

Wabash Heads to Final 4

Seniors Lead Little Giants to Their First Final Four Since '82 Championship



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Last Saturday, in a hard-fought 81-75 win over Illinois Wesleyan University, the Little Giants Basketball Championship captured a sectional championship, setting up a Final Four matchup with fellow Midwestern team Elmhurst this evening in Fort Wayne. Jack Davidson '22 led the team with 29 points and 7 rebounds in the victory.

JAKOB GOODWIN '23 | NEWS EDITOR

• 100 years ago, Wabash won the first National College Basketball Tournament in Indianapolis. 40 years ago, the Little Giants won the NCAA Division III National Tournament. This weekend, the Little Giants have a chance to do it again.

Last weekend, Wabash defeated Williams College and host Illinois Wesleyan University to advance to the Division III Final Four in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Echoing their counterparts 100 years ago, the Jack Davidson '22-led Little Giants won a hard-fought game against the Titans to move to the semifinals of the national tournament. In front of a Shirk Center in Bloomington, Illinois full to burst with IWU and Wabash fans, Davidson and co. faced a steep challenge, going up against one the best defenders in DIII basketball in Pete Lambesis and NABC All-American Matt Leritz who lead a Illinois Wesleyan team primed for the next round.

Wabash opened the game 10-0 before finding themselves tied at 14 with 11:04 left in the first half. After a Titans run near the end of the first, Wabash found itself down 5 with 34 seconds left. Ahmoni Jones '23 cut that lead to five with a shot from the baseline as time expired. After getting Kellen Schreiber '22 back from foul trouble in the second half, Wabash was more able to dominate in the paint and on defense against IWU. The second half was chippy, bringing along two technicals for IWU and physical play from Wabash.

After a mostly back and forth second half, it was freshman guard Vinny Bucilla '25 who delivered the nail in the coffin. With a three pointer with 40 seconds left, Bucilla put the Little Giants up 9. Illinois Wesleyan was able to put some more points on the board, but with another score from Bucilla and free throws by Tyler Watson '22, the Little Giants stamped their ticket to Fort Wayne against Elmhurst.

Looking back on his performances in the tournament, especially on the uncharacteristic 11- point game against Williams, Davidson said, "It's a credit to how good our supporting cast is. So many talented guys. Makes it easier on me. Kellen, Tyler, Ahmoni, so talented. So good at scoring the rock. Defense can't focus all on me." On what separates this Wabash team from others that have been competitive in the NCAC, he said, "Little details, [being] focused on the task at hand. Everyone wants to win. It's cool to get recognized, but at the end of the day everyone cares about winning."

When asked what it would mean to win a national championship after coming back for a fifth year, Davidson had a clear message.

"It would mean everything. That's what you play for. We've got to win one game at a time, but it would be

special."

Looking back on this run, Coach Brummett is grateful for his time with this group, especially this special group of seniors. "Just being able to have these three additional weeks with this team. I think it's easy for people to understand that these guys will graduate and move on, [which] happens every year. The building of a team is special, [but a] championship team is another level. When you have guys that you love and believe in one another, you don't want it to end," Brummett said.

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-Jack Davidson '22

Turning focus to the Final Four, Wabash joins Elmhurst College, Randolph-Macon College, and Marietta College in Fort Wayne. Wabash plays Elmhurst on Friday with a ticket to the Finals on the line to play the winner of Randolph-Macon and Marietta. The seniors on this team have experience playing Elmhurst.

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"They're an old and experienced team. Our guys know some of these names. A feel for the personnel. Just like the coaches do for their style of play and tendencies. The one thing that stands out is that there's a lot of similarities in styles of play. Very offensive team, used to playing up temp. Played together for a long time, used to playing together." "I think we anticipate the game being two similar teams trying to play somewhat of a similar style comes down to who executed best," Brummett said.

Coach Brummett had comments about his coaching counterparts for those other teams. "We're all trying to do the same thing, I've just seen our guys do the work. I've been doing this long enough to see other great teams, as we improved ourselves, it was easier to build confidence in us to be able to continue the success against people that don't know us as well."

Wabash returns to the Final Four on Friday in Fort Wayne in a game against Elmhurst that should feel like a home game with a strong contingent of Wabash students, fans, and alumni in attendance.



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Tyler Watson '22 played a key role over the weekend, putting together 32 points and 17 rebounds over the two games against Williams and Illinois Wesleyan while defending some of the best scorers in the NCAA.

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CRAWFORDSVILLE, INDIANA 47933

-PROCLAMATION-

-WABASH COLLEGE – LITTLE GIANTS DAY-

WHEREAS, The Wabash College Basketball team will be competing in the NCAA Division III Final Four against Elmhurst College in the second semifinal game in Fort Wayne, Indiana on Friday, March 18, 2022; and

WHEREAS, The Little Giants defeated Illinois Wesleyan in the NCAA Division III Men's Tournament Sectional Championship by a final score of 81-75; and

WHEREAS The team and coaching staff have seen an incredible season with a record-breaking 27-3 record and a 24-game winning streak, making the streak the longest in Wabash College history, surpassing the 19-game winning streak of the 1982 National Champion Wabash Basketball team; and

WHEREAS, Wabash Basketball earned the North Coast Athletic Conference Regular Season Championship with a 16-1 record and become NCAC Tournament Champions; and

WHEREAS, The Little Giants are led by the strong leadership of Head Coach Kyle Brumett, who received the NCAC Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, This is the first Wabash Basketball team to make the NCAA Division III Tournament since the 1997-1998 team; and

WHEREAS, Wabash is making its first NCAA Division III Final Four appearance since the 1982 team won the National Championship; and

WHEREAS, The 2021-2022 Wabash Basketball team has beaten more nationally ranked teams in this year's NCAA Division III tournament than any other team in Wabash College history.

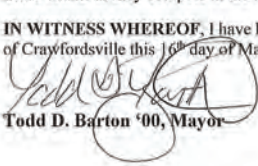
WHEREAS, The team shows exemplary skills and leadership on the court and in the Crawfordsville community; and

WHEREAS, The Crawfordsville community is incredibly proud of the Little Giants and area residents have been faithful, steadfast and passionate in their support of the team this season; and

WHEREAS, WABASH ALWAYS FIGHTS!

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Todd D. Barton, do hereby proclaim that Friday, March 18, 2022, shall be proudly observed as "Wabash College-Little Giants Day" in the City of Crawfordsville. I strongly encourage all citizens to wear Wabash College apparel and the color red to support the Wabash College Little Giants as they compete in the NCAA Division III Final Four.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Crawfordsville this 16th day of March, 2022.



Todd D. Barton '00, Mayor

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In the wake of Wabash's Final Four berth, Crawfordsville Mayor, Todd Barton '00 declared Friday "Wabash College-Little Giants Day" in Crawfordsville to support the basketball team on their mission to capture another national title.

