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The Gender Studies Committee Presents Initial PrEP Talk for Campus



COURTESY OF THE NEW YORK TIMES

PrEP, or Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis, is a medication commonly used by people to avoid contracting HIV, the virus that leads to AIDS.

SARVIK CHAUDHARY '25 | STAFF WRITER • The Gender Issues Committee along with 'shOUT, are coming together on April 7 to talk about PrEP, a medicine people at risk for HIV take to prevent getting HIV from sex or injection drug use. PrEP stands for pre-exposure prophylaxis and is the most effective treatment in preventing the transmission of HIV, which later evolves into a disease called AIDS. The medicine is very expensive and difficult to find but if gotten through the right medical provider can be life saving. "Talking about this medicine can be a game changer for gay and bisexual youth because of the risk their sex lives pose. Schools do not often teach their students about LGBTQ+ sexual health which makes talks like these very important to the community," said Zach Alvarado '23, the Co-President

of 'shOUT. "During the AIDS epidemic of the 1980's awareness rose for the need of better LGBTQ+ sexual education and health overall which I would like to think resulted in this medicine and these talks. This medicine has made it far safer to be with the people that we want to be with and shows that miracles can really happen despite all the criticism that we face. I personally have heard a lot about this medicine and am eager to learn what my options are during the talk on April 7th." The College Nurse, Chris Amidon, said that PrEP's marketing has been targeted towards the LGBTQ+ youth, but "anyone who has unprotected sex (without using a condom every single time) is at risk for HIV and other sexually-transmitted infections. People whose partner is HIV-positive should

take PrEP to reduce their chances of getting HIV themselves. Anyone who has tested positive for a STI in the last six months can benefit from PrEP. People who inject drugs are also at high risk for HIV." "I hope that this program will give everyone some information they might share with someone else. We have some students who are taking PrEP, and we should have far more taking advantage of this effective once-a-day pill that prevents HIV," Nurse Amidon said. "We're always happy to schedule an appointment for students to come in and talk with us—we can do an assessment of the possible risks and benefits and discuss whether PrEP might be beneficial." Elan Pavlinich, the Byron K. Trippett Assistant Professor in the English Department, who played a major role in

organizing this event, hopes to ensure that Wabash scholars are informed and employing best practices when it comes to their sexual health, since sexual health intersects with other dimensions of one's overall well-being. "We are also using this opportunity to raise awareness. Some people think HIV/AIDS only affects certain people. In reality, anyone who is sexually active should be aware that the infection rates in Indiana are high," Pavlinich said. "Others who are familiar with PrEP may be misusing the medication due to some social myths, so we will discuss the importance of condoms in addition to PrEP. Finally, we will locate these conversations within the mission of the college, so that Wabash scholars are using thoughtful, critical terms when discussing sexual health."

Avilla, Visiting Speaker Spark Eventful Spring



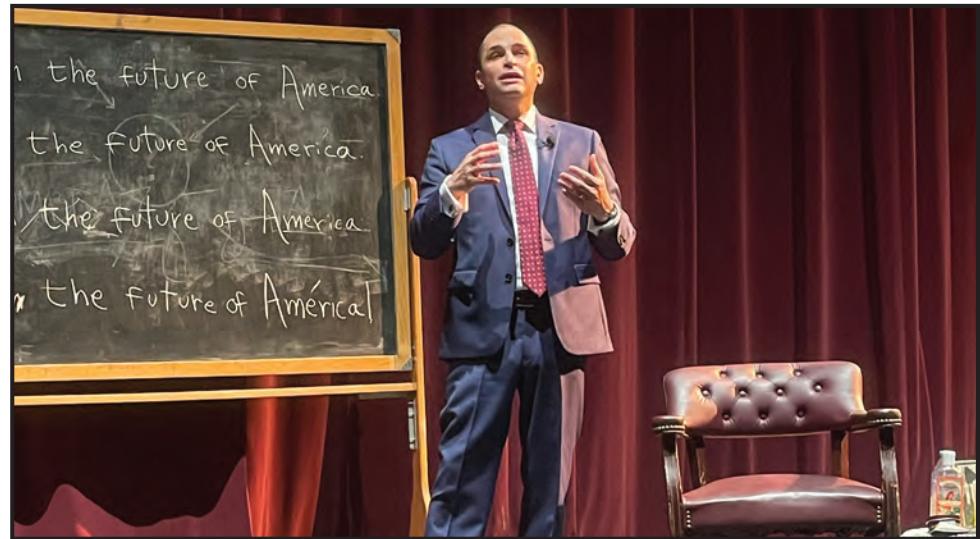
COURTESY OF WABASH STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE

SN Panda & NLE Choppa headline this year's National Act.



COURTESY OF DEAN STEVEN JONES

Melissa Harris-Perry hosted her own TV program on MSNBC from 2012-2016. Harris-Perry's talk mentioned her setbacks and eventual rise to prominence.



COURTESY OF FABIAN GARCIA '25

Javier Avilla speaks to a packed crowd in Ball Theater on how through the lens of his own life, he can point to what a better society will look like for Latino Americans.

What's Next for Davidson?



COURTESY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING

Jack Davidson '22 had a historic season, capturing the all-time Wabash scoring record and leading the Little Giants to the NCAA DIII Semifinal. He averaged 25.5 PPG, 5.9 RPG, & 3.91 APG. In his time at Wabash he captured the all-time record for most consecutive made free throws at all levels at 95, a record that will be hard to beat.

COLE BERGMAN '24 | STAFF WRITER

This year's basketball season for Wabash College was nothing less than historical. Aside from their season culminating with a berth in the NCAA DIII Tournament, the team boasted individual and team accolades throughout. The premier individual accolade nabbed by a Little Giant was for Jack Davidson '22, a senior guard recently named Division III Men's Basketball Player of the Year.

After this successful season, after having a few weeks to reflect, Davidson has appreciated the success the team had seen.

"I've been really able to appreciate the run we went on," Davidson said. "You know, after the loss, I was down and thinking about the stuff you could have improved on and stuff like that. To make it to the Final Four, though, and with the first conference championship in the NCAC, first NCAA Tournament period since 1998, and then to go on the run we did was amazing."

Coming into the season, there was no one outside of the Allen Center and the basketball locker room who foresaw the team succeeding in the way they did. "We played a lot of tough teams on the road," Davidson said. "And to make the Final Four in Fort Wayne, it was really a dream come true for us. I know since the beginning of the season that we talked about doing and doing it with the group of seniors we had. It was really rewarding for sure."

Looking toward his plans for the future, Davidson shared that he is planning on continuing his basketball

career by playing professionally internationally.

"That process kind of starts now," Davidson said. "I've started working with my coach to find an agent and stuff. You have got to find the right fit, so I've been talking to a couple different agents, getting a feel for what they're saying and where they want to put me, and then just exploring that."

The process is as complex as it sounds and is only the first step in what will be a challenge for the foreseeable future. "So once you hire an agent, they'll find countries and field offers from interested teams, and then I've got to decide from there," Davidson said. "I'd like to play anywhere in Europe, really. I'm really looking forward to it, and it's always been my dream to play professionally, so I'm excited about it."

