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Swim and Dive Slays At Purdue



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Wabash came 3rd out of 10 schools at Purdue.

BLAKE LARGENT '22 | SPORTS EDITOR

• The Wabash swimming and diving team captured a third-place finish at the Indiana Intercollegiate meet last Saturday behind second-place Ball State University and first-place Purdue University.

“The intercollegiate meet was created years ago to basically get as many teams from Indiana together in one venue and compete in all divisions,” head coach Will Bernhardt said. “Purdue and Ball State are DI, Bethel was there, which is DII now, and then a lot of DIII teams, like Manchester, us, DePauw, Rose-Hulman, and Franklin. But the meets are a really fun way to start the year. They swim shorter events, so you’re doing a little bit more sprinting. You kind of get the meet going and get your season going right away. It’s a really fun meet and you get to see all of the teams compete, which there were 12 total. It was the biggest meet in the meet’s history, as far as team-wise.”

Wabash has competed at the Indiana Intercollegiate since the 2012-2013 season. Last Saturday’s third-place finish is the best finish in the event for the Little Giants since

2015.

“Overall, I thought our performance went pretty well,” Bernhardt said. “We were pretty beat up and sick last week, so we had a lot of guys that were out or battling sickness. From that standpoint, I thought we competed really well and we did a good job of standing up and kind of swimming through some of that sickness. Some of the guys maybe only got in one workout last week and stepped up and competed on Saturday to help the team. I was very pleased with where we were on Saturday and how it played itself out. Getting third, I was pretty happy with that. We were just behind two DI teams; Purdue won the meet and Ball State got second. I was happy being the top-finishing Division III school. I thought overall our performance was right where it needed to be at this point in the season. This kind of gives us a good starting point to now get into our dual-meet season. We were at a good point, I thought, in the meet over the weekend.”

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Wabash Continues Habit of Community Service on Saturday

JAKE VERMEULEN '21 | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • Tomorrow, Saturday, October 26, Wabash men on campus and across the country will be joining together as part of an effort to make an impact on their communities. WABASH Day 2019 continues an annual tradition where Wabash Alumni, as well as current students, come together to do community service.

Around the country, WABASH Day – which stands for Wabash Alumni Benefitting And Serving Humanity – is organized by the National Association of Wabash Men, while the Student Senate Crawfordsville to Campus Committee has taken the lead organizing events for students and alumni on campus. Events have been confirmed for cities across the country, including Chicago, Dallas, Indianapolis, Evansville, Nashville, Phoenix, and Washington, DC.

“Wabash Day exists on a national level to unite the Wabash brotherhood in a day of service to the communities they reside in,” Patrick Carper '21, Chairman of the Crawfordsville to Campus Committee, said. “This event is especially beneficial for Wabash because it helps get students in the habit of looking out for opportunities to serve others. It also helps freshmen [to] familiarize themselves with the Crawfordsville community.”

The event in Crawfordsville will start at 8:45 a.m. in front of the Chapel, with coffee and donuts provided. “Some of the projects include cleaning cages and walking dogs at the Animal Welfare League, painting and cleaning at the Vanity Theater, assisting with new house construction at Habitat for Humanity, and nearly a dozen more,” Carper said.



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Zach Alvarado '23 and Clark Tinder '20 work on community projects during Freshman Orientation.

Wabash Professors Compete in Local Elections



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Prof. Hollander wants YOU to vote for him for City Council.

DREW BLUETHMANN '22 | STAFF WRITER • “We have to be the community that we want to become,” Professor Hollander said.

Two Wabash Professors are on the ballot for the Crawfordsville Town Council. The election will take place on November 5th. The City Council has seven seats representing the five Wards, with a seat each, and two seats at large.

Professor Ethan Hollander of the Political Science Department is running for the Ward 2 seat. Hollander, an Independent, is running against Scott Molin, the Republican nominee. Wabash College lies in Ward 2.

Professor Joyce Burnette is running for the Ward 5 seat. Ward 5 lays southeast of downtown. Burnette, a Democrat, is running against Stain Hamilton, the incumbent Republican.

Hollander believes that the biggest issues facing Crawfordsville are a housing shortage for young professionals and the stigma of Crawfordsville “not being good enough.”

Hollander said, “If we want young professionals to move here, they have to have a place to live. Otherwise, we will get in a situation where even

if they get jobs here, they will live somewhere else.” Therefore, people who work in Crawfordsville are making money here and spending it elsewhere.

“One job as a professor comes in explaining things to people, that is what I do. So, I have to explain to the voters what I will do,” Holland said about his profession. “If I can get twenty-year-old men interested in statistics, then I can certainly get people interested in Crawfordsville,” he said.

“One thing that we have and that I love is the sense of community. We have a small walkable city. And I think that goes with that sense of community,” he said about Crawfordsville.

Hollander believes people expect luxuries from Crawfordsville that they shouldn’t. “We have a beautiful downtown. But [people] will complain about how they cannot get a good bagel in town. I get it. And they are right. It would be a better town if you could get a good bagel. But you know what? You can get a good bagel in New York City, but you won’t get to know your neighbor,” he said. “You have to look to appreciate in a place those things in which it is supposed to excel at. And to not ding it for not having the



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Prof. Burnette gave the LaFollette Lecture last fall and is now running for City Council.

things that no one in their right mind would think it should have anyway,” Hollander said.

Professor Burnette said, “I think the main reason I am running is because I think there should be choices on the ballot. It kind of bugs me that we have these Soviet-style elections where we only have one person on the ballot. And that just seems wrong to me. I also care about the City of Crawfordsville.”

“I have picked out two issues that I think are important ways the city should be investing. The first and most important issue for the city is childcare. The amount of childcare in this county is less than half of what it was ten years ago,” she said. “The city struggles to attract young families to the city because it lacks childcare.”

“The other issue that I have identified is the need for public transportation for people who don’t have a car or cannot get around the county at all. Obviously, childcare and transportation affect how reliably people can show up to work,” she said.

Burnette envisions a system where a van would drive around the city to serve residents. The City currently has

a service called “The Sunshine Van.” But the Sunshine Van is only accessible to disabled residents. This new system would cost a small and subsidized amount for those who need it.

“I like living in a walkable community [. . .] My favorite communities are the biggest and the smallest. I enjoyed living in Chicago, and I enjoy living here, but I did not enjoy living in some of the in-between areas,” Professor Burnette said.

Like Hollander, Burnette enjoys the small, tight-knit community of Crawfordsville. “Because [Crawfordsville] is a small community I also feel like I can get to know people [. . .] It is just small enough of a place that I do not always feel like a stranger,” she said.

Both professors ran unsuccessful campaigns in the 2015 City Council elections. “We got six people to run for the Democrats in that year, so it was a wider slate,” Burnette said. The lack of candidates this year encouraged her to run to the Democratic Party. Hollander wants to run for City Council to promote his belief that Crawfordsville has a bright future and is already a very livable town.