Peck Lecture Returns with Discussion on Technology, Trust, & Society

CHASE BREAUX '24 | STAFF WRITER

Following two years of being unable to host the Peck Lecture and Dinner live due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Peck Lecture and Dinner returned in-person with alumni and guests. Pre-Law Advisor and Associate Professor of Political Science Scott Himself '85 described the event as “an opportunity to bring together lawyers and students who are interested in becoming lawyers so that students will get a better idea of what it’s actually like to practice law and to begin to build their network of lawyers.”

On Wednesday, the Pre-Law Society welcomed one of the most accomplished and influential lawyers in the nation: the Senior Vice President for Legal and Regulatory Affairs and General Counsel of the IBM Corporation, Michelle Browdy. She is a graduate of Princeton University, Harvard University, and earned her J.D. from Yale Law School, where she served as the Managing Editor of the Yale Law Journal. Himself spoke of Browdy, saying, “She is without question one of the brightest, most successful lawyers I know.” He continued, “I not only respect her professionally, but I know her personally. And in spite of all of her achievements, she remains humble and easy to talk to.”

Himself also spoke to the importance of this year’s lecture topic of technology, privacy, and law, saying, “One of the strengths of the law is that in many issues and areas we’ve had hundreds of years to develop and refine the best legal rules. We can’t say that about texts, we can’t say that about social media, we can’t say that about law enforcement requests for people’s internet search histories.” He continued, “So, this topic is important because it is at the cutting edge of the law, an area where the law has not yet had as many opportunities to develop itself. Therefore, we need really sharp people like our guest speaker to form those rules.”

The event kicked off with Browdy delivering her lecture titled “Technology, Trust, and Society.” Browdy discussed questions such as, “Should law enforcement use visual recognition software?” and “Should tech companies install backdoor access to



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Browdy asked questions regarding the role of technology in society, how we can and should use it, and who should use it.

cellphones?” Then, she spoke to where liberal arts come in, saying the issues lawyers and the judicial system is working to address relating to tech did not exist years ago. Liberal arts equipped her to learn how the law should and currently interacts with tech.

As the event moved into the dinner, students had the opportunity to connect with Michelle Browdy and Wabash alumni lawyers. Then, students were given awards. Jackson Grabill '24 was presented the Joseph J. Daniels Award in Constitutional Law. Vasilios

Antonopoulos '22 won the William Nelson White Scholarship Award, Miles Clutter '22 and Joseph Forchetti '22 received the James E. Bingham Award, and Kwaku Sarpong '22 was awarded the Junior Peck Medal.

The event came to a close with President Feller presenting Michelle Browdy the David W. Peck Medal for eminence in the law. In her remarks, Browdy encouraged Wabash students to take advantage of all it offers. She told students to talk with people with different perspectives, take classes they

probably hadn’t considered before, and that liberal arts teach students how to learn and equip them never to stop learning.

Jakob Goodwin '23, President of the Pre-Law Society, reflected on this year’s Peck Lecture and Dinner, saying, “As a junior, this is my first one in person.” He continued, “After canceling the 2020 Peck Lecture and moving 2021’s Moot Court to the spring and over Zoom, it was nice to have a year of normalcy, at least as far as the Pre-Law Society goes.”

McDorman Hired as Dean of College



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Dean McDorman first came to Wabash in 1998 as part of the Rhetoric Department. In his nearly 23 years at the College, he’s served as Chair of the Rhetoric Department, as a leader of the Moot Court Program, and as the Acting Dean of the College for the past two years.

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Dr. Todd McDorman, who came to Wabash in the Rhetoric Department in 1998, has been appointed Dean of the College by President Scott Feller. McDorman, who has served as Acting Dean for the last two years, will begin his tenure on July 1.

“Todd’s thoughtful leadership shined brightly during the interview process,” said President Feller. “While many of us on campus have constantly focused on keeping the campus healthy, he continued to expand our academic footprint, coordinated operational improvements, and worked closely with his faculty colleagues on personnel reviews, Student Learning Outcomes, and implementation of the ‘Restoring Hope, Restoring Trust’ grant from Lilly Endowment.”

A native of Kokomo, Indiana, McDorman earned his undergraduate degree from Butler University, a master’s degree from Miami University, and his Ph.D. in rhetorical studies from Indiana University. He came to Wabash in 1998 and rose to full professor in 2013.

Over the course of his career, McDorman served as chair of Rhetoric Department; was the lead writer of Wabash’s successful 2012 reaccreditation self-study; served as faculty visitor to the Board of Trustees and on the Board’s Strategy Committee; chaired the Undergraduate Research Committee, Freshman Tutorial Program, Pre-Law Committee, and Committee for Institutional Improvement; and was Senior Associate Dean of the College from 2014 to 2018.

As Acting Dean of the College over the last two years, McDorman has led the College’s Personnel Committee, which oversees faculty hiring and reviews, and chairs the Academic Policy Committee. Under his leadership, Wabash launched its first ever summer classes for course recovery aimed at some of the College’s most vulnerable students, and ushered Wabash into the Council for Independent Colleges (CIC) Online Course Sharing Consortium.

“I am honored and grateful for this opportunity to lead the academic program,” McDorman said. “What we have been able to accomplish together the past two years has affirmed my long-held confidence in Wabash as an institution and a community, and has energized me to pursue the work ahead in achieving our considerable goals.”

“The search for the Dean of the College generated a diverse pool of interesting and talented candidates,” said Dr. Wally Novak, who chaired the 11-member search committee. “It was incredibly helpful to the discernment process to be able to bring our top candidates to Wabash to engage the faculty and senior staff. We are delighted to have Todd serve as our next Dean of the College. Todd’s recent experience and dedication to Wabash will no doubt serve us well in the coming years.”

As a member of the Healthy Campus Task Force, McDorman led efforts to keep the academic program on track during the COVID-19 pandemic, including making modifications to instruction, the academic calendar, comprehensive exams, course delivery, and classroom set-ups. McDorman was one of 30 applicants selected for the CIC/American Academic Leadership Institute’s Senior Leadership Academy, and he was the lead scholar at the 43rd Annual National Undergraduate Honors Conference at DePauw University. At Wabash, he received the McLain-McTurnan-Arnold Research Scholar Award, the Richard O. Ristine Law Award, and gave the 34th Annual LaFollette Lecture in the Humanities.

He has also co-authored two books with his Wabash faculty colleagues, *Rhetoric and Democracy: Pedagogical Political Practices* (with David Timmerman, 2008) and *Public Speaking and Democratic Participation: Speaking, Listening, and Deliberating in the Civic Realm* (with Jennifer Abbott, David Timmerman, and L. Jill Lamberton, 2016). He has also done extensive research and scholarship on baseball, Pete Rose, and the

rhetoric of apologia. He has published a number of journal articles and book chapters on the subject, and has presented at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown.

“Wabash College is a special place,” McDorman added. “I have been fortunate to

make Wabash my academic home for more than 20 years and I am dedicated to the success of the institution and our people. I look forward to continuing to work with President Feller and the faculty, staff, and students as we strive to make Wabash even better.”

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La Alianza Emerges to Create New Hispanic Space on Campus



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Prior to Spring Break, La Alianza's members painted the Senior Bench in their logo and colors. Sampsell '24 and Silva '24 spoke at Chapel, challenging their brothers to embrace their Hispanic brethren and engage in their culture.

