

MXI Hosts Freeman-Wilson for MLK Day



Karen Freeman-Wilson is the President and CEO of the Chicago Urban League. She has previously served as Indiana’s Attorney General and Mayor of Gary, Indiana.



Freeman-Wilson with members of the MXI & President Feller. During her talk, she discussed the need for students to have an education, heart, courage, and humility.



Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton ‘00 giving opening remarks. After the talk, she fielded questions from the Wabash community on a wide array of topics.

Dr. Bill Cook ‘66 Returns to Share Lessons

ALEX ROTARU | MANAGING EDITOR • Teachers, students, and lessons come in many, often unexpected, ways that can alter one’s path in life. Such has been the case with Dr. Bill Cook ‘66, a professor of Medieval History at SUNY Geneseo turned philanthropist working to better education access in impoverished and marginalized communities in 30 countries. This semester, Dr. Cook returned to Wabash to accompany the Religion in Africa immersion course taught by Dr. Warner, which will travel to Kenya over Spring Break.

“When most immersion trips go, they primarily see monuments,” Cook said. “That’s a wonderful thing to do, and I’ve done that with lots of students. This is different because it’s a very people-oriented [trip]. I mean, there’s not that much to see in Nairobi; the big event will be to go to the national park and see the animals, but we’re going to [mainly] interact with people [which you don’t usually do much of on an immersion trip].” In many ways, the focus of the immersion trip ties back to one of Cook’s greatest lessons from his time at Wabash: to learn from other people, particularly the people around you. That was one of the main ways he flourished during his time here.

A native of Indianapolis, Cook came to Wabash from Arsenal Technical High School, the first student in 10 years to have done so, after having visited all 48 continental United States (Alaska and Hawaii became states when Cook was a sophomore in high-school) and taking a seven-week trip to Europe. “So I came from a privileged background, from a middle class family, but I was an only child.” Cook said. “But I remember



Cook in Ethiopia with a group of his students on a trip to a monastery. In a semester where Cook has already gave a Chapel Talk, he is also co-teaching an immersion course with Dr. Warner where he and the class will visit Kenya over Spring Break.

very well, the night before classes at the Lambda Chi [Alpha] house I had just pledged [...] one of the seniors (and I got to do this when I was a senior) gets up to the pledges (Lambda Chi had pledges [today, it has associate members]) and says something like this: ‘Gentlemen, we are impressed by all your credentials. We’re impressed by how high you ranked in your class. We’re impressed by how many athletic teams you were on. We’re impressed by how many offices you held in high-school and all the things you’ve done. Gentlemen, we are no longer impressed.’ And I thought, [good grief], I have to start all over again.” Though his world changed overnight, Cook was able to flourish through this change and many others coming his way throughout his life.

Initially, Cook wanted to become a lawyer. However, after taking classes with (now Emeritus) History Professor Jim Barnes, the first blind Rhodes ...

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Dr. Cook Returns, Cont.

Scholar, and History Professor John Charles, he fell in love with the subject. “By the end of my freshman year,” Cook said, “primarily with Jack Charles, but also with my advisor, Jim Barnes and others,

I thought, ‘These people obviously are good at what they do. They like what they do. They’re [surely] making a difference in my life. I want to be one of those.’ And, so, I declared my major in History and, from that time on, I said I’m going to be a Historian.”

Cook went to Wabash during a tumultuous time in US history. During this time in college, President John F. Kennedy and Malcolm X were assassinated, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King led the Selma to Montgomery March in Alabama, and the Freedom Summer happened in Mississippi. However, most Wabash students were oblivious to everything happening because of the limited access to the media at the time. “In our fraternity house, [...] we had very strict rules about the one television in the house: it went off at seven o’clock at night and it stayed off until 10 o’clock the following morning,” Cook said. And even when the television was on, people did not watch the news on it. “And, you know, the Crawfordsville Journal-Review (which is still a local newspaper) was delivered to the fraternity house every day. There were 62 guys living in the house; usually, you never got the Crawfordsville Journal-Review. And it didn’t exactly cover the Vietnam War carefully. [...] So, I got most of my news during the Summer when I was home. [...] It was pretty easy to live in Crawfordsville and not pay too much attention to this.” At the time, Wabash was also a homogenous college, with minimal racial diversity, which made the campus even more isolated from the world, particularly the Civil Rights

Movement going on in the South. “My friend, David Kendall, had been to Mississippi during the Freedom Summer,” Cook said. “And I heard his story, but they were still sort of a Report from the Moon.”

After Wabash, Cook got his PhD in Medieval History from Cornell University. This was in the era of the Vietnam War, so the draft reduced the number of teaching vacancies at the more prestigious universities, so Cook’s graduate school cohort had to settle for any position they could get. This is how Cook wound up at SUNY Geneseo. “It had been a state teacher’s college [...] but it was just becoming a liberal arts college,” Cook said. “It had a lot of young faculty members like me, who came from the best universities, but who didn’t get the job they wanted to get. [...] So, a bunch of us sort of said, ‘well, if we’re going to live our lives here, let’s make this a good liberal arts college.’ So we did.” Today, SUNY Geneseo is a highly-ranked public liberal arts college.

“I went to South America for the first time in 2004,” Cook said. “I accompanied a student of mine from Geneseo, who was doing research on liberation theology.”

Cook first went to Kenya in 2010, when he was invited by a Franciscan friar to come and speak there. “It was incredibly shocking,” Cook said. “I mean, everybody knows that we have real poverty in the United States, and I have seen it in other countries as well. Every place has poverty and some of the poverty is just truly horrific. [...] [In Kenya,] you not only see people hungry and begging and kids openly on dope. But you see people who are malnourished. And when you’re Franciscan (because St. Francis was a great saint of poverty), you go right into the slums. I didn’t go see the giraffes first in Kenya, I went to the slums. So, my first impressions are having a couple of big guys with me who would protect me walking through the slums.” The Religion in Kenya immersion trip will have a similar experience heading into



COURTESY OF THE CATHOLIC COURIER

Cook in Myanmar teaching students about HIV. Whether in Asia, South America, or Africa, the Bill Cook Foundation now operates in 30 countries across the globe.

Kenya.