Student Life Under Review By Deans

REED MATHIS '22 | STAFF WRITER • Wabash, with all of its traditions, life-changing experiences, and community enriching characteristics, has and will continue to change. Over the past couple of months, through the purposeful deliberation of students and external reviewers, the Student Life Review of Wabash has looked to implement many new changes and initiatives into all facets of student life. “An analogy used by President Hess for the review is, ‘It is not about wondering whether the people on the bus are the right people, it is about wondering whether everybody is in the right spots and having them face the right direction’, and for us it is about defining their roles in the office and for students properly after the review,” stated Robert Horton, Professor of Psychology, and a chairman on the review committee. Achieving the goal of maintaining tradition while becoming a “21st-century” institution is the motive moving forward, and the report will allow for insight as to what the best practices and solutions are for improving the college experience for all Wabash students. “The review is measuring the

efficiency and productivity of the Dean of Students Office by identifying opportunities and strengths within the office. From there, it will then sort of indirectly inform the search for the next Dean of Students,” Horton said. The student directly involved within the committee is Mohammad Dayem Adnan '20, Student Body President, and other positions include trustees and staff representatives. “President Hess thought it would be good to do the review before the hiring of the next Dean. So that we could place them into a system we thought worked for our campus, along with bringing their own flavor to the office,” said Horton. The end goal for the external and faculty reviewers will be to offer more guidance and development within residential life, the role of the Dean’s office in terms of diversity and inclusion, and how to best promote communication from the office on campus. Other than weekly committee meetings, students are being gauged for their opinion on the matters at hand, and how they envision the future. Led by the WDPD, a public conversation on September 11th brought together students with

a wide range of concerns and recommendations towards the Dean of Students’ Office. The discussion encompassed students having facilitated conversations, where they offered their opinions on what the office’s primary concerns should be, and what actions can be taken to ensure the office is functioning at its best for students. Through the WDPD event and prior check-ins done by faculty representatives, the most significant issues mentioned centered around living units, transparency by the administration to the students, diversity on campus, independent eating options, and the Gentleman’s Rule. Over the course of the review, initial concerns, immediate suggestions, and long-term solutions were offered. All of the input collected will assist the external reviewers in how they observe Wabash and if any other issues are apparent. The external reviewer’s primary role in the process is to look over what is collected by students and faculty and to use that information in making their recommendations and timeline of implementing accepted proposals. “I have never seen anything

like this before where there is sort of an internal review and a lot of data gathered that is brought to us. We do not have to start from scratch like other places,” said Dr. Babington, one of the external reviewers and an individual who has participated in a similar role for many other colleges and universities. The review represents not only the student voice of Wabash but how the Wabash community as a whole is looking to promote change while moving forward towards a better Wabash. The review began in June, with the first collective meeting occurring in July. Professor Horton and Tyler Wade, Associate Director of Enrollment Systems, held open meetings and led focus groups with students that provided a stepping stone into the review process. “I think this is going to be a really interesting process moving forward, and it, so far, has already been very excited to work on,” said Babington. At the moment, the review will be finalized around Thanksgiving Break. To get more insight into the student review, read the report by the WDPD sent out by Nathan Gray '20 and proceeding issues by The Bachelor.

Paranormal Crawfordsville: Local Halloween Haunts

KEEGAN KIRKWOOD '21| STAFF WRITER • Montgomery County may seem like any other rural part of Indiana, but most people don’t know about some of its darker past. As Halloween draws near, here is a list of a few places in Montgomery County with a hallowed past. The Crawfordsville Rotary Jail is one such place with a somewhat spooky history. Opened in 1882, it was the first jail in the country that was built in the rotary style. Rotary jails were made up of a single, circular cell block built on a turntable that rotated when a crank was turned. In 1885, a man named John Coffee was convicted for the murder of two people and sentenced to death by hanging. Crowds gathered to watch the hanging of Coffee, which took place outside of the Rotary Jail, and got more than they were expecting. When the hangman released the trapdoor and the rope took Coffee’s weight, it snapped. The rope snapped the second time around as well but held on the third and final try. Some say that the Rotary Jail is haunted due to the botched hanging that took place that day. Even our beloved Shades State Park with its scenic trails and beautiful vistas is not without a haunted past. Before the name of the park was shortened, it was originally called “The Shades of Death,” a name not to be taken lightly. Legend suggests there are two possible events that spawned such a terrifying name.

The first tells of a married couple that lived near the park. The man was a terrible husband to his wife. The woman could only put up with his alcohol-fueled rages for so long before, one day, she struck him over the head with a farm tool. Panicking, the woman dragged the man’s body into the woods and buried him in an area that is known today as Shades State Park. The other, much shorter, legend tells of a battle between a group of Native Americans and a band of early Hoosiers in which only twelve men survived. The violent deaths of these people may or may not have resulted in a few lingering spirits with unfinished business. Crawfordsville, and Montgomery County in general, is surrounded by various cemeteries. Crawfordsville is full of history and, consequently, the cemeteries are the final resting places of many distinguished people. Oak Hill cemetery even holds the remains of famous author Lew Wallace. Another nearby graveyard, Odd Fellows Cemetery, has tombstones belonging to veterans of the Revolutionary War. While some believe cemeteries can be scary places, others see them as peaceful places full of beautiful, artistic marble tombstones. Whatever the reader may believe, we ask that if you decide to go out and explore some of the scarier sites in Montgomery County this Halloween, to please treat graveyards with the honor and respect they deserve.



KEEGAN KIRKWOOD '21 / PHOTO

Old Fellows Cemetery offers history and eerie obeilisks.

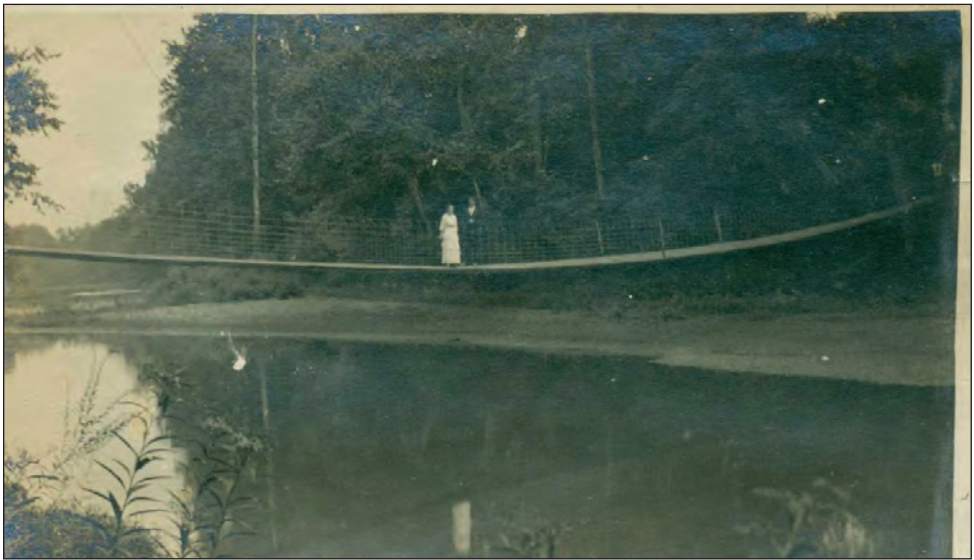


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Shades State Park in 1914.



