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### **Break-ins** on the west side

#### NATHAN ELLENBERGER

26 | STAFF WRITER • Several fraternities on the west side of campus received unexpected and uninvited visitors on the afternoon of Saturday, January 8. Local juvenile delinquents trespassed into Sigma Chi, where seniors studying for comprehensive exams spotted them and alerted the local authorities.

Witnesses of the incident saw the intruders as they left towards Delta Tau Delta, prompting one senior to send an all-campus email to alert the rest of the campus community. Ben Cody '26, Delt House Manager and Crawfordsville native, saw the email and immediately drove to campus to secure the house with his brothers.

"We could see them out on the corner of the street looking at our house and pointing over here," said Cody. "So, we assumed they were trying to break into our house next."

The Delts detained the intruders, halting the would-be thieves in their tracks before any possessions could be stolen. Law enforcement then arrived and removed the juveniles from campus, but did not file criminal charges.

Many students feel unfazed by the breakins. This event, while unprecedented, has not appeared to affect morale within the student body.

"There was a lot of communication going on between the fraternities," said Cody. "I think that really shows that this is a safe place. I don't think anyone feels less safe with their stuff here."

Lewis Dellinger '25, Vice President of Sigma Chi, echoed the feelings of other house leaders regarding the safety of campus.

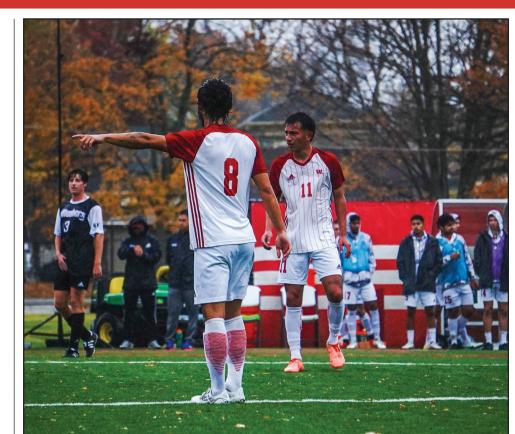


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Emilio Paez '25 and Bruno Zamora '25 attempt to rally at midfield against Wittenberg University on October 25, 2022.

# Starting goalkeeper transfers, more transfers rumored

## Soren Russell to play for UCCS

#### **BENJAMIN BULLOCK**

'23 | SPORTS EDITOR • The University of Colorado Colorado Springs (UCCS) has announced the signing of former Wabash goalkeeper Soren Russell ahead of the spring semester.

A native of Bellevue, Washington, Russell made 16 appearances in his first and only season as a Little Giant.

Busting onto the scene

as a freshman, Russell quickly became Head Soccer Coach Chris Keller's first choice between the sticks. He made his debut against Franklin College on September 1, 2022, and his first starting appearance just two days later against Olivet College. In all, Russell made 50 total saves on the season, enough to earn him Honorable

**Mention All-NCAC** accolades at the end of the year.

UCCS, Russell's new team, plays in the NCAA **Division II affiliated Rocky Mountain Athletic** Conference. But Russell's semester at Wabash, he says, has fully prepared him for the step up.

"My semester at Wabash gave me a good idea of what college soccer **Continued page 6** 

# **FBI probes Biden's questioned** storage of classified documents

materials reportedly

included intelligence

memos and briefing

the UK and Ukraine.

TIERNAN DORAN '26 | STAFF WRITER • Six more classified documents were found this week in President Joe Biden's home in Wilmington, Delaware, adding pressure to a mounting scandal that shadows the Biden administration. A special counsel has been appointed to investigate Biden's handling of the classified material. **Obama-era** classified documents have been found in both Biden's private office in Washington D.C. as well as his home. The

by White House lawyer Richard Sauber, special counsel to the president, materials regarding Iran, six more pieces of classified materials had been found in Biden's Delaware home. In the statement, Sauber said the Department of Justice was contacted upon discovery of the documents. Sauber also reiterated that Biden had been cooperating fully with special Counsel Robert Hur. Appointed by Attorney **General Merrick Garland** to head the Biden

# Seniors win competitive fellowships

Bullock '23 wins **Yenching Academy** scholarship

#### JAKOB GOODWIN

23 | MANAGING EDITOR Nothing exemplifies the Wabash experience like living through a pandemic, being evacuated from a nation at war and going on to study with a prestigious scholarship like the Yenching Scholarship. Equally, no student exemplifies the Wabash experience like Benjamin Bullock '23.

After graduation, Bullock will attend the Yenching Academy of Peking University on a full scholarship to study Chinese history. There, he'll continue his research on China's Trotskyist movement in the late 1920s. The Yenching Scholarship covers a two-year program that includes a year of classes and a second year for research.

This scholarship also represents the end to Bullock's effort of getting to China in the first place. He had originally planned to study abroad in China during the fall of his sophomore year, but the **COVID-19** Pandemic shut down those plans. Then, Bullock studied abroad in Vladivostok, Russia, right on the border between Russia and China, hoping to visit China while he was abroad. Then, just a few weeks into his semester abroad, he was evacuated to Kyrgyzstan after Russia invaded Ukraine in February of 2022.

As excited as he is to be studying in China, Bullock looks forward

# Smith '23 wins Marshall Scholarship

#### **JAKOB GOODWIN '23**

| MANAGING EDITOR • Cooper Smith '23 has done it again. Last year, while announcing his Truman Scholarship, The Bachelor said, "This week Smith added the most prestigious of them so far when he was named a Truman Scholar." He has one-upped himself this time after being named a Marshall Scholar for the class of 2023 last December.

Smith is the first Marshall Scholar from Wabash since Thomas Halverson '87 won in 1989 and the first to win one of the prestigious UK Scholarships—the other being the Rhodes Scholarship—since Jacob Burnett '15 was named a Rhodes Scholar in 2014.

The Marshall Scholarship, named for George Marshall, author of the Marshall Plan, which helped the UK and Europe recover after World War II, is a twoyear scholarship from the United Kingdom for two master's degrees at any universities in the **UK. Marshall Scholars** are selected for being future leaders that will strengthen the relationship between Britain and America.

Smith's research interests—comparative constitutionalism and legal history—will do just that. Smith will begin his fellowship with a year at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, where he will receive an MLitt in

"If you have 60 dudes living in a house, you feel pretty safe no matter what," said Dellinger.

However, there is growing awareness surrounding the issue of campus security as a result of these intrusions. Dellinger does not call for a change in policy, but rather for adherence to the current strategies.

"We've preached 'don't prop doors open,' and campus security has preached it too," said Dellinger. "I'm sure it was someone going out to the door and propping it open."

**Campus Security staff** echoed this analysis.

"Let's not call them break-ins, let's call them walk-ins," says Assistant Director of Campus Security Buck Waddell.

"One of the really bad habits we have on campus is we prop doors open, we leave doors unlocked. I think the Wabash campus is very safe, but we're still working really hard to upgrade our security systems."

Waddell also explained his vision of a digitized door system, where if a door in a living unit is left propped open for an extended period of time, a digital notification could be sent to campus security to let them know about the risk. In the meantime, however, Waddell urges the student body to be vigilant in policing itself, emphasizing that "being our brother's keeper would be the best thing."

President Biden's legal team first found sets of documents with classification markings on November 2 at the Penn-Biden Center in Washington D.C. On December 20, Biden's personal attorneys uncovered more classified documents, this time in Biden's garage. Most recently, according to a statement

released on January 14

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to exploring Beijing and meeting Professor Yao Li's parents to test his Chinese language skills.

18-year-old Ben, coming to Wabash from Birmingham, England, never would have guessed that he would study Chinese history. Bullock knew that he would study history of some kind, but

Legal and Constitutional Studies. That program is interdisciplinary, including Smith's interests in history and international law and politics.

"The big, overarching theme of the Marshall which connects to my interest in legal history and constitutional

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# Indiana Supreme Court to rule on constitutionality of

#### **COOPER E. SMITH '23**

| EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • The Indiana Supreme Court heard oral argument yesterday in a case poised to determine the ability of Hoosier women to seek reproductive care. The Court's five Republicanappointed justices are set to determine the constitutionality of the Indiana state legislature's recent attempt to ban abortion in nearly all cases.

The abortion ban in question, Senate Bill 1, prohibits abortion in all cases with a few limited exceptions, such as fetal abnormalities, a risk of a pregnant person's life and some cases of rape or incest. With S.B. 1, Indiana became the first state in the country to enact such a sweeping prohibition since the Supreme Court of the United States overturned Roe v. Wade in June 2022.

Women's healthcare providers in Indiana, including Planned Parenthood and Whole Woman's Health, sued the state before the ban went

# statewide abortion ban



Pro-choice protestors gather outside the Indiana Senate chambers to protest Senate Bill 1, which urports to ban abortion throughout the state with narrow exceptions.

into effect. In the suit, the providers argued that the Indiana Constitution protects the rights of Hoosiers to make their own decisions about their bodies under the guarantee of the right to liberty. They also argued that the narrow exceptions in the Bill are unconstitutionally vague.

The suit, led by the ACLU of Indiana, focuses on the state right to privacy, which the petitioners argued has a history within Indiana's state constitution.

"From its very inception, the Indiana Constitution has protected the right to privacy," said ACLU of Indiana Legal Director Ken

Falk in a press release. "Implicit in this right is the right for a woman to make medical decisions regarding her own reproductive health. This ban on abortion will force Hoosiers to carry pregnancies against their will, leading to life-altering consequences and serious health risks."

Shortly before the ban went into effect. Owen County Judge Kelsey Blake Hanlon, a Republican, issued an injunction, blocking the ban from going into effect. The Indiana Supreme Court is now reviewing the constitutionality of the ban.

Yesterday's oral argument comes as the 2023 Indiana legislative session begins, with Indiana Republicans pledging to hold off on new abortion legislation in the immediate future.

