

New Committee Decides Fate of Library



BENJAMIN HIGH '22 / PHOTO

The iconic Lilly Library at night.

JOHN WITCZAK '21 | COPY EDITOR • Wabash is a school steeped in tradition, where the prospect of change is often met with hesitancy, skepticism, or unadulterated outrage. The old aphorism 'If it ain't broke, don't fix it' undoubtedly applies to a large swath of what makes this college the institution that it is. However, some things must undergo change, and, with the trials of time, combined with heavy use and an ever-changing academic landscape, buildings like the Lilly Library certainly fall under this category. Built in 1959, and extended in 1991, Lilly Library is one of the most important buildings at Wabash, and is a popular place for students to meet, socialize, and study. Due to its importance to campus, it has been selected as the first building to undergo renovation as part of the college's 'Master Plan.'

For those unaware, the Master Plan is a set of proposed alterations to campus that are meant to be completed by the college's bicentennial celebration in 2032. The three buildings the plan is centered on

renovating are the Frank Hugh Sparks Center, Center Hall, and the Lilly Library. "The master plan really gave vision and voice to the campus's facility needs, making it clear that there were a couple key projects that needed the most attention," Kendra Cooks, Wabash's Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer explained. "The master plan helped us see that the Lilly Library update would really be the logical first piece, because it will help us understand what functions we are going to do out of the library. This understanding will help us plan for the appropriate project for Sparks."

While the process of deciding what specifically will be done during the renovation of Lilly Library has only just begun, Wabash students can rest assured that a slew of voices and perspectives are being heard and paid attention to. Input has been, and will continue to be, accepted from a wide variety of sources, including students, faculty, staff, the administrators that make up the Lilly Library Planning Committee, and the professionals of

the international architectural firm Shepley Bulfinch, the latter having only recently been selected to spearhead the project after an extremely involved and competitive bidding process.

Much is not yet known when it comes to the renovation of the library, but there are a few goals that are already essentially finalized. The first is that whatever is done to the outside of the Library will be consistent with the mall's beloved Georgian architectural theme. "There are a lot of key elements of the library's design that resonates with all of us," Cooks said. "There is an architectural style, especially around the mall, that will be absolutely preserved. One of the thoughts in the master plan was, 'Is this an opportunity to have some sort of connectivity to Sparks? Those are things we will investigate, but whatever we do, it has to reflect the existing architectural style currently on the mall.'"

The renovation will also focus on aspects of the library that are far less flashy than the artful architecture,

but which are just as, if not more, important. "We know, from the master plan, some ideas or thoughts around the library's renovation," Cooks said. "A key piece is the infrastructure. Things like replacing the aging HVAC systems, adding sprinkling, and addressing some of the core parts of the building. That's kind of a key piece of this, ensuring the infrastructure itself is updated." When it comes to less technical, more creative changes to the library, Cooks and the others in charge of the renovation have been listening to the opinions of students and faculty whenever possible. "There were discussions with students, faculty, and staff that helped us understand what we like about the library, and what we are looking to have more, or less, of," Cooks said. "These were preliminary conversations, but the next discussions will really take things one step forward." Regardless of what the new Lilly Library will look like once completed, it is safe to say that it will continue to be a center point of student activity on campus.

Shortz Lecture Puzzles Wabash



Will Shortz H'10 attempts to stump Wabash with some of his puzzles.

ALEX ROTARU '22 | ASSISTANT COPY EDITOR • Crossword Puzzle Editor Will Shortz, who received an honorary degree from Wabash in 2010, returned to campus and hosted a talk on the history of puzzles in America, followed by a puzzle contest on September 6.

A Crawfordsville native, Shortz grew up on a horse farm on Perrysville Road (now Jennison Street). In 1970, he graduated from Crawfordsville High-School, where he was second best in tennis and the best in debate of his graduating class. He then went on to Indiana University, where he graduated with a self-designed degree in Enigmatology - the study of puzzles.

One way Shortz studied was by creating his own crossword puzzle, then having a professor from the English department work with him and give feedback on his work. His coursework also included the History of Puzzles, Math Puzzles, and Magazines. Shortz's capstone was a 100-page long thesis on the history of American puzzles before the 1860s. As of right now, he is the only person with a

degree in puzzles, and one of the experts in puzzle history.

Shortz picked up puzzles as an escape from his studies. And, ever since he was young, he wanted to create puzzles as a career. He likes to "entertain quietly," Shortz said. While other entertainers prefer to perform on stage and have the audience cheer for them, Shortz prefers to create puzzles, and have people give feedback to him. Shortz said that the Hoosier unpretentiousness, thoughtfulness, kindness, and empathy that he developed growing up have been having a positive influence on his work. His life goals are to make life a little better and enjoy himself in the process.

When he is not writing puzzles, Shortz enjoys reading, watching movies, and playing table tennis. He has a passion for books on language and etymology, and he loves Science Fiction films, comedies, and documentaries. Shortz is approaching his seventh year of playing table tennis every day. Today, September 13, 2019, marks the 2536th consecutive day of him

playing table tennis. At Wabash, he had a quick match with Tennis player Devin Vanyo '22 in the lobby of Williams Hall, right before his talk in Ball Theater.

Shortz loves the speed, geometry, and social nature of table tennis. He has made many good friends while playing. For him, it is a game that can become a lifestyle, as anyone can get wrapped up in it. It is also a game that is hard to master, as there is always something new to learn. "It trains your body to react instantly," Shortz said. For him, a match comes down to "exploiting the weaknesses of the opponent while covering your own."

From Shortz's point of view, a puzzle should be symmetrical in terms of the black boxes that separate words on rows and columns, and should have real words, that do not repeat, and that are uplifting. Ironically, the publication where Shortz is crossword editor, The New York Times, was among the last in the United States to adopt the crossword puzzle, in 1924.

