

# Cooper Smith '23 Wins Truman Fellowship



COURTESY OF COOPER SMITH '23

Although Smith is over 5000 miles from Wabash, he is still able to leave his mark this semester while studying abroad in Chile. Not only is he taking courses, but is doing research on Chile's Constitutional Convention.

JAKOB GOODWIN '23 | NEWS EDITOR • Cooper Smith '23 has held many titles during his Wabash tenure, including News Editor and Online Editor of *The Bachelor*. This week Smith added the most prestigious of them so far when he was named a Truman Scholar. The first since Tim Flowers '06, who won the Fellowship in 2005, Smith is reviving a Truman legacy at Wabash, becoming the eighth in the 45 years of the fellowship's existence. From having to appeal a rejection early in the process to dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic and navigating the process from another country (Chile), Smith's Truman story is unlike any of the other 57 Truman Scholars this year or the seven previous Wabash men who won this award.

The Truman Fellowship is a premier graduate fellowship that rewards juniors in college who plan on going into public service. Smith most certainly fits that bill. As part of the application process, applicants must propose a policy that they would like to see enacted. Smith's focused on the intersection between criminal and economic justice reform, something he has extensive experience in. In the long winter of his sophomore year, Smith worked for the Legal Aid Society of Louisville, where he integrally assisted on housing and expungement cases. In the summer between his sophomore and junior years, Smith continued with Louisville Legal Aid and began working for The Innocence Project in Florida, helping innocent

people who were wrongly convicted, where he will continue to work this summer. These experiences have informed what he hopes to do in the future.

"From my experiences with the Innocence Project and Legal Aid, I've started my work on criminal justice reform and economic justice. I know I'm only getting started, and I'm excited to continue to use my strengths to help find solutions. I'm still charting my specific path, but I know that my future work will focus on the intersection of these issues," Smith said.

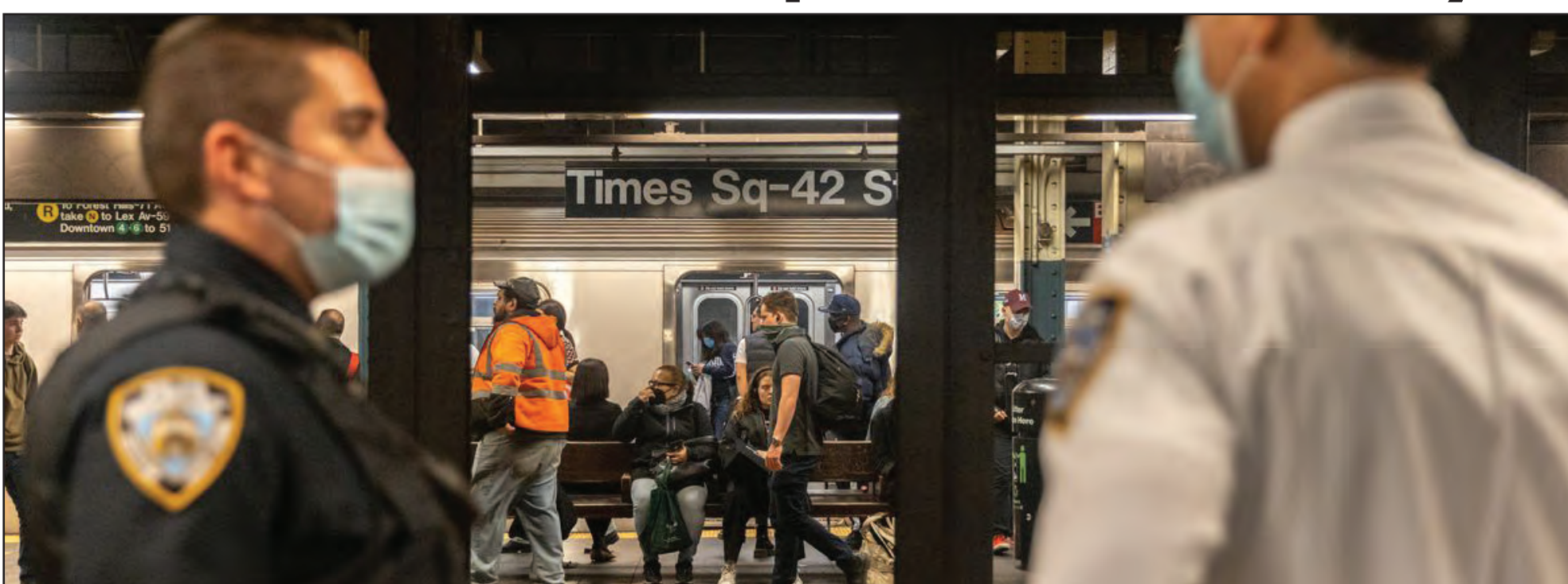
While the monetary reward is a \$30,000 grant for graduate school, the true rewards of the Truman Fellowship are its network and the other opportunities, like a guaranteed