During his travels, Cook met an Italian Countess in Florence who had an organization called Friends of Florence registered as a 501(c)(3) charity in the United States. “So, I’m with her in Florence and I’m telling her stories,” Cook said. “And finally, she looked at me one day and said, ‘Look, you’ve been to these places and you know a lot of rich people [...], so start a foundation and do something.’ That is how the Bill Cook Foundation got started, and it now operates in 30 countries, providing access to education - ranging from accommodations for children with disabilities to funding college expenses. Cook has found that the funds he receives through gifts go a longer way abroad than in the US: “I live in this little town in western New York,” Cook said. “The cost per pupil at our K-12 school is \$22,000. [...] [At the same time,] I can send a kid in Uganda to Elementary School for a year for \$125, and that includes the uniform.”

Cook has been in education for 63 years, as a college student and as a professor, which is why he decided to focus on education. He leveraged his liberal arts experiences to create these opportunities in order to educate leaders for the communities they come from and use that as a foundation for future development there. “We need educated people who also are comfortable living in civil society in countries that don’t have much education or even a civil society,” Cook said. “And if those countries are going to grow, not just economically, but if they’re going to be places that are fair, places that participate in the world economy, places that offer opportunity, they’re going to need education and citizenship skills. The governments don’t want citizens. [...] That’s exactly what dictators don’t want, in Africa, in South-East Asia, they’re full of dictators. But we’re not causing a revolution, what we’re doing is planting seeds that, long after I’m dead, I hope will lead to real change.”

Allegheny College to Leave NCAC in 2022



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Allegheny College was not only one of the founding members of the NCAC in 1983-1984, but also is tabbed as one of the premier liberal arts institutions in the country.

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• After 37 years, Allegheny College, a founding member of the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC), has announced that it will be leaving the conference effective July 1st, 2022. For the 2022-2023 season, Allegheny will be returning to the Presidents’ Athletic Conference (PAC), which is geographically centered in Pennsylvania. One of the founding members of the NCAA, Allegheny was previously a member of the Presidents’ Athletic Conference from 1958-1984, where they saw a period of remarkable success in men’s football, basketball, golf, and diving. Allegheny was a football powerhouse throughout their time in the PAC, including a series of PAC championships while producing several All-American athletes. In their final year in the PAC, Allegheny earned their first ever NCAA Division III championship, with a memorable season by their men’s golf team.

However, at the beginning of the 1980s, Allegheny joined a group of other schools who wanted to include women’s sports on equal footing with men’s sports. In the 37 playing seasons since the NCAC’s founding, Allegheny is responsible for one of the 69 NCAA championships won by the conference, coming in 1990, courtesy of their football team. In a truly historic season, Allegheny finished with an undefeated extraordinary 13-0-1 record by winning the championship game 21-14 in overtime, the second NCAA championship won by the emerging conference.

According to the President Hilary L. Link of Allegheny, the transition to the PAC is going to promote a unique

interdisciplinary academic brand, with an emphasis on holistic student success and reduced travel time to competitions and league games and events. Furthermore, the transition will allow their student athletes the ability to better emphasize academics in a conference that has a comparable level of academic prowess to the NCAC. During Link’s announcement of Allegheny’s transition, she asserted that “The PAC’s mission of promoting athletics and the pursuit of academic excellence is a great fit for Allegheny”.

Allegheny’s departure has created additional scheduling issues for the rest of the NCAC, with the current conference only having nine teams for the 2022-2023 season. According to Wabash Athletic Director Matt Tanney, “The plan... [for adding additional schools into the conference is] to find schools that are closely aligned with all the other programs in the conference right now.” He continued by saying that while this would create unique scheduling challenges in all sports, it would allow for the programs to incorporate extra non-conference games into their schedule, most notably for football. As announced over the Winter Break, Wabash football’s schedule will include home games at Little Giant Stadium against prestigious football powerhouse North Central and Hampden-Sydney College, who were inserted to make up for the vacant spot belonging to the game against Allegheny. The addition of Hampden-Sydney will renew the Gentlemen’s Classic Football rivalry between two of the only all-male institutes in the entire country. Wabash swept the opening pair of games by winning

decisively in 2014 campaign and dominating in a 35-3 victory at the beginning of the 2015 season.

With Allegheny’s time in the

NCAC coming to an end, AD Tanney stressed that “Allegheny have been good partners in the NCAC and we certainly wish them well”.

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The Misappropriation of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King



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Last Monday, January 17, the nation celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day. As with every other year on that day, countless politicians and legislators who have dedicated their careers to working against everything Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. fought and stood for shared quotes from the late Civil Rights leader. Then, Black comedian and actress Yvette Nicole Brown cut through the noise with a timely post stating what Black Americans were thinking. The post read, “May the MLK quote you post today align with the words and actions you choose over the next 364 days.” The United States misappropriated Dr. King to the point that people actively working to destroy his legacy feel comfortable enough to stand publicly and cite the Reverend while promoting their own racist agenda.

Republican Governor of Florida, Ron DeSantis, did just that late last year as he introduced the “Stop Woke Act.” The governor said, “You think about what

MLK stood for. He said he didn’t want people judged on the color of their skin, but on the content of their character.” He continued, “You listen to some of these people nowadays, they don’t talk about that.” The legislation itself pushes back on racial equity efforts created in schools in the wake of police officer Derek Chauvin killing George Floyd in May 2020. The bill is fighting against the efforts to create the racial equity Dr. King dedicated his life to fighting for. Honoring Dr. King means aligning oneself with what he stood for, not misappropriating his words to fit one’s own agenda. So, in honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., this piece will discuss a few truths about Dr. King that have been conveniently left out of the Civil Rights narrative today.

First off and most importantly, Dr. King did not have a colorblind approach to the fight for civil rights. He saw race and understood the Black race’s position in the United States, and he wanted Black people to be seen as equal. So, the notion that Dr. King wanted Americans to ignore the issue of race is false and based on quotes taken out of context to fit a conservative agenda to preserve systems and ideologies of White Supremacy.

Citing Dr. King while combating Critical Race Theory is particularly absurd considering his understanding of systemic racism in the United States. In his final book, *Where do we go from here: Chaos or Community?*, Dr. King criticizes White people who are complacent and benefit from structural racism while denying that they are racist. This line of thought would definitely make some White people “uncomfortable” or “feel guilty.” As

such, it would probably be banned in states that have passed “Anti-CRT bills,” which ban topics that make people feel uncomfortable or guilty because of their race. Moreso, Dr. King consistently used Black history to contextualize the Civil Rights Movement, citing the first Africans brought to America, the Dred Scott decision, slavery, and other moments in Black history. Those passing “Anti-CRT bills” are attempting to erase the history Dr. King utilized and promoted.

