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# 28th Annual Moot Court Finals Return In-Person



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*This year's group of finalists yet again left the judges appreciative of being part of Wabash's Moot Court competition. Joshua Minker '85 when speaking on the group stated, "Your level of preparation was amazing ... and for College students it is impressive your ability to do things not even some practicing practioners are able to do."*

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• In what continues to be a staple on the Wabash calendar each year, the 28th annual Moot Court competition wrapped up this Wednesday with Cooper Smith '23 overcoming the three-round, week-long endeavor and securing Top Advocate. This is Smith's second time taking home top honors during his time at the College.

"After last semester's virtual Moot Court, it was amazing to be back in person," said Smith. "For me, Moot Court means diving headfirst into a fascinating problem and figuring out how to make sense of it."

The Wabash tradition saw a final with one senior, three juniors, and a freshman in the alternate spot, highlighting how anyone can succeed and stand out regardless of class year or post-Wabash aspirations. Although Professor of Rhetoric and Acting Dean of the College Todd McDorman did not run operations this year, his admiration and investment into the competition do not wane. "I enjoyed watching [the competition] from a different perspective," said McDorman. "I greatly appreciate the work the students put in and everything that went into running another great competition."

As McDorman touches on, this event for those who have done it before and those who are involved yearly offer new insights and areas of Moot Court that make it the storied event it has become at the College.

As we see each year, students are thrown into the fire right away in the

preliminary rounds. The first round had 30 individuals begin the journey to becoming the next Moot Court winner, with only 12 individuals making it to the second round held on Monday. In the semifinals, students argued before a new panel of judges, including Indiana Solicitor General Tom Fisher '91.

Like every year, the competition ends with four remaining students vying for top honors. This year's finalists included Cooper Smith '23, Jakob Goodwin '23, Vasilios Antonopoulos '22, and Andrew Hollingsworth '23, making up the esteemed group of Wabash men. Smith, now a three-year finalist, and Goodwin are returning finalists, with Antonopoulos and Hollingsworth making it to the finals for the first time.

The US Supreme Court heard oral argument for the actual version of this semester's case last month. The case arose out of the trial for the Boston Marathon bomber, and at its core, it asks what a "fair trial" means in the social media age. Antonopoulos and Smith argued on behalf of the US government, and Hollingsworth and Goodwin argued on behalf of the defendant.

For the Finals, the Chief Justice was Christopher M. Goff, a Justice for the Indiana Supreme Court since 2017. The other three Justices included Robert R. Altice Jr., who has served on the Indiana Court of Appeals since 2015; Joshua "Josh" Minkler '85, a partner at the Indianapolis law firm Barnes & Thornburg; and Dr. Shamira Gelbman, Daniel F. Evans Associate Professor in



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*Pictured are the four judges residing over this year's final. After a delayed, virtual Moot Court competition last spring, the event returned to in-person with the Finals held in Ball Theater.*

the Social Sciences and Chair of the Political Science Department.

The competition's finalists annually argue in front of a panel of judges, featuring an alumnus attorney, a professor, and two at-large real-life judges.

Over Zoom or housed at the Fine Arts Center's Ball Theater, the competition's significance for participants, organizers, and the whole Wabash

community is not taken for granted. "Whether online like last year or wholly in-person like this year, Moot Court has provided an invaluable opportunity and experience to prepare for the practice of law," said Goodwin.

"Moot Court has been one of the highlights of my Wabash career. It's helping me learn to think on my feet and advocate for causes I care about," said Smith.

## A Message from the Editor-in-Chief

Moot Court and 9 of the last 16 finalists of the competition have in common? Going to law school would probably be a good guess (thinking about it, I would not be surprised).

Editors or prominent writers for *The Bachelor*.

I will preface now, I am not writing a prolonged self-boast on *The Bachelor* or anything like that. Instead, trying to understand this point in my Wabash career and speak on the relevance and significance of two things consequential during my time at the College - Moot Court and *The Bachelor*.

The memories of my time or connection to both are not often filled with moments focused on me or about me. It is the people and friends I have made over the years as an Editor, now Editor-in-Chief. Or as an invested onlooker, which includes some of the more educational, smile-inducing, and many of my all-nighters during my Wabash career.

Looking back, I cannot help but think of Jake Vermeulen '21, a former Editor-in-Chief and four-time finalist (Spring 2021 Winner), and how his mentorship and friendship has and will continue to be integral to my last few months at Wabash and what comes

next. I can also point to Cooper Smith '23 (News Editor and 2x Winner of Moot Court) and Jakob Goodwin '23 (Opinion Editor and 2x Moot Court Finalist). And how I have been able to see their growth while also appreciating the relationships I have made with them. These three students are only a few of many during my time here that inspire my own growth, but they are prime examples of what *The Bachelor* and Moot Court offer Wabash students.

Wabash is predicated on forging leaders of industry and innovators for the future needs and insights in our world. For me, finding yourself involved in either or both is a great place to start to ensure future success.

For current students, think of Wabash alumni you may not know but have at least heard of because they are "notable" alumni. I have a pretty good feeling that these men during their time at the College participated (post-1995, of course) in Moot Court or had some connection to *The Bachelor*. I do not think that is by accident.

Whether it is daily through *The Bachelor* or on an annual basis with the Moot Court competition, I feel lucky and more confident in what is ahead through those experiences.



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*Wabash's Moot Court competition originated in 1995 with 10 students.*

Especially with the students and faculty that are part of that journey with me.

These two things do not require any specific major, background, class year, or anything to do. Even then, they are two of the more rewarding, inspiring hallmarks of what makes Wabash the place it has been

and what it will be for students in future generations.

I encourage and highlight being part of *The Bachelor* and Moot Court not just because they are important to me but because of the value and lessons that can be gained along the way.



# “Shut up and Listen” – Scott Bye ‘19



JAKE PAIGE '23 / PHOTO  
Scott Bye discusses the lessons he learned at Wabash, including knowing when to just “Shut up and listen.”



JAKE PAIGE '23 / PHOTO  
Bye describes returning to Wabash as “humbling.” He references the Wabash role models that shaped him.

## “You’re Okay”: LGBTQ+ Visibility on Campus



JAKE PAIGE '23 / PHOTO  
‘shOUT organizes events aimed at LGBTQ+ inclusion and visibility. The college mall is lined with Pride Flags to show solidarity with LGBTQ+ Wabash men.

BENJAMIN BULLOCK '23 | STAFF WRITER • “I don’t do facts, I do emotion,” said James Love III '22 as he, with rainbow fan in hand, took to the podium at ‘shOUT’s Chapel Talk last month. “I’m here to just tell you: you’re still you. You’re okay.”

