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Online Courses Coming to Wabash



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The efforts involved to go into planning and executing summer courses come from faculty and administration alike. One for example is Associate Professor of Psychology, Eric Olofson, who will be instructing PSY - 105 Fatherhood to students over the summer.

LIAM GRENNON '24 | STAFF WRITER

• For the first time, Wabash will be offering online summer courses for current students this upcoming summer. Those classes are primarily for students who might have dropped courses or didn't receive credit for courses during the academic year. During such an unconventional year, the hope is that students who might have gotten off track to graduate will be able to pick up one of these summer courses as opposed to increasing their normal course load next semester. The college will offer four Wabash courses taught by Wabash faculty in addition to a set of online offerings from other institutions that would work almost like transfer credits.

Dean Todd McDorman has worked closely with Professors Benedicks, Olofson, Rhoades and Morton to create these four Wabash course offerings. The courses range a variety of departments: ENG-202 Writing with Power and Grave, PSY-105 Fatherhood, HIS-102 World History Since 1500, and ART-209 Twentieth and Twenty-First Century Art.

COVID was a factor in the decision to offer

courses this summer.

"College is always difficult, but we understand the past year has been particularly challenging," said McDorman. "It isn't uncommon for a student to finish a semester with fewer credits than he anticipated, with the result being that it can be more difficult to complete a Wabash education in four years. Online summer courses will provide students another credit opportunity, which will mean less of a need to try to "catch up" by taking an overload in a future semester. For some students these courses will also be valuable in maintaining financial aid eligibility and to continue at Wabash. For these reasons we are working to provide students with two online summer opportunities: a set of four courses taught by Wabash faculty and a set of online offerings from other institutions that work similar to transfer courses."

Certain students will be able to start signing up at the end of next week after talking to their advisors. The summer term for these courses is running from May 17th

to July 1st, 2021.

"... 'seat time' will be the same as in a regular semester course, but the course layout will be different with fewer total class sessions," said McDorman. "Classes will likely meet either 3 or 4 times a week for 90 to 120 minutes. There will be some differences by course, just as in a regular semester course times are different. We also expect one of the courses to be an evening course and the individual professors will determine the balance between synchronous and asynchronous meetings."

Due to the support of the Mellon Foundation, students will be able to take Wabash summer courses for five-hundred dollars a credit. After over a year of virtual learning, students and faculty alike are well equipped to take on the endeavor.

"We are equally excited that we know they will be high quality options as they are taught by Wabash faculty who both know Wabash students and have developed effective techniques for online teaching over the past year," said McDorman.

The alternative option to the Wabash offered summer courses is what has been referred to as "course share opportunities".

"These are summer online courses offered by other institutions—so they work like transfer courses—but students would sign up for the courses through Wabash," said McDorman.

Instead of having to apply to another school, find a suitable class just to hope Wabash will accept the credit, students can sign up for courses through Wabash that work for them. Details of that option have still yet to be finalized, but McDorman hopes they can provide opportunities for students who might have strict time constraints. Course sharing will provide students who might be pursuing internships or who have to work over the summer an opportunity to also gain credits.

Students who are planning to meet with their faculty advisor are encouraged to touch base with their advisors and see if a summer course would be beneficial for them to take over the summer

Announcement from Advancement

• Traditions are certainly not in short supply at Wabash College. From singing "Old Wabash" on the Mall during Chapel Sing to rubbing Eli Lilly's head in the library for good luck, these traditions make us unique, and we cherish them deeply, especially when we pass them to others. They serve as points of pride for everyone who loves this special place.

Another time-honored tradition that runs deep in our College's history is philanthropy. From the moment our founders knelt in the snow, giving back and paying it forward have cemented a foundation for Wabash.

On Thursday, April 8, Wabash will continue one of our newest traditions when we launch our eighth Day of Giving. Previous Days of Giving demonstrate the impact all of us can generate when we join together as one. Even when we delayed last year's Day of Giving to May as campus shut down and our staff and students transitioned to remote teaching and learning, the results showed our strength, dedication, and sense of community. More than 3,400 alumni, faculty, staff, students, parents,

family, and friends joined together to give over 6,000 gifts totaling more than \$1.2 million—a new record.

This year, a group of Wabash leaders have put \$520,000 at stake to unlock eight challenges. One of these specific challenges will unlock \$80,000 when we receive 800 student gifts. Each and every gift students make on April 8—in helping their living unit, sport, club, or academic department meet their affinity challenges—will count toward this larger challenge and have a direct impact on their living and learning opportunities here on campus.


All of us in the Wabash community can promote the Day of Giving by using the official hashtag #AllforOneWabash on our social media channels throughout the day. When we post, like, share, and interact with the College's social media channels or make our own, we can lift up Wabash and inspire others.

Let's share with our followers what we love about Wabash or give a shout out to a professor, coach, staff member, parent, or alumnus who has made a direct impact on our lives this past year.

IAWM

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A Message from Delta Tau Delta Fraternity

The men of Delta Tau Delta condemn the conduct of a senior member of our fraternity on March 13, 2021. The senseless act of breaking a window endangered the lives of members of our community, and – whether intentionally or not – threatened each Black student, professor, coach, and administrator on campus. We will not tolerate such conduct. We quickly moved to suspend the responsible individual and he is no longer a member of our Fraternity.

Delta Tau Delta will not stand for or support any forms of discrimination on the basis of race, gender, or sexual orientation. This horrific incident forced us to acknowledge we can do better. And we will. The Chapter is working on a comprehensive plan (with collaboration from our advisors and various members of the Wabash community) to address all forms of discrimination and bias within our chapter, and also to make an impact on

the campus community. Although we continue to work on the plan, our first action was the immediate creation of an executive level Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion chair and committee. As a space for voices to be heard and present opportunities for learning we have also held an initial chapter-wide discussion on being Black on the Wabash campus and in our chapter. We all must actively choose to love, protect, and fight for each person we

encounter to support the unique needs and interests of all that comprise the community we know as Wabash. We will continue to learn and grow from this incident knowing the Wabash community will hold us accountable even when it is most difficult. Ultimately, our actions should speak louder than our plan. We thank you in advance for working with us to bring about change. -The Brothers of Delta Tau Delta

Debunking Myths About the Black Lives Matter Movement



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In 2013, Patrisse Cullors, Alicia Garza, and Opal Tometi co-founded #BlackLivesMatter in response to the acquittal of George Zimmerman for murdering Trayvon Martin. Since then, the movement has become a global network dedicated to end White Supremacy and stop the violence inflicted on the Black Community by the state and vigilantes. In fact, on July 3, 2020, The New York Times reported that the Black Lives Matter Movement may be the largest in history, with about 15 million to 26 million people participating in protests during the summer of 2020 throughout the nation. However, the movement also garnered much criticism from the political Right and White America. This piece will present and debunk the most prominent criticisms made about the Black Lives Matter Movement in hopes of further

building solidarity between the movement and the Wabash community. Violence is consistently the first reason people cite for not supporting the Black Lives Matter Movement. Of course, many of these same Americans continue to support the Republican Party despite right-wing extremists accounting for 73% of terrorism resulting in death between the years 2001 and 2017 in the United States, according to the Government Accountability Office. But more importantly, the Black Lives Movement is not violent. According to data collected by the Harvard Radcliffe Institute from 2017 to June 2020, 96.3% of Black Lives Matter protests involved no property damage or police injuries while 97.7% reported no injuries. The Institute even states that oftentimes, police began or escalated the violence at the protests. Additionally, police found that in several cases, White Supremacists incited violence at several of these protests. Notably, the FBI found that Ivan Hunter, a member of the ‘Boogaloo Bois’ far-right extremist group, fired an AK-47 style assault rifle into the Minneapolis Police Department and helped set it on fire. However, many opponents to the Black Lives Matter Movement assigned the blame to the movement instead of the White Supremacists responsible. The Black Lives Matter Movement is not violent. Since Black Lives Matter gained traction, it gained criticism for promoting