Dr. King was a radical. In *Where do we go from here: Chaos or Community?*, Dr. King writes, “The curse of poverty has no justification in our age. It is socially as cruel and blind as the practice of cannibalism at the dawn of civilization, when men ate each other because they had not yet learned to take food from the soil or to consume the abundant animal life around them. The time has come for us to civilize ourselves by the total, direct and immediate abolition of poverty.” In his speech, *The Other America*, Dr. King says, “We have the resources” to eliminate poverty. He continues, “The question is, whether our nation has the will, and I submit that if we can spend \$35 billion a year to fight an ill-considered war in Vietnam, and \$20 billion to put a man on the moon, our nation can spend billions of dollars to put God’s children on their own two feet right here on earth.” Eliminating poverty was a crucial part of what Dr. King sought to achieve in his fight for equality.

In *The Other America*, Dr. King also embraces the idea of a “guaranteed minimum income for all people.” He felt that a guaranteed minimum income

would help Black Americans gain needed economic security.

For these positions and his other efforts in creating a more just America, the FBI and others labeled Dr. King a communist.

The ideas of ending poverty and a guaranteed basic income have come up today. Progressives such as Senator Bernie Sanders and Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez have talked about the importance of ending poverty. For this, people have shunned them as communist and anti-American. When campaigning for the Democratic nomination for president, Andrew Yang proposed the idea of a universal basic income. In August 2021, conservative political commentator and Fox Nation host Tomi Lahren called the idea “a pilot program for socialism.”

So, while many embrace the caricature of Dr. King White America has created to comfort and empower itself, if Dr. King were alive today, he would undoubtedly be labeled a socialist or communist radical along with everyone else who has openly embraced these ideas.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was an unapologetically Black man dedicated to working towards a more just and equitable America. He saw ending poverty and discussing the nation’s true history as crucial elements of achieving that. We should honor Dr. King by learning about him, what he actually stood for - the policies and ideas he supported - and aligning ourselves with them. Or, if you disagree with him, don’t. But do not misappropriate Dr. King’s legacy to push an agenda that hurts the community he dedicated his life to fighting for.

Digital Advocacy: How Social Media Has Changed How We Protest



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The pandemic has changed the way we communicate with one another on a local, national, and even global scale. The rate in which technology and social media in particular command huge portions of our attention has only accelerated through the process. An article published by Forbes claimed that the average American spent 1,300 hours on social media in the past year. This means that Americans spent nearly 15 percent of their year on these various apps.

Though being distanced from one another may have contributed to this startling number, the power and grasp that social media has over our attention is undeniable. Therefore, these platforms

are great places to spread messages and information to larger audiences with greater immediacy than ever before. We have the capability to reach thousands, or even millions of people at our fingertips.

This phenomenon presents an opportunity to create conversation and change which required much more effort in the past. Social media affords us the convenience of quickly gaining momentum in advocating for issues we believe in in a variety of ways. To pass up on the opportunity to take advantage of the social platforms which have as much power as they do over our lives is to miss out on a lucrative way to incite change.

This semester I have studied the effects of Donald Glover, or “Childish Gambino’s,” “This is America” music video on conversations regarding a variety of social and political issues he aims to address. The effectiveness and reach of the piece are undeniable: its 800 million views on YouTube clearly prove that people have been taking notice of Gambino’s message.

In the aftermath of its release, countless scholarly reviews were published, and tweets were sent as people recognized the relevancy of Glover’s points on racism, gun violence, and other issues. The carefully planned shots of the video and lyrics of the song shocked America and prompted conversations in many different circles

and contexts. Glover was not the first to use protest music or a music video to create awareness, but the effect of “This is America” in terms of bringing its issues to the forefront of culture is obvious.

Now, I know we don’t all have millions of devoted followers like Gambino. But that doesn’t mean that our voices are without power on the internet. A prime example of Wabash students using their voices to start conversation and incite change can be seen in the “WE, the Students of Wabash College...” video, produced last Spring semester by our student government.

The video, organized by various organizations including the Malcolm X Institute of Black Studies, ‘shOUT, the International Students Association, and the Sphinx Club received over 4,500 views and nearly 300 engagements on Twitter, along with over 1,500 YouTube views. The call to action of the administration was viewed and discussed far beyond the bounds of our campus as the message from the student body was made clear.

Though traditional forms of advocacy such as protests have known benefits and strengths, digital advocacy such as Gambino’s video and the “WE, the Students of Wabash College...” video offer a new set of advantages. In producing digital advocacy, we can clearly communicate and identify the issues we have problems

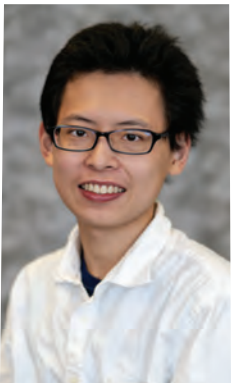
with, and the changes we wish to see made. Social media allows for us to take a more calculated and strategic approach to advocacy in promoting understanding and pressing for change.

Additionally, digital advocacy allows us to reach larger audiences in an easier manner than traditional advocacy often requires. The capability for virality which exists on social platforms gives posts the potential to be seen by people who may have never been exposed to them if they had not appeared in their feed for one reason or another. If the goal is to publicize and gain awareness for an issue or opinion, social media may be the best bet.

Going forward, it seems as though we are moving to an even heavier dependence on technology; it doesn’t look like social media is going anywhere. In fighting for change for the causes we believe in, we need to adapt and continue to take advantage of the audiences and capabilities that digital advocacy presents.

Additionally, we should be exceedingly conscious of the efforts of others in terms of what we consume on social media and the causes they aim to support. In my own use of social media, I am going to try to be more aware of the true implications of the digital advocacy I come across and have real-life conversations about the issues they aim to address.

Amused by Music



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Who makes the light in one of the Fine Arts Center shine brightly almost every night? It is me! My night habit is spending time in room M127 to practice the instruments (so please do not use the room for me!).

After taking a shower, I always start the practice by playing the piano for 30 minutes. I started to learn it last May because all of the Music department professors strongly recommend me to do it, as I am interested in at least minoring in Music. Ms. Cheryl Everett teaches me weekly. I think they were right because the knowledge and the performing skills of the piano is helping me a lot to survive in Music Theory I this semester.