October is LGBTQ+ History Month, and ‘shOUT, Wabash’s gay-straight alliance, has taken the opportunity to organize a series of events that highlight queer culture and history. But more than this, the group has sought to remind Wabash scholars that we are all connected, even on a campus of all-male students,

to people who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer.

At the end of September, ‘shOUT began their celebrations with the first ever Chapel Talk dedicated to queer history and identity at Wabash. Alumnus Joe Mount '15, director of development at Indiana Youth Group, spoke first and gave a brief overview of some key moments in queer history. He then handed the floor over to three current students: Love, who gave a personal account of coming out; Zachariah Alvarado '23, who spoke on the importance of recognizing LGBTQ+ identities; and

Joseph Julian '22, who talked about finding one’s self and community.

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-Elijah Weddington '22

“There are indeed many times in life it becomes necessary to adjust to a new set of circumstances, whether it’s enrolling in a college or university, starting a new profession, becoming part of your boyfriend or girlfriend’s family, or moving to a new town,” said Julian, a senior from Mount Vernon, IN. “This is also the experience many of us share when we come out as LGBTQ. I would not be standing here speaking about myself if it weren’t for finding a family, a chosen family, to support me in my journey.”

All four speakers spoke wonderfully to the need for greater queer representation on Wabash’s campus. Speaking after the Chapel Talk, Dr. Elan Pavlinich, Assistant Professor of English and new faculty advisor to ‘shOUT, said that “representation shows that we all intersect with the LGBTQ community in some way. Statistically, we’ve all encountered someone [who is LGBTQ+], so if it’s not you and you can’t identify that person readily, it’s probably because they are getting the message that you’re not a safe person to share this stuff with. So, part of my job is [to ensure] that more Wabash scholars and more of our community understands what it means to be a more inclusive, supportive person so that we aren’t building up those walls.”

Last weekend, ‘shOUT’ held its other main event of the month: a Halloween-themed drag show organized by Elijah Weddington '22. Titled “The Art of Drag,” the show featured Weddington and Love as performers in front of a full crowd in Wally’s Pub.

“I think the event was a huge success,” said Weddington. “We reached our maximum capacity of 44, almost double the attendance from the show held two years ago. On a campus that is widely lacking diversity—where the norm of white, straight men is ingrained in the fabric of the institution—the need for awareness of others identities, intersectional or not, is paramount.”

Weddington added, “Conversations need to be had at every level—so maintaining that conversation is important. For too long queer people have hidden in the cracks of Wabash; we’ve met in secrecy; we’ve met in secluded, dark rooms—some literally without windows. On a campus that thrives on conversation and relationships, LGBTQ+ people must be a part of that narrative: both in voice and in topic.”

As well as these larger events, ‘shOUT has also worked hard this month to increase LGBTQ+ visibility across campus. On top of the month-long display of queer art and literature in the library, members of ‘shOUT woke up early one morning earlier this month to line the mall with Pride rainbow flags.

“Visibility is super important,” added Pavlinich. “I’m very out so that people know if they need someone to talk to that there is someone there, or so that students can see it is possible both to be in an authoritative position and to be their authentic self.”

‘shOUT completes its busy schedule of LGBTQ+ History Month events this afternoon with a costume contest at their new office in the basement of the Chapel. The event begins at 3pm, and everyone is welcome to dress up for the chance to win a special (and, of course, fabulous) prize.

# IAWM

The Indianapolis Association of Wabash Men

**Congratulations,  
Cooper Smith '23  
Moot Court Top Advocate**

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## Embracing the Craftsman's Ethos



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American culture values warriors above all else. From a young age, children take part in sports, learning about, among others, strategies to defeat the other team, and an overall warrior ethos that helps them act as one cohesive unit. Then, video games and pop culture continue building on the exact same narrative of how violence solves everything; I cannot remember the last time Hollywood produced a film about using logic, diplomacy, and give-and-take to save the world.

All in all, this warrior ethos has served America well, in getting things done and in maintaining the rule of law effectively. However, in this day and age, when violence is proving to be an increasingly detrimental response, and things like police brutality and unruly

behavior are on the rise, we need an alternative to this stream of endless violence. Thankfully, there are many ways out, and today, I will present you the one I've grown up with: the craftsman's ethos.

I have been raised to get things right the first time, and always focus on the final product of my work. I believe that everything that comes out of my hands illustrates the kind of person that I am, which is why I always strive to always put my best work forward, and learn from my mistakes. Pride is dangerous, but inevitable, so my only source of pride will always be my work. As such, a job well done in itself will propel me forward to keep honing my craft. This is what the craftsman's ethos looks like.

While the warrior's ethos glorifies destroying your opponents, the craftsman's ethos emphasizes building oneself and the surrounding world. When you're a craftsman, you don't have enemies or competition, but fellow craftsmen, with whom you build and from whom you learn.

This reminds me of the scarcity vs. abundance mindset theory. The scarcity mindset assumes that there isn't enough to go around, so people need to fight for a bigger share of the pie. Sounds familiar? Well, the alternative to that is the abundance mindset, where there is enough to go around, and you work to expand the pie so that

everyone, including you, has a larger share.

The core idea of the craftsman's ethos is continuously improving your craft, which is why the first step is identifying your crafts. You will naturally work on yourself, so one of your crafts is automatically self improvement. Then, your responsibilities represent another one of your crafts. Finally, your aspirations and ambitions represent the third craft. These are the three crafts we all need to focus on, and some may very well align or intertwine, and that's ideal.

The craftsman's goal is crafting, so the focus the ethos requires is in putting your best work forward at all times, as it will represent you. This has been my motivation in and of itself to do everything I can to excel here, at Wabash, and everywhere I went. For me, assignments are not something to grind through, but elements of my craft, that, if done right, will showcase my true potential. This is why I cannot stand people who say they're "grinding": for me, "embracing the grind" involves not investing yourself wholly into your work, which results in you never putting your best work forward. Thus, I encourage you to throw "the grind" out the window, and think about your assignments as one of your crafts.

Nothing in life is perfect, and this ethos comes with its own downsides,

chief of which is entanglement. Entanglement is focusing so hard on work that it becomes your identity and you cannot escape it; it's basically one step removed from workaholism. I have suffered greatly from entanglement throughout the years, and have regretted deeply that I wasn't able to block out the voice in my head that said "keep working, keep crafting." This ethos gave me plenty of sleepless nights and frequent burnouts.