“Black Supremacy.” In essence, the argument is that Black Lives Matter is saying that Black lives matter more. For evidence of this, look no further than the “All Lives Matter” argument that is often used to rebut “Black Lives Matter.” Two notes on this: One, it assumes that American systems presently treat all lives as if they matter. Two, it perpetuates an unoriginal counter-productive myth that “Black Supremacy” is even a possibility in the United States. According to a Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health study based on data from 2013 to 2017, law enforcement officers are 3.23 times more likely to kill a Black person than a White person during an encounter. So, law enforcement does not treat Black people like their lives matter. Hence the need to affirm that Black lives do matter through the Black Lives Matter Movement. On “Black Supremacy,” throughout history, White Americans have used the theory of Black Supremacy to counter progress. When Black Americans gained freedom and sought rights, some Whites argued that giving it to them would guarantee that Black people had more political power and rights than them; it would bring about “Black Supremacy.” It was only racist and counterproductive rhetoric then and now. It is not true. Black Lives Matter is not saying Black lives matter more. It is saying Black lives matter too and America must begin to act

as if they do. When all else fails, White America places the blame for police brutality on the victims experiencing the brutality, arguing that it renders the movement useless and unproductive. They seek to justify the murders of Black people by continuing the notion that Black people are inherently criminal. Often, they will cite that Black people simply commit more crimes than other people, so it makes sense that they experience higher rates of fatal run-ins with the police. This is not true. In reality, Black people accounted for 26% of the people arrested in 2019 according to the U. S. Department of Justice. Of course, there is no accounting for the fact that Black people are overpoliced and disproportionately unjust imprisoned. Nonetheless, White people accounted for 70% of the people arrested in 2019. So, Black people are not committing more crime. Therefore, there is no justification for the brutality police inflict on members of the Black community. Aside from these debunked myths, the only reason for opposing the Black Lives Matter Movement is a genuine desire for the systems of White Supremacy to endure and for inequality to continue. America must no longer be a haven for White Supremacy. Americans must stand alongside the Black Lives Matter Movement and work to remake America in the image of a just society with equal opportunity and protection for all.

What’s Next?



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This piece is less about adding an opinion to the heaping pile, but rather, to amplify the Black voices I have heard in response to the bottle incident two weekends ago. As a Wabash man, I have the natural tendency to try to figure things out by myself and then vocalize that as loud and wide as I possibly can. However, as a white man wanting to fight against the culture of racism on campus, I have learned that it is far more

effective to listen first and then act. ‘Listen’ does not mean stall, delay, or shy away - it means making sure that you’re fighting with the right intentions, aligning your actions with the response of the MXI and other minority-equality groups, and responding not only to the facts of the incident itself but to the feelings that this incident evoked within the Black community on campus. Ask them, and then hear them. One such example of this is the outrage of white students against the administration for the way they have handled the situation. While this is important for accountability, the cultures on campus, including racism, are not created by the administration – they are generated and upheld by students. It seems that this outrage is not about accountability, but rather about deflection of responsibility. Simply, it is wanting the administration to do the work that we ourselves must do. This includes holding each other accountable as students in places where no one is watching: in our rooms, our groups, our teams, our living

units, and our Fraternities. It seems that racism at Wabash College is only resisted when it is public. However, the discomfort of resistance is necessary, it is the fertile soil of change. To this point, in class during a steaming conversation about the administration’s response, one of my Black classmates asked our class “well then, what are you going to do about it”, to which there was a very loud silence. “What next?” he asks. What would we do if the administration labeled it a hate crime - would we then see it as an isolated incident of hatred, and deny our complicity in the cultural problems on campus? As president Feller stated, “there does not always have to be a racist for there to be racism.” Thus, I reiterate, listen first before responding. Understand exactly what it is that needs to be fought. As a white man, this incident is not only about what you give to the response, but just as much about what you take from it. This is an opportunity to hear what the problems are from the people who feel them, not the people who perpetuate them.

Another Black classmate noticed the sudden increase of ‘BLM’ flags around campus but asked “where were they before?” highlighting the fact that our objections have been purely reactionary. We cannot continue to wait for something to happen to then figure out what went wrong, it should not be the burden of the black community to be our “teachable moments”. Will we only stand up for the Black community after it has been harmed? If so, the Black community cannot truly count on us. Unfortunately, intentions inherently cannot be clear if they are a reaction rather than a deep-rooted belief sowed into action. Do the research, take the classes, attend the MXI talks, ask yourself the tough questions, be a voice in your living unit, and show your solidarity. Not just because of what happened, but because you don’t want it to happen again to your Wabash brothers or another human being. Do not let there be silence the next time someone asks: “What’s next?”. To create change, we must believe in equality first, and then act upon it second.

The Time is Now: Free Speech



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Every generation faces its own unique struggles and threats. When we look back on history, we often associate a generation with a singular event, perhaps to define it or even cast judgement. Our grandparents dealt with the Great Depression and World War II and our parents caught the tail end of the Cold War. This generation is dealing with COVID-19 and history will likely not look kindly upon us for how we responded to it. There is, however, another issue facing this generation, and though it is not exclusive to us, it is perhaps one of the greatest issues facing any generation: free speech. This article is a follow up from my piece published in August 2019, which has ironically become more relevant now than ever before. In

2019, I allude to censorship and how “that’s a different issue for another time.” I am picking up where I left off nineteen months ago. When thinking about free speech, the modifier “free” supposes the existence of its logical opposite, “not free” speech. This phrasing weakens what the framers of the Constitution intended. “Freedom of speech” is the enumeration of the right to speak freely and express ideas. “Freedom of speech” in no way entails freedom from criticism or freedom from the consequences of one’s words, as we accurately discussed during Dr. Tucker’s talk “Is More Speech Always Better?” The phrasing “free” speech is also problematic because, supposing that there is “not free” speech, it fosters the existence of prior restraint. Problematic as it may be, I will continue to use the phrasing “free” speech for the sake of this article. Another way to think of prior restraint is censorship. I am aware that case law currently permits prior restraint in instances of national security and in other extreme cases, but this disregards what the framers of the Constitution intended. “Congress shall make no law” means that Congress can never make a law that prohibits the “freedom of speech.” This also means no prior restraint in any case, ever. Again, individuals are not free from the consequences of their expressions. If someone were in the possession of

explicit materials containing minors, but their defense is freedom of expression, they would still be punished to the fullest extent of the law, to which I agree. I bring this up to address future straw man arguments that would reduce my argument of no censorship to advocating for child predators harming children. That straw man could not be further from my argument. However, we must differentiate the abhorrent situation I described from that where people express legitimate and reasonable opinions, and then treat the two differently. Prior restraint and censorship start us down the path of allowing government to censor reasonable expressions. Today it is done in the name of national security, an almost unbeatable reason for government to infringe upon Constitutional rights (which is a different issue for another time), but tomorrow it will censor rational and debatable opinions, even ones that are clearly not immoral or objectively evil. This is the result of censorship when we allow government to do it in the first place. Speak your mind but be ready to accept the consequences of your words. For example, CNN, The Washington Post, and other news outlets spread false information about Nick Sandmann in 2019 (Covington Catholic incident in D.C.). Once the news organizations’ stories were proven false, they settled

out of court with Mr. Sandmann for an undisclosed amount, likely millions of dollars. CNN was free to publish false information, but they faced the consequences. Should government censor CNN, an organization that, like others, has issued many retraction statements on stories they published that were later proven false? By no means, as this would clearly violate the First Amendment. Part of balancing “freedom of speech” is ensuring culpability for those who knowingly spread false information with malicious intent. Nobody is above this scrutiny, not even the office of the President of the United States. As the late and great Justice Brandeis wrote in Whitney v. California (1927), the remedy to be applied here is “more speech, not enforced silence.” We ought to debate those who hold bad or dangerous ideas. We ought to drag the ideology into the light and expose it for what it is. Censorship casts a dark shadow on the bad ideology, sending it underground only to resurface later. Censorship does not defeat the ideology; it mutes the mouthpiece. If anything, censorship further justifies the ideology in the minds of those censored, causing them to become more radical. We defeat bad ideologies through education and debate. Now is not the time to avoid these difficult conversations. Now is the time to speak up.