internship and opportunities at certain graduate schools. Smith has said he is looking forward to the Truman Scholar Leadership Week in late May. There, Smith will get to interact with the other Truman Scholars from this year and learn more about what he can do with the Truman Fellowship in the future.

While every Truman process is different in its own way, few will be able to beat Smith's. Smith's Truman process almost ended just as it began, when he was not initially selected as a finalist, but was added after a successful appeal. "I was pretty disheartened at first."

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# Subway Shooting Sparks Debate on Public Transportation Safety



COURTESY OF REUTERS

This tragedy is only but a series of violence and crime that is becoming more prevalent through the NYC subway system. Latest reports from the incident indicate that James reported himself to law enforcement before his eventual arrest.

ALEX ROTARU '22 | MANAGING EDITOR • This past Tuesday, April 12, riders on the N train in New York City faced two smoke grenades and gunfire within one of the subway cars as the train pulled into the 36th Street station in Brooklyn. 23 people were injured, but none killed, and many managed to escape the gunfire by hopping on the R train across the platform and exiting the subway at 25th Street, the next stop up the line. According to the NYPD, the suspect, Frank R. James, aged 62, is now in police custody, awaiting trial. Before the incident, James stocked up on ammunition and rented a van out of Philadelphia, while also posting bigoted rants on YouTube. James has also faced previous arrests for misdemeanors in New York and New Jersey.

This is but the most egregious of a long series of violent events on the New York subway and across the nation in general. According to NBC News, 6 people were stabbed during a single weekend in February across the New York subway network. Also, on January 15, Michelle Go, aged 40, was killed after being pushed in front of the R train at Times Square - 42nd Street station - the very same R

line that helped whisk people away from the 36th Street shooting on Tuesday. And many people worldwide still associate the New York subway with the crime wave and dilapidation of the 1980s.

The shooting also plays into how much public transit in the United States has degraded because of a lack of care and underfunding. Many of the subway stations in the United States are dilapidated, and have only undergone renovation within the past five years for the first time since their opening day - which can sometimes be in the 1890s and 1900s, as happened for Quincy in Chicago and 15th Street in Philadelphia. In fact, one of the big impediments in finding the culprit of Tuesday's shooting was one of the security cameras malfunctioning. Also, some stations are so old that they cannot be fitted with safety doors between the trains and the platform - a common security feature in systems like Singapore's and Tokyo's; this is an actual excuse used in New York after Michelle Go's death.

The worst part of it all is that many expansions and renovations get delayed. Look no further than the Second Avenue

line expansion in New York, which has been delayed by over two decades. This gives little hope for the Interborough Express to be completed on time. Also, these backlogged renovations can cause further incidents, such as the frequent fires on the DC metro (the domain ismetroonfire.com exists just to inform people of fires on the DC metro). There are also severe rat infestations in these systems, such as at Chambers Street in New York.

And that illustrates another issue: the Interborough Express, when completed, would be the first radial subway line in the US. Transit systems in the US work in a hub-and-spokes model: all lines begin at a transit center and go outward. This is great for traveling from the suburbs to downtown, but terrible moving between suburbs, which is what most people do these days.

