

“A Little Wabash Magic”

Students Anticipate Returning the Bell to its Rightful Home



JAKE PAIGE '23/PHOTO
Coach Morel rallies the Wabash community with his talk of the Magic of Wabash. Morel insists in his belief that Wabash will prevail this weekend.



JAKE PAIGE '23/PHOTO
The energetic, packed Chapel roars with applause as Coach Morel and the team captains stoke hopes of bringing the bell home.

“Beat Depauw”: Remembering the '51 Bell Game



COURTESY OF THE RAMSEY ARCHIVES
The 1951 Wabash Football Team is remembered for a dominant Bell Game and for the Huntsman brothers’ athletic careers at Wabash.

BEN BULLOCK '22 | STAFF WRITER • As quarterback Jerry Huntsman '52 led the Wabash team onto the field, the only had that week’s Bachelor headline in mind: “Beat DePauw.” This may have been the 59th encounter between the two rival sides, but never had the occasion been more important. For the first time ever, both Wabash and DePauw came into the Monon Bell game unbeaten. But if the fans that day had expected a close game, Huntsman and his team were about to prove them wrong.

The atmosphere on campus leading up to the 1951 Bell game was electric. “To Wabash College, the Wabash student body, and the Wabash football team, the most important game is being played this Saturday,” wrote Paul Trippett '53, at the time a press writer for the Bachelor. “Without this victory the rest of the undefeated season means

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The Cavemen, as the Wabash team was most frequently referred to in those days, had had a stellar season. They came into the game against DePauw with an unbeaten 6-0-1 record, a 26-26 tie against

Butler the only stain on the team’s form. Despite this one slip, the Little Giants had otherwise inflicted heavy defeats on Ball State, Olivet College, and Sewanee. In all, Wabash had averaged a margin of victory of 28.5 points per game across seven games, a testament to their impeccable offensive and defensive capabilities.

However, if the Cavemen were enjoying a remarkable season, so too were the Tigers. DePauw came in with an even better record than Wabash, having won all seven of their games. Tigers quarterback Bob Stephens sported a .625 completion percentage and a total of 715 yards on the season. Little wonder, then, that Wabash fans were nervous. “Stephen’s ability to make quick decisions and to make unbelievable gambles pay-off,” wrote Les Nell '56, “has been the margin of victory for the Tigers this year.”

Little Giants supporters need not have worried, though, for in their own ranks was arguably one of the finest throwers of a football in Indiana: Jerry Huntsman. Jerry and his running back brother Stan Huntsman '54 commanded the Wabash offense. Prior to the DePauw game, Jerry had thrown 11 touchdown passes on the season. And in the previous game against Hanover, he had thrown just two incompletions. Stan, meanwhile, had caused opposition defenses trouble all year; as well as football, he also ran track for Wabash, his lightning pace a phenomenal asset to the Cavemen offense.

“The Huntsman brothers were very good athletes,” said Norm Buktenica '52, captain and Most Valuable Player on the 1951 team. “Jerry was our quarterback. They transferred to Wabash from Earlham College

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Beat Depauw, Cont.

and came mainly because their dad had been the track and field coach at Wabash. They were very good teammates.”

When game day finally came, the air of excitement around the Wabash team was almost at a fever pitch. The temperature had plummeted to a chilling 30°F as the Cavemen set off for DePauw’s Blackstock Stadium. As the fans piled in, pre-game opinion sat on the fence. While the Monon Bell rivalry always throws up unexpected results, both teams looked stronger and more ready than ever. Everything building up to this game, then, suggested it would be a close-fought, hardy affair.

Indeed, the opening quarter was very tight. After scoreless opening drives for both teams, Wabash’s second series of plays saw them take the ball all the way down to the

DePauw five. Disaster almost struck when Jerry Huntsman fumbled the ball, but Ted Steeg ’52 recovered and the Little Giants scored on the next play, a passing touchdown to Ken Beasley ’52.

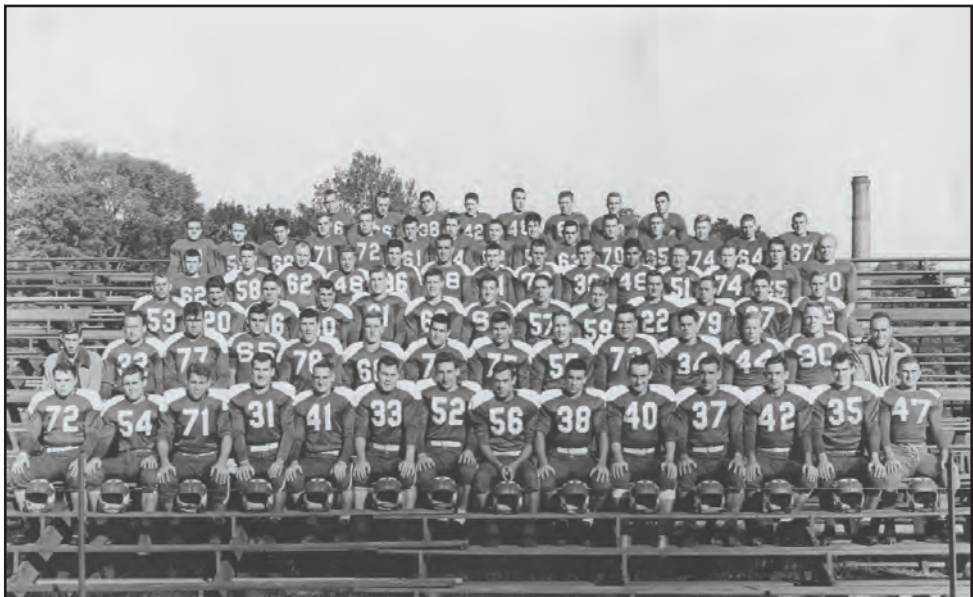
The Tigers responded almost immediately, capitalizing on a series of Wabash errors that allowed Stephens to work his magic. A passing touchdown to Ward Shawver opened the DePauw scoring, but the extra point missed wide. With the score 7-6 in Wabash’s favor at the end of the first quarter, most fans buckled up for a nervy game.

Yet on the sidelines, Coach Garland Frazier was not so worried. This was Frazier’s first ever Bell game having arrived at Wabash just a few months earlier from Hanover. Frazier had played football at Indiana University and Ball State and served in the Navy during the Second World War. In all, he would go on to spend ten seasons as Little Giants head coach from 1951



COURTESY OF THE RAMSEY ARCHIVES

This 1951 comic premiered in *The Bachelor* leading up to the Bell Game.



COURTESY OF THE RAMSEY ARCHIVES

The 1951 team finished undefeated: 7-0-1.

to 1960.

“Frazier was always a very gentle man,” said Buktenica. “He would never swear at you or tell you to suck it up. He was much more supportive of the players and interested in each player and their capabilities. And he did a good job there. He was very knowledgeable about current procedures, formations, and the things that were happening in college football.”

Frazier knew what his undefeated team was capable of, and soon the Tigers would find out too. In the second quarter, Wabash unleashed the full force of their offensive might. No sooner had DePauw put points on the board when Stan Huntsman did what he knew best and scored a 55-yard rushing touchdown. Soon after, the Cavemen regained possession and Joe Dooley ’52 ran the ball into the end zone. Frazier’s team scored once again before the half, Jerry Huntsman’s pass out to Robert Holstine ’52 securing the touchdown. To cap the second quarter, a two-point pass play to Beasley made the halftime score Wabash 27-6 DePauw.