KEEGAN KIRKWOOD '21 / PHOTO

Oak Hill Cemetery by dusk.



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Every fall, the Rotary Jail opens as a haunted attraction.

Why I Listen to Country Music



Christian Redmond '20

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Even if you do not know me personally, you have probably heard me blaring Johnny Cash or Tyler Childers outside the Butler House late into the weekend nights. Listening to country music, especially the more bluegrass-y genre, is a staple in my daily routine. I don't particularly enjoy the stereotypical genres of country music: the songs about dogs, trucks, and beer. I do enjoy the songs that tell a story: songs about how prisoners that have paid their dues are still in prison, the shame and guilt a man feels when he succumbs to an opioid addiction, or how whole classes of people live

alone and afraid. However, this music is a relatively recent addition to my playlists. My freshman year of Wabash College is when I really started to drown my ears with the twang of a banjo. I never really felt the need to delve into the question of why I switched over to country music until recently. Any reasonable person would contribute it to just a change of tastes. However, I believe this is not the case.

This past weekend I found myself crying while driving back to my hometown of North Vernon, IN. Earlier in the week, one of my dearest friends from home unexpectedly passed away, and I was on my way to visit my family and attend the viewing. I decided to play some country music on my Spotify instead of accompanying myself with the usual political podcast. And the tears just started flowing. This is when I started to think about what country music means to me. How could just a few strums of an acoustic guitar bring a 21 year old man, whose wrestled for the great majority of his life and plans on arguing for a living, to tears? Country music reminds me of home. I

moved two hours away from my friends and family when I came to Wabash. While it didn't seem real at the time, I knew my senior year of high school would be one of the last opportunities that I could really interact with the guys I rode bikes with around the old apartment complex, travelled miles and miles with to wrestling tournaments, spent hours going to different states with just to play cards, and laughed with in the barn so many times. I knew I wouldn't be able to see a movie and grab a snow cone with my sister every weekend. Country music transports my mind back to these times. Even though I can't physically go home every weekend and drink with the guys or hug my sister, I can throw on some John Mellencamp and reminisce.

Country music reminds me of the friends I have made at Wabash. While Wabash isn't my hometown, I've made some of the best friends I will ever meet here. Now that I am a senior, most of these guys have graduated. They live scattered across Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, etc. We went from

seeing each other every day to going months without talking in person. But when *Feathered Indians* comes on the stereo, all I can think of is all the times we stood on the Butler House porch howling at the moon until we couldn't speak the next day.

Country music reaffirms my faith in God. In today's climate, it is easy to get wrapped up in the idea that you're alone. But when some simple chords and words about a girl can harmonize the order and chaos in this world and make me forget about all the hardships to come, I can't help but think there's a maestro up above orchestrating. I can't help but think that, when I hear *Three Wooden Crosses*, God's forgiveness and redemption form the building blocks of human life.

I'm not trying to persuade anyone to give country music a try. I am trying to persuade you to take a break. Text your friends from back home and ask how they're doing. Call your family when you get the chance. Scrape out some time to get together with your buddies that have graduated. Try to pray. Take a minute and listen to a good song.

You're Not Alone



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As Wabash men we come to campus to explore our options of what we want to become. Our minds are set on different options about majors and minors that we want to pursue. The freshman that stepped on campus over the summer have worked continually on assignments and essays. Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors come back to campus to continue to enjoy their college life and get back to the "grind". However, the

days go by and we realize that we are not nearly done with another semester, as exams are taking us down like a crashing plane. As Wabash men, we need to grab the handle at the front of the plane and pull ourselves back into the sky. In some ways, our success is dependent on our family and friends, who challenge us to become more mature and better people. Through listening to and observing the people around our environment, we learn that our peers and family challenge us to pursue our careers, giving us that mental drive and care we have for another.

Family is the most important and valuable gift in our lives. The word "Family" is important because we feel secure with people around us whom you can always count on. We can count on family to help us when we are being stressed out. Calling a mother or father figure can release

stress throughout our daily routine. Also, having a conversation with your siblings can do the same. Take, for example, my older sister. She is a senior in college who attends Purdue Northwest in Hammond, Indiana. She has experienced more stress than me in college, and there are still days of the week when she calls our mom and dad. She spends most of her time studying and getting her future plans together, like us Wabash men. However, she knows when to stop stressing herself out and talk to someone. And she calls our mother and father, as they are the two people that tell her to push herself. Anytime she feels in a tight spot, our mother and father are there to call her.

At Wabash, the professors are there for us as well. From my experience, the professors here have always had open doors to talk to students about literally anything. It's hard to believe that any other school is exactly like Wabash in

terms of the open doors the professors allow. Though the media tell us that professors can be harmful or hurtful, there is no denying that they provide a service of great value and challenge us to the limit, which is a sort of care in its own right.

Friends also provide a backbone in our stressful times. Whether you go over to each others rooms and play video games or just sit with each other at dinner, we are at least providing comfort and companionship. We may not know what the other is going through at times of stress or depression, but we can at least always be there.

Just remember that you have people in your corner. You can redirect the plane and save it from the crash landing. Whether its family, professors, or just friends, you can always talk to someone, even if you think you can't.

Know Your Meat



Wade Ripple '21

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Over the years, people in America, and even Wabash, for that matter, have started to become more and more educated on what they eat. In this movement, we have seen many people transition into a vegetarian lifestyle: they do not like the taste of meat, religious beliefs, or they think the big meat industry is inhumane. What about us meat-eaters, though? I believe meat-eaters in today's day and age should know their meat in some shape or form. In this article, I will talk about ways you can know your meat, and each approach will get progressively harder to obtain. However, I will try to get you more acquainted with different methods

of understanding the meat you eat, methods that are slowly becoming rare in today's society.

The first way to know your meat is the easiest. Go to local butcher shops, and stop buying meat from Walmart. I have committed the sin of going to a big-name store to purchase meat many times, but I try and go as little as possible. By going to your local butcher, you can almost guarantee that the meat you are purchasing is from a local farmer. These farms are not the huge ones that television broadcasters portray, but the mom-and-pop farms across the great state of Indiana. The farmer who raised this animal had to nurture it. It was just not a statistic like an animal in the big meat industry. You also are supporting local businesses and local farms, which we increasingly need in an economy controlled by big business.