Also, when a streak of misfortune comes your way, as is in life, you will get demoralized fast as a craftsman. When you can't craft at the level required of you, it gets personal. And, to make matters worse, the drive to keep improving and reach that goal means that you have no time for yourself and for recovery. This is probably my biggest struggle, and I've been at it for years, with seemingly no way out.

So, there you have it: though it's not perfect, the craftsman's ethos is still better than the violent warrior's ethos. Instead of seeing life as a series of battles to win, you will be able to see it as a process of honing your craft until it becomes a reference for others to improve upon. I will leave you with a challenge: in the spirit of the craftsman's ethos, think of ways in which you can improve upon it. I am genuinely curious to see what you come up with.

## Choose Happiness



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As a junior, Wabash has thrown me some difficult challenges so far. Among them are the student body, employment troubles, and most notably academic difficulties. Before Wabash, my life was very different as I did nearly everything I could to deal with pain and discomfort but now I am forced to deal with problems in a different way. Running mile after mile helped me with anxiety and plunging myself into freezing pool waters to swim laps pulled me out of depressive funks in the past. Now that I am at a loss of time for an excess

amount of physical activity, I have had to face negative situations in a more careful and direct manner than before. Initially, the short-lived boxing room helped me, but with that now gone, new ways need to be created in order to overcome the challenges that I am met with.

While there are a plethora of quick fixes and forms of therapy to deal with the worry of employment or plans upon graduation, and the stress of academia I have simply decided to be happy about all of it. Meditation can work of course as well as yoga, weightlifting, and even prayer, but they are just ways for me to dodge the dilemmas I am faced with instead of facing them. It sounds naïve and even ridiculous to any cynic but that's why it works, at least for me. Accepting that there is nothing I can do about these dilemmas, aside from transferring/dropping out and therefore accepting the near definite fate of unemployment, is the best course of action I can currently take. Looking at everything with a more positive light is very challenging when

everything feels like it is closing in on you but there is a long list of reasons that I am glad to be where I am.

Being at another school would be dull and boring to say the least. While I am here, I get to continuously become bewildered by our traditions and be so grateful that I am not a Rhyne. I have caring professors and kind friends who I am glad to have in my life. My laptop works well, and I have clothes that fit me on my back as the weather continues to get colder. I have a phone to communicate with family back home and maintain connections with others in my life. On top of all of that, I am grateful to even be enrolled in a college where any of this is even possible. I get fed meals everyday and am provided plenty of spaces to work as well as relax. This does not diminish my problems or equate them to anyone else. It simply shows that there is a lot to be grateful for even in the most stressful and difficult moments.

Looking back at the ways I thought I was clever in dealing with my problems seem like so long ago. Doing anything

I could to distract myself from all the negativity is now a distant memory. My advice is this: deal with your problems now because that is how we can learn to be happy in the future. I faced my problems and continue to do so and I can honestly say that despite everything, I'm happier now than I ever have been before. Problems are inevitable but facing them is a choice that only you can make and avoiding them is no way to live. Life can always be worse, but all we can do is deal with what is in front of us. This could be a paper due in two days you haven't started on, the crushing reality of Senior Comps, and or every thought that tells you to give up. Despite all of this, keep going and choose to be happy not for anyone else but for yourself. Stop doing things that make you miserable, do something that makes you smile. If all you look for is a new reason to be stressed and worried then that is all you will find. Instead, be proud of the work you have done until now, relax, and trust yourself to do the right thing when the time comes.

## What I Learned From the Pandemic



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I don't think there is a single person in this world who hasn't lost anything within the pandemic. That's not to say that there isn't anyone who gained anything from the pandemic. I know I sure have, and you probably have too. But I think that's what we're focusing on too much; the negatives. As crazy as this might seem to you, I think about the positives of this pandemic. Now, I'm not trying to be disrespectful to those who've had

the hardest times of their lives because of the pandemic. I'm just trying to give my advice and the lessons that I've learned from the pandemic.

For me, the biggest thing that I learned is that this has been the best time for me to grow up as an adult. By the time the pandemic started, I had been an adult for only 4 months and I was just starting to feel the freedom that comes with that. Ever since the pandemic started, however, I really haven't felt like an adult. Still to this day, it blows my mind that I can legally buy lottery tickets. Even though I may not feel like an adult, I know what my responsibilities are and how I should continue handling my responsibilities. Becoming an adult during the pandemic has shown that it's OK to still feel young, even if you're 20 years old.

The other thing that I learned during the pandemic is that now is the perfect time to find yourself and what you want to be. Since a lot of people were given so much free time

because of this pandemic, it has been nice to spend time for yourself. Take the time to find what's important and valuable to you, what you want your future to be, and what will make you happy. I'm not saying you should only think about yourself. You should totally help others when they need it, but it's also important to help yourself every now and then. For me, I thought about how I can help people as a job. Whether that's by becoming a teacher, a psychiatrist, a chef, or any number of professions, I found that I wanted to be a role model for others.

The last thing that I learned from this pandemic is that motivation is key to getting things done. For years, mental health has been a big concern, and mental health issues have only gotten worse during the pandemic. I'm not ashamed to admit that I've had rough days in this pandemic. At the start, I thought that it wouldn't last long, but when more and more stuff got cancelled, I got sadder and sadder.

I was already wanting to be done with high school by the time February came around, so I wasn't really motivated to do anything, but this pandemic may have gotten the best of me at the beginning, but I didn't give up. Since seniors didn't have to complete high school because of the pandemic, I thought that I could've just taken the easy way out, but I changed my mind quickly. I buckled down and completed all of my classes. Motivation is what got me to do that. But alas, that same motivation comes and goes. Even now, I still struggle with some things, but that doesn't mean I should give up.

Brothers, I know that we're a long way from this pandemic being over. I know to some it may seem like we're at the end now, but the aftermath of this will only be longer. But no matter what issues you face in the future, you might think of the negatives at first, but there will always be time to think of the positives and what you could learn from those issues.

**Looking to join the conversation?  
Want to make your voice heard?**

If so, contact Jakob Goodwin (jmgoodwi23@wabash.edu) and get your point across to the campus in *The Bachelor* opinion section.





