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Adapting to Study Abroad in a Global Pandemic



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Students travel by ferry to Inis Mor, an Irish island. This 2019 trip was one of the last Wabash off-campus study trips before the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Wabash's rich tradition of study abroad is bouncing back from its COVID-induced hiatus. Despite uncertainty and constantly-changing rules, seven Wabash students are currently studying abroad. Their stories, and the stories of the students whose plans were cancelled, highlight the benefits and challenges of studying off-campus during the COVID era. Adaptation, it seems, is the key to studying abroad during a global pandemic.

Kwaku Sarpong '22, is studying in Strasbourg, France. Despite COVID restrictions, Sarpong is still improving upon his French skills he developed on campus.

"Learning a foreign language during COVID, when everyone has to wear masks, is a challenge," said Sarpong. "But I will say that it's a challenge that Wabash prepared me for."

Sarpong described an early stressful challenge at the airport. After asking someone for directions, Sarpong experienced a little cultural shock: the man responded in rapid French. Kwaku explained that he muttered an "okay" and tried to figure out the directions on his own.

"There was this concern -- could I do this? After all these years of practice, where's all the training gone? But that's all part of the challenge. And the challenge is what

makes us grow," said Sarpong.

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Now a few weeks into his program, Sarpong has risen to the challenge. Between studying the tram system, navigating to a movie theater without Google Maps, and even learning to play the accordion, Sarpong has used his time abroad, even during the pandemic, as an opportunity to grow.

"It's the little things that I wouldn't have thought of that have really shaped my experience here," he said.

Alex Koers '23, is another student adapting to a COVID semester abroad in Salzburg, Austria. Despite mask mandates, travel restrictions and mandatory testing, Koers is still able to explore the museums, parks, and attractions he hoped to. Despite the minor restrictions on his travel, Koers still values his semester away.

"I can't recommend enough taking advantage of study abroad," he said.

Unfortunately, some students who had hoped to study abroad this fall are still on campus. As they watched their plans fall through, they adapted, switching semesters and locations.

Ben Bullock '23, an international student from the United Kingdom, hopes to spend next semester abroad in Vladivostok, Russia. His study abroad plans have been tumultuous, to say the least.

"It's definitely an uncertain time to be studying abroad," said Bullock. "My plans have changed significantly at least six different times, so I have had to be flexible and patient. Hopefully that patience pays off in the end."

Bullock wasn't kidding. As an Asian Studies major learning Chinese, Bullock originally planned to study in China this fall. When those plans fell through, Bullock switched locations, moving south to Thailand. Yet another change of plans sent Bullock north to Vladivostok, a Russian city close to the Chinese and North Korean borders.

"Obviously I'm hoping for as normal a study abroad experience as possible, but it's still so hard to gauge. Even now, restrictions are still changing, embassies are doing different things, and the fear of further COVID spikes lingers. Luckily for me, the staff

at my program provider have been phenomenal this whole time; that certainly takes off some of the stress."

Bullock isn't alone. Bryce McCullough '23 hopes to study in Freiburg, Germany. Like Bullock, McCullough recognizes the need for flexibility but remains hopeful.

"I suspect that there will be adjustments to my study abroad program due to COVID-19, but I'm hoping they will be relatively minor," said McCullough. "I'm optimistic that my experience will be special no matter the circumstances."

Study abroad providers have also been forced to adapt to COVID-19. Former Wabash President Greg Hess, now CEO of IES Abroad, explained that IES programs had very few students last year, leading to a 91% decline in revenue.

"We spent much of the last year re-organizing and figuring out how to run smarter," said Hess. "We are a very lean and super strong organization now, and we are back on a great trajectory."

Against this ever-changing study abroad landscape, Director of International Programs Amy Weir explained next steps for students interested in studying abroad but worried about COVID restrictions.

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Jerome Adams Visits Campus

"America's Doctor" Discusses Public Health and Racial Diversity with the Global Health Initiative



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Former Surgeon General Jerome Adams speaks about global health, racial diversity, and connecting economic incentives with public policy.



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Dr. Jerome Adams meets with the Global Health Initiative to discuss substance abuse policy and careers in public health.

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Weir recommended that students beginning their study abroad journeys should begin researching available programs. In addition to searching on their own, students can attend a number of study abroad fairs and info sessions on campus. This month, Weir will host an info session for summer off-campus study programs.

Events such as these help students determine their best program match -- a critical step in planning to study abroad during a pandemic.

“The biggest thing is figuring out which program is best for you -- and there’s several programs that will fit you well,” said Weir. She further explained that knowing early gives students an advantage applying for scholarships from their study abroad providers. Those deadlines can come pretty early.

The scholarship game has also changed during the pandemic. Weir explained that many providers now offer free airfare for students willing to study abroad in Spring 2022. Application fee waivers and other perks are also on the table.

Weir also explained that recent movements such as the Black Lives Matter movement have pushed providers to improve their scholarship opportunities for students

of color.

Those new scholarships seek to incentivize students to continue studying abroad despite COVID-19 limitations. One such limitation, according to Weir, is students’ ability to travel outside of their host country while they are abroad.

“Before the pandemic, people situated in Western Europe or parts of Southeast Asia could travel around -- go from one country to another. This semester, the ability to do that is still rather limited,” said Weir. “What I would try to emphasize is that this is study abroad, not travel abroad. So you need to pick a location that you really like for your study. Understand that it may be hard to travel. Focus on the study for now and think about the travel for later.”