The next way you can know your meat is hunting. Hunting has been done for thousands of years by our ancestors and is a great way to get to know your meat. Also, hunting and fishing are relatively inexpensive if you have some of the tools already like a firearm or fishing pole and a

hunting/fishing license. In my school district, every student took Hunter's Education in eighth grade, so most of my high school graduating class could legally hunt. By hunting, you are taking the life of the animal and cleaning the animal before consumption. You know exactly where your food came from, and you get to experience the circle of life in a new light. Many meat-eaters may find this brutal or barbaric. If this is the case, why are you eating meat in the first place? If you are too scared to take an animal's life but eat meat every day, then you are doing it wrong. It is easy to go and buy venison in stores. Getting up at the crack of dawn, stalking a deer all morning, pulling the trigger, tracking it down, dragging it home, and dressing it is hard. But I can guarantee it is more ethical to let the animal live a long and happy life in the woods rather than raising it in a crowded and disgusting factory then sending it to a slaughterhouse. You should learn that ethical meat eating requires a personal taking of life.

The last, and probably the hardest, way to know your meat is raising it yourself. Raising livestock requires

people to have land, or at least some space to throw up a chicken coop. Raising your own livestock is personal. Every day you must wake up and care for these animals knowing that one day, you will eat these animals. In my eyes, this is the best way to know precisely what you are eating. You know what you fed the animal, how you raised it, and you even know what medicine you gave it. You had control over every aspect of this animal's life. You are also incentivized to treat it properly and provide for its needs because you want the best meat you can get. The process of slaughtering and butchering the animals is the hardest part, but when it is all said and done, it is the best thing us fellow meat-eaters could do.

Knowing my meat is an essential aspect of life for me. I eat meat every day. And when I am not at school, I usually consume food that I butchered myself. Us Wabash men can step up and make it a point to go to the butcher shop, hunt for our meat, or even raise it ourselves. Men have the dignity to know the circle of life and are not afraid to play an ethical part in it.

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Top Five Halloween Treats

CHRISTIAN REDMOND '20 | OPINION EDITOR • While Wabash students are a little too old to go around Crawfordsville's gated communities dressed as Stone Cold Steve Austin seeking full-sized candy bars, they deserve a treat just as much as any punk professor's kid. Keeping in mind the harshest trick to pull around here is lying to your friend about the due date of an assignment, we have compiled a list of the best Halloween treats for Wabash students guaranteed to give you the Sunday Scaries.

5. Jacked Up Gummies
You can't handle a Halloween without candy, but still want to utilize the privileges of being over 21? We have just what you need. Buy a big bag of the Haribo Happy Cola gummies and soak them in a bowl of Jack Daniel's Whiskey for a few hours. Just think, if enough students do this, the upperclassmen can have a Trick-or-Treat session on campus and not feel ashamed about it.

4. Cider Bombs
This twist on a tried and true favorite will make you wish you were a ghoul. Simply replace the prescribed Red Bull in a Jager Bomb with some cool apple cider, and drop it in. The citrus and sweetness from the apple counters the shame and regret from the Jagermeister. It tastes so good you'll find yourself cutting out eye holes in a bed sheet and run the

Arboretum searching for the Great Pumpkin like Charlie Brown.

3. Scary Buds
This entry also only costs a dollar as long as you bring your W-Club glass. This treat has a little DIY set-up. First, grab a dollar Bud Light from Wally's. Then, break out the cheese grater you brought from the house. Finally, borrow one of the hundred pumpkins lying around Sparks and shave some pumpkin zest into that Bud. Who knows what sort of bacteria you're gulping down from those pumpkins; that's the Scary part!

2. Caramel Apple Latte at 1832 Brew
This secret menu delicacy comes from Wabash's own coffee shop. Why mess around with the sticky drippings from an actual caramel apple when you can liquify your assets? Add a few extra espresso shots into the mix and that paper doesn't stand a chance. They won't even judge you for pretentiously saying "care-uh-mel" instead of the proper "car-mull".

1. Applebee's \$1 Vampires
The ultimate adult treat this Halloween is definitely the tall glass of bottom shelf rum mixed with artificial fruit juice offered at Applebee's for only a dollar this October. Every drink comes topped with plastic vampire fangs so at least you look good bent over the toilet later. Don't forget to Save the Turtles by bringing a pack of black licorice to slurp it all down.



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The Vampire is a drink you can sink your teeth into.

David Sedaris Makes Wabash Laugh

AUSTIN RUDICEL '20 | CAVELIFE EDITOR • It takes a great level of wit and charm to say the "c-word" (No, not commitment) to a large audience and make it feel sophisticated. Even more skill is required to do so with an audience including children and senior citizens, as swearing around them is a lingual taboo. Tuesday night, David Sedaris said the "c-word", as well as the rest of the alphabet of swears, to such an audience and, instead of gasps, he elicited laughs.

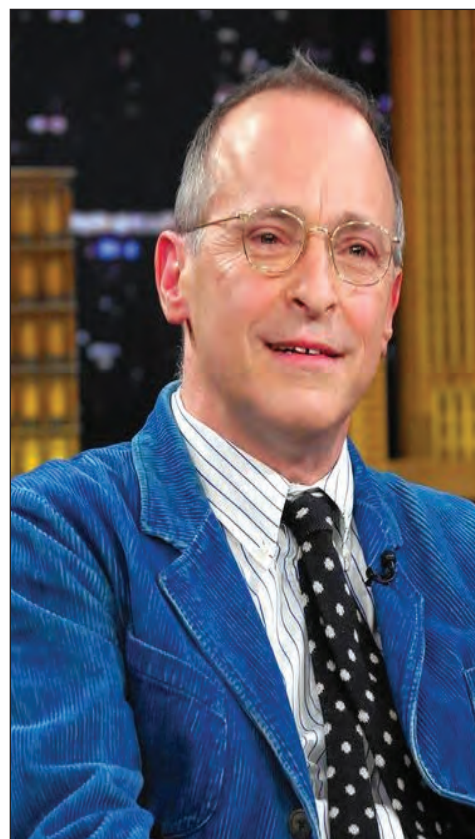
David Sedaris is an American author, comedian, and 'picker upper of trash' who brings humor to even the darkest subjects. Author of multiple national best sellers, Sedaris writes in such a way that balances the serious with silly. As a part of The President's Distinguished Speakers Series & The Visiting Artists Series, Wabash had the pleasure of sharing a night of laughter with Sedaris as he read excerpts from some of his work as well as radio interviews that could not be aired due to their explicit content.

Through humor, Sedaris explores profound topics about humanity and society through his personal experience. Sedaris published collections of his personal essays such as Naked, Me Talk Pretty One Day, Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim, When You Are Engulfed in

Flames, that find humor in everyday observations and chance encounters. At the reading, Sedaris read an essay from his latest book, Calypso, that was published in 2018. The essay about his beach house, the Sea Section, examines the concept of life and death through the birth of loggerhead turtles and the deterioration of his father's health. These traditionally somber subjects are delivered in a comedic way that is equally touching as hilarious.