# WDPD Hosts “A Legacy of Hope” Delibiration



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**Benjamin Sampsell ‘24, WDPD Democracy Fellow, taking notes at the “A Legacy of Hope” deliberation. The event was welcome to the entire campus, and it showed with students, faculty, and even Coach Rob Johnson H’77 taking part in the dialogue.**

WILLIAM GRENNON ‘24 | CAVELIFE EDITOR • The Wabash Democracy and Public Discourse initiative hosted a viewing and deliberation of “A Legacy of Hope” this past Monday, October 27, 2021. WDPD came together with the Malcolm X Institute of Black Studies to host this exercise after screening the 2006 documentary. An open opportunity for students to share and voice their opinions, WDPD Fellows led facilitated group conversations and then came back together to share key points with the larger group. The film documents the rich history of the MXI, and along with the larger deliberations, challenged students to think and talk about a somewhat demanding topic. Questions started with some of the points in the movie, then shifted to inclusivity

on campus. Corydon Taylor ‘24, the events lead facilitator, hoped guys were able to take what they had talked about and seen and continue those conversations. “It is important to work with student organizations like the MXI because it allows a dialogue that can help these organizations display their values, along with any possible concerns they feel need to be addressed at Wabash,” said Taylor. “It also allows them to hear from students to more effectively address these concerns on campus. Many of our students had never seen “A Legacy of Hope” and it was a great opportunity for this documentary to make a lasting impact, even fifteen years after it was produced.” Discussions were insightful and uncovered several overlapping

themes across the groups. Across all groups, groups highlighted that the current status of campus diversity was improving; however, some groups emphasized that there was still room for improvement and that the campus should not become complacent. The discussion fostered several understandings of how complacency is seen on campus. Some groups emphasized that traditions run deep and that their history becomes culturally embedded, making it harder to encourage change.” Mark Magnon ‘23 was another WDPD Democracy Fellow helping to lead discussions. He thought the discussions were insightful while revealing numerous overlapping themes across the groups. “Across all groups, groups highlighted

that the current status of campus diversity was improving; however, some groups emphasized that there was still room for improvement and that the campus should not become complacent,” said Magnon. “The discussion fostered several understandings of how complacency is seen on campus. Some groups emphasized that traditions run deep and that their history becomes culturally embedded, making it harder to encourage change.” The deliberation was one of many events planned by WDPD and coming up today is an event entitled “COVID, Misinformation, and Hope: How can we build a culture of evidence-based free speech?”Details on the nature and purpose of the event and who is involved can be found on Page 6.

# Insights and Review on the New Campus Disc Golf Course



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**Nate Butts ‘23 throwing from short range on Hole 9 of the new, Student Senate funded disc golf course. The course rewards technical skill and creativity.**

REED MATHIS ‘22 | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • After over a year of talking about, planning, and implementing, Wabash now has an on-campus disc golf course. The new course now allows another activity for the free use of the Wabash student body and community. Not only is it a chance to spend time doing something new or for fun, but something that is rapidly growing nationwide and on-campus. It is a 9-hole course (par is 3 on every hole) ranging from the doors of the Detchon Center to the path that connects Baxter Hall to Martindale Hall. There is no shortage of scenic appreciation throughout the way, as the beauty and challenges in playing in our arboretum are on full display. I was lucky to have some of my fraternity brothers join along. Nate Butts ‘23 is the Treasurer of the Disc Golf Course and disc golf enthusiast. In addition to Jonathan Gonzalez ‘24, who is new to the sport. However, he is quickly learning and playing as much as possible in his spare time. **Hole One:** The first hole is a tad longer than most of the others but a relatively straight shot to the hole. I prefer my forehand on drives, as do Butts and Gonzalez. As you would expect, the first hole did not play so easy with it being a new course and Gonzalez’s and my playing level. As we walked to the next hole, Butts emphasized how

crucial the short game is in disc golf. “These make or break rounds. For layup shots, I don’t follow this, but I recommend for beginners that they focus on only one chain link, rather than the entire basket,” said Butts. **Score after Hole: Butts (-1) Mathis (E) Gonzalez (+1)** **Hole Two:** “There is no real gap, you have to throw uphill, and there is a huge tree in the middle making things even more difficult,” said Butts. Along with that, we all quickly found out that hanging branches and the abundance of trees presented challenges that will require technical skill and some luck to maneuver. “Not exactly the best start [after another off-targeted drive], but I can’t let these first shots kill me,” said Gonzalez. It did. **Score after Hole: Butts (-1) Mathis (E) Gonzalez (+3)** **Hole Three:** The walk from Hole 2 and Hole 3 allowed us to go through Petty’s Patch and the walkway showcasing the grandeur of Hays Hall with the sun setting in the background. The break-in play will allow players to take a break and reevaluate the holes ahead. Gonzalez bounced back with a great second shot and secured par, while I shot my first bogey of the course. **Score After Hole: Butts (-2) Mathis (+1) Gonzalez (+3)**

**Hole Four:** The safe play almost guarantees a par like the last hole, but there are opportunities for more aggressive shots. “I had no clue how to approach the hole going in. For this hole and for others, it seems that keeping your shot low away from the tree branch is best,” said Gonzalez. **Score After Hole: Butts (-2) Mathis (+1) Gonzalez (+3)** **Hole Five:** Unlike any other hole, this one offered an exciting challenge for the beginners in the group - we could not see the hole. “Here, you have to choose for the right or left side of the trees. Midway, it is clear that the course is forcing you to try shots that you have never done before,” said Butts. The dangling tree branches and other elements are as much of a challenge as any deficiency in your game for this course. **Score After Hole: Butts (-2) Mathis (+2) Gonzalez (+3)** **Hole Six:** This hole was a challenge for all of us with no drive landing in the fairway. “With only a couple of holes left, it seems that no hole is any easier than the last, and I like that with a smaller course,” said Gonzalez. **Score After Hole: Butts (-2) Mathis (+2) Gonzalez (+3)** **Hole Seven:** **HOLE IN ONE!!!** for Butts. According to Butts, this was only his second hole-in-one ever, and not one he foresaw happening. “I kept it low, trusted my forehand, and went with what I thought was working. It

worked,” said Butts. In our best attempts to follow that up, Gonzalez and I are more than content to say that we left the hole with another par for me and Gonzalez’s first birdie of the course. **Score After Hole: Butts (-4) Mathis (+2) Gonzalez (+2)** **Hole Eight:** “My only complaint about the course, but if you have a group on Hole 8 and one on Hole 9, it is impossible to play at the same time. You have to wait for the other group to finish the hole,” said Butts. **Score After Hole: Butts (-4) Mathis (+2) Gonzalez (+2)** **Hole Nine:** Although it is the longest hole of the course, it is by no means the most difficult. “I felt so much better about where I was playing by the end than when I started. Some bad shots here and there, but there are opportunities to fix small mistakes and be more competitive,” said Gonzalez. “The weather today was great. On my round, it always feels great to shoot the best in a group, but playing a course for the first time is never an easy thing to do,” said Butts. **Score After Hole: Butts (-4) Mathis (+2) Gonzalez (+3)** If you are interested in learning more or want to play around, there is a Disc Golf Club on campus. Contact Joshua Kramer ‘23 - jakramer23@wabash.edu and Nate Butts ‘23 - npbutts23@wabash.edu if you are interested in joining and being part of future events.