Authentic Japanese Udon



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Udon is a thick noodle comfort food native to Japan. There are several regional variations of the dish throughout Japan.

IO MAEDA '24 | STAFF WRITER• Every week, I have an OSE meeting with Dr. Koppelman. I have known him from the first week of the fall semester because I booked his OSE meeting as soon as I arrived on campus. I was very eager to know how I could survive my college life as a new coming international student. We just talked virtually through Teams because of the pandemic. We had a hard time getting to know each other by online. I felt that we only had a superficial relationship. Finally, we are able to meet in person from this semester. It was weird that I felt meeting with Dr. Koppelman was like a first-met person even though we knew each other since last August. Unlike virtual, we have a closer relationship as we meet more. Gradually, we started to talk about each other's country's culture besides our college life. One of the things we talked about is how I have missed Japanese food. Dr. Koppelman said that he likes cooking, so he offered to cook some Japanese food for me if I give some recipes. I was confused at first because I never expected to have an opportunity to eat a Japanese food through an OSE meeting. I chose Udon because it is easy to make. It is one of the Japanese foods that I can make deliciously though I almost do not have experience. I think most of the Japanese can make it if they cook following the recipe. However, I faced some difficulties such as language difficulties to explain to him. The most difficult thing was that Dr. Koppelman has a fish allergy. When I heard that, I thought that we should give up making Udon because its soup is made from a piece of dried bonito for adding flavor. Unexpectedly, he said that he could make Udon soup. I was really surprised because most Japanese people do not make Udon soup since it takes a lot of time. We just use store-bought

powdered Udon soup. Although I was busy studying for the Mid-term exams, I searched in Japanese to look for a Udon soup that does not contain fish. Then, I found a replaceable food. It was a Shiitake (mushroom). I was worried because the commercialized soup does not use any mushrooms. I just relied on information online. I have never had a mushroom based Udon before. Therefore, what I have done is to pray for Dr. Koppelman cooking well. I trusted him. Then, the day came to eat together in the Writing Center. We thought we could use an acrylic board to have social distance while we take off our masks to eat. Well, no one would expect that we were going to have lunch there! When I opened the door, I thought we succeeded as I smelled the sweet flavor of mushroom. It was suitable in the Midwest where there are no seas but surrounded by nature. I soon shut the door so that we can enjoy the scent by ourselves. As he offered me Udon in a bowl, I said "Itadakimasu ! (Thanks for the meal)". I slipped Udon noodles making sounds "zzzzz". I said unconsciously "Umai! (yummy)". But, I did not make a noise "zzzzz" while I was drinking the soup because it is a rude thing to do while eating. The Udon had a strong taste of Shoyu (soy sauce) which reminds me of the Tokyo style Udon. Personally, I prefer Kansai (the area where Osaka and Kyoto locate) style Udon because it has plain seasoning. However, the Dr. Koppelman's Udon was not so heavy that I finished eating within ten minutes. From then, I started to see Dr. Koppelman as a chef who has a high potential to cook whatever I want. I wish he works at Spark's Center. It was a good lunch time to have a break during the busy mid-term exam.

Ingredients:

Water - 1000 ml (34 oz)

Kombu (kelp) - 4 g (0.14 oz)

Shitake's (Mushroom's) stalk - 4 g (0.14 oz)

Soy sauce - 3 Tablespoon

Mirin (sweet sake for seasoning) - 2 Tablespoon

Sake - 2 Tablespoon

Wakame (seaweed) - Proper amount

Green onion - Proper amount

Tenkasu (deep-fried batter ball) - Proper amount

2. Put on a fire and prepare stock from those by low heat for 10 minutes. Then, take out the kombu just before it boils.

3. Add the shitake's stalk. After it boils, continue putting the pot on a low heat for 3 minutes.

4. Turn off the gas. Strain the soup by colander and bowl.

5. Return the soup to the pot and add soy sauce, mirin, and sake. After it boiled, continue heating by low heat for 2 minutes

6. After it gets cold, put into the preserving jar and keep in the refrigerator.

How to Make a Udon Soup

1. Put kombu and water inside a pot and leave them to stand for more than 30 minutes.

2. Stir the noodles while boiling for 10 minutes.

3. After that, move it into the colander and wash by cold water. Then, water off well.

4. Then put the noodles into the soup pot and boil.

From The Ramsay Archives:

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NCAA CHAMPS

Wabash Blasts Potsdam St. 83-62

Swarms of Wabash men and co-ed guests flood Wabash Avenue in wild celebration Saturday night after news of the NCAA championship spread over the campus. (Photo by Andy Reinke)

Storms Onto Wabash Avenue

by Tim Padgett
Editor-in-Chief

It was like a cross between a scene from the movie "Fame" and New Year's Eve on Times Square, the only difference being a smaller number of people and a larger number of Izod shirts. The radios all over campus had just finalized all — Wabash College was the new NCAA Division III champion of basketball. And being national champions immediately produced a celebration on Wabash Avenue, the frenzy of which surpassed the best of Pan-Hel fests.

Being Honor Scholars

Teddy Parker says it all! (Photo by John Roberts)

Wabash Coach Mac Petty receives the NCAA Championship Trophy at Grand Rapids Saturday night.

Weekend, healthy parties were already blazing in most of the college's fraternities, and by 11 p.m. all of them seemed to converge on the strip of Wabash Avenue between Crawford Street and the Mall. In all of His benevolence, God had provided for a large and attractive amount of co-eds to be present and help us celebrate. It was something to see.

With mountainous stereo speakers blaring from each side of the street, the hundreds of students began dancing with reckless abandon doing everything from the "bump" to Rockettes kick lines; girlfriends climbed atop their guys' shoulders; their bodies bouncing up and down like a Mardi Gras parade.

Beer kegs were brought out onto the street, and as most students found it hard to dance or hug one another and drink at the same time, most of the brew ended up on clothing or on heads as victorious ritual.

High school seniors got into the act quickly, one shouting, "I think I like this school!" Said one fraternity rush chairman, "This is the best damn rush gimmick in the world."

Dean Norman Moore was there, of course, to help us celebrate and to give the Crawfordsville Police someone to tell us to clear the street. He did. We cleared the street. The police cars left. We returned to the street, drinking more, singing louder and dancing harder. A very simple process.

The victory festival lasted well beyond midnight, and on Sunday afternoon hung over students were given a chance to drink a bit of the hair of the truck that ran over them, as the Interfraternity Council sponsored a beer and champagne party at the Sparks Center to welcome the team back. The team received a huge reception, flashing their trophy and showing their own exultation.

"I'm sorry the game wasn't closer," said Coach Mac Petty to the crowd. "Not too many up at Grand Rapids thought much of a team from a school of only 800 guys. But now they know that Wabash Always Fights."

Most students, though defeated in their quest to have classes called off Monday, commented that it was one of the most enjoyable weekends they could remember.

"We're number one on the court," said Dean Moore, "but we're also number one in the class." And so it stood on Monday... but Saturday night will last in the memories of Wabash men for a long time to come.

From the Archives

The Bachelor
of March 26, 1982
following the NCAA
Division Three championship.

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Glee Club Photo Spread



BENJAMIN HIGH '23/PHOTO
One aspect of the performance that the Glee Club members are well accustomed to is the Glee Club President, Andrew Harvey '21 leading the rest of the members in their rendition of Wabash's Alma Mater.



BENJAMIN HIGH '23/PHOTO
In what resembled a more "regular" viewing experience, the members of the Glee Club have continuously adapted to different venues and COVID-19 protocol for their performances this year.

HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

PASS THE SACRAMENTAL WINE

Lo-Five to another reading day on Good Friday. What excuses are we supposed to give our parents to not go to mass now?