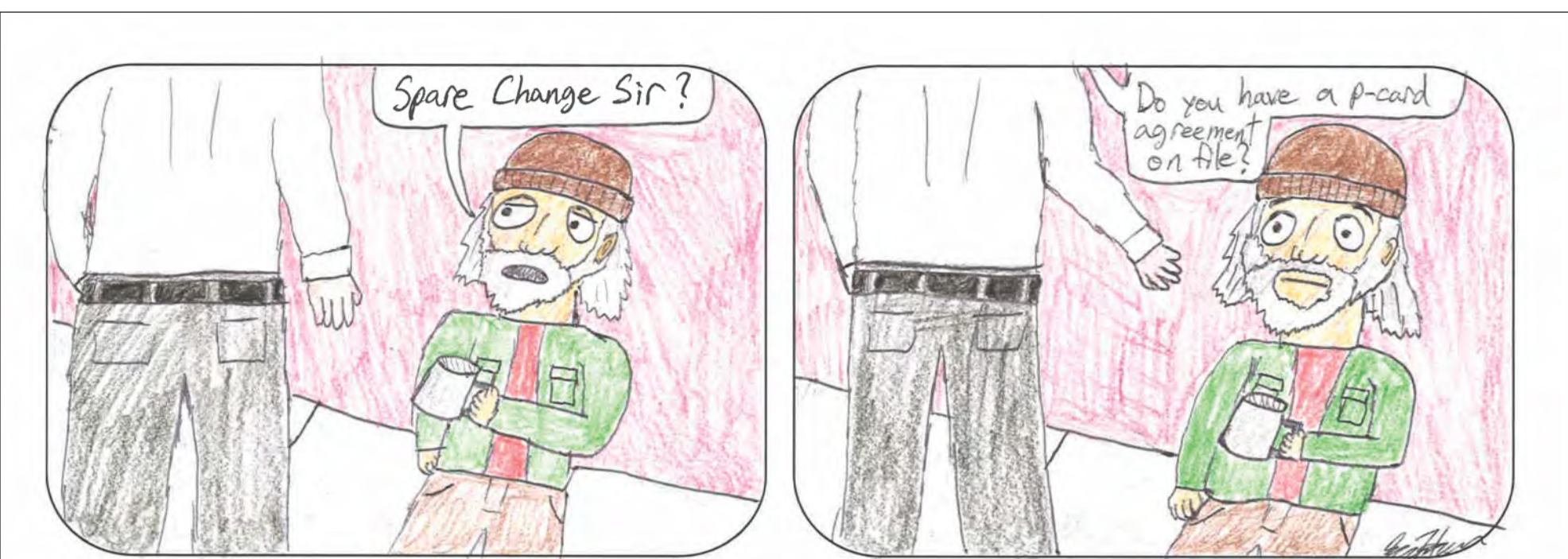
The solving strategy Shortz proposed was to start with what is known, then use

the more unusual letters, such as Z, to find other words, to try the shorter words first, and to take a break if stuck.

Of all New York Times crossword editors, two were Hoosiers named Will - Shortz and Will Wang, from Terre Haute. According to Shortz, he used the word Wabash seven times, referencing the river that passes through Lafayette and Terre Haute; the word Indiana 13 times, as 'Crossroads of America,' 'Home of Parks and Recreation Administration,' 'Where Brazil and Angola are,' and 'Explorer Jones'; and Ben Hur 5 times.

Recently, according to Shortz, the average age of a person solving crossword puzzles has dropped, from early 50s to around 30. For anyone interested in solving Shortz's puzzles, visit npr.org/puzzle, where every Sunday there will be a new puzzle to solve. The next speaker in the President's Distinguished Speaker Series will be Nicole Ver Kuilen, a triathlete and advocate for raising the quality of care for amputees, on October 3, at 6 p.m., in Salter Hall.

Comic Relief by Sam Hansen '22



Comic Relief by Sam Hansen '22 Special Email War Editon



AFC Begins Year With Tight Purse Strings

BENNY WANG '23 | STAFF WRITER • The AFC, or Audit and Finance Committee, is responsible for managing and monitoring the Student Body budget, which is used by various student organizations. On September 2, the AFC had its first meeting for the fall of 2019. In their first meeting, \$154,080.06 was requested, and the committee only allocated \$9,436.31.

The requested funds from the following organizations were fully approved: Chemistry club requested

\$753.17 for "food items for lunch talks and items for club meetings/events." Cooking club requested \$2,089.00 for "food materials for club events." Dork club requested \$2,535.00 for "food for call out meetings and festivals." Indoor soccer's \$157.27 request for "Travel/admission for soccer games, ball, and pump" was approved, as well. The Artistic Expression Society requested for \$125.13 for "food for materials." \$700.00 was requested by the IFC for "food for weekly meetings." Scarlet

Masque requested for \$50.00.

Additionally, the following organizations received partial allocations of funds requested. The reasons given by AFC are quoted in the parentheses. Investment club requested \$400.00, and only \$50.00 was allocated ("Need more budget breakdown on food items"). It looks like they will have to invest a little bit carefully this semester. \$50.00 out of \$475.00 requested by Sales club was allocated ("Clarification on Herm Haffner sessions with payment"). Brew society requested \$2,385.30, but was allocated only \$374.00 ("Need maps for travel, and clarification on brew distribution, breakdown required for recipes and food. Approved for brew inventory items"). Cycling club put in a \$1,030.00 request, and was allocated \$50.00 ("Breakdown required for food and item request"). When it comes to the Sphinx club, only \$7,721.37 out of \$13,346.66 was allocated ("Approved for 19 tailgates for \$300 each – one tailgate per day for each club, homecoming shirts tabled due to unknown bearer of bell ticket costs"). The Bachelor requested for \$5245.50, but was only allocated \$403.50 ("Approved for September 4th issue, need active member list and breakdown per publication quantity (a quote will suffice)"). Barbell club turned in their \$535.00 request, but was only allocated \$135.00 ("Need breakdown for gift certificates and

food for truck push event, approved for call out and foam roller, and visibility stickers"). International Student Association requested for 1,234.30, and was allocated \$86.70 ("Need breakdown for bonding nights and general meetings, approved for Walmart shuttle").

Lastly, let's look at the unfortunate organizations that were allocated nothing. The reasons given by the AFC are quoted in the parentheses. Crawfordsville on Campus requested for \$25,370.00 for "Taste of Wabash," but received none ("Work with treasurer for breakdown of events"). The Wabash Commentary requested for \$4,700.00 for "Printing issues," but none was allocated ("Clarification needed on printing quantity"). Then, Badminton club requested \$136.96 for "Shuttlecocks," but none was allocated.