Next, I play the viola for 30 minutes. Never say that the viola is a “larger violin”! Violin is “Violino” in Italian, which means “small viola” (combining “viol-” from viola with “-ino,” which is a diminutive suffix). I have started to learn it because I thought it would be easy to play, as I have been playing the violin since I was five years old. Yes, I thought that the viola was just a larger

violin! However, it is much harder than I expected. It is heavier and larger than a violin, which makes my left shoulder ache badly.

Finally, I play the violin, my main instrument, for 2 hours. I divide it into four parts doing various practices. I feel so good every time after I play the viola because the violin is lighter and smaller to play, burdening my body less.

Originally, I was not passionate about playing instruments. Although I had a habit of playing the violin for an hour, I thought it was enough as I consider it just one of my hobbies. However, things have changed after I enrolled at Wabash College in August 2020. I was surprised when, during the first lesson, my violin/viola instructor Mr. Alfred Abel assigned me to play “Vitali’s Chaconne” after listening to my repertoire. Although I told him that it was too difficult for me to play, he encouraged me to try my best. Without any other choice but to tackle it, I have started to practice the violin for 2 hours. However, I felt stressed as I could not see any improvement.

One day, I chatted with a close friend who also happens to be a musicologist. I told her that although I like listening to classical music, I do not like playing the violin. Then, she replied, “If you quit playing the instruments, you will not be able to fulfill yourself. Instead of playing and making music, you will just enjoy listening to music while you drink.” I was very shocked with her response. Although I thought I am different from by listening and playing classical music, considering it as a high-art, I would be seen in a different light by her if I quit playing the instruments. Having pride

that I do not want to be treated the same as anything else, I have continued practicing the violin while maintaining a good GPA.

Eventually, I thought that I should at least minor in Music, as I devote so much time to playing the violin. Then, I also started playing the piano and the viola during the last Summer Break - three hours for three different instruments...

I have a goal: to be accepted to a graduate school (conservatoire) through my violin performance. However, I often feel alone when I practice in the room for a long time. I sometimes envy other students hanging out with each other at night looking through the window of the room. To be honest, there have been many times that I wanted to escape from the room. However, I have no friends that I can easily hang out with because of the pandemic and spending most of my free time playing the instruments (or writing for *The Bachelor*).

I once told Mr. Abel that I wish I could be like other students enjoying their college life. He said, “Do you want to spend your time just watching TV?” Again, his words reminded me what my friend said to me before. If I really love music, then I cannot just be a “consumer” but also be a “producer” by playing the instruments.

But still, I struggled with loneliness. Unlike the athletes, I do not have any teammates who encourage each other and nurture friendship through teamwork. Moreover, I feel irritated if someone practices in other rooms because it makes it hard for me to concentrate. I suffer from my contradiction: approaching and avoiding

people at the same time.

Tired of loneliness, I tried to join a fraternity this semester. However, I left after spending six days as stress worsened my arrhythmia. I was sad and some people felt sorry for me. However, Ms. Everett was the only person who was happy to hear about it and praised it as a “nice mature decision”. I was quite perplexed with her response and asked why. She said, “I have declined invitations from friends multiple times like going to watch a movie, but instead sitting before the piano. However, I am happy with my decision because I have a great opportunity to perform such as playing with the chamber orchestra.”

Her words changed my world view suddenly. I am not a sad student who struggles with loneliness. I am a person who has a high goal setting who would spend every moment and any opportunities to achieve it. Being alone is often negatively seen, such as some famous music like “You’ll Never Walk Alone” from *Carousel*, or “No One is Alone” from *Into the Woods*. However, I strongly oppose it. Do not misunderstand seeing me falling into serious misanthropy. I can enjoy talking with people and having a crush on somebody like a normal college student. I do not know how I will spend the graduation ceremony. Although I might not hug others as I miss developing “brotherhood”, I might still be happy even though I cannot go to a graduate school. My college diploma shall not just be a necessary status to get a job, but it shall be a token that I have devoted myself to things which I really want to do following my heart!

Student Senate Welcomes New Senators



COURTESY OF @WABASHSENATE (INSTAGRAM)

(From left to right) Student Body Vice President Davionne Garrett '22, Incoming Chairmen of the Student Senate Will Trapp '24, Secretary of Student Senate Joseph Julian '22, and Student Body President Daniel Bass '22.

KIHYUN KIM '24 | ASSISTANT OPINION EDITOR • Goodrich Room, located in the Lilly Library second floor, has always been crowded on Monday at 7:30 pm during the school year. It is undoubtedly because of the Student Senate-one of the largest student organizations on this campus-which reserved the room for its meetings. Therefore, it is not hard to see most of the seats in the room being occupied during the senate meeting. However, this Monday, the room was more crowded than usual. Even a few executive members could not sit around the table. This could have happened because it was the first Student Senate meeting of this semester. Or, it might be because the new convocation of the Senate started. As Joseph W. Julian

'23, 105th Chairman of the Student Senate finished his term at the end of the last semester, William A. Trapp '24 succeeded the chairmanship and convened the 106th Convocation of the Senate this Monday. "I care about the student body here and am really passionate about making sure that what's done for them is the stuff that they really want." From Brownsburg, Indiana, Willam Trapp is a brother of Lambda Chi Alpha and a member of the Glee Club. "I feel like it's an opportunity for me to get back to campus," Trapp gave several clear reasons why he ran for the position. Although he got elected to the Chairman last semester, the Senate had had a transition period between the two Chairmans. This Monday's meeting was the

first time he ran the whole senate meeting by himself. And it went off well. "It was a bit of a learning curve," Trapp said. He revealed that Joseph Jullian, former Chairman, helped him get used to the position. The transition between the Chairman seems successful, and the Senate received many newcomers. Several living units re-elected their housing representatives for the Senate, and Class Representatives, who were elected at the end of the last semester, joined their first Senate meeting. One of them is Sam Benedict, a Class of 25 Representative. "My goals for the next two semesters are to increase student activities in an effort to improve relationships across campus, listen to and solve issues that my fellow students may come across, and improve the quality of communication between class senate representatives and students," Benedict revealed his goal as the freshman

class representative. With the new Chairman and Senators, the Student Senate has several items on its agenda to discuss this semester. National Act is certainly one of them. It was initially planned to be held last Fall semester but was canceled for several reasons. Although the cancellation seemed necessary, it aroused concern among the student body. "The whole idea of National Act, that's probably gonna be something we are gonna have to parcel out and figure out," Trapp said. "I know we have a fall through with last semester, which was very frustrating for the student body." Additionally, the Student Senate needs to find a way to encourage the student body's involvement, considering a low vote rate in the last election. These are just a few items on its agenda, and the Student Senate has to lot more work to do. Still, it will work hard to make Wabash a better place.



