to do it over break just so that you're well protected for the spring semester," said Taylor.

However, some speculate that mutations in the Omicron variant's spike protein may allow it to evade the vaccine more easily. Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla told reporters that, if a new vaccine becomes necessary to fight Omicron, Pfizer could have the update finished by early spring.

"I think that if there is a need for the vaccine, we will have a vaccine in March," said Bourla. "I don't know if there will be a need for a vaccine -- we'll know that in a few weeks."

At this point, the name of the



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The Omicron variant features over 30 mutations in the spike protein of the coronavirus. These mutations may make the Omicron variant more transmissible.

Omicron game is patience. As Dr. Anthony Fauci told CNN on Tuesday, critical information about Omicron's threat is soon to come.

"I would imagine it will take at least another couple of weeks before

we have a good handle and then a really good handle a few weeks thereafter," said Fauci. "So, I would say we shouldn't be making any definitive conclusions, certainly not before the next couple of weeks."

Holiday Spirit Returns with 53rd Annual Christmas Festival



WILLIAM GRENNON '24 / PHOTO

Dr. Sarin Williams directs the Glee Club through a series of holiday songs. The Glee Club performed a variety of vocal styles, including a Mission-Impossible-esque take on "We Three Kings."



WILLIAM GRENNON '24 / PHOTO

Will Trapp '24 and Latham Davies '22 prepare to sing with the Glee Club at the Holiday Concert.



WILLIAM GRENNON '24 / PHOTO

Dr. Dan Rogers, Professor of Spanish, provides a reading of Matthew 2:1-12.

Pay-to-Stay

International Students Face Winter Break Housing Fees



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Over the coming Semester Break, international students who wish to remain on campus are expected to pay \$20 per night for housing. These expenses do not cover food services, which international students will also be expected to cover.

SARVIK CHAUDHARY '25 | STAFF WRITER • As the holiday season approaches, most students are excited to get through this semester and enjoy a much-deserved winter break at home. But there are some students who plan to call campus “home” for Winter Break – namely international students.

But numerous international students have recently raised concerns about their winter break plans after receiving a troubling email in late November from Amy Weir, Director of the International Center and the International Students Advisor.

“I recently learned the cost to remain on Wabash’s campus for the Winter Break—students will be charged \$20/night for each day that they choose to remain on campus,” wrote Weir. “I know that finances drive many decisions, including this one, so I’m hopeful that you now have the information to make the best decision for your Winter Break plans.”

“I don’t know why they would do that,” said Alex Rotaru ‘22, an international student from Bucharest, Romania.

Weir said that in the seven years she has worked here, she has not seen a fee like this being implemented for students. “Students were also charged \$5 in the summer, but in the summer those students all have on campus jobs. So they’re all making money... money that they can use

to pay their summer housing costs,” Weir said. “Over the winter break, some of the students will have on campus jobs, but not all of them.”

Io Maeda ‘24, an international student from Kyoto, Japan, said, “\$20 is pretty cheap compared to living in a hotel, but for a lot of international students whose majority of cost of attendance are paid for by the College through financial aid, \$20 becomes a major deal -- especially when it’s for a month.”

Dean Redding ‘88, Dean of Students, allays those fears by saying that students staying on campus will not have to pay for the entire winter-break, but only until the time athletes and seniors start to return on campus, bringing the total pay period down to 17 days.

“So what we’re going to be looking at is when do we have kind of a critical mass of students back. You know, if we’ve got a decent number of students back, we’re not going to charge.” Dean Redding said. “So it’s going to be less time than you think.”

“We’re in a position where we’re not pushing anyone away,” said Associate Dean of Students Marc Welch ‘99, Associate Dean of Students. “We are encouraging them because everyone needs a break. And students need a break from here if they can get it – so if they can find a place to stay or if they have friends or family off campus, it

serves them well to have that break.” Maeda, who will be staying with a professor over break, said “I feel lucky because my academic advisor was so kind to allow me to stay with him. But I really feel sorry for other international students who won’t be able to make arrangements like these in such a short span of time, and will have to bear the living costs, on top of the food expenses, themselves.”

Dean Redding clarified that Wabash has been “very unusual among our peer institutions in not charging students during the break...and it was a coincidence that someone from Ohio Wesleyan started a thread on the GLCA listserv, asking other colleges what they were charging students over the break, as they wanted to raise their price to \$25 per night, but because of some pushback, they decided to keep it \$20.” Dean Redding also said that \$20 is the lowest rate that any college in the GLCA is charging.

Denison University, another small liberal arts college in the GLCA, decided to not allow students to stay on campus at all.

Dean Redding said that the College understands the financial needs of international students, for which the College has several support funds that students can apply for, in order to meet their expenses.

“We can either subsidize the costs to

some degree...or we can look if we’ve got funds to cover the entire cost of living,” said Dean Redding. “We’ve had these Student Support Funds over the last couple of years, and we have spent an awful lot of that money because everybody’s financial need has been so much during COVID, so we have less of that funding available than we had say last year.”

“So we’ll try to help as much as we can, but we’ll have to really scrutinize those requests very carefully and make sure that they’re legitimate requests, because we might not be able to cover all of them,” said Redding.

Amy Weir said that she was not present at the time this decision was made, nor was her opinion requested.

“I’ve been trying to get on more and more committees because I feel that [the international students’] perspective is often forgotten or just overlooked entirely,” said Weir. “This is a problem that I’ve brought up several times. But there are a lot of far-reaching decisions made on campus that I’m not involved in. And it happens a lot that the people who are making the decisions don’t think about international students. And, I understand everyone makes a decision from their own point of view, and I won’t represent [international students] as well as a student, but I would represent you and be more thoughtful about you guys.”

Freshmen Hopefuls Arrive for Scarlet Honors



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A staple of Scarlet Honors weekend, the annual boat races are scheduled to return.