Weir pointed to a new requirement for many study abroad programs: proof of vaccination. Though most study abroad providers already required vaccinations for other illnesses, many have recently added the COVID-19 vaccination to the list. Weir explained that around 50 percent of providers required a COVID-19 vaccination for Fall 2021. But that percentage has increased to around 80 percent of providers for Spring 2022.

Weir offered advice for freshmen and sophomores early in their study abroad planning: “The biggest



PHOTO/ KWAKU SARPONG '22

Kwaku Sarpong '22 develops his French language skills in Strasbourg, France.

thing that you can do is apply for your passport now,” said Weir. The State Department is backed up, and passport delays are common.

“We’ve already had a couple of students miss out on the opportunity to study abroad because they couldn’t get their passports. So if you can check the passport off your list, then

that’s one thing that could potentially be a hassle for you later that you can just take care of now.”

Students concerned about planning a semester abroad during an era of travel restrictions and uncertainty should take advice from Weir and the students currently abroad. The name of the game is adaptation.

Spotlight: Michael Reding '86



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Father Michael Reding '86 uses his sabbatical to reconnect with his Wabash roots. Reding is a priest in his hometown of Minneapolis.

JAKOB GOODWIN '23 | OPINION EDITOR • This August, as students returned to campus to reconnect with Wabash, one alum returned to campus with a similar goal. Father Michael Reding '86, pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Minneapolis, has returned to Wabash while on sabbatical from his diocese. In a letter to his parish, he told his parishioners that he received a grant from Lilly to “revisit the seedbeds of [his] own vocation” during his first sabbatical in 15 years. Father Reding became a priest in 1997, but his road to ordination began 15 years prior, as

a freshman here at Wabash.

In his time here as a student, Father Reding was the pledge educator of FIJI, a member of the Newman Center, and played in the Pep Band. He came to Wabash planning to be an Economics major with an area concentration in business, but like many Wabash students, those plans changed. Fr. Reding’s advisor, Emeritus Professor of Classics H’70, told him to do what he loved. That was Political Science. After a year at Durham University where he studied European politics, Greek and Roman civilizations, and

the origins of Christianity while living in the shadow of an 800-year-old cathedral, Father Mike returned and declared a Religion minor.

While Father Reding turned away from business in his studies, it was his first move after Wabash. He began working in marketing and government relations at a small alumni-owned rubber manufacturer. He helped them launch their IPO, but after just a few years, Father Reding was looking for another job. He then moved to an industry that he called “capitalism in the raw”: the scrap metal business. He became a broker for a metal trading company. He said that “there are people who thrive on that I think there are people for whom that is their vocation, but it became clear for me that it wasn’t.”

In 1992, while working for that metal trader, Father Mike felt the call to ministry. One morning, as he was praying, Father Mike literally heard a voice tell him, “It’s time for you to be a priest”, as if it had been predestined for him. He looks back on his time living in the shadow of a cathedral and it seems obvious that he was destined to be a priest.

He returned to Wabash to understand and reconnect with the things that led him to the ministry. In his grant application, Father Mike said that at Wabash, he discovered a passion for learning, a respect for religions as a field of intellectual inquiry, and he first came to know priests as human beings and brothers in faith. He learned the value of “thick community”, appreciated community, and began wrestling with the most important questions of life and meaning.

At Durham, Reding “studied in a theological library housed in a medieval monks’ dormitory” and “experienced the glory of Anglican evensong led by a traditional choir of men and boys.” Reding’s plans to return to Durham University for a few weeks before the semester at Wabash have been pushed to the spring by the UK’s COVID protocols that had limited him from travelling there.

In his sabbatical at Wabash, Father Mike is sitting in on a few classes within the religion department as well as Senior Colloquium. He has appreciated the lively debates, student participation, and the seriousness with which Wabash students are still taking classes more than 35 years after Reding graduated. He also noted the positive changes that have taken place in the 39 years since he first came to campus, particularly the more inclusive environment for gay students and those that don’t fit the traditionally masculine mold here at Wabash.

He has also appreciated the chance to sit in on classes with Dr. Baer and Dr. Bowen and hear the arguments about the basis of American religion and religious ethics. He’s gotten to interact in those classes and present arguments of his own on those issues. In Colloquium, while sitting to the side, he has appreciated the opportunity to read some of the most classic pieces of literature from Homer, Sophocles, Plato, and Aristotle and sit in on classes taught by professors from every department.

Father Reding relished in the energy that filled the campus over Homecoming Week. Some of his parishioners at home told him they went to Division I schools to reach that level of pride and energy at school. He appreciated that a school our size could recreate that passion without the numbers.

In his remaining time this semester, Father Reding is looking forward to seeing and meeting his fellow alumni, enjoying President Feller’s inauguration, and attending the Bell Game here. He is looking forward to the other weekends this fall and the chances to spend some time on campus resting.

Father Reding returned to Wabash this semester to rediscover the roots of his profession at the same time as current students are growing them. In the rancor of COVID and campus, Father Reding is getting a chance to rest at the place that started him down the road of ministry.

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OPINION

Healthcare Should be Free



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This is a response to Brandt Guthrie's opinion piece, "Healthcare Should Not Be Free."

I will start by saying healthcare is not a pair of sneakers. Healthcare is not a fashion item or a luxury. Every American has a God-given right to life. That is what this issue is about: life and death, and whether or not people in poverty truly have the right to life in America.