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Sarvik Chaudhary '25 enjoying Senate's Mental Health Concerns Committee collaboration with the Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County last semester. Chaudhary was sworn in as Freshman Class Representative this past Monday.

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TO THE WABASH COMMUNITY,

NOT MERELY IN THE REALM OF COMMERCE BUT IN THE WORLD OF IDEAS AS WELL OUR AGE IS ORGANIZING A REGULAR CLEARANCE SALE. EVERYTHING IS TO BE HAD AT SUCH A BARGAIN THAT IT IS QUESTIONABLE WHETHER IN THE END THERE IS ANYBODY WHO WILL WANT TO BID. EVERY SPECULATIVE PRICE-FIXER WHO CONSCIENTIOUSLY DIRECTS ATTENTION TO THE SIGNIFICANT MARCH OF MODERN PHILOSOPHY, EVERY PRIVATDOCENT, TUTOR, AND STUDENT, EVERY CROFTER AND COTTAR IN PHILOSOPHY, IS NOT CONTENT WITH DOUBTING EVERYTHING BUT GOES FURTHER. PERHAPS IT WOULD BE UNTIMELY AND ILL-TIMED TO ASK THEM WHERE THEY ARE GOING, BUT SURELY IT IS COURTEOUS AND UNOBTUSIVE TO REGARD IT AS CERTAIN THAT THEY HAVE DOUBTED EVERYTHING, SINCE OTHERWISE IT WOULD BE A THING FOR THEM TO BE GOING FURTHER. THIS PRELIMINARY MOVEMENT THEY HAVE THEREFORE ALL OF THEM MADE, AND PRESUMABLY WITH SUCH EASE

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SUBSEQUENTLY, WE WILL REMAIN MASKED FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR.

AT LAST IN HIS INTEREST FOR THAT HE FORGOT EVERYTHING ELSE; HIS SOUL HAD ONLY ONE WISH, TO SEE ABRAHAM, ONE LONGING, TO HAVE BEEN WITNESS TO THAT EVENT. HIS DESIRE WAS NOT TO BEHOLD...

The body of Feller's email (in black) is a direct quote from the first part of Søren Kierkegaard's "Fear and Trembling".

Campbell '92 on the Significance of Communication in Life

ALEX ROTARU '22 | MANAGING EDITOR
 • Despite not offering a formal Journalism degree, Wabash has a centuries-long legacy in communications, from having the first Pi Delta Epsilon (Society of Collegiate Journalists) chapter in Indiana to this very publication. One key part of that legacy is Steve Campbell '92, who found his calling for media and communications during his time as a student, and now serves as the Vice-President of Communications for the Indianapolis Colts. A native of Indianapolis, Campbell attended North Central high-school, where he began exploring his interest in communications as a sportswriter for the school newspaper. "That was my first taste of media," Campbell said. "There's something about that that I liked: that you were relaying information, you were communicating something you know; it didn't have to be anything major. I mean, you know, I used to cover our boys' and girls' swimming team or a boys' and girls' basketball team and write articles about that. It doesn't have to be anything groundbreaking, but the fact that people are coming to you for information was kind of cool."

Campbell continued his journalism work at Wabash, where he was, among many other roles, the Co-Editor-in-Chief of The Bachelor his junior year. "I really enjoyed writing," Campbell said. "I learned how to write clearly and communicate clearly at Wabash, you know, because we did so much writing. [...] We wrote all the time and had papers all the time [...] So, that basic liberal arts curriculum, particularly in my field, where you have to know a lot about a lot of different things, that comes in handy because, again, because we've been exposed to so many

different things at Wabash." During his time, Campbell was also a brother at Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity, a member of the Glee Club, and the Vice-President of the Student Body.

However, it wasn't until sophomore year of college that Campbell truly committed to a career in communications. "My first internship was after my sophomore year at Wabash and I worked for a press secretary for an elected official," Campbell said. "And so I really immediately realized that that was the right kind of thing for me."

Right now, Campbell's experiences in communications and media are serving him well in his role as the Vice-President of Communications for the Indianapolis Colts. "We're in charge of promoting and protecting the Colts brand," Campbell said. "We promote the brand and everything that it means on the field and off the field. But we also protect the brand, too. [...] You're trying to make sure that your brand always has its best foot forward. And so, as part of that, I oversee two communications functions: football communications - which is, you know, that's managing the players and the coaches and all their media responsibilities - [...] and then corporate communications [...] - that's the business aspect of the Colts, because we are a business, and, so, that's marketing, ticketing, and sponsorships, it's HR, community relations, you know, all the typical departments that an organization or company may have."

Though, at Wabash, the main focus was on long-form writing, such as papers and newspaper articles, Campbell finds himself writing more concise pieces of writing "Longer form writing has kind of taken a



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Steve Campbell '92 giving a talk during the College's 2019 Big Bash Day.

backseat to things like Twitter and Facebook," Campbell said. "But I'd love to see more long form articles, because, you know, the issues of the world are so important. You can't discuss these issues over Twitter. [...] What I strive to do in communications is to be clear, to be concise, when necessary, and to be 100% honest and transparent."

Even after spending 4 years with the Colts, Campbell still finds and challenges himself to keep learning and growing within the organiz

-ation. "I spent a big chunk of my early career in public service," Campbell said. "And, you know, the government and the private sectors are different - not totally different, but there are a lot of key differences between the two. And so I want to and need to learn much more about the business world than I did before. [...] Personally, I just like to keep growing [...] That's another remnant from Wabash: it's that we're all voracious learners."

Career Services Set Sights on Summer Opportunities

WILLIAM GRENNON '24 | CAVELIFE EDITOR • With summer on the horizon and a sea of internships, jobs, and program deadlines rapidly approaching, we sat down with Ryan Sacco '22 to learn more about the best way to go about applying for summer opportunities. Sacco, a Career Services Peer Advisor, recommends jumping right into the search process.