The 1951 DePauw team was notorious for second-half comebacks. However, the Cavemen showed no signs of letting up and in the second half Jerry Huntsman threw an additional two touchdowns, the first to Steeg and the second to Holstine. The Tigers’ only response was a third-quarter rushing touchdown, but once again the point after was not good. In fact, DePauw played so poorly that many fans and students left during the final quarter. On the contrary, the Wabash supporters erupted at the end of the game as the team retained the Monon Bell and brought their undefeated season to a

cheerful close.

In total, Jerry Huntsman hit 11 of 16 for four touchdown passes while brother Stan racked up 142 yards. The Cavemen defense was just as solid; DePauw finished with a total of negative 17 yards and Bob Stephens, the quarterback Wabash had feared so much in the lead-up to the game, was sacked for losses totaling 86 yards.

It was a fitting end to a remarkable season that will go down in Wabash athletics history. In 2013, to honor the achievements of the Little Giant’s second-ever undefeated season, Coach Frazier’s 1951 team was inducted into the Wabash College Athletics Hall of Fame.

“We had many fine, fine athletes on that team,” added Buktenica, who as well as being an excellent athlete went on to pursue a career as a world-renowned psychologist. “The team and four other players were all admitted to the Athletics Hall of Fame, which probably holds some record. They were not players who only looked out for themselves, everyone seemed to look out for the well-being of the whole team. That’s what our team was.”

“Beat DePauw.”

- *The Bachelor*, 1951

Tomorrow these two great rivals meet once again for the 127th Monon Bell Classic. The memory of the stinging loss two years ago will be incentive enough for the Little Giants. When the team walks onto the field tomorrow, they do so in the shadow of Jerry Huntsman and his teammates. And so, I offer the present team the same advice Huntsman had ringing in his ears on November 17, 1951: “Beat DePauw.”

Behind-the-Scenes Look at “Operation Frijoles”



COURTESY OF THE RAMSEY ARCHIVES

Jim Shanks ‘67 was the architect behind the successful “Operation Frijoles” heist.

SARVIK CHAUDHARY ’25 | STAFF WRITER • There are innumerable records in the rivalry annals of DePauw and Wabash. Theft and vandalism became part of the annual tradition between the two schools. Once the Monon Bell joined the fold in 1932, it gave birth to inventiveness in students looking to formulate the perfect heist. One of these heists was the 1965 “Operation Frijoles,” and the mastermind behind this legendary heist was Jim Shanks ‘67.

Jim Shanks ‘67 scheduled a meeting with DePauw president William Kerstetter claiming to be a representative of the US Information Service in Mexico City. During the meeting, Shanks convinced Kerstetter to offer two full scholarships for international students. To “seal the deal,” Shanks asked to take photos of various subjects of interest on campus to show the “prospective” Mexican students more about DePauw

University.

One item that Shanks asked to photograph in specific was the Monon Bell that had been in DePauw’s possession after the 22-21 victory in 1965. At first the administration was skeptical of showing him the Bell, as one of the DePauw faculty present in the meeting said, “the last time we told someone where the Bell was, it got stolen.” But after having a quick look at Shanks’ credentials, the University’s Athletic Director led Shanks to the location of the Bell, and also invited a few female DePauw students to spruce up the photo.

Later that evening, Shanks and three friends drove the same car he used in the afternoon onto the DePauw campus. Authorities noticed and told the group to leave town. With police diverted by Shanks, another group of Wabash men broke into the maintenance building and seized the bell.

Scott Simpson ’95 first heard about

the 1965 heist during his freshman year at Wabash in 1991. After hearing the story, Simpson thought that “it was strange that aside from the heist story, there wasn’t any other mention of Jim Shanks during his time on campus or about his life after Wabash. But what I found most interesting was that the person who was most associated with the Monon Bell, the trophy for a football game, was a guy who never played a down of football in his life.”

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Simpson got the inspiration to write about the 1965 heist in 1993, during the 100th anniversary of the Monon Bell game.

“Sports Illustrated was coming to campus to write a feature story on the game, and everyone was really excited,” Simpson said. “As a student at the time I wanted to contribute somehow, so I thought I’d try to find Shanks and write a story about the heist for *The Bachelor*, but when I looked him up in the alumni directory, I saw he was deceased, so I gave up on the idea.” When the pandemic began, Simpson started to look for productive ways to spend his time, and found it by writing short stories.

“I started researching and writing little stories I found interesting. A lot of these stories had a Wabash or military connection, and sometimes both,” said Simpson. “I just shared these stories with friends on Facebook, and they helped me pass the time. Then I remembered my long-forgotten attempt to write a story about Jim Shanks, and I thought I’d give it another try.”

Simpson looked for the old article in

The Bachelor that described the 1965 heist and listed Shanks’ accomplices. Simpson found out that one accomplice, Karl Fritch, was still alive and found an email address for him in the alumni directory. That, according to Simpson, was what started everything.

Initially, Simpson just wanted to write a little story about the heist for fun to share with his Facebook friends. But with the power of the internet, he “discovered an abundance of fantastic information. I recognized that this story was bigger than me, so I contacted Gregg Doyle at the Indianapolis Star and shared all of my research with him, hoping he would write something for the paper and the story would get the audience it deserved. He thought it was a great story, but ultimately he didn’t really know what to do with it and never wrote anything about it for the Star.”

Simpson didn’t have professional experience in filmmaking, but during the pandemic he took an online course, taught by Ken Burns on documentary filmmaking. This course inspired him to take all of his Shanks research and make a short film.

Simpson made his first draft of the Shanks film last December, and shared it with Wabash Alumni who were on campus in 1965. He said that after doing that he got a lot of positive feedback and “a few of them even gave me some new information, so I recently made some revisions.”

“I am not a professional filmmaker—this is just a hobby,” Simpson explains. “The film is still a work in progress. For me, it’s like an old classic car in the garage that I tinker with from time to time. I don’t know what will come of it. I hope a professional filmmaker sees my humble effort, recognizes what a great story it is, takes over the project and makes a film that’s beyond my limited abilities.”

During the process of putting the film together, Simpson said he had the privilege of connecting with a lot of alumni from the 1960s and he had learned about their experiences at Wabash, which turned out to be an unexpected treat.

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Honoring Wabash Veterans



JAKE PAIGE '23/ PHOTO

As the Chapel Bell plays the official songs of each of the five branches, Wabash community veterans stand in silence on the steps of the Chapel.

COOPER SMITH '23 | NEWS EDITOR
• At 11:00 on Thursday, as the Chapel Bell played the official song for each of the five military branches, Wabash faculty and alumni events reflected on what Veterans Day means to them.

“Veterans Day to me is acknowledging the men and women who decided to take the time out of their life, to be ready for whatever conflict may arise,” said Dr. Zachery Koppelman, Director of the Writing Center and Corporal in the Army. “To be in the military, it’s a different world. And you’re volunteering to go, if necessary, into a combat zone.” Other veterans in the Wabash community also emphasized how veterans pause their home lives for a greater service.