LIAM GRENNON '24 | CAVELIFE EDITOR
• La Alianza is a student-led organization focused on creating a space for Hispanic students and students who associate with Hispanic studies. Through the last three semesters, they have organized and hosted a number of meetings, events, and celebrations for members and for the wider Wabash community alike, cementing their place as one of the most active organizations on campus and as a cornerstone of the Wabash we know today. Their rapid success is largely a reflection of the work La Alianza's leadership has dedicated to the organization's success. In turn, "Hermanos" (brothers) of La Alianza continue to contribute to Wabash through leadership, an active voice, and a drive to be recognized and respected on campus.

Formerly known as "Unidos por Sangres" and often mocked for its abbreviation (UPS), then freshmen Jonathan Silva '24 and Benjamin Sampsell '24 took the reins of what had been a dormant club until their arrival in 2020. Silva, La Alianza's President, said when he got to campus "Unidos por Sangres basically did not exist, and there was no Hispanic club on campus or organizations to help Latino students integrate to Wabash."

The organization hadn't been active on campus since 2017, but both Silva and Sampsell took it upon themselves to revive the group. They set out "to build a space so that Latino students at Wabash always feel like they have a home that will embrace and

celebrate them," Sampsell, Vice President of La Alianza, said. That space was officially recognized as "La Alianza" (The Alliance) later in the year, meeting consistently amongst themselves and bringing a taste of Latino food, music, and culture to the rest of campus. Similarly they have continued to build one another up, through social events, leadership skill building, and continuing to make their voices heard both on and off campus. On Thursday, March 3, Silva and Sampsell gave the first Chapel Talk as an organization, speaking to not only their own experiences at Wabash but the experiences of many La Alianza members.

But as La Alianza continues to find success on campus, it finds itself between two important but sometimes conflicting objectives: providing a space for its hermanos, and continuing to push Wabash to be a more inclusive campus. Ultimately La Alianza continues to prioritize being a space for its members, but a lack of administrative structure means they, as an organization, often wear two hats.

"La Alianza is not a place where people will come, get educated, eat food, and leave, why? Because we are not professors," Silva said. "We as students should not have the goal of teaching other students about our culture in every single meeting." Silva stressed the place of campus wide events as integral to their mission as an organization, but doesn't see educating campus as their

burden to bear alone. Rather, by providing a space to decompress and reconnect amongst themselves they still continue to contribute to campus culture. Larger events with the Wabash community offer a great chance to share a slice of hispanic culture.

Along with being a space for their members, it has also hosted events for campus like Dia de Los Muertos and a Taco Festival last fall, bringing music and food from all over the world and America, to campus. Bringing new tunes and foods to an average Crawfordsville afternoon is not only educational, but can help some catch a whiff of home.

The impact La Alianza has had continues to elevate its members as leaders in their living units, classrooms, and organizations. Silva, for example, contributes to campus as President of La Alianza, a WDPF Fellow, a Spanish consultant, Brother of Phi Gamma Delta, MXI associate, and a rhyme this semester. Silva credits La Alianza as a crucial part of his Wabash experience.

Sampsell echoed a similar sentiment. "La Alianza has had a profound impact on my time at Wabash already," Sampsell said. "It has opened my eyes not only to the importance of advocating for Latino interests but also to offer a space for other students that may not feel an immediate sense of belonging at Wabash. Having a place where Latinos can get involved and become leaders while being surrounded by others that seek to celebrate our culture is a very powerful source

of empowerment."

Sampsell, like Silva, is heavily involved on campus. Serving as Vice President of La Alianza, President of the International Student Association, President of the College Democrats, WDPF Fellow and also a current rhyme, both Sampsell and Silva continue to make Wabash their own.

Despite the work that has already been done, they both agree that campus still has room for improvement. "There are many ways to be an ally of your Latino Wabash brothers that aren't necessarily joining La Alianza," Sampsell said. "You can be there for your brothers by showing out to events even when they don't have free tacos, listening to what they have to say, realizing how Wabash may be uncomfortable for some students more than others, and trying to bridge that gap so that we can all be better."

Silva continues to push for a physical place for the organization to meet and have. "We want to strive to get a physical place and get as much institutional help as possible since the College has been so passive about this for over 40 years," Silva said. La Alianza's archival committee has records of a Hispanic Club back in the 1980s. Silva believes a permanent meeting place would keep the institution on campus, so the burden wouldn't be on students like Sampsell and Silva. A place where students can interact, and learn about the Hispanic culture would be a great resource for a substantial part of our brotherhood.

Cook '66 Leads Students in Kenya



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Students on the Immersion Trip explored areas in and around Nairobi, including the slum of Mathare (above). There, they met and helped serve food to local residents.



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Students met the Secretary of Shining Hope for Communities (SHOFCO) before meeting one of its founders in Kibera, one of the largest slums in the world.



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Here, students are meeting Kibera residents at the local non-profit Undugu Family of Hope, which helps feed, educate, and empower local residents.

Letter to the Editor: It’s Alright, Mother Russia
Dr. Ethan Hollander, Associate Professor of Political Science

N^B – The title of this article alludes to a Bob Dylan song which can be found by scanning the QR code at the end of this article. There is much overlap between my position and Dr. Morillo’s. There is also much overlap in our musical tastes.

In the previous edition of *The Bachelor*, I was pleased to see Dr. Morillo ‘un-pull’ a few punches, abandoning the naïve view he expressed at the Ukraine forum and adopting a much stronger position – one more closely aligned to my own.

In this article, I contribute two addendums to our conversation, each inspired by a lyric in the article’s eponymous muse.

“Private reasons great or small... make all that should be killed to crawl.”

Global opposition to Russian aggression and resolve to counter it is indeed

inspiring. But sanctions can be as painful for the sanction-er as for the sanction-ee, and Russian resolve is rightly renowned. Over time, Americans will tire of expensive gas. Swedish and Finnish neutrality will bend with the fury of an Arctic wind. France will realize, as it did in 1966, that NATO’s geography protects it, even if it’s not a member. And Britain will be understandably reluctant to go to war for a poor Slavic country on the far side of Europe, allowing Poland (again) to suffer the consequences of British appeasement.

Private reasons great and small will enable Putin’s westward crawl. And Morillo’s optimism – rebranded as “cheerleading” – will do nothing to stop it. History doesn’t repeat itself. But it rhymes. And this is a tired tune.

“Even the President of the United States sometimes must have to stand naked.”

Professor Morillo recognizes (now) that the United States is unfortunately not united on this. He’s right, also, that Trump and his Republican enablers bear most of the blame. But they don’t bear all of it.

Americans on both sides of the aisle participate in blind partisanship and demonize the other side with rhetoric that makes it easy for us to forget whatever it was that ever held us together. Both sides have privileged questions of identity to questions of class, and forgotten that those left behind by globalization and immigration come in all colors and creeds. Rest ‘assured,’ Democrats and democrats will lose the next election. Trump and his lackeys will express admiration for Putin’s strength. And the next crisis will be blamed on Antifa, Q, Critical Race Theory, or Hilary Clinton’s pedophile pizzeria.