LOGAN WEILBAKER ‘25 AND WILLIAM GRENNON ‘24 | STAFF WRITER AND CAVELIFE EDITOR • Next Friday, Wabash will welcome prospective members of the class of 2026 for this year’s Scarlet Honors Weekend. A beloved tradition by many students, Scarlet Honors Weekend allows prospective students to spend the night on campus, attend class, meet future classmates, and engage with Wabash current students and faculty to ask questions and to learn more about campus life. After a year-long hiatus of overnight stays, this year’s Scarlet Honors Weekend will have a record number of participants.

This year’s event organizers Julia Wells and Joey Conti ‘15 hope to return Scarlet Honors Weekend to its former glory with an exciting weekend full of opportunity.

In one of the largest enrollments in recent history, upwards of 225 students are expected to join us on campus, flying in from as far as Florida, Texas, and California. Once on campus, prospective students will explore campus during the ‘passport to Wabash’ scavenger hunt, sit

in on one of 24 different course offerings, and then spend the night with teammates or in fraternities. As Wells said, “This is an all-campus event. We want all students to be excited and engaged.”

For Wells and Conti, current students can often be the key to retain admitted students. Part of those efforts have been in working with the Inter Fraternal Council to house prospective students who are interested in Greek Life. Admissions has also worked closely with RA’s and the IMA to create opportunities for students to experience both Greek and Independent life.

This year’s Scarlet Honors Weekend has an added importance. After recently taking over as IFC President, Mason Allen ‘23 sees this year’s Scarlet Honors as an opportunity for fraternities across campus to get back on track.

“When Prospective Students become familiar with Greek Life on our campus, it helps them obtain a better grasp of the unique culture & traditions Wabash has to offer,” said Allen. “With the ability to

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personally connect, the seniors especially can show them why Wabash is the way it is, we see benefits across the board.”

Working closely with admissions, IFC hopes to utilize the record number of students staying overnight to prepare for rush next fall. Their plans includes the revival of boat races, a traditional competition between houses, normally during Scarlet Honors Weekend.

“We’ll kickoff the night by returning the tradition of Boat Races; every Fraternity

constructs a boat out of cardboard & duct tape to race in the pool head-to-head. This event hasn’t occurred since Spring 2019, so it’s safe to say everyone will enjoy its return,” said Allen. “Following this, Rush is open across the entirety of campus. Every House has their methods of putting this on, but are all ways in which students gain exposure to Greek Life at Wabash.”











“It’s time to show future students what it means to be a Wabash man,” said Conti.

Welcome to Wabash!

A Guide to Rush

REED MATHIS '22 | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • Part of any visit weekend, both prospective students and families come in with different expectations on what it will look like. Some have seen this cycle play through before, but for most, this will be a complete 180 from what you have seen before. This starts with where you stay, as many of the prospective students will be housed at one of the ten fraternities on campus. Although not everyone will want to admit it, staying away from your house for the first time is not an easy experience and one that all of us have had to power through. Those who are introverted or not the best at being dropped into an unfamiliar environment do not shy away from reaching out to the brothers of each house. On that, I would recommend seeking out the underclassmen of each house. These students are only a year or two older and can offer the best advice on their own visit weekend and how to approach the weekend based on your interests and goals. The weekend will introduce the many aspects of the Wabash experience, and each one of you will leave this weekend with either more concern or excitement for the year ahead. Both reactions are acceptable. That is why we are here to help. Fraternities will host students, but by no means does that mean you are obliged to that house for the entire weekend. A common mistake guys make is having one decent conversation and then becoming glued to the house. That is great, but not the right way to approach this weekend. Other houses offer something different than the other, and it would be a consequential mistake to not take advantage of what each house and its

members can offer. If you get into the situation where a house offers you a bid - think about it. Joining a house is nothing to take lightly and takes more than two days to decide on, as it will heavily influence your college career. Whether this weekend or in the future, an accepted bid means that you agree to join this house for pledgedship/associateship and, upon your enrollment for the 2022-2023 year, will stay and move into that house. A hold means that you accept their offer but do not agree to join the house at that moment. Down the road, hopefully, after considering other options, you can come back and either deny or accept your bid. You are allowed to hold bids from multiple houses, which means nothing more than there are houses interested in you joining. As a senior, I will say it is a red flag if a house offers you a bid after one conversation or one night of you staying on-campus. I am sure some of you are fantastic, but as I said, these decisions are too crucial and require further introspection and knowledge of other options. Lastly, you can deny a bid. Whether you do not have an excellent first impression or are not interested in joining a fraternity, do not feel obligated to accept a bid. Holding a bid is usually the best bet I can give someone for this weekend and any future visit that you attend next semester. It allows you the chance to learn more about that house with a security blanket while also being able to see other places and weigh your options. Take charge and be an active listener for the weekend. I hope you can see a glimpse into what makes Wabash the place it is to the thousands of individuals in the community.

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If interested in learning more, or joining, feel free to reach out to any of the Rush Chairs on the graph above. These students are your liaisons between fraternities and their members.

WDPD Hosts “DEI Throughout Wabash History”



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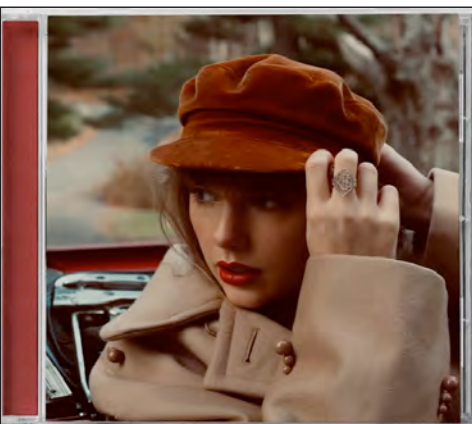
Wabash Democracy and Public Discourse (WDPD) hosted a deliberation focusing on the History of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Wabash this past Tuesday. Students listened to presentations from Democracy Fellows, which highlighted certain points within this expansive history.



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Following the presentations, participants were broken into small discussion groups led by Democracy Fellows. Topics of discussion ranged from the actual history of DEI on campus to actions we can take as a student body to make Wabash an inclusive place for all students.