As some people approve the decisions made by AFC, and others criticize its disapprovals, we cannot deny that the job of the AFC is not easy. They have their concerns and challenges. As we just got back from the long summer break, and are working hard to get back into the mindset of studying, AFC had to deal with the decisions that involve the life of students on campus. So, before we start to judge their decisions, either positively or negatively, I think we should at least give them thumbs ups for their hard work.

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The Argument for Libertarian Socialism



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Lately, *The Bachelor* has published several opinion pieces centered around politics, so I thought ‘Hey, what’s one more?’ Essentially, libertarian socialism is the idea that certain aspects of life should be free (unless you count increasing taxes on the 1% and adding more tax brackets ‘free’), and, other than keeping certain laws afloat, the government should let the people of the country in question tend to their business.

Free public college is the topic to discuss first. As it stands today, the average college graduate accrues tens of thousands of dollars of student debt. Student loan debt is possibly the single hardest debt for someone to claim bankruptcy over, and, in today’s socio-economic climate, almost every well-

paying non-dangerous job in the U.S. requires some kind of college degree, so most people are rushing to get a degree.

Unfortunately, this results in an overwhelming amount of people applying for the same positions, with nearly identical experience, so no one in this upcoming generation of workers will be able to ask for a raise. Why? Because, Why would someone give you a raise when they can hire someone with your exact qualifications, who will work for the exact same price you’re working for now? This could potentially leave someone with a job that does not provide enough money to pay off tens of thousands of dollars in student loan debt, or even leave someone with no job in the first place. This is why free public college and student loan debt are becoming mainstream ideas: not because people think they deserve it, but because people are going to need it.

Next on the docket is free healthcare. This argument is much easier to make. We’ve already established that people will be in overwhelming debt if they choose to pursue a career that pays a livable wage and does not have a high chance of causing bodily harm. This lack of money this generation of workers will have will be compounded more if someone gets sick or injured.

We can all agree that no one deserves to live a longer and healthier life just because their pockets are deeper. Healthcare should not be considered a commodity if it’s the only thing that stands between life and death.

Of course, gun control is another issue. This is where libertarianism comes to light in this proposed political party. No one needs another charged argument for or against everyone’s Second Amendment rights - we have enough of those already. However, school shootings and other massacres have occurred in the United States so much recently that it seems harder and harder to keep track of them all. Something must be done. What I propose is that we do not ban assault rifles. Instead, we could create a system that does mandatory full background checks, mandatory psychological evaluations, and mandatory training courses on gun safety, along with automatically granting someone their hunting license and concealed carry permit. Of course, this will not be a free system, but if it’s government regulated, it will be supplemented with tax dollars, so the entirety of the cost will not fall on the would-be gun owner.

Libertarian Socialism also calls for a decrease in taxes on the poor and an

increase in taxes on the rich. While many argue that those in the upper class have earned this money, and they have, it’s gotten to the point that the extremely rich have too much money that isn’t circulating. In fact, a study by CNBC shows that the top 1% of income-earning households received an average of 26.3 times as much as the rest of income-earning households combined in 2015. Much of this money isn’t in economic circulation and is basically gathering dust in their bank accounts. Of course, if people work hard and pursue high income, they should receive a higher income, but it’s gotten to The Hunger Games levels of wealth disparity. We should be taxing the rich just enough to accomplish the goals of free healthcare, public education, and student loan debt forgiveness.

Several more topics could be put to the test in this political ideology, but sadly, there is only so much room allowed on an article. If anything in this article angered you, this was not my intention. We all need to remember that everyone wants a better America, not just for them, but for everyone. It just happens that one’s ideas of the best America is different from one another’s, so thank you for taking the time to read about my idea.

Controversy: A Merchant’s Dilemma



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Controversy ought not to be shunned, but embraced. In the wake of recent guests coming to campus, as would be expected, much discourse has arisen. But with every great controversy comes greater opportunity.

As one browses the marketplace of ideas, one will inevitably encounter those that resonate positively, those that may offend, and everything in between. Controversy, at its essence, is a mismatched meeting of merchants in the said marketplace, where multiple

individuals find themselves at odds over how to equitably exchange their goods. In a true quandary, there’s not an easy answer - someone’s liable to walk away from the deal feeling ripped off. To further extend and perhaps simplify our admittedly tired metaphor, someone’s selling something and you’re not buying for those prices. But rather than see this scenario as a shatter point in negotiation to be avoided at all costs, why not treat it as a way to break open real, hearty, valuable discourse?

Let’s explore an example. When, say, a speaker whose views and or actions spark indignation arrives, you are well within your rights to not attend and even respectfully protest. These are both means of using your presence (or absence) to make a statement. In any case, you have contributed to critical dialogue with your statement. The speaker may have the podium, but you, too, can speak. However, your dissatisfaction should not (in this author’s opinion) give you any right to

shut out a voice. Everyone has a right to participate in the dialogue, no matter how non-palatable their ideas may be. If their ideas are truly vile, let them expose themselves! Inviting someone to simply speak on a college campus is not a tacit endorsement of everything they’ve ever said or done - it’s an opportunity to hold a conversation. Regardless of who they may be, depriving anyone of a chance to speak deprives everyone of access to the marketplace. This amounts to a measure of restriction, not of freedom.

All that being said, where should the line be drawn? If people are offended, even rightfully so, what should be done? Personally, I feel that above even speaking and making statements, the most critical part of discourse is listening. As the old adage goes, humans have two ears and one mouth so that they may listen twice as much as they speak. I believe wholeheartedly that, even if two diametrically opposed individuals fully listen to one another, both parties are all the better for it.

Even if the two don’t budge an inch from their original positions, they at least heard one another. Why is this important? In the ‘hot take’ reality of today’s politics, it is oh-so-important to view the ‘other side’ as adversaries, not enemies. Chances are that the average Joe voter from across the aisle doesn’t hate or want to ruin America, as tempting as it may be to label them that way. No, this person has hopes, dreams, fears, ideas, backstories, and priorities of their own. At the end of the day, hearing them helps to keep us grounded in reality, centered in back-and-forth discourse rather than heated insult hurling and violence.