There was a time, I’m told, when

a “Greatest Generation” rose to the challenge of facing down a dangerous foe. But ours is not that time. We are not that generation. Our divisions distract us and we’ve been caught flat-footed with our pants around our ankles. The American empire wears no clothes. And even the President of the United States sometimes has to stand naked.

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Letter to the Editor: Disability Matters
Cesar Mares ’22

In his essay, “The Social Model of Disability,” Tom Shakespeare states that disability, like gender, is by nature a historical and cultural phenomenon. Shakespeare denounces the “medical model” of disability that emphasizes an individual’s deficit. Such a view locates disability within a person’s body and suggests that disability can be treated. Instead,

Shakespeare endorses the view that disability exists as a social creation - that is, disability is a social and public construct in which the disability is located outside of the body. Disability, then, is produced by environments that are not inclusive and create barriers to access. Examples of such environments are physical barriers and institutional practices that hinder individuals with

physical differences, such as staircases unaccompanied by ramps, unreliable or non-existent elevators, lack of provisions for blind or hearing-impaired people, or business owners who don’t hire or make provisions for those with disabilities. The solution to disability in the social model is to remove these environmental barriers and make the external world more accessible.

Abled-bodied individuals often take for granted the physical landscape they have access to every day. Problems that the disabled face are not a result of their own weaknesses, but rather are the byproducts of socially oppressive and exclusionist institutional structures.

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Letter to the Editor: The GOAT (QB)
Mark Stolte ’25

The quarterback is one of the most important positions in all of sports. They are the leader/captain of a football team, and the majority of the time are the “it” factor. When looking at the history of the NFL, there are some great quarterbacks that have ridiculous achievements. That being said, comparing them without consideration to their help and era would not be fair. So, taking all of this into account, here is my take on the greatest quarterbacks of all time.

The first thing I did was make sure to evaluate what I see as most important in the fabled debate. The three aspects came out to be Regular Season, Playoffs, and Accolades. Playoffs is the most important, ranked at 50%. Regular season at 40%. Accolades at 10%.

The next thing I did was I measured out the aspects of a QB in each category. The regular season included 50% going towards their stats. These stats

were an accumulation of their passing yards per game, passing touchdowns per game, and completion percentage compared to the average of the seasons they played in. So, if the average passing yards per game was 250 for a year, and Joe Montana had 265 yards... I subtracted the numbers and divided by the standard deviation to create what they call a Z score in Statistics. I did that so the advent of a pass-happy league does not affect the QB because they are being compared to the ones they played against. Coaching was ranked at 17.5%. Coaching was measured by the record they had compared to the average coach in the NFL. Offensive Line ranked at 15%. RB/WR/TE ranked at 12.5%. And defense at 5%. Now of course the negative scores in these categories means the QB had good help. Positive scores mean they were doing it by themselves.

Playoffs changed a little bit. In the

playoffs, defense wins championships. So the defense was upped to 15%. Coaching 15%. OLine 12.5%. Weapons 10%. Stats 39%. And of course; the most important part is winning. So superbowl wins are valued at 8.5%.

For accolades we kept it simple. MVPs at 40%. All Pro at 35%. And a famous stat that is gaining some attention: AV ranked at 25%.

While this entire process was extremely grueling, it was also very interesting. Unfortunately these are far from foolproof considering there is limited data on offensive lines in the past and no legitimately appropriate ways to measure quarterback vs weapon success rates. With that being said, here it is...

Tom Brady (84.44)
Peyton Manning (84.15)
Joe Montana (82.79)
Aaron Rodgers (81.76)
Drew Brees (76.87)

Kurt Warner (72.00)
Brett Favre (69.73)
Steve Young (61.90)
Terry Bradshaw (61.76)
Roger Staubach (53.29)

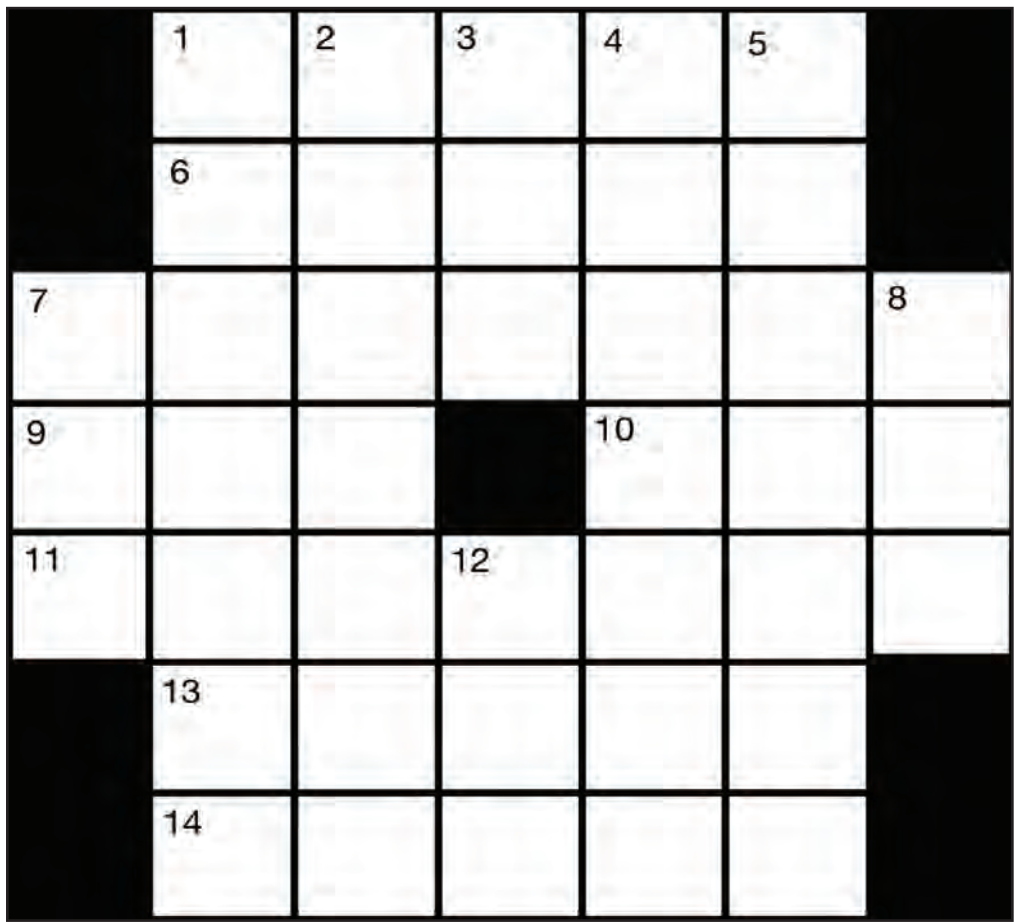
Some things you notice right away. Because I compared per game stats, players were not penalized for short careers and not awarded for longevity. If I were to go back and change some things, I would fix that. Another thing to notice is that Dan Marino and John Elway are not in the top 10. I strongly disagree with that sentiment. Stats do not tell the whole story. That is why this should be only a talking point and not the end all be all ranking. Think of these as the same level as PFF grades.