DON'T BE MAD IT'S OVER, BE HAPPY IT HAPPENED

Lo-Five to the Suez Canal for being cleared of the massive barge that was blocking it for a week. The Bachelor is firmly in favor of global economic collapse. Doesn't paying for a haircut with a bag of oranges sound fun?

GAETZGATE

Hi-Five to Matt Gaetz for perfectly representing the State of Florida.

TWITTER MASTERCLASS

Hi-Five to Lil Nas X for being the antichrist. Next step is to join FIJI.

THE ULTIMATE CURE

Hi-Five to Johnson & Johnson for somehow screwing up 15 million doses of the COVID vaccine. Coincidentally, that's the exact same number of shots The Bachelor staff has consumed this year.

SPORTS

TENNIS:
W. Wabash 6
 IU at South Bend 3
Mar. 26

Greenville 7
W. Wabash 2
Mar. 27

GOLF:
W. Wabash 6th/14
at Rose-Hulman
Mar. 27-28

TRACK AND FIELD:
W. Wabash 1st/5
at DePauw Inv.
Mar. 27

Down Goes DePauw

Swimming and Diving Ends Season in Record-Breaking Win

BLAKE LARGENT '22 | SPORTS EDITOR • The Wabash swimming and diving team ended its season with a statement win over DePauw in the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) Challenge from March 19-21. The Little Giants outscored the Tigers 59-32, 163-76, 231-210 over the three-day meet. It was the first head-to-head win by Wabash over DePauw since 2015.

The spectacular performance from Wabash ended some early season struggles from the Little Giants. Wabash entered the meet 0-3 with losses against Franklin College, Eastern Illinois University, and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. While that may have disrupted some teams, the Little Giants used those meets to improve.

"You know, I think the big thing is swimming is a little bit different than a lot of other sports in that, you know, a lot of times the score in the meet isn't indicative of how we actually swam," Head Coach Will Bernhardt said. "Yeah, it can be simply 'they have more guys than us' or 'they had a couple more guys that are talented than us.' But I think overall, our guys are always willing to step up to the challenge. [...] I think those struggles and swimming, and those times that we we are able to step up with competition that was better than us, really helps us in the long run. We're pushing ourselves all year long and we might not get the win as far as a meet goes, but we're learning stuff, and we're improving upon each of them. And then at the end of the year, that's when it all kind of culminates together, and everything just kind of clicks. So yeah, I think it definitely helped us, you know, get to a point where we're able to kind of put all of our ducks in a row per se, and have the overall experience that we had this season."

While the team certainly has plenty of talent throughout the roster, Wabash brought some strategy into the meet as well. This helped the Little Giants take advantage in the contest.

"Yeah, and so I think the big thing is looking at their lineups and our lineups and comparing the two," Bernhardt said. "We knew that they had a pretty big hole in the sprint events, in the 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle, the 200 freestyle relay, the 200 medley relay. So a lot of those shorter events, we knew that they had some pretty big holes in them. And then we kind of tried to maximize the amount of guys that we had in those events and maximize our talent in those events. And I think that showed [...]."

"I think the biggest thing that our guys did really well, is they took care of their body over the course of the three days," Bernhardt



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Daren Glore '22 competes in a meet from earlier this season. Glore was a key swimmer in Wabash's dominant performance over DePauw to close out the 2021 campaign.

added. "Because you could, you could send the lights out on Friday and then not take care of your body afterwards, you know. If you're not stretching out, you know, hydrating, if you're not doing a lot of the things that we need them to do. By Sunday, their bodies are going to be toast. So they did a really good job of making sure everything they did was to be better for their next swim. And I commend our guys for that, because I think we got better as the week went on. You know, even though Friday was a good session for us, I think Saturday night and Sunday were a couple of our best sessions. So it was really fun."

The Little Giants broke plenty of records along the way. In total, Wabash broke six pool records against DePauw. Bernhardt made sure his team recognized the dominant performance: "That is completely unheard of," he said. "I told the guys in our team meeting that I've been coaching for 20 plus years and I've never seen a collegiate meet where one team dominated so thoroughly in one single event. So that was really fun. You know, just to just to have our guys go out there and really put a world of hurt on [DePauw] [...]."

"I'm just thankful that we were able to do it for parents and everyone else, competing against another team. I think that's what we need the most. A lot of teams across the country aren't competing against people [...]. It really means a lot to us that campus administration let us get to a point where we can compete against people and have some families and fans in the stands. It was really, really special."

While the win was a great way to end the season, it remains bittersweet. The team will lose five of its senior leaders to graduation.

"It's been wonderful to have our senior leaders on the team [...]. Our senior Captain Wes Slaughter ['21], he's been phenomenal. He was a junior captain last year and senior captain this year. He's been phenomenal, just trying to keep our guys focused on the bigger picture. You know, of staying safe throughout the year, trying to stay COVID negative, which we did. Our other seniors, you know, Chaz Rhodes ['21] came back for his senior year. He didn't swim, his sophomore and junior year. He swam his freshman year and came back as a senior and he was

tremendous. He came back in and really helped promote a good energy amongst the guys. Jan Dziadek ['21] has been one of our top performers last year and was one of our top performers this year. He provided more of the competitive leadership, pushing us forward. Nick Young ['21] is great, just a wonderful teammate. I mean, he's a guy that I think really embodies what a Wabash man is. And he shows that even though he might not be a 'captain.' I mean, he's always propping guys up and telling them nice job. And then Tyler Richmond ['21], you know, I think same way. I think he is one of those guys just like Nick, being able to help guys out and just keep pushing them through a workout and pushing them outside of the the pool. I'm really happy with those guys [...]."

The Little Giants end their season at 3-3. However, the dominant win over DePauw gives the team momentum heading into its offseason. As the pandemic environment trends towards a return to normal, the team looks forward to more competition next season. Until then, Wabash produced a performance that is one to remember.

LAX Streak Falters

Little Giants Drop Two of Last Three Games, Sit at 4-2

BEN BULLOCK '23 & BLAKE LARGENT '22 | STAFF WRITER & SPORTS EDITOR • The Wabash lacrosse team had a blistering start to the 2021 season, going 3-0 in its first three games. Since then, the Little Giants have hit some mid-season challenges. Wabash lost its first game of the year 15-5 to Hanover College on March 21. After a bounce-back 21-7 win over Anderson, the Little Giants could not keep the momentum going. Wabash fell to rival DePauw 26-6 on Thursday evening.

The Little Giants opened their season in solid fashion during their three-game win streak. The 3-0 start to the season was Wabash's best since the program began. The Little Giants opened the year with a compelling 23-8 victory over Mount St. Joseph University. Three days later, they travelled to Anderson, where AJ Shaheen '21 scored in the closing moments to secure an 11-10 Wabash victory. The team followed this up with a 13-4 win over Earlham College in their first home game of the year.

The match against Hanover (2-2) was originally scheduled to take place previously but was postponed due to inclement weather. The rearranged fixture took place on Sunday, March 21 at Hanover's C. Wayne Perry Field in front of 113 spectators.

The Little Giants started strong, with attacker Ethan Stonis '23 assisting twice to

give Wabash a 2-0 lead going into the second period. However, Hanover struck back in the second. It did not take long for the Panthers to net two classy goals and level the scores.

Hanover senior Ian Kimmins was in excellent form as he scored five in the second quarter past John Frey '22 in the Wabash goal. The Little Giants were on the back foot the entire period, Shaheen offering the only response with 06:04 remaining in the half.

Wabash went into the halftime break 3-8 down. Caulin Fitzgerald '24 brought the game to within four goals early in the third period, but it was not enough to spark a Little Giant comeback. Jeremiah Eaton '22 scored Wabash's final point of the game late in the third quarter before Kimmins grabbed his sixth point to make the score 5-10.

Hanover scored five times in the final period without a Wabash response, bringing the final score to 15-5 in the Panther's favor.

However, Wabash did not dwell on their defeat. On Wednesday, March 24, Anderson University (0-4) visited Fischer Field for the reverse fixture following the 11-10 Little Giant victory earlier in the season. This game was not such a tight affair, with Wabash running out 21-7 winners.