Swift’s Return is All Too Well



MATTHEW FRANZ '25 | STAFF WRITER • With a record smashing entry, Taylor Swift’s *Red (Taylor’s Version)* has topped the charts after its November 12 release. Reaching number one on the Billboard 200, Hot 100, and Top Country charts, Swift’s latest release has become the most streamed female album in a single day, surpassing her own record previously held by Folklore and making Swift the most streamed female artist in a day. Featuring artists such as Chris Stapleton, Ed Sheeran, Gary Lightbody (of Snow Patrol), and Phoebe Bridgers, *Red (Taylor’s Version)* has rekindled the iconic imprint of the original album *Red* with new twists and tracks. The thirty song album featuring a ten minute special version

of *All Too Well*, and eight new tracks is both sonically special and a testament to Swift’s wordsmith abilities. In an effort to change the way an artist owns their work, Swift plans on re-recording the remainder of her albums (*Taylor Swift*, *Speak Now*, *1989*, *Reputation*, and *Lover*), as her ex-producer Scooter Braun owns the rights to the master copies. Critically acclaimed across the globe, the original *Red* was undeniably a hit, yet, the 2014 Grammy selection committee had trouble categorizing it, giving Album of the Year instead to Daft Punk’s *Random Access Memories*. Swift’s experimentation with pop and her diverse collaborations are well displayed through her various discography. *Red (Taylor’s Version)* builds on that original transition into pop with inspired additions such as *Message In A Bottle* and *The Very First Night*, along with her smash hits *I Knew You Were Trouble*, *We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together*, and *22*. Country listeners will also enjoy Swift remaining close to her roots with country tracks such as *Better Man* and *Babe*, two hits that were originally cut and given to *Little Big Town* and *Sygarland*. Vocally the tracks remain similar. Swift’s voice shows much more maturity, yet she is able to capture the playful and painful emotions that inspired her songs. A major difference occurs in her lack of country twang, replaced by a much more pronounced vocal. Sonically, the tracks differ. Differences in guitar riffs and bass are apparent on most

songs, yet the changes do not distract from the unique perspective Swift aims to tell. The iconic dubstep drop in *I Knew You Were Trouble* remains a telling of Swift’s move from country to pop. By keeping the vocals similar and changing the twang, Swift is able to present that she is not confined to a specific genre, and has grown as a singer. Her continuity of iconic moments and new clarity of instrumentals allow Swift to prove that she can better what has already been deemed successful. The lyrical composition achieved by Swift as seen in the 10-minute version of *All Too Well* accentuates her prominence within the music industry. The gut-retching ballad retells the story of a once cherished relationship between Swift and the actor Jake Gyllenhaal. The storytelling of Swift sends chills to anyone who can relate with lyrics such as “You kept me like a secret but I kept you like an oath”, “You call me up again just to break me like a promise”, and “I’ll get older, but your lovers stay my age”. Swift’s continued ability to tell a story is timeless and her revamp of *All Too Well* provides much desired details to a once mysterious love affair. Her vault tracks which are songs that were written for the original album but did not make the cut are now chart toppers which highlights how good even her cut material is. Swift’s lyricism exhibits success with no genre restrictions. Swift has won the Album of the Year Grammy for *Fearless*, *1989*, and *Folklore*, which are

diversified in country, pop, and alternative indie-folk. Additionally, Swift is the most decorated AMA (American Music Awards) artist with thirty-four awards, surpassing the great Michael Jackson’s twenty-six awards. While Swift continues to write new material, it is evident that her old material is still a relevant masterpiece. Overall Swift’s new additions add a real depth to the album. They continue to define her ability to transition into other genres and provide a welcomed escape to those who prefer her country music. Unfortunately, not all the tracks add to the success of the album. *Girl at Home* was remixed, with a strange backbeat which leaves the listener wishing for the original track. At some points throughout *Everything Has Changed* Ft. Ed Sheeran, We missed the youthfulness and country influence of her younger voice. Despite these minor issues, the overall album is an improvement in quality. With 25/30 songs of the album charting on the Hot 100, we can comfortably say that Swift has achieved what very few artists have been able to accomplish. With the debut of *Fearless (Taylor’s Version)* earlier this year and now *Red (Taylor’s Version)*, Swift is on the course to break industry records with her future content. Swift proves that her mastermind with words and crisp vocals have no bounds. Ms. Swift continues to inspire her colleagues and defines the music industry.

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Guide to the 2022 College Football Playoffs



After a dominant CFP championship run last season, Alabama will look to repeat.

ANDREW DEVER '25 | STAFF WRITER

• After weeks of speculation, major upsets, and overtime thrillers, the College Football Playoff has finally been set. This Sunday afternoon, the College Football Playoff selection committee announced that the Universities of Alabama, Michigan, Georgia, and Cincinnati would be advancing to the College Football Playoff, with Ohio State and Notre Dame narrowly missing out. For Michigan and Cincinnati, this will be a first appearance in the College Football Playoff, while Alabama and Georgia return for what almost seems like an annual spot in the semifinals.

Although this past weekend saw lots of drama in various conference championships games, from 4th and goals to clinch the game to fake slides, 3 of the 4 College Football Playoff teams easily brushed aside their opponents to claim their respective conference championships. In what came as a shock to most, Alabama handled a seemingly unbeatable Georgia, 41-24, to win the SEC championship behind an amazing performance from their Heisman trophy finalist quarterback Bryce Young. Young immaculately picked apart the experienced Georgia secondary, throwing for 421 yards and 3 touchdowns, while also rushing for another. This propelled Alabama to the number one seed in the playoffs.

Coming off the back of only their third victory over rivals Ohio State in the last 20 years, Michigan continued their excellent play with a dominating performance against Iowa in the Big 10 Conference championship game, winning 42-3. Much like in their win against Ohio State, Michigan's power run game, which accounted for 211 yards on the ground, and excellent

defense helped the Wolverines dictate the tempo of the game, culminating in a 28-0 run in the second half of the game. Michigan retained the number 2 spot in the playoffs and has made history as the first team to make the College Football Playoff after starting the year unranked in the AP poll.

After looking unstoppable all season, Georgia suffered their first loss of the year in the SEC championship game against Alabama. Nevertheless, Georgia's near perfect season solidified their chances of staying in the top four, with the College Football Playoff committee slotting Georgia third in the rankings.