Davidson was excited to begin this process with his coach and family, beginning soon after the season ended. "Usually leagues don't start until the summer, so I have time. I'm not going to rush finding an agent," Davidson said. "Then after that, I mean I've never gone through it so I don't really know, but just talking to people it can be quick. It can be just - depends on what kind of interest you've got, but I think I have a leg up just starting this early. A lot of people don't start looking until midsummer for opportunities."

The chance for someone of Davidson's caliber to take the next leap and play professional ball is an uncommon sight for most Wabash athletes. "So yeah, I've never been through it, but I'm excited about the process and we'll see how it

goes," Davidson said.

Through this process, Davidson expressed how helpful Coach Brummett has been. "He's got a lot of connections," Davidson said. "Just from guys he's coached that have turned into agents, coaches across the NBA and G League. Not that I'm looking to play in those leagues, I'm realistic, but I'm not gonna ever play in the NBA. But he knows guys that have those connections that can connect me with other people they know."

Davidson also expressed how thankful he was for the support of those close to him. "It's definitely big," Davidson said. "So I have a girlfriend I've dated for a long time, which has played a role. I mean, I think she's planning on coming with me."

Post-graduation, the future for the relationships that he has made at Wabash and in the greater Indianapolis area will continue to be part of his journey.

Davidson also spoke about the support of his family and friends. "My parents are very supportive. They want me to do what I want to do, and I'm sure they'll be there to visit as much as they can," Davidson said.

Throughout Davidson and the team's run in the NCAA tournament, his brother Eric became a prominent voice for the team on Twitter. It'll be difficult, like being away from friends and my brother. "You're going to miss holidays and personal stuff like that. So that'll be difficult for sure. It's something I've never experienced, so it's hard to really quantify how much I will

miss that, but we'll see," Davidson said.

Even with all of the difficulties in store for the future, the light at the end of the tunnel is clear for Davidson. "I know that I think playing basketball is worth it. It's always something I've wanted to do. But I know everyone to be very supportive. I've got a really supported friend group family," Davidson said.

Looking toward the future of his career, Davidson was excited and hopeful for the opportunity to grow and do what he loves.

"I think just being able to make money playing basketball is pretty cool. I think the opportunity for growth is cool," Davidson said. "Like I know I'm not going to start like a super high league and making a ton of money right out of this College. I played DIII, and I know I had a really good career, but when you play Division III, you've got to beat out some guys who have done it at a higher level."

The level of competition will be a notch (or two) above what Davidson has experienced during his time in the NCAC, but that is not enough to discourage what is in store down the road. "I think it's a really cool opportunity. Just competing against excellent players and allowing myself to compete against some of the best players in the world. So I think it'd be awesome," Davidson said.

Davidson looks forward to what opportunities this career path could open up for him. After an incredible career as a Little Giant, the next chapter sets up for the same.

SCOTUS in the News

Clarence and Ginni Thomas Bring Ire to SCOTUS During Confirmation Hearing



COURTESY OF CNN

Thomas' tenure on the Supreme Court has been rife with controversy, beginning with his confirmation hearings that focused on sexual misconduct allegations by Anita Hill. This new scandal, involving his wife, Ginni, may be the worst yet, with calls for his resignation and questions of impeachment looming.

JAKOB GOODWIN '23 | NEWS EDITOR

The Supreme Court and its members have been in the news more than usual recently. Aside from the confirmation hearings for Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson, the Court has faced criticism in the past week for the actions of one of its members – or more correctly, the spouse of one of its members. Last week, texts between Justice Clarence Thomas's wife, Virginia, and former White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows came to light, showing Ginny Thomas' support for overturning the 2020 Presidential Election, drawing criticisms from those on the left who call for him to recuse himself or even resign.

The news around Clarence Thomas starts 2 weeks ago when he was admitted to the hospital with "flu-like symptoms." While the Supreme Court said that he did not have COVID-19, questions remain as to why Justice Thomas remained in the hospital until last Friday after he was expected to be discharged earlier than that. His hospitalization prompted

questions about his health and longevity on the Court. His staunch opponents may have hoped that this would cause him to leave the Bench, but Thomas has been on the Court for more than 30 years now, and at 73, he seems poised to stay on the Court for another decade or more.

More news surrounding Thomas came as he was in the hospital. It was during his hospital stay that the texts between his wife and Meadows came out. Many of the text messages between Meadows and Virginia Thomas were friendly and some referred to Justice Thomas. Congressional Democrats, led by Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR), have called for his recusal in cases regarding President Trump or the 2020 elections, especially in light of Justice Thomas' vote in a case that prevented President Trump from withholding documents from the House committee investigating the events of January 6. He was the lone justice who would have allowed President Trump to hide those documents. That vote and these

messages have led many to believe that he has been compromised and ought to go further than just recusing himself. Some Democrats, led by Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, have called on Thomas to resign finding that this breach is disqualifying.

Senate Republicans have held tight to Thomas, defending him from what Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell calls "an effort by Democrats to delegitimize the Court". To this point, no Republicans have called on Thomas to recuse himself or resign, saying that Thomas could remain impartial and that the thoughts of his wife should not disqualify him.

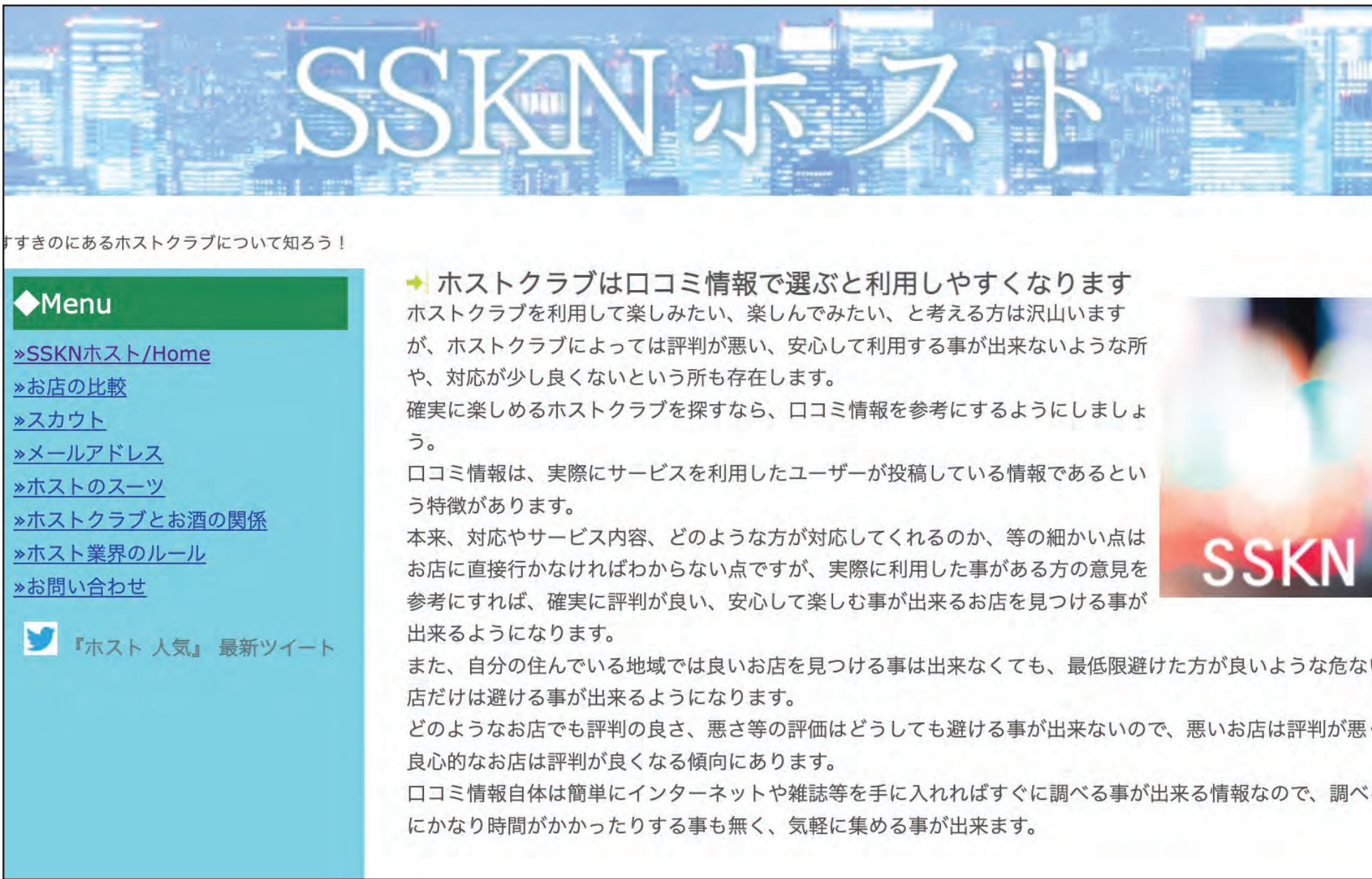
This whole story comes as the Senate works to confirm Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson, who, if confirmed, will take over Justice Stephen Breyer's seat on the Court. Thomas' illness, calls for his recusal, resignation, or impeachment, have led some to speculate the major effects of Thomas' seat on the Court and what his removal (by any of those

