

Wabash Community Laments the Passing of President Andrew T. Ford



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President Ford served from 1993 to 2006, taking over for President F. Sheldon Wettack and handing off to President Patrick White. He'll be remembered for the Campaign for Leadership, the building of Hays and Trippet Halls, the Allen Center, the MXIBS, five fraternity houses, and the renovation of four others and Goodrich Hall.

COURTESY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING, WABASH COLLEGE • Dr. Andrew Thomas Ford, the 14th President of Wabash College, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 19, in his home. “Andy” led Wabash from 1993 through 2006.

President Ford oversaw an era of impressive growth for Wabash in enrollment, academic programs, fund-raising, and the endowment, while leading a massive overhaul of the physical campus.

He became the College’s president shortly after the divisive coeducation study, and worked in his first few years to heal the campus and begin the process of developing a series of strategic plans. He often led with the word “audacious,” and challenged Wabash to be as audacious about its future as the pioneers were – those leaders who founded the College on the western frontier in 1832.

Andy and his wife, Anne, arrived for their on-campus interview at Wabash a day early so they could walk around and get a feel for the place. “We wandered around and our first impression was the friendliness of the students,” he said in a 2003 interview. “They would stop and look you in your eyes and gladly offer to help – it was that kind of friendliness.”

President Ford had a vision to place students at the center of every decision the College made, and they even played a key role of “ringing-in” the new president with replicas of the Caleb Mills Bell.

In order to achieve his audacious goals of

stabilizing enrollment, recruiting excellent and engaging faculty, and raising funds, the College would need to see its alumni as a “strategic advantage.”

“It was clear from the coeducation study that the alumni were our strategic advantage,” he said. “The alumni care about the place passionately, they are supportive of the place, and indeed, if we could get them to become unpaid workers, as opposed to volunteers, then we could compensate for our small size. We don’t have all the administrators that other places do... and we don’t want to change that, but we do need to get things done.”

President Ford led the largest fund-raising campaign in the College’s history at the time, the Campaign for Leadership, which surpassed its original goal of \$100 million to finish at \$136 million. The College needed funds to modernize its campus, and under President Ford’s leadership, Wabash constructed new buildings (Hays Hall, Trippet Hall, Malcolm X Institute of Black Studies, Allen Athletics and Recreation Center, and five fraternity chapter houses) and renovated others (Goodrich Hall and four fraternity chapter houses).

In his inaugural address, President Ford said, “We shall... stay the course of the traditional liberal arts education that has served, and will continue to serve this society so well.” The President was so committed to the liberal arts that creating a national center to study liberal arts education was at the heart of his strategic plan. He later

helped the College land the largest grant it has ever received, \$20.5 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc., to establish the Center of Inquiry in the Liberal Arts at Wabash College. The Center of Inquiry would get a second eight-figure grant not long after.

He also served as President when Professor Raymond Williams established the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, which was founded in 1995 and continues to flourish with ongoing funding from Lilly Endowment.

President Ford, who came to Wabash after serving as Provost at Allegheny College, ushered the College into the North Coast Athletic Conference around the turn of the century. He had helped create the original league while at Allegheny and hoped the conference, formed to create gender equity in sports, would accept a single-gender college like Wabash. The move involved a lot more travel for student-athletes, but positioned Wabash with excellent liberal arts colleges – like Wooster, Denison, Kenyon, and Oberlin – that were also partners in the Great Lakes Colleges Association.

Other highlights from President Ford’s tenure at Wabash included the establishment of immersion learning programs, more robust internship and externship programs, an effort to integrate all administrative computing systems, and providing students with cutting-edge technology.

And – in keeping to his word about using alumni as the College’s strategic advantage

– he worked with College Advancement to create more than 30 regional alumni associations around the country.

Current Wabash College President Scott E. Feller (far left) with predecessors Greg Hess, Patrick White, and Andrew T. Ford at Feller’s inauguration as the 17th President of the College in October 2021.

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The National Association of Wabash Men named him an Honorary Alumnus in 2003.

The Board of Trustees paid tribute to him at the time of his retirement by granting him an Honorary Degree, saying: “You have raised our sights for the potential of this College to serve future generations. You have had the audacity to challenge all of us at Wabash to be our very best; the audacity to proclaim the value of the liberal arts; the audacity to stand firm on the rigor, candor, and trust you noticed when you first arrived on campus; and the audacity of our founders to suggest that a handful of Wabash men could—and would—save civilization.”