Finally, the Cincinnati Bearcats took care of business against a gritty Houston team to solidify their spot in the College Football Playoff by winning the AAC Championship game 35-20. Led by a terrific effort from running back Jerome Ford, which saw the junior rush for 187 yards and two touchdowns, and the Senior leadership and experience of veteran quarterback Desmond Riddler. Cincinnati fell one spot in the rankings, setting up their matchup with SEC champions, Alabama. Nevertheless, Cincinnati has made history as the first non-Power five teams in the CFP-era to qualify for the Playoff. Cincinnati will come in as a big underdog and will face three-time College Football Playoff Champions in Alabama.

In the semifinals of the playoffs, number one seed Alabama will be playing against number four seed Cincinnati in the Cotton Bowl, December 31st at 3:30 pm EST. Following the conclusion of the Cotton Bowl, number two seed Michigan will face off against third seeded Georgia in the Orange Bowl at 7:30 EST.

HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

A WIN FOR THE
ADMIN?

Hi-Five to the College bringing back Boat Races for Scarlet Honors. It are the little things that distract you from the impending reality that Finals start in 3 days...

TIME TO CHANGE THE
LOCKS

Lo-Five to the Arizona Coyotes for close to losing and being locked out of their home stadium. Having the worst record league is bad enough, but playing at Raymond S. Kellis High School might be a little too much.

AN EARLY CHRISTMAS
MIRACLE

Hi-Five to the Detroit Lions for finally pulling off their first victory. Unlike most Wabash guys, Jared Goff can actually score.

FAKE TREES ROASTING
ON AN OPEN FIRE

Lo-Five to the Fox News Christmas tree that burst into flames. A War on Christmas, eh?

SHIVER ME TENDERS

Lo-Five to the national chicken tender shortage -- what will the Theta Delts order at El Charro now?

OPINION

The Republican Party's New Southern Strategy



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In a 1981 interview, Reagan administration official Lee Atwater explained the Republican Party's strategy to gain the votes of racists without appearing racist themselves. He said, "You start off in 1954 by saying, 'N*gger, n*gger, nigger.'" By 1968 you can't say 'n*gger' – that hurts you, backfires. So you say stuff like, uh, forced busing; states' rights, and all that stuff, and you're getting so abstract." He continued, "Now, you're talking about cutting taxes, and all these things you're talking about are totally economic things and a byproduct of them is, Blacks get hurt worse than Whites... 'We want to cut this,' is much more abstract than even the busing thing, uh, and a hell of a lot more abstract than 'N*gger, n*gger.'" This is the Southern Strategy. However, it seems that today the Republican Party has found its new southern strategy: the Critical Race Theory debate.

Christopher Rufo, the conservative activist who manufactured the caricature of Critical Race Theory being debated, expressed a similar strategy in his fight to prevent education about racism in the United States. He tweeted on March 15, 2021, "We have successfully frozen their brand – 'critical race theory' – into the public

conversation and are steadily driving up negative perceptions. We will eventually turn it toxic, as we put all of the various cultural insanities under that brand category." He followed in another tweet, "The goal is to have the public read something crazy in the newspaper and immediately think 'critical race theory.' We have decodified the term and recodify it to annex the entire range of cultural constructions that are unpopular with Americans." The Critical Race Theory debate is a boogiemán manufactured by the Republican Party to excite their base and garner more votes at the expense of Black Americans.

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The Critical Race Theory debate is not about the Critical Race Theory. According to the Brookings Institution, nine states have passed supposed "anti-CRT" bills, and an additional 20 states have introduced or plan to introduce similar "anti-CRT" legislation. However, none of these bills mention Critical Race Theory by name. As reported by the institution, "The legislations mostly ban the discussion, training, and/or orientation that the U.S. is inherently racist as

well as any discussions about conscious and unconscious bias, privilege, discrimination, and oppression."

For example, as reported by UpNorthNews, bills passed in Wisconsin this October banned schools from teaching: "Systems based on meritocracy or traits such as a hard work ethic are racist or sexist or are created by individuals of a particular race to oppress individuals of another race." The author of one of the bills, Rep. Chuck Wighers, provided a list of terms he believes would violate the bill. These included: diversity, equity, and inclusion; anti-racism; cultural awareness; oppressor v. oppressed; patriarchy; representation and inclusion; and whiteness.

According to The Tennessean, Tennessee passed a bill that prohibits public or charter schools from teaching that: any individuals are "inherently privileged, racist, sexist, or oppressive" because of their race or sex; and a meritocracy is racist or sexist or designed to oppress members of another race or sex.

Earlier this year, Iowa passed bills banning educators from teaching that: The U.S. or the state of Iowa is fundamentally or systemically racist or sexist; an individual by virtue of race or sex, is inherently racist, sexist or oppressive, either consciously or unconsciously; and anyone should "feel discomfort, guilt, anguish or any other form of psychological distress" because of one's race or sex.

Texas passed a bill mandating educators teach that slavery and racism are deviations from the founding principles of the United States. Ignoring, of course, that several of the founding fathers who laid out the nation's founding principles owned slaves themselves.

“When the education system fails to teach American children about the realities of systemic racism... there is no way they can engage in the critical work of tearing down those systems to create an equitable society.”

Aside from garnering the votes of racists, there is another even more disheartening motive for the Republican Party's use of the Critical Race Theory Debate: to preserve systems of oppression and promote White Supremacy. While none of these bills even mention Critical Race Theory, they prevent educators from teaching about systemic racism. The reality is that people cannot address an issue they do not know exist. So, when the education system fails to teach American children about the realities of systemic racism and oppression in their nation, there is no way they can engage in the critical work of tearing down those systems to create an equitable society. The result then is that systemic racism and systems of oppression continue to exist.

The Critical Race Theory Debate is the Republican Party's strategy to protect White Supremacy in America. If we hope to create an equitable nation, we must reject this and ensure that people are equipped to play their part with an education rooted in the realities of the United States.

I Marched in the Unity Walk. What Now?