means) would mean for many of the cases currently before the Court.

In short, those who believe that Justice Thomas will be off the Court any time soon should press the brakes. There is little to no support to attempt to impeach a sitting Supreme Court justice for the first time, a process that would be doomed to fail in the Senate. And there is little reason to believe that Justice Thomas, whose entire Supreme Court tenure has been mired in controversy, would step down because of this. And although he is 73, that is young for Supreme Court justices, and many live on to serve on the Court well past that age.

The third branch of the US Government has been in the news more than they prefer recently. From the confirmation hearings of its next member to scandal and illness surrounding its eldest and most senior member, the Supreme Court will issue opinions in this term's cases in March, including cases on abortion, gun rights, free speech, and the freedom to worship.

The WabCo Comet Airy Wins Best Self-Parody at ICPAs



Above is a real-life screenshot of the webpage at TheWabashCommentary.org. For those not fluent in Japanese, this is the landing page to a company that covers “host clubs”. For the uninitiated, those are clubs where women solicit men for their bodies.

MIKAL MORE | ESTRANGED EDITOR

• Each year, the Indiana Collegiate Press Association bestows awards for notable accomplishments in collegiate journalism. This year, WabCo’s own The Comet Airy won it’s first ever ICPA award – becoming the first Indiana collegiate newspaper or magazine to win “Best Self-Parody.”

The ICPA has never before included an award for “Best Self-Parody.” But all that changed when the ICPA selection committee discovered he unforgettable work of The Comet Airy. After deciding

to create the new category, the ICPA reached out directly to The Comet Airy’s Generalissimo, Thespy Ballet-Man, to invite him to apply.

“This is a huge win for us,” said Ballet-Man. “We knew that no one would have believed we really started an entire magazine as a counterreaction to a 1990s play about inclusivity... so we entered the self-parody category. We finally received the recognition we deserve. And after all... ..” Unfortunately, Ballet-Man’s tin foil hat muffled the audio recorder, and the rest

of his statement was lost.

When announcing the award, the ICPA announcer pointed to several key examples of The Comet Airy’s journalism that justified the victory, including ostensibly legitimate journalistic inquiries into the all-important Sheepgate and the decline in WabCo manhood.

“And of course, what real newspaper would have seriously photoshopped a cover image of the COVID task force director and the college president to look like Mary Poppins?” asked the

announcer. “It’s too ridiculous to be taken seriously.”

For further proof of The Comet Airy’s self-parody status, please go to thewabashcommentary.org, the link that The Comet Airy has posted on its Facebook page. When you click the link, you’ll find that The Comet Airy no longer controls the web page – it’s all in Japanese, and it seems to be referring to something about “host clubs.” So long, archives.

This is too ridiculous for even we at The Bastard to make up.

DeBauch Announces New Business School



After a long year of constantly failing to defeat the WabCo Wallies, DeBauch University announced a last ditch effort to recruit students. This marketing strategy is sure to work about as well as the line, “we have girls,” that is the only upside to DeBauch of WabCo.

MOE CHIN '25 | STAFF WRITER • WabCo has experienced a 2021-2022 school year of utter dominance athletically over a certain school down the road. In addition, our academic prowess has excelled beyond that of our rivals for so long it no longer holds significance. However, this particular institution has announced the construction of a \$40 million business school expected to open in the year 2027. It is clear that this is an attempt to have a leg-up on the small, but mighty WabCo, but any person that knows anything about this rivalry knows that this simply will not happen.

While we must give credit to the bravery of this decision considering that this will be only the fourth business school belonging to a liberal arts institution in the nation, we all know that any competent student

looking to pursue business will still go to IU. If we know anything about the recent history of this institution, the \$40 million will likely be spent on a state-of-the-art facility and lack any money left over for faculty salaries and student resources. For the eight unlucky students that do get lost and are tricked into pursuing business there, their experience will be fitting for the stagnant economy of the town in which they reside. While there are always a few outliers in each population, the most successful of these future graduates will have likely developed a transportation company to get prospective students to access to a credible business school.