The Indiana Supreme Court typically takes a few months after oral argument to release its decisions. In the meantime, because the injunction remains in effect, Hoosiers still have the ability to access abortions, albeit limited access.

"Whether Indiana elected officials personally agree with abortion or not, it is not up to the government to make these decisions for Hoosiers," said Falk.

#### NEWS

# Bullock '23 wins Yenching Academy scholarship Scholarship

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Benjamin Bullock '23 poses with a falcon among the mountains of Kyrgyzstan.

he initially planned on being a history and music double major, studying 20th century classical music.

However, it was a freshman-year whim that brought him to study Chinese history.

"I took Chinese language my freshman year completely on a whim, and I hated it," said Bullock. "Professor Li would tell you, I despised that class."

Still Bullock struggled through, despite not really wanting to continue the class. He persisted and took the second year of Chinese language with Dr. Li and loved it—a realization that changed everything for Bullock.

"I very quickly realized the utility of Chinese language for my other separate interest of history," said Bullock. "I started trying to take Asian history classes, a class with Dr. Rogers on the Philippines."

Bullock combined his love for history with his new interest in China as well as his previous education in global and Soviet communism from high school to come to his research on the Trotskyists in China.

Professor Li didn't go as far to say that Ben was bad at Chinese, but that he struggled and has grown a lot.

"From just trying to learn a language, but always being annoyed or upset with the very basic elements [of it]," said Professor Li, "to [having] a very well rounded perspective, seeing the language, the culture, the society, the country as a whole picture. I think this is what I really

appreciate from Ben's time at Wabash." The Yenching Academy—and the scholarship it brings with it—was founded in 2014, and it has quickly reached the same level of prestige as more-well-known scholarships like the Rhodes and the Schwartzman—another fellowship based in China.

While other fellowships focus on creating connections between two particular nations, the Yenching Scholarship is about supporting scholars who will advocate for global progress and cultural understanding.

"Most prestigious, well known fellowship programs are really seeking leaders in a broad sense," said, Susan Albrecht, Wabash's Fellowship Advisor.

"I think that Ben is more of a leader in the field," and the Yenching will give Ben the unique opportunity to research his field.

The Yenching Scholarship is the crowning achievement of Bullock's time at Wabash, adding to a resumé that includes being a writing center consultant, a Phi Beta Kappa Inductee, and the Sports Editor for The Bachelor.

Most students go to college expecting to learn new things and broaden their horizons. Few have done as much as Benjamin Bullock, who has capped off his time at Wabash—which includes learning two languages and living in two other countries—with the Yenching Scholarship, completing Bullock's liberal arts education.



Cooper Smith '23 stands in front of the Supreme Court. Smith will use his Marshall Scholarship to study legal history and constitutional design.

design—is ongoing US-UK relations," said Smith

His research will allow him to look at the historical parallels between American and British understanding of law, justice and constitutionalism and the way they model criminal justice and legal reforms for each other.

He'll continue that path in his second year, when he will study at University College London for a MSc in Democracy and Comparative Politics, another interdisciplinary degree that focuses constitutional design and constitutional conventions from a comparative lens. He'll also work with The Constitution Unit at UCL, which researches constitutional change and the reform of political institutions.

Every Marshall Scholar has their own twist on how their research and their future work will strengthen relations between America and Britain. For Cooper, answering that question was easy.

"He didn't have to force the connection between the US and UK," said Fellowship Advisor Susan Albrecht. "There is also a long history with the UK connection to the US legal system, and with what's happening in Scotland with its independence push, it was an easy answer for him rather than a puzzle, which it often is. In Cooper's case, it's just naturally a stronger, deeper connection."

The Marshall Scholarship caps off Smith's storied Wabash tenure, which includes Phi Beta Kappa induction, presentations at research conferences and leading The Bachelor this year. It also precedes his matriculation to Yale Law School for his legal education.

"It's an honor to be selected." said Smith. "It still doesn't feel real. It's just really kind of unbelievable the support that I have from the British government to be able to continue this research, and then to be able to use this as part of my long term public interest vision."

In the last four years, Smith has worked for the Legal Aid Society of Louisville and the Innocence Project, creating a foundation of work in the public interest that Smith will continue in legal practice. Whether it be for indigent clients, the wrongfully convicted or those without access to justice, Smith knows that this Marshall Scholarship will help him serve his clients better in the future.

"This isn't just two years in the UK. This isn't just going and getting two master's degrees," Smith said. "This is getting the academic and the personal experience that I need to be a better public interest lawyer in the future, to be a better advocate, to be able to improve my advocacy and understanding of how to address the problems that I try to fight back home."

[Editors' Note: Bullock is The Bachelor's Sports Editor, and Smith is the Editor-in-Chief. Neither had any role in the drafting or editing of the above stories.]



Navigating historic flight cancellations over

# **Biden's** questioned storage of classified documents

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investigation, Hur previously acted as top federal prosecutor in Maryland, appointed to the role by Former President Donald J. Trump. Hur resigned in February 2021. Garland, in a statement, said that Hur's goal is to "examine possible unauthorized removal and retention of classified documents or other records discovered"

So far in the investigations, multiple White House aids who worked with Biden during the final days of the Obama administration have been questioned regarding the handling and packing of sensitive materials and how they ended up in Biden's home.

When questioned, Biden indicated that he did not know the contents of the documents and expressed surprise that such documents made it into his office. Still, the White House is facing growing scrutiny for failing to disclose the discovery of the documents until two months after their initial findings, seeming to wait until after the midterm elections.

"He knowingly knew this happened going into the election, going into interviews," said House Speaker Kevin McCarthy. "This is what makes America not trust their government."

These events have called a comparison to a seemingly similar situation that faced former President Donald Trump. Trump, who's residence in Mar-a-Lago was raided by the FBI last August was found to have 100 documents marked confidential, secret and top secret in his storage room and office.

The similarities have drawn outspoken criticism from Republicans in Congress as well as former President Trump.

SAM BENEDICT '25 | NEWS EDITOR • Travel issues are nothing uncommon during the holiday season. However, over 60% of flights being canceled by one company is uncommon. For many Wabash students, these cancellations spelled disaster.

"My family and I had been planning our trip to Cabo for months," said Vaughn Taylor '25. "Unfortunately, we arrived at the gate and were told that we would need to wait as they attempted to find another plane because the one that was supposed to arrive never did. We ended up missing our connection and lost a day of vacation."

This story is not uncommon following the meltdown within the travel industry. Over the winter break, most of America experienced frustrating cancellations and delays that threw a wrench into students' plans to see family and friends. Southwest Airlines canceled 62% of their flights on one day in particular after being exposed to a weakness in their "point to point" system.

"Point to point" is a term that describes the way Southwest flights are scheduled. In this method, Southwest flies directly from one airport to the destination without having to stop in another city for a connecting flight. In theory, this should allow for travelers to experience less travel time and a smoother process for flying. But the point to point system failed when the perfect metaphorical storm materialized, thanks to actual physical storms.

Because the point to point system flies directly, the airline has to meticulously plan out the flight schedule to ensure that each scheduled flight has a plane and crew, while taking into account various regulatory bodies that prohibit certain working conditions. As a result, Southwest rarely has any backup crews at an airport, and a crew flying from Indianapolis to Dallas will then work on a flight from Dallas to New York before eventually working the New York to Indianapolis flight back so they can get home.

Because of this delicate system, winter storm cancellations created a ripple effect across the country that left thousands

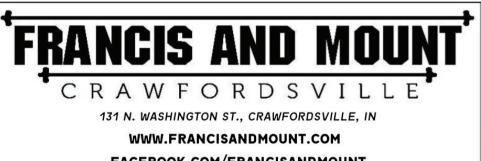
### winter break

of passengers stranded in airports and unable to make it to their destination. Interestingly, other airline companies canceled at most 40 flights on that same day, a fraction of Soutwest's cancellation percentage. These statistics highlight just how systemic Southwest's cancellations were.

"Traveling home from winter break was scary as our flight ended up being delayed for 8 hours and we switched gates numerous times," said Carson Heister '26. "We ended up not having a gate to go to when we landed and eventually got assigned a gate. After finally being informed that we didn't currently have a plane, we waited another 90 minutes just to be told that our plane wasn't coming, and we needed to move gates to board another plane. However, we waited

another 40 minutes because the plane hadn't been cleaned."

Going forward, Southwest Airlines has made a commitment to update their technology because issues like these have happened in the past and will continue to happen. Without significant strides forward, passengers may be hesitant to trust Southwest for their travel needs. "I'm doubtful that my family will ever attempt to use Southwest again because we need it to be reliable. If we're going to spend as much money and time as we did, as well as get our hopes up that it will all work out smoothly, then we aren't going to take a chance that things won't work out," said Taylor.



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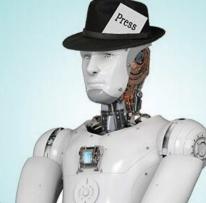
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# **Guest opinion:** Chet G.P. Thompson



COURTESY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA As a student, you may be tempted to use ChatGPT or other online resources to help you with your schoolwork. While these tools can be useful for inspiration or to help you get started on a project, they should not be used as a substitute for doing your own work.

Using ChatGPT or other online resources to complete assignments or projects can be risky for several reasons.

First and foremost, it is plagiarism. When you submit someone else's work as your own, you are stealing their ideas and intellectual property. This is not only unethical, but it can also have serious consequences. You could be accused of academic dishonesty and face penalties such as failing the assignment or even being expelled from school.

It is important to note that recent advances in technology have made it easier for teachers and professors to detect when ChatGPT or other online resources have been used to complete assignments. There are now a variety of tools and software programs that can detect when work has been copied or paraphrased from other sources. These tools can scan student work for signs of plagiarism and alert teachers to potential instances of academic dishonesty.