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Crossword By:
Logan Weilbaker '25



- Across
- 1. Instrument for viewing
 - 6. Protective material
 - 7. Split up
 - 9. Pub order
 - 10. Prickly plant part
 - 11. Orville creation
 - 13. Mares’ offspring
 - 14. f, musically
- Down
- 1. Shed, as clothes
 - 2. Popular mixed breed
 - 3. Ear prefix**
 - 4. How one might price fabric
 - 5. Take a leisurely journey
 - 7. Salsa, e.g.
 - 8. Sea eagle

Student Body VP Garrett Reminisces on Wabash



COURTESY OF DAVIONNE GARRETT '22

Garrett pictured in Chicago on a Glee Club Trip earlier in his Wabash career.

SARVIK CHAUDHARY '25 | STAFF WRITER • Every time a student, staff, or faculty member talks about Davionne Garrett '22, there is a huge smile on their faces. Everyone who knows Garrett, thinks of him as someone who has paved his own path, both in his life as well as during his time at Wabash. And the Wabash community at large, is grateful to Garrett for everything that he has contributed to the College.

Garrett, who currently serves as the Vice President of the student government, has proven to be a stellar student and leader—both on and off campus—throughout his four years at Wabash. In his freshman year, Garrett became the Student Senate Representative for Rogge Hall, and in the same semester also won the elections to be the Class of 2022 Senate Representative. Garrett also joined the Glee Club and MXI in his freshman year, and went on to be the Public Relations Chair for MXI in the same year. Garret is also a WDPD fellow, and has worked to make several systems and mechanisms on campus to be inclusive and diverse, through the different positions he has held on campus throughout his

four years.

Reminiscing about his first few years at Wabash, Garrett says that his best memories here were formed in his first few years when Wabash was a “pre-covid” campus. “It was definitely the Glee Club tours,” Garrett said. “Taiwan is the highlight and it was my first time going out of the country with about 30 of my other brothers, and at that time the Glee Club was the first group of people that I resonated with and just touring an entire island, being introduced to a new culture, sharing the music that we created together, and being open to all these new experiences was the highlight of my time at Wabash.”

One of the other memories Garrett cherishes from his freshman year is when his friends—who were all in fraternities—would come to his room and talk about all the new things they were learning at Wabash and also being amused at how they could actually sense the changes they were going through and could observe their growth from being a high school senior to college freshmen.

Just like 60% of the college, Garrett too had the thought of joining a fraternity during his first few days here. “A good friend of mine I grew up with from back home, ended up joining one of the houses and he said to me ‘I know your mind’s made up about being independent, but there’s a lot of things I see that need to be changed in this house and I want to initiate these changes. And I would love it if you would help me with that by joining the house and getting a leadership position within the house.’ So, I decided to give it a shot and went to one of their rush events,” Garrett said. “I got there with one of my friends—also an African-American student—and as soon as we walked in, everyone stared at us. We didn’t get a visit. No one greeted us. We were there for, say five minutes before somebody came up to us and said, ‘Hey, what can I help you guys with?’ We were like Hey, we’re friends with this person in the house and we’re here to check out the house and he was like, oh, okay, like ‘that’s sweet, I can go get someone to give you guys a tour.’ He left and never came back. That put a really bad taste in my mouth and I have been independent ever since.”

There were many instances where Garrett was the only African-American in the room, including the Student Senate and his classrooms. “Any time an issue comes up that pertains to African-Americans, they

come to you as the expert on all things black-related, but I’m just a student who’s 18-19 years old, and I am not an expert on everything African-American,” Garrett said. “But you’re looked at as a student who represents the entire race, because if I say something, it’s taken as if all African-Americans feel that way. That’s a big burden to have as a student, as well as to be a social activist trying to educate this campus on why certain things in certain traditions aren’t okay or make other people uncomfortable.”

Experiences like these only motivated Garrett to do everything possible to bring positive change on campus. With the help of MXI and WDPD, Garrett led numerous initiatives like the “Privilege Walk” and the screening of movies that portray the struggles of African-Americans, followed by conversations with people about how change could be brought about in our society.

“I feel like one of the greatest things that I’ve accomplished through those events is opening up certain people’s minds to different perspectives that they might not

have had, as there’s a lot of echo chambers at Wabash, and it’s really easy to find someone who agrees with you and only runs with that opinion. But breaking them out of those echo chambers was a great accomplishment,” Garrett said.

Garrett’s advice to current and incoming freshmen is to not fall into the many echo chambers present around us and to be open to diverse perspectives. “Make sure you’re asking for help when you need it, whether it be academically or mentally,” said Garrett. “And if you have an opinion, make sure you reach out to the right people to express that opinion. Even if you feel like you don’t have the personal power to do something, reach out to people at positions of power, ask them to voice your opinions and ideas.

Davionne Garrett has checked off all the boxes for a Wabash experience through his involvement on campus, stellar academic record, and his ability to capitalize all that Wabash has to offer. He thinks critically, acts responsibly, leads effectively, lives humanely, and continues to be a wonderful example of a Wabash man.



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Davionne Garrett '22 holding a stalk of sugar cane as a student at Mamma Africa Secondary School outside Nairobi cuts it for him. Garrett was one of 19 students who went on the immersion trip to Kenya this Spring.

Phillip Yu’s Journey Brings Him Back to Wabash

ANDREW DEVER '25 | STAFF WRITER • Phillip Yu, a 29-year-old New Member Candidate at Theta Delta Chi from Chengdu, China, enrolled at Wabash for the first time in 2012. While he applied to several different universities and colleges, Yu chose Wabash due to the exciting traditions and culture of the College. He confirmed his selection through a recommendation of a high-school classmate. Never having even visited the United States before attending Wabash, the change was drastic for Yu, who described his transition from Chengdu to Crawfordsville as “drastically different from his original expectations and a big cultural shock.”

Initially, Yu’s studies got off to an excellent start. His first semester was academically great and was overall a positive experience because of new and exciting courses and opportunities. However, while the second semester went great initially too, a personal disaster and tragedy struck unexpectedly, which would ultimately severely damage Yu’s mental state.

Due to the weight of the unforeseen tragedy, Yu would subsequently withdraw from the college and transfer to Baruch College as part of the City University of New York System.

While Yu continued his education at Baruch College, he decided to get involved in an area he had developed a passion for, Anti-Communist advocacy. Yu joined an Anti-Communist political advocacy group run by Chinese political descendants in exile that promoted efforts to enhance women’s rights, protect freedom of speech, and combat communism around the globe and here in the United States. However, his involvement in the political advocacy group would not go unnoticed. Soon, Yu received a menacing message from the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

Unbeknownst to Yu, the Chinese government had discovered the Anti-Communist political advocacy group and ordered all organization members to cease their efforts or face retribution. This was especially difficult for Yu because, as he informed me, at that time, the Chinese government had contacted his high school and his parents and “threatened them.” Due to his understandable concern at the CCP’s aggressive messaging, Yu decided to undergo a change in his immigration status and apply for asylum. This was a crucial

moment in his life as not only was he granted asylum status by the United States Government, but this experience served as Yu’s initial contact with the legal system of the United States.