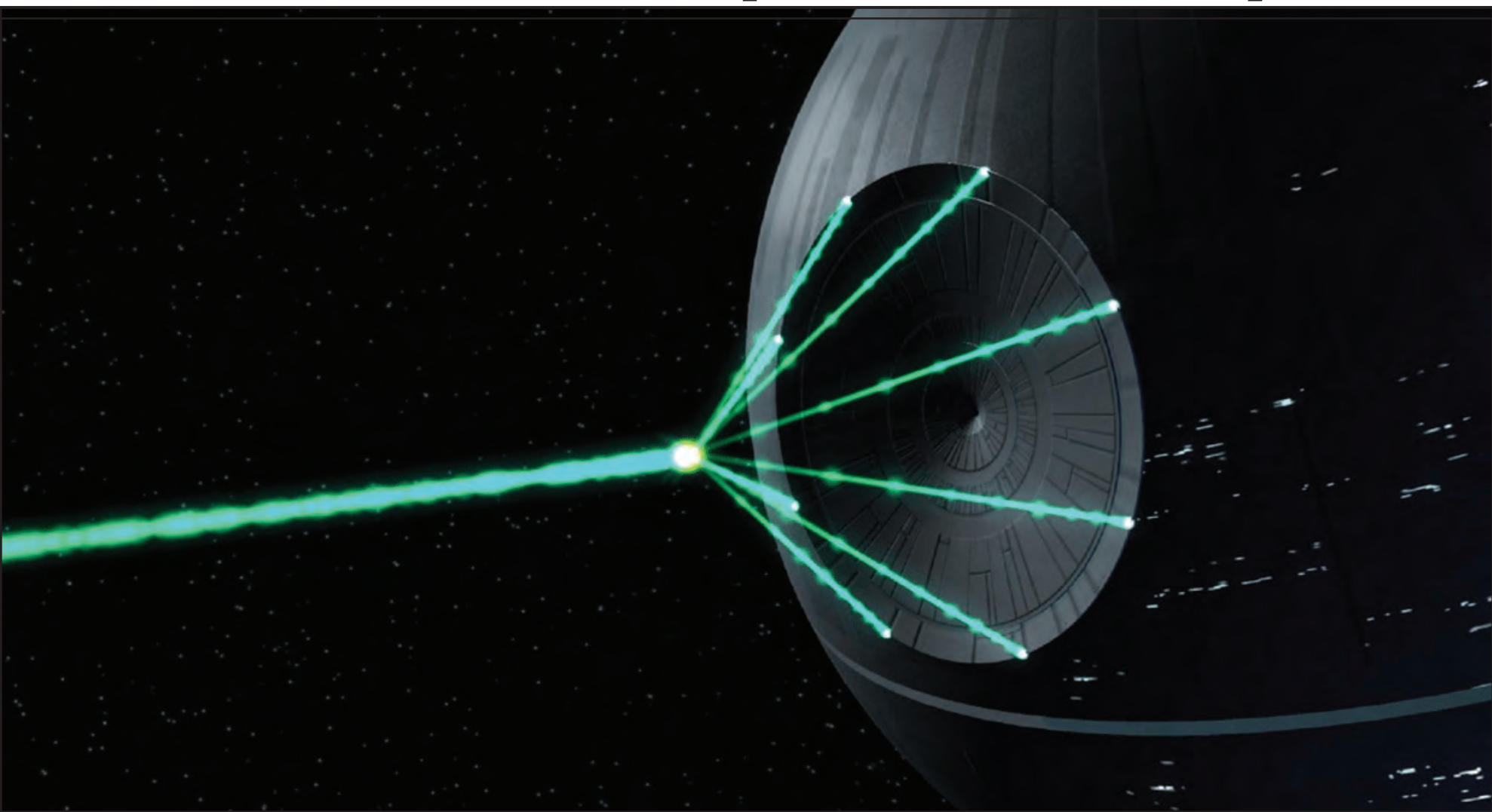
Do keep in mind that this particular institution embodies a liberal arts curriculum similar to our own, educating students on a variety of topics that would expand their

intellectual horizons and prepare them for a bright career, maybe under the leadership of a WabCo man if they get lucky. However, the real question is, “What kind of business or innovation happens in a town whose population doubles whenever students arrive on campus?” The future of a student graduating from this particular business school would be about as bright as the four stoplights in the entire town. Their opportunities shall be as limited as the number of their own students and fans that attend home sporting events. Their pedagogical experience will only suffice for fixing the ice cream machine at the local McDonald’s or constructing the worthless trash cans that claim to open automatically but never do. This academic addition will admittedly be a step in the right direction for their

institution, but only if their end goal is mediocrity of course.

If we think about the fundamentals of business, troubleshooting comes to mind as a significant component. But why invest money in a business school when you already have a basketball team that does this so well? Besides, \$40 million on a business school still would not compensate for the all-around mediocre environment students are trapped in for four years of their life. On the other hand, business instructors would be able to help their students calculate the probability of losing a football game after a three-touchdown lead in the first quarter, so there may be some benefits to this scheme after all. Despite the confirmation of this innovative and impressive addition, let it be known that Depauw still swallows.

WBPD Announces Dilapidation on Critical Space Theory



COURTESY OF UNIVERSE TODAY

The WabCo Bureaucracy and Public Disarray initiative hopes to foster a sense of belonging to everyone - and they mean everyone - in the community, by allowing them to speak. Even if this means letting people say things like these, if no one will stand for these people, who will stand for the WBPD when the Woke agenda comes for it.



ELON TUSK | FORMER BUREAUCRACY FELLOW • The WabCo Bureaucracy and Public Disarray initiative (WBPD) is well-known for its love of playing devil’s advocate and “both-sides”-ing every issue, made waves this week with a new press release. Several Bureaucracy Fellows cited unfair criticism of their beloved US Representative, Maggie Traitor Red from the left – and far too many righties as well.

“We are dismayed at recent slander of the idea that space lasers, and not climate change, were a potential cause for the recent uptick in wildfires,” said the press release.

“Because it’s a view that someone has, we Bureaucracy Fellows are obligated to treat it

equally in our deliberations.”

Recognizing that the “space laser perspective” does not have the same amount of evidence as the equally valid “climate change perspective,” WBPD announced the addition of a new half-semester course on Critical Space Theory. The course is designed to help WabCo students think about how to justify Red’s space laser views. Two favorite sons of WabCo – the IN Attorney Generally-Awful and a trying-to-be-prominent US Senator – will provide a handful of guest lectures.

“After all, it was my need to stand by that allowed Representative Red to gain a platform within the party,” said Senator My Cabron “Guest lecturing is the least I can do.

Literally, the least. I checked.”

The Bastard reached out to a few Wabash professors for comment.

“This is a joke, right?” asked one biology professor. Political Science Professor Edwin Hollerer declined to comment.

To hear WBPD tell it, supporting every single possible perspective equally is about saving the health of our country.

“The real question, at the end of the day, is what do the stakeholders have to say about Critical Space Theory? It’s not about whether there are good reasons to refuse to listen to this view – that’s muh socialism,” said one Bureaucracy Fellow. “This is about real change – by treating every single view, regardless of factual support, equally.

Six Things the Government Does Not Want You to Know

ROVER A. MIROSLAVIC ‘22 | DIPSOMANIAC • Many people believe the United States is the land of the free and the home of the brave. However, behind that beautifully-crafted lie many secrets that the government doesn’t want you to know. If you’re one of the sheeple that likes Starbucks and organic avocados, go back to reading The DeBauch. But if you’re a real American, this is the section for you. Here are 10 things you should know before this newspaper gets canceled by the woke mob and all issues will be burned.