Second, relying on ChatGPT or other online resources to do your work deprives you of the opportunity to learn and grow. When you complete assignments on your own, you are forced to think critically and solve problems on your own. This helps you develop important skills such as problemsolving, critical thinking, and creativity. When you use ChatGPT or other online resources to do your work for you, you miss out on these valuable learning opportunities.

While ChatGPT and other online resources should not be used as a substitute for doing your own work, they can be useful tools to help you get started on a project or to provide inspiration. When used in this way, ChatGPT can help stimulate your thinking and provide ideas that you can then develop further on your own.

It is important to remember that ChatGPT is not a replacement for your own knowledge and understanding of the subject matter. It is simply a tool to help you get started and generate ideas. As a student, it is your responsibility to do your own research and build upon the ideas provided by ChatGPT or other online resources.

Finally, using ChatGPT or other online resources to complete your work can be

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risky because you have no control over the quality of the content you receive. These resources are not designed to be used as a replacement for your own work, and the results you receive may be inaccurate or incomplete. You are better off doing your own work and ensuring that it is accurate and complete.

In conclusion, while ChatGPT and other online resources can be useful for inspiration and getting started on a project, they should not be used as a substitute for doing your own work. Not only is it unethical and potentially risky, but it also deprives you of the opportunity to learn and grow. As a student, it is important to take responsibility for your own work and do your best to complete assignments on your own.

By using ChatGPT responsibly and taking responsibility for our own learning, we can live up to the College's motto of "Wabash Always Fights" and prepare ourselves for "responsible lives of personal, professional, and civic accomplishment."

[Editors' Note: Chet G.P. Thompson is a pseudonym. Next week's issue of The Bachelor will reveal the authors' identities in a follow-up opinion.]

# **HI-FIVES**

**OPINION** 

FIVE THINGS WORTHY OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

#### **HOUSE OF THE DRUNK-**EN

Hi-Five to House of the Dragon star Millie Alcock for being clearly hammered at the Golden Globes last week. Is she a senior who has to sit in Astronomy for a semester before she graduates, too?

#### THE DIRTY DALE RISES

Lo-Five to the pipes in Martindale Hall for bursting at 4:30 AM on the first day of classes. Sucks to suck, Geeds.

#### **THE LOS ANGELES FALCONS**

Hi-Five to the Chargers for the alltime sell job against the Jaguars. If we didn't know better, we'd think Matt Ryan had taken over at halftime.

#### IF WE'VE SAID IT ONCE, WE'VE SAID IT A **THOUSAND TIMES...**

Lo-Five to the people who keep sending meaningless all-campus emails, like about Hammock Club. We at The Bachelor think if you keep doing this, you should have your email priviliges revoked.

#### US TOO, MAN

Hi-Five to Prince Harry for telling us that he applied cream to his "frostbitten todger" while thinking about his mom. Hey man, we'd do the same while thinking about his mom, too.

# **Small-Donor Public Financing:** A Response to Citizens United

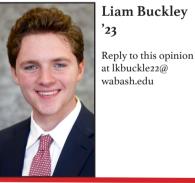


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through advertisements, large donations to specific candidates who represent their interests, and attack campaigns on opposing candidates. Although not all Americans are aware of the Citizens United ruling, those who are demonstrate strong opposition to the ruling. A 2018 study by the School Public Policy at the University of Maryland found bipartisan support for a constitutional amendment to overturn Citizens United. Though such an amendment is unlikely, a move toward public financing of political campaigns would be a step in that direction. New York recent launched a small-donor public financing program in November 2022, with the program set to impact candidates running in the 2024 elections. The program sets up a donation match, where constituents can donate up to \$250 to a candidate of their choosing and the state will match the funds \$6–\$1. This program is a policy that should be adopted by other states in order to ensure a more robust democratic process, as well as engaging constituents with candidates. The program allows for smaller candidates to raise more money through small-donors and avoid donations from large corporations which often come with legislative expectations and political implications. The program also encourages more bipartisan engagement from politicians to their constituencies, rather than selective engagement with large donors. Critiques have been levied towards the program as another unnecessary tax to fix a marginal problem, with a 2019 Cato Institute article arguing that the funding must come from new taxes which would mostly go toward political candidates which taxpayers don't support. Though the concern over unnecessary spending is warranted, the New York model serves to demonstrate the tax burden to be marginal. The New York program is funded by a new \$40 tax check-off, the abandoned properties fund, and contributions by individuals and organizations. The New York program demonstrates the marginal tax burden of a state-level program of small-donor public financing, but the argument against smalldonor public financing is flawed at a more fundamental level. Though it is true that some taxpayer money will go to campaigns they don't support, the program is structured to expand the opportunity for constituents to support politicians that they do support. With bipartisan opposition to outsized corporate influence in politics, as well as a rise in reactionary anti-democratic politics which seem to respond to the inability of American constituents to influence elections, a new structure to support the expansion of voter influence seems necessary. To construct a more robust democracy, and restore confidence in our democratic institutions, a small-donor public financing program should be prioritized by state legislators.

# The Supreme Court's Shelby County decision upended the voting rights landscape in the United States. Is it time for the Court to overturn it?



Liam Buckley

there was no valid electoral remedy; How could voters subjected to an unfair voting system reasonably expect their elected



In recent years, there has been no shortage of extremist, anti-democratic politics both within the U.S. and around the world. While one may be quick to point to illiberal states such as Hungary or Russia as examples of such a trend, America has had its own share of anti-democratic politics. The proliferation of disinformation about the illegitimacy of the 2020 presidential election is a serious threat, but these types of politics didn't come from nowhere. Feelings of unease and alienation about the prospects of democracy in the U.S. have been capitalized on by numerous politicians, mobilizing feelings of disenfranchisement toward movements of anti-democratic politics. Democracy is an ideal that must be strived towards, but the concept of U.S. democracy has been undermined in recent years following the 2010 Supreme Court decision in Citizens United vs. Federal Election Commission. The outsized influence of corporate power in U.S. elections has been accelerated by this decision and has left many Americans feeling that their participation in democracy matters very little. Though an overturning of Citizens United is unlikely in the near future, steps must be taken to undermine the outsized influence of corporations in U.S. elections. A move toward publicly financed political campaigns will empower U.S. voters and ensure their votes aren't cast aside by large corporate donations. The prioritization of small-donor public financing at the state level is a step towards limiting the effects of

Citizens United. Citizens United is a 2010 Supreme Court decision which allows for unlimited funds to be spent on elections by corporations and outside interests, and has led to the creation of "super PACs." These super PACs fall outside the contribution limits placed on traditional political action campaigns (PACs) and have spent nearly \$3 billion in federal elections from 2010-2018. Democracy relies on participation from citizens with the expectation that each person's vote (at least hypothetically) carries the same weight, yet the Citizens United decision has demonstrated that is not the case. Special interest groups, ranging from fossil fuels to real estate developers, can influence elections

In order to protect the sanctity of the right to vote, the U.S. Supreme Court should overturn Shelby County v. Holder, a 2013 decision that struck down the key section of the Voting Rights Act.

For five decades, the 1965 Voting Rights Act (VRA) protected America's most vulnerable populations from the discriminatory Jim Crow voting laws that disenfranchised millions of voters. When the Shelby County decision struck down the VRA's Section 5 preclearance requirements, it opened the door for hundreds of restrictions on voting rights that had an expressly discriminatory effect.

Article 3, Section 2, of the U.S. Constitution calls upon the judiciary branch to intervene when constitutional rights are being infringed upon. My research finds that the Roberts Court not only failed to meet that obligation, but directly contradicted it in Shelby County.

#### Was the Court's rationale in Shelby **County correct?**

My research scrutinizes the legal framework of Shelby County by looking at the historical precedent of justiciability. The Court mishandled this concept by manipulating the justiciability question from its original nature.

For the more than 60 years between the passage of the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments, and the passage of the VRA, the Supreme Court and greater federal judiciary declined to intervene in cases that involved voting. To the Court then, and the architect of this jurisprudence, Justice Felix Frankfurter, a body of unelected judges unaccountable to public scrutiny were ill-fit to make inherently political decisions. This changed in the 1960s when the Court's decisions in Baker, Gray, and Reynolds allowed for Courts to enforce the 14th Amendment and prevent actions of voter suppression.

Issues of voting rights became justiciable (able to be ruled on by federal Courts) because

officials to change it? When the Shelby County decision came down, there was a valid electoral remedy to the concerns that it violated southern states' constitutional rights: the U.S. Senate. The Senate weighed voters' concerns accordingly-most recently reauthorizing the VRA unanimously in 2006.

For this reason, the very involvement of the Supreme Court in an issue so uniformly agreed upon by the American people-by extension of their elected representatives-is an affront to longstanding jurisprudence. Five unelected judges should never find themselves overruling the will of every U.S. Senator given the standard of rationale required to reach such unanimity. Nationwide support of the VRA was bipartisan, nearuniform, and backed by countless historians & researchers who studied its effects.

#### If the Court overturns Shelby County, what should they put in its place?

The best remedy for voting rights is the pre-Shelby County status quo. Under that balance, the VRA was alive and well, federal courts used a high level of scrutiny before intervening in cases of gerrymandering & voter suppression, and America's voting systems balanced states' constitutionally protected rights to operate elections & the 14th Amendment's requirement of equal protection under the law.

Federalism is about push and pull, and Courts play an important role when it comes to overseeing that ever-imperfect struggle for liberty and justice for all. Shelby County v. Holder was a gut punch for the voting rights movement that took a leap backwards from the equilibrium found after the civil rights era.

As Justice Ginsburg wrote in the Shelby County dissent, "throwing out [Section 5 of the VRA] when it has worked and is continuing to work to stop discriminatory changes is like throwing away your umbrella in a rainstorm because you are not getting wet.'