Up 3-2 at the end of the first section, Wabash enjoyed a nine-point second quarter to make the halftime score 12-2. Excellent second half performances by Joseph Plencner

'22 and AJ Rogers '24 secured the win for the Little Giants.

AJ Rogers and Will Goheen '24 led the team, scoring four points each. Neil Pettinga '23, the dominant faceoff specialist, won 21 of 30 starts, continuing the good form that earned him North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) Men's Lacrosse Athlete of the Week earlier in the season. AJ Miller '23 also worked hard in defense, forcing several turnovers over the course of the game.

After the Anderson game, Head Coach Tim O'Shea expressed how impressed he has been with his relatively inexperienced squad: "We are a very young team with freshmen and sophomores making up the majority of the roster. From an athletic experience standpoint, we still view our sophomores as freshmen, as they only played three games last spring and five so far this year, which is about half a typical season. We have several underclassmen playing big minutes and contributing a great deal."

O'Shea added, "We need to continue to improve everyday as we go through the season and continue to gain experience playing the game at this level since we are such a young team. We need to continue to improve our fundamental skills and lacrosse IQ."

Wabash faces a string of tough opponents in their upcoming fixtures. Coach O'Shea recognized that in his comments after beating

Anderson: "The toughest part of our schedule is coming up, having to play four NCAC teams twice each to close out the season." COVID restrictions also continue to cause problems for the team. "It is going to be a grind with these games occurring in the next four weeks, including hosting one game and having to travel to/from the other games on game day, as we are still not doing overnight travel," O'Shea said.

Yesterday's match showed that NCAC toughness. DePauw came out swinging against Wabash in a lopsided game from the start. The Tigers scored the first 12 goals of the contest before a goal from Anthony Nguyen '24 broke the shutout. The score was 13-1 in DePauw's favor at halftime.

The second half told much of the same story. DePauw opened on a 5-0 run, pushing the score to 18-1. Wabash seemed to get a bit of life after two consecutive goals from Caulin Fitzgerald '24 and Ethan Stonis '23 brought the score to 18-3. The Tigers, though, stopped any momentum from swinging to the Little Giants. DePauw ended the game on an 8-3 run, bringing the final score to 26-6.

Wabash (4-2) will get another chance to take down DePauw (2-2) this weekend. The Little Giants travel to Greencastle tomorrow for a rivalry rematch against the Tigers at 1 p.m. Live stats will be available via the DePauw Athletics website.

Baseball Falls in Weekend Matchup



BENJAMIN HIGH '23 / PHOTO

Kase Lawson '21 throws a pitch in Wabash's first game against No. 2-ranked Washington University in St. Louis. The Little Giants faced the Bears in a Saturday doubleheader, losing 7-1 in the first game and 7-6 in the second game.



BENJAMIN HIGH '23 / PHOTO

The team groups together while watching an at bat. Both teams brought energy to the field for their Saturday doubleheader.



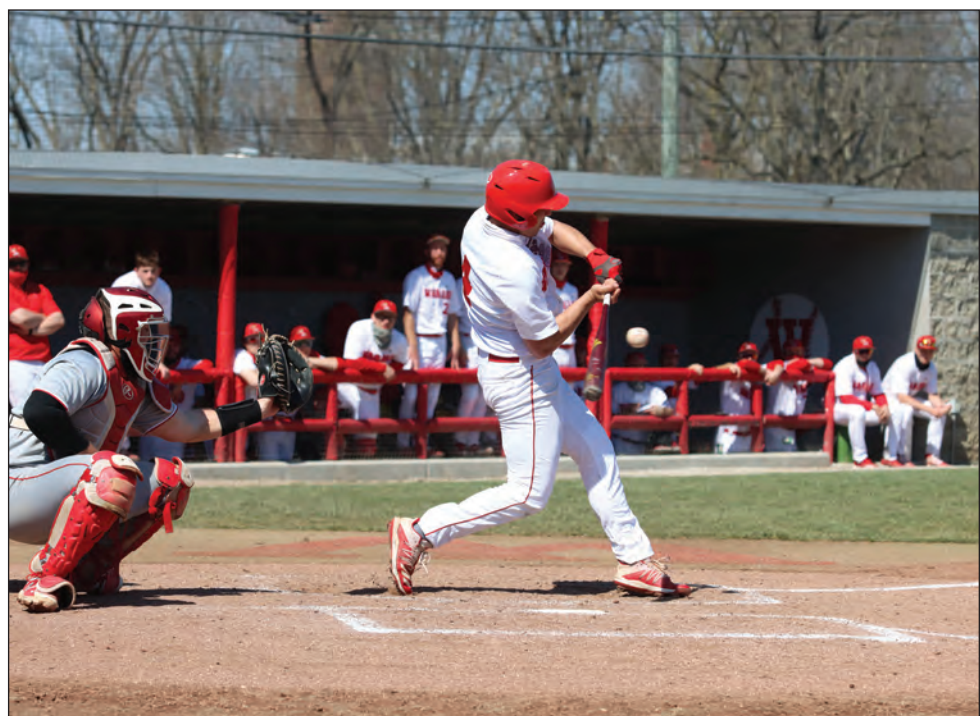
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Cole Vassilo '23 relaxes in between batters. The Wabash defense held Washington under their offensive average, but could not grab a victory.



BENJAMIN HIGH '23 / PHOTO

Brayden Lentz '23 holds a runner at first base. The Little Giants picked up steam in the second game, coming within one run of a victory over the Bears.



BENJAMIN HIGH '23 / PHOTO

Andrew Jumonville '21 hits a pitch. Wabash looks to bounce back in a rivalry doubleheader today and tomorrow against DePauw.

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Lames to Wabash

JeBron Lames Commits to the Little Giants



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JeBron Lames and Head Coach Style Drum-It embrace while Lames tells Drum-It of his verbal commitment to the College. Drum-It has expressed excitement of Lames' addition to his team, but is fearful of being outshined by Lames' magnificent 'stache.

J.B. TOWNIE '22 | SPORTS EDITING PEASANT • After an illustrious career in the ABN, JeBron Lames is hanging up the jersey. Professionally, that is. Lames, who went straight to the ABN out of high school, decided he wanted the college experience. After an exemption from the NCAA and an excruciating recruitment trail, Lames settled on the Little Giants of Wabash College.

"I've decided to take my talents to Indiana Beach," Lames said. "I'm excited to get to work. I've heard great things about this team, this campus, and this community. They just didn't care about basketball in California. This is the hoosier state. It's made for me."

Lames decided his professional career was done after an in-game injury scare a few weeks ago while playing with his team, the Less Dangerous Skaters. His departure comes in the middle of the ABN season, in which the Skaters were favorites to repeat as world champions. The Skaters, amid their shock and disappointment, were unavailable for comment.

Wabash will welcome Lames with open arms. After a promising 2019-2020 season, the Little Giants were unable to maintain consistency in the 2021 season, finishing 6-6. Lames will look to change that. Head Coach Style Drum-It commented on what Lames' addition to the team means for the upcoming season.

"I'm happy that he's here," Drum-It said. "He's going to have to earn it, he's been out of touch with this level of play for quite some time. This is a program where a starting spot is not guaranteed. But if he comes in with effort and grit, I think he can help our program be where we aspire to be: holding up a championship trophy." "That's the goal," Lames added. "We're here to win not one, not two, not three, not four, not five, not six, not seven [...]."

There have been some spreading concerns about Lames' age at the collegiate level. Lames enters Wabash at 36 years old and will be the oldest player on Wabash's team - as well as any opponents. Lames, however, showed no doubts about his abilities on and off the court.

"I'm sitting at about 0.5% body fat, so I think I'm good," he said. "I've got three

kids at home too, so I have no doubt I can connect with this team. Fortnite, am I right? As long as their favorite basketball player isn't Michael Jordan, we'll bond."

Drum-It added similar comments: "I think JeBron will mesh with our team and our school. We live in Crawfordsville, one of the most accepting and interesting places in America. He'll love it here."