As a result of a combination of these factors, public transit in the United States becomes unviable. This results in people's perception of public transit becoming more negative, funding being pulled, and these issues aggravating. Right now, public transit in the United States is in a

vicious cycle that will end in its demise if the public does not begin investing in massive renovations and security updates. One of the biggest culture shocks I have faced as a European was hearing people bashing public transit - even European high-speed rail.

In reality, people will not use a system that is crumbling around them, where every day they risk getting sick from rats and getting pushed on the tracks by random strangers, endure panhandlers and people who need professional psychiatric attention they cannot afford, only for their next stop to be a mass shooting, and the doors potentially not opening on the right, as the announcer said they would. There are a lot of systemic issues intertwined in the events of Tuesday at 36th Street, and this is likely not the last mass shooting on a transit system in the US. It's not a matter of "if," but of "when" the next incident will happen, and only through concerted action to repair and properly fund public transit in the US, along with keeping guns away from people who intend to use them for harm, will incidents like this become a thing of the past.



## Smith '23 Wins Truman, Continued

"I just wanted a chance for an interview — so an appeal was my only hope," Smith said. Smith successfully won that appeal. Smith was grateful, saying, "I'm so grateful that Truman has this appeal process — it's the only national fellowship that has one. It reflects such transparency. And of course, given how things turned out, I'm a fan."

Just as with everything else for the past two years, COVID-19 affected Smith's Truman process as well. Usually, applicants interview in person. As he was preparing to go abroad, (more to come on that later) Smith was worried that he would have to fly to Chicago to interview just after he got to Chile. Instead, Smith's Truman finalist interview took place on Zoom, allowing him to stay in Chile for his interview, but robbing him of the chance to meet the former Truman scholars, trustees of the board, and public figures who conduct those interviews.

Smith's Truman process was further complicated by being on another continent. This semester, Smith is studying abroad in Chile, researching the ongoing Constitutional Convention there in Santiago. "As I found out about this constitutional convention years ago, I knew this is where I wanted to go," said Smith. While Smith is grateful to be studying abroad, being in Chile, and particularly the inconsistent Wi-Fi there, complicated his journey to the Truman Fellowship.

"Every single practice [interview] that I did, the Wi-Fi cut out." One of his biggest fears was that his Wi-Fi would cut in and out during his actual interview, but he got lucky.

"During my real interview, I didn't have a single Wi-Fi problem and it was the only uninterrupted 20 minutes of internet connection that I



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**Smith has been incredibly successful in the Moot Court program, winning as a freshman in 2019 and then again this past fall. His Wabash tenure also includes time as a writing consultant in the Writing Center and as a Bachelor editor.**

have had while in Chile," Smith said.

With hopes to go to law school and practice public interest law, Smith was an incredibly qualified and enthusiastic applicant for the Truman Fellowship. Wabash Fellowship Advisor Susan Albrecht had complimentary things to say about Cooper and his application.

"What often happens when people are interested in Truman, is that the student may have one of three things that matter to [the Truman Committee]. There may be a Truman-esque record of lots of campus activities, or there may be sort of a Truman-like set of values about the importance of service to the community and the wider world. And

there may be sort of a plan or a vision for the future that fits [the Truman Committee's] desire for identifying rising young leaders and change agents. I don't think it's that common for a student to have all three of those well-built," Albrecht said. She also said that Smith was well prepared because the Truman Fellowship has an interview process whereas few other national fellowships include an interview stage. Albrecht pointed to Smith's Wabash experience as an advantage, saying, "He's been involved in Moot Court. He's very comfortable on his feet, and he thinks quickly, pivots when he needs to, and doesn't panic."

Smith's application, including

his on-campus experiences like *The Bachelor*, the Pre-Law Society, and Phi Beta Kappa, his work with the LLAS and IPF, and his vision for a future in work on criminal justice reform and economic justice, was exemplary of a "change agent" that the Truman Committee looks to reward.

Wabash has a long history of sending students into many prestigious fellowships. This year, Smith joined those ranks, becoming a Truman Scholar because of his academic success, his stellar resume, and his vision to serve the public in his career. There is little doubt that Smith is set to be a change agent.