“A veteran is somebody who put their life on hold to serve our country,” said Tom “Grunge” Runge ’71. “Some of us to Southeast Asia, like I did, had a combat tour. Some went to the desert in Iraq or other places in the Middle East. But when you do that, you put your life on hold.”

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Runge, a corporal and flight commander in the Air Force, flew F-111 fighter jets after studying at Wabash. Though it may be surprising, Runge explained that flying fighter jets was not unlike living at Wabash. “In a lot of ways the Air Force

in those days, and especially in a fighter squadron, was just like being at Wabash,” said Runge. “A bunch of gung-ho guys, everybody trying to outdo the other one -- but always keeping an eye on everybody’s back. So in a lot of ways, it was just a natural progression for me from Wabash to the Air Force and flying fighters.”

Koppelman and Runge spoke about the ways their military experiences prepared them to lead after their service.

“I was trained in the military to be a teacher,” said Koppelman. I received additional training to be an instructor. And I use it all the time in the classroom. The ability to get in front of a group of people and talk, the ability to do things off the cuff and to organize -- it’s second nature to me because I was trained to do it. The comfort level for me to be able to get in front of the entire group of freshmen and talk without a microphone directly stems from my previous training.”

“Veterans usually get the opportunity to lead at a fairly young age,” said Runge. “I was lucky enough to be a fighter squadron commander. There were 60 guys in the squadron, 20 jets. So there’s an opportunity for real leadership really early.”

But Veterans Day discussions of the lessons of service inevitably grapple with the weight of veterans’ sacrifices.

“It’s really about acknowledging the sacrifice involved,” said Koppelman. There’s a lot of sacrifice involved. If you’re in for any length of time you miss holidays, you miss weddings, you miss all sorts of things. It’s not an easy job. So it’s really about taking a little bit of

time to acknowledge these people who voluntarily sacrificed part of their life to something greater than themselves.”

Dr. Tobey Herzog, Professor Emeritus of English and Specialist Five in the Army, described what motivates so many veterans to make those sacrifices.

“People often think that individuals fight for country, for the flag, for God, for family. When it comes down to it, soldiers fight for survival, and they fight for each other,” said Herzog. “And that comradeship is really what motivates soldiers to fight in very horrific conditions. And I don’t think that’s changed over centuries.”

Herzog taught classes on Vietnam War literature and comparative war literature. He described some of the striking similarities between war stories -- similarities that defy nationality, geography, and era.

“Soldiers in every war are searching for control in a chaotic environment, and they have many similar strategies for doing that. And that comes through in their literature,” Herzog said. The chaos of combat brought Herzog right back to the weighty legacy of Veterans Day.

“Veterans Day is really 365 days a year for other veterans,” said Herzog. “I think many veterans, particularly those who lost friends in a war or are themselves injured as a result of the war, are living with post-traumatic stress disorder. It’s not one day of the year -- it’s their life.”

Runge also emphasized the physical and emotional tolls on veterans.

“Veterans come home -- many of them with wounds,” said Runge. “Some you can see, some you can’t.”

Those wounds take a toll. The American Public Health Association

found that veterans experience PTSD at far higher rates than the general population, and they face unique barriers to access to treatments. And according to the National Council of State Legislatures, over 37,000 veterans experienced homelessness in 2019 alone.

“You know, if I had anything that I could control, I would want to make sure that the veterans who come home are taken care of,” said Runge. “There’s a lot of people doing that, but there’s always room for a little more.”

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- Dr. Tobey Herzog

And with that respect comes an obligation to take care of those who served. Honoring Veterans requires more than just a single day of thanks -- it involves an obligation to confront the myriad problems plaguing veterans. Herzog put it best:

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Thanksgiving Break Immersion Trips

ANDREW DEVER '25 | STAFF WRITER • For the first time since the outbreak of COVID-19, Wabash is offering four immersion trips over Thanksgiving break. These immersion classes will travel all over the world, including to the Bay of Naples, Rome, Napa, and the Southern United States.

Wabash’s fall immersion trips seem right on schedule, promising a formative experience for all those involved. As professors and their students pack their bags and verify their travel plans, they look to their goals for the experiences.

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-Drew Boyer '23

“[I’ll] be in the position to [see] everything that I’ve studied and fascinated about,” said Drew Boyer ’23. Boyer, a Classics major, is preparing to attend the Bay of Naples trip. “And for the first time in my life, I can actually stand in those spots.”

But there have certainly been some hiccups in the planning. Dr. Robert Royalty’s class on the historical Jesus

faced a change in destination. Due to COVID restrictions, the trip had to change from Israel to Rome.

The class content centers Jewish resistance to Roman rule, so the shift to Rome was not a radical change.

“It’s not like we changed courses entirely, but we changed focus,” said Royalty.

Despite the woes of travelling during a pandemic, the focus of the planning remains on the memorable experiences students will enjoy.

To hear Dr. Jeremy Hartnett, Professor of Classics tell it, the immersion course professor’s joy comes from watching the students’ awe.

“By leading these trips, I get to have that first experience over and over again and just see the students’ minds blown,” said Hartnett. “Tuck into a plate of yaki or huff and puff their way up and disappear into the crater or go underneath a Renaissance-era church and then prowl around among Roman ruins -- you just know that they will remember that for the rest of their lives.”

From Europe to the American South, these immersion courses will be an amazing opportunity for students to expand their horizons and convert classroom discussions into real-world experiences.

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More Than a Game: The Bell and A House Divided



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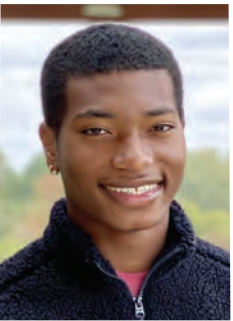
It is that time of the year again that I must spend a week with no communication with my parents. That may seem sad and strange, but let me explain. My parents, grandpa, aunt and two other family members attended the school down South and when I decided to come to Wabash in

2019, I divided the household forever. Especially during Bell Week. While every other week of the year is full of love and support, Bell week is simply different for the Brookman family (and all other families who share this family divide). This week is more than just a rivalry and a game. It is a week that forces division upon my family. Like I alluded to, this week means too much for me to be friendly with a bunch of Dannies. That includes my parents. It would be utterly disgraceful of me to even think about associating myself with anyone affiliated with DePauw during Monon Bell week. I take too much pride in Wabash. This is a week where the brotherhood bonds together, which means I must cut my ties with the rival and put all my heart into Wabash. While it may be true that I am a product of two Dannies, I have also become a product of the Wabash

experience. I am, in that sense, a son of Wabash, and I must pledge my allegiance to my college over my family for one week every November leading up to the battle against the place down south. Some may see that as unreasonable, but I see it as a duty I must uphold. There is no better joy than going into battle with your fellow Wabash brothers. And because my parents are Dannies my Wabash family are the only people with whom I can experience the heights of victory. DePauw fans are notorious for shallow, small-minded trash talking. My parents are no exception, which also plays into my decision to ostracize them during Monon Bell week. Instead of getting caught up in their antics, it is easier to just simply ignore them. Furthermore, it gives them zero satisfaction and opens free real-estate in their heads for me to live rent free (in fairness, I live rent free

in their home during the Summer months anyway). And because of the Wabash education I have received, as opposed to the DePauw education of my parents, I always conduct myself as a gentleman with any encounter I have with my parents leading up to the battle for the Bell. I always strive to take the high road when I am presented with situations where the banter has gone too far. So to wrap things up, this week is a big deal for my family. It will determine who has the upper hand and bragging rights for the next year. At Holiday events, whoever wins can proudly say that their school has the Bell, followed with a “Ding, Ding.” This is more than just a weekend in November, a game to win a bell, or an historic rivalry. It is a chance to prove that my school is superior to my parents’, and that is why this week I am from a House Divided.