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**Whether it was a joke or our shots, the disc golf course gave us a lot to be glad about. For beginners to dedicated players, it is well worth your time.**



# Burris '15 Returns From Nine Hundred Mile Trek



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Jared Burris '15 standing in Cedar Key, Florida, after completing his 941-mile journey from Jeffersonville, IN. Burris followed in the footsteps of John Muir and pushed himself to complete the journey in just thirty-six days.

**ZACHARIAH** ALVARADO '23 | STAFF WRITER • On September 2nd, 2021 Alumnus Jared Burris '15 followed the same trail that John Muir did in 1886 from Indiana to Florida. Soon after he returned from the trip, he visited Wabash on October 22, 2021, as a special guest speaker for the philosophy department.

Burris has lived and worked all over the world since graduation. His travels have taken him to the islands of Hawaii, the forests of Main, New Hampshire, Georgia, and the beauty of Spain and Italy. Working various seasonal roles in these places has given him time to develop his hiking skills for a journey like this.

Burris said that the trip he took was,

“very challenging but also rewarding”. It required him to walk 27 miles a day and Burris thought about quitting on day one. After that day, he made a lot of simple changes that really helped him out. Among them were changing his shoes and buying a hat to wear.

Even though Burris passed through some memorable sites along the way, Burris said he “was interested in going where not a lot of people go,” and that “I had to remind myself that I wasn’t a tourist and had a mission.” When asked if he saw a lot of amazing places Burris said, “the places I went were beautiful but not awe inspiring.”

Burris met a lot of kind people along the way who were willing to give him food and whatever else he needed

to continue on his journey. When asked about the difficulty of the hike he replied, “it never got easy. I had to push myself every single day.” A notable phenomenon Burris noticed was, “the people who offered me rides were in the junkiest cars.”

His favorite town that he got to visit was Murphy, North Carolina. The people were kind and generous to him here. It was with this generosity and kindness that Burris realized “even if I didn’t need something I accepted it.” Burris knew about certain stereotypes present in the rural south but, “learned the lesson over and over to be open minded.”

When asked what was important to him he replied, “relationships are very

important to me.” The thoughts of his friends and family always serve as a place of home to Burris. Coach Morgan who had coached Burris during his time on the track and field team was in attendance of his talk and said that “this doesn’t surprise me”, in regards to the trip that Burris took.

At each low point, Burris faced along the journey it was people who motivated him to keep going forward. Another way to motivate himself was keeping a journal that he wrote in every night that “took a lot of willpower.” The hike was continuously demanding of Burris mentally and physically, but he survived and made it back to tell the tale. It is about the destination for him.

## Student Events Committee Hosts Inaugural Chili Cook Off



JAKE PAIGE '23 / PHOTO

The Student Events Committee hosted a Chili Cookoff last Friday, October 20, 2021.



JAKE PAIGE '23 / PHOTO

Ben Jansen '24 (Left) watches on as other students enjoy some warm chili!

## Wally's Hosts 'shOUT Drag Show



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Members of the Wabash community convened in Wally's for what proved to be an exciting show that included several students taking part as performers.



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# Deliberation on COVID-19 Misinformation



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**WDPD facilitates community discussions about big-picture issues.**

CHASE BREAUX '24 | STAFF WRITER

• The Wabash Democracy and Public Discourse Initiative will be hosting its second event in the Free Speech Discussion series of the semester this Friday, October 29, at 12.10 p.m. The event is being held in Hays 104 and in partnership with the Global Health Initiative and the Chemistry Club. Dr. Anne Bost, Professor of Biology, will give a presentation titled "COVID-19, Misinformation, and Hope: How can we build a culture of evidence-based free speech?"

Following the presentation, the WDPD Fellows from the Free Speech group will lead a discussion about how society defines misinformation, what factors have fueled COVID-19 misinformation, and what can be done to increase the role of analytical thinking in informing free speech and the larger public discourse.

"In its Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the United Nations lists the 'right to freedom of opinion and expression' as a key means of achieving 'peace, dignity, and equality on a healthy planet'," Bost said. "I think each of us therefore has a responsibility to ensure that our own comments are as well informed as possible, especially on topics that impact others' well-being."

The idea for the event started with the Chemistry Club seeking to create a forum for a productive conversation about combatting vaccine misinformation.

"We chose to partner with WDPD based on their experience in deliberative democracy and their long-standing partnership with the Chemistry Department," Alex Rotaru '22, President of the Chemistry Club, said. "I know the General Chemistry and Biochemistry deliberations have helped plenty of Chemistry and Pre-Health students in the past tackle notions of Ethics in Science. Given this past success, I hope this will turn out to be a fruitful conversation."

Through this event, Dr. Bost hopes to equip participants further to help solve problems like the COVID-19 pandemic. "I hope discussants will leave the session committed to facilitating a culture of evidence-based thinking and expression," Bost said. "This analytical work requires humility, as we must be open to new conclusions as new evidence emerges and must also allow others to help us see our blind spots." She continued, "I hope we contextualize our analyses with grace, kindness, and hope. If we work together in trusting relationships, we can solve a complex public health problem like the COVID-19 pandemic. One way to enhance such trust is to ground our common dialogue in the best data and the richest empathy."

Such an approach will promote the critical thinking needed to overcome the common misconceptions and shortcomings that have been exhibited throughout the pandemic.

# HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY  
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

## EARLY SEASON WOES

*Hi-five to the lackluster Lakers for taking some of the attention away from the Pacers so far this season. Don't mind us getting mentally prepared for what will be another Colts-letown this Sunday to balance out the mediocrity that is Indianapolis sports.*

## THE WORLD SERIES IS ON?

*Hi-five to MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred on becoming public enemy #1 in both Houston and Atlanta over the last few years. I am sure he is very much looking forward to rewarding the winning team with the Commissioner's trophy to either team ... just hopefully not the Astros.*

## FORMER HIGH SCHOOL QUARTERBACKS TO THE RESCUE

*Lo-five to all of the IM Football games being held in the pitch dark. It is not like these guys already have enough excuses lined up when they play terrible.*

## PICK & ROLL TO DEATH

*Hi-five to Wabash basketball returning next week. The first "Give me a W" chant >>>*



## WE ARE NOT "FLYNNIN" AROUND

*Lo-five to the DePauw student body for not showing up to the soccer match on Wednesday. Don't worry, you have 15 days to get it together.*

# SPORTS

**FOOTBALL:**  
 Ohio Wesleyan 35  
 Wabash 28  
Oct. 23

**SOCCER:**  
 #22 Ohio Wesleyan 2  
 Wabash 0  
Oct. 23

 Wabash 2  
 DePauw 1  
Oct. 27

# Team of the Month

*The Bachelor* Presents October's 'Team of the Month'

**Connor  
Craig '25**



**Justin  
Dusza '22**



**Cooper  
Sullivan '24**



**Liam  
Thompson '24**



BLAKE LARGENT '22 | SPORTS EDITOR • CONNOR CRAIG '25: Most freshman that compete on collegiate teams have to wait for their opportunity. Craig has done no such thing. The freshman swimmer has come into the swim and dive team with authority, producing impeccable results to start off his Wabash swimming career. In his first career meet, Craig settled for nothing less than perfection. He finished first among all DIII swimmers in the 100-yard individual medley, with a time of 55.73 seconds at the Indiana Intercollegiates on October 16. Craig also showed success in a team setting, helping his relay squad to a second-place finish in the 200 freestyle relay. At the DIII Championships on October 23, Craig continued his momentum. He nabbed two top-three finishes in the 100 freestyle and the 100 breaststroke, and completed another team effort in a second-place finish in the 200-yard medley relay. Craig has starred and will look to continue producing this season.

JUSTIN DUSZA '22: Dusza, while a teammate of Craig's, sits in an opposite position. The senior is in his last year of competing at Wabash and has led by example thus far. The swim and dive team opened the season at the Indiana Intercollegiates on October 16; Dusza posted impressive results against stout competition. He finished just behind Craig in the 100-yard individual medley, taking second-place among DIII swimmers with a time of 56.13 seconds. In the 100 backstroke event, Dusza took the top spot for the DIII results, finishing with a time of 54.47 seconds. Dusza replicated his success at the DIII Championships on October 23. He took the only victory for the Little Giants, finishing the 100 backstroke in a time of 54.32 seconds. Dusza then grabbed a second-place finish in the 200 backstroke with a time of 1:59.64. Dusza, along with Craig in company, pushed the Little Giants to a second-place finish in the 200-yard medley relay. Dusza has been a great upperclassmen example so far.

COOPER SULLIVAN '24: After a slow start to the 2021 season, Sullivan exploded during the month of October. He scored a touchdown in every game this month, including a three-touchdown performance against The College of Wooster on October 16. In three of the four October games, Sullivan accounted for at least nine catches and at least 100 yards. He posted a 136-yard performance versus Ohio Wesleyan University on October 23. Overall, Sullivan caught the ball 30 times for 404 yards and six touchdowns in four games during the month of October. Sullivan built a dynamic on-the-field relationship with quarterback Liam Thompson '24 in their freshman year. The pair have since become quite the duo on the offensive side of the ball. October's performance from Sullivan shows just how dangerous the two can be. While Sullivan's position at wide receiver forces him to rely on getting the football from others, Sullivan's talent is undeniable when the ball is in his hands.

LIAM THOMPSON '24: The football team struggled in the month of October, but Thompson continued to produce at an elite level. The sophomore quarterback has solidified himself as one of the best DIII athletes in the country. Thompson lit up the stat sheet, accounting for at least three touchdowns per game throughout the month. Thompson consistently threw for 250 or more yards, including a 375-yard performance against Ohio Wesleyan University that included three touchdowns as well. Thompson has established himself as a quarterback with incredible passing talent, ability, and knowledge. But what makes Thompson so effective and nearly impossible to stop is not just the passing. He can run as well as any running back in the country. Thompson averaged 10.3 carries per game throughout October while also averaging 41 rushing yards per game and 0.75 rushing touchdowns per game during the month. Thompson is as dynamic of a player as they come, and has an exceedingly bright future.



# Basketball Returns

## Wabash Enters 2021-22 Season with High Expectations



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**Tyler Watson '22 drives to the basket. Watson is one of many experienced upperclassmen returning to the roster that are poised to deliver Wabash a historic season.**

BLAKE LARGENT '22 | SPORTS EDITOR • On February 25, 2020, the Wabash basketball team was bounced from the first round of the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) Tournament. The unexpected 75-69 loss came at the hands of the Denison Big Red, who the Little Giants had beaten twice throughout the regular season by a combined 33 points. Just a handful of days later, college campuses across the country shut down and students were fully virtual due to the pandemic.

The team managed to play amid this environment and successfully had a 2020-21 season. Yet, Wabash played less than half of its normal game load, with the schedule remaining fluid the entire season. The Little Giants had multiple games against the same schools and most games occurred in the absence of fans. Wabash finished 6-6, and the NCAC did not host any postseason tournament or competitions. But the 2021-22 season is now a week away. And after two straight seasons of ups, downs, and unexpected endings, this season's Little Giants look to leave their mark in the Wabash history books.

"I think like everything else, the last 18 months have taught most of us that your opportunities aren't guaranteed, and you need to appreciate them and take advantage of 'em," Head Coach Kyle Brumett said. "I think [...] the way we ended the 19-20 season was disappointing. [...] Finishing the way we did left a bad taste and then, you know, it was only a week, maybe two weeks after that loss that everything else changed. [...] So I think we're anxious and excited. But we've got the best, most experienced team we've had since I've been here. So you know, I think we're excited to get started. We're just anxious about how all the pieces are gonna fit together."

Wabash brings back a talented group of upperclassmen with a plethora of experience. This includes the return of one of Division III's best players in Jack Davidson '22, who was not with the team last season during the events of the pandemic. Mixed with the upperclassmen is a group of extremely skilled underclassmen who give the 2021-22 team an abundance of depth.

"Our freshman class is as talented as any that we've had previously," Brumett said. "They're deep, they play different positions. They're really skilled. And with that being said, a lot of them are not going to play right away. We're really been building towards that. I mean, if you look at the guys that are seniors, you know, Davidson would have been a senior last year, and then [Tyler] Watson '22 and [Kellen] Schreiber '22, that class of guys. Those guys all had to play a lot as freshmen. Regardless of if they played well, regardless of whether or not we won. It was just where the program was at the time. And you know, we've really grown in

that way. So, I mean, I think our older guys are going to carry most of the responsibility which, in theory, takes a lot of pressure off of the younger guys."