Sedaris also shared parts of his diary that he plans to publish in 2021. The diary excerpts are part of a sequel to Sedaris' first collection of journal entries, Theft by Finding Diaries: (1977-2002). Sedaris documents the many comical thoughts and encounters with strangers from everyday life into unforgettable quips and heartwarming moments. Many of these interactions occurred at book signings where Sedaris meets a wide variety of interesting people.

Following the reading and Q&A session, Sedaris stayed to sign every book and talk with people getting their books signed. From asking peculiar questions to doodling and writing witty remarks, Sedaris made the signing an interactive event. With faces hurting from laughing, the Wabash community appreciated the visit from David Sedaris.



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David Sedaris finds humor in everyday life.



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Calypso is Sedaris' latest book.

Moot Court Won by Freshman for Second Consecutive Year



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For the first time, all the Moot Court finalists are independent men.

ALEX ROTARU '22 | ASSISTANT COPY EDITOR • On Wednesday, October 23, Wabash College hosted the 26th Annual Moot Court Finals in Salter Hall, at 7 p.m. Caleb Dickey '21 and Cooper Smith '23 argued for the petitioners, while Jake Vermeulen '21 and Bryce McCullough '23 argued for the respondents.

The case is a variation of New York State Rifle and Pistol Association et al v. City of New York. In the case on Wednesday, the City of Dog Paw fined the Dog Paw Rifle and Pistol Association for not having permission to carry their weapons to competitions

and training grounds outside the City, based on Rule 5-23.

The argument revolves around the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution: "A well regulated militia being necessary for the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

On the petitioners' side, which is the Rifle and Pistol Association side, the argument illustrates that, based on the Second Amendment, people should be able to bear arms wherever they please, and, thus, Rule 5-23 is rendered unconstitutional.



DAKOTA BAKER '22 / PHOTO

This year's topic for discussion was about gun control.

On the respondents' side, the City, the imperative of maintaining public safety is why the rule exists in the first place. The permitting system allows, through background, mental health, and moral character checks, monitoring of how the guns are used. There are two specific permits available: a carry permit, valid outside the city, and a premises permit, valid inside the city, and requiring the owner to carry guns inside a locked container, separate from ammunition.

There are four judges for this competition. Hon. Geoffrey Slaughter is an Associate Justice of the Indiana

Supreme Court. Hon. Edward Najam Jr. is a Judge of the Indiana Court of Appeals. Gregory Castanias '87 is the head of law firm Jones Day's Federal Circuit Team. Professor of Economics Joyce Burnette is the chair of Division III at Wabash College, which encompasses the departments of Rhetoric and Political Science.

This year's winner was Cooper Smith '23. Jake Vermeulen '21 won the Floyd Prize for Artful Advocacy. For a complete overview of this year's case, as well as cases from previous years, visit www.wabash.edu/academics/rhetoric/mootcourt.

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Douglas Takes the Reins at Wabash Counseling Center

AUSTIN RUDICEL '20 | CAVELIFE EDITOR • This Monday, October 21, Wabash announced Jamie Douglas as the Director of the Wabash Counseling Center. Douglas worked as a part time counselor for Wabash for eight years prior to her promotion to Director. Her new position will make the Counseling Center even more accessible to students, with more hours for students to schedule counseling sessions. Wabash is currently searching for an additional part time counselor to further exceed the standard counselor to college student ratio.

“The healthy range for the counselor student ratio is one full time counselor per 750 to 1,000 students,” Douglas said. Many other colleges have waitlists to schedule counseling appointments, like a particular school down south can take upwards of two weeks to make an appointment. The Wabash Counseling Center looks to provide services typically within the week of requesting an appointment. Some times of the year, like midterms and finals week, are the busiest for the Counseling Center, but Douglas makes herself as available as possible to meet students’ needs. Even during the busier times, Douglas reserves some time for students in emergency situations.

To be quickly available to students, the Counseling Center requires the cooperation of students making appointments. “If you need to cancel an appointment, let me know a day in advance so that time can go to other students in need,” Douglas said. “It’s a gentlemanly thing

to be courteous to other students.” The Wabash Counseling Center sees almost ten percent of Wabash students and, although very busy, remains easily accessible and free to all students. “There is no long waitlist and no student will ever be turned away from our Counseling,” Douglas said.

The discussion of mental health at Wabash is growing and informing students to utilize the resources Wabash provides. From Douglas visiting living units to discuss the Counseling Center, to organizations like the Mental Health Concerns Committee holding events to raise awareness on mental health topics, Wabash takes initiative in being aware and supportive of students’ mental health. Douglas understands the necessity for students to be proactive in bringing awareness to their own and other’s mental health. “Peers listen to peers when they destigmatize and normalize conversations about mental health,” Douglas said. Students have another opportunity to learn about mental health and how to help another in need next month at the Q.P.R. training.

Wednesday November 13th Wabash will host Q.P.R. training. Q.P.R. - Question, Persuade, Refer - is a suicide prevention strategy that teaches students signs to look for and what they can do during a crisis. To RSVP for this event, students can go to <https://wabashstudentengagement.wufoo.com/forms/kpxurbu1f741e5/> or look for the email from Dean of Students Gregory Redding '88 on October 21.



HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

CAMPUS TRANSPARENCY

Hi-Five to Student Body President Dayem Adnan '20's cabinet for illustrating what it means to be the pinnacle of transparency. Not only did they decide on changing the Bell shirt at the last minute without any sort of input from the Student Body, but they also decided not to get buses for the Bell. They are doing just as well on delivering on their promises of an active, engaged Senate, that represents the voice of Wabash students. Thank you, President Adnan, for giving The Bachelor what it wants: stories to write each and every week.

SWIMMING LITTLE GIANTS

Hi-Five to Swimming and Diving for defeating those Division I competitors. From the looks of it, we are slowly on our way to reclaiming the glory of Old Wabash, when we defeated schools like Purdue and Notre Dame in football and basketball. Until then, cheer, cheer for the speedo-clad swimmers.

DING DING SHIRTS

Lo-Five to a certain student/EMT for reserving the “Ding Ding” shirt then rescinding his reservation when the “Ding Ding” shirt was made the official design again. “Choose a stance. You can’t have both.” Irony. Also, you already paid for the shirt, dude.

ANOTHER ALL CAMPUS EMAIL HI-FIVE?

Hi-Five to The Commentary for using the all-student listserv as your Opinion Section instead of publishing an actual issue.

GDI TAKEOVER?

Hi-Five to the Independents for stepping up their game, as they had all four of the participants in the Moot Court finals. First The Bachelor, now Moot Court - what's next? A GDI Sphinx Club President or President of the Student Body?

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Much of the team had notable finishes, including Wesley Slaughter '21, who finished second overall in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 46.30. Slaughter’s finish was the second-fastest time in the 100-yard race out of all Division III swimmers this year.

The Little Giants have now finished in the top three for both of their events this season. Wabash grabbed a second-place finish at the Indiana DIII Invitational on October 12th.