My research suggests that overturning Shelby County is both the constitutionally sound route for the Court to take, and the one that makes the most sense from a public policy perspective. For the ideals of our nation and the millions of Americans who pledge allegiance them, it's necessary that the Court change course.

# **OPINION**

# An author, rapper and hustler walks into a bar...



Before I start this opinion piece, I must advise you all to sit down with a nice relaxing cup of whatever warm beverage you prefer in a relatively calm state of mind because today I would like to discuss some rather serious topics. These topics include but are not limited to, racism, antisemitism, misogvnv and sexual assault. If you are not in a proper state of mind to think about these issues, I would recommend you come back to this

piece at a later time. To start, I think it's safe to say that the last few months have not been a good time for some of the most infamous male 'role models" of our current generation: specifically, Andrew Tate and "Ye" Kanye West. One is credited as one of the most influential artists of all time, and the other is Andrew Tate.

"Seeing as his misogyny creeps into almost every part of his business or brand, it's my opinion there is no means of ethical consumption of Andrew Tate's media." -Hawk Ricketts '23

Ye has been in the media the last few months going on different interviews and podcasts to spew and promote heavily antisemitic rhetoric, even going as far as to claim he "loves Hitler" on defamed conspiracy theorist Alex Jones's Infowars. Meanwhile Tate, a self-help media

personality, has found himself in Romanian prison under accusations of sex trafficking, as well as horrific rape accusations, which Tate is heard admitting to in leaked audio footage directed at his victim where blatantly states "I love raping you" and "I can do whatever I want to you.

Despite all these recent troubling allegations, to describe the influence and grasp both of these figures have had on multiple generations of male audiences would take a ten-page paper within itself to explore. Instead, I would like to discuss the looming realities of each of these figures and the consequences of our continued support of them. In other words, "as an innocent party, is there any ethical justification to consume the media these creators produce?" An exploration of the literary concept called "death of the author."

Now, what exactly does "death of the author" mean? Traditionally, the concept is described by not holding an author's history, politics, religion, etc. in determining an interpretation or the worth of their writing. In more contemporary examples, the concept is used to separate a creative of any medium from their work to justify the continued consumption of their media.

One of the most famous examples of using "death of the author" is in the examination and indulgence of 20th-century American horror and science fiction author H.P. Lovecraft. Considered to be the father of "cosmic horror," Lovecraft is credited as being one of the most prolific horror authors of his time, creating such influential stories like "The Call of Cthulhu" and "At the Mountains of Madness"

What isn't as well known about Lovecraft is his incredibly racist past, being known to write letters to peers defending lynching mobs, showing support for Hitler, or his pet cat literally being named the "N-Word." With all this being said, H.P. Lovecraft is a classic example of the debate about "death of the author." Some scholars debate that his personal views have no bearing or representation in his works nor is he directly benefiting from continued support, while other scholars claim that his works are riddled with racist and antisemitic stereotypes and caricatures and by avoiding that topic it does nothing but perpetuate and normalize these horrible ideas.

Now let's examine the two figures I

mentioned earlier.

Seeing as both are well and alive, the conversation of whether or not they directly benefit from continued support is out of the question as it is a definite yes. Although there are some areas to argue how much a singular person's contributions to an artist impact them, let's with Ye. Some can argue that the bare minimum support of continuing to listen to Ye's previous works does little to support him as Spotify only pays its artists about \$0.005 per listen and Apple Music only pays about \$0.01 per listen. Not to mention that many say none of Ye's current problematic views or values can be found within any of his previous works. While all these points are valid when speaking of his past productions, examinations of his future artistic endeavors will be a lot more contentious.

On the other hand, you have Andrew Tate. And although it could be debated if what Mr. Tate does is considered art, he produces content nonetheless. Podcasts, videos, merchandise, self-help programs-he has his hands in a lot of business. One of the most common praises I see directed towards Tate is in regards to his statements and advocacy towards men's mental health and selfesteem, claiming that despite his disgustingly misogynistic statements about women, "he's still right about men's mental health and culture though." Personally, I say a "broken clock is right twice a day.'

But looking deeper than that, a common justification for his outlandish statements is that "he's just putting on a character to gain attention, he doesn't mean what he says.' I heavily argue against that notion as it is evident due to the recent evidence that Tate's views towards women escape the view of a camera and are even more prevalent in his personal life. That being said, a single view of an Andrew Tate video on YouTube can garner up to \$5-\$18 dollars per view depending on ad revenue. Seeing as his misogyny creeps into almost every part of his business or brand, it's my opinion there is no means of ethical consumption of Andrew Tate's media.

In conclusion, I hope I've been able to provide you all with an interesting thought experiment to apply to favored figures who might be deemed or proven to be "problematic," and for those who've made it this far and are a bit tired from the heavy subject matter, just be glad I didn't decide to rant about J.K Rowling.

# Wally's Wall: **Best Comps** Questions

#### The Question:

What was the best question you received on your oral comprehensive exam?

Jake Paige '23

"How would you personally prove that humans require oxygen to survive?'

#### Bryce McCullough '23

"What form of government would you create if you were the most optimistic person? What form of government would you create if you were the most pessimistic person?"

#### Liam Buckley '23

"How would you explain the seriousness of climate change to a skeptical Evangelical Christian?'

#### Hawk Ricketts '23

"Should Classics majors be required to study Greek or Latin?

#### Drew Johannes '23

"Did you display any Brechtian theater or theater of the absurd in your recent SNL creation?

#### Max Snyder '23

"What changes would you make to Wabash?

#### Evan Horn '23

"Why are you not wearing shoes?'

#### Jim Daly '23

Reply to this opinion at jcdaly23@wabash. edu

may seem like a larger-than-life issue that support of this urgent cause. Here are some

Tackling climate change through individual action

For starters, you should make a genuine effort to decrease the level of energy accomplished in several ways. One way to do this is by making fewer road trips and turning This would allow you to emit less CO2 since you would not be pumping as much gas into the atmosphere. You could, too, try to keep prevent the CO2 generated from your air conditioning and heater from going outside and into the world. Another thing you could do to conserve energy is wash your clothes according to Energy Star, for every gallon of

1,800 to 5,000 watts of energy are sent out.

With that said, your carbon footprint can be further reduced by eating less meat and dairy. Bear in mind that when you consume food from animals, you are reinforcing a system of animal agriculture that contributes to global warming and pollution, a problem stemming largely from factory farms and wasteful land use. So, if you want to lower your carbon footprint, it is a good idea to change your dietary habits away from meat. If you decide on a limited meat diet, the best options for you would be fish, chicken, and pork in that order. But, if nothing else, you should avoid beef at all costs. Depending on how deeply committed you are, you might take into consideration the possibility of going vegetarian or even vegan. Whatever the case may be, you might also want to try eating local food more often. Local food happens to require less: it does not have to travel as far and not as much fuel is required to be used to get it shipped over. Farmers' markets are excellent for this. Although the Crawfordsville Farmers' Market is currently closed for the winter, the Four Seasons Market, which sells meat and dairy products among other goods, is open year-round and is a mere five-minute drive away from campus. Finally, if you are searching for even more ways to conserve your footprint, something else you can think about is helping to prevent sending trash to landfills or into the environment. This encompasses a lot of different pro-environmental deeds you can take by conserving renewable resources. One of these includes recycling smarter: not just throwing your papers, plastics, and metals into the recycling bin, but also consuming less of them in general. For instance, you could make an attempt at drinking fewer bottled waters, instead refilling reusable bottles. This also includes bringing reusable bags with you to go shopping, buying products with less packaging on them, limiting your online purchases, and cleaning up litter when you see it. In addition, actions such as spending a tad more for products with greater durability would allow you to help by not disposing of as much waste and saving you money in the long run provided a declining need to have to replace them. These are just a few of the things you can personally do that are worth considering when looking into minimizing your CO2 consumption. While there are definitely many more out there, this should hopefully serve as a starting point for anyone environmentally sensitive in the Wabash community and looking for ways to save as much CO2 as possible. In the collective, if you take little steps such as driving less, consuming limited amounts of meat and dairy, and changing the way you think about recycling, you can make a big difference.

# Letter to the Editor: Join Phi Alpha Theta

#### Owen Bennett '24

The Wabash College Phi Alpha Theta history honor society is an excellent

It is safe to say that climate change is by far the biggest challenge facing the health of the planet. As the Earth's carbon dioxide emissions & sea waters continue to rise, the world is increasingly warming at dangerous levels and experts warn that if we fail to quickly begin taking meaningful action immediately, it will be too late.

can only be dealt with head-on by the big world leaders and scientists, nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, there are many steps that can be taken to reduce your own personal carbon footprint in of the things that members of the Wabash community could consider doing.

you depend on to get by. This can be your car off when you are parked inside it. your home windows shut as doing so would using cold water. Why? Well, as it turns out,

water you use for your laundry, an average of

Fortunately, however, there is still good news. That is, even though climate change

# 'Senior Comps' Comic by Arman Luthra '26





# ARE WE LIVING IN THE MATRIX?



opportunity for history majors and minors to connect and share their love for history through events that aim to connect the past to the present while promoting and emphasizing brotherhood.Wabash history majors "historically" have used their degrees to become doctors, lawyers, historic preservation specialists, high school teachers, professors, conservation officers, museum directors, police officers, and many more jobs in diverse fields. The academic fraternity offers more than forming a connection with our Wabash brothers. Students can connect with other Phi Alpha Theta chapters across the nation by attending conferences hosted by the national organization.

Our society has already kicked off the New Year with a blast. Thanks to a generous donation by the Miller Fund, Jonas Akers '24, Cooper Smith '23 and I flew to Albuquerque, New Mexico, to attend the Phi Alpha Theta Biennial Conference. During the conference, the three students attended paper presentations given by various Phi Alpha Theta members from chapters around the United States, including a presentation on firearm laws in the Reconstruction South by Smith '23. Aside from becoming more wellversed in the field of history, we explored Albuquerque and visited several museums, including the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center and Wheels Museum.