"I think browsing handshake and showing up to Coffee & Careers each week is a good starting point that allows you to figure out what you might be interested in," said Sacco. "But if you aren't sure what career path you might want to pursue, coming into Career Services is a good place to talk through ideas and learn about opportunities. It's also a great way to get connected with potential employers."

Handshake, a service provided by Career Services, helps students navigate the job market more effectively. They offer filters to narrow job postings down by location, application requirements, and sectors. For guys who aren't sure what is out there Handshake is the perfect place to start.

After finding a posting that interests you, the next step is the application process. The resume plays a key role in applying for opportunities, and luckily Career Services has plethora of resources, templates, and guides for Wabash Students through their Handshake page. Making sure that your resume is updated and polished is one of the best ways to set yourself up for success.

"You want to show off all your hard work so don't sell yourself short," said Sacco. "Brag about yourself in the position or

positions you had - but also be honest about what you did."

Career Services offers resume appointments where you can meet with trained advisors like Sacco and go over things like word choice, formatting, and more.

No matter how early you are in the process it is always worth looking at companies Wabash Alumni have been involved in. One of the easiest ways of doing that is through LinkedIn, where there are community pages for both current Wabash students and alumni. Meeting with Career Services is also a great way to figure out what past students have done and where they have worked.

"I think some good places to start are LinkedIn or some of the various events that Career Services often has. I've found that alumni are always more than willing to invest

in students, so it makes it easy and connect with them, ask them for advice or just network with them," said Sacco.

Regardless of whether you are hoping to land a big internship this summer or if you already have something lined up for after finals, expanding your network is a crucial part of the career process in the future. Taking full advantage of Wabash and what it has to offer is a sentiment we hear a lot on this campus, and that means meeting with Career Services.

On top of their expertise, Career Services has grants and other aid available to subsidize the costs of living expenses and more. Wherever it is you start, exploring your options, updating your resumes, and meeting with Career Services is a sure-fire way to beat those encroaching deadlines.

Volunteers Make Booster Clinic Possible



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Wabash College hosted its first COVID-19 Booster clinic on Friday, January 21st in the Allen Center. Ben Lucas '23 (right) receiving his Pfizer vaccine from Lee Lucas (left). Lee, a pharmacist, has been one of the many in the Wabash community to volunteer her time and expertise in the efforts to vaccinate students and members of the Crawfordsville community. Lee helped handle the storage and distribution of the vaccine, a tricky job that requires precision and expertise outside the scope of most volunteers.

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Hagan to Run Career Services



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Cassie Hagan returns after serving as Executive Director of Crawfordsville-Montgomery County's Chamber of Commerce

JAKOB GOODWIN '23 | NEWS EDITOR • Since the passing of the late Roland Morin '91, Wabash has been looking for someone to fill his big shoes and help usher Wabash men through to the beginning of their careers. Just before winter break, Wabash found its woman. On December 8, 2021, Wabash announced that it has tapped Cassie Hagan to serve as the new Director of Professional Development and lead the Center for Innovation, Business, and Entrepreneurship WabashX program. Hagan had previously served as the Associate Director of Career Services before leaving Wabash to serve as the Executive Director of the Crawfordsville-Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce.

Hagan is in the unenviable position of taking over for her former boss, the larger-than-life Roland Morin. However, that isn't the only relationship she's had with Morin. "It's interesting to be sitting in his office [when it was] my office before it was his office and Roland was my coworker before he was my boss. And before he was my coworker, he was a Wabash alum that I worked with through this office."

In her previous stint with the College, one of Hagan's great achievements was organizing the first Professional Immersion Experience to Chicago. She said, "Career Services had access to some funds that could be used for students to complete externships, and there was a lot of interest in Chicago then. So rather than sending students out individually to do their externships as we'd done in past years, I worked with a group of alumni in the Chicago area to organize externships and site visits for 18 students that first year!" The College had already been running PIE trips to New York City, but that, "but by adding the externship element the Chicago trip had a more hands-on opportunity to see alumni in their work and go a little deeper in the networking." On PIE trips in general, Hagan

said, "Part of the PIE model is also about seeing what it's like to live and work in the given city, so students on the Chicago PIE also learn to navigate public transportation and speak with alumni about their experience living in that city, to help gain clarity about lifestyle."

Despite her extensive experience both here and elsewhere, Hagan is still new to her role as leader of the CIBE and the Professional Development office. "I'm sure there will be some Things That Will change along the way as we work through each step of the process, but I can't tell you what all that'll be yet." However, things will be different. "All I can promise you is that you're not getting Roland, you're getting me." Hagan came back for a simple reason: it just made sense. "I find this work very fulfilling, and I always did. So, it was a natural career progression for me to come back." She returns to the office with a different perspective and new experience after spending time as the leader of the Chamber of Commerce. She is really looking forward to helping students again. She said, "I did miss the part of have the job here that is student advising and career planning." She'll spend most of her first semester here helping seniors as they work through the career process as they leave the College.

Hagan had one message she wanted everyone to hear: "Don't be afraid to stop into Arnold House or meet virtually to reintroduce yourself." There are 900 students on this campus, half of whom she has not met, and it's been two years, so she could use some reminders on some students' names.

This semester is the beginning of a new chapter for Wabash, as it welcomes Cassie Hagan back to the College to lead the Professional Development office, putting a new face on one of the best career services departments in the country.

HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

IT'S A COIN FLIP

Lo-Five to the NFL for still having the most moronic overtime rules. Turns out that tails does really fail.

NOT SO FAMOUS, HUH?

Hi-Five to Neil Young for getting his discography removed from Spotify after telling them to choose between him and Joe Rogan. Sometimes a heart of gold is just not enough.

WRITERS MAKE IT ABOUT THEMSELVES, AGAIN...

Lo-Five to the BBWAA for leaving Roger Clemens and Barry Bonds out of the MLB Hall of Fame. Maybe it is time to have writers who are as inept as umpires to stop making big decisions.

JADEN IVEY SWEEPSTAKES

Hi-Five to the Pacers for their 32-point loss to the Hornets. Looking to the future, we are sure excited about the potential Lance-Ivey backcourt.

WELL ATTENDED MEETINGS ARE THE THING OF THE PAST

Lo-Five to the College for the new club food rules. Fun and games is one thing, but no one showing up to the Dork Club is about to get real.