# Wallies Present Research at National Conferences



COURTESY OF ADAM BERG '22

**Several students and professors travelled to Philadelphia recently as part of the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Conference (ASBMBC).**

ANDREW DEVER '25 | STAFF WRITER  
• Over the course of the year, several accomplished Wabash students have had the opportunity to attend and present research at various national and international conferences across the country. Through spending several days presenting research at their respective conferences, these Wallies have not only gained invaluable insights and connections in their fields of study, but have helped spread and improve the reputation and name-recognition of Wabash.

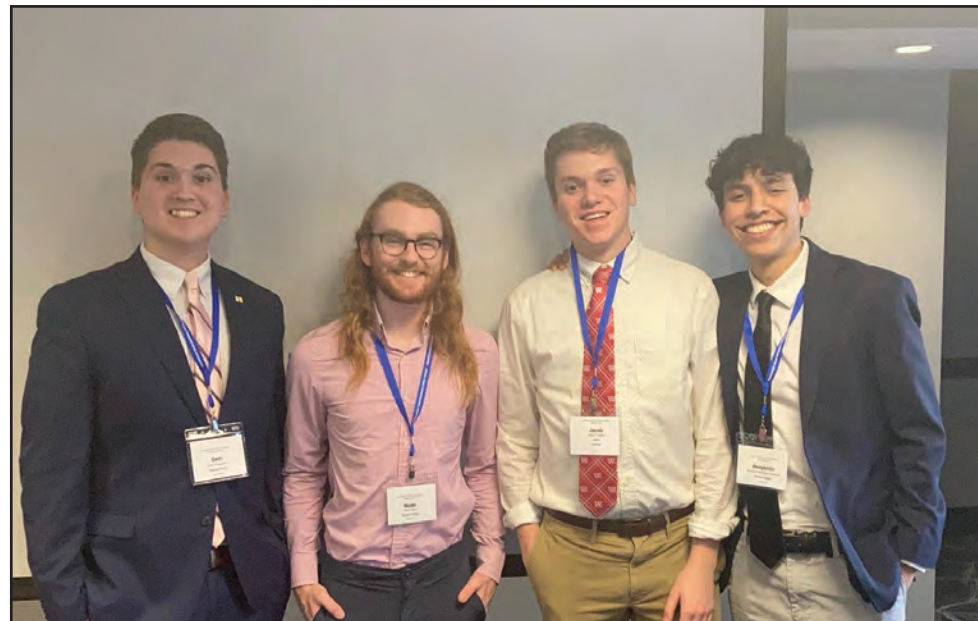
Recently, Adam Berg '22, Joseph Kaefer '22, and Felix Valero-Davila '22 traveled to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to attend the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Conference (ASBMBC) with Professors Walter Novak and Erika Sorensen-Kamakian. Representing the Wabash Biochemistry and Molecular Biology labs, consisting of 11 Wabash students, the seniors had several opportunities to present their initial research, on their attempts to edit the genomes of *C. elegans* (a type of worm) to cross its genes with another worm and produce novel offspring of the two gene-edited worms, to fellow undergraduates at the conference. The seniors entered into a poster presentation competition against over 200 groups of undergraduates at ASBMBC. They created a poster containing the significant information, hypothesis, and conclusions of the research spearheaded by the Seniors and Drs. Novak and Sorenson, and presented it to a panel of judges composed of full-time professors at prestigious universities from around the world. They then answered any questions that the judges proposed about their research and conclusions throughout the competition.

Additionally, the conference was a great opportunity to market Wabash, considering the prestige and notoriety of many of the colleges and universities in attendance, and to make connections. Berg recalled one instance of a PhD from Puerto Rico who was very interested in the work of the Wabash students and faculty. "At the conference, we had good engagement with

undergrads and PhDs," Berg said. "One PhD approached Felix [Valero-Davila] and they started speaking in Spanish [...], with Kaefer and I joining in eventually." This experience exemplified the far reaching connections established at the ASBMBC and culminated in a productive, informative, and fun conference for the Senior Wallies.