“I think any time you start a season, you always have high hopes,” Bernhardt said. “You always look at where you want to be, and this is exactly where we want to be right now. We wanted to come in and, especially at the intercollegiate meet, get that top-three finish. We didn’t quite finish where we wanted to at the DIII invitational, which was the week before. DePauw kind of got us at that one, but it was still a really good meet for us. We were just down a couple of key guys from that meet. Any time you start off and have a couple of meets where you’re competing well and finishing races well, that’s where you want to be at. It tells us we’re doing the right things to get in shape and doing the right things early in the season to set us up for long-term success for the rest of the year.”

The team now transitions into the dual-meet section of the schedule. Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology will be the first dual meet for Wabash this season. The Little Giants host the Fightin’ Engineers this evening.

“Rose is going to be a tough meet,” Bernhardt said. “They’re a tough opponent. Last year, we squeaked a win by them where it came down to the last couple of races. They’re going to be tough. They’re not in our conference, so this is the one chance to kind of see them and compete against them on a dual-meet level. We really want to be ready and primed to go on Friday. That’s definitely going to be a meet our guys are excited for because they do know that they’re a tough team. Their best swimmers match up with our best swimmers pretty well. That’s going to basically going to come down to where our depth is. I think we have just enough depth to give us what we need in the win category. The entire team is going to play a big part on the effort Friday because we need every person to get to the wall and hopefully out-touch their guys. Our guys will be prepared.”



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Daren Glore '22 swam in the 200-yard freestyle, 500-yard freestyle, and 200-yard freestyle relay events at the Indiana Intercollegiates meet last Saturday. Wabash finished third in the meet, its best intercollegiate finish since 2015.

Last year’s 156-144 victory against Rose-Hulman broke a four-year losing streak to the Fightin’ Engineers. As for the rest of the season, Bernhardt spoke on some of the expectations for his team.

“Moving forward, we obviously don’t want to lose any meets,” he said. “In the next weekend, we have two huge meets. Next Friday we have DePauw down at DePauw, and then Saturday we get on a bus and we travel over to Muncie to compete against Ball State. We’ll see where we’re at. That’s kind of the big huge weekend of the first semester. That’s going to be our toughest test this semester. Those are going to be really hard contests to win, but I think our guys are mentally ready and are emotionally primed to win. You don’t want to lose a lot of dual meets over the year, even if we are focusing on the conference championships at the end of the year. We want to be ready and primed for each opportunity we have to race. Every meet is an opportunity for us to get better, and that’s what we preach.”

In addition to his expectations, Bernhardt gave a passionate insight into his team’s mindset for this season.

“We are not shying away from competition,” he said. “We’re never going to shy away from teams that are ranked better than us. For me, my philosophy is if you’re not racing teams



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Ryan Sacco '22 swam in the 200-yard freestyle and the 500-yard freestyle at the intercollegiate meet. Wabash faces Rose-Hulman this evening.

that are better than you, then how can you expect your guys to get any better? Racing against teams where you know you’re always going to win doesn’t equate to success for me.”

Wabash hosts Rose-Hulman in a dual meet at the Class of 1950 Natatorium this evening at 7 p.m and will face Bethel College in another home dual meet tomorrow at 1 p.m.

Player Profile: Darden Schurg '20

SAM HANSEN '22 | STAFF WRITER
• About seven months ago, the news that the Wabash College wrestling team had an NCAA Division III National Champion surprised the student body. While many students probably did not keep tabs on the Little Giants' journey to a 10th place finish at the National Championship Tournament in Roanoke, Virginia, the news that senior Darden Schurg '20 won it all spread quickly through social media and made *The Bachelor's* headline. Schurg joined a ring of Little Giant national champions, succeeding Riley Lefever '17's last of four national titles in 2017 and becoming the fourth Wabash wrestler to win a national title under Coach Brian Anderson. Although Schurg might have been a senior last year, the champ is here to stay for one more season.

Coming off of three top-four finishes in the state tournament for Crown Point High School, Schurg's college career took an odd turn at the start of his freshman year when he had to get surgery, costing him his first season wrestling for Wabash. This left him with all four years of unused NCAA eligibility, this year being the fourth. With an outstanding third season and a national championship under his belt, the odds are high that Schurg will bring home another title. However,

those that know Darden Schurg know that it is not in his character to rest on his laurels. "I don't think results should define leaders", Schurg said.

While Schurg has been working hard with the rest of the team, he has established himself as something more than a leader. He can often be seen helping younger wrestlers, taking extra time to drill with teammates, and even showing others moves in practice. While not officially, Schurg is one of the coaches as well as one of the wrestlers. He is considering a coaching career after he graduates from Wabash.

This goes without saying for any Wabash student, but Schurg is more than an athlete. He described his academic situation as a fifth year senior a "best case scenario", as it has afforded him the opportunity to not only wrestle as a Little Giant for four years, but also to complete his English major and his involvement in the college's secondary teaching licensure program. By the time May rolls around, Darden will be licensed to teach at the middle and high school levels. As a part of this program, he has spent much of his time off of the mat student-teaching in Crawfordsville. He enjoys actively participating in the process of "building a relationship with his class and seeing attitudes

change in students."

While Schurg is not fully committed to a coaching career or a teaching career yet, he does have one big part of his life set to go already. Over the summer, Schurg got engaged to his hometown sweetheart, Lexi. Schurg calls his marriage in 2020 "the most exciting thing he is looking forward to" and he is confident in his future with Lexi. "It has its ups and downs just like anything," he says, but he is doing what he knows is best for him and his fiancé.

Obviously, Schurg is keen and quick in the decisions he makes, as he was last Christmas break when he saved a drowning cat from a frozen lake in Hobart, Indiana. While at a family event, he and his family witnessed the feline struggling to escape onto the surface of a broken ice sheet. Without hesitation, Schurg, now known as "aquaman" to some, stripped down to his briefs, dived into the icy lake, and rescued the cat, enduring cuts from the ice in the process. "I kind of have a small place for animals and I

just love wildlife," he said, according to an article on Inquisitr. Schurg comes from an outdoors background, as his brother, Daylan Schurg '21, is the president of the Wabash College fishing team. "I'm just so thankful that I was given this opportunity because it's that quick moment in time and you have such a short time to respond," he said. "I was just happy that I was in the right place at the right time and able to do the right thing."

From the looks of things, Schurg is taking advantage of a lot of opportunities that have come his way. Schurg is thankful for the support of his family, his friends, his teammates, and his soon-to-be wife in being supportive of all of his goals in wrestling and his career. He also wants to give a special shoutout to Will Amberger '19, Chris Wilson '19, Alex Dague '19, and Dusty Miller '19 for "keeping it real." With more successes on and off the mat to come, fifth year senior, national champion, and aquatic hero Darden Schurg will be a tough act for Wabash men to follow.



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Darden Schurg '20 wrestles an opponent in the NCAA DIII Central Regional last season. Schurg went on to win the NCAA DIII National Championship.