President Ford was an historian by training, earning his undergraduate degree from Seton Hall when it was still a college for men, and his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin.

President Ford is survived by his wife, Anne, daughter, Lauren, and grandchildren Andrew and Elsa.

Remembering Viola Liuzzo: An Example for White Allies



CHASE BREAUX '24 | STAFF WRITER
• Viola Liuzzo is not what one would expect of a martyr for the Civil Rights Movement. Liuzzo, photographed above, was a 39-year-old wife and a mother of five who would knowingly put everything on the line for the right of African Americans to vote. In life, she embodied what it means to be an ally. And in death, she was a catalyst for change in the fight for civil rights.

Viola Liuzzo and her husband watched from their home in Detroit as state and local police officers brutalized protestors attempting to march from

Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, on March 7, 1965. The event would go on to be known as “Bloody Sunday.” Liuzzo cried as she watched the broadcast, and it saddened her for days. Then, the news of civil rights supporter Rev. James Reeb’s murder broke. He had been severely beaten by White men with clubs and passed away in the hospital days later. At that moment, Liuzzo decided she could not be a bystander. She had to join the march.

Viola Liuzzo knew what happened to White people who aligned themselves with the Civil Rights Movement. They were publicly vilified, beaten, or killed. Nevertheless, Liuzzo chose to leave her husband and children in Detroit to participate in the protest. When her husband told her the fight for civil rights “isn’t your fight,” she responded, “It’s everybody’s fight.”

Viola Liuzzo was not new to the fight. She spent a lot of her childhood in the rural towns of Georgia and Tennessee. Liuzzo saw the racial violence and oppression the African American children faced and knew it was wrong. As an adult, she took the advice of her friend and housekeeper and became a member of Detroit’s chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

On March 21, 1965, Viola Liuzzo joined Dr. King and over 3,000 marchers protected by the U.S. Army and National Guard troops in the march to Montgomery. Four days after the march began, the protesters reached Montgomery, and Dr. King delivered a speech on the steps of the state capitol building. The march was over.

That night, Viola Liuzzo’s life would come to an end. Liuzzo was driving Leroy Moton, a Black teenager working with SCLC, back to Selma on Highway 80. They were returning to Montgomery after taking marchers to Selma when a car of four White men pulled alongside Liuzzo’s baby blue Oldsmobile and fired two shots into the car. One bullet hit Liuzzo and shattered her skull, killing her. The car ended up in a ditch. Moton survived by playing dead, fearing that the White men were still behind him.

The day following her death, President Lyndon B. Johnson appeared on television to announce that the four men responsible for the murder: Eugene Thomas, Collie Leroy Wilkins Jr., William O. Eaton, and Gary Thomas Rowe. Rowe would later be revealed to be an FBI informant. After being acquitted by an all-White jury on state charges, Thomas, Wilkins, and Eaton were indicted on federal charges.

Thomas and Wilkins were sentenced to 10 years in prison, and Eaton died before sentencing.

Following her death, the director of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover, raged a campaign to destroy the reputation of Viola Liuzzo. The campaign promoted lies about her involvement with Leroy Moton and being a bad mother and wife. Her children defended her honor, even attempting to sue the FBI for the lies. However, today, Viola Liuzzo is remembered as a martyr of the Civil Rights Movement and the only White woman to die in the movement.

Even in her death, Liuzzo was a catalyst for change. The murder motivated President Lyndon B. Johnson to demand the U.S. congress open an investigation into the Ku Klux Klan. The investigation exposed crimes committed by the terrorist group and helped prevent them from committing further violence. Her death also moved legislators to support and pass the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Through her willingness to stand up for what she knew to be right – African Americans having the right to vote – regardless of the discomfort and risks, Viola Liuzzo embodied what it means to be an ally and helped change the nation for the better.

The Story of John Evans, '08: First Black Grad

by Donald E. Thompson

While sorting through some old correspondence in the college archives, I came across an exchange of letters during 1940-41 between John W. Evans, class of 1908, and Richard E. Banta, then director of public relations. There was nothing out-of-the-ordinary about this until I discovered that Evans was the first black student to graduate

A Taste of Old Wabash

from Wabash College. Other black students had attended Wabash before 1908 but none had ever receive a degree.