- 1. You can cure COVID-19 with our special cocktail**
 - 2. All Treatments Taking More than 3 Days are Fake**
- Forget about those pesky liberals nagging you about their chip-infested vaccines that will sterilize you, making your children more prone to joining the “woke” agenda. Try our top-secret recipe to cure COVID-19 that you can make at home. Juice five peaches grown outside the Perimeter and three Alabama cucumbers (make sure your cousin didn’t use them to summon Satan from her... other toothed end), add them to a half-gallon of Charleston sweet tea, and fill with moonshine to a gallon. Add 10 drops of bleach, 10 drops of cow urine, a cup of dirt from the Alamo, and a quart of water directly from the Mississippi - preferably from downtown New Orleans. Add a bale of alfalfa and let it sit overnight. When finished, add five drops of fluorescein and five drops of phorboxazole A to activate the mu waves in the sweet tea and bleach, and amplify the upsilons energies in the peaches and alfalfa. Add mint for the taste and drink a cup a day for five days. This should be enough for 10 people. Note that side effects often include a halo and two wings after the third day.
- The whitest, most American man to ever live, Jesus S. Christ, said that all people will be cured of all ailments in three days if they let Him into their lives. Look no further than poor Lazarus! So, anytime one of those

- woke doctors tell you to take a pill for a week, or keep treating some made-up illness, like Borderline Personality Disorder or Anxiety, tell them that the Lord will save you from illness - because He will always do so in three days! And you will be able to see Him that soon if you truly believe in Him and repent for all your sins. Just make sure you berate your nearest fast food cashier for good measure.
- 3. Vaccine Microchips are Genetically Transmissible**
 - 4. Drinking Budweiser Opens Your Third Eye, while the Devil’s Lettuce Closes it**
 - 5. A Cabal of DeBauch Professors is Trying to Take Away Your**
- Researchers at the St. Petersburg Polytechnic’s Center for Vaccine Development, in collaboration with our very own WabCo Vanderbilt Institute for American Liberty, discovered that the COVID-19 vaccine microchips are able to multiply through mitosis, like the parasites they are. The woke mob just escalated the fight, from simply injecting us with mercury to forcing us to take parasites that will multiply and track us, eventually killing us by electrocution at the slightest perception of dissent against The Man. This is exactly why people die more in red states, and why we need to stay pure and say no to every vaccine possible.
- We are living in the Kali-Yuga, in the age of destruction, so keeping our Third Eye open is more important than ever to staying strong, proud, and free - what any American should do. However, the sheeple on the left want you to smoke Mary Jane instead of drinking beer and shooting guns because they know that will close your third eye, turning into one of them. They don’t want you to know that a Budweiser, a Busch Lite, or even the juice that is Miller Lite will help open your third eye, while their sangria and blended drinks will close it for good - and keep it shut upon first smoking weed. So, guard yourselves by engaging in the manly ritual that is cornhole and Bud Lite.
- is Trying to Take Away Your

Constitutional Right to Becoming a Wally

Everyone knows that being a Wally is the ideal for any American man. Spending your time playing golf, drinking beer, doing air-raids every weekday, and yelling at the pledges are THE definition of Heaven on Earth. The entry price is steep, but worth it. That’s why there’s always a cabal of DeBauch professors, this time from the Department of Woke Studies (because of course) trying to spoil the fun because of “hazing freshmen,” “toxic masculinity,” and, worst of all, “alcohol poisoning.” They’re forgetting their place - I

mean, their institution is called DeBauch for a reason. Make sure their feebleness doesn’t corrupt our most precious values: man up and be a Wally today!

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The Indianapolis Association of Wabash Men

This Weekend’s National Act: Dave Matthews Band at Chadwick Court

April Fool’s!

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From the Lambsey Archives



COURTESY OF THE BASTARD STAFF

President Carp beat his opponent Phil Cuckley in a landslide, but the failure to hold National Act in the Fall o’ ‘69 was what turned the WabCo student body against him.

BILLIAM GREMLIN '24 | NEWS EDITOR

• The WabCo archivist, Betty Fast, made a fascinating historical discovery in the Lambsey Archives this past weekend. Enclosed in a condom box belonging to Tau Kappa Epsilon’s archival records, the team discovered a Secretary’s log of the 1969 convening of Wabash’s Student Senate. The then presiding senate chairman, Bill Wrapp, spent over twenty minutes explaining that senate funds could not be used to build a cross-campus slip and slide as “It is[was] physically improbable that anyone could feasibly gain enough force to slide across the entirety of campus.” ‘H.J.’ Reeth ‘70, Sigma Chi’s representative, was unconvinced of Wrapp’s science. “I just want us to take a moment to close our eyes and imagine the dream the brothers of Sig Chi *pounds chest* have,” Reeth said. “A pledge launched via giant tree slingshot, gliding across the mall while quickly consuming a carbonated beverage,” Reeth assured his skeptical constituents that this would be the feat of the absolute peak male form, and would inspire years of Wabash

men to come.

A slightly smudged and very doodle-filled log revealed to Fast and her team that after a brief verbal squabble with Wrapp, Reeth eventually threw a beer bottle over Wrapp’s head. With that, the proposal was voted on and passed by a vote of 10 to 9 with 12 abstentions. After cross-referencing a page of the historic and groundbreaking student-led WabCo publication from the following week, Fast realized this was the first budget to be approved all year. Further research found that the first three meetings of the year were spent arguing about which room was both cool enough for the sizable senate yet prestigious enough to bolster the tradition of the student senate.

According to Bastard reporting, the rocky start to the year led to an eventual impeachment of the WabCo Student Body President, Danny Carp ‘69. Carp not only spent the entirety of the budget on the patent for a groundbreaking “Balding Hair Remedy” but also kept no spending records. Carp, who had been misled by fraudulent hair product infographics, thought there would be a market for the product within the WabCo alumni network. Carp secretly turned the basement of his fraternity into a hair gel production factory, employing pledges as cheap and available labor. “Wally’s Anti Balding Spray” became the product name but given it did absolutely nothing to promote hair growth it quickly became a failure. Additionally, Carp didn’t tell anyone about his spending but tried to make up the lost revenue by selling the canisters as being perfect for whippets.

This ushered in the notorious on-campus whippet craze of 1969. Carp would eventually be revealed as the main culprit of the financial irresponsibility, and a vote to impeach was brought before the senate. By a unanimous vote, Carp was removed from office but lives on as the only impeached student body President in WabCo history.

HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

HARBINGERS OF FINANCIAL IRRESPONSIBILITY

Lo-five to The Bastard writers this week. This is truly a new level of depravity and abnormal behavior from what is usually fine looking group of gentlemen.

GRADUATES WIN

Hi Five to Wabash for actually picking some good commencement speakers. Yeah. that's it.

KEEP BYRON’S NAME OUT OF YOUR MOUTH!

Lo Five to the Senate for not knowing how much money they have. If we don't get \$10 of Brew credit during finals, we're gonna have a problem.