Wrestling Enters Season with National Title Hopes

CRISTIAN ALEMAN '22 | STAFF WRITER
• The Wabash wrestling team has big plans to excel and have a very large presence in their conference this year. Coaches Brian Anderson and Josh Hardman have been working relentlessly to recruit talented wrestlers. A large amount of the success that comes to the team is attributed to how the coaches recruit such talented and academically prepared individuals. The team actually has more students than lockers and due to the team having an abundance of wrestlers, workouts were more difficult than ever. Thanks to the hardworking mentality of the Wabash wrestling team, no one gave up.

The team is focused and full of energy to tackle their next challenger. "We are a tenacious and energetic

bunch this year that seems to be taking the bull by the horns," Sam Hansen '22 said. "Our leaders are dialed in, and our younger guys are coming in and holding nothing back."

Hansen went on to say: "Normally we get to see what we're made of come competition time, but for now I'm assuming the best."

In a competitive sport like wrestling, you go into the season preparing for the most difficult challenger there is. It is a lot more difficult to compare skills or strengths as opposed to other sports. Many sports have the ability to review and study tactics, strategies, and players, but for wrestling, it is necessary to prepare to your full capability since it is more of an individual sport.

The Wally wrestlers train to the best

of their ability and while they have plenty of upperclassmen, they are also a young team, so with time they will gain the same skills as the leaders of the upperclassmen.

For Sam, one of the biggest improvements seen this year is a sense of humility. There has been a great change in their leaders. Their leaders have grown from leading through words and vocal leadership to leading by example and action. More specifically, everyone in the team has taken on this role of leadership and has made accountability a priority. The freshmen themselves have brought in an impressive work ethic as well. One of the goals that have stuck in the minds of the Little Giant wrestlers was the idea of being national champions. Now, with a new sense of

accountability, it is more possible than ever before.

"I think our team has a shot at taking home the title this year more than ever before," Hansen said. "Thanks to a growth in numbers, the talent is there. All of the guys seem to be grasping the team mentality, which is essential to winning and much more. The coaches have wanted this longer than we have, and I can say that everyone is on the same page with the right goals and mindset."

The Wabash wrestling team will be competing in two weeks. They will begin their season on November 9th with a 9 a.m. tournament at Milikin University in Illinois, where the whole team will compete. Their first home meet is a dual against Manchester on November 15th at 7 p.m.

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Football Bounces Back, Downs Wittenberg

LOGAN SMITH '23 | STAFF WRITER • With a 31-13 win over Wittenberg, Wabash is once again tied for first in the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) with a 4-2 record and a 4-1 record in the conference. Wittenberg could not overcome Wabash's suffocating defense and powerful offense, despite coming into the game with a better record at 5-0, and 4-0 in the NCAC. Although, Coach Donald Morel says that the Little Giants are definitely looking better than an average 4-2 team. He had great confidence when describing their position, saying: "I'm happy where we are. I'd love to be 6-0 obviously, but we're not. We're in first place in the conference, which is a good thing, and we control our own destiny, which is awesome. It appears we have played the tougher opponents in the league already, yet we know we have to show up every game to play. I think our season is where we want to be."

The Wittenberg game started much slower than expected in a contest between two conference giants. "There were two really good defenses out there. Wittenberg is definitely strong defensively," Morel said when addressing the slow start. However, an explosive 17-point second quarter helped lead the way to a great scoring performance by Wabash. The Little Giants ended the game outscoring the Tigers 31-13, tallying 14 points more than any other team had accomplished against Wittenberg this season. Morel expressed his satisfaction with the team in all aspects, saying, "I don't think anyone has scored more points than we did on them this season. Neither team wanted to make a mistake, you turn the ball over in those games and you lose. It's always that way in championship games. We played very well on special teams; I would say we dominated on special teams. Joey Annee '22] outkicked their guy by a lot of yards. That definitely starts to add up over time when punting. I thought our defense played really well, not giving up any big plays, and creating three turnovers. And clearly if you turn it over three times and your opponent doesn't turn it over, you're going to have a hard time winning the game, so that was good for us. It was also exciting when we got to play some freshmen. Many times in the game we had five freshmen on the field. Those guys definitely did a very good job."

After turning the ball over three times in the loss against Wooster two weeks ago, Morel talked about emphasizing the turnover game. He wanted to focus on forcing more turnovers on defense, while committing fewer turnovers on the offense. "It helps to not turn the ball over, but you can't be too conservative. I think Liam Thompson '23] played out of his mind,



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Isaac Avant '20 runs past multiple Wittenberg defenders. Avant rushed for 146 yards against the Tigers, helping Wabash to a 31-13 win.

he just played really well. Isaac Avant '20] played really well. On defense, Kam Ferguson '22] played a great game and Malcolm Lang '21] had a great game. It was just a really good all-around performance."

Both Lang and Kelly have been lighting it up defensively so it is no coincidence that Morel mentioned the juniors as big parts of the defense. Lang is currently leading the team in two categories, with three sacks and four tackles for loss. While Lang controls the trenches, Kelly is taking on a no-fly zone mentality as he leads the team with three interceptions, along with other impressive stats such as four passes broken up and seven passes deflected.

Along with a great defense came an unstoppable offense which had nearly 350 yards in total, along with a pair of rushing touchdowns, and a pair of passing touchdowns. Liam Thompson led the way in rushing touchdowns by finding the endzone for both of Wabash's rushing touchdowns. However, he only accounted for one of the two passing touchdowns. His fellow freshman Heisman Skeens '23 connected with Mason Durrett '22 on a trick play for the other

passing touchdown.

"I believe trick plays give you an edge and I think it excites the team and a lot of great coaches use trick plays," Morel said. "Bill Walsh was a big trick play guy, usually one a game. I admire all those guys, and it's not a trick play if you practice it a bunch, it's a deceptive play. But if you have good players in there it works. Heisman Skeens was a quarterback in high school and he threw a great ball for a touchdown."

Morel talked more about how smart and versatile his players were, saying most of them can "play all over the place" if they truly needed to. Avant had another notable performance this week as he put up 212 of the teams 344 offensive yards, doing so with two plays of over 60 yards on the ground and on a reception. Morel was surprised Avant could even play in the game, saying, "Avant had a great game this week. He actually had the stomach flu so he couldn't practice Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, and we don't practice Friday. So he was there Monday and that was it. But his career here is just really something. He is an absolute warrior and a great kid. He is just a hard worker."

It was definitely a relief Avant could play, as Ike James '20 was on limited snaps with a hurt ankle and Nikko Morris '21 was also out. When asked why James wasn't used much, Morel said: "He was actually hurt. He has a bad ankle right now, and we thought we could try to get him in near the goal line because he is bigger than Isaac, but he is only at about 50 percent. We also had to play without Nikko Morris who is our starting left tackle. We played without Ike, and it would be easy to make excuses about guys being hurt, but everybody really stepped up."