In a letter to the college treasurer, dated June 24, 1940, Evans indicated that he had received a request for a donation to the athletic department. He answered with a contribution of \$20, asking that \$5 be given to **The Wabash Bulletin**. "The other \$15 is to be given to the proper authorities which are indicated in the enclosed letter," Evans wrote (this letter was not found). He ended his letter with: "Well, good luck to you and 'Dear Old Wabash,' and I

certainly trust God may continue to keep, bless, and propser your, yours, and Wabash as the years come and go."

Apparently Evans received a



John W. Evans
Class of 1908

thank-you note from Banta because, in a letter dated June 30, 1940, he acknowledged this and remarked that he hoped to send another \$35. Later in 1940, **The Wabash Bulletin** carried a story about Evans.

On December 7, 1941, Evans wrote about receiving an issue of **The Wabash Bulletin** and said, "I read every word of it right away and I certainly enjoyed it to the limit." He mentioned a notice about the alumni who were delinquent and remarked: "This statement is what hit me right in the solar plexus and sent me down for the count. You named some seven men who were the only ones who had paid up. That was the prettiest blow and the most efficient one I have ever seen or heard. It certainly sent this old fossil through the ropes and out for the count. I shall certainly try

and not get in that ring again. To do this I shall endeavor to send my dollar hereafter. Well, don't give up, just keep on hammering us old birds with telling blows like the ones on pages 1 and 47."

No information is available regarding Evans' birthplace or birthdate. He was left fatherless at the age of twelve and motherless at the age of fifteen. He was bound out at the age of twelve to a family in Rockville as security for a small loan made shortly before his father died. During his early life he was a coal miner, bootblack, cowboy, elevator operator, table waiter, roustabout on passenger and freight steamers on the Great Lakes, and a pullman porter. He travelled to every state in the union as well as to the southern provinces of Canada.

Evans was the first black to finish Rockville (Ind.) High School. After graduation from Wilberforce University in 1901, he came to Indianapolis where he organized the Negro branch of the Y.M.C.A. in 1902 and became its first executive secretary. He was the first black volunteer probation juvenile court officer in Indianapolis and served as a teacher in the public school system.

Evans then moved to Craw-

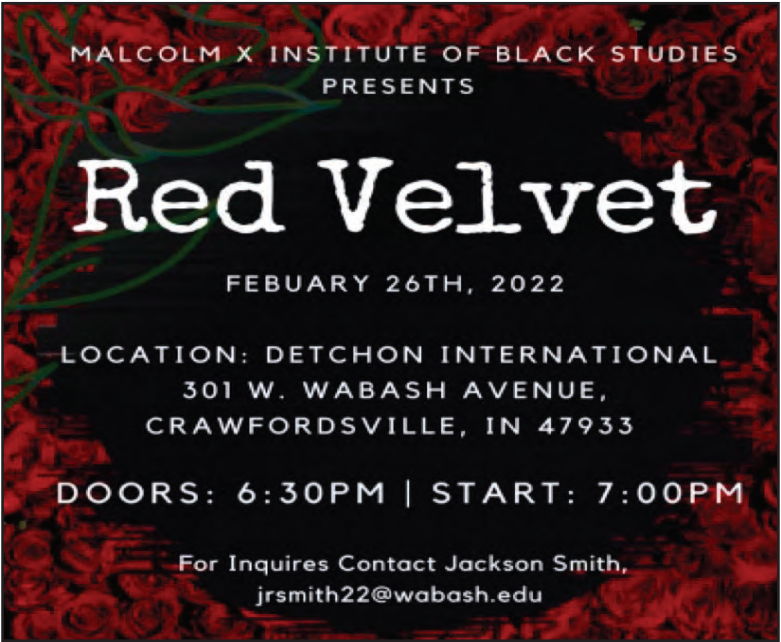
fordsville where he was principal of a school and attended Wabash College during the early morning and late afternoon. In 1908 he became the first Negro graduate.