Guthrie starts his piece by asserting that America has the highest quality of medicine in the world. Oddly, he cites no source for this, but I will accept this as being true for the sake of argument. The quality of medicine in the United

States may be great, but only for those who can afford it. Unfortunately, many cannot. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) found that in 2020, around 31 million Americans were not insured. And the CBO expects that number to increase. According to the United States National Library of Medicine, more than 26,000 people die each year because of a lack of health insurance. For these people, the quality of medicine does not matter because they do not have access to it. So, while the well-off and privileged in America enjoy the "highest quality of medicine in the world," the poor suffer and die because they are not rich enough to get the help they need.

Guthrie continues by arguing that free healthcare is not actually free because Americans would be paying through taxes. To keep this simple, I will acknowledge that free healthcare would likely mean a rise in taxes. However, a burden shared by the American people will ensure that no individual suffers because they cannot afford not to. In a 2017 survey, Bankrate.com – a consumer financial services company based in New York – found that the majority of Americans (59%) do not have enough available cash to pay for a \$1,000 emergency room bill. As the New York Times reported, these

Americans are "one medical emergency from financial ruin." The government must protect its people, and people are dying because they cannot afford healthcare. If higher taxes are needed to protect these people, then so be it. We have a right to life, and we must do what is necessary to ensure that right is honored for every individual regardless of their wealth.

In arguing the United States' healthcare's superiority over others, Guthrie uses an example of him having appendicitis and waiting 4-6 weeks in Canada before being seen. By then, he says, he would have either died or recovered naturally. He conveniently ignores that the result could be even direr for those in America who could not afford the help they need. There would be no wait because there would be no potential for treatment or help. They would be on their own because they could not afford to see a doctor. In March of 2020, CNBC reported, "22% of Americans say they have steered clear of some sort of medical care — including doctor visits, medications, vaccinations, annual exams, screenings, vision checks and routine blood work — because of the expense." Americans do not have to go to Canada not to have access to adequate and

timely healthcare; they just have to be poor.

For these people in poverty, Guthrie generously proposes three years of free health insurance. After three years, he says, "they should have the means necessary or private insurance from a job to ensure they can pay for medical bills." These are the words of a privileged man who has likely never experienced poverty and has no basic understanding of how American systems work to keep people in poverty. In suggesting the poor should only be provided three years of free healthcare, he ignores the fact that the people who cannot escape poverty are the people who need free healthcare the most. Those in poverty are the most vulnerable in the nation, and they need help more than anybody. So, to put a time limit on how long the poor are allowed to be healthy is neither humane nor logical.

It is easy for people in positions of privilege to disregard the humanity of those in poverty. It is clear that for many, life only matters when it is neither Black, Brown, or poor. We must do and be better. Healthcare should be free so that every American enjoys the right to life regardless of their socioeconomic status.

Traditions are Changing: What Do We Do About It?



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With 188 years of great history, Wabash College has had a lot of traditions and customs, such as Chapel Sing or "do not pass under the arch." Although some are forgotten and some are left out, no one can deny that these traditions make Wabash. Without traditions, Wabash would be one of many ordinary colleges around the nation — except for being one of three all-male colleges in the United States. Imagine Wabash not doing Chapel Sing or Floats. Imagine

Wabash not challenging DePauw for the Monon Bell. It is evident that these traditions make Wabash the College that it is.

As a sophomore who has not yet experienced a typical year at Wabash, I have only heard stories about most of the traditions and customs; I do not yet know whether they are true or not. However, having listened to those stories again and again, I even had deluded myself that I had experienced and knew those. Also, through that, I had had a firm belief that the Wabash community would continue these traditions and customs forever as they had been. I cannot imagine that some traditions and customs, such as Chapel Sing or Chapel Talk, can be forgotten at Wabash. However, my illusions were shattered in just the first week of my sophomore year.

As normal, the first week of the fall semester was a rush week. Traditionally, or at least in the last few years, the Greek to Independent population at Wabash College is 60 to 40. Sometimes it was 65 to 35,

but in any case, it was a general tendency that more freshmen decided to join fraternities rather than to be independents. Therefore, I expected that at least half of the freshman class would join fraternities. However, when I heard that only 30 to 40 percent of students joined Greek Life this year, I was shocked. This year was a totally different year. More freshmen decided to stay as independents, and only a handful of freshmen joined Greek Life. I do not know why this has happened, but it is obvious that the Class of 2025 is quite different from other classes that Wabash has had. Then, does the Wabash community just have to accept it? Or should it try to recommend Greek Life to students like as it did before?

There have always been conflicts between new and old in any society — Wabash is not an exception. We, members of the Wabash community, live in traditions. However, it is hard to notice that those traditions and customs are constantly changing-at least I do. I have believed that those traditions and customs would continue

forever or be changed decades later at Wabash, but I was utterly wrong. First, I did not understand this situation, but I realized that Wabash is also a changing community, like any other community; Traditions and customs that have been kept for tens of years can be gone soon.

Not only the Greek-to-Independent ratio but also many other traditions and customs will be changed in the foreseeable future as the world is changing rapidly. The 21st century is really different from the 19th or 20th centuries. We now have different social norms, and it is not very hard to estimate that future students will not meet Wabash's "expectations." In any case, it is evident that Wabash College will face something that it has not yet experienced. Then, how should we take this? Do we have to accept these changes or try to keep our traditions and customs? It is always hard to determine, and there is no answer. But I believe, ultimately, it will be up to the members of Wabash College community.