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Basketball Downs DePauw

Little Giants Route Tigers 96-70, Davidson '22 Reaches 2,000 Points

BLAKE LARGENT '23 | SPORTS EDITOR • *This story was written prior to Wabash vs. Wittenberg on January 26.*

Everything seems to be clicking into place for the Wabash basketball team. The Little Giants entered the 2021-22 season with extremely high expectations. Yet, after a 1-2 start followed by an 87-85 home loss to Oberlin College days later on December 4, some may have believed those expectations far-fetched. Wabash owned a 4-3 record after its loss to Oberlin. The Little Giants haven't lost since then. Wabash routed DePauw 96-70 en route to its eighth-straight win. The Little Giants look to be favorites to capture the North Coast Athletic Conference title this season and currently possess one of the most dangerous offenses in all of DIII basketball.

Prior to Wabash's meeting with DePauw on January 19, the Little Giants began 2022 where they left off in 2021. Wabash closed the year scoring 96+ points in three of the final four games in 2021, including a 101-point outing on December 11 vs. Wittenberg University. To start the new year, the Little Giants dropped 100 against Hiram College on January 14 and 92 the next day against Kenyon College. This momentum for Wabash, combined with a down year for a young DePauw squad, preceded a big rivalry win for the Little Giants just a few feet away from the current resting place of the Monon Bell.

The opening moments of the game looked to be pushing towards a Wabash blowout. The Little Giants took an early 14-7 lead over the Tigers, and the raucous crowd filled with Wabash students was making its presence felt. DePauw, though, did not fold easily. The Tigers clawed back, pushing the deficit to 20-17. DePauw traded blows with Wabash momentarily before the Little Giants grabbed their first double-digit lead, 41-31, courtesy of an Ahmoni Jones '23 three pointer with 23 seconds left in the first half. DePauw closed the half down seven, 43-36, after back-to-back scoring possessions.

Outside of the rivalry matchup itself, the biggest storyline entering last Wednesday's game was Jack Davidson '22. Davidson sat at a career point total of 1,981 prior to the contest, attempting to become just the second player all-time to reach 2,000 career points at Wabash. This accolade singularly belonged to all-time leading scorer Josh Estelle '00, who scored 2,065 points in his four-year career. Averaging over 23 points per game, Davidson seemed to be a lock to reach the 2,000 mark against DePauw. Yet, by halftime, the Tigers had held him to just seven first-half points.



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Jack Davidson '22 drills a contested three to reach the 2,000 point mark. Davidson and Josh Estelle '00 are the only two players in Wabash basketball history to clear that scoring total.

The second half was much different for Davidson and Wabash. Davidson opened up the second half with a three, and the potent Little Giant offense took it from there. From 17:14 to 7:50, Wabash outscored DePauw 36-13. The Little Giants scored at will against the Tigers, posting 53 second-half points on 60% shooting and 50% from behind the arc in the half. Davidson made his mark, too. After a slow start, he began to heat up in the second half, hitting some of his trademark flashy threes. And with 12:17 remaining, the 2,000 mark no longer belonged to just Estelle. Davidson hit a contested three pointer while fading into the

Wabash bench, putting him at 21 points in the game and, more importantly, 2,002 points in his career. Davidson finished with 23 on the night while shooting 5-8 from three, pushing Wabash to a 96-70 rivalry win and etching his name into the history books once again. The Little Giants had three other scorers in double digits as well: Jones finished with 19, Tyler Watson '22 posted 13, and Edreece Redmond '24 added 12 in a big game off the bench.

Wabash is beginning to garner attention across Division III. The Little Giants are a few slots away from cracking the top-25 rankings while also ranking second in free-throw

percentage at 82.3%, third in field-goal percentage at 51.5%, and 10th in scoring offense at 88.7 points per game as of January 26. The remainder of the season does not get any easier, however. Wabash still has two matchups against conference-leading Wooster left on the schedule and a home game against third-place Ohio Wesleyan on February 9. But the Little Giants have certainly lived up to the task thus far, and will pose a challenge for any team across DIII moving forward. Wabash (12-3, 7-1 NCAC) takes on Denison University (6-8, 5-3 NCAC) at home tomorrow with a tip-off time of 2 p.m.

Wrestling 2nd at NWCA

Wabash Continues Strong Season, DIII Tournament Closing In



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Rodney Hendricks '22 maneuvers for a takedown attempt. Hendricks and five other Little Giants secured first-place finishes in their respective weight classes at the Wabash College Wrestling Invitational.

COLE BERGMAN '24 | STAFF WRITER • While many Wabash men left campus for the holidays, the Wabash wrestling team stayed busy. On January 6, the Wabash Little Giants went to compete in the NWCA National Duals and, after two tough days of matches, Wabash wrestling finished solidly at No. 2 as a team, earning themselves the title of national runner-up.

Before the NWCA Duals, the team competed strongly at the University of Dubuque Duals on December 11, bringing home three team wins. These victories reinforced confidence and built momentum heading into the NWCA National Duals.

The Wabash wrestling team began the tournament competing against Concordia College, scoring a victory in the opening round. This match began with wins by Carlos Champagne '22, Gavinn Alstott '25, and Alex Barr '22. Another win by Kyle Hatch '22 brought the team score to 16-12. A rally on behalf of Concordia threatened the Little Giants, which was stopped after back-to-back wins from Jack Heldt '23 and Maxwell Bishop '22, bringing the Little Giants to a 22-18 victory over the Cobbers.

The Wabash wrestling team continued their success against Baldwin Wallace in the quarterfinal round. Champagne, Blake McGee '25, and Alstott started this round strong with three consecutive wins. These victories would be followed by a pin by Hatch, putting Wabash up 15-6 in team score. Bishop stepped onto the mat as the closing match and, with a 15-15 tied team score, Bishop defeated his opponent to help Wabash score an 18-15 victory over Baldwin

Wallace University.

The tournament continued the next day, where the Wabash wrestlers faced the Rochester Institute of Technology in the semifinals. The Little Giants started out strong with wins from Champagne and McGee, who were soon followed by Hatch and Chase Baczek '25. With a pin from Heldt and a win from Bishop secured, Wabash's place in the finals was solidified with a 24-16 team victory.

This streak would not continue into the finals, though. In the final round, the Wabash wrestling team faced off against the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. Hatch secured a win and Heldt scored a pin, but early losses in the round led to 9-31 loss for the Little Giants, marking their first team loss of the season and leading them to a No. 2 ranking in the national tournament, tying the best Wabash has ever performed in this tournament.