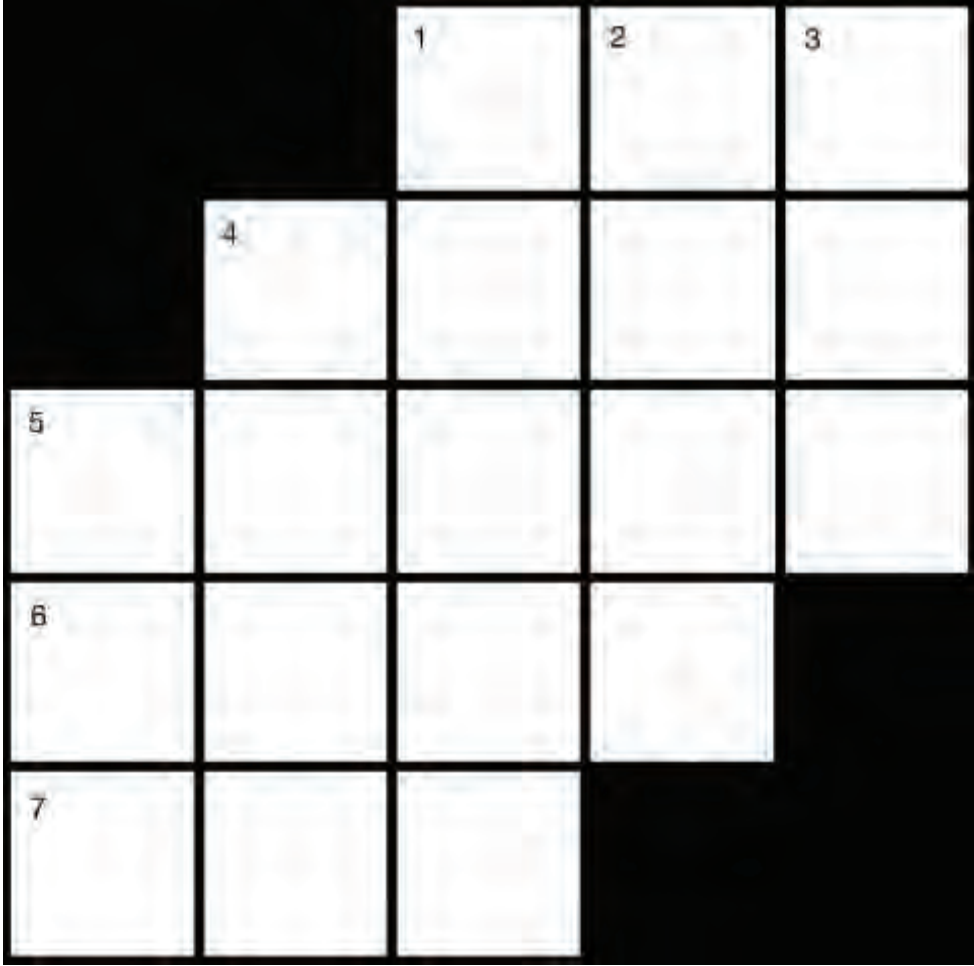
BEL-AIR IS BASED ON A TRUE STORY

Hi five to Will Smith for hi fiving Chris Rock... in the face. It was a welcome distraction from Amy Schumer's hosting.

PI THETA BETA CAN’T TAKE A HINT

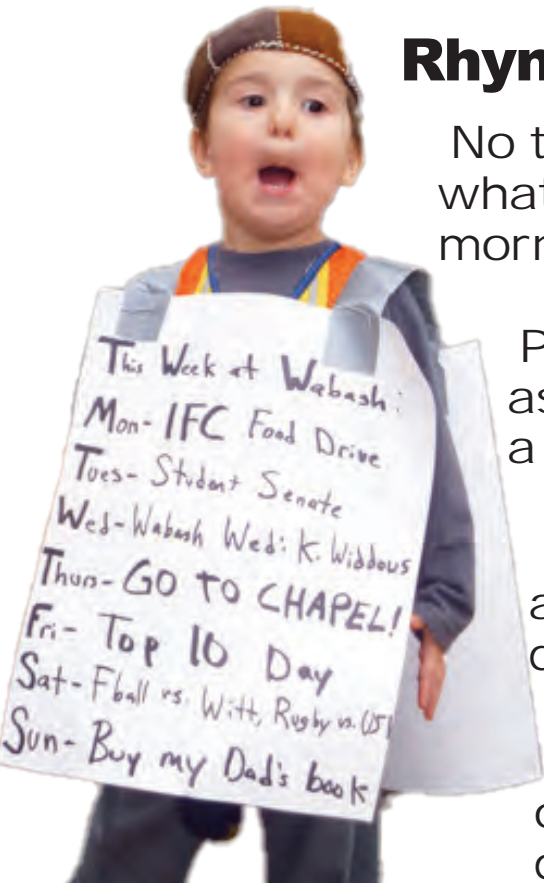
Hi-five to NPC brother “Church’s” for once again proving that all-student email chains are the optimal channel for communication. Who told him that the sequel would be worse than the original?

Crossword By: Willy Short



- Across
- 1. Ancient media format
 - 4. Many a Bachelor writer on April 1st
 - 5. It may come before nine
 - 6. Together, abbr.
 - 7. “Get it?”
- Down
- 1. First name of Ms. Nor-mus?
 - 2. Large tanks
 - 3. Like campus during admitted students weekend
 - 4. The shortest distance between two points
 - 5. How an imposter might act

Join The Club!



Rhyne Benifits:

No trouble deciding what to wear in the morning!

Placards function as wind shields on a gusty day.

Never worry about a bad hair day again!

Stay visible to cars on even the darkest of nights.

WISE JOB TLDR TRANSLATOR FOR FELLER EMAILS NEEDED

ROLE DESCRIPTION:

- Read absurdly long emails with detail and form two sentences to summarize email
- Well to be honest, you wouldn't have to do much, just copy & paste the last paragraph

Wabash to Partner With App “Yik Yak”


Breaking: Wabash Updates Directory

Student Directory Search Results

Your search found 2 matches.


Any **personal home pages** linked through the on-line directory are not official Wabash College publications and do not reflect the opinions of the College.

Mulch, Matthew Gerard '23




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369Beta Theta Pi

Yik Yak Username: 

Yakarma Score: 1,176

COURTESY OF THE BASTARD

One student’s updated directory page. Note the Yakarma score (a metric linked to an individual’s comedic value) is now displayed on his profile.

WILLY SHORT '25 | STAFF WRITER• There are a few dates in the history of WabCo that are of unmatched importance: the College’s founding in 1832, the first presidential inauguration in 1835, the first fraternity erected in 1846, and the first Monon Bell Classic played in 1890. However, none of these dates had a more momentous impact than was welcomed by the year 1971 with the invention of electronic mail, more commonly referred to as email. Email was a game changer for the WabCo man, connecting him instantly and around the clock to campus events and conversations. It has always been difficult, as all WabCo students know, to create a separation between student and personal life. Years of improvements upon the service have only made it more a colossal force. The invention of the ability to email large groups of select individuals at once was

groundbreaking. All at once, any student can employ the use of a listserv and blast the whole campus with the information they deem important. It was a revolutionary invention in the field of emergency messaging. Just this semester we have seen the listserv used to convey important, time-sensitive information that otherwise would have taken days or weeks to disperse to the entire student body: voting rounds for Music March Madness (which saw Michael Jackson edge out Queen), a lesson on physics and federal regulation, and angry responses to angry notes. The student body is very fortunate to have this ability at our fingertips. Students at other schools, even small colleges like ours, must often navigate numerous stages of approval in order to send an all-campus email.

However, this privilege does not come without its downfalls. Massive email chains

are becoming increasingly common, clogging up inboxes with endless notifications and generally just annoying the hell out of everyone. The Gentleman’s Rule is pretty vague, but we’re pretty sure replying to an email with “take it to the classifieds” breaks it.