That same year he moved to St. Louis where he was principal of several public schools for thirty-two years. He studied at Harris Teachers' College, University of Missouri, University of Chicago, University of Michigan, and in 1929 received the M.A. degree from the University of Iowa. He was one of eight men who had taught thirty-five years or more who was chosen by the National Negro Teachers Association for outstanding contributions to the education of blacks in the United States.

During his long term of service in the St. Louis schools, Evans handled special work in adult education

In a letter to the college in 1940, Evans remarked: "I am the first Negro to have received a degree from Wabash and I must admit that much of what little success I have had in life was due to the fine Christian influence of 'Dear Old Wabash' and the inspiration received from those most excellent instructors."

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The 39 Steps Provides Constant Laughs and Action



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Logan Weilbaker '25 plays the lead - Richard Hannay, in an adaptation of John Buchan's *The 39 Steps*. The show marks the first time DePauw student Emilie Prince '23 takes the stage for the Wabash Theater Department.



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The 2-hour performance follows Hannay's path from a life of mediocrity in his Scottish flat to train chases, lust, and escapes from secret agents.



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The cast of four comprise twenty different characters throughout the play.



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Another newcomer to the world of Wabash Theater is Luke Fincher '24, who played characters ranging from a German secret agent to a Scottish housewife.

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SPORTS

Baseball Preps for Opener

Wabash Enters 2022 with High Conference Expectations

ETHAN WALLACE '25 | STAFF WRITER • As February and winter sports draw to a close, it's time to look forward to the start of the baseball calendar. This week *The Bachelor* sat down with Head Baseball Coach Jake Martin and a few of the players to talk about their expectations for the 2022 season.

The batting lineup looks solid from one to nine with a lot of speed but also some heavy hitters to balance the order out. "But what I'm excited about this group is that they will have guys that can hit and run and really control the bat and we have guys that can knock the walls down and you know, hit for a lot of power and extra base hits," Martin said. "So I think we'll have a lot of different ways to be able to beat and wear down on a pitching staff."

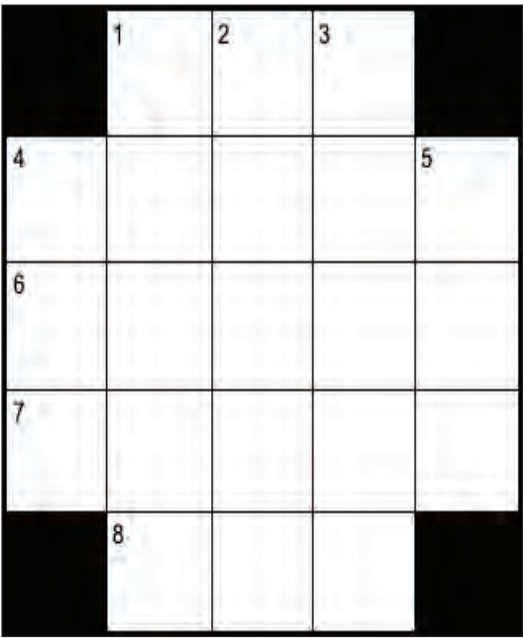
The Wabash infield will have a strong mix of experienced returning players as well as promising young talents. Infielder Austin Simmers '22 who made All-NCAC at second base last season while batting .389 with 14 RBIs in 33 games, will look to repeat if not improve on that performance. AJ Reid '24 was an All-NCAC shortstop last year and should be ready to do it again in his second season. Felix Valero '25 should get an opportunity to step up at 3rd and bring some experience as well as leadership to the position. One promising Michael Galanos '25 should also end up playing an important role in the infield.

"We have a lot of seniors out on the field. So we'll have some good leadership out there," Simmers said. "But we should have about two seniors in the infield at the start with AJ Reid coming back from last year having a very nice season as a freshman [...]. So just having that leadership on the field is very important. Just so when those young guys get in, no, we can leave them in the way that they need to be."

Another one of Wabash's strong suits this season will be its strong pitching rotation. The rotation will consist of mostly upperclassmen who have gained a lot of experience over the last couple of years. Dylan Scheid '22 will contribute to the team as a left handed pitcher. Last season, he had 47 strikeouts in 11 appearances. Tavic Simmons '22 will return to the mound after a strong season last year. Other starting pitchers will include Jacob Bishop '23 and Derek Haslett '23. For relievers the Little Giants will look to Sam Phillips '23 and Jacob Cox '23.