A More Inclusive Wabash



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Wabash is said to be home for all regardless of race, cultural background, sexuality, and socio-economic status. Claiming to be home for these students is one thing, however cultivating a home for all is entirely another. Historically most minorities have not had the best experience in comparison to their white brothers here at Wabash. Many of them commonly feeling excluded, feeling forced to assimilate, and forced to adopt the predominate culture that is not their own, often feeling as if it is necessary for them to be accepted in the same community that claims to accept them as they are. One of the most fascinating elements of the Wabash community by far, is

its emphasis on student leadership. Considering a system that has proven itself time after time as effective, it’s understandable that one would be hesitant to take a more critical look at the system’s shortcomings. In regard to cultivating a home for all, the student-led system has been faced with a challenge it certainly needs assistance in overcoming. How can a white student who has had few, if any interaction with someone of a different race or culture lead their peers into a better understanding of these concepts. Wabash is still a predominantly white institution; from the perspective of a white student it could be quite easy to never even consider that the minorities experience may be different from anyone else’s. But the reality is, the experience of most minorities on this campus is different than their white counterparts. Wabash prides itself on taking more steps to increase the number of minorities enrolled in the college. However, cultivating a home for them is a different challenge. The college administration must take more action to intentionally cultivate a home for all. What does that look like? It could look like a curriculum,

that introduces, and further cultivates an understanding of topics regarding minorities and the reality they face in this nation, and even further what they face in the Crawfordsville community. In fact, I am arguing that to not educate its predominantly white student body about these matters is a greater disservice with even more detrimental implications. This leads me to another amazing fact about Wabash. Our alumni leave little ol’ Crawfordsville and go on to all parts of the globe, serving as important decision makers in their respective industries. In no shape or fashion should a student graduate from Wabash, destined to be a world class leader and not have the understanding or skills needed to dismantle the oppressive systems they may unknowingly feed into. Many of my Wabash brothers, across all races and cultures, have come forward acknowledging their lack of understanding and are more than passionate to begin figuring out where we start on cultivating Wabash and the nation as truly a home for all. This turns me to the next challenge that us as students are facing. It is not the minorities’ role to be the teacher

of these realities; in fact, you would be wrong to assume that every minority understands the realities themselves. We live in the United States of America, and unfortunately in this case we have not been the best at treating minorities the same as their white counterparts. While this is a national issue that nearly every institution in the country has been faced with, Wabash can lead the way. Brothers now is our time to show the world who we are, and what we are about. We are the most critical thinkers, the most responsible men, the most effective leaders, and we live by example in living humanely. Nearly every college campus in Indiana is struggling to create a home for all. Let us, as Wabash, retake our place as leading the state, and the nation when it comes to demonstrating how to be a home for all. We are more than ready to join hand in hand with the Wabash administration to come up with an effective plan on how we can make sure that every brother regardless of race, cultural background, sexuality, and socio-economic status can develop the same sense of home, here at Wabash college for the many generations to come.

Unity ... It’s Tradition



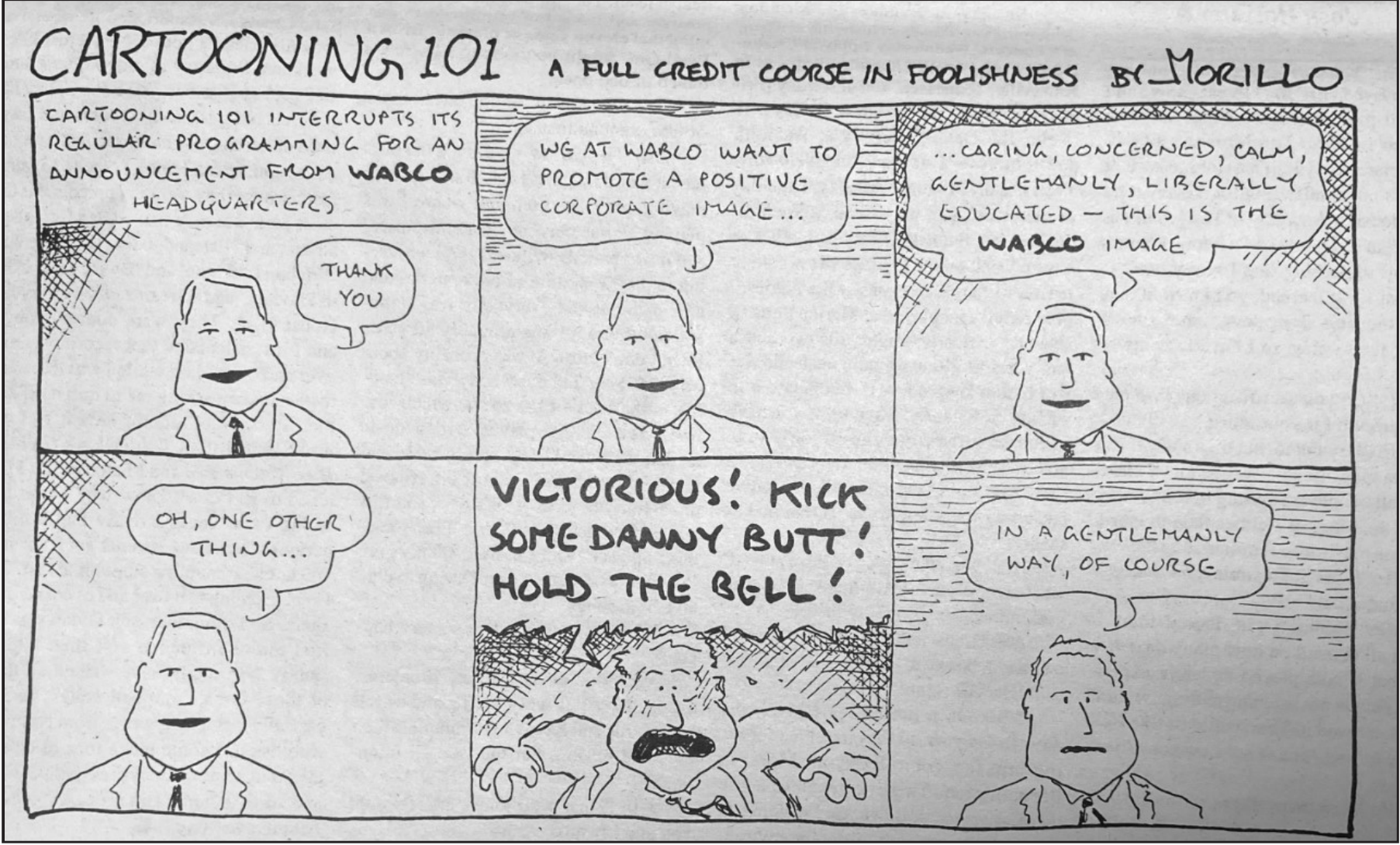
Brendan McCoy '20

This is an opinion from the November 10, 2017 issue of The Bachelor. It is Bell Week, gentlemen, and that means there is only one thing on our mind. It is that massive, 300- pound, beautiful beast of a bell