As a matter of fact, the opening statement of the Faculty Statement of Principle Concerning Diversity states all this quite clearly and succinctly “We, the Faculty of Wabash College, affirm that our community should embrace both diversity and freedom of speech.” Let’s all strive to hit this mark. Embrace the controversy and the opportunity.

Venture into the Dangerous Playground



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Ten years ago, a problem emerged. The American Association of Orthopedic Surgeons were concerned about why children ages 10-15 years old were visiting the hospital significantly more frequently with long bone fractures than ever recorded. After researching why such a phenomenon was occurring, the surgeons discovered the answer. Safer playgrounds. Over the past 20 years, playgrounds had to attain certain safety standards, such as protective surfacing, height limitations, and padded areas, among others. All requirements that would make children less likely to be injured, right? Yes, and that is the problem. Playgrounds allowed fewer younger children to find out the limitations of the body and prevented failure on the playground that may have caused minor

injuries. This lack of minor injuries caused children, 10-15 years old, to not understand the limitations of their bodies, and thus, when they move on from the playground, they incurred many more long bone fractures than any generation before them.

Today, college aged students, like myself, are sometimes sheltered from failure and misled about what we can and can’t do, much like the young children on the playgrounds. We are often sent into the real world with the teaching of expressive individualism, the belief that an individual’s highest loyalty should be to themselves. We are told to follow our dreams, to express ourselves. We are told that we have limitless possibilities, and that freedom and autonomy should be treasured. This is quite misleading for college students who are beginning to make serious commitments, and whose entire lives will likely be devoted to the service of their families, friends, or neighbors. We are told to pursue what makes us happy and what brings us joy through finding ourselves, and then leading a life to make ourselves pleased. This brings me to two questions. Who takes an inward journey in their early 20s to find out who they are? And who calls someone who works only for themselves to become successful ‘admirable’ or a ‘role model’?

The majority of people who are admired by society are the ones who see a problem that is bigger than themselves and devote their entire lives to it, rather than taking a spiritual inner-journey. David Brooks, who spoke on campus last semester, stated that, when you take a look at the people you admire, “it’s rarely the things that made them happy that compel your admiration. It’s the things they did to court unhappiness.” The unhappiness that they suffered was through losing sight of themselves in order to benefit those affected by the problem. The act of finding yourself often comes first with losing yourself in a bigger problem, then with finding yourself gradually along the way. Lastly, we are often told that we should think independently and express our voice in every situation, but, many times, the best way to serve your team is by losing yourself within the team and fulfilling your role to the best of your ability.

So, how does Wabash serve as an ‘unsafe’ playground? That is up for you to decide - whether you’re beginning your freshman or your senior year. To say that Wabash is a great place to fail and learn your capabilities is a bit of an understatement. A fairer assessment would be that Wabash is a great place to prepare yourself for life. We often focus on what kind of man

we want to be and what it means to be a good man. While we often hear that it is important to invest in ourselves, we are always being taught that the importance of others is invaluable. Every student learns very early on in their Wabash career what they can and can’t do, and often learns a great deal through their failure.

What type of Wabash man will you be this year? Will you stay in the safe-padded playground that is your room, or will you venture out to other more dangerous playgrounds where the stakes are higher? Will you take time out of your day for something other than yourself, thus eliminating the dangerous idea of expressive individualism? Venturing out to the dangers of the unsafe playground will undoubtedly lead to unhappiness and stress at times, but, perhaps, as we go through these struggles that Wabash will bring, we will find ourselves more and more. If we lose ourselves among the struggles of classes, friendships, relationships, sports, and countless other commitments, we will find ourselves and prepare ourselves for the sacred commitments we will choose to make during adulthood. I challenge you to dive into Wabash and fall off the readily available, rusty monkey bars onto the hard cement, thus learning more about yourself and life than a safe playground could ever teach you.

What Big Footwear Doesn’t Want You to Know



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You may have noticed me on campus this year sporting original grey crocs—sport mode only. Some may think that crocs are goofy. Well, they are goofy. But I cannot comprehend how people wear Birkenstocks. Crocs are flat-out better than Birks. Crocs are cheaper, comparable in comfort, easier to clean, and

better for athletic participation.

First, we must assume that Crocs and Birks are comparable shoes. One would use them to wear around their fraternity house, slide them on before going to class, or maybe go to a party styling in them. But something that is not comparable is that Crocs are cheaper than Birks. A typical pair of Birks cost about one hundred dollars. A typical pair of Crocs cost about thirty-five dollars. That is an extreme mark-up on Birks, especially when you are getting an inferior product, even if you have a couple of hundred dollars laying around - which, I am assuming, as most Wabash men, you do not. And if you do have one hundred dollars laying around, you could buy nearly three pairs of Crocs for the price of one pair of Birks.

Crocs are also comparable with Birks for comfort. Both brands are known

for their comfortable models. But some would assume that crocs are not comfortable because of their plastic look. But Crocs are made from a firm foam. And this foam material is what makes it so great because Crocs are easy to clean. If you see some gunk growing on them, you can slide them on and take a hot shower. The water and soap will make them look like new again. You cannot risk getting Birks wet. For one. They are too expensive to risk getting wet. And Birks are also not designed to get wet. They make Birks with a cork material that will wear after prolonged exposure to water.

Crocs are superior to Birks for athletic competition and agility. When was the last time you saw someone with their Birks in sport mode? Most likely never because Birks do not have it. Croc straps that goes around the back

of the wearer’s heel allows for them to be perfect for running. You never know when a pledge from another house will chase after you to steal your hat. You will never know when a bear will escape from the circus and chase you across the mall. And what if you want to wrestle a friend after class? Are you going to take off your Birks and wrestle him barefoot? Good luck with that. He is probably wearing Crocs with sport mode.

People have run marathons in Crocs. You never know when you might have to run a marathon too. I suggest that you get rid of your Birks today and pick up three pairs of Crocs. If you want to save money, live more comfortably, stay cleaner, and better prepared for athletic competition, get Crocs. Crocs are a matter of life and death. Your choice depends on it.