This year the team received the NCAC Coach's third pick. This is a good sign for where the team is going into the season and how well they are going to do against conference competition. It's definitely going to be exciting to see them as they fight with solid chances of

Wally's Crossword: By Logan Weilbaker '25



ACROSS

- 1. MANY A REDDIT POST
- 4. MATERIAL FOR ELVIS OR SEINFELD
- 6. WAS HUMAN, SAY
- 7. SOME LITTLE GIANT
- 8. SPOT


DOWN

- 1. VIBES
- 2. COUNTRY MUSIC'S HAGGARD
- 3. SHE RELEASED "30" IN '21
- 4. DO SOME NEEDLEWORK
- 5. BIG NAME IN ICE CREAM

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Thank you for the "audacity" you brought as our 14th President, for engaging alumni as a "strategic advantage," and for preparing and challenging Wabash men to "save civilization."

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BASKETBALL:

W. Wabash 101
H Hiram 79
Feb. 22



W. Wabash 98
U Kenyon 75
Feb. 19

TENNIS:

W. Wabash 8
M Manchester 1
Feb. 19

W. Wabash 9
C Capital 0
Feb. 19



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Austin Simmers '22 makes a defensive play. Simmers will be one of the key returning players for the Little Giants, who expect to compete for an NCAC title this season.

ending near the top of the conference.

"We talked to our guys a lot about daily improvement, daily growth, both as an individual and a group. really tried to, you know, our goal is to, to win championships, but our focus is to play the game the right way and to, you know, when we play another team, that that there's a brand of baseball that they can can recognize and appreciate that we play hard to play the right way," Martin said.

Wabash baseball will be taking the field for the first time this season today, against Heidelberg. The team will play their first four games in the Crossroads crossover series this weekend at Grand Park in Westfield.

The Little Giants are scheduled to play against Heidelberg University, Hope College, North Central College, and Baldwin Wallace University. This will give the team an opportunity to face some very strong teams early in the season, which will help them figure out where they need to be if they want to succeed this season. While it's unlikely the Little Giants will be able to win all four games, this early experience should prepare them for the rest of the season.

"We are always looking for clean baseball. I think that the bats come and go throughout the spring," Martin said. "But we are looking for clean defense and to be competitive on the

mound in the zone, to limit our free bases that we give up and just play winning baseball. So, I think that's what we're most concerned about. We don't expect to get out of the winter hitting .350 as a team and being in midseason form. I think the bats will heat up and be hot at the right time of the year. What we're looking for is to be able to execute and situational hitting and be able to play championship level defense and compete on the mound in the zone and challenge hitters. So, if we can limit free bases and play clean baseball, we will feel like we'll be in the mix in these games."

Wabash opens up the season later this evening against Heidelberg at 4 p.m.

HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

STEP ASIDE DITKA

Hi-five to Tom Brady's soon-to-come film, "80forBrady." Might be a little too late for this award season, but let's just say that Denzel and DiCaprio can stay home next year.

DAYTONA > ALL-STAR WEEKEND

Hi-five to the NBA All-Star weekend for some good and some not so good times. MJ and LeBron both being in attendance warrants glamour, but it says a lot about our weeks when the most exciting event took place in Cleveland.

BANG FOR YOUR BUCK

Lo-five to the skunk that infiltrated the Morris and Walcott living units. Kudos on them, as they probably don't have much competition in fighting for those rooms.

NOW, WHO IS REALLY TOP HOUSE?

Hi-five to the IM Basketball season on starting this week. One must take this with a grain of salt; however, as you do get to watch your friends, but it also gives you a greater appreciation for what the actual basketball team for the College is doing this season.

CHADWICK CRAZIES ON AND OFF THE COURT

Hi-five to the basketball team for giving students unbridled confidence once again. Bloomington is only half of an hour away...

Basketball Routes Hiram

Little Giants Take Down Terriers 101-79, Move On in NCAC Tournament



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Wabash's all-time leading scorer Jack Davidson '22 nails a three-pointer. Davidson led all scorers with 37 points on 13-18 shooting, 6-10 from three, and 5-5 from the free throw line. Davidson and fellow senior Kellen Schreiber '22 scored a combined 62 points on 22-29 shooting.