As a result of his application for asylum, Yu developed a desire to work as a paralegal at an immigration law firm. However, he had not officially graduated college at the beginning of his legal employment. As a paralegal, which still serves as his primary employment today, Yu works with clients to establish basic facts of their situation and assess the legal ramifications of possible immigration options for the firm’s clients. This part of the process is generally not adversarial and would not require a client to go before a judge at an immigration court.

After ten years away, Yu decided to return to Wabash to complete his undergraduate degree. While Yu is not the typical Wabash student, considering that he has been working as a paralegal for almost ten years and earned a near-perfect score on his LSAT, his reasons for returning to Wabash are three-fold.

First, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Yu can continue to serve as a paralegal by working remotely (the independent immigration law firm Yu is employed at is based out of San Francisco, California). Yu’s primary concern for returning to college was continuing his work since he did not want to withdraw from the immigration firm. Another reason Yu has returned to Wabash is to remediate his experience at the College. While ten years ago, he withdrew from Wabash in a complex mental state due to the personal tragedy he endured his freshman year, Yu believes that he can “correct a painful experience in his life, relive college to the fullest, and seek closure.” Finally, due to his withdrawal in 2012, Yu left Wabash in poor academic standing - understandable considering the personal tragedy he had to endure. Consequently, to attend a competitive law school, Yu is retaking the courses from his freshman year to mitigate the bad grades and improve his GPA.

In his short time this semester at Wabash, Yu is a new member candidate at Theta Delta Chi, the secretary of the Music Sharing and Appreciation Club, and a frequent attendee at Pre-Law events. “I wish that I did [seek help from a counselor in 2012] but I did not,” said Yu. The attitude towards mental health was

substantially different at Wabash in 2012. Yu expressed that because the Counseling Center has an increased positive presence on campus, students in similar positions now have a consistent avenue to seek help in times of need. Furthermore, Yu hopes that his story motivates people to persevere in the face of adversity and not give up when a situation looks unfavorable.

Fellow students, teammates, fraternity brothers, and even Professors and faculty are great outlets to confide in during adversarial times.

Yu hopes to attend a top-tier law program in the fall of 2023, continue working virtually as a paralegal from San Francisco, pass the California bar exam, and eventually establish his own law firm.

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Wabash Welcomes Admitted Students



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The 2021 Wabash Orientation Mentors at this year's ringing in ceremony. Spanning three days, prospective students have the chance to meet with students, visit living units, and learn from the faculty at the College.

SARVIK CHAUDHARY '25 | STAFF

WRITER • In just about two months, high school seniors throughout the country would be making a major commitment of their lives: college. By now, all the students with an offer letter from Wabash, have a general idea about what Wabash College has to offer. But, every student at Wabash would probably agree that Wabash is a college that needs to be experienced in person to truly comprehend what we have to offer, including the culture and traditions, that can not be comprehended by just reading a blog on the internet on why we are an exceptional small liberal arts college. The college's Admitted Students Weekend would allow high school seniors to get a true Wabash experience.

Julia Wells, the Associate Director of Admissions, calls the Admitted Students Weekend a "2.0 experience." "A lot of the students have been on campus beforehand have done a traditional tour and maybe sat in on a class, but they are looking for more information on different things that are important to them," Wells said. "So we have a lot of different sessions where they can learn about things in addition to what they've learned about throwing their first few times on campus."

What makes this year's event additionally important since it is the first Admitted Students Weekend after transitioning into a more "post-covid" period. Two years ago, when

COVID hit us, Admitted Students Weekend was completely virtual, and even last year, a lot of COVID restrictions made it difficult for students to get a real Admitted Students Weekend experience.

The approximately hundred students and fifty family members coming to the event will be able to pick and attend one of three different information sessions in four different time frames. The information sessions include DEI, WabashX, Career Services, and Study Abroad among the many sessions.

The Admissions Office has also included a few new events to the Admitted Students Weekend, including the Fraternity Lunch, where students and parents can choose any of the ten fraternities on campus to have lunch at, where they would get a chance to share a meal and have conversations with several fraternity members on campus, giving them a glimpse into the thriving fraternity life at Wabash.

The students and parents will also get to experience something that has never happened in the history of the Admitted Students Weekend: a watch party of the Final Four, where our basketball team will be taking on Elmhurst college. The watch party will take place at the Sparks Center. Many students will also be staying over in fraternities and independent living units to experience residential life at Wabash.

HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

JALEN RAMSEY IS OFF THE HOOK

Hi-five to Tom Brady for his "shocking" return to football. If you thought you were down bad after returning from Spring Break, imagine the guy who spent \$518,000 on his "last" TD ever thrown.

CHESS NOT CHECKERS

Lo-five to those with cold showers across campus. This is one way for the College to keep us in shape, if we have to go to the Allen Center to take a hot shower.

LUCK OF THE IRISH?

Hi-Five to Notre Dame for needing two OT periods to beat Rutgers in a playoff game as St. Patrick's Day started. We at The Bachelor doubt they'll be as lucky in the rest of the tournament.

WE WANT TO GO TO FT. WAYNE THIS BAD!

Lo-five to the NCAA for the short supply on tickets this week. We may be a small school, but we need more than 160 tickets.

BASEBALL IS BACK

Hi-Five to the MLB and the players for working out a deal to play. Now if only the Cubs could make a deal to sign some good players. CORREA!

SPORTS

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 Williams 59

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Mar. 6

Baseball Continues Hot Start

Little Giants Secure a 5-2 Record Over the Break Playing in Arizona

ETHAN WALLACE '25 | STAFF WRITER • Wabash Baseball played seven games in Arizona over the break, going 5-2.

The Little Giants' first game of a doubleheader on Sunday, March 6, was against Aurora University and resulted in a 10 inning loss for Wabash. The final score was 8-9. Later that same day, the team bounced back to defeat Aurora 16-3 in the second game. Wabash had fifteen hits in both games. The one big difference between these two games was Aurora's hitting. The Little Giants gave up 14 hits in the first game but only 7 in the second.

Wabash went on to win four more in a row to make for a successful trip away from the comfort of Goodrich Ballpark.

In their game against Wheaton College, the Little Giants were trailing by six in the bottom of the eighth. They rallied to score 3 runs in the 8th, then 3 more in the 9th to send the game into extra innings. Gavin Patrick '24 took the mound in the eighth inning and closed out the eighth and the ninth inning with one strikeout and no earned runs. In the bottom of 10th, with two outs and bases loaded, Kamden Early '24 hit a line drive into the gap between left and center to drive in the winning run. The final score was 7-6. Starting Pitcher Derek Hazlet '23 threw five innings, allowing only three hits and one earned run.

Wabash dominated Northland College 15-1. Then they beat the Division II team, Bemidji State University, 3-2. Tavic Simmons '23 threw 8 strikeouts in 6 innings while allowing one earned run. The Little Giants had 18 hits in their 12-4 victory over Bethany Lutheran College.