and, as we edge ever closer to this Saturday, we must all focus on making sure the bell returns to its rightful position. It has been a long and empty year walking through the Allen Center. We have all felt the pain of looking to see the void left behind, thanks to our rivals in the south, and it fills each and every person on this campus with a deep hunger to bring it back. The Bell is ready to come home. I can attest this, from personal experience, that the Monon Bell is sad. It has been tucked away in a corner for far too long, and it is ready to return from an extended, lonely southern vacation. It is only possible to bring back the Bell if every single person on this campus puts their heart into this goal. It must be a collective us. This rivalry

is not just a football thing. It is not only a student or alumni thing. It is not a chance for us to hate on DePauw, but instead, an opportunity for us to show our love for Wabash. This weekend is not an excuse for excessive drinking and partying centered around a simple football game. This upcoming Saturday is much more. The Monon Game is one of the most defining measures of Wabash College’s unity. It brings every student, alumnus, professor, dean, faculty member, coach, and member of the Wabash family together. This game is our tradition based on great love for our college. However, the only way that bell is ever going to return to Wabash is if we come together as One. Because, in the end, the Bell is just the symbol of something far more significant. It’s the

symbol of what makes Wabash the most beloved school. It is the symbol of what makes Wabash, Wabash. So, this weekend, I urge everyone to look past our differences. We lost the bell last year because we forgot who we were. We are not just our race, or our religion, or our political position. We are Wabash. We became too comfortable just going through the motions and not truly believing in our oneness. Last fall, we forgot who we were, we lost our most celebrated tradition, unity. While losing our beloved bell was heartbreaking, it was a well-needed kick in the butt. It reminded us that we need to do better, every single one of us. After a full calendar year of hard work and dedication, it is time for us to come together and bring it back home. Unify brothers; It is our tradition.



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Wallies Ready to Defend Home Field



COURTESY OF WILLIAM GRENNON '24

Bond Hits Box Office



LOGAN WEILBAKER '25 | STAFF WRITER • Nearly fifteen years after the release of *Casino Royale*, Daniel Craig gave his final performance as the famous 007 this October. With

the release of *No Time to Die*, Craig surpassed Pierce Brosnan, achieving the second most Bond appearances of any actor in franchise history. This fifth appearance in that role solidified himself as one of the greatest actors to assume the time-honored role. The film follows Bond as he is called out of retirement by his friends at MI6 to help stop the criminal mastermind Safin, played by Rami Malek, from employing a stolen bioweapon to wreak worldwide chaos. The following article contains spoilers.

Being his last film, it was fitting that *No Time to Die* hit the mark in almost every category. The film maintained all of the fan-favorite clichés, from the gun barrel POV shot, to an abundance of beautiful women, to the classic line “shaken, not stirred,” but nevertheless looked to the future of the franchise with optimism.

Refreshingly, *No Time to Die* set itself apart from 007 films of the past in its depiction and representation of female characters. In contrast to many “Bond girls,” Léa Seydoux’s performance as Bond’s beloved, Madeleine Swann, brought the multi-dimensionality of the character to life. The film certainly depicted

her as much more to her than just a pretty face. She asserted herself as both a self-sufficient woman and as a loving partner.

While there is still much speculation as to who could be the next 007 (names such as Tom Hardy and Idris Elba have arisen), *No Time to Die* heavily implied MI6 Agent Nomi, played by Lashana Lynch, as the frontrunner, a controversial decision given Bond’s history as the model British man. Such an unprecedented move could be exactly what is needed at this critical junction to rejuvenate the nearly sixty-year-old franchise. Modern audiences are ready for a lead female character and tired of the hypersexualization of women in action films. Lynch’s stellar performance proved this could indeed be a possibility for future Bond films, as she quickly developed a character loved by viewers. Creating a strong, independent female character who is also multifaceted and relatable has proven a challenge for the film industry in recent years, but *No Time to Die* accomplished it in Madeleine, Nomi, and in a brief appearance by CIA agent Paloma, played by Ana de Armas. For all its strengths, the movie’s

chief flaw was its lack of a significant narrative. The first half of the film saw the complete demise of Spectre, the crime syndicate at the center of most of the Craig series. Leaving the film with one simple villain detracted from the mystery and suspense of typical spy thrillers; however, this was probably a wise decision, as it allowed the story to focus on Bond’s personal life, specifically his relationship with Madeleine and their child together.

The final moments of the film were surely a disappointment for those hoping for a fairytale ending, when Bond, electing to stay on the island alone to ensure the destruction of the bioweapon factory, met a fiery demise. In keeping with his character, it was the only realistic way to bring an end to the saga. Bond clearly cannot stay in retirement for long, and there was no better illustration of his unwavering selflessness than a self-sacrifice for the greater good. *No Time to Die* was a well-deserved swan song for Daniel Craig and neatly wrapped up the fifteen-year-long pentalogy while planting new seeds to entice 007 fans for years to come.

No Time to Die is currently playing in theaters.

X-Tacy Reurns to Wabash



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Johnathan “Kenny” Coleman ‘22 sharing during last Saturday’s judged poetry slam. The Malcom X Institute of Black Studies hosted the annual event in the Korb Classroom of the Fine Arts Center.



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James Love ‘22, the eventual poetry slam section champion, speaks his piece entitled “Why you.” Love went on to win the finals with a piece entitled “Pill”.

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Giving Back: Cory Kopitzke ‘14



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Cory Kopitzke ‘14 during the 20th Wabash Moot Court competition.

WILLIAM GRENNON ‘24 | CAVELIFE EDITOR • A return to campus for many alumni is an opportunity for reminiscing. Cory Kopitzke ‘14 had the chance to not just reminisce, but to give back to his alma mater by sharing his own experiences as an attorney in his Prelaw Society speaker October 3. Kopitzke first became interested in Wabash by a former high school football teammate, who was a Wabash man himself. Interest from the wrestling coaches got him on campus, and he was moving in the following fall. Kopitzke quickly became involved and truly utilized what Wabash had to offer. The German major was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the top advocate during the 2013 Moot Court Competition, and a Peck Award winner. Kopitzke took a variety of courses outside his major while at Wabash, a decision he often advises current students to do. “I wish I would have branched out more into other disciplines, like computer science, and not avoided those classes that seemed beyond my reach intellectually,” Kopitzke said. Additionally, Kopitzke served as a Resident Assistant both his junior and senior years and studied abroad at the Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg. It was during his time in Freiburg that Kopitzke truly found an interest in law. After graduating magna cum laude in 2014, Kopitzke attended Indiana University Maurer School of Law in Bloomington. He spent the summer following his first year as a Legal Intern for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana.