We Need to be Serious About Mental Health



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More than 150 million men reside in the United States. 6 million of those men will struggle with depression. The 7th leading cause of death for these men is death by suicide. When grouping adult men and women together, data reveals that out of 5 people, 1 person will face challenges with mental health. The data that I have cited was published by Mental Health America. By doing a quick Google search of "male mental health facts," it is clear that the United States of America is facing a mental health epidemic. As a Wabash Man does, I questioned how it was possible that a health crisis so severe was not being discussed every hour by media outlets. Is it possible that the American public overlooks mental health challenges because they are not visible to others, or do we fail to recognize the severity of mental health challenges

because it is still a topic that we fear will place an immediate label on us if we admit that we too struggle with mental health challenges?

Both factors that I have mentioned are large contributors to the lack of news coverage that mental health receives. Although Fox News and CNN are not covering the nation's mental health epidemic, we have the opportunity to bring mental health into our daily conversations. If we all started discussing our own challenges, these conversations would become as normal as discussing the common cold or even the effects that COVID-19 has had on ourselves and loved ones. However, starting that conversation about mental health is easier said than done. The fear of labels, negative thoughts, and the worry of what others may think of us restricts our ability to openly discuss mental health. Unlike most other health challenges, society has developed a stigma that projects a message that individuals struggling with mental health cannot be productive, successful, or even "normal". Though this stigma is obviously false, society still fails to recognize that mental health challenges can happen to anyone.

As most of society continues to turn a blind eye to the mental health epidemic, the stigma continues to prevent conversation from happening, even on a smaller and local level like

Wabash College. For years, I have told people that the only way to normalize mental health is to unashamedly share your story and work to combat mental health stigma. But for years, I lived as a hypocrite by telling others that they should share their story, while continuing to hide my own struggles with mental health. I have hidden much of the truth because I was afraid people would judge me and doubt my ability to succeed. I have shared snippets of my struggles, but never have I admitted that even today I still have moments of struggle.

While growing up with a dad who was a police officer had many perks, it too had many downsides. At a young age, I was exposed to the darkest parts of the world, from death, domestic violence, sexual violence, to pure evil. I've seen it all. What I saw brought hatred for life and the world. The pain made me want to end it all. I know what it feels like to feel lost, hopeless, and depressed. For years, I contemplated ending the suffering and taking my own life. Today, those thoughts of suicide are gone, but I replaced them with negative ways to hide my pain. Working upwards of 15+ hours a day, pushing people out of my life to avoid hurt, and hiding my pain was what drug me through life. Surviving by hiding my true self and emotions were not the answer, and I hope that no one ever resorts to it. Although I have

since learned that there are healthier alternatives and ways to address my mental health challenges, it would have never been possible if I continued to allow the stigma to prevent me from seeking help. I almost allowed my fear of people judging me or viewing me as incompetent to lead as the Student Body President stop me from seeking help. If it were not for loved ones and Wabash's own Jamie Douglas, I would still be masking the pain through negative coping.

I share my story today not for your sympathy or praise. I share it because someone out in the world, or even someone at Wabash College, needs to hear that their struggles do not define who they are as a person. Mental health struggles do not waiver your ability to succeed, find peace, and live a life of happiness. Recovery is possible. If you are like me and have or continue to struggle with mental health, there is hope. Recovery is possible. Never be afraid to ask for help. You are not alone. Remind others that they too are not alone and be open to having these conversations. Discussing our mental health may be difficult now, but if we join together as a Wabash Brotherhood, one day the stigma of mental health will not stop us from making mental health a normal conversation. I encourage you all to check on your Wabash Brothers, show love, and never be judgmental.

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Plans for La Alianza During Hispanic Heritage Month



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Last semester, La Alianza hosted a celebration of Cinco de Mayo on the Mall. This year, La Alianza hosted an event outside of Lambda Chi Alpha and Phi Delta Theta to celebrate the start of Hispanic Heritage Month.

WILLIAM GRENNON '24 | CAVELIFE EDITOR • Wednesday, September 15th, marked the start of this year's Hispanic Heritage Month. The nationally-recognized month acknowledges the contributions and influence of Hispanic Americans on the history, culture, and accomplishments of the United States. Starting on the anniversary of independence for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua, the month stretches until October 15th. Originally instated as a week of recognition by President Lyndon Johnson in 1968, and expanded to a month by President Ronald Reagan in 1988, Hispanic Heritage Month honors and celebrates an important legacy in American history. The visibility and platform Hispanic Heritage Month provide paves the way for organizations like La Alianza to affect change.

At Wabash, the newly renewed La Alianza continues to work in honoring those legacies. Formally called Unidos Por Sangre, La Alianza is the Latino Student Cultural Organization on campus. Through social events, networking opportunities, and educational forums, La Alianza aims to create a space for Latino students to succeed at Wabash and after graduation. Additionally, the

organization hopes to introduce the Wabash community to the distinct cultures of their members. The efforts taken by student leaders in reestablishing La Alianza provide both Latino and non-Latino students a chance to share and enjoy a variety of cultures and traditions.

Jonathan Silva '24 is the current president of La Alianza. He stresses the importance of creating community, being visible both on campus and in the Crawfordsville area.

"The whole idea behind La Alianza is to show Wabash and Crawfordsville just how strong the Hispanic Voice is, how with organization and discipline we can achieve a lot of things together," said Silva. "However, La Alianza is also a place where hermanos can learn more about their heritage and culture."

Silva described the importance of creating a system of support and brotherhood within the club.

"We want to make guys that are from Texas, Mexico, Chicago, or Nicaragua feel more at home," said Silva. "We also want to talk about things that matter and affect us directly as Latinos. We want to create both a safe and brave space where hermanos can talk about the things we have experienced at Wabash and in Crawfordsville."