Another example of Wallies thriving at conferences was seen through the Wabash Democracy and Public Discourse (WDPD) presentations at the Central States Communication Association Undergraduate Research Conference in Madison, Wisconsin, the same weekend as the ASBMBC conference in Philadelphia. At this conference, members of the Wabash WDPD presented their evaluations of themes extrapolated from the discussion of Wabash students at the DEI's 'Wabash History of DEI Event'. According to Jake Talbert '24, the purpose of the presentation was to "analyze how these themes [relating to DEI deliberations] compared and related to the defining themes of [pervasive and divisive] problems... and the significance and implications of the findings for Wabash College". After presenting their research at the conference, Talbert and the other WDPD members in attendance also had the privilege of listening to other undergraduate presentations at CSCA and engaging with panelists on research presented at the conference. Although it was a relatively short conference, Talbert described the overall experience as "exciting to be around other students that were passionately expressive about their academic achievements."

Ultimately, while the work, research, and presentations that these Wallies have put together is extremely impressive, there are similar avenues for other interested Wabash students to get involved. Due to the abundance of research opportunities on campus at Wabash, students that approach professors and demonstrate initiative can serve in conducting valuable research directly alongside professors. This is a rare opportunity for most undergraduates, and a unique aspect of Wabash that should not be taken



COURTESY OF @WABASHDPD ON TWITTER

**WDPD presented in Madison, Wisconsin on DEI and its history at Wabash. Some of their research will be part of the Celebration of Student Research today.**

for granted. Berg advised younger Wallies to find "a professor here on campus whose research interests you and to reach out to them". This is how Berg, Kaefer, and others initially entered into research projects helping out their professors. Furthermore, through exploring Wabash clubs and organizations, like WDPD, opportunities to present research and engage with other interesting undergraduates, professors, and PhDs at nationally recognized conferences will be available. The dialogue resulting from the research

presentations by Wabash students are integral in expanding and promoting the Wabash brand, raising it to its rightful level alongside other more-well-known prestigious universities.

Berg and Kaefer, along with many other Wallies, will be presenting their research today at 1.15 p.m. at the Celebration of Student Research. As all afternoon classes will be canceled, this event will be a great opportunity to see the research and presentations that many Wallies have dedicated significant amounts of time and effort to preparing for.



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# Rugby Calls for Student Support



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**The Wabash Rugby team this past fall after their first time hosting games at Little Giant Stadium. The team will next play at home on April 23.**

LUCAS BUDLER '24 | STAFF WRITER • The turn of the week marked another excellent weekend for the Wabash College Rugby Club. While moving to 7-0 on the season, the team won its second straight tournament of the semester, beating Taylor University, Kenyon, Cedarville, as well as the 6th-ranked small-school rugby team in the nation - Rio Grande of Ohio. Not only did the team triumphantly take first place in the tournament, but they also showed immense grit in the sleeting, snowy weather by giving up only two tries throughout the entire weekend. Wabash looks to carry this momentum forward in the remaining tournaments this semester. That includes an upcoming tournament being held at the Little Giant stadium.

“I was convinced to join the team because of the passion from the players and the vision for the future of the program,” Derek Miller '24 said. “Wabash Rugby is here to stay.”

Despite limited access and support as a club organization, the team continues to represent Wabash to the highest degree in tournaments across the Midwest. Further, the team has secured a place in the small-school conference tournament in Pennsylvania at the end of April, with the chance to win a trip to the prestigious national tournament in New Orleans towards the end of May.

“I’m proud to be a part of this team, not only because of what we’ve accomplished, but also because of why we’ve accomplished it,” Jaden Ross '25, a new recruit, said. “Even without an official coach, we’ve showed up and worked hard to develop as a team and that has shown this season.”

Wabash Rugby, with three more

tournaments on the schedule, has a lot more to offer this semester.