Drum-It, however, added some new team rules that Lames will have to adapt to: "We have a strict no-facial hair policy, due to my inability to grow any. That may raise some concerns for him."

Lames won the Mr. Basketball of Ohio award three times during his time in high school. While his last high school game took place in 2003, Lames expressed confidence entering training for this season. "It's easy," Lames said. "These guys are like twigs. I laughed watching some of my teammates bench 125 this week. How is nobody here 6'8" and 250 pounds? I started drinking wine during training sessions to try and even the field for the guys."

Lames officially signed his commitment to the College on Monday. He entered the nationally-televised event wearing a king's crown. "I go by The King," Lames said. "I'm hoping to convince Coach Drum-It that I can wear [the crown] in games. We'll see how that goes. Some of the water boys have started kneeling to me and saying 'My Lord' when giving me water, though, so that works. It's all about the mentality of the game for me."

Drum-It commented on the culture shift since Lames' arrival: "It's been great," he said. "JeBron didn't like some of the plays I was calling; I like to get the other guys involved. He kicked me out of our first practice. But we talked about it afterward and he's allowing me to call five plays per game. I think we're good. He even said he'd show me how to grow a mustache."

Some of the players commented on their first practice with JeBron as well. Former All-American Jake Dog N' Suds '22 was one of the first to speak up. "JeBron tomahawk dunked on me in the first ten seconds. I tried shooting a few threes and he sent them into the stands, saying they were souvenirs for my family." Dylan Fiber '22, sporting a black eye, had some words about



GUY LOW '23 / PHOTO

Lames looks to be a key member of the Little Giants squad. He will have to shake off some rust, though, after taking multiple gap years between high school and college.

his new teammate as well. "I flexed on him after finishing a layup in his face. He didn't take that too well." Ronnoc Fresherman '21 rounded out the players willing to speak up. "I was talking to him about my nationally-ranked assist-to-turnover ratio. He then played man defense on me the entire practice, an inch away from my face. I'm glad I'm graduating."

With the team chemistry building, the future is bright for the program. Lames looks to bring Wabash to conference and DIII glory. He even claims to have had a dream about the Little Giants' success,

something he has taken as a sign.

"Yeah, I had this crazy dream," Lames said. "We had just beaten DePauw in the conference championship and I ran over to the fans holding up the trophy. I yelled 'CRAWFORDSVILLE! THIS IS FOR YOU!' I woke up crying tears of joy."

The team has already begun its offseason training this spring with scrimmages and weight lifting. With Lames' addition, anything seems to be possible for the Little Giants. The season will be back underway in the fall semester. Look out, Wabash basketball fans.

Esports Take Over

Traditional Athletics Out After Raising Inclusivity Concerns

GUY LOW '23 | DIGITAL PROPAGANDIST-IN-CHIEF • In a recent press conference, WabCo athletic director Tattoo Manly announced the dissolution and retirement of WabCo Athletics. "It is time to wake up and smell the roses outside our shiny new sign. The era of physical sports is coming to a close. In this day and age, athleticism on the physical stage simply cannot compete with the rigor and entertainment of esports," he said during his fifteen-minute monologue. In his closing remark, he offered this small bit of optimism: "The WabCo Rugby club can now finally rest easy, knowing that their wish has finally been granted. They are now on equal standing with every other WabCo athletics team."

At the conclusion of his moving remarks, Manly passed the mantle and proverbial torch to Brian Win, the newly hired director for WabCo's

Esports Division. Win's attitude was a cheery contrast to Manly's sober airs. "We look to a bright future, with inclusion for students of all ability levels of backgrounds to participate in WabCo's most challenging and competitive environment," Win said.

At its launch, the WabCo Esports Division has a strong roster of diverse competitive mediums. From WabCo's nationally-ranked Super Smack Omega players to the recently recognized Undersight and League of Well Known Individuals teams, there seems to be a niche for all types of e-athletes. For the more traditionally inclined students, the Esports Division promotes its E-Chess grand masters, AFIF Soccer, and ABN 2J Basketball competitive athletes.

The crown jewel of the Esports Division is their Mobile Branch. "In bringing esports to the mobile platform, we are truly stepping

forward to fulfill our vision of making athleticism and competition available to all students," Win said. "Each student can pull out their phone and download a copy of Sweets Smash, Phrases with Phriends, or AgricultureVille and compete with our esports teams. Universal accessibility is truly our greatest virtue here in the Esports Division."

The Bastard reached out to President Smeller for comment on the administrative perspective surrounding these changes. "In moving beyond the physical, we have eliminated the barrier to entry posed by traditional athletics," Smeller said smellyingly. "We asked our students what they would most like to see change about this College and their answer was inclusivity. We think this is a good start towards answering that call." His response spoke to how well the College's administration is not

only aware of but actively interested in the perspectives and desires of its student population.

In the shifting away from physical athletics, WabCo has freed itself from the chains of NCAA restrictions. A report from the Financial Aid office contained exciting news for esports athletes: WabCo will be offering full-ride scholarships to students participating in varsity esports programs. WabCo has also widened its funding options through esports partnerships. Braid Highlight Sessions has sponsored the college and its athletes, under the conditions of it providing brief advertisements during official WabCo Esports Tournaments.

The establishment of the WabCo Esports Division is the beginning of a new future, one designed around all students without the barrier of traditional athletics. Learn more, lead more, earn more, game more.

The WabCo Tartare: Copycat Rhynie Burger



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The Rhynie Burger is a staple of the WabCo community. The unique flavor of the dish reminds alumni of the hours of school work they did every night while at WabCo.

DOOBY DOOSH '22 | JUNIOR-SENIOR COPYWRITER • Rhynie Burgers are a WabCo staple. This delicacy has fed countless cavemen at tailgates and TGIFs for WabCo sports for generations. Sphinx Club President Andy Gonzaga '22 said, “Who would want to live on campus without Rhynie Burgers? They unite WabCo’s campus and bring us together. The burger has a deep-rooted history and tradition.” Rhynie Burgers are a cultural dish of WabCo, which Rhynes carefully prepare for the nourishment of WabCo Men everywhere. According to campus chef Richie Barner, “the Rhynie Burger is easily defined by its sub-par and ambiguous meat, its undercooked nature, and a strong aftertaste of lighter fluid. I grab one at every WabCo sporting event!” Barner continued, “After working decades in the food industry, I can crack most recipes off a single bite. But I have never been quite able to crack the recipe of the Rhynie Burger. I know there is lighter fluid. I know the quality of meat is poor. But I can never figure out the secret ingredients. I stay up all night thinking about it!” The Rhynie Burger got its start in

1832. After the WabCo founders took a knee in the snow. The founder’s Rhynes, dressed in grey sweats and brandishing red pots, made them the first lighter fluid marinated cuisine. After that, Caleb Mills opened the first Walmart in Crawfordsville to ensure that the brave Rhynies of WabCo would always have access to the simple ingredients. Gonzaga said, “Most students would not know the history of the Rhynie Burger and how it is interwoven into the fabric of our campus society. To think that the founders thought of a place for a cheap, lighter fluid-infused burger burger in our culture, makes me proud.” President Smeller said, “I remember the first time I ever tasted the WabCo luxury. As a sheep farmer, I can say that it is definitely not lamb meat. Well, maybe it is. No? Well, no one knows what it is, but we eat it anyway!” While a Rhynie Burger is not quite complete without a Rhynie on the grill, you can make your own Copycat version at home. Follow the recipe carefully and enjoy!

Copycat Rhynie Burger Recipe

Ingredients

- 1 gallon of lighter fluid.
- 4 bags of cheap charcoal
- 4 boxes of Great Value frozen patties of ambiguous meat (Not Fresh)
- A small amount of extra small buns
- Expired ketchup
- Krusty mustard
- Oil drum charcoal grill
- 1 unit of [Censored]

- Step 1: Let the frozen patties thaw for thirty seconds.
- Step 2: Marinade the frozen patties in lighter fluid for 5 minutes.
- Step 3: Throw the frozen patties on the charcoal grill without starting the grill.
- Step 4: Start the grill by squirting extra lighter fluid on the patties and lighting it with a match.
- Step 5: Cook the patties until still raw. Preferably you still have a little frozen chunk in the middle.
- Step 6: Serve with the extra small buns and ketchup. Put extra lighter fluid on the side.