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The Unity Walk on October 12 might have been the biggest non-athletic event I have seen in my 3.5 years at Wabash. While it was successful and raised awareness for a good cause, I realized that I haven't done anything since. I am disappointed in myself for doing less about the fight for minority rights, and I am sure many of you might feel the same way. Realistically, how much have you done for the cause since that walk? I would venture to say a large portion of the campus is in the same boat I am, and that needs to change.

If you think the mission is complete, I encourage you to read Malik's opinion article from Bell Week, encouraging the student body to keep working. While I want to help, I often wonder what a white, middle-class college student like myself can do about minority rights. So, I came up with a few ways to get more involved, and I am here to share them with you.

The first way is to create your own events, such as unity walks and guest speakers. This might sound difficult to do, but at Wabash, it really isn't. The easiest way is to join a club then request money from Student Senate, which has an extra \$45,000 in its budget right now. Minority-focused organizations are always looking for new members, so, with a few exceptions, a quick email to the leader of a club will usually end with you officially joining. The Asian Culture Club, the International Students Organization, La Alianza, and 'shOUT are always open to more members. The MXI will accept a new associate class early next semester. So, once you are in a club, go to the leader and propose an event; they will probably

give you suggestions to improve it and offer their help in running it. This may seem intimidating, but club leaders are always looking for new ideas and people to execute them. The next step is to request funding from the Student Senate, which the treasurer of your club can help you with. In the end, one of the best ways you can get involved is to join a club and organize an all-campus event.

Running your own event is probably the most effective way to raise awareness, but I get it; we are all busy. So, if you don't have time to join a club and plan an event, you can participate in someone else's. To do this, you need to check your email. As Wabash students, we get roughly 50 emails per day, so it is easier said than done. But don't worry, you only need to look for emails from certain people. For instance, if you see an email from Leo Warbington or Dean (Steven) Jones, read it before you delete it, as it might be promoting an MXI event. Emails from Dane (Michael) Smith are also good to look out for because he sends the emails for events hosted by the Diversity and Inclusion Committee on

campus. All the other clubs I mentioned earlier also organize public events and send out emails with information. Everyone should find time for these events; in fact, many of these events can be a fun way to take a break, hang out with friends, and meet new people while promoting a good cause. Going to other people's events is an excellent way to support the movement while not planning your own. Personally, my goal is to attend 8 public events run by one or more of these organizations next semester, and I encourage you all to do the same.

Our campus is still far from perfect, and there is a lot of work for the student body to do. Thankfully, there are several easy ways individual students can make change on campus. So, if you have been wondering how to get involved and make changes, join a club and plan your own events. And if you don't have time to join one of the organizations, start checking your emails more often and show up to events other people are running. It is time to get back out there and get involved after the success of the Unity Walk on October 12.

Where did the Pots Come From? The Origin of the Sphinx Club



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My journey to find the origins of the Sphinx Club started by mistake. I was at my grandmother's house over Thanksgiving and I decided to look through some of my dad's old books that were packed into a shelf behind an outdated desktop computer. For those of you that do not know, my dad graduated from Wabash in 1986, so some of the books I stumbled upon were old yearbooks from when he was a student.

The yearbook that really caught my attention was the 1983 yearbook because it is the sesquicentennial edition of the yearbook that celebrates the history of the College. Within this 1983 edition of the book, there is a detailed timeline of events that occurred within the first 150 years of the College's standing as an institution of higher learning. I learned that the only reason why Wabash still has Forest

Hall is because Caleb Mills decided that he wanted to keep it for himself until he gave it back. I also learned that in 1921 chapel meetings had to be held in the gym because the space could not accommodate for more than 400 students. Another strange thing that happened in 1921 is that there were 2 clubs on Wabash's campus that were recognized by Egyptian names: the Sphinx Club and the Karnak Club. One organization still exists as it did since the winter of 1921, while the other exists as Wabash's chapter of TKE. I never would have known that bit of history if I had never opened that dusty book that had been neglected for years on end. The mention of the Karnak Club was what threw me into a whirlwind of curiosity because I didn't know if the organizations were one in the same.

I wanted to get more answers, so I looked for them. What started at an attempt to crack jokes at my dad's yearbook photo was converted into a journey that makes me appreciate the Club even more than I do now.

A surprising fact about the Sphinx Club is that it did not start off here in Crawfordsville, Indiana. It was a club that was brought to our campus in February of 1921 after a group of students braved a journey past D****w down to the bustling city of Bloomington.

Wabash students went to the campus of Indiana University and were initiated as members of the Sphinx Club. Just as it does now at Wabash, the IU chapter

of the Sphinx Club was dedicated to the promotion of "good fellowship among Indiana students", as stated in newspaper clipping from October of 1910. 1910 was an important year for the Sphinx Club at IU because that was the year it was founded by students. Information on the Club prior to 1910 does not seem to exist, so, according to the Indiana University Archives, it is likely that the Sphinx Club originated in the southern half of the state. According to Beth Swift, Wabash's archivist, there were other chapters of the Sphinx Club on other campuses, but I am only knowledgeable of the organization at Butler University.

I also found some information on organizations that called themselves Sphinx Clubs at Kent State and Brown University. It is frustrating to have such little information on the organization, but it makes me appreciate the records our chapter of the Club has kept since its founding. It is both humbling and interesting to think that Wabash College has the only remaining chapter in existence. I believe that it is fitting that we have the last Sphinx Club because we are also one of the last remaining all-male student bodies left in the country. This College is a place that is deeply passionate about its traditions, and it does everything it can to keep them alive and well.

I am glad that I decided to research the history of the Sphinx Club because it is good to know that the purpose of the Sphinx Club has not changed in

its mission for over a hundred years of existence both on and off Wabash's campus. In all the text that I had read about the club, there were always mentions of social outings, plays, and other festivities that the Club would host to bring the students together. I am also happy to know that the Sphinx Club has always been known for two things: being loud and wearing a little white hat. In the 1924 edition of the Indiana University yearbook, the page dedicated to the Club explains how the Club "has sponsored a movement for less sleep" since the "society insists upon vocalizing all over campus on peaceful and stilly nights". I also love how the same page of the yearbook exclaims "By their hats ye shall know them!" because the Club and our beloved mascot, Wally Wabash, both continue to don the white pot encircled by a black band.