The Best Bud at the 'Bash

AUSTIN RUDICEL '20 | CAVELIFE EDITOR • A new deal has revolutionized the Thursday (through Sunday) experience for students over the age of 21. After the introduction of “The W Club” at Wally’s, Wabash students no longer need to drive for a cheap pint of the finest college beer. For only three dollars, students can purchase a red Wabash cup that can be filled with Bud Light for a single dollar. The cup slashes the price in half for a pint of the finest liquid courage.

With no lines to get in, Wally’s became a hotspot for students looking to get the most bang (and beer) for their buck. Wally’s is a great place to mingle with faculty and other students, and The W Club creates opportunities to thank your professors by buying them a glass without breaking the bank. A pint of Bud Light for a dollar is the best deal for a college student looking to enjoy the best of light lagers. According to RateBeer.com, Bud Light received a 1.23 stars out of five (based on 2771 reviews). This deal of 1.23 stars per dollar is financially impossible for other beers to compete with.

Senior Kevin Sheridan '20 compared his experience at Wally’s experiences to other college bars with cheap deals on alcohol, such as the infamous Neon Cactus in West Lafayette. “Inside it was very dark and loud. The long wait in line and cover was lame.” With no wait at all and no cover charge, you can spend the saved money to buy yourself a W Club glass and a few

Bud Lights. “It’s definitely worth it. And you don’t have to pay for gas,” Sheridan said.

Although the glass is more of a plastic cup, it still holds a full pint and can conveniently fit in a backpack or pocket. The atmosphere of Wally’s is more welcoming than a dark, loud club for a diverse audience. Pictures and quotes from Wabash events that decorate the walls make Wabash students and those in the Wabash community feel at home while they enjoy a fine Bud Light.

The W Club holds the potential to make Wally’s a hotspot for college activity and possibly bring those outside of Wabash to campus. Joe LaRue '21 is enthused about the deal and the opportunities it creates. “It opens up a new window for Wabash,” LaRue said. LaRue looks forward to visiting Wally’s before and after sporting events for a cold Bud Light. The convenience of visiting Wally’s for dollar Bud Lights is a deal too enticing to pass up. LaRue believes that this deal could bring in students from other colleges. “One dollar is highway robbery,” LaRue said.

When a deal sounds too good to be true, in many cases it is, but the W Club rises above this superstition. No longer will students have to make journeys for cheap drinks as the best deal available is within walking distance. The era of the Cactus Cup is over. Now, students will be carrying their W Club glass on Thursday nights.



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The W Club glass is an essential for trips to Wally’s.



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For only \$1, students can enjoy a cold Bud Light after a long day.



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The friendly staff at Wally’s is waiting for you to join the W Club.

First United Penecostal Church Holds 9/11 Memorial



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Mayor Todd Barton '00 speaks at the memorial.



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Todd Rokita '92 visits Crawfordsville for the service.



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Nick Winter '21 also participated in the 9/11 memorial service.

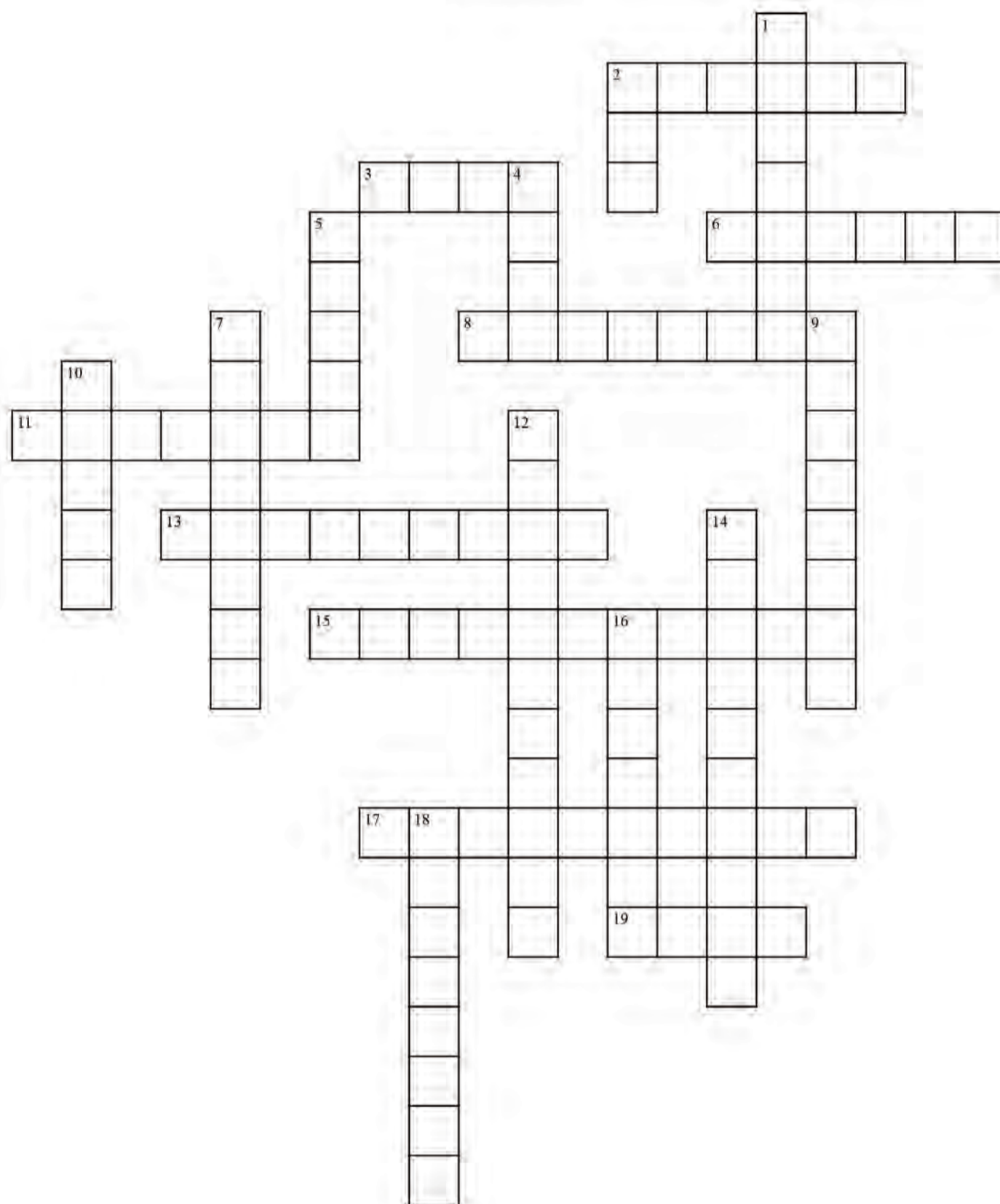


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The memorial service was conducted by the First United Pentecostal Church of Crawfordsville.