Opinion: No Opinion is the Best Opinion

ROVER MIROSLAVIC '22 | LACKADAISICAL OPINION EDITOR • In my opinion, no opinion is best opinion. Even though I’m expressing an opinion, which is against my opinion, it’s still true. And there’s nothing you can do about it. First, if you don’t have an opinion everyone will like you. Everyone likes a person who bends to every will, so, if you want to be popular, start curbing your opinion. Heck, curb your thought, as ignorance is bliss! Everyone will love you if you agree with them, regardless if you agree with things that contradict each-other. Just use Hegelian dialectics, and you’ll be golden.

Next, if you have no opinion, you won’t be frustrated. You won’t be frustrated at others for trying to demolish your argument at every step. You won’t be frustrated that nobody will support you in your endeavor to prove people wrong. And, most importantly, you won’t feel the urge to destroy everyone who opposes you. Again, you can be friends with everyone when you don’t have any sort of opinion. Also, if you don’t have an opinion, you will not face any backlash for expressing your views. This ensures nobody will respond to your opinions, so you will never have to worry about

any sort of backlash from your peers. Again, this plays into being the most agreeable person on the WabCo campus, and not having to deal with others destroying your world view. Life is bliss, particularly when your inaction leads to no consequences. Finally, when you don’t have an opinion, you don’t have to go through the mental backflips of supporting your argument, both in the opinion and in its responses. You can just go about your life willy-nilly, without worrying about anything. Just coming up with an opinion can be so exhausting, even before having to defend them and having your friends provide some

backlash to it. Why exhaust yourself like this when you can just live life like a passenger, and not worry about coming up with an opinion for yourself. In essence, opinions bring tension, tension destroys friendships, friendship destruction brings grief, and brings worry. So, if you want to live a life without any sort of worry, don’t bother having any sort of opinion. That way, you can live a life where everybody loves you, everybody stands by your side, and everyone’s your friend. Who wouldn’t want to live such an easy, blissful life? It’s so easy: having no opinions is the fastest road to having no problems.



The Bastard

Want to scrap about any of the stories, opinions, or ideas presented here?
Come on down to the Wabco Bastard Office at 4:20 a.m. to duke it out.
Remeber, violence is never the answer. It is the question, and the answer is always yes.
WabCo Always Scraps

WabCo Linguists Encounter Extraterrestrial Life



I WANT TO BELIEVE

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In what was a change of pace from the normal, rudimentary day for some of our WabCo students, the “opportunity” to get out of the classroom was a surreal experience. I guess students do not need a Spring Break when you can have the action and out-of-body experiences are right in front of us at the Bash.

ROVER MIROSLAVIC '22 | DIPSOMANIAC • A hail storm was raging outside on the morning of March 12, which prompted Professor of Spanish John Softy to move his Modern Linguistics class on Zoom to keep his students from getting crushed by hailstones the size of melons. Little did his class know that everything would change on that fateful Friday.

“Class started like normal, with students trying to lighten up the mood by goofing off,” Softy said. “I’m glad I got to see them a bit less tense than usual. WabCo shouldn’t have taken their Spring Break from them. But, alas, this is what happens when the leadership is made up of scientists: they are a bunch of masochists who have no notion of what a break is. I have a student who is taking Modern Linguistics and Organic Chemistry. Now I can no longer even tell if he’s a person, a zombie, or a figment of my imagination.”

While the class was covering some Greek and Latin etymology, the class heard some glass shattering. “Originally, I thought that one of the hailstones broke through one of the windows,” Abel Creekson '23, who was taking the class, said. “Either that, or that exorcist was a complete ripoff, and the spirit of Gloria Garfield was still running amok at the Bamba High house doing God-knows-what.” It was only after Softy switched to Gallery View that he saw a participant with never-before-seen inscriptions for their name. As you would expect, no one had much of a clue on what to do.

When they turned on their camera and began to talk, the entire class froze - that is, everyone but Boston Huntington '21. “Why on Earth did we stop in the middle of learning about Greek and Latin etymology?” Huntington allegedly said with frustration in his voice during the class, per Softy’s account. “I cannot believe the heresy. This college has become a place of desecration, nothing more.”

Everyone else, on the other hand, was aghast. “I couldn’t believe my eyes,” Swede Jones '22, another student in the class, said. “We literally got a first glimpse of aliens trying to communicate with us.” Jones proceeded to describe the aliens: “They appeared to have small heads with three eyes: two like ours and one on their forehead. Their skin was glowing a calm turquoise. They had some gill-like openings on their necks and no ears. Whenever they made sounds, probably trying to talk to us, a certain part between their gills would begin to vibrate.”

When both parties realized that they had no means of mutual communication, the entire class was teleported to where the aliens that discovered them were. “I remember being surrounded by a beam of black light,” Outright Klopff '21, another student in the class, said. “It felt cooling, yet comfy and soft to the touch, and the jasmine aroma in the air made me so happy that I closed my eyes to enjoy the sensation. When I woke up, I was around the entire group from my class, in what appeared to be a massive stage-like place.”

According to multiple accounts, in front of them was a massive throne-like structure, where one of the aliens tried to communicate with the class. “I told everyone to try to use the techniques they learned in the class and figure out what the alien was saying,” Softy said. “Some heard hints of other languages, but nobody seemed to figure things out. The only one that thought he got close was Boston Huntington. Then again, he was arrogant - a little too arrogant for his good. He spoke to the aliens in Greek, which got them angry.”

As a result, the entire class was incarcerated in alien territory. “Given that [Huntington] forced my hand with his foolish behavior, I decided to make the entire class grade worth the outcome of this trip,” Softy said. “Students would all start with an A, and their grade would decrease any time they made a reckless mistake, I would drop their grade. Having a student get killed because of your translation meant automatic failure in the course.”

While in the prison, one of the students noticed inscriptions on the wall. On one side, there were the alien inscriptions similar to the name of the alien on the Zoom call. On the other, various phrases using the Latin alphabet. For hours, the students tried to decipher them, even as another day beckoned, per their watches. That is, all but one student was doing the translation work. “Huntington would not shut up about how he wants to drink Port and read Ovid,” Cassius Brutus '23 said. “It was Saturday for everyone, but we were stuck in an alien prison. Even

though I liked the guy, he got on my nerves a little too much that time.”

At one point, one of the students, Miroslav Wagner '22, decided that he wanted to try to pronounce the phrases written in the Latin alphabet. “That’s generally how I can figure out what something in a Slavic language means, as the pronunciations are very similar between the languages” Wagner said.

“When [Wagner] started pronouncing the words, I quickly noticed that they sounded very close to Portugese,” Softy said. “I went with the theory, and quickly realised that the aliens were speaking Portugese with an accent without us even realizing.” And, so, once that was figured out, the class was able to make a cultural exchange with the aliens, courtesy of Softy’s translations. That way, they were able to turn this into an immersion experience.

“One thing I quickly realized, though, was that Huntington’s words translated into ‘May I sleep with your mother’s dead relatives’ in Portugese,” Softy said. “No wonder the Ra’amanna’ugriah, the Alien Nation that found us, got so upset with us that they decided to incarcerate us!”

Because time worked differently, the class got back to WabCo on Sunday, March 14, and have been progressing as usual ever since. Though the students are still sour with the administration not giving them a break, they are hoping to continue to develop this partnership with the Ra’amanna’ugriah for future immersion courses.

Crawfordsville Deemed Paradise by UN

DALLAS CAP '21 | DIPSOMANIAC • In a stunning move, the United Nations voted unanimously in favor of a resolution declaring Crawfordsville, Indiana the greatest place to live on Earth this week. The vote was followed by hours of rigorous applause inside the chamber and on-going, intense celebrations of music and dance surrounding the multinational orginzation’s headquarters in Manhattan.