This Spring, Phi Alpha Theta looks to increase its membership and presence on campus with recruiting events in February and a history careers panel in March. These opportunities will allow current and prospective history majors to explore the numerous possibilities that a History degree can offer. Through the careers event, the club plans to invite Wabash history alumni back to campus to demonstrate the benefits of a Wabash history major through explaining how the Wabash history department prepared them to pursue a career in their given field.

Phi Alpha Theta is a great experience for history majors and scholars to connect with other students in their major to further shape their understanding of their academic field. The club looks forward to engaging with the Wabash community and aspires to continue increasing its presence on campus in the future.

# FEATURES

**Review:** 'Avatar 2: The Way of Water' is a hollow spectacle



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#### **TIERNAN DORAN '26**

STAFF WRITER • "Avatar 2: The Way of Water" (2022) is certainly... something. Naturally, I'm obligated to begin by showering it with praise for its groundbreaking special effects and impeccable visuals. And indeed, it is visually beautiful, often breathtaking and always a spectacle. Yet, despite being a beautiful film, I just can't bring myself to say it's a very good one.

Directed once again by James Cameron, the movie follows the family of Jake (Sam Worthington) and Neytiri (Zoe Saldaña) as they flee humans and find themselves as refugees in a tribe of Na'vi whose life and culture are deeply connected to the water. Seemingly, the goal of "The Way of Water" is to amaze you with visuals so consistently that you forget that you're watching three and half-hours of indulgent, overstuffed and tedious rubbish. Unfortunately, it's not distracting enough.

If you go into this film solely to experience beautiful visuals and you don't care about story or dialogue, then you'll have a great time. But anything more than that is a stretch. Is it too much to ask for a beautiful movie that utilizes these groundbreaking effects that also has a good story? Apparently. Style over substance doesn't even begin to describe the disconnect between visual quality and the quality of the story.

Nearly every major plot point in this film is based on some contrivance that seemingly happened between this film and its predecessor, with major characters and relationships shown at the start of this movie that weren't even hinted at in the first film. From the return of dead characters to immaculate conceptions, one can't help but think that the exploration of these would be far more interesting than what we've been given.

The conflict with humans is boring and uninspired. The explosions and action sequences are endless and quickly become meaningless. This film is at its best when it's swimming with whales or exploring the intimate spirituality of the Na'vi. "The Way of Water" is very much the same film as its predecessor. Over reliant on special effects and lacking a good script, only this one has the task of setting up at least three sequels. How many times can James Cameron get away with making the same movie? Only time will tell.

# **Review: HBO's 'The Last of Us' offers** a stark warning for our times

Television remake of 2013 video game hits all the right notes

#### **BENJAMIN BULLOCK '23** SPORTS EDITOR •

'True, fungi cannot survive if its host's internal temperature is over 94 degrees, and currently there are no reasons for fungi to evolve to withstand higher temperatures. But what if that were to change. What if, for instance, the world was to get slightly warmer? Well, now there is reason to evolve."

"So, if that happens? "We lose."

When HBO announced its intention to create a television adaptation of Naughty Dog's hit video game "The Last of Us" in May 2020, fans certainly expected a dramatic retelling of the already-loaded zombie dystopia. But what they may not have expected was a stark warning for our times and a troubling tale of complacency left unchecked.

The originality of this show comes not from its form or genre but instead from the way it draws us in, builds tension and gets us to look inward at what this story tells us about our present.

Make no mistake, the opening sequence of the show's first episode does not hide behind subtlety. The year is 1968, and, as two scientists debate mankind's greatest threat on a talk show, the implications are clear: global warming poses an existential crisis to life on earth as we know it. That if we ignore the problems in the world today, there is no going back. We lose.

It is an unsettling truth that even a 1960s chat show audience can't laugh off. And as the episode fast-forwards to 2003, the tension becomes stomach-churning. From the moment we first meet Sarah (Niko Parker) and Joel (Pedro Pascal), the show creates an ominous sense of foreboding that almost crawls through the screen. Even for those of us who know what happens next, the horror element is real and tremendously convincing.

There were, of course, those who



wondered if the suspense and drama of the original video game would get lost in translation. But the opening episode must surely have put those fears to rest. Creators Craig Mazin and Neil Druckmann perfectly handle a delicate mixture of dystopian creep with video game-like grunge, and even as the episode jumps forward once again to 2023, the tension never lets up.

At every twist and turn, of which the opening episode presents many, the viewer simply can't escape the show's stifling claustrophobia. Even when the camera shows us characters from behind, it is oriented exactly like it is in a firstperson shooter—enough to see the character's immediate surroundings, and little else. Only at the very end of the episode, as Joel, Tess (Anna Torv) and Ellie (Bella Ramsey) leave the quarantine zone, does the camera finally pan out to a wide shot, revealing the obliterated Boston skyline.

Fans of the original game will also no doubt appreciate the extra little details added into the pre-infection scenes. Perhaps the most jarring addition is that of Mrs. Adler, whose descent into infection gives us a clearer picture than any from the game of how the fungus takes over.

There are other minor changes to the plot of the original game, too. For instance, it is not revealed until late in the first video game that Joel's brother is endangered, forcing Joel to embark on a trek of epic proportions. In this new series, however, Joel's mission is stated upfront, fixing the slightly clunky beginning of the game's story.

For all the excellent acting on display in the first episode, it was Bella Ramsey's portrayal of Ellie that impresses the most. From the jarring protectiveness over her pocket knife to her cunning decoding of Joel's radio, Ramsey brings out all the qualities that fans so loved about Ellie's character from the game: damaged, but brilliant in every way.

There is, of course, always a danger with zombie apocalypse shows to lose the forest for the trees. That is, too many dystopian series attempt to do something 'new' that, in the end, falls completely flat. But 'The Last of Us' is not trying to reinvent the wheel, and that's precisely why it's great.

The originality of this show comes not from its form or genre but instead from the way it draws us in, builds tension and gets us to look inward at what this story tells us about our present. That stark warning at the beginning, as un-subtle as it may be, frames the whole series differently-not just a story about zombies, but an admonishment of our inaction on the climate crisis.



#### **FINAL VERDICT: 2/5 WALLYS**



# FINAL VERDICT: 5/5 WALLYS

# **Review: M3GAN: This self-learning** Al needs to learn from its mistakes...

HAYDEN KAMMER '24 STAFF WRITER • "When I first saw the trailer for "M3GAN" on YouTube, I was intrigued. It looked like the love child of Chucky and Terminator, mashed into a quirky setting to appease Generation-Z.

# Wabash Club of Indianapolis

# Victory is Sweat! **Cheers to Wabash Wrestling**



Unfortunately, my hopes were too high.

When Cady's (Violet McGraw) parents die within the first five minutes of the movie, her Aunt Gemma (Allison Williams) reluctantly takes her in. There, the two bond over technology and artificial intelligence, especially over Gemma's first robot she built—a large, clunky motion capture robot named Bruce. Gemma, facing pressure from her boss to create a new line of toys that will make the company millions, decides to make the eponymous Model 3 Generative Android, or M3GAN (Amie Donald/Jenna Davis).

The company decides to use Cady as a test subject to evaluate M3GAN's performance, and the two form a close bond. Gemma relies on the bond to throw herself back in her work, neglecting Cady. M3GAN becomes more possessive over Cady, killing a dog that bit her, a boy that tries to assault her and eventually the dog's owner who blames Gemma for the loss of her dog.

Gemma finally opens her eyes and realizes how much she has neglected Cady and tries to shut M3GAN down, but it's too late—M3GAN has grown too strong and has already killed a handful of people, and now plans to protect Cady from all harm, including Gemma. The movie ends with Gemma and Cady reuniting and taking M3GAN down together, and

all returns to normal... or does it?

The movie follows a standard horror movie plot, but isn't able to hold the dark and scary tone. M3GAN has two big tendencies in the film: to commit brutal murders, and to sing. Young women singing in horror movies is a well-established trope, but I'm sure Sia's "Titanium" isn't typically included on the list.

And even though M3GAN is made to look like a creepily life-like young girl, it doesn't translate well onto the screen. Even scenes that invoke terror, like her going on all fours to chase down a boy in the woods, are more comedic than scary. And the scene where she dances in a hallway to kill a man is more awkward than scary.

I had the opportunity to watch this movie with friends, who all shared the same sentiment. It was also enlightening to know that we predicted the ending pretty quickly into the film, before M3GAN was even introduced. One friend said, "I'm glad I didn't see it in the theater, and instead got to make fun of it with others at home". M3GAN has a good premise, but falls horrendously flat on its face. Maybe it'll learn from its mistakes in the reboot?

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FINAL VERDICT: 1/5 WALLYS



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# Fraternity rush: An off campus experience



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#### SAM BENEDICT '25

NEWS EDITOR • Wabash College fraternities are no strangers to uncommon recruiting strategies. Winter break is the epitome of Wabash rush.

At most colleges and universities, rush is solely held when students are on campus and committed to that school. At Wabash, fraternities recruit prospective high school seniors to join next year's pledge class and have various opportunities to recruit. Scarlet Honors Weekends, Admitted Students Weekends, Lily Scholars Weekend and other formal visits are all opportunities to rush students and offer a bid. Even when students are not on campus, they are allowed to contact prospective students and schedule calls with them over the phone or Zoom. From these interactions, rush chairs will decide to offer a bid, stay in touch or end contact.

The job of a recruitment chairman is one that never offers a break, as most fraternities on campus give bids to students over breaks. When considering that the recruitment chairmen are evaluating the character of a prospect, how he will fit with the house culture and intangibles such as eye contact and respectfulness, it becomes a challenging task to evaluate a high school senior during a brief

conversation that only scratches the surface of an individual.