The administration has been closely monitoring these issues and is prepared to combat them. Starting today, April 1st, the listserv will be discontinued, and all mass communications will be sent instead through Yik Yak. President Smeller, who operates under the avatar “Sheep Emoji,” is a big fan of the shift, saying “using the Yak will be a huge timesaver for me, as the 200 character limit will prevent me from droning on and on about information no one cares about.” Students have also been supportive of the move for the same reason. Additionally, the

administration hopes that Yik Yak’s downvote option will greatly decrease instances of emails being sent for no reason. Instead of replying “classifieds,” disgruntled students may now express their annoyance in one simple click of a button, and if the post is stupid enough, the problem will resolve itself by getting taken down. One primary concern with the new way of doing things is how students will be able to recognize one another. Sheep Emoji is confident this will not cause issues for those worried about it. “Our IT team is hard at work updating the directory to include students’ and faculty’s emoji avatars,” he said. The WabCo email server will stay in operation, but will be reserved for messaging between individuals. At this time, the Student Senate is not expected to purchase iPhones for students who do not have them, since Yik Yak is only designed to run on iOS.

Steering Clear of The Devil’s Concoction

BUZZ MCKILLER '22 | STAFF WRITER• To my fellow sophisticated gentlemanly scholars of WabCo: It has come to my attention that there is a grave threat to the moral integrity of our beloved campus in the form of a substance created by the Devil himself. This substance can turn the upstanding Wabash Man, into a creature more reminiscent of the foul-mouthed, knuckle-dragging, mouth-breathing, reprobates known as “Dannies,” found at that sulfur-pit located 30 miles south of our most beloved and illustrious WabCo Campus, and that substance is known as Alcohol.

This substance is trickery and can infiltrate our campus through the most innocent of substances through a chemical reaction within drinks like fruit juice that is improperly stored. This article is a warning on what to do to avoid accidentally creating this depraved substance in your dorm rooms.

1. You need to have simultaneously a glass gallon jug, 1250 g of honey, 3 apples or 3 pears, boiled water, coffee filters, a funnel, sanitizer/sterilizer, a metal pot, a stove-top, a water lock with a rubber stopper, and D-47 Yeast within your possession, so if you can avoid owning all these simultaneously you should be safe.

2. If you do have all these resources then you must make sure that you do not use the sanitizer to submerge and sterilize the glass jug, funnel, and metal pot to kill the bacteria on these appliances.

3. If you already sterilized the equipment then whatever you do you should not boil 8/10 of a gallon of water in the pot for five minutes after it starts boiling.

If you do have boiled water, then you must do everything in your power to not mix the boiled water with the honey at low heat until the liquid becomes syrupy

4. If the previous steps have all accidentally occurred during some great cooking catastrophe, you must dispose of the resulting

liquid in any way you can, except using the funnel to pour the liquid into the glass jug.

5. If you do find yourself possessed by temptation and find yourself with a glass jar filled with syrup honey water, you must resist the following temptation of putting 3 whole diced fruits like apples or pears into the mixture.

6. If you discover that some foul monster has done all the previous steps, what you must not do is to gather the D-47 Yeast and put it in a small bowl and stir it with a spoon to agitate the yeast a few minutes before putting the yeast into the mixture.

7. If the yeast is in the mixture, then you must make sure that the water locks with the rubber stoppers are not securely placed into the neck of the bottle with water in the lock, as this would allow for the fermenting process to start.

8. If all the previous steps somehow got done by some scheming conniver you must make sure that the glass bottle filled with everything is not left in a dark place, such as a closed armoire for two months straight, as sunlight can kill the yeast and stop the fermentation process.

9. Finally if you discovered that somebody did the opposite of all the previous steps to create some of that failed devil drink, you should stop them from filtering it into other bottles to remove the yeast and fruit chunks from the new alcoholic beverage, since if the same batch three times into different bottles it will give them a drink that is dry and on par with wine for its alcohol content (13%), which promotes immoral behavior.

Hopefully, the knowledge on what to keep an eye out for helps you protect the Wabash community from this demonic substance.

Sincerely,
A Concerned Teetotaling Scholar



COURTESY OF THE BASTARD

A flyer created by Wabash’s Beta Theta Pi Chapter to discourage drinking.

Lacrosse Falls to Denison

Team Finishes Season with a String of Conference Matches



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Joseph Plencner '22 attempting a finesse move on a Concordia defender. In their first NCAC matchup of the season, the Little Giants were defeated, but without Plencner netting two goals in the valiant effort.

ALEX ROTARU '22 | MANAGING EDITOR • Wabash Lacrosse is starting their season in the best shape they have ever been. With a new coach bringing a new vision and the team set on growing and improving, the program's culture shifted radically, and it shows on the field. The team is currently at 3-5, winning against Concordia University Chicago by 14 points and often scoring losses by 3, sometimes 2 points, as they did against Hannover and Monmouth Colleges. However, their biggest test came with the conference opener last weekend.

On Saturday, March 26, Little Giant Lacrosse faced their first NCAC conference game of the season against the toughest opponent of the season: #20-ranked Denison University. Though the team did lose 6-27, this year's game resulted in the smallest loss margin against Denison, as well as the most goals scored against the Big Red, since the program started in 2015. "Denison was our first conference game this season, we knew it would be a tough outing going up against a giant like them compared to a relatively new program like us," AJ Miller '23 said. "These games are going to happen, hard to watch losses such as this, but what matters is that not a single guy on the field gave up and put their arms up when we were in the thick of it. That work ethic will be the culture of this program."

Though a loss is never easy, the

lacrosse team's progress in closing the gap is very much in line with what they have been doing throughout this year's season: standing at 3-5, and losses no more than 15 points apart before they faced Denison. For comparison, during last year's season, the lacrosse team regularly lost by 20, sometimes 30 points, standing at 4-9 (0-8 NCAC).

Wabash began scoring at 5:56 with Ethan Stonis '23 and Joe Plencner '22 scoring two goals back-to-back in the first period, bringing the score to 4-2. At 2:30, Anthony Nguyen '24 scored another goal with an assist from Plencner. Plencner and Stonis both scored two goals in the game, and Josh Taylor '25 also scored one, with an assist from Artie Rogers '24.

On the defensive side, AJ Miller '23 caused four turnovers, while Nguyen and Tanner Simmons '22 each caused two. Goalkeeper Matthew Hendrick '25 also had seven saves. In the end, though they did lose, Little Giant lacrosse showcased the typical Wabash Always Fights attitude they always showed on the court over the past seven years. "The mentality and energy we have, influenced by our coaching staff, hasn't changed before and after the Denison game," Miller said. "This lacrosse team is better than previous years, we play hard and we will continue to do that. We play with the same guile and guts against every opponent, the Denison game did not change that."



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Josh Taylor '25 looks to maneuver around a defender. The next conference match for the Little Giants takes place against Allegheny tomorrow at Fischer Field,

Wabash Lacrosse has only played on home turf so far, so, coming up in conference, they will be tested as they compete in four conference games, all in Ohio. Everyone at Wabash should mark their calendars for the home game against DePauw University on Tuesday, April 12 at 4 p.m. The regular season will end April 30, with an away game against the Hiram College Terriers.