To celebrate the start of Hispanic Heritage Month, La Alianza organized and hosted a free taco lunch, bringing students together to enjoy some traditional Mexican cuisine. Last semester their Cinco de Mayo celebration brought students together on a reading day to partake in all kinds of festivities. Their event featured tacos and food, a piñata, and even a Loteria drawing. La Alianza brought a taste of Mexico to campus. Cinco de Mayo commemorates Mexico's victory over the French Empire at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. Today, Cinco de Mayo provides an opportunity to celebrate Mexican identity, encourage ethnic consciousness, and build solidarity within communities.

While La Alianza has continued to look outward and has positively impacted the Wabash and Crawfordsville community, Silva maintains that the club is first and foremost for its members.

"I think the main difference of experiences between Hispanic/Latinos and white students is language," said Silva. "Most Hispanics/Latinos have a deep connection with their Spanish language, is the way they communicate with their parents, el jefa y la jefa, our siblings, our cousins, our family."

The Spanish language is central to the Hispanic identity and shared

experience. Despite coming from distinct cultures and places, a shared language is the tie that groups them. While often differing in dialect and accents, Spanish is the third most commonly spoken language across the world.

Benjamin Sampsell '24, La Alianza's Vice President, described his own experience in having a place to use his first language.

"Being able to speak fluent Spanish with my brothers is a very meaningful part of our organization. Every member of this club comes from very different backgrounds that represent the immense diversity of the Latino and Hispanic communities," said Sampsell. "This diversity is what makes our language so important. It is one of the things we all share. It unifies us and brings us closer to our heritage, underlining the importance of a shared space for Latinos at Wabash."

While Hispanic Heritage Month will come to an end on October 15th, the work of La Alianza continues to push Wabash towards a more inclusive and welcoming place that celebrates different backgrounds. In hosting events that share a piece of their cultures and heritage, La Alianza perseveres in expanding the legacy of those commemorated this month on a more personal and individual scale.

Detchon Hosts Study Abroad Fair



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This fall's Off-Campus Study Abroad Fair allowed for students to meet with individuals representing over a dozen worldwide institutions.



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Jonathan Silva '24 pictured with Professor Warner and Professor Pouille. Students hope to take advantage of a "normal" study abroad experience in the near future.

Cast and Crew of *The Amateurs* Set Sights for Opening Night

ZACH ALVARADO '23 | STAFF WRITER • Taking place during the medieval period, the upcoming theatre production *The Amateurs* is a dark comedy. With a cast of seven, the play follows the adventures of a theatre troupe who are running across Europe from the bubonic plague. Despite the darkness that surrounds them at every turn of the corner, the theatre troop is still able to find some humor and laugh amidst the darkness. As the troupe struggles to survive they learn about themselves and each other in this telling tale about history.

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The playwright Jordan Harrison wrote the play in response to the AIDS epidemic that ravaged the queer community in the 1980's which the audience will see shadows of during the show. Figuring out what can be gained and learned from such a dark time is a question that the play asks its audience and only those that come to view the story being told will be able to find the answer.

The play's director, Michael Abbott, has been with Wabash college since 1994 and had many years of experience before arriving at our college. Having

lost count around one hundred please be reassured that he has directed many plays so trust that he will give us a good show.

In regards to the actors themselves, many are new to the Wabash theatre scene but not new to the stage. Among the cast is Youran (Sebastian) Wang '22 who has become one of the most experienced and talented actors on the Wabash stage. The play features five Wabash students and two members of our community. No setbacks have hit the cast but each of them must be diligent about their health as there are

no replacements for their roles. While this makes the stakes a little higher it also heightens the importance of each role which you will be able to see in their performance.

The Amateurs takes place on October 6th, 7th, and 9th at 8PM and on October 10th at 2PM. Many chances are available to view the play so please put it in your schedule. The director is very experienced, the actors are extremely talented, and the play will be entertaining for all of us. Come and laugh, reflect on the past, and learn about the present in this dark comedy.

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Letter to the Editor: Tim Padgett '84



In the winter of 1984, the late Wabash professors Don Herring and Eric Dean asked me and a group of other seniors to create a campus humanities journal. They probably reasoned it would give us something to do that semester between blowing off classes and happy hour at Tommy's.

After a couple free lunches we agreed to do it – and the thing didn't turn out half bad. It included an incisive commentary on the humanities and nuclear arms (which we worried about a lot back then); a novel look at race relations in the classical world; a smart assessment of the

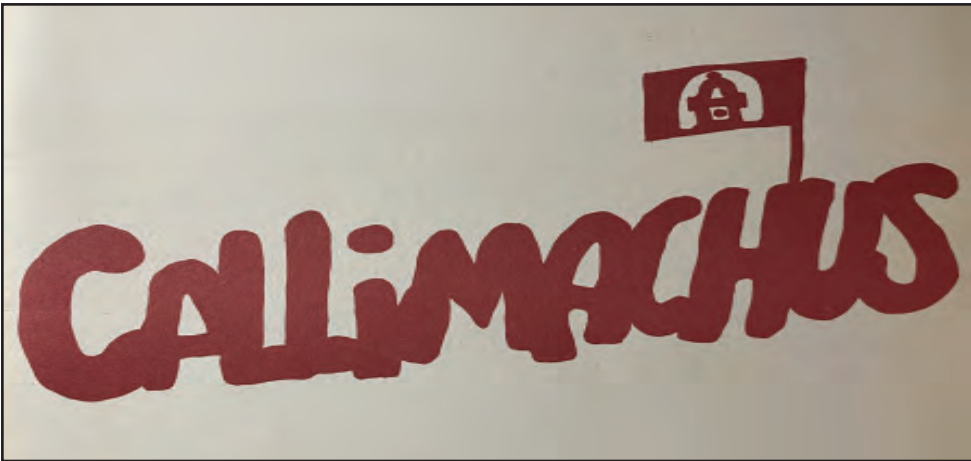
modern compositions of Wabash music professor Fred Enenbach (who had died just a few months before); and cogent criticism of Wabash theater-goers by your very own theater prof Michael Abbot '84. (Yes, he's that old.)