The rugby team is calling for support from the men of Wabash at our upcoming home tournament on Saturday, April 23, at the Little Giant football stadium. Wabash plays host to 5 competitive teams from across the Midwest and looks to use home field advantage in efforts to claim another tournament win. Whether you know the rules of rugby or not, the game itself promises high entertainment value, as well as a favorable chance for Wabash to continue its dominance as an underdog, player-coached team from little old Crawfordsville.

“I expect it to be hard, but I expect us to win every match,” Hunter Seidler '22, team captain and full time scrummer, said. “It’s a lot more fun for the students and the beers taste better after a victory. We put in the work every week this season, and we’re all pretty eager to show the campus what we’re capable of and grow the sport here.”

Our players will continue to play with the same ferocity and grit but are very hopeful to play in front of a large and a rowdy student section next weekend. Bring your roommate, your dog and your beverage of choice – this will be the best weekend of rugby that Wabash has ever seen. Starting at 11.30 a.m., the perfect wake up time after a Wabash College Friday night, the tournament will begin with seeded pool play, followed by the championship game afterwards. Each game runs for only 15 minutes, meaning that it will be a fast-paced day with plenty of action and big hits. Show out and help Wabash continue our fine form on the rugby field.

# HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

## ONE SWING AND MISS AFTER ANOTHER

*Lo-five to Dave Roberts for pulling Clayton Kershaw with a perfect game through seven innings. Scenario: Imagine Jack Davidson '22 being taken out of the game when he needs five more points to break the single game scoring record with 3 minutes left to go... but we are up by 15 points. Confused? Angry? Good. We are too.*

## CRY ABOUT IT

*Hi-five to the MLB season for once again showing the human condition at its most pettiest. I know we like to trash on bunting, but give it a break Bob and Gabe.*

## CHAMPIONSHIP PARADE IN MINNESOTA

*Hi-Five to the Minnesota Timberwolves for beating the L.A. Clippers in the play-in tournament. Let Patrick Beverley be a reminder to all of the IM and house superstars that you can treat every game like its your livelihood.*

## THE BACHELOR'S FRONT RUNNER FOR MEME OF THE YEAR

*Lo-Five to the election committee for dragging a voting process two weeks that takes 3 seconds. What's next? Not having voting results published?*

## THE FRENCH DISCONNECT

*Hi-five to the lead-up of the French Presidential Elections. I am sure they will choose carefully... right?*

# Ramsey Archives

## Truman Competition Shows Wabash Education Measures Up to Other U.S. Colleges

**Timothy Flowers**  
managing editor

Last week was the most important week of my life.

I traveled to Oxford, England, to interview for the Truman Scholarship, a graduate fellowship awarded for sustained academic and personal leadership.

It is odd how seemingly insignificant events can test a man, especially when they occur vis à vis incidents of extreme importance. But such an event happened on my way to the interview.

The airline lost my luggage. That’s right, the airline lost my luggage on the eve of the most important interview of my life. I spent days preparing for my interview before the trip, conducting practice interviews and researching my proposed policy solution for Indiana’s planning and zoning issues. But all my work meant nothing once I watched the baggage conveyor circle continuously without the bag containing my suit resting on its rusty platform. I was alone in a foreign country; without luggage, without friends, without a plan.

But I resolved to make the best of it. Hell, I thought, I made it this far maybe the interview committee would not mind me showing up in the Notre Dame sweatshirt I wore on the airplane. After all, committees award scholarships because of an individual’s ideas and accomplishments, not appearance.

Life looked good. I even smiled as I boarded the charter bus to Oxford where I planned to stay for four days.

I arrived in Oxford and suddenly felt like a small and insignificant intruder awash in a sea of good beer and poor dental hygiene. But Oxford had a certain hallowed, inspired ambience. It was the storied, ancient Mecca of Western academia, and the citizens and students carried themselves with the sanctimonious assurance that their place in Oxford’s culture, however infinitesimal when compared to the

city as a whole, had meaning.

Everyone was engaged, regardless of where I visited, be it pub or classroom. In fact, the level of discourse in pubs was every bit as fierce and enlightened as classroom debate.

At Wabash, we cherish our education, and we have every right to when compared to many American institutions. But the level of debate I experienced in Oxford, especially when debating the British themselves, out-classed what I experience at Wabash.