Even though a good amount of effort goes into making the pots, the Club has been able to maintain the tradition of representing our values by wearing the hat. Now that I know where the pot came from, I am glad that I am able to carry on a legacy that is aimed at maintaining and improving the life of the campus. I hope that the student bodies of the future continue to appreciate the Sphinx Club and that it continues to be a promoter of what makes the experience of every Wabash man. If you would like to learn more about the Sphinx Club... Join and find out. WAF!

The Problem with PragerU: Do Your Own Research



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Back in the 2010s, my time was spent mostly on YouTube, particularly with video game let's plays. At one point or another, I came across an interesting video in my "recommended videos" feed, entitled "SOCIAL JUSTICE WARRIORS GET OWNED BY BEN SHAPIRO!" I was instantly hooked.

My experience isn't unique. Many people, specifically young men, have encountered a video like this one at some point in their life. For whatever reason, the algorithm introduced us to a world of easily digestible, quickly produced, political media, at some point in our young lives. Some of the most popular videos at the time came from a conservative organization known as Prager University, or PragerU.

In recent weeks, I have noticed that a particularly large amount of Wabash students consume PragerU's content. This is of course no surprise;

with over 1 billion views under their belt, PragerU is by far one of the most popular outlets for bite-size political media. Of course, this wouldn't be an issue if the organization's content wasn't so deceptive.

To both highlight their deceptive nature and demonstrate why everyone should stay away from outlets, such as PragerU, that claim to produce "bite-size" content, I will use one of their videos, What is Critical Race Theory?, as a template.

The first problem with this and PragerU's other videos is that it's around 5-minutes long, but these videos are not on simple topics. In reality they are about some of the most controversial and complicated issues in America, ranging from the events in the Ferguson police department, to the notion of social privilege, to trans rights. These concepts require much more than 5 minutes to fully understand and contextualize.

For example, a key argument in What is Critical Race Theory?, is that: "Critical Race Theory...is not a continuation of the Civil Rights Movement. It is, in fact, a repudiation of it. To Critical Race theorists, Martin Luther King was both wrong and naïve."

Luckily for us, PragerU is kind enough to cite the sources used to substantiate their claims (though it's not always the case). There are four sources used to support this claim; only two referenced a connection between Critical Race Theory and the Civil Rights Movement. One was a Purdue Owl summary about the theory, the other was a criticism of the theory

written by conservative activist Christopher Rufo.

Between these sources, there are two excerpts that directly apply to the claim.

One was that those who founded the theory were frustrated by the "dangerously slow" process of the Civil Rights Movement, providing little to no connection to how Critical Race Theory is a repudiation of the movement.

The second, was that many Critical Race Theorists disagree with the notion of equality, preferring instead that of equity. It is important to note that the Civil Rights Movement was only mentioned as part of a list of movements that used the term "equality," such as the American Revolution.

Here is my issue with this line of support: it is used primarily to fit their political goals, and only secondarily to demonstrate truth.

First, saying that a theory, which formed years after the Civil Rights Movement, is a repudiation of it, begs many questions: does a continuation not involve an evolution of ideas? Is one movement repudiating another truly negative if it poses a more accurate line of thought? Is it truly a repudiation if it only challenges a few ideas from the movement?

Second, saying that Martin Luther King is "wrong and naïve" but not specifying in the video what he was wrong or naïve about, or even how this idea was communicated by the theorists (even if it was), is deceptive. It infers they believe this about MLK generally, when in reality it's a difference in opinion on topics like equality and

equity, or how race functions in a society.

If the previous example is not enough to convince you, here's another: "Ironically, not since the Aryan obsession in Germany in the 1930s and 1940s...has a social movement been so obsessed with race." For obvious reasons it was not substantiated in the slightest, and also outright unethical.

The point is: many of PragerU's claims are deceptive. They are broadly applied, ambiguous, and have minimal support. It's also a serious issue for their viewers. If someone is so busy that the most they can do is watch a 5-minute video, then it's unlikely they'll have the time I did to read through its sources.

I will leave you with two recommendations.

If you still watch PragerU or other affiliated content, I encourage you to be mindful of their evidence. In my experience, it is entirely absent, or extrapolated to benefit their political aims.

If you don't watch PragerU but do watch any kind of educational "bite-sized" media, stop. Unless it's a "fun fact of the day" kind of video, you won't be getting a complete perspective on a topic, and be more susceptible to deception. I know it's hard to do your own research, but it's almost always better to read the sources themselves than to trust an organization to synthesize them for you. If you must watch bite-sized political content, find videos produced by politically neutral organizations, instead of ones which are funded by oil-billionaires, like a previously mentioned "university."

Football Ends Year 7–3

After an Up-and-Down Year, Wabash Football Ends Year with Bell Win

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• Wabash started the season 5-0, which included two marquee road victories: at playoff-bound Rose-Hulman, and an overtime win at Denison capped off by an unfathomable 2-point conversion. All in all, the Little Giants looked poised for a historic season.

Although the season did not culminate with an NCAC Title or a Division III playoff berth, the Wabash College football team still managed to sign off their up-and-down season on a historic note, with the biggest comeback in the Monon Bell Classic ever.

Facing a 21-0 deficit by the end of the first quarter, the Little Giants managed to go on a 42-7 run, which not only gave DePauw’s team their only NCAC loss of the season, but the first signature moment of many for Little Giant Stadium.

As the dust settles on the 2021 season for the Little Giants, there is much to look forward to heading into next season. For starters, the NCAC will look a little different. Allegheny College, one of the seven founding institutions, will be stepping away from the conference. On the football field, the Little Giants will replace the annual game against Allegheny with an out-of-conference team for the 2022 season.

Looking towards the team, there will be plenty of flux, as 20 seniors will be graduating. Six of the individuals - Joey Annee (1st), Dane Smith (1st), Seth Buresh (2nd), David Marsh (2nd), Jackson Clayborne (2nd), and Thomas Bolen (2nd), earned All-NCAC honors, with Josh Myers receiving a spot on the All-NCAC Honorable Mention team. All three phases of the ball for the Little Giants will have to adjust.