Wabash Crossword

In honor of New York Times Crossword Puzzle Editor Will Shortz H'10 visit to campus we have created a Wabash themed crossword. First person to finish and fax it to The Bachelor wins an honorary Good Job Award sent via email.



Across

- 2. Needed to get funding at Wabash
- 3. Where you can get free adult libations with I.D.
- 6. Always Fights
- 8. Operation _____, last successful Bell Heist
- 11. Generic brand Sphinx Club
- 13. Johnny _____, pizzeria shut down for tax evasion
- 15. Disappointing annual money hole
- 17. Only reason to visit Purdue
- 19. A type of memes

Down

- 1. ___ fest
- 2. Newest non-science major
- 4. Number of current female students at Wabash
- 5. From the hills of _____
- 7. Last name of trustee, Pierre
- 9. DePauw _____
- 10. Always parked in the President's parking spot
- 12. Place to make street art
- 14. The only proper independent meal service
- 16. Reason to roll on the mall
- 18. Rub his head for good luck

Key

- Across**
- 1. SAUSAGE
 - 2. P-CARD
 - 3. TGIF
 - 6. WABASH
 - 8. FRIJOLE
 - 11. REDZONE
 - 13. PROVOLONE
 - 15. NATIONAL ACT
 - 17. NEON CACTUS
 - 19. DANK
- Down**
- 1. SAUSAGE
 - 2. PPE
 - 4. FOUR (think about the T.A.s)
 - 5. MAINE
 - 7. GOODRICH
 - 9. STUDENTS
 - 10. VESPA
 - 12. SENIORENCH
 - 14. SCARLETTINN
 - 16. AIRRAID
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Francis & Mount Brings Luxe Dining to Crawfordsville



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Head chef and owner Isaac Weliver prepares some lamb chops.

DAVIS LAMM '20 | NEWS EDITOR • Driving through Crawfordsville today feels like Fort Wayne or Indianapolis ten years ago. Established chains are feverishly face-lifting and hip franchises like Starbucks are popping up. At the same time, local restaurants are improving standards to compete in the sizzling market. One example is Francis and Mount, an upscale bistro and bar that opened earlier this year on the corner of Market and Washington.

It describes itself as “a French inspired restaurant, bistro and event space” boasting a “contemporary, romantic atmosphere, small plates and charcuterie boards designed to be shared and paired with our wine, whiskey and craft cocktails.” Yes, this is ambitious in a town known for its arc furnace and Walmart Supercenter. But, as Crawfordsville's economy continues to bring jobs and visiting executives, it seems that there is demand for something a bit more formal than pizza and brewskis.

Francis and Mount checks all the boxes. Downtown location, full bar, and white napkins. Because an upscale meal for the average Wabash man usually involves lighter fluid or a microwave, The Bachelor sent teaching assistant Sylvie Gorak to test the French-ness of the venue and see if it was up to snuff. Raised in France and well versed in the country's various culinary regions, she has the best taste buds for the job.

Initial impressions were good, “The restaurant doesn't look too shabby, on the outside as well on the inside. The modern decoration and

design belonged to a ‘chic’ French restaurant.” The building, originally a hardware store, has been totally renovated.

Moving on to the food, Sylvie was disappointed by the authenticity and prices, “The menu, unfortunately, had very little French specialties in it. Besides a couple of wines and cheeses, most of it was purely American.”

While Wabash students are not likely to mind the lack of authentic French food, they will mind the high prices. Obviously, college students aren't expected to demand steak and charcuterie regularly, but Sylvie was also surprised at the expensive options. “The prices were too high, almost double the prices you would get in France, even at a very expensive restaurant,” she said.

Luckily, the quality of the food was excellent: “My dish was a salmon filet cooked in a sweet lemon juice on a bed of fresh asparagus and mashed potatoes that came really close to the French purée. The food was delicious and the dressing looked sophisticated enough that it could belong on a French menu.”

Given the prices, Francis and Mount is not destined to be a regular watering hole for Wabash men. It will shine when your parents are in town or when trustees go for a night on the town. For the high standards of visiting alums and speakers, Francis and Mount meets a need long left unsatisfied in Crawfordsville. So, we're glad to welcome the chic new restaurant and look forward to dining there when our degrees help us earn Wabash's legendary post-grad income.

HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

KEYBOARD PHILOSOPHERS

Just when you thought we had kicked the email war habit, we relapsed hard. Apparently, the student body's voice has been oppressed. If only there was a place students could express their opinions... (cont. back on pg 3)

FRESHMAN PHONE MISHAP

Calling all students! Hi-Five to David Marsh '23 for losing his phone, then asking students from all across the campus to call his cell. We don't think that's what Career Services meant when they said 'expand your network.'

VANDALS ON THE LOOSE

Lo-Five to the recent bout of vandalism on campus. Apparently, not everyone likes makeovers...

AIR RAID!

Oh, that sweet, sweet part of the semester is back! Hi-Five to the Rhynes for donning their red pots and jingle bells. Welcome to the worst couple months of your life! But, just remember: at the end, you will find sweet, sweet liberty in a club that has lost its purpose to the Red Zone.

ANTONIO BROWN

Look, we don't even know what to say...

Correction: *In our last issue, we incorrectly identified Senator Mike Braun as a member of the Wabash Class of 1972. He was a member of Class of 1976.*

SPORTS

Football Confident Entering Season Opener

LOGAN SMITH '23 | STAFF WRITER • After 10 long months of waiting, football is finally back in the lives of Wallies. Although it may not be a home game, that does not make the start of the 2019 Wabash football season any less anticipated. After posting a strong 9-1 (8-1 North Coast Athletic Conference) record last year, the team is ready to follow up last year with another conference title this season.