We called it Callimachus, after the ancient Greek poet and pedant, because he exemplified the robust arts and humanities discussion we wanted the journal to foster (and because we'd found out our original namesake, iconic American poet and not-so-iconic Wabash professor Ezra Pound, was a raging anti-Semite).

It was more than gratifying to see Callimachus take off and grow after we graduated – and we hoped that it, like *The Bachelor*, would become a lasting campus fixture. Unfortunately, I'm told, it ceased publication a few years ago.

But I didn't give up several happy hours at Tommy's to give up Callimachus' ghost just yet. So I'm making a Callimachus callout to any students who'd like to revive the journal. I don't have to tell you this sort of enterprising work brightens a résumé; and I'm willing to offer any alumni assistance I can, including help with the preparation of a funding pitch to the Student Senate. And maybe a couple free lunches.

If you're interested, please contact me at timpadgett62@gmail.com



COURTESY OF TIM PADGETT '84

Callimachus gives Wabash students the opportunity to publish a humanities journal.

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Team of the Month

The Bachelor Presents September's 'Team of the Month'

Liam Thompson '23



BLAKE LARGENT '22 | SPORTS EDITOR • LIAM THOMPSON '23: Wabash football is currently 3-0, and Thompson has produced elite numbers in that time. In the season opener against Rose-Hulman, Thompson posted career bests in passings yards and rushing yards. He finished the game 19/31 for 340 yards and three touchdowns while rushing 10 times for 87 yards and another touchdown.

In total, Thompson is leading the Little Giants to another promising season. Wabash is expected to repeat as conference champions with Thompson at the helm. He is currently averaging 285 yards and three touchdowns per game on a 61.2% completion percentage. Thompson's exceptional rushing attack remains as well, in which he is averaging over 10 carries for 43 yards per game. His dynamic abilities have him in the conversation as one of the best quarterbacks (and players) across Division III football. Thompson will look to uphold this momentum as Wabash continues its path through the NCAC schedule.

Coledon Johnson '23



COLEDON JOHNSON '23: Wabash soccer jumped out to a 7-2-1 start in September. This includes a six-game winning streak from September 10-22. During the month, the team outscored its opponents 28-13. At the forefront of this electrifying offense is Johnson. He led the team in goals throughout September, scoring eight times with 31 shots, including 16 shots on goal. He also had multiple goals in two separate games. Johnson has been one of the team's most efficient passers as well, collecting four assists thus far.

"I think Coledon's done a great job of listening to his role and how to best be a good teammate" Head Coach Chris Keller said. "He scored a lot of goals early and a lot of goals in key moments. [...] [The last three or four games of September] he was on everybody's scouting reports because of his stats. But he's turned into a provider; he's already almost leading the team in assists. Because all the attention is coming to him, he's been finding ways to facilitate his teammates to score goals. He's been great this season."

Adam Berg '22



ADAM BERG '22: Berg is one of the biggest pieces on this year's soccer team. Playing primarily as a defensive midfielder, he does not have the statistics of Johnson; Berg has scored just once this season. Yet, Berg is one of the most highly respected players on the team. His presence on the field is felt through his many intangibles.

"Adam's a captain," Keller said. "To be a captain for this program, it takes a special person. Someone who's confident, mature, responsible. Adam brings that to the table every day. He's passionate, he's in your face when he needs to be. But he also knows when not to be. I think that his IQ is very high and his social ability to read situations is very strong. I think that he's been a fantastic captain for this team. He's one of the better captains I've had."

"I think Adam, his energy, his fitness, his desire, it makes us feel like there's two of him in there," Keller continued. "His ability to understand the energy needed for different positions has been really valuable."

HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

AZUL ORBS?

Lo-Five to the post-Homecoming blues. Homecoming weekend was a treat, but last weekend? Where did everyone go?

GOT MILK?

Lo-Five to the Colts and the Pacers for being wholly unable to stay healthy during the season. We would be willing to trade away DePauw for some healthy bones in this state.

A NICE WAY TO FINISH THE SEASON

Hi-Five to the Cubs for their season finally coming to a close. Although they are not in the playoff race, here is to hoping they lose three of their last four games.