The team will lose All-NCAC Special Teams Players of the Year (P) Annee ‘22 and (K) Jacob Handley ‘22 on special teams, three of the five starting offensive linemen, and 6 starters on the defensive side of the ball.

Still, the team will be heading into next season with the expectations no different – conference championship, playoff berth, and keeping the Monon

Bell at Wabash. The team has the returning talent to do so, highlighted by the return of quarterback Liam Thompson ‘24, who will be looking to build off of a season where he won NCAC Offensive Player of the Year.

Throughout the season, it became apparent that, although Thompson was the engine that made the offensive attack go, the talent at skill positions matured and will continue to improve besides him. Most notably, Cooper Sullivan ‘24, who received All-NCAC First Team Honors, will return as the go-to option for Thompson. Derek Allen ‘24 will also return to a wide receiving corps that has grown continuously this past season.

The offensive line will see some changes, as well, with (RT) Smith and (LG) Thomas Bolen departing. Joe Mullin ‘23, who is now a 2x All-NCAC First-Team player will return to an O-Line that features Nathan Pairitz ‘23 and Brandon English ‘23. Returning players, such as Cam Ford ‘25 and Bryce Adams ‘24 will become key players who will challenge for starting spots. Two of the three leading rushers for the Little Giants will also be returning in Snyder and Cade Campbell ‘24. As the season progressed, the two continued to improve. With the adjustments made on the line, it will be well worth monitoring how it will shape out over the course of the off-season.

While most of the talk from fans and students arises for the historic pace and talent the offensive side of the ball has had for the last two years, the defense is what stole headlines in the back half of the season.

In an uncharacteristic season for the Little Giant football program, the team allowed 30.6 points per game (ppg), while allowing 409.5 yards per game (ypg) to opposing offenses. With Kamron Ferguson ‘22 and Jose Franco ‘22, who have been staples of the Little Giant secondary, departing, it will require the coaching staff a challenge in replacing so much experience, skill, and security at such a key position.

All three levels of the defense will



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Kamron Ferguson ‘22 saved his best for last, with two interceptions in this year’s Monon Bell Classic, as the defense held the Tigers to 14 second-half points.

require the youth to step up, as Buresh and Marsh are just a few of the players who defined the Wabash identity on defense. Some players to look out for include Will Netting ‘24, who, after transferring to Wabash, earned All-NCAC Honorable Mention for his breakout performance in the Little Giant secondary. Defensive lineman Will Olive ‘24 and Lineback Joe Rios ‘24 plan to increase their role on the

defense, as they and Cornerback Avery Epstein ‘25 emerge into the emerging leaders of a youthful, yet high-ceiling Wabash defense.

As Head Coach (HC) Don Morel enters into his 11th season with the program (7th as HC) and the Little Giants still are a reputable program on and off the field, the outlook for next season should be one of patience, cautious optimism, and conference championship hopes.

Wrestling Continues Fast Start at Home

Little Giants Set Sights for Dubuque Duals after Impressive Home Showing



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Max Bishop’s 1st Place finish at 285 lbs led the charge in the team securing 21 Top-Eight Finishes on the day at the Indiana Little State Tournament.

GARSON MATNEY ‘25 | STAFF WRITER • The Wabash wrestling team put on a great performance this past weekend when they wrestled at home in the Indiana Little State Tournament. As well as capturing 21 top-eight places, Maxwell Bishop ‘22 won the 285-pound round with a 4-0 record on the day.

Having beaten West Liberty’s Jamie Kilmer in the semi-finals, Bishop defeated Vernon Willis in the final bout to claim the title.

Freshman Colin Baker ‘25 also put in a good performance in the heavyweight category. Baker won four rounds and managed a 5th place finish.

A number of Little Giants placed second in their respective brackets. At 184 pounds, freshman Chase Baczek ‘25, after earning a 12-1 major decision in his semi, lost his final bout to Marian University’s Sam Osho. Similarly, Ray Arebalo ‘25 placed second in the 174-pound bracket and

Alex Barr ‘22 finished second in the 149-pound weight class.

“We had a pretty good showing,” said Barr. “It was hard coming back after the break. Some guys were sluggish, but going forward we know how to deal with coming back after these breaks because they are just an excuse at the end of the day.”

Barr also commended the efforts of the underclassmen.

“I’m impressed by the freshman. They’ve been great. Especially Ray Arebalo and Gavinn Alstott, they are both solid and wrestled some really good kids.”

Next week, half of the team travels to Dubuque, IA for the University of Dubuque Duals while the other half head to Naperville, IL for the North Central College Invitational.

The Little Giants will look to continue their string of recent successes as they head into a string of tournaments during semester break.



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Colin Baker ‘25, coming off of a victory, awaiting for the referee to raise his hand. Knowling Fieldhouse was packed, as the Tournament hosted over ten teams.

Basketball Impresses in Blowout vs OWU

Wabash Goes 1-1 on the Week, with Next Game Home vs Wittenberg

ETHAN WALLACE '25 | STAFF WRITER • In what was a close battle throughout, Wabash basketball (4-2, 2-1 NCAC) suffered a humiliating loss at the hands of the Oberlin Yeomen (2-4, 1-1 NCAC) last Saturday. In what was a much needed win for conference positioning and squad morale, the Little Giants bounced back on Wednesday to beat Ohio Wesleyan (4-4, 1-2 NCAC) 86-58.

Last Saturday, Wabash basketball lost its conference matchup against the Yeomen. This was not a strong performance for the Little Giants; in fact, it may well have been their worst game this season.

Early on the Little Giants established a 17 point lead, but 15 minutes into the game Oberlin started hitting threes. By half time the Yeomen had reduced the deficit to within two - 43-41.

There were two big shifts in the game that led Oberlin to come back and win the game. Oberlin carried its first half momentum into the second, continuing to drain three pointers at an alarming rate.

The Yeomen finished 13-26 from deep, but there was a big difference in accuracy between the two halves.