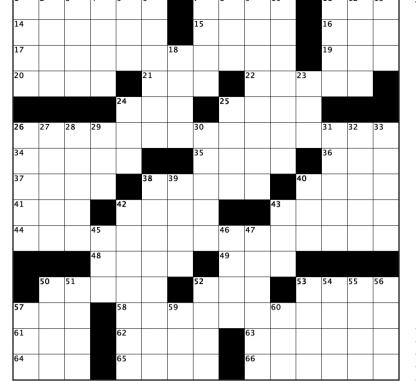
"When it comes to evaluating a prospect in a 10 minute Zoom call, we really don't do too much," said Phi Gamma Delta rush chairman Matthew Hendrick '25. "What myself and my other chair are looking for is quality guys who have a strong academic base and are willing to put in the work to succeed at FIJI. We explain our house culture and what we believe in at FIJI to make sure the prospect knows who we are. Then we always end with asking them to ask us a question. We believe that shows interest and lets us understand a little more about him."

While some fraternities believe that winter break is an opportunity to meet new prospective students, others aren't so sure that they are able to properly make an evaluation.

"I don't believe that it's fair to the prospect or to us to try and make a determination over Zoom," said Sigma Chi rush chairman Lewis Dellinger '25. "We stick to guys that we have met at previous events and who we have already bid. It's important when recruiting, especially guys who haven't accepted their bid, that we stay in their ear and show that we do care about these guys. That usually comes in the form of making phone calls to just ask



# "Color me impressed" Crossword by Logan Weilbaker '25 Across



32. Wednesday, to Fester

- 33. Wounds
- 38. Ruby anniversary
- 39. Baba, et al.
- 40. Wok or braiser
- 42. Struts
- 43. Chemist's workroom
- 45. Blot
- 46. Home of 26-Across
- 47. Track star, e.g. 50. 70% or 85%, perhaps
- 51. Kind of duckling
- 52. Shoo-be-doo-bop, maybe
- 53. Peasant
- 54. Season to be jolly
- 55. Do as a fisherman
- 56. Ballpark figs.
- 57. City transit
- 59. Babylonian god
- 60. Tournament exemption

#### Scan for solution!

Phi Gamma Delta gave out six bids to prospects they had previously not been in contact with and Delta Tau Delta gave out eight bids to students that they had been in minimal contact with earlier.

wracking to offer a student the

opportunity to be a part of your brotherhood after only talking with him for a limited amount of time and in a weird, impersonal setting," said Hendrick. "But rush chairs are elected because of their ability to get a feel for a person and we have to be able to execute that. It's important to trust our gut and we've decided that it's a disservice to our fraternity if we don't."

# Soren Russell transfers to UCCS



number one spot up for grabs heading into 2023. With Michael Bertram '23 graduating in May,

El-Khalili '23: 'Kenyon, **Denison and DePauw? They** should be scared' COLE BERGMAN '24 | SPORTS how are we going to approach WRITER • The Wabash Swimming this race strategy? Are we doing and Diving team continues its something different than we did 2022-23 season with a trip to last semester? We've just been putting the foot on the gas and Valparaiso University to face Valparaiso and Eastern Illinois kept going. Everyone has a really University on Friday, January positive attitude, which I think helps us just tremendously. We 20. The following day, the swimmers return to the pool to always say we swim our best when we're having the most fun." face IUPUI in Indianapolis, their

- 1. Performer with a fan
- 7. Taylor Swift, vocally 11. Burbank site
- 14. Hullabaloo
- 15. Song that won Taylor Swift
  - the first Grammy award for Best Country Solo Performance
- 16. \_ and ye shall receive" 17. \*Kale and cabbage, for two
- 19. What the owl says, in a
- classic knock-knock joke
- up (confined) 20.
  - 21. Hither and
  - 22. West African republic
  - 24. FC Cincinnati's org.
  - 25. Unstable particle
  - 26. \*Team responsible for the first 2-point conversion in NFL history
  - 34. Ascended
  - 35. New Haven university
  - 36. Carnaval city, informally
  - 37. NBA All-Star team
  - 38. It's not true at all!
  - 40. Place to fish
  - 41. Chemical suffix
  - 42. Ralph Lauren line
  - 43. Jousting need
  - 44. \*Popular stocking stuffers
  - 48. Pont des
  - 49. Atlanta, for Delta
  - 50. Emirate on the Persian Gulf
  - 52. \_ City

  - 53. Apt rhyme of "fire"
  - 57. Money, in slang
  - 58. \*1978 Steely Dan single that references the Alabama Crimson Tide
  - 61. Link letters?
  - 62. Mount in Sicily
  - 63. Metal shoe part
  - 64. Heavens
  - 65. Word preceding up or down
  - 66. "Star Wars" side



10. Beached 11. "Get off my 12. Government safety org. 13. Bout ender, briefly 18. Santa 23. Period with 365 dias 24. U.S. Presidents, so far

- 25. Palm Pilots and such, for
- short
- 26. Coffee add-in
- 27. Jungle vine

<u>Down</u>

1. [Uh-oh!]

9. For real

2. Fencing equipment

5. It gets hit at night

4. Like street vendors' pretzels

6. Historical Scottish county

3. Persia, formerly

"You said it!"

8. Grant's opponent

- 28. German steel town 29. Dr. Dolittle, briefly
- 30. Parachute material
- 31. Squeeze, as a cloth

about their week and check in with them as well as giving them an update to any new happenings at our house."

"It's always tough to get a sense of a kid when you aren't face to face, but most of the time those are just introductory conversations," said Delta Tau Delta rush chair Brigham McGill '24. "It's different for every call, but we like to start by

asking what has them excited for college, and what they are unsure about."

"At the end of the day, it's nerve-

PHOTO BY ELIJAH GREENE '25

Former Wabash goalkeeper Soren Russell communicates with his team against Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology on September 7, 2022.

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looks like and the level of commitment required," said Russell. "The coaching staff, trainers and other players all really helped me develop as a goalkeeper. I was blessed with a great opportunity to play, and I appreciate Coach Keller for how he helped me adapt to the game."

Russell's initial ambition had been to move to a DI program. But even in DII, competition for a starting position will be no easy task.

#### "Soren's dedication to and respect for the program was his most desirable trait."

- Austin Hughes '23

"Soren came to us in a respectful, mature way and talked about his hopes of playing DI soccer and transferring," said Coach Keller. "That road is very difficult, if not

close to impossible, so he ended up at a DII school. Upward transfer is a loose term because we are better than a lot of DII soccer programs. But even though he will be competing with their all-region returner, he has high hopes. We wish him the best."

Russell's move into DII has been facilitated not only by his excellent goalkeeping performances but also by his determination on and off the field.

"Soren's dedication to and respect for the program was his most desirable trait," said team captain Austin Hughes '23. "Though undoubtedly the most talented soccer player on the team, he would always stay behind each day after practice to move equipment and help make sure the field looked clean before heading back to the locker room. All of these ingredients together make him such a compelling recruit for any collegiate coach and would draw any program to welcome him into the fold."

Russell's departure leaves the

competition is fierce among the three remaining custodians.

Russell's most likely successor is Fernando Ramos '25, a native of Calumet City, Illinois, who played two games in the 2022 season. But Wabash has two other equally capable keepers in Henry Giesel '25 and Andrew Dever '25, both of whom will be vying for the vacant position.

"We are excited for the returnees," said Coach Keller. "Without a doubt some goalies on our roster could and would start for many other programs. They are ready to get to work."

But news of Russell's departure comes amid rumors of several other Wabash soccer players requesting transfers. According to various sources that have spoken with The Bachelor, as many as four other players have expressed interested in moves away from Crawfordsville.

"Anytime someone wants to transfer, we hope them and their parents understand the education and experience they are giving up by leaving," said Coach Keller. "The majority of the time, they only realize it when it's too late. I think it's also a product of the ESPN 'lights' that everyone sees. Playing DI soccer isn't very realistic, but we can't and won't force anyone to stay. Our team has serious depth to it. We have many great student athletes that are hungry for more success, and I couldn't be more excited to get to work with them this spring."

With nine months to go until the beginning of the new season, there is no reason for panic. And with new recruits arriving in August, Coach Keller will undoubtedly have no shortage of adept players to choose from, regardless of transfer outcomes

last competition before the NCAC Championships in February. Adam El-Khalili '23, a senior on the Swimming and Diving team, felt the team had made good use of their time during the winter break.

"After finals ended, we were on our training trip where we had a lot of hard practices," said El-Khalili. "When we came back to practice at Wabash, it was kind of like training trip 2.0. We were still working hard and seniors had to study for comps, so it was a whole grind."

Looking back on the past two meets, El-Khalili stated that the attitude of the team has never been more positive.

"We had that mindset going in that we'd beat Illinois Wesleyan and Bethel," said El-Khalili. "It's the first meet of 2023, so

Looking forward to the weekend, El-Khalili focused on how these meets will challenge the team and prepare them for upcoming events.

"These two meets coming up are going to be some of our tougher meets," El-Khalili said. "Eastern Illinois is a DI team, and then IUPUI is like a DII team. They're both supposed to be really, really good."

Looking forward, El-Khalili has confidence that the team is working in a good direction. "I know we've been swimming our best races these past meets," said El-Khalili. "I think if we keep going, just keep fighting, we'll throw down even better times and then we'll be ready in February when we see the likes of Kenyon, Denison and Depauw. They should be scared."



Adam El-Khalili '23 in the pool against Albion College on October 29, 2022.