Yet, my fellow Americans were another story. As I sat with the other Truman finalists, I was shocked at how their educational experiences taught them to approach argumentation. It seemed their ideas reigned supreme. If they understood their own ideas, they could conquer the world in the name of University (insert name here).

But life is not that simple. We all have closely held convictions, but we must understand other viewpoints before we can argue our own with force and effectiveness. It seemed other students cared only for persuasion rather than pursuing some semblance of truth.

And as I walked through narrow streets and gazed at the stone edifices, I became angry. Oxford’s institutions, much like Wabash, exist to train well-rounded, civilized humanitarians, not mindless drones with unsubstantiated opinions.

But others did not feel the same way. Even as I sat in my actual interview, (yes, my suit arrived three hours before my time slot) I realized that other academics fall into the trap of unchecked personal zeal. It seems prejudiced individual opinions override objectivity, meaning subjectivity triumphs over all.

Perhaps the most disturbing part of my interview concerned my decision to be editor-in-chief of *The Bachelor* rather than study overseas in France. As I sat in the room (which was in Cecil Rhodes’ personal house) the

interview panel questioned my motives; after all, why would a French major chose to be a newspaper editor rather than study in Europe’s cultural, culinary and art capitol. I explained Wabash’s reputation for bettering men, no matter the activity. Education is a lifelong process and although I chose not to study in France during my junior year, Wabash stresses a lifelong commitment to education and I will find some way to make use of my French knowledge.

After sitting through my interview and interacting with the other students, I came to the conclusion young leaders value trade education more than well-roundedness.

Engineers study engineering. Economists study economics. Actors live and work in the theater while doctors learn to operate, not think and communicate critically.

How could this happen? When did leadership become a specialization?

But my week in England made me realize leaders never stop their education if they truly desire to change society for the better. Every leader makes an implicit promise to society that confirms education’s importance. And to change society leaders must understand as many of the problems facing society as possible.

Yes, I traveled to Oxford and represented my College; more importantly, I traveled to Wabash and represented our way of education. But why should that matter? If Wabash is truly wonderful, why does it need someone to defend its utility?

Perhaps we become so disillusioned on campus in the midst of all the worthless e-mail wars that we lose sight of our focus. As President Andrew Ford says every year, Wabash men should strive to save civilization. And after being in England representing my education, it seems Wabash educates the last true leader.

And win or lose, I am proud of that.

# Crossword By: Logan Weilbaker

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## Across

- Boat coverers
- End prematurely, as a mission
- Psychological disorder causing euphoric episodes
- “This is too hard!”
- It’s trapped in dryers

## Down

- Native of southern India, or the language spoken there
- Ancient counting devices
- Guardians of the Galaxy antagonist
- Ctrl+P
- RBI or INT, e.g.



# Track Dominates at Home

## Huntsman Invite Honors 16 Seniors; Fourth 1st-Place Finish of the Season



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**Coach Morgan and this year’s seniors have the chance to end their careers unbeaten in NCAC championship competition come May. The rest of the season has the team travelling to Greencastle and Terre Haute before NCAC outdoor championships at Oberlin.**

SAM BENEDICT '25 | STAFF WRITER • The Wabash Track and Field team celebrated their seniors at home on April 10 and managed to take first place in the Huntsman Family Invitational. The beautiful Sunday afternoon saw 16 seniors honored to begin the day, and then saw many of those same seniors finish on the podium at its conclusion.

There was a lot of emotions and gratitude exhibited by those being honored. “I think senior day at least for me, but I think it felt like it from the other seniors, was less of a celebration of us and more of a we want to show the underclassmen what they are capable of if they stick with the grind,” Luke Bender '22 said.

The seniors are not short to dismiss what it means to make it to this point with those that have been there throughout their journey. “Watching the other seniors as a collective group going through the last 4 years get is what really stuck with me because it felt like even though we’ve all been through a lot, we’ve helped each other make it here and we can finally say we made it together,” Bender said.