Morel went on to talk about the leaders of his team: "We have so many great guys it is impossible to choose one leader. Defensively, Brock Heffron '20] and Artie Equihua '20] are both seniors and great leaders, and Brandon Yeagy '20] is also one of those senior leaders. On offense, I would say Isaac Avant, Ike James, Jake Slager '20], those guys really lead well. But every guy on our team just has tremendous integrity and pride."

This week's upcoming game is against Oberlin College, a team struggling to get their season going. The Yeomen are 1-5 overall and 1-4 in NCAC play. This follows a similar track to last year, where Oberlin ended up 2-8 on the season, losing 32-7 against Wabash. However, Morel made it clear he is not overlooking teams as the season goes on. "We are looking at last year's game where it was 9-7 in the second quarter. We are not good enough to overlook anyone, and in this league this year, anybody can beat anybody. So we are preparing for this game the same way we prepared for Wittenberg."

Morel went on to talk about trying to deceive Oberlin's freshman quarterback this week. "I think defensively we are going to be ready for the guy and give him a bunch of different looks, which we do for all the quarterbacks just to make it tough," he said. "We just switch up coverage the whole game. Then I feel like our defensive line is coming into their own, too, so we just need to be Wabash and we should be fine."

Even though Wabash football is coming up to easier competition, Morel has made it clear that he refuses to take his foot off the gas pedal. He will ensure that the Little Giants are ready to play the Yeomen of Oberlin this Saturday at 1 p.m. at Austin E. Knowlton Athletics Complex and Dick Bailey Field in Oberlin, Ohio, where it will be a cool 50 degrees at game time. Morel let it be known that Wabash will be ready, saying: "We really just focus on the next play, focus on being prepared, and us coaches, players, and staff do an incredible job working around the clock to get ready for the game so there aren't any surprises Saturday."

Soccer Now Third in NCAC Standings

BLAKE LARGENT '22 | SPORTS EDITOR • The Wabash soccer team played to a 1-1 draw against seventh-ranked Kenyon College last Saturday and grabbed a 3-1 comeback win over Wittenberg University on Tuesday.

The team's match against Kenyon was the first since the Lords scored a heartbreaking last-second goal in double overtime against the Little Giants during the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) Tournament last season. Kenyon won that match 1-0 and eventually became the NCAC champions.

In the first half, Wabash faced a multitude of shots from Kenyon but held the score at 0-0. The Lords outshot the Little Giants 11-1 in the first half, the largest shot deficit Wabash has faced in a half all season.

In the second half, the Little Giants were able to put some pressure on the Lords. Adam Berg '22 lifted a shot just over the goal in the 54th minute, and the score remained 0-0. But with just over 10 minutes remaining, Kenyon took the lead on a shot from Trevor Gleason. The Lords looked to have the match in control as time dwindled. Wabash bounced back, though, and sent the match into overtime on a last-minute goal from Michael Tanchevski '20.

In both overtime and double overtime, Wabash was outshot by Kenyon 6-2 but did not allow the Lords to score, holding on for a 1-1 draw. The draw ended the Little Giants' six-match losing streak to the Lords, which dated back to 2014. The one goal allowed by Wabash is tied for Kenyon's lowest scoring total in a match this season.

"I think Kenyon is definitely one of the better teams in the nation," head coach Chris Keller said. "We played well through 60 to 70 minutes, and I think they scored with like 10 minutes left. But our mentality was strong and we kept believing we were going to score a goal, and we continued to play good soccer. We had some chances, and I think that's the difference from last year [in the NCAC Tournament]. Last year, we didn't really create anything in that match. In this match, we scored with less than a minute left, which felt good because they did that to us last year. In overtime we had a chance to win it, so I think it's a positive result. That might be a point we'll need at the end when it comes down to making it in the top four [of the NCAC standings]."

Keller also spoke of how the match provided a great opportunity to see how his team would stack up against tough conference competition.

"I think a lot of the teams in our conference are very strong," he said. "We have a very young team this year, so I think it was good to see how they would react to a team with that kind of experience. It was definitely a good

result, but we left thinking we could've taken the win as well."

In Tuesday's match against Wittenberg, Wabash fell behind early. The Tigers scored in just nine minutes, creating a 1-0 deficit for the Little Giants. Wabash, though, was the more aggressive team throughout the half, outshooting Wittenberg 10-2. The Little Giants' aggressiveness worked to their advantage, and Wabash quickly evened the score at 1-1 after a goal in the 18th minute by Tanchevski. The Little Giants jumped to a 2-1 lead just moments later on a spectacular goal from Coledon Johnson '23.

In the second half, Wabash again outshot Wittenberg 10-2. The Little Giants remained in control throughout the half, and added another goal after a penalty kick in the 86th minute from Justin Kopp '21. The Wabash defense held Wittenberg scoreless for the remainder of the match, keeping the score at 3-1.

"Wittenberg is a tricky team," Keller said. "They've got some guys that can hurt you. They hadn't had a great record, but they're a feisty team that can complicate games. I was really proud that we had some composure after that first goal we gave up, which was a really fantastic goal by them. We knew if we just stuck to our game that we would score a goal. Wittenberg has taken points off of some really good teams this year, so we didn't take them lightly. I'm glad we came out and got the three points [in the standings]."

With the win over Wittenberg, Wabash (9-4-2, 4-1-1 NCAC) sits at third in the NCAC standings. The top four teams in the standings will advance to the NCAC Tournament at the end of the season. The current first-place team in the NCAC standings, Ohio Wesleyan University, awaits the Little Giants for tomorrow's matchup at Fischer Field.

"I think Ohio Wesleyan is really the only thing we're focused on at the moment," Keller said. "We're taking it one game at a time. Ohio Wesleyan is a senior-laden team. I think they have 12 seniors. On paper, they have the experience. But we're going to be at home, and we've been playing very well at home. They're definitely going to be the most talented and deep team other than Kenyon."

Keller also spoke on what will give his team an edge against conference opponents down the stretch.

"Over the past five years, we've found a way to win, whether it's good soccer or ugly soccer or whether it's just grinding it out," he said. "I think our mentality and our blue-collar play has really worked wonders in our games. We've won 30 or 40 tight games in the past five years, and I just give credit to the guys for wanting to get it done."



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Michael Tanchevski '20 pushes past a Wittenberg player. Tanchevski evened the score at 1-1 in the first half en route to a 3-1 Wabash win.



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Justin Kopp '21 passes the ball past a Wittenberg defender. Kopp had the game-clinching goal, scoring on a penalty kick in the 86th minute to make the score 3-1.

If the Little Giants defeat the Battling Bishops tomorrow, Wabash has a chance to grab the top spot in the conference standings. Wabash, though, has not beaten Ohio Wesleyan in the teams'

26 matches against one another. The Little Giants will look to end that streak tomorrow afternoon in a 1 p.m. home matchup against the Battling Bishops of Ohio Wesleyan at Fischer Field.