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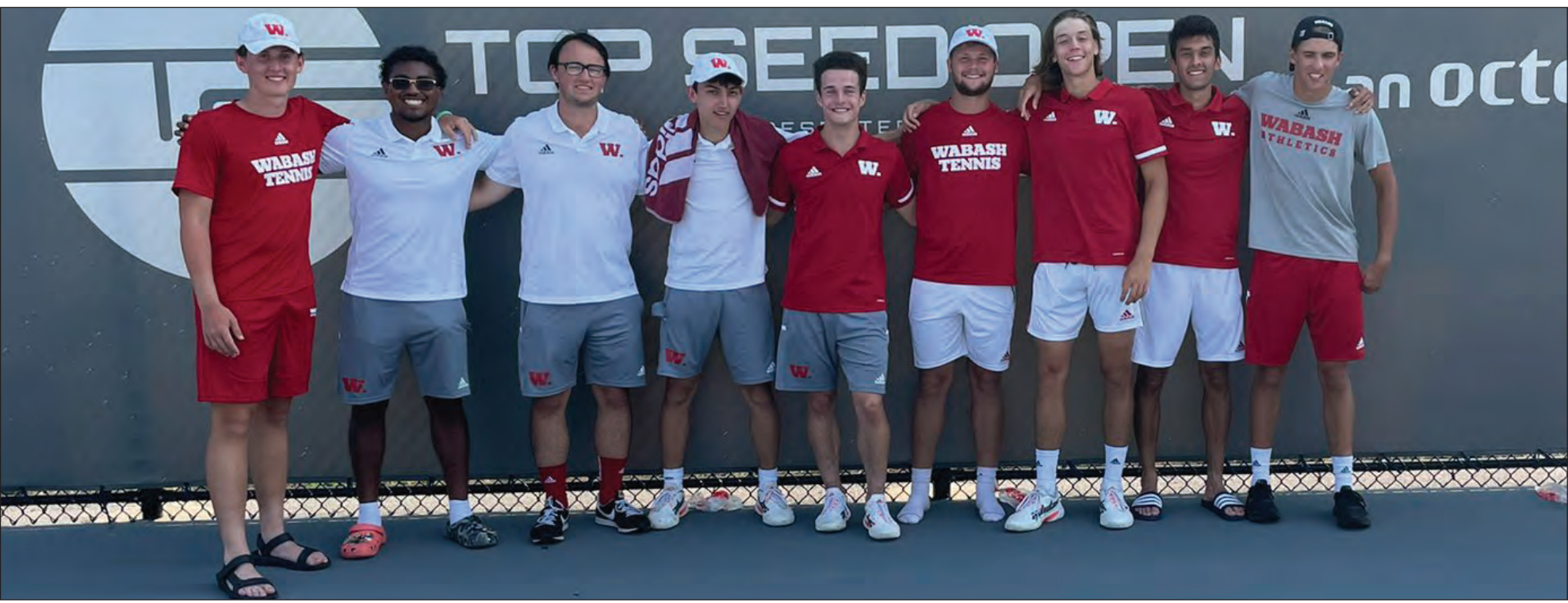
Hi-Five to the Student Senate for reaching quorum on Monday night, despite a two-hour delay following Dr. Jerome Adams' talk. Wabash always waits.

DELTS STRIKE BACK

Hi-Five to the "Aim Here" sign above Baxter's urinals. Way to go, Deltas. First the sinks, now the walls.

Tennis Travels to ITAs

Wabash Competing in First Scoring Event of Season: ITA Central Regional



COURTESY OF WABASH TENNIS

The tennis team poses for a photo. The Little Giants will compete in their first scoring event of 2021 when it travels to Kalamazoo, Michigan for the ITA Central Region Tournament. The team hosted the Wabash College Hidden Duals on September 11-12, which was an unscored event between Wabash, Hanover, and Illinois Wesleyan.



COURTESY OF DONNA ZIMMERMAN

Reese Long '24 jumps for a hit during a match. Wabash bounced back in the Hidden Duals Tournament after a shaky performance in its morning matches.



DAKOTA BAKER '22 / PHOTO

Cole Borden '24 looks onward after hitting to the opponent. The Little Giants enter the ITAs looking to gain experience in bigger competitions for its younger core.

Golf Hosts Wabash Inv.

Little Giants Aim for Win in Home Invitational, Look to Build on Opener



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Brayden Weiss '24 walks the course. Weiss tied with teammate Matt Lesniak '25 for 12th place individually at the Hanover Invite, helping the team to finish 7th place.



BRENT HARRIS H'03 / PHOTO

Head Coach Josh Hill speaks to members of the team. Hill will look to improve upon the team's performance after a solid season opener.

Football Looks to Improve

Wabash Brings 3-0 Record into Conference Clash at Denison



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After a tough road test against Denison tomorrow, the Little Giants start a two-game homestretch against Oberlin College and The College of Wooster.

JAKOB GOODWIN '23 | STAFF WRITER • The Wabash (3-0, 2-0 NCAC) football team had a bye this week, but that doesn't mean the action stopped. The Little Giants had a normal week of practice in preparation for this week's game against conference rival Denison (3-1, 3-0). The Big Red enter tomorrow's contest coming off of a comeback win over Wittenberg (1-2, 1-1 NCAC), 21-16. Wabash has had an inconsistent start to the season, but the Little Giants will look to get back on track this Saturday against the Big Red in Granville, Ohio.

This week served as a chance for Wabash to recuperate after an injury-ridden opening to the season. Right Guard Nathan Pairitz '23 said that the team has gotten healthier and that the team was back and ready to play. This has also served as a chance to prepare for a Denison team that averages 350 yards per game on offense and

holds its opponents under 275 yards per game on average. Pairitz and QB Karson Goodman '23 said that the team sees this game as for the conference championship. "Losing isn't an option, and everyone's intensity reflects that," Pairitz said.

Moving to tomorrow's opponent, Denison fought a battle against Wittenberg. The Tigers scored 16 points within the first 10 minutes against the Big Red. Denison shut them out the remainder of the game. The second quarter saw the duo of Mack Marston and Drew Dawkins connect for two passing touchdowns for the Big Red, bringing them to a 14-16 score at half. With 10 minutes left, Denison ran for a score to win the game. The Big Red got it done on the ground with 230 yards rushing while converting on 4/5 fourth downs. Wittenberg, who Wabash plays the week before the Bell Game, moves on to conference-leading

Ohio Wesleyan (4-0, 3-0 NCAC) this week. In other conference action, Hiram (1-2, 0-2 NCAC) travels to Greencastle to take on the Dannies (2-1, 2-0 NCAC). Allegheny (1-3, 0-3 NCAC) hosts Kenyon (1-3, 1-2) in Meadville, Pennsylvania and Oberlin (0-4, 0-3 NCAC) looks for its first win of the season against Wooster (2-2, 1-2 NCAC).