Oberlin hit most of their threes in the second half and shot close to 60% from beyond the arch. Wabash's lacking defense allowed the Oberlin bench to score a shocking 30 points.

The second change was that the Little Giants started taking low percentage shots. When the team was building its lead in the first half, the players were moving the ball into the paint where Schreiber was making the game look easy.

But at some point the team shifted from high percentage paint looks and started shooting threes on almost every possession.

The Little Giants only hit 10-29 threes. In the first half Wabash scored

11 points off the fast break, but only had 3 fastbreak points in the second half.

Kellen Schreiber '22 led the team in scoring with 22 points, while shooting a perfect 11-11. Schreiber dominated the opponent every time he got the ball. Unfortunately he was in foul trouble throughout the game. He ended up with four fouls, but still got 27 minutes. Jack Davidson '22 also played well securing a double-double with 17 points and 10 rebounds. He struggled a little bit more shooting, and went 5-10 from the field. Tyler Watson '22 had a strong first half and ended the game with 18 points.

If the team had continued to feed the ball to Schreiber like it had in the first 15 minutes, they could easily have won this game. Instead, they wasted several possessions, leaving the final score at 85-87.

Wednesday night Wabash bounced back to win their conference game against Ohio Wesleyan University. Early in the first half the Little Giants, down 7-9, went on a 28-5 run.

This proved to be definitive, allowing Coach Brumett to stray from the usual rotations, giving most of the players at least a few minutes of play time. Wabash had a season high in rebounds with 46 to dominate the Bishop's 35 rebounds. Ahmoni Jones '23 led the team by pulling down 11 rebounds.

The team also had a season low in turnovers having only eight. Davidson led scoring with 22 points contributing 6 rebounds and 8 assists. Tyler Watson put up 19 points, going 7-13.

Jesse Hall '25 once again led the bench in scoring with 12 points, shooting 5-7, and getting seven rebounds.

However, shooting was still a little off for the Little Giants, who shot 33-67 as a team, going 13-30 from three.



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Reis Thomas '23 drives to the hoop for a tough 2. After an uncharacteristic defeat at Chadwick on Saturday, the team bounced back with a win on Wednesday against OWU.

They went 58% from the line, low compared to the rest of the season. Overall this wasn't a bad game for the Little Giants; they played better than in the Oberlin game, but they will need to be better if they hope to be successful in future games. The final score, 86-58.

These two games pushed the season

record to 5-3 (2-1 NCAC). The team is set to play eight games over the winter break, six of which will be against conference teams.

Saturday 11th the Little Giants face Wittenburg (3-3) for their fourth conference game of the season.

A tough game for Wabash, the team has to step it up if they want to win.

Schreiber's Desire to Grow

Pushing for a Conference Title, Schreiber is Playing the Best Ball of his Career



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Schreiber attempts a contested lay-up against Wittenberg's interior defense. After stepping up in a COVID-riddled season, Schreiber builds off of that into his last season.

BEN BULLOCK '23 | STAFF WRITER • If one had to describe the leadership style of senior basketball player Kellen Schreiber '22, it would be leading by example. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Schreiber found himself thrust into the spotlight in a leadership position he had not foreseen. But where most stepped back, he stepped up.

"My junior year, I had to take more of a leadership role," Schreiber said. "Because there wasn't going to be a real season, there was only one senior on the team. So, me and Tyler Watson ['22], both as juniors, had to step into a bigger leadership role than probably we were expecting. But I trained a lot over the summer; I played basketball in my driveway, I was out there every day, and I was able to run more. So, me and Tyler came into those leadership roles a little more as juniors just because of COVID, and that's just how that all worked out for us."

Schreiber, a history major from Indianapolis, came to Wabash having played basketball at Roncalli High School and made an instant impact

on the team. In his freshman year, Schreiber featured in all 27 games, for a total of 534 minutes over the course of the 2018-19 season. But the adjustment from high school to college was a challenge to overcome.

"I realized pretty quickly that I wasn't as good as I thought I was," Schreiber said. "The guys are just bigger, stronger, and faster. There's a big gap between high school basketball and college basketball, and so there's a learning curve there. It took me a few weeks to get acclimated to the speed of the game and the strength of the other guys. That was the majority of my freshman year, just learning how to play at this new level and at this new pace."

The adjustment did not take long, and Schreiber quickly became a regular starter. But it was during the abridged 2020-21 season that Schreiber truly stepped up and led from the front. Over 12 games, he averaged 19.6 points and was named NCAC Men's Basketball Athlete of the Week for his performances in a pair of Wabash victories over Ohio Wesleyan. Then, just

a few weeks later in March 2021, he scored a career-best 30 points in a 91-79 victory over Denison.

"Kellen is a very good player," Head Basketball Coach Kyle Brumett said. "He is very skilled around the basketball and has great touch. He brings a lot of energy to our team; sometimes his excitement gets him in foul trouble, but our team feeds off his energy. He is also a very caring person. He cares about his teammates, and he cares about our program, so he has been a big part of our team for the last four years."

Off the court, Schreiber embodies the ethos of the Wabash student athlete. He is currently working on his senior history thesis, an exploration of baseball and its role in American imperialism. He has also been instrumental in organizing the College's "Books, Basketball, and Beyond" program, an initiative aimed at helping local elementary school students develop their reading skills.

"About once or twice a month the team goes over to the local elementary school to read a book and hang out with the kids," Schreiber said. "I want to

be a teacher, so for me it's especially fun. Having that opportunity to be in the classroom with kids and being able to spend time with them in a classroom setting is great for us and great for the community because they get to see us interacting with the kids outside of just basketball."

Schreiber has continued his good form into the 2021-2022 season. After seven games, he has averaged 15.7 points per game and racked up 162 minutes of playing time. Despite the challenges of COVID-19, Schreiber continues to perform at the highest level, both on and off the court. But he could not have done any of this without the help of those around him.

"One of the biggest things these past two years has been the team just helping me through," Schreiber said. "It was difficult not having a regular season last year, but I think our team culture improved because of it and we were able to become more of a team. I'd definitely say the trajectory of the program is pretty good, and it's all because of the guys on the team."