Wabash's five-game winning streak ended in a 5-11 loss to Buena Vista University on March 11, the last game played over break. This game was determined by two bad innings from the Wabash team. In the second inning, the Little Giants allowed Buena Vista to score 5 runs off of just three hits. Then in the 9th, Buena Vista scored three more runs to seal the deal. Overall the team did an excellent job of getting on base in this game but struggled to drive in runs. The Little Giants left three runners stranded in the 2nd, 7th, and 8th innings.

Sophomore Outfielder Kamden Early earned NCAC player of the week by



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Gavin Pierson '25 heads back to the dugout. The week for Wabash Baseball saw the team bring back a 7-2 record, but not without providing games that saw losing in extras, winning in extras, blowout wins, and even a win vs D2 competition.

batting .444 over break. He also had a total of 10 RBIs during the seven games.

The team is off to an incredible start this season. As a team, the Little Giants have a combined 120 hits and have only allowed 85 hits by the opponents. So far, AJ Reid has batted .500 in 38 at-bats with 19 hits and 13 RBIs. Liam Patton, who has batted .424 thus far, hit the team's only home run. Felix Valero '22 has batted .385 in 26 at-bats. Kamden Early is hitting .381 in 42 plate appearances. Dylan Scheid '22 leads the team in thrown strikeouts with 18 strikeouts in 16 innings pitched. Jacob

Bishop '24 has 15 strikeouts in the 13 innings he has pitched.

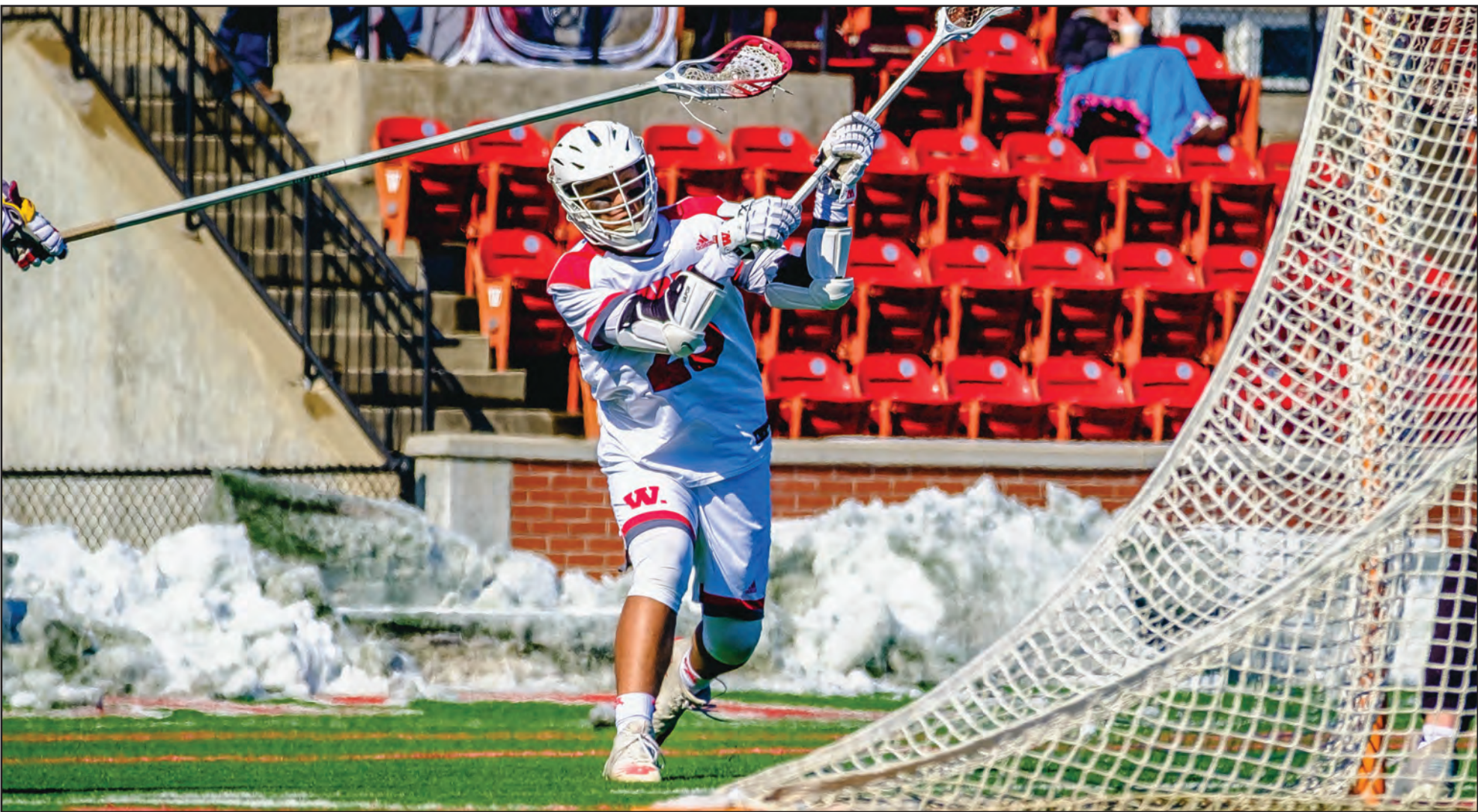
The strong performance over the break is exactly what the team needed heading into the heart of the season. The confidence of the team is only rising. "Following our win against 8th ranked Aurora, our mindset has changed from we're the underdogs to we're the team to beat. Overall, the team feels that we have enough depth in our batting lineup and pitching rotation to compete in long weeks," Sam Benedict '25 said. "I think that the energy in the dugout has been electric and I would credit that to

the leadership our upperclassmen have displayed. We fought through multiple early deficits to come back late and win games, which showcases this team's fight. I'm excited to compete in the conference and continue the excellence of Wabash athletics this year."

The team's season record stands at 7-2. The Little Giants have yet to play a conference team, as their conference season doesn't start until the start of April. Looking forward, the team will play its first home game against Hanover College on Saturday, then again in a doubleheader on Sunday.

Lacrosse Fall Over Break

First-Year Head Coach Talks with *The Bachelor* on Goals and Coaching Style



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Anthony Nguyen '24 looks to set-up a teammate for a shot-on-goal in front of the Hanover goal. On the heels of a two-game losing streak, the Little Giants take a .500 record into the weekend with an anticipated match-up against Adrian College at Fischer Field this Sunday.

ALEX ROTARU '22 | MANAGING EDITOR & OPINION EDITOR • Going into their seventh season, Wabash Lacrosse has struggled greatly every year in the NCAC conference. This year, the new Head Lacrosse Coach, Chris Burke, is aiming to completely refresh the identity and dynamics of the program. Undergoing a transition from an underdog team to a competitive program.