"I think last year, you know, you have guys like Reis Thomas '23 and Ahmoni Jones '23 that continued to kind of grow into regular roles," Brumett continued. "And I think you're going to continue to see that the seniors are going to have, you know, targets on their back. But they're all very capable of producing at that level. Regardless of that, yeah. You know, I think three of our seniors, [Davidson, Watson, and Schreiber], are All-American type players. So, one of the big things that we're trying to focus on is how they fit together and how to best put them in positions to maximize their talent and give them each opportunities to play to their strengths. [...] I mean, we probably will play, you know, somewhere between eight and 10 guys in our regular rotation, but we really are very deep. We've got 20 guys on our roster and almost all of them are competing for some type of opportunity."

The talent level entering this season has Wabash poised to compete for its first NCAC regular-season title. The Little Giants finished second in the NCAC standings during the 2019-2020 season. When reflecting on the competition within the conference, Brumett laid out his expectations for the season: "[An NCAC championship] is definitely our goal," he said. "We think we're talented enough to do that. I mean, we finished second [in 19-20] and a lot of those guys that helped us lay that foundation are still here. So I feel like that's an unfinished job. [...] We set the schedule up in a way that we wanted to find out how we would fare against some nationally-ranked teams. So we're going to find that out fairly quickly. But you know, I'd be lying to you if I didn't say that with the senior class that we have and the depth of talent that we have, we don't look at ourselves as a top-25 or an NCAA tournament team. It's just hard to get there, and we're trying to really push ourselves and have high expectations for ourselves, but you got to be careful not put the cart before the horse."

The schedule certainly reflects Brumett's comments. Wabash opens the season against perennial Division III contender Centre College. Less than two weeks later, the team will partake in the Great Lakes Invitational in Ohio, which features multiple top-15 programs. Wabash faces preseason No. 3-ranked Marietta College on November 19 and preseason No. 13-ranked Emory University a day later. Conference foe Wittenberg University, who Wabash plays on December 11 and January 26, sits at a preseason ranking of No. 22.

Wabash matches up against Centre College in Danville, Kentucky on November 6 to open



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**Jack Davidson '22 attempts a shot over a defender. Davidson is an elite player that will look to add to a list of accolades, including an All-American season in 2018-19.**

up the regular season. Though, prior to that matchup, the Little Giants will get their first taste of action tomorrow at home. Wabash faces Illinois-Wesleyan, who is ranked No. 4 in the preseason poll, in a double-game scrimmage beginning at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. While the event is not a regular-season matchup, the Little Giants will be on display fine-tuning the start of a hopeful year.

"Our players are young and hard-working and competitive guys and they're excited," Brumett said. "It's a great opportunity to kind of see where we stack up. [...] We've been building

this thing to be able to compete nationally, and we're gonna see if we're able to do that."

All-in-all, the Little Giants return to a Wabash community ready to fill the bleachers of Chadwick Court. The fans are one of the biggest aspects of Wabash sports. With the potential of the 2021-22 Little Giant basketball team, the home games are sure to be an incredible experience (unless you are a visiting team). Regardless of the end result, the talent level for the Wabash basketball team combined with an extremely competitive schedule will provide for one hell of a ride this season.

# Swimming at DIII Champs

## Little Giants Finish 3rd, Look Ahead to First Dual Meet vs. Rose-Hulman

ALEX ROTARU '22 | MANAGING EDITOR • Last Saturday, October 23, the Little Giant swimming and diving team competed at the Indiana Division III Championships, hosted in Terre Haute by the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, finishing third of the 6 schools that participated. Right now, the team is looking ahead, in preparation for five days of competition within the next nine days, which include the annual meet against DePauw University.

The swimming and diving team has plenty of reasons to be optimistic coming from last Saturday's meet. "We had a lot of season-best times," Head Swimming and Diving Coach Will Bernhardt said. "They did a really good job of coming prepared to compete. A lot of times early in the season, you can see that sometimes their focus isn't quite there; they're just kind of trying to get through the meet. But our guys really came to the DIII meet ready to compete, ready to focus on what they needed to improve from the week before and did a really good job of just being in

the moment, you know, just having the time to get better as a team."

Every meet comes with its own lessons, and the Indiana Division III Championships is no different. As a result, the team is looking to keep up this learning mindset for the upcoming meets.

"The early competitions will give us opportunities to see deficiencies, things we're not working on as much or need to work on more in practice," Bernhardt said. "We're working on strategies over the course of the week to then be better at the actual race when the competitions come."

Like with most collaborative sports, what the team does outside the pool matters as much as what they do inside the pool, and swimming and diving is as much psychological as it is physical.

"I think, mentally, our guys are keyed in," Bernhardt said. "I think they know what our goals are. [...] We meet early on in the season and set those goals, and they're on [the] whiteboard here in the team room pretty much the whole year. And then, we'll look at them day-in and

day-out when we're in here for meetings or just hanging out. We'll reevaluate those at the middle of the year and see, okay, 'Which ones have we been able to accomplish so far?' 'Which ones do we need to spend more time working on as a team?' And I think that's kind of what motivates them: being able to see those daily and have them in front of your mind every single day."

This kind of mental preparation is key for weeks with back-to-back meets, like the one that's starting today and the week of the NCAA Division III Championships.

In the long run, the swimming and diving team looks to at least match or surpass the level they were at in the 2019-2020 season, before the pandemic cancelled their national championships. The team also aims to become one of the top-20 swimming and diving programs in Division III.

"To do that, we need to continually get better in the water and on the boards, but we also need to recruit freshmen faster and faster," Bernhardt said.

Another part of that involves the team dynamic and how the freshmen adjust to their first collegiate season. So far, the team is getting along well, and their newest members' ambition is pushing the entire team forward.

"Some of our freshmen are coming in and competing for some of the top spots on our team right away," Bernhardt said. "And that's really fun, because then it holds the upperclassmen a little more accountable and helps them continue to push forward in their events and what they're trying to accomplish."

The Wabash College swimming and diving team will have their first dual meet of the season against Rose-Hulman Fightin' Engineers tonight at 7 p.m. in the Class of 1950 Natatorium. Tomorrow, they will be competing away against Albion College in Hillsdale, Michigan. On Wednesday, November 3, they will compete against DePauw in Greencastle. Finally, the rounds out their week in Chicago, where they will be competing on November 5 and 6 against the University of Chicago Maroons.