“Law also touches almost everything we do, from our careers, to how we protect new inventions and discoveries, to how we organize society,” said Kopitzke. “Law has to change as well, and it’s my job as a lawyer to keep abreast of those changes and be able to explain them to clients. I am always learning, especially in the health care space.” Within healthcare law, the COVID-19 pandemic has radically changed the type of work many attorneys did, and how they went about doing that new work. During his talk, Kopitzke shared some of the new challenges he and his group faced as the pandemic started to unfold. Because of the emergency nature of the pandemic, new standards were emplaced to ensure people could receive critical care. Like many cases, individual suits and insurance claims had to be pushed until the situation settled down. A newly virtual court system was unprepared for some of the challenges the pandemic brought. In his work at Quarles & Brady, Kopitzke largely advised a broad group of health care providers on regulatory issues among other things. While maybe less direct, his efforts to cut through red tape lay the groundwork for life-saving treatments and procedures. Kopitzke returned to campus to share his unique experiences and help prepare the next generation of Wabash men. In keeping with tradition, Kopitzke, an avid supporter of the Little Giants Football team, predicts a 28-14 Bell game win this weekend.

HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

IS ANT-MAN HOT?

Hi-Five to Paul Rudd for being voted the “Sexiest Man Alive” this year. Who would have thought? Not us.

BETA...

Hi-Five to Betamania for providing “fortunate” guests and wrestlers warm Natty Ice and Busch Light. The front row truly got to immerse themselves into the Beta experience.

ALL THE BELL GAMES AT BASH?

Lo-Five to The DePauw for being unable to do math. You hosted the last Bell Game. We are hosting this one. It is not that hard.

POUR ONE OUT

Hi-Five to all of our risk managers out there this weekend. We here at The Bachelor will make sure that you have a lot of risks to manage come Saturday night.

DUCK FEPAUW

Lo-Five to DePauw's day of “giving” this week. Raising 30 percent of Wabash's Day of Giving is a real accomplishment when you have twice as many alumni. Congrats guys.

SPORTS

FOOTBALL:
 Wittenberg 35
Wabash 14
Nov. 6

BASKETBALL:
 Wabash 74
Centre 70
Nov. 6

Hanover 83
Wabash 81
Nov. 10

WRESTLING:
 Wabash 7th/7 at
Chicago DIII Shootout
Nov. 5-6

Soccer Season Review

Wabash Ends Season 11-6-2 (4-3-2 NCAC), Looks Forward to Future



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Austin Hughes ‘23 watches as the team passes into the opposing squad’s box. Hughes continues to improve each season he has played for the Little Giants and will be one of several seniors who head next year’s squad.

BEN BULLOCK ‘23 | STAFF WRITER • Austin Hughes ‘23 is a junior midfielder from Clarksville, IN. Hughes has played 16 games for Wabash this season, scoring four goals and getting four assists on the year. I sat down with him to discuss the season and his personal goals for the team going forward. **Q:** What expectations did you have for the team at the beginning of the season? **A:** Honestly, I thought this was going to be the year. My freshman year we were a very young team and lots of guys in my class started a lot of games. Two years later, we still have them all: Cristian Aleman [‘22], Adam Berg [‘22], Josh Scott [‘22], and me. So, I knew we were going to be an older and more experienced team this year. And certainly for those first

few weeks of the season there was a feeling that things really clicked into place. Everybody found their role, we were older, and it felt right. So, the expectation was to win the conference, and I really thought it was doable. **Q:** As you say, something really clicked in the non-conference portion of the season. So, what happened when the conference games began? **A:** Look, I believe there’s two aspects that determine a full season when you look at the big picture. First, you need the talent and the will to win, and that’s what we had. But then you need the in-season management and the depth to manage yourself for a full season. In the non-conference schedule, we were just pure soccer players. Everyone was healthy, everyone was happy. Life was good outside of soccer, too, and it showed

on the field. That was just pure talent. But then you need good in-season management too. Guys are going to pick up injuries as the season wears on and when those inevitabilities come it swamps some guys. When those things happen, you need the depth and the wits about you to manage those challenges to keep it rolling. I think some of those things hit us harder than we should have let them, and so the gears just shifted back a little bit. **Q:** Looking forward, then, what groundwork would you like to lay to improve that full season management you were talking about? **A:** I take a lot of that responsibility myself. We’re going to have to look, as we do every season, at our little in-season habits, the little nuances. For instance, are we using our time and practice effectively? How are we

structuring our time management? Then, when that process comes around again, we can say okay, let’s tweak some things that didn’t work. That is why this spring is going to be massive for the team. We have plans already in place for everything from new nutrition plans to weightlifting programs. It’s no secret that we’re not the biggest team physically, but we have good guys with good chemistry. If we can spend more time with each other, building those friendships a little deeper, that’s definitely going to help down the line. **Q:** How important is that good chemistry for the future success of the team? **A:** The importance of chemistry is one of the most interesting things about soccer. It’s what I love about it, and it’s why soccer is so hard to understand. It’s a game of improvisation, and that’s different from a lot of American sports. It’s not coordinated, the coach doesn’t run the game. It’s us eleven guys who go out there and improvise our way to a win. **Q:** Do you see any future leaders emerging from the sophomore or junior classes? **A:** As a newbie on the team, your job really is just to adapt and do your thing. If your thing is good enough to help the team, Coach will play you and the evolution of the team will keep going. The big three sophomores that really came up this year I think were Jerry Little [‘24], Hugo Garcia [‘24], and Jackson Grabill [‘24]. As for freshmen, Bruno Zamora [‘25] and Emilio Paez [‘25] got a lot of playing time. I love the way all of these guys play, especially Bruno, he’s a lot of fun to watch. **Q:** What, then, do you want to see as you head into your final year with the team? **A:** I want what every senior wants and everything I’ve ever played for. We have a chance to make history next year if we can win the NCAC and make the NCAA tournament. No Wabash team has ever done it, and that goal is not going to change. I want to play soccer and I want to help make a name for the team. I believe it can happen.

Basketball Starts 1-1

Wabash Opens Season with Tough Matchups vs. Centre and Hanover



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Kellen Schreiber '22 posts up a defender as Tyler Watson '22 looks for an entry pass out of an out-of-bounds play. Schreiber and others aim to build off of the uncertainty of last season and capitalize on the depth and talent this year's squad possesses.

ETHAN WALLACE '25 | STAFF WRITER • On Saturday, November 6, Wabash Basketball kicked off the 2021-2022 season with a win against Centre College. The Little Giants came out on fire in the first half, quickly establishing a 10-point lead over the opponents. However, this wouldn't last, and the Colonels began slowly catching up and ended the half ahead by three points. The script was flipped in the second half with Centre building a 10-point lead right out of the gate. But the Wabash team kept its cool. After switching to more aggressive defense, the Little Giants began forcing a lot of turnovers. This defensive momentum jump-started the offense and Wabash regained control of the game, taking a 3-point lead with just under 3 minutes left on the clock.

Wabash was able to hold the lead for the next three minutes. As time ran out, Centre was forced to foul, and the Little Giants pushed their lead to two possessions. Wabash prevailed with a final score of 74-70.

Both teams had 11 turnovers and 14 points from the free throw line. This was a strong first outing for Wabash Basketball. Except for a few minutes at the start of the second half, the team was consistently scoring throughout the game.

Despite the strong performance, the Little Giants were not without flaw, as they only shot 8-27 from outside the arch with a poor 29.6% three point percentage and struggled to create defensive stops for most of the game.

The player of the game would be Tyler Watson '22, who led the team in scoring with 27 points while adding nine rebounds and five assists. Surprisingly, Jack Davidson '22 only managed to put up 7 points in 33 minutes of play time, a far cry from his 20.1 average during the 2019-2020 season. This was definitely not a game to be ashamed of. However, better defense, fewer fouls, and more consistency from three point range will be necessary for Wabash to have a successful season.