This is not the first time Burke helped a program rise from its ashes: while at Maryville University, in St. Louis, Burke helped save the Saints' Men's Lacrosse program. "I personally think it's easier to take a [school] that's never had a program and build it from the ground up, rather than pull it out of a grave or a hole, and really try to set a foundation," Burke said. Though he was able to resurrect the Maryville Lacrosse program and Burke has learned a lot in the process, "There were a lot of things that I wanted to do at Maryville that I didn't get the opportunity to do," Burke said. However, now that he is the head coach for Lacrosse, he now has the chance to do those things and more. In fact, "I came to Wabash because I helped rebuild the program at Maryville," Burke said.

Burke's passion for lacrosse comes from his family's deep involvement in the sport. "It was a sport for me that was just kind of part of the family," Burke said. "My brother played it. My brother's now a college coach and my father has been coaching high-school forever. So, it's kind of in our blood." Burke played Division II lacrosse at St. Leo University in Florida before beginning his coaching

career.

Still, in Virginia Beach, where Burke grew up, lacrosse was not big until recently. The same trend exists nationwide. "[Lacrosse] is the fastest growing sport in the country right now," Burke said. "A lot of people are picking it up for the first time and realize what an awesome sport it is."

Coming into Wabash, Burke quickly realized that he found a school that fit his background and coaching style. "I'm a military guy, so I think Wabash fits me a little bit in the sense that, you know, I was in pretty much a testosterone-driven environment my entire career," Burke said. "I faced a lot of adversity here in my life, and if I can teach these guys from that experience, that's key."

Burke loves that Wabash is an "and" school, and celebrates his team's accomplishments both on and off the field. "If my guys can go on and do big things, that's what I should want, right?" Burke said. "I shouldn't want just four years of good lacrosse." At the same time, though, playing lacrosse also involves balancing the game with off-the-field activities. "I think we're getting better at it," Burke said. "I think, in the past, there was no balance with those objects, and lacrosse was kind of a thing that people did. When I came in, I think one of the things I said to the guys is 'you don't got to do this; you get to do this'."

In fact, Burke's coaching philosophy can be summarized in two words: be real. His frankness and level-headed approach is ideal to provide much-needed feedback that a struggling team needs to succeed.



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A shot attempt by Joseph Plencner '22 against Hanover last Sunday. An uptick in scoring is expected as the team has games slated against Adrian College and Denison University.

"I'm not afraid to be real with the guys," Burke said. "If they're messing up, I hold them accountable, but I am also the type of guy that pulls them to the side and tells them why I did things."

Burke's "be real" attitude shows in motivating the team to keep improving despite the losses. The biggest motivator he has shown to the team is how, compared to the previous season, the team lost by way less goals. "Those close games are actually good for us," Burke said. "I hate losing more than I like winning. And, so, do we lose some of those close games? Yes. But look at the

progress we made, and kind of having the guys understand that they are part of that process. The process of building doesn't happen overnight, and rarely happens without hard work - in fact, I don't believe it does."

As the Little Giants wrap up their pre-conference games, Burke is preparing for a Spartan initiation into the NCAC conference, as Wabash Lacrosse faces the Denison Big Red, a consistently high-ranked Division III team, home, on Fischer Field. Until then, the Little Giants host tomorrow against the Adrian College Bulldogs at 2 p.m.

Volleyball Wins at Home

Little Giants (3-13) Go 1-1 on the Week, Face Off Against Trine on Sunday

ETHAN WALLACE '25 | STAFF WRITER • This previous Sunday, Wabash Volleyball defeated Wisconsin Lutheran College to achieve the program's first-ever home victory. This win would also break the team's 10 game losing streak.

Talking about getting that first home win, Head Coach Bowerman said, "It definitely feels nice to get the win. This is something we've been working towards for a while, and it was just nice that about everybody got in and contributed to the game. Truly, a really good all-around team effort in a win at home... We've just been, you know, continuing to talk about getting better every day of practice. We really emphasize the need for the win that we had over the weekend. In breaking that losing streak and getting us back on track. I think it was a relief to everyone mentally and showed some of them what their hard work does for the team's success."

The match was settled in three dominant sets. The Little Giants did a great job establishing early leads and keeping the advantage for the rest of the set. The team had 35 kills in the match with only 6 errors, while the opponents had only 13 kills with 19 errors. One category where the Little Giants really dominated was in blocks, getting 10, 8 of which came from Jackson Leeper '25, compared to Wisconsin Lutheran's 1 block.

The Little Giants faced the North Park University Vikings at Chadwick Court this past Wednesday. The team started off poorly in the first set, losing 10-25. Then Wabash bounced back with a 25-22 in the second set. They were unable to win the third or fourth set losing them



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Ricky Sessions '24 celebrates a point against Mount St. Joseph University. With only three weeks before the Midwest Collegiate Volleyball League Tournament starts, the team looks to carry momentum into April with four straight away games.

16-25 and 19-25. The match ended with a 1-3 loss for the Little Giants.

The team's season record stands at 3-13. Volleyball's next match will be at home against Trine University. Looking forward, the team has five matches remaining in the regular season, as they look to pick up at least a few more wins

before the season comes to a close.

"I feel like in these upcoming games, each member of the squad, including myself, just needs to do their part. We don't really need to worry about what the team will do," said Leeper. "At the end of the day, and this has happened in the past, our individual slip-ups are

why we have lost. So, we just need to stay mentally locked in and execute on offense, and then we should pick up a few more wins in the future."

Before four away games to end the season, the Little Giants host their last home game of the season against Trine Univ. on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Wrestling Secures 2nd

Little Giants Nab a Program-Best Finish & Five All-Americans at Nationals



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The team poses for a picture after their first-place performance at the NCAA Central Region Tournament. The team sent seven competitors to Nationals, which is a program high.



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Jack Heldt '23 after scoring a win in tournament play. Along with finishing as runner-up in the 197-pound division, Heldt would also win the NCAA's Elite 90 Award - highest cumulative GPA competing at Nationals.



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An attempted takedown by Kyle Hatch '22 during his run at Nationals. He would finish runner-up in the 165-pound division. Hatch is one of several seniors who leave Wabash with a stamp as one of the most successful classes in program history.

Tennis Set to Travel

The Little Giants are 4-6 with Two Games this Weekend on the Road

ANDREW DEVER '25 | STAFF WRITER • Over Spring Break, the Wabash Little Giant Tennis team traveled to Hilton Head, South Carolina to participate in the Lake Forest College Invitational. The Invitation consisted of four teams - Lake Forest College, Roanoke College, Ohio Northern University and Berry College. The grueling road-trip would prove tough for the Little Giants, who would be 1-3 on the road trip.

After traveling some 800+ miles to Hilton Head Island, the Wabash College Tennis team faced off against the host Lake Forest College on March 7th. This initial match-up would prove extremely tough for the Little Giants who would drop all three of their double's matchups in the beginning portion of the match. Despite going down 3-0, Wabash would not give up hope and continued to fight back against Lake Forest College, with Liam Grennon '24 defeating Zach Cho in straight sets (6-3, 7-6), picking up the only victory of the day for the Little Giants, and staying undefeated on the season in three singles.

The following day, the Little Giants rebounded against Roanoke College to pick up its first and only victory of the road trip. In a decisive fashion, Wabash would stun the Roanoke Maroon Hawks 8-1 to