# **Unpredictable Oberlin poses spoiler threat**

Little Giants look to imrove away record aganst the Yeomen

#### ETHAN WALLACE '25 |

BASKETBALL WRITER • With the conference title still hotly contested, the 13-4 (6-2 NCAC) Wabash basketball team will look to save their hopes for finishing first by winning-out the rest of the season. The next obstacle standing in the team's way is Oberlin, who Wabash faces on the road on Saturday, January 21. In their previous matchup, the Little Giants squeezed out a 80-78 victory after trailing by 15 points early in the second half.

With a 5-12 (1-7 NCAC) record, the Oberlin team is a unique entity in the NCAC picture. Although they rest at the very bottom of the conference, the Yeomen have put up close fights against three of the top four teams in the conference, namely Ohio Wesleyan, DePauw and Wabash. This sets up Oberlin to be the perfect spoiler in the conference.

The Yeomen pose a real threat to the Wabash team. Their three point shooting is a dangerous double-edged sword. Oberlin shoots 29.4% from beyond the arch, but have wild variation in effectiveness from game-to-game. Oberlin has hit 10 or more threes in seven of their 16 games. In four of those games, the Yeomen shot over 37% from three, and in the first game against Wabash they shot 50% from three in the first half to establish a nine point lead.

The Wabash team is more than capable of beating Oberlin, but they have to be ready to play well all game. If they take a lead, they have to be ready for the Yeomen to retaliate with excellent three point shooting. The strategy that worked for the Little Giants in the second half of the first game was getting the ball inside consistently. Wabash took only four threes in the second half, allowing them to shoot 31-53



PHOTO BY ELIJAH GREENE '2: Ahmoni Jones '24 tosses up a shot, drawing a foul in the paint against Wittenberg on January 18, 2023 at Chadwick Court.

(73%) in the second half. In total, the Little Giants team recorded 44 points in the paint.

Another area where Wabash should look to create an advantage is in bench points. Since the beginning of the season, the Wabash bench has improved drastically in scoring output. In the first game against Oberlin, for instance, the Wabash bench outscored the competition 21-4.

Since the Oberlin game, the Little Giants have made a few roster changes. Gavin Schippert '26 has replaced Champ McCorkle '24 as the starting center. This shift has brought extra height to the somewhat undersized Wabash starting five. This change will certainly continue into the upcoming matchup.

The Little Giants might also be without their starting point guard Sam Comer '24. Comer, who picked up an injury in the game against DePauw on January 14, did not play against Wittenberg in the team's last outing. It is uncertain whether he will be recovered for the Oberlin game.

"The doctor said I can return to play as soon as my pain goes away," said Comer. "So, I'm just playing the waiting game at this point. As soon as I feel good enough to play, I will."

The loss of Comer is a serious blow to the Wabash team. The junior from Danville, Indiana, averages 10.5 ppg on 52% shooting, as well as 6.5 rebounds per game. Most importantly, Comer is a pass-first point guard who leads the team in assists. So far this season, he has picked up 60 assists, almost double that of the next best passer.

In the absence of Comer, freshman point guard Josh Whack '26 will likely step up and help fill the hole. Whack is a promising

Randy Kelly '26 rises up for a jumper after creating space at the elbow against Wittenberg on January 18, 2023 at Chadwick Court.

young player who plays a very mature game despite his limited experience. Whack recorded 13 points in the game against DePauw. Coming off the bench, Styles McCorkle '25 should also see some extra minutes in this game to help offset the height advantage of Oberlin's 6' 8 and 6 '10 big men.

"Sam gives our team so much, so it's definitely going to be a big role to fill," said Whack. "My main focus will be to just go out and play my game. With Sam being out, we lose some leadership, so just being vocal and keeping everyone level headed is gonna be huge for our team."

The game tips off at 2 p.m. at Oberlin.



PHOTO BY JAKE PAIGE '23

PHOTO BY ELIJAH GREENE '25 Edreece Redmond '24 pulls up for a three against Wittenberg on January 18, 2023 at Chadwick Court.

# Greene: Basketball is safe for now, but no room for error

ELIJAH GREENE '25 | SPORTS COLUMNIST • As students and faculty alike journey back to Wabash's campus to resume both learning and teaching, the Little Giants basketball team



# McRoberts: NCAC basketball power rankings

NOAH McROBERTS '25 | SPORTS WRITER • While you were lazing around, studying for comps or making extra cash over your breaks, our guys were hard at work on the basketball court. Right now, we are in the heat f NCAC conference play. Every game is winnable for each team right now and no one sticks out above the rest. However, that only makes my job a lot harder... 1. Wooster Fighting Scots, (13-3, 7-1 NCAC) Wooster looked a little shaken when they lost to the Little Giants on January 7. But since then, they have beaten both Wittenberg and Denison convincingly. These Scotsmen have certainly gotten their bagpipes back in order. They sport dominating post play and the capability to literally steal a victory from the jaws of defeat. 2. DePauw Tigers, (13-4, 5-3 NCAC) There are some cool cats down south right now. Despite losing to Ohio Wesleyan midweek, DePauw has won six of their last seven games, including an 86-80 victory against your Little Giants. In need of a trip to the chiropractor, Elijah Hales single handedly carried his team to victory on the back of a 33-point performance.

**5. Denison Big Red, (8-8, 4-4 NCAC)** If I were a betting man, I would

the hands of Jack Clement as he

remains the leading scorer in the

entire conference.

put my money on the Big Red of Denison to make a late push for the conference. The numbers support Denison as they model disciplined play and effort. In addition, it's figuratively and literally difficult to hide their secret weapon, the six-foot eight-inch big man Ricky Radtke. He currently sports a conference leading 65% shooting percentage on a team that is ready to pounce. 6. Wittenberg Tigers, (7-9, 3-5 NCAC) Wittenberg holds the unfortunate title of the most forgettable school in the conference. Owning their newfound identity, they have made it their mission to be smack-dab in the middle of every statistical category known to man, to the point that they have an even win differential. Nothing to see here guys.

has been hard at work. Over the holiday break, the team has had a veritable rollercoaster of a season, consisting of both a five-game win streak and a loss to DePauw in Greencastle on Saturday, January 14. This stillyoung squad has not been able to settle in and find a consistent rhythm or formula of success on either side of the ball.

In the recent schedule, there appears to be no clear hierarchy of scorers on this team, with different Little Giants being the leading scorers in almost every game. Ahmoni Jones '24 continues to put up big numbers, averaging 14.3 points per game over the holiday stretch of games, but his supporting cast can vary from game-to-game.

Previous NCAC Player of the Week Vinny Buccilla '25 has proven to be a solid and reliable scorer, earning honors for his performances in the wins against Kenyon and Wooster where he averaged 17.5 ppg and shot 81 percent from the field. And Avery Beaver '24 has gone from only adding the occasional three-pointer off of the bench to being Wabash's leading scorer against Wooster on January 7. His presence on the floor is becoming increasingly more valuable to the Wabash offense.

True to their original form, Wabash has played most of its NCAC opponents quite closely. The Little Giants only defeated Oberlin by two in their first matchup and lost to Ohio Wesleyan by one, as well as beating Kenyon by only four. It seems that no matter their opponents' skill level, this Wabash team is determined to play to that team's level. At the very least, it keeps the game interesting all the way to the end. PHOTO JAKE PAIGE' 23

Vinny Buccilla '25 cuts along the baseline looking for an outlet pass against Wittenberg on January 18, 2023, at Chadwick Court.

Nowhere is this more apparent than in their recent matchup against DePauw. On multiple occasions the DePauw defense was able to force Wabash into a hasty shot choice at the end of the shot clock or force a violation.

The offense seemed out-ofsync for most of the night, never establishing their own rhythm or dictating the pace of the game. DePauw controlled both ends of the court, especially in the second half when their star player, Elijah Hales, couldn't seem to miss on his way to 33 points, leading both teams.

Against Wittenburg, the tale of the tape was more of the same. Wabash started out hot, jumping out to a double-digit lead in the first five minutes of the contest. They would hold that lead, raising it to over twenty points in the second half.

However, Wittenberg did not fold and managed to cut the lead to within four with three minutes left in the second half.

But Wabash maintained its

composure and clutch free throws from Jones extended the lead to ten as time expired. Again, Wabash shows promising flashes of exemplary team basketball, but maintaining that consistency across long stretches of games seems to be the constant issue for this squad.

And yet, Wabash currently sits at third in the NCAC. Being only one game out of first place and owning the tiebreaker over Wooster, rediscovering that elusive rhythm as the end of the season approaches could still deliver that second NCAC regular season title. However, even one or two more losses in the conference would realistically place them out of contention for the title. Wabash's season is balanced on the edge of a knife.

Their next fixture against Oberlin will hopefully continue to set the tone for the final stretch of NCAC play and propel Wabash into the postseason playing their best basketball of the year.

### 3. Wabash Little Giants, (13-4, 6-2 NCAC)

The men dawning scarlet and white are in an interesting place right now. A team that feeds off an electric crowd, the Little Giants have struggled on the road. In addition to injury questions surrounding starter Sam Comer '24, there are further questions to solve from Brummet and co. if they want to have a chance to host the NCAC conference tournament. Fortunately, there's still time to work out the kinks.

#### 4. Ohio Wesleyan Battling Bishops, (12-5, 7-1 NCAC)

These Bishops are certainly winning battles, but they seem to be losing the war. Narrow victories over Hiram and Oberlin don't inspire confidence in their ability to hold a spot in the top four. But they certainly surprised everybody this week with a victory over DePauw. And fortunately for them, they might be able to ride the star power in

## 7. Hiram Terriers, (8-8, 3-5 NCAC)

These dogs have some fight in them this year. Though their bite may still be lacking some, their bark is certainly loud. It is quite unlikely that they make much of a real impact this year, but don't put it past them to play spoiler towards the end of the season. 8. Kenyon College Owls, (7-10, 0-8 NCAC)

Kenyon is that guy you know who always shouts, "if I would have made that one shot, I would've beat you!" At least they can get their own rebound, as they lead the conference in that category, But someone please tell them that almost only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades.