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Tyler Watson '22 drives past a Hiram defender. Watson had another stellar passing game, dishing out eight assists while also collecting nine rebounds.



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Jesse Hall '25 nails a dagger from deep. Hall contributed nine points off the bench in Wabash's 101-79 win.

Swim & Dive Ends Top 3

Wabash Ends Season on High Note at NCAC Championships

SAM BENEDICT '25 | STAFF WRITER • The 2021-22 Wabash swimming and diving season has come to a close following another solid year from the Little Giants. The team ended the year with great performances, finishing third out of seven teams in the Gail Moll Pebworth Invitational, then beating DePauw University, Illinois Wesleyan University, Eastern Illinois University, and Bethel College in head-to-head matches. To cap the year off, the Little Giants placed third out of 10 teams in the NCAC Championships with 1,117 points.

Individually, the team had multiple outstanding performances. Caleb McCarty '23 led the way with exceptional races at the NCAC Championship. McCarty broke the previous 100-yard freestyle record of 45.18 seconds with a time of 45.12 seconds, narrowly losing the race by .03 seconds, but an effort good enough to earn all-conference honors. His time is currently the 12th fastest time nationally this year. McCarty recapped his season saying, "The season went very well, the team and I put in the hard work, and we got the results that we were looking for towards the end of the season. For me personally, the season started slow since I was out of shape, and it was not until mid-season and winter break where I started throwing down some fast times." McCarty also delivered the best split of the 400 yard medley and was joined by Connor Craig '25, Ethan Johns '25, and Darren Glore '22 to deliver a time of 3.03.57, which tied the Wabash record and proved good enough for a third-place finish and all-conference honors by those four.

On the diving side of things, the Little Giants had a solid year under first-year coach Allistair Frost. Divers William Morris '25, Tanner Carver '23, and Thomas Gaines '24 turned in seventh, eighth, and ninth-place finishes with scores of 401, 394.10,

and 294.15. These three accounted for another 75 points towards the team total.

"It went surprisingly well," Morris said of the season. "I managed to beat the freshman record for 11 dives and as a team we placed third in the NCAC conference championship. I overcame slight setback after a concussion mid-season, but I recovered quickly and performed to the best of my ability from then on."

Another bright spot for the Little Giants was Wabash Head Swimming Coach Will Bernhardt being named NCAC 2022 Swimming Coach of the Year. In his fourth year at Wabash College, Bernhardt became the first coach in a decade to place 3rd at the NCAC finals in back-to-back years.

The swimming and diving team will graduate multiple impactful seniors this season. "I was able to look back on this season and know that there was nothing more in my power that I could have done to make myself more successful this season," Glore said. "This is probably the first and only season of my entire career that I can actually say that. I wanted to leave my mark on the swimming and diving team, and I believe I can say that I have left my mark on the record board with my swims, but also left my mark on the people and on the expectations of the program moving forward when I become an alumnus."

Reminiscing about his collegiate career, Glore said, "My biggest takeaway from my swimming career will be the lifelong friends and brotherhood that I have made along the way. I have shared some of my best and worst moments in my life with my teammates and have grown relationships into ones that I will always have."

Looking ahead to next season, the Little Giants hope to capitalize on their success the past two seasons and use that momentum to turn in a top finish



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Wabash competes in a meet earlier this year. The Little Giants ended the team portion of their season well, grabbing third at the NCAC Championships.

at the NCAC championships. Morris said the key to another successful season is, "Maintaining good mental health because it's beneficial to have a clear mind when practicing and competing." Furthermore, Morris said, "I'm hoping to learn 2 1/2's in every direction on 1 and 3 meter and beat the school record for six dive and 11 dive on both boards." The Little Giants will return star junior Caleb McCarty who has unfinished business following his near national qualification. McCarty said, "Next year will be

my senior year and I plan to leave everything I have left into the pool. I am not satisfied yet and will continue to improve over the course of the year. One goal that I have is to train all year to put in double the amount of hard work into my last season swimming for Wabash. Another goal that I have is to become an NCAC Conference Champion in the 100 free and beat the dominant stigma that Kenyon and Denison hold. And lastly, I am highly motivated to improve off last season and accomplish some more amazing challenges."