Coming off of this tournament, Heldt emphasized how they would build off of this.

"It was a very exciting event being seeded fifth, and then wrestling above our seed getting second place," Heldt said, "We were super proud of our performance. But even in victories, there are still losses too. So, we went back to the film and saw points where we could have done better and improved upon. Even now, we're still learning things."

Wabash would go on to win the Manchester University Spartan Mat Classic, with 18 top-eight placers. These placers included 4 champions, including Hatch, Heldt, Bishop, and Daniel Uribe '24 remaining undefeated on the day.

These victories would continue into



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James Lewis '22 battles for position. Lewis and the Little Giants will wrestle in the John Summa Invitational at Baldwin Wallace University on February 5.

last weekend when the Little Giants hosted the Wabash College Wrestling Invitational. At this tournament, Wabash wrestlers secured 29 top-eight spots, with Christian Merrill '23, Rodney Hendricks '22, Uribe, Hatch, Baczek, Heldt, and Bishop each securing an individual championship.

Moving forward, Heldt delved into what is keeping the team motivated heading into the season's final stretch.

"With the team in our practice room, we have the mentality and the mindset that we're the best in the country. So we have our eyes set on one thing and that's to bring home a national title back to Wabash College," Heldt said.

The Little Giants look forward to the Baldwin Wallace University – John Summa Invitational on February 5, before beginning to look towards the NCAA Division III Region Tournament.

Volleyball Opens Season

Little Giants Prepare for First Match After Multiple Postponements

ETHAN WALLACE '25 | STAFF WRITER • With the volleyball team about to play their first games of the season this weekend, *The Bachelor* was able to sit down for an interview with Head Volleyball Coach Ryan Bowerman to ask him about the difficulties of building a program during another outbreak of the pandemic.

Getting a new team started is no easy task, but Bowerman said he was pleased with the progress the team made last season in spite of a small roster and a difficult schedule. The main issue Bowerman faced last year was recruiting a team without "any history to recruit on." He said he had to rely on the history and allure of Wabash to bring in new players.

He praised the team for its work ethic and the improvement they made over the course of the season. He said that it "started to build a foundation for what this program started to build a foundation for what this program could look like could look like."

When asked on what he was looking forward to this season, Bowerman said he was excited for the opportunity to play outside the conference early on this year. This will give the team a chance to get into the flow of things before they play matches that will have a serious impact on the end of the season.

The first two weeks of the season were spoiled by COVID-19 protocols, so being careful to avoid any more cancellations will be a major concern for the team moving forward. When asked on how COVID-19 will affect the team moving forward, Bowerman said, "I'm always telling our guys that they just have to be ready for anything and be flexible. We're still unfortunately going to have a couple of guys who are out this weekend. So we won't be at our full roster this weekend. We're pretty close, but missing just a couple guys still. I think we're kind of always preparing Plan A, Plan B, and Plan C every weekend."

With seven returning players and several promising freshmen to work with, Coach Bowerman believes the team will be able to do well this season. He spoke about several players who will be filling different roles this season and how he expects that to continue moving the team forward. "We have several guys on the team that are able to play multiple positions, which is a real asset for us." Overall the main theme of the interview was that Wabash Volleyball is back for a second season and ready to see what they are capable of. Bowerman and his players will be exciting to watch as the program continues to grow over the upcoming years.



@WABASHVBALL / TWITTER

The Wabash volleyball team huddles together after a lifting session. The team looks to play its first match today against St. Norbert College at 7 p.m. CST.

Glore Breaks Pool Records

Darren Glore '22 Named NCAC Male Swimming Athlete of the Week



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Darren Glore '22 swims in a meet for Wabash. Glore has produced some incredible performances for the Little Giants en route to a three-meet win streak.



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Glore broke the Wabash pool record in the 50-yard Free event on January 7, clocking a time of 23.04. Glore then broke his own record days later with a time of 22.76.



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With his recent performances, Glore was named the NCAC Men's Swimming Athlete of the Week on January 17. Glore looks to continue his efforts to close the season.

Swim & Dive Looks Strong

Wabash Winners of Three Straight, Confident Entering NCAC Champs

BLAKE LARGENT '23 | SPORTS EDITOR • The Wabash swim & dive team won big in its dual meet against Bethel on Saturday, defeating the Pilots 196-96. The Little Giants are now winners of three-straight meets and enter the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) Championships on February 9 with momentum.

The last two months have been a phenomenal swing for Wabash. The team lost just once, a 163-90 dual meet against Division I Purdue University, and produced multiple high-margin wins, including a 187-107 rivalry win over DePauw on December 4. The team is putting together a slew of great individual and team performances, which have the Little Giants riding high into the conference championships.

Against Bethel, Wabash won 12 of the 16 total events in the meet. The Little Giants won eight individual events. Darren Glore '22 took first place in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:46.00 while also winning the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 2:16.57. In the 100-yard backstroke, Marc Nicholson '23 grabbed the top spot, posting a time of 57.39. The success continued in the 50-yard freestyle for Wabash, with Ethan Johns '25 finishing first with a time of 22.88. Caleb McCarty '23 claimed victory in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 48.16. Rounding out the individual swimming victories for the Little Giants was Justin Dusza '22, who finished first with a time of 2:04.14. Tanner Carver '23 added a solo diving victory for Wabash in the one-meter event, scoring a total of 239.15 points. And in the last individual event of the meet, Carver and Thomas Gaines '24 tied for first place with a joint score of 230.50.

In the team events, the Little Giants continued their dominance in the pool. Wabash grabbed first and third place



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Members of the swim team cheer their teammates on during a meet. Wabash enters the NCAC Championships with high hopes after strong recent outings.

in the 200-yard medley relay while also finishing 1-2 in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

The Little Giants finished third as a team at the most recent NCAC Championship meet in 2020. The team certainly looks much different, but the recent meets have shown fantastic efforts from multiple members. This

includes Glore, who has put together record-breaking performances in recent meets and looks to be an experienced senior leader to guide Wabash closing the season. The Little Giants have five seniors on the current roster, all of which will be big pieces in the team's hopes of competing in the postseason. Wabash will travel

to Granville, Ohio for the NCAC Championships, which take place February 9-12. The Little Giants will then close out the season at Purdue's First Chance Meet on February 19 with the NCAA DIII Diving Regional (February 25-26) and the NCAA DIII Championships (March 16-19) following to end the year.