The Little Giants have had a strong open to the season, beginning 3-0 against Rose Hulman, Hiram, and Allegheny. Quarterback Liam Thompson '23 has thrown for more than 850 yards and 10 touchdowns throughout the first three games and rushed for another 129 with two touchdowns to add. Donovan Snyder '24 is averaging more than five yards per carry 361 yards through three games and Cade Campbell '24 has 111 yards on 25 carries with a TD. Wide receiver Cooper Sullivan '23 leads the

team in receiving with 143 yards on nine catches. TE Jackson Clayborne '22 has 134 yards on 9 catches and two touchdowns while Heisman Skeens '23 has been Thompson's third main target with 129 yards on 4 catches. The defense has been less impressive, giving up more than 370 yards and 21 points per game through the opening third of the regular season. If the defense can make the Denison Big Red look like Hiram and not Allegheny, Wabash will be in a good spot to win this weekend.

Wabash had this week off to prepare for the remainder of the season and they took advantage of it. Injured players got healthy and the team refocused its gameplan. The end goal is bringing the Monon Bell and another NCAC championship home to Crawfordsville. They begin the next part of that journey tomorrow against Denison at 3 p.m. in Granville, Ohio.

Soccer Draws vs. Wooster

Six-Game Win Streak Ends, Little Giants Look Ahead to Hiram Matchup

BEN BULLOCK '23 | STAFF WRITER • For the Wabash soccer team, last Saturday's match at Wooster (6-3-1) will not be one that lives long in memory. Level after 90 minutes, two periods of overtime could not separate the sides as they each pushed for an opening-day conference victory. The Little Giants (7-2-1, 0-0-1) will have to dig deeper in their home game against the Terriers of Hiram (2-5-2) tomorrow if they wish to emulate the success of their earlier matches.

The opening phases of the Wooster game were scrappy. With first-choice goalkeeper Michael Bertram '23 injured and Henry Giesel '25 out with illness, Wabash fielded Andrew Dever '25 for his fourth appearance of the year. After an eventless first 20 minutes, the Fighting Scots had the first real chance of the game, but the shot came straight down the middle and into the palms of the Texan custodian.

Despite having had no shots on goal to this point, Wabash opened the scoring at 28 minutes with an attempt from the penalty spot. Mitchell Keeling '23 stepped up and calmly tucked the ball away to make the score 1-0. The junior from North Salem now has scored three goals in his last three games, two of which have been from the 12-yard mark, and is quickly establishing himself as a danger-man going forward.

"It always feels nice to help the team by scoring goals," said Keeling. "As forwards that is our primary job. Historically Wabash has been known for its defensive qualities, but a goal of ours this year was to put more balls in the back of the net."

The Little Giants have certainly lived up to that expectation thus far. Wabash came into the game at Wooster having scored 17 goals in their last five games. However, following Keeling's penalty, the team struggled to break down the Fighting Scots' solid defensive line. Not helped by Wooster's grass playing surface, the Wabash offense looked very out of character and only managed to pull off four shots on goal throughout the entire game.

"We're used to playing on turf," explained Assistant Coach Alister Newby. "Grass just makes it a bit of a different game. It makes the game a little bit slower, so we made sure we told the guys to put a little bit more purchase on their passes and to make sure they get the ball where it needs to get to. We tried to emphasize playing the ball at a good pace to move about the way we do on the turf here."

The second half was not a particularly riveting affair for either side, but Wabash held onto their one goal lead well into the period. However, at 87 minutes, goalkeeper Dever committed a foul in the area and the referee awarded Wooster a penalty kick. Max Hill stepped up and levelled the score 1-1 to take the game to overtime.

The game required two additional periods, but even this could not break the deadlock. Wooster had the best chance to win the game when, with one minute left to play, Dever made up for his earlier mistake by pushing away a goal-bound shot, his sixth save of the match. Of course, a soccer match anywhere else in the world would at this stage have gone to a penalty shootout, but instead the Little Giants were forced to settle for a tie on their record, the final score 1-1.

Wabash now looks ahead to tomorrow's home game against Hiram. The Terriers are having a rough year; they have won just two of their nine games this far, including a 1-2 defeat at the hands of Wittenberg in their conference opener. Nevertheless, the Little Giants cannot take anything for granted, especially as the illness sweeping campus continues to hamper the team.

"No game in the NCAC is easy, so Saturday is a must win game for us," said Keeling. "Hiram will be an intense, physical team, so it's necessary that we out-compete them from the first minute. With a handful of guys out with injury and sickness, it will be key that we all step up and play confidently."

Newby also hopes that his side can get back to the prolific goal-scoring form of previous games. "We'd like to



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Austin Hughes '23 passes the ball against Grinnell. Hughes has become a major part of the Wabash offense and won NCAC Player of the Week on September 20.

get back to scoring some more goals and taking some more opportunities. The first conference home game is always a special one, so we're hoping to start out by keeping a clean sheet, getting some goals on the board,

and really have it as our staple first conference win."

Tomorrow's game kicks off at 1 p.m. on Fischer Field and promises to be an intense contest, so come out and show your support for the Little Giants.