Wabash returned to Chadwick Court on Wednesday, November 10 for its regular season home opener against Hanover College. The Little Giants lost in a nail biting 83-81 clash. Unlike in their matchup against Centre, the Little Giants were stuck in a tight matchup from the tip-off.

The first half, which featured several lead changes, ended with the Panthers ahead 38-35. The second half was a challenge, with Wabash once again trying

to catch up again to the opponent's dominant lead.

The team spent the remainder of the game trying to tie the game. The Little Giants made significant progress later in the half getting within 3 with about 2 minutes on the clock, but were prevented from tying it up by their weak defense. The game was sealed by an unintentional foul that took place in the last ten seconds of the game allowing Hanover to reinstate a two possession lead. Davidson tried to salvage the situation, scoring a three-pointer right as the buzzer sounded.

Once again the Little Giants scored well throughout the game. However, their defense was lackluster to say the least. Late in the second half, Wabash was putting up plenty of points but couldn't create the defensive stops required to tie the game. The 22 fouls committed on Wednesday night were a main contributor to the team's defensive collapse.

Hanover demonstrated far superior ball movement with 13 assists more than doubling Wabash's 6. At the very least Davidson was back to his usual self, dropping an incredible 33 points, several of which came in the last two minutes of the game.

It was a special night as Chadwick hosted fans for the first time in over a year. The energy throughout the game was buzzing, and at many times the arena was hard to hear. "It's a great feeling having all these people back," Kyle Brummett, Head Basketball Coach, said. "Everyone's missed it. We played badly. I think we're all a little too amped up. But, you know, it's great to have the support that we've done."

There are three main takeaways the Little Giants will need to keep with them for the remainder of the season. First, they need to come out ready to play in the second half. Second, they need to play better defense. Third, they have to foul less; committing 22 fouls is ridiculous, and if Hanover hadn't gone 17-28 from the charity stripe this game would not have been particularly close.

Wabash sits at 1-1 to start off the year after two tough contests. The Little Giants certainly have the talent and drive to win a lot this season, but the road does not get any easier. Next, Wabash faces No. 3-ranked Marietta College on November 19 in the Great Lakes Invitational before matching up with No. 13-ranked Emory University the next day on November 20. The expectations are high for this Little Giant squad, and these two opening games give Wabash plenty to improve upon.



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Jack Davidson '22 attempts a reverse lay-up over a Hanover defender. Two games into the season, Davidson is averaging 20 ppg and 35.5 mpg.

Wrestling Takes Opener

Little Giants Grab 1st Place at Adrian College Invitational

GARSON MATNEY '25 | STAFF WRITER • Best in the nation. These are the words that describe the Wabash Wrestling team. Altogether, they are ranked #2 in the country. Four wrestlers are ranked within the top five: Carlos Champagne '22 (133lbs) at #5, Alex Barr '22 (149lbs) at #4, Kyle Hatch '22 (165lbs) at #1, and Max Bishop '22 (285lbs) at #1. The Wrestling team showcased their perpetual dominance this past Saturday at Adrian College for the first time in two years.

COVID-19 canceled the National Tournament in March 2020 the day before the wrestlers were slated to compete. They proved their ranking this weekend. The team had champions in six weight classes. They were: Chris Merrill '23 (125lbs), Blake McGee '25 (133lbs), Gavinn Alstott '25 (141lbs), Tyson Nisley '24 (157lbs),

Chase Baczek '25 (184lbs), and Jack Heldt '23 (197lbs). Ten others placed in the top five, and, in many cases, the placement came down to Wabash vs. Wabash. In two weight classes, these were the finals. The wrestling team was buzzing with excitement to be back on the mat.

Both Hatch and Bishop mentioned this is one of the things they were most excited about. "I am excited for nationals and another opportunity to compete," Bishop said. Hatch also noted on how "I am also excited for the team aspect. We have not won a trophy since I've been here, and this could be the year."

There was also a lot of underclassmen success. Three freshmen won their weight classes. Bishop said this was one of the most exciting aspects of being a captain. "It's great to see the potential of this

team," Bishop said. "I am so impressed by the underclassmen and their ability to go toe-to-toe with everyone and get after it. This is a young team, and I look forward to seeing the future." Bishop is also looking forward to the future for the chance to compete at home an unusually high amount compared to previous years.

The team wrestles four times at home this year. The next one is against Manchester College today in Chadwick Court. Wabash College is a heavy favorite. They also have two more tournaments in the future and one more dual meet. The team is excited for the chance to be at home and have their support.

The team also has an exciting future when they go to tough tournaments like the Concordia Open, where they will have the opportunity to show the nation why they are ranked among the

best. This past weekend, they showed this fact when they easily came in first place, beating the second place school, Adrian College, by seventy-one points.

The team was also number one in the following statistics: Most Pins Least Time (17 pins, in 37 minutes 54 seconds, Most Tech Falls Least Time (6 tech falls in 27 minutes and 12 seconds), and Most Total Match Points (350). Overall, there were twenty-two wrestlers who placed within the top eight out of the fourteen schools there. The team is a heavy favorite, as they see this as another opportunity to improve and be ready for the meat of the season.

Nationals and etching their name into Wabash history as champions once again is the central motivation for the team and the individual competitors in their respective weight classes. The season comes down to trophy or bust.

Monon Bell Predictions

The Bachelor and The DePauw Predict the 127th Monon Bell Classic



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Wabash and DePauw line across from one another in the 2019 Monon Bell Classic. The Tigers took the rivalry 17-13, just the second win in the matchup since 2009.

BLAKE LARGENT '22 | SPORTS EDITOR • The Wabash football team entered the year favorites to win the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) and return to the playoffs for a second consecutive season. The Little Giants welcomed a new stadium with hopes of bringing plenty of wins and, of course, the return of the Monon Bell. Yet, Wabash (6-3, 5-3 NCAC) enters the 127th Monon Bell Classic underdogs as DePauw (8-1, 8-0 NCAC) has taken the conference by storm. The Tigers were projected to finish fourth in the NCAC Preseason Football Coaches' Poll but sit atop the standings with a playoff run following Saturday's matchup. Wabash looks to spoil DePauw's stellar season, while avoiding a two-game skid in the Bell Game for the first time since 2007-2008.

What is there to say about this Tiger team? DePauw has been the best overall squad in the NCAC this year. The Tigers have only had two conference games come within a possession this season, a 34-30 win against Wooster on September 25 and a 17-14 win against Wittenberg on October 9. In every other matchup, DePauw has been electric. The Tigers posted 38.4 points per game while allowing just 11.9 points per game against NCAC opponents this season. Senior quarterback Chase Andries has been a great leader for the team this season, and has spearheaded this offense into a powerhouse.

The DePauw offense has been great. But the Tigers are NCAC winners this season because of their defense. These numbers speak for themselves: 11.9 points allowed, 17 sacks, 17 interceptions, six fumble recoveries, and five defensive touchdowns in eight conference games(!). DePauw has an offense that can score points at will, but their defense is what makes this team playoff caliber.