“It was a very good year for us, and we are looking to improve upon that this year,” head coach Don Morel said with a fair confidence. “The greatest indicator of the future of Wabash football is the past,” he said of his team's future expectations.

A great deal of confidence from Morel has inspired the players who follow him, which is certainly helpful when facing the challenge of a large, state school like University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Even with last year's tight game, which came down to a score of 16-13 in favor of the Little Giants, Morel has shown no fear of the larger UWSP, which currently has an undergraduate enrollment of 8,100+ students.

“They are a really physical football team, it is a big state school. We are really going to have to tighten down the pads and our chin straps,” he said of UWSP's size. When asked about defending against a pass-dominant team, Morel said, “We try to do everything balanced, but we are going to try to take away their best players. And whatever they do best, we are going to over-defend.”

It is clear UWSP is going to keep with a consistent passing attack, as they had two times more passing yards than running yards in their first week game. A pass-dominant team is rarely seen around Wabash, as our Little Giants rushed for 2400 of their 4200 yards last season while averaging six yards per carry. That is not to take away from the effective performance of Jake Reid '20, who put together an 1800 passing-yard season and had only eight interceptions compared to his 18 total touchdowns.

Morel went on to talk about his run game, saying, “We have Ike James '20 and Isaac Avant '20 returning and those are two guys who run the ball a ton.” These two alone combined for nearly 1500 of the team's 2400 total rushing yards. He also spoke of his linemen and how they helped put up those impressive numbers, saying, “I feel like our offensive line is in a



Jake Reid '20 looks for a downfield pass against the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point last season.

really good situation, and when you look at the size of those guys, they are enormous. I hope we can run through [UWSP], but they are equally as big. They have at least three 300-pounders up front.” He continued to speak about the running game, saying, “Running the ball is what we do and it is going to be a chore against these guys, just physically because of their size.” In a game resembling the story of David vs. Goliath, Morel says it will be a “battle of wills” in which they will have to play their hearts out to come home with a win.

When asked about missing the playoffs at the end of last season, Morel made it quite obvious where his priorities are by saying, “The only way you can control that is by winning all of your games. Our first goal is to win

the Monon Bell game and our second goal is to win the conference. Last year we were conference co-champs, so the only way to go to the playoffs is to win all of your conference games and then the playoffs will become a product of that.”

Morel is sure to be confident after being the top pick out of the conference in the NCAC preseason poll and being ranked No. 23 in D3football.com preseason rankings. It was clear how much Morel trusted his players when he stated, “They are natural leaders,” in response to how he sees his players and how they represent the football team around campus. With this being just the second-consecutive season Wabash has played against UWSP, it will be interesting to see if our Little Giants can once again

come away with a victory against the Pointers, who will be hungry for a win after suffering a 21-7 loss to John Carroll, who scored twice on the ground and once by punt return.

For this upcoming game, it is simply going to come down to who will want it more. Although UWSP is a much larger school than Wabash, our Little Giants have certainly shown that they are not and will not be afraid to go for it all when it comes to football. The difference in the play styles of each team, as well as conference, will be displayed tomorrow at 1 p.m. in Community Stadium in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. And, even with the long seven-hour drive to the game, Wabash will look to go out and repeat the results of last year's victory.

IAN WARD '19 / PHOTO

Golf Starts Strong in Season—Opening Invitational

JAKE VERMEULEN '21 | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • The Wabash golf team recorded a strong finish to kick off their season at the Dick Park Invitational on September 7 and 8. The Little Giants finished 7th out of 10 teams, tying for the highest number of teams they had beaten in a tournament since they finished 11th out of 17 teams at the Millikin University Take Back the Night Golf Challenge to close out the 2017-18 regular season.

Kyle Warbinton '20 led the way for the Little Giants with a score of 153 over the two-day tournament, ranking 15th in the tournament. He was followed by Will Osborn '21 and Same Wise '21, who finished tied for 25th with scores of 158.

The team was encouraged by their play despite the somewhat disappointing results. "We were pleased and excited with the results," Osborn said. "But at the end of the round, we sat down with Coach and we all thought that we left a lot of shots out there... Yet it was the best tournament we've

probably had in the past years. We feel like there's a lot of room for growth over the course of the season."

Wabash Golf has also been transitioning to the leadership of new coach Tyler Schmutz, after the retirement of longtime coach Mac Petty. "Coach Petty definitely had a big hand in making sure that Coach Schmutz has a smooth transition into his new position," Osborn said. "And we couldn't be more pleased with Coach Schmutz and the vision he has for the team moving forward."

DePauw University won the Dick Park Invitational with an overall team score of 585, beating Parkland College who finished with a score of 587. The tournament's hosts, Franklin College, finished in third place with a score of 602.

As the team looks to build on the solid finish in their first tournament of the 2019 season, they will be back in action on September 12, 13, and 14, at the Midwest Region Classic in Galena, Illinois.



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Justin Kopp '21 sets the ball up for a putt.



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Kyle Warbinton '20 prepares for a tee shot.

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Isaac Avant '20 carries the ball against UWSP last season.



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Don Schuch '21 makes a tackle against UWSP last season.

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Soccer Suffers Back-to-Back Losses

BLAKE LARGENT '22 | SPORTS EDITOR • After the best start to a season since 2015 and out-scoring opponents by a margin of 7-0 throughout the first three matches, the Wabash soccer team suffered its first loss of the year in weekend action against Adrian College, losing 3-0.

The Little Giants played two matches at the Wilmington Classic in Wilmington, Ohio, with the first match against Grove City College last Friday, and the second against Adrian on Saturday.

In last Friday's action, Wabash was able to grab yet another shutout victory on the season, winning 3-0 over Grove City in a second-half effort. Neither team was able to gather offensive momentum in the first half, with zero goals scored and only four shots combined, all of which were taken by the Little Giants. The first half against Grove City was the first time all season in which Wabash was held scoreless.