Six Little Giants finished in first place, including Max Bigler '22 in the high jump with a personal best of 2 meters. Leo Warbington '22 won the 110 meter hurdles in 15.54 seconds. Ethan Pine '22 put in a time of 4:03:41 in the 1500 meter race. Thomas Gaines '24 won the 3000 meter event in 9:54:71. Bender won the pole vault with a 4.40 meter jump and Brandon English '23 won the shot put with a 14.16 meters throw.

Outside of six first place finishes, Wabash College was heavily recognized for a total of 31 top five finishes at the event. Along with the dominant display put on by the team this past weekend, the energy and emotion from the crowd was



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**Ethan Pine '22 leads the pack in what would be another first-place finish for him in 1500 M competition this season. In the 19 scored events, the Little Giants came away with enough points that the combined scores of 2nd place Franklin and 3rd place Wittenberg would still be lower than Wabash’s 254 total.**

not easy to miss. “It was so cool to see all of the students that showed out to support us. I think the support really propelled us into winning by so much,” Bigler said.

The Little Giants went on to finish with a team score 254, which was 149 more then second place Franklin College. Wittenberg, Eastern Illinois, Depauw, and

Anderson rounded out the last four in the team standings category.

“We had a great meet for senior day!” Thomas Joven '24 said. “The weather was beautiful, and there were some awesome performances. The team is focusing on working hard in practice and being fearless in meets as we do all season.”

On April 16, Wabash College will travel to DePauw University to compete in the Indiana DIII Championships, then compete in the Rose Hulman Institute of Technology Twilight Invitational on April 22. The North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) Multi-Event Championships will take place on April 30 at Oberlin College.

# Lacrosse Fall to DePauw

## Little Giants Look to Break Losing Streak Tomorrow at Home Against Wooster

SAM BENEDICT '25 | STAFF WRITER • The Wabash College Lacrosse team dropped to 3-8 following an 18-1 loss to DePauw University on Tuesday, April 12, continuing a losing streak that has now grown to seven. However, students showed out well to support the team, creating an enthusiastic environment at Fischer Field.

The game got off to a slow start as Wabash went into halftime down 12-0, unable to get anything going offensively. The DePauw team utilized quick passes, well-executed plays, and spectacular shots to capitalize on holes in the Wabash defense. Goalie Matthew Hendrick '25 saw 52 total shots, including 17 in the first quarter, and finished with eight saves for a 15.3% save rate. “We’re getting close to being where we need to be at, but we’re not there yet,” Hendrick said. “I think that we’ve made consistent improvements throughout the year because we’ve had productive practices. At the end of the day, we need to perform to the ability that we can in order to compete with the talented teams in our conference. I’m confident that we will continue to improve and build upon the things that we’re doing well. If we stick with it, we’ll eventually see the fruits of our labor.”

The Little Giants were shut out until Ethan Stonis '23 scored the first and only goal for Wabash College with 3:51 remaining in the third quarter. The goal revitalized the Wabash fans and helped create momentum, which carried on when the Little Giants won the face-off that commenced. However, Wabash was unable to capitalize on the momentum. The pressure put on DePauw in



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**Ethan Stonis '23 comes away with Wabash’s only goal (19th on the year) in their home loss against DePauw on Tuesday. The Little Giants close the season with tough NCAC slate, with the last home game coming against OWU on April 26.**

the second half was apparent, but stellar goalkeeping from DePauw shut down the Wabash offense.

Frustration growing, Wabash was penalized a total of four times, including an unsportsmanlike penalty and unnecessary roughness penalty. “It was a tough loss, but we’re hoping it showed

a lot of guys that we need to show our hard work through our actions on top of our words,” Cody Bevelhimer '24 said. “From here, we’ve got to work on that shortcoming. We’ve done the work in practice, but we need to come together as a team to play as a cohesive unit.”

The team has four games left in the

regular season including away games at Wittenberg University on April 20, Kenyon College on April 23, and Hiram College on April 30. The final home game of the year will be at Fischer Field on April 26 against Ohio Wesleyan. The Little Giants have been eliminated from NCAC playoff contention.