"What matters most to me, when this season comes to an end, is that I'll be able to look at my brothers and be proud of every single one of them for giving their all and a bit more," Miller

said. "I want to finish this season strong in a literal sense. I want other programs to know that when you go up against us, you'll have to keep fighting because we won't give up. And for me personally I want to finish this season being a better player than I was at the start of the season."

Up next, the Little Giant Lacrosse team will be facing the Allegheny College Gators tomorrow, April 2, at 2 p.m., on Fischer Field, followed by the team's first away game of the season against the Oberlin College Yeomen on Saturday, April 9, at 1 p.m.

Tennis Hosts OWU & Wooster

The Little Giants Begin Conference Season with a .500 Record

ETHAN WALLACE '25 | STAFF WRITER • Following the rescheduling of their match with Hanover College last Sunday, the Wabash Tennis team turns its attention to this upcoming weekend. The Little Giants will open conference play at home on Saturday, April 2, against the College of Wooster. Before the season, Wooster checked in at third in the pre-season conference rankings and boasts both a national and regional ranking. The day after their match with the Fighting Scots at 11 a.m., Wabash will face off against Ohio Wesleyan University. The match time is at 2 p.m. The Little Giants come into conference play with an overall 6-6 record, notably decisively winning their last two matches at Adrian College and Trine University.

"I think we are all looking forward to opening up the conference season," Liam Grennon '24 said. Grennon leads the teams in wins, posting a 9-2 record at three singles and a 10-2 record at one doubles with partner Cole Borden '24. "Wooster will be a really good opportunity to test ourselves and will hopefully give us some confidence heading into OWU."

Reed Mathis '22 is the only senior in Wabash's lineup, anchoring the team in the six singles position. "After dropping some tightly contested matches to them (OWU) last year, we feel better prepared to compete coming into this weekend's match," Mathis said. "With some added talent in some new faces and some returning guys stepping up this off season, I feel confident that we can start conference season off right."

The NCAC is once again filled with strong competition, with Denison, Kenyon, and Wooster, all receiving nods in the national rankings. The Little Giants continue to make strides towards competing with some of those top schools but are excited to gauge their progress and compete with the best

"It's always good to see that level," Grennon said. "The serves are a bit bigger, guys are moving just a little bit better, hitting cleaner, those small edges can make all the difference in



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The #1 doubles pairing for the Little Giants are Cole Borden '24 & William Grennon '24. The Little Giants are .500 heading into a tough NCAC schedule that features nationally ranked teams like Denison University and Kenyon College.

a tennis match. I think doubles will continue to be crucial to our success. Being able to head into singles up 2-1 or even 3-0 is a huge edge and being able to do that consistently at home will make us a tough team to knock off at home."

"When you are playing inside the ball just travels more consistently," Grennon said. The way you choose to play a point

can depend on which direction the wind is blowing, where the sun is, etc. It can be frustrating at times, but everyone must deal with it out there."

The Collett Tennis Center is an intimate and at times, loud venue. Because Collett only has three courts, doubles are played all at once, but singles are put out one at

a time after the first three flights finish.

Wabash's roster is filled with young talent, with the majority of the lineup being underclassmen. The team is looking forward to welcoming a big class of incoming freshman, and continue to look to improve throughout the rest of the conference season.

Heldt Wins Elite 90

After Finishing Runner-Up in 197 lb Division, Heldt Looks Ahead



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Heldt pictured with Kyle Hatch ‘22, who also finished runner-up in the NCAA DIII National Championship in the 165-pounder division. Heldt is not only positioned as the de facto leader of the Wrestling program next year, but also holds the role of Vice President in the Sphinx Club.

SAM BENEDICT ’25 | STAFF WRITER • Wabash College junior Jack Heldt has had a busy past couple of weeks. The Carmel, Indiana native and Biology/Rhetoric double major capped off an impressive season by placing 2nd in the 197-pound division of the NCAA DIII wrestling tournament, earning him All-American honors. Along with the runner-up finish, Heldt was awarded the NCAA Elite 90 award, given to the student-athlete that has reached the top of their class in both athletics and academics. “It means the world to me,” Heldt said. “It’s really awesome to see the fruits of my labor and see a lot of my goals come into fruition. I’m super thankful for the support groups around me and for the experiences I got to have this year. I wouldn’t be wrestling here if it weren’t for the coaches and wouldn’t have even ended up at Wabash if it weren’t for the team. I’m super thankful to them for that because I wouldn’t want to go to college anywhere else. I’m just thankful for the investment they’ve put into me and it’s awesome to feel cared about and I can really tell that my coaches and my team care about me.” While wrestling consists of individual play, the influence and effect of fellow teammates in competition or challenges in practice cannot be understated. “It’s a really hard sport, so you can’t get through it alone, so having those teammates to lean on and talk to when I need them is invaluable,” Heldt said. During the 2019-20 season, Heldt finished with an 18-12 record primarily affected by COVID-19. However, this season saw Heldt finish with a 35-2 record, becoming unstoppable and leading Wabash to the National Championship Tournament. “I don’t think that I’ve really done anything different since high school, but I’ve focused on



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As one might guess, Heldt looks to next year as the only and last chance where securing the national championship at 197 lbs is within grasp. Along with that the success for the rest of the team is paramount, as the team has a chance to place nationally.

continuing to work and continuing to chase my goals,” Heldt said. The Wabash Wrestling team’s mentorship of underclassmen played a vital role in Heldt’s development and shaped the kind of leader he chose to be. “I would say that Daylan Schurg [’21] and Wade Ripple [’21] were super influential,” Heldt said. “They took time to invest in me as seniors and upperclassmen the past couple of years and would really focus on me and help me a lot in the sport and outside the sport. That’s what I try to do now with the underclassmen and take them under my wing in the same way that my upperclassmen took me under their

wing.” Outside of wrestling, Heldt has a significant presence on campus, where he serves as the Vice-President of the Sphinx Club. “Joining the Sphinx Club was probably the best decision I made in my time at Wabash,” Heldt said. “It really helped me come out of my shell. I tripled the amount of people I knew on campus, gained plenty of connections, and made lifelong relationships through that and friendships that I hold very close to my heart. Looking back, I would have gone through rhyneship 20 times over because looking back it’s the best thing I’ve done here.” When asked about his goals, Heldt had

a diverse set of interests that he was ready to pursue. “A main goal of mine is to bring a team National Title back to Wabash,” Heldt said. “We were one point short this year and it was a heartbreaking ending, so I want to change that outcome for next year. As I move on into the next chapter of my life I hope to land a good job and I have a great girlfriend and I’m excited to marry her so that’s a big goal of mine.” While Heldt still thinks that there is much to accomplish, the 2023 graduate has already built an impressive resume that includes not only his wrestling accolades but the impact he has made on campus.

Baseball Hosts Allegheny

After a Set-Back v. Rose-Hulman, the Little Giants Prepare for Home Games



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Kamden Early ’24 swinging at a pitch at the top of the strike zone. Early is coming off a 2nd NCAC Baseball Athlete of the Week and earning a berth on the D3baseball.com Team of the Week for his performances last week.



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Dylan Scheid ’22 is postioned to start the 1st game of the weekend against Allegheny. Currently Schied boasts a 2.61 ERA, 2.62 K/BB rate, and three wins on the season.