President Joseph R. Biden Jr. rode into the city on his favored Amtrak diesel train, arriving at the city’s Grand Central train station. “This is truly a great day for the United States, and for mankind,” said Biden in a televised press conference from the counter of the famed Crawfordsville Little Caesars location. “The recognition of this city’s grand accomplishments in human flourishing will now forever be recorded for posterity. We are all truly blessed to be in a place so close to paradise.”

Biden wiped away tears as a

caravan of tens of thousands of pilgrims, many of them barefoot, descended upon the adjacent Walmart parking lot. The crowd was greeted by a stirring flyover from the Blue Angels and a live performance from Pitbull. Who else should introduce Crawfordsville to the world other than “Mr. Worldwide” himself?

The UN resolution referenced the revolutionary urban planning ideas first implemented in the city as one of many reasons motivating the decision.

“Traditionally, it was not seen as a particularly productive move to make three streets into one-ways for a random four blocks,” said French President Emmanuel Macron. “But Crawfordsville dared to break such conventions. The citizens are so happy with such driving patterns that they tend to drive five to ten miles-per-hour under the speed limit. I only wish that there were more roundabouts, for then it would be truly perfect.”

World leaders also noted the

Crawfordsvillian climate as a motivation for the landmark piece of international legislation.

“We have found out that the ideal environmental conditions for human beings is a place where the air is a comfortable temperature for a maximum of five hours at a time,” said the Dali Lama. “We believe that such weather reminds us of the all-important notion of life’s impermanence. Those places once thought to be paradises -Southern Italy, Hawaii, The Bahamas - now seem silly when compared to Crawfordsville. Scholars believe it might be the inspiration for the ‘Pina Colada’ song. One can only truly find peace when surrounded by the ever changing tides or reality. The weather conditions here in this beautiful sanctum of a city so well reflect those ideals that I have considered moving my summer seminars here.”

Others pointed to the ability of Crawfordsville to undeniably prove the existence of God.

“I had my doubts about the existence of God before I visited Crawfordsville,” said Pope Francis. “Once you come to this place, it is immediately clear to you that there is a Supreme Being. There is undeniable beauty here that shows up everywhere in the town. There’s a reason motocross is considered the holiest of sports.”

Chinese President Xi Jinping was moved to say the following about his visit to the city: “The Crossroads of America, that’s what they call this state. The renowned city of Crawfordsville certainly lives up to that reputation. It is the most culturally inclusive and diverse places that I have ever set foot in. I walked its broad streets and felt as welcome there as I would in my home. Each friendly face I saw was as welcoming as my own brother’s. The mural of individuality and culture seen there is truly the pinnacle of American society, a model that I hope to emulate among the people of my own nation.”



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Senior Vibe Checks Thin Out Graduating Class

JACOB '21 | VERMIN • 13 students were expelled this year and will not graduate after they failed Senior Vibe Checks. Senior Vibe Checks were instituted under former WabCo President Rutherford Less after it was determined that Senior Comps had gone soft. At the time, President Less said, “Look, we didn’t like the quality of dudes we were sending out into the world with WabCo sheepskins. We were realizing that we wouldn’t sit down and have a beer with lots of these guys. It was time to weed out the guys who just didn’t fit the WabCo vibe.”

This year’s crop of 13 students failing Senior Vibe Checks was the highest number since the Great Vibe Failure of 2016 where 19 WabCo students failed to meet the vibe standards. We try not to talk about it that much. President Smeller told The Bastard, “Look, we understand that the pandemic has thrown everyone’s vibes off, but these students’ vibes were really beyond what we could accept.” Members of the faculty discussed the possibility of a retake opportunity, but that idea was quickly shut down by Dean of the College Robb McWallman. McWallman said, “Look, if these guys are this bad now, they’re never going to pass the Senior Vibe Check. These weren’t borderline cases. They failed the Senior Vibe Check by a wide margin.”

On the flip side, a record 11 students earned Distinction on their Senior Vibe Checks. The Rhetoric Department broke from a longstanding tradition of not handing out Distinction grades. But to the surprise of many they graciously handed out two Distinctions. Many complained that they went easy on this year’s students, but Rhetoric Department Chair Dara Srury insisted that this was not the case. Srury said, “Honestly, this year’s senior class just had a great vibe. They’re very chill guys, and we had a lot of fun during the vibe checks.”

Preparations for Senior Vibe Checks are the opposite of those for Senior Comps in many ways. For starters, the aspects and areas of focus for professors are not “traditional.” Instead of testing the brain capabilities of these Seniors to process information, they test their liver’s ability to process large quantities of alcohol and marijuana. Boards for the Senior Vibe Checks are composed of three professors – one from the student’s major, one from his minor, and one from the Philosophy Department. To say the least, this makes for an exhausting process for the Philosophy Professors. Philosophy Department chair Beedriel Gallup said, “I swear, if I have to smoke one more poorly-rolled blunt with a student trying to convince he’s



COURTESY OF THAT GUY WHO HATES LIVING BY PHARMA PSI

Bong-rips exams are a frequent aspect of Senior Vibe Checks. Anyone deemed not capable of hitting a clean shot is considered “un-chill” by officials of WabCo.

not a narc, I’m going to quit. I don’t care if I have tenure.”

With the loss of 13 students, the graduating class for WabCo is now down from 184 students to 171. College administration is confident that, in addition to being well educated or whatever, each of the graduates will also be, in President Smeller’s words, “not a douchebag like those DeBauch grads.”

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Wabash Launches New Conservative Arts Initiative



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While you try to avoid being hit by a car on the Mall, just remember there are plenty of opportunities to “expand” your education with the brand new Conservative Arts Initiatives Program. Not only do you have the opportunity to attend these top-of-the-line classes, but the new fraternity, Gamma Omega Pi encapsulates the shift in WabCo’s educational aspirations.

BEN SHARTPIRO '23 | PROSELYTE

• This week, Wabash announced a series of new Conservative Arts Initiatives which aim to Make Wabash Great Again. Designed for the student who calls everything he disagrees with “Orwellian” (yet hasn’t read 1984), these initiatives seek to make a tiny, rural population of young men somehow more conservative.

“We felt that our plethora of male bankers and lawyers just weren’t conservative enough,” said President Smeller. “The new initiatives will ensure that our future alumni Senators aren’t as socialist as Bike Mraun.”

One of the key announcements was the addition of a new Conservative Arts major, which allows students to

graduate from Wabash having added nothing to their parent-instilled beliefs they brought to campus.

“We found that our conservative students were offended by liberal safe spaces. So we designed classes exclusively for conservatives to voice their opinions without opposition,” said Smeller.

Like the PPE major, the conservative arts major features a diversity co-requirement. To meet the requirement, conservative arts majors must enroll in one of the few diversity classes Wabash offers, derail class discussions with unfounded beliefs, and make the class miserable for all other students involved. While this may seem like an exhausting requirement, conservative

students don’t seem fazed – after all, it’s what they’re currently doing.

For the senior seminar, conservative studies majors spend an entire semester answering the core question: what is climate change? For a passing grade, students should say “a hoax.” But distinction goes to the students who answer, “what about Obama’s tan suit?”

The administration also announced the addition of a new fraternity: Gamma Omega Pi. The main rush activity for this fraternity includes 1,776 hours of Rush Limbaugh audio. And instead of chapel sing, pledges are required to memorize and chant “Courtesy of the Red, White, and Blue” by Toby Keith.

But some current fraternities are

criticizing the addition, citing fears of competition. “We’re dismayed by the addition of Gamma Omega Pi,” said the president of Peta Theta Bi. “We used to have a monopoly on the most racist students.”

To account for the serious oppression Wabash conservatives have previously faced, the administration announced special admissions considerations for conservative students.

“What liberals don’t get is that our life experiences are so different that our applications require a different analysis,” said Andrew McColor, president of the College Republicans. “This isn’t affirmative action – it’s recognizing a history of discrimination.”