# Football Downed by OWU

## Wabash Suffers Second-Straight Loss, Falls to Fourth in NCAC Standings



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**Liam Thompson '24 dives for the end zone behind his offensive line. Wabash was held to under 30 points for the first time all season, losing 35-28 to OWU in overtime.**

LOGAN SMITH '23 | STAFF WRITER • After a devastating last-second loss to The College of Wooster (4-3, 3-3 NCAC), Wabash football fell in an overtime game to Ohio Wesleyan University (6-2, 5-2 NCAC). The team has lost two games in a row after starting undefeated through five games in the season. These games were certainly filled with offense as the teams combined for more than 1100 yards against Wooster, and just under 900 yards against OWU. That's a net 2000+ yards in two contests, which has made for some high-scoring games in which the Little Giants fell just short in both.

Despite the close games and tough losses, there is still confidence among the football team that the guys can emerge from their previous struggles and get back to playing winning football. This response includes quarterback Liam Thompson '24, who accepted responsibility in leading the team to success.

"I feel like it is the responsibility of the quarterback, captains, and leaders

of the team to keep the guys going through adversity," Liam Thompson '24 said. "We hit a rough patch these last couple of weeks and I definitely feel like it's on me to help the team stay positive."

Thompson made it clear that his teammates are not afraid of adversity, and they are aware that the problems will not go away if they are not addressed. And as a leader he feels it is his job to stand with his guys and solve these problems.

Thompson also focused on the team's upcoming game against Kenyon, who sits towards the bottom of the NCAC standings. "Going into this week we're most focused on cleaning up the mistakes we've had in all three phases of the game and working to get back on track for the final third of the season," he said. "We are working to play our best game each and every week so we can be playing our best football at the end of the year."

This response had hints of Head Coach Don Morel's philosophy in football, which consists of focusing on

the task at hand and not getting ahead to other weeks before you fix the mistakes for the current week.

"Our attitude going forward is to just learn from our failures and continue to improve and go 1-0 this week," Thompson continued. "We can't necessarily control where the chips fall as far as conference and playoffs, but that doesn't change the fact that we have three big games left, including the Bell game, which is one of our highest goals as a team. We are staying positive and excited for this week."

This idea of consistent progression shows resiliency after coming off of two tough losses in a row, and it certainly helps when dealing with a team that is coming close to the end of the season. This is a good sign for the Wabash football fans that the team will keep giving it 100 percent no matter what happens, even if they can't control outside elements.

Thompson was also quick to shut down any slander coming to his defense after the two high-scoring games that the team has had, knowing

that it does not all fall on one unit of the team. "I would say that if you watch the tape from the last two weeks we had a ton of opportunities as an offense that we let slip away and by no means do those games fall on the defense," he said. "I have full confidence in our defense going forward and my personal priority is to clean up my own mistakes and our offense's mistakes so we can finish the season strong and win out."

Wabash (5-2, 4-2 NCAC) travels to Gambier, Ohio for a matchup against Kenyon (2-5, 2-4 NCAC) this Saturday at 1 p.m. It is clear that the guys have no intention of giving up on the season, so expect to see another steady uphill trend leading into the coming weeks. Thompson made it clear that the team intends to put in the work to fix their current issues, and they don't look to make any excuses during this time either. The Little Giants expect to return to their winning ways, and with the Monon Bell rivalry matchup against DePauw in two weeks, hopefully sooner than later.

# Soccer Takes Rivalry

## Little Giants Rebound After Loss to No. 22 OWU, Defeat DePauw 2-1

BEN BULLOCK '23 | STAFF WRITER • A game against the local rivals is always special, but this particular game could not have come at a more pivotal moment for the Little Giants. Wabash (11-5-1) came into their match against DePauw (10-7) fifth in the standings, two points behind the Tigers and outside of the play-offs. A DePauw victory, then, would have ended Wabash's chances of making the NCAC tournament.

Wabash certainly came into Wednesday's game on the back foot. Last Saturday, the Little Giants traveled to 22-ranked Ohio Wesleyan University. Second in the NCAC standings, the Battling Bishops were always going to prove a tough opponent. After a scoreless first half, Ohio Wesleyan scored two goals early in the second period. The final score, Ohio Wesleyan 2-0 Wabash.

Heading into the game against DePauw, players and fans alike knew the reality: a loss would knock Wabash out of the play-offs for good.

The opening twenty minutes were a nervous affair. The best early chance fell at the feet of Coledon Johnson '23 who, in the 18th minute, had his shot blocked. Eventually, it was Wabash who emerged as the dominant side. Hugo Garcia '23 and Quinn Leous '23 played notably well in the first period, the latter playing more as a wing-back than a full-back with his sweeping runs down the right side.

The first goal of the game came in the 32nd minute. With a great piece of individual play, Johnson got hold of the ball in the area with his back turned to goal. The DePauw defenders all stopped in their tracks and shouted for a foul, but Johnson played to the whistle and turned to score with a wonderful half-volley that left the goalie puzzled. The Tigers pleaded to the referee but to no avail, and the goal stood.

However, Wabash's celebrations were short-lived. DePauw clawed their way back into the game heading into the half. On the stroke of halftime, DePauw equalized. From a free kick on the edge of the area, Joel Thompkins set up Clay



JAKE PAIGE '23 / PHOTO

**With both squads relying on playing through the back and trusting their attackers in tough spaces, it was a set-piece that proved to be the difference for the Little Giants in this matchup.**

Troyer who, one-on-one with Bertram in the Wabash goal, tucked the ball into the back of the net. The half time score, Wabash 1-1 DePauw.

If Wabash fans had half time doubts, they need not have worried. The defining moment of the game came in the 66th minute when Tim Herring '22 whipped in a corner from the right flank. As the ball floated into the area, it seemed to hit a number of bodies before Solomon Davis '22 poked it home to give Wabash the lead.

After the goal, DePauw had a couple

of half chances, but at the final whistle, the score remained Wabash 2-1 DePauw.

At that moment, a wave of scarlet-clad supporters descended onto the field and surrounded the Little Giants players in celebration.

"I think we handled it really well," said Davis, scorer of the winning goal.

On his goal, he added, "it was a bit surreal seeing the crowd go crazy.

Before the game, Coach drew up our plan: on the cross we would go behind, somebody would go on the far post, and

I was right there."

Wabash wrap-up their regular season games tomorrow as they travel to Oberlin. With both Oberlin and Wooster losing their respective matches midweek, the Little Giants would guarantee themselves a play-off spot should they beat the Yeomen. A tie could also get them into the NCAC tournament if other results go their way. After such a dominant performance on Wednesday night, it would take a cruel turn of fate to deny Wabash a well-earned play-off position.