# 9. Oberlin Yeomen, (5-12, 1-7 NCAC)

Do you know what a Yeoman is? Neither do I, but you can go be one if you can hit a shot once in a blue moon. And yet somehow, this team managed to pull off a win this week against the only team in the conference nearly as bad as they are, Kenyon. It may have been a one-point victory, but a win is a win when you're an Oberlin fan.

# Volleyball serves up new season



Jackson Leeper '25 spikes the ball over the net against Illinois Wesleyan University on January 17, 2023, at Chadwick Court.

ANDREW DEVER '25 | OPINION EDITOR • With convincing 3-0 victories over Maranatha Baptist University and Rockford University during the weekend of January 13-14, the Wabash volleyball team boldly announced the start of their 2023 season. With an extensive non-conference schedule, the Little Giants have 20 games over the next six weeks in a continually expanding sport.

Looking to build upon two invaluable seasons with a returning core of experienced juniors and sophomores, coupled with some dynamic and energetic freshmen, Wabash volleyball looks to build momentum that will carry them into their conference season. But before the team begins their conference play in March, again participating in the Midwest Collegiate Volleyball League (MCVL), they will be able to play a plethora of matches to better prepare for their arduous league schedule.

The extended pre-conference season will afford the young team to get "an opportunity to play some small tournaments and matches where three teams will come together at one location to play in a single day, building stamina while providing the freshmen chances to adapt to the collegiate game," said Head Volleyball Coach Ryan Bowerman. For a team without any

seniors, this added experience is imperative to long term success, both in the small tournaments and during the MCVL season.

Additionally, Wabash will have the unique opportunity to participate in some tournaments that include formidable opposition from outside of the Midwest. While volleyball is continuing to rapidly expand in the region, other parts of the country, especially the West Coast, have long been renowned for their prowess in volleyball. In a unique and unprecedented opportunity, the Little Giants will travel to Chicago at the beginning of March to play in a tournament that contains a match against California Lutheran University.

After the pre-conference season, the Little Giants will open up the MCVL season against Wittenberg in the first game of a back-to-back which also includes Mount St. Joseph University. Unlike most of Wabash's other sports, the MCVL is a volleyballspecific conference that is composed of small Midwestern Division III schools. At the end of the eight-game season, the top four teams will participate in a postseason tournament with an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III tournament on the line.

While the reality of a very difficult conference season looms on the horizon, Coach Bowerman and the rest of the team are optimistic with the promising signs of improvement that they have already seen in the first three games of the season.

"The younger guys that are freshman have already added depth and a challenge to the core group of juniors and sophomores that have established themselves in the team," said Bowerman. "With the additional offensive capacity that we possess this season, it seems that our performance is really going to come together this season."

With more than 20 games of additional experience under their belt, Bowerman believes that the team will be the best prepared it has ever been to face the challenge of the MCVL and compete for a playoff position.

The team returns to action on January 27 against North Park University in their first of three matches over a 24 hour span. They will then host Saint Maryof-the-Woods College at Chadwick Court on February 7 at 7 p.m.

### Newby '26 makes top ten list

### Strong freshman performances in the Robert H. Johnson Open

BENJAMIN BULLOCK '23 | SPORTS EDITOR • First-year track athlete Will Newby '26 finished first in the indoor men's 60m and 200m on Saturday, January 14, in the Robert H. Johnson Open at the Knowling Fieldhouse. Newby finished his 200-meter race in 22.64, the fourth fastest time in school history.

Newby's victories came at just his second collegiate-level event. Before winter break, he had competed in a meet at Illinois Wesleyan University where he scored two third-place finishes. But Newby's most recent performance has rocketed him into the Little Giant athletic limelight.

"It's extremely exciting to put myself on the list of many of some of Wabash's all-time greats and I think that it really just speaks for the direction of the team and program as a whole," said Newby. "We are making something special, and I couldn't be more excited to see what the future holds, not only for my career by my teammates and school."

Sly Williams '26, another freshman from Indianapolis, also scored big at the Open, finishing second in his first collegiate 60m with a time of 7.27.

"The experience was a good learning step on what my potential could be in this event," said Williams. "It gave me a lot of confidence on the room of



courtesy of communications and MARKETING Will Newby '26 won two events at the Robert H. Johnson Open on January 14, 2023, at the Knowling Fieldhouse.

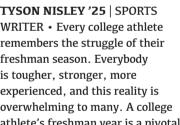
improvement I have, but it was nerve-wracking—I didn't really believe in my abilities leading up to this race."

In all, Wabash won 10 of the 14 men's events at the Open. Haiden Diemer-McKinney '26 and Will Neubauer '25 finished first and second respectively in the 800-meter dash while Brayden Curnutt '25 took victory in the one-mile run. Other individual victories came from Josh Massaquoi '26 in the 60m hurdles, Chase Kannon '26 in the high jump, Nate Joven '26 in the pole vault, Jake Oostman'25 in the long jump and Quinn Sholar '26 in the shot put.

On Friday, January 20, the track and field team travels to Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology for its third meet of the season.



### Wrestler profile: Day '26 dominates freshman campaign VSON NISLEY '25 | SPORTS PUTER + Every college athlete







moment that can largely determine one's future success. Succumb to the pressure, and you may never find the success that you desire. Rise to the challenge, and you can set yourself apart from the rest.

At 125 pounds, James Day '26 has chosen the latter. With a 15-2 record on the season, along with owning a #6 ranking in the country in the most recent iteration of the NWCA DIII National Rankings, it's hard to imagine a more successful freshman campaign. Day's season thus far has consisted of two firstplace finishes at the Adrian Invite and Indiana Little State Open, a third place finish at the incredibly difficult Concordia Open and dual wins over UW-Stevens Point, Luther College, UW-Platteville and UW-La Crosse.

"In my matches, I am constantly looking for ways to get on top and stay there no matter the position I am in."

- James Day '26

While Day's results speak for themselves, they didn't happen by accident either. What makes James Day so successful as a freshman? One aspect of his wrestling that sets him apart from other 125-pound wrestlers is his ability to keep his wrestling fundamental, and prevent many talented wrestlers from wrestling in positions that they feel comfortable in. Generally, the 125-pound weight class hosts an archetype of wrestlers that like to scramble and wrestle in more unorthodox positions. For non-wrestlers, scrambling is a dimension of takedown defense beyond the basics that involves

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James Day '26 grabs the leg of a wrestler from The College of New Jersey as he continues his season-long domination at the NWCA Nationl Duals on January 6, 2023.

lots of rolling around, passing legs by and finding unique and creative angles to attack your opponent in order to improve your position. While Day is certainly able to thrive in these positions, he would rather stay away from them.

"I find my wrestling style to be fundamental and basic," said Day. "I am capable of wrestling through funky positions and scrambling when needed. However, I try to stay away from such 50/50 positions as much as possible and dictate the match so that I can wrestle in the positions that I feel most comfortable."

Another aspect of Day's wrestling that allows him to thrive is his ability to control opponents from the top position. The top and bottom positions for many freshmen wrestlers is an especially problematic element of college wrestling, with the landscape overall including much more physical wrestlers. Even the most talented freshmen in college wrestling commonly struggle to hold opponents down from the top position. Day apparently didn't know this, and wrestles like he's been a college wrestler for years now.

"I like to wrestle many of my matches on top and try to wear guys down when they get underneath me," said Day. "In my matches, I am constantly looking for ways to get on top and stay there no matter the position I am in."

Coming all the way from Phillipsburg, New Jersey, Day made quite a decision coming all the way to Crawfordsville to pursue his college goals. While Day had initially intended on finding a liberal arts college close to home, he eventually decided that the opportunity that Wabash had offered him was too good for him to pass up.

"Although I wanted to remain close to home, I felt most comfortable attending Wabash because I felt like I would be best supported in my academic and athletic endeavors compared to other universities," Day said.

Despite being so early in his college career, Day's goals are

clearly set. Day intends on declaring his major to be biology. As for his athletic goals, Day isn't setting his expectations low, and he is determined to become an NCAA All-American this year. If James succeeds in his goal, he will be only the sixth Wabash wrestler to achieve an All-American status as a freshman, and will be on track to be only the third wrestler to become a four-time All-American, a feat only achieved by four-time NCAA Champion Riley Lefever '17 and NCAA Runner-Up Kyle Hatch '22. In other words, James Day is already establishing himself as one of the best wrestlers to ever come through the program.

Day will remain an integral part of Wabash wrestling's success for the next four years, and will continue to announce himself to the rest of the country as one of the best 125-pound wrestlers that the country has to offer.

Tyson Nisley '25 is a member of the Wabash College wrestling team.



PHOTO BY JAKE PAIGE '23 Jack Davidson '22 has earned himself a move to the Australian National Basketball League.

#### **BENJAMIN BULLOCK '23**

| SPORTS EDITOR • Former Wabash guard Jack Davidson '22 announced earlier this week that he has signed for the Ballarat Miners in the Australian National Basketball League One (NL1).

Davidson graduated as Wabash's all-time leading scorer having amassed 2,464 points in 110 games for the Little Giants. He also won the Jostens Trophy award for the Most Outstanding NCAA DIII Men's Basketball Player in 2022.

Located in the city of Ballarat, Victoria, the Miners play in the second tier of Australian basketball. Davidson will be joined down under by fellow American Tyler Rudolph, who signed to the Aussie team from Minot State University.

"What Jack was able to produce in college, game after game while being one of the sole focuses of opposition scouts, says a lot about his IQ as well as his skill," said Ballarat Head Coach Luke Sunderland in a press release.

"We look forward to him putting that on display here at the Miners.".

Davidson will move to Australia in mid-February ahead of the NL1 season opener in April.

Davidson was not immediately available for comment.