Why does a Wabash team that has lost three of its last four games have a chance against an elite conference team in DePauw? One answer: quarterback

Liam Thompson '24. Throw out the season stats; when Thompson is on, the Little Giants have the best offense in the NCAC. Wabash averaged 38.5 points per game in the conference this season. This even includes last week's 35-14 loss to Wittenberg in which Thompson had his worst performance of his career. The dual-threat sophomore has been sensational this season. Thompson averaged 310.3 yards per game through the air, rushed for 40.7 yards per game, and collected 25 passing TDs while rushing for 10.

The game is obviously reliant on a team effort. Thompson will need help. Donovan Snyder '24 has been the feature back for Wabash, averaging 98.4 yards per game and accounting for 10 total touchdowns this season. Derek Allen '24 and Cooper Sullivan '23 have been the favorite targets for Thompson, producing a combined 13 touchdowns this season. The Monon Bell returning to Wabash depends on a career game from Thompson, but the rest of the offense will have to do its part as well.

The offensive prowess of Wabash is no secret, but the brute of the team's losses have come in shootouts with defensive struggles. The Little Giants do not have to stop the Tiger offense; they merely just have to slow them down. In a chippy rivalry game on a cold, windy Saturday, this can certainly be the case. Wabash's defense must erase this season's shortcomings with a gutsy Monon Bell performance.

DePauw is the rightful favorite in this game. But in the Bell Game, anything can happen. The Little Giants are 14-5 since 2001 in this rivalry, and we at The Bachelor expect this recent trend to continue. This game will be won by who scores last, and that will be a touchdown from the hands of Thompson. Wabash tarnishes DePauw's perfect conference record, winning the 127th Monon Bell Classic 28-24. The Little Giants reclaim the Bell in the new stadium, while the Tigers head to the playoffs 300 pounds lighter.

TAYLOR RICHARDSON | THE DEPAUW SPORTS WRITER • If DePauw can force Wabash into some bad turnovers, then the Little Giants will have little hope. The Tigers have feasted on turnovers all year as they lead the conference with 23 total and have five defensive touchdowns which makes them tied for second in Division III. My overall thought on this matchup is that neither side will be overly dominant. Wabash junior and quarterback Liam Thompson will be able to move the ball on DePauw, but definitely not with ease. I think DePauw's defense will get the best of Thompson in the end, but it should be a fun matchup.

DePauw's soaring offense vs. Wabash's struggling defense

The main culprit for Wabash's late season slump has been their defense. They have given up 28 points or more in six out of eight of their NCAC games this season. Wabash's defense has put so much pressure on the offense to outscore teams to win and it hasn't worked against good teams.

On the other hand, DePauw's offense is in its finest form at the end of the season. The scariest thing about this Tiger offense is they can beat teams in multiple ways. They can blow the top off of defenses with relentless deep passes to Jaylon Smith or Trey Shaw or slow the tempo down and run teams over with Gus Baumgartner.

However, I don't expect DePauw to run circles around Wabash's defense. In fact, Wabash's defense could rise to the occasion and play better than they have these past few weeks. The Monon Bell game can bring out the best in anyone and I believe their defense will make some plays. Even if they get off to a slow start, there is no doubt that the Tigers offense will eventually take off later in the game and move the ball at ease on Wabash's defense.

Final thoughts and predictions
This game is intriguing and I can't wait to see how it will unfold. DePauw is in unfamiliar territory. We haven't gone into

the conference undefeated since 2010. DePauw is coming in as the favorite, but Wabash has the talent to pull off the upset. The Little Giants are also playing their first Bell game in their new stadium which will for sure add extra motivation. But at the end of the day, throw out all the stats and seasons up to this point and may the best team win.

Prediction: DePauw: 35, Wabash: 24.
I think this game will stay close through the first three quarters and Wabash might even have an early lead at halftime. But I believe DePauw will start to take control late in the third or early in the fourth quarter. The running game will start to break down Wabash's defense late in the game and a long touchdown drive by DePauw will put the game out of reach for the Wabash Little Giants. DePauw simply has too much talent on both sides of the ball for Wabash to overcome in this game. The Tigers get the clean sweep of the NCAC and bring the Monon Bell with them to the NCAA playoffs.

WABASH: 28
DEPAUW: 24
The Bachelor Prediction

DEPAUW: 35
WABASH: 24
The DePauw Prediction

Bell Game Cements Buresh Family Legacy

Seth Buresh Reflects on his Time at the College, the Bell, and Family



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Buresh on Senior Day with the rest of his family. This Saturday will bring the end to a 13-year stretch of having a Buresh part of the Little Giants football team.

JAKOB GOODWIN '23 | OPINION EDITOR • A member of the Buresh family has played in every Bell Game since 2010. Tyler Buresh '11 was the first of five brothers to play in the Monon Bell Classic. More than a decade later, his youngest brother, Seth, is about to play in his last one this weekend. The Bachelor sat down with Seth to ask him about his feelings on his last Bell Game, the football season he missed, and this week's preparations

to beat the Dannies.

After hearing that last year's Division III season was being canceled, many Wabash senior athletes took a semester or a year off so that they could come back and play again. Seth Buresh '21 is among the group of students to do so. Buresh was glad the NCAA announced that before the season.

"Luckily, they told us before we came back to school because I didn't even come back that fall semester."

Buresh felt insulted when he saw teams in Division I football-playing when everyone else wasn't allowed to.

"But it was kind of disappointing, and it was really, really annoying to see like Division One schools play. And you just say like, oh, the little guys, just like the peons. They don't matter. We don't bring any money. So we shouldn't get the opportunity to play."

Despite the disappointment with not being able to play, Buresh is able to see the bright side of the situation.

"I've just been super blessed to be a part of this team and to get to know the coaches and the guys and I'm just super thankful that I had the opportunity to come back and to do it for one last season."

The Bell Game wasn't the only thing that brought Buresh back to Wabash this year, but he's glad to have another chance. "The Bell isn't where it belongs right now," but, "it'd be a nice cherry on top."

On Dannies and the rivalry, Buresh recounted the 2017 Bell Game. "They came over and took it from our sideline and took it back. And they rang it for a little bit and then they just stopped. They just they stopped they allowed it to stop ringing for an extended period of time and it just kind of hit me because growing up, I know that it never stops raining should never stop," "And I think that that one act showed me that they don't even care.

Like it's cool they got they got the bell but they're not gonna treat it well or treat it with the respect that was she deserves."

On this being his last Bell Game, Seth said that this felt like, "just another game." He said it hasn't hit him yet that it's his last game. On the Bell, Seth said, "The bell encapsulates almost all the tradition at Wabash." "It's about the Brotherhood, all the men that have come before us playing for that bell and all the tradition and the blood sweat and tears that have gone into to keeping and getting that bell back to where it belongs, in Crawfordsville."

Buresh has been the bright spot on a defense that has not met the expectations it set for itself. With a career-best 43 tackles, 10.5 tackles for loss, 8 sacks, Buresh has been the best all-around player on a Wabash defense that has struggled.

Buresh has more-than-doubled his career tackle total and is in a position to beat his sack and tackle-for-loss totals for previous years.

The Buresh family has attended every Monon Bell Classic for more than a decade.

From Tyler in 2010 to Cody in 2012, Ethan in 2013, Dylan in 2017, and Seth in 2019, the Buresh Family has a long history with the Bell Game. For the foreseeable future, this is their last Bell Game with a Buresh on the field. Seth will lead the defense against the