"Grove City was a tough matchup for us," midfielder Kyle Holmer '21 said. "They have a really good program, so we knew we had to be on top of our game."

Wabash came out of halftime with that mindset and opened up the scoring on a header from Cristian Aleman '22, who was set up off of a corner kick from defender Jesus Flores Daccaret '23. At 74:03, The Little Giants pushed the lead to 2-0 after Holmer was able to score on an assist from Joseph Kaefer '22. Just over two minutes later, Holmer again found the back of the net on an assist from Adam Berg '22, giving Wabash a 3-0 lead that would hold for the rest of the match.

"We were a little unlucky in the first half to not score, as we hit the post twice and also had a few more shots that just barely missed," Holmer said of his team's performance. "In the second half though, we were finally able to get those goals."

In response to his two-goal performance, which brought his season total to three goals scored so far, Holmer humbly deferred to his team: "As for my goals, I have to give a lot of credit to [Joseph] Kaefer. He made high effort plays on both of them to get the ball in the box and from there they were just easy tap in shots for me. Overall, it was a huge win for the team."

Head coach Chris Keller echoed Holmer's comments on the match against Grove City: "[We] played very well and finished our chances. Despite the narrow field, we were able to control the game."

The Little Giants outshot the Wolverines 10-0 in the match, which was the second-straight game that Wabash had held an opponent to zero shots, after holding Earlham College to zero shots in last Wednesday's 3-0 win.

With the victory, the team turned its attention to Saturday's matchup against Adrian, who was not taken for granted prior to the match.

"Adrian lost their conference final vs. Calvin, who went on to get the NCAA championship match," Keller said. "So, we knew we had to step it up compared to our first two games."

In a back-and-forth first half, neither team was able to score a goal, with Wabash putting up five first-half shots and Adrian putting up four. Both teams combined for 14 first-half fouls as well, which was the most combined fouls in a first half for either team so far this season.

In the second half, Adrian began to put pressure on Wabash's defense and eventually scored the first goal of the match at the 61:59 mark. As the match progressed, the fouls continued to play a role for both teams. And, after a Wabash foul inside of the box, Adrian scored its second goal on a penalty kick from Garrett Miller, which



Joshua Scott '22 passes a ball downfield.

pushed the score to 2-0 in favor of the Bulldogs. Adrian sealed the match on a goal from Grant Perrine with just over five minutes remaining, which gave the Bulldogs a 3-0 lead over the Little Giants.

"We had a good first 30 minutes in which we needed to score two or so goals and put the game out of reach," Keller said of his team's performance in the match. "We failed to put them away and paid the price. Adrian is a big, athletic team, and they took advantage of our few mistakes. We learned that we can beat ourselves by not executing the opportunities we created."

Holmer also spoke on the team's performance against Adrian: "The game against Adrian had a little bit of a misleading score," he said. "I don't necessarily think Adrian is three goals better than us. We had a couple of chances in the first half that we didn't score on, and I think if we scored on at least one of those, then the game would've been completely different, and hopefully in our favor. However, like our coaches said, there was a lot to learn from in that game. It'll definitely be a game that we can use to build and improve ourselves on. We can fix the mistakes that we made and improve areas in our game that might have been weak."

Wabash hoped to bounce back from Saturday's loss in Wednesday's match at home against Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, but fell behind in the first half and was never able to recover, losing 2-0.

The Fightin' Engineers put pressure on the Little Giants early, and, just 10 minutes into the match, that pressure led to a goal to put Rose-Hulman ahead 1-0. Each team only put up a combined four shots in the half, with each team posting two shots, respectively.

In the second half, Wabash gained more momentum on the offensive side of the ball and was able to create multiple shot



Adam Berg '22 attempts to get past a defender.

opportunities on Rose-Hulman's half of the field, but none lead to a game-tying goal. Then, at the 68:32 mark, Rose-Hulman's Wyatt McKibbin found the back of the net to give the Fightin' Engineers a 2-0 lead, which did not change for the rest of the match.

As for the remainder of the season, Holmer expressed a confident outlook on his team's ability to be successful: "Ultimately, our goal is to win a conference championship this year and I seriously think

this group has the talent and the drive to go win it," he said. "It won't be easy because we play in one of the toughest conferences in Division III but I'm excited for this team."

Wabash will look to bounce back from its first losses of the season in an away matchup this weekend against the Trine University Thunder in Angola, Indiana on Sunday at 1 p.m.

Player Profile: Nick Grujanac '20

CHRISTIAN REDMOND '20 | OPINION EDITOR • Nick Grujanac '20 is an English major and a senior football player for the Little Giants. He plays right guard on the offensive line, and is in his fourth year as an offensive lineman for Wabash. Grujanac feels confident in the team's ability to achieve this year what they were unable to achieve last year: a playoff berth.

"These first three weeks are going to tell where we are going to go," Grujanac said. "Everyone has high expectations of us and I would say we even have higher expectations for ourselves."

Grujanac recalls sitting on the edge of his seat in anticipation with his now fellow seniors in the armory watching the selection party, an event that showcases the selection that determines which team gets into the playoffs for that year.

"We couldn't believe that we didn't get in the playoffs with the season that we had," said Grujanac. "Even with that relatively good season, missing the playoffs has pushed us all that much harder so that we can achieve our goals this year."

As a senior, Grujanac's role on the team has been substantially heightened from his role on the team the past three years.

"It is all about setting an example for the younger guys and setting a standard not only for them to reach, but also for me as well," said Grujanac. "You know, this is a program where an 8-2 record is considered a down season. So, just continuing to build the culture that has been instilled here, at least in my three years under Coach Morel."

Grujanac has played football since his time in middle school. He went to Adlai E. Stevenson High School, which is where he first found out about Wabash College.

"I was looking at Wabash as a school first, and football as a passion that came with it," said Grujanac.

Besides competing on the Wabash football team, Grujanac enjoys reading and writing and is also a Democracy Fellow with the Wabash Democracy and Public Discourse Initiative. He is a brother at Tau Kappa Epsilon and, while football takes up a lot of his free time, Grujanac likes to get off his feet and relax.



Nick Grujanac '20 is expected to play a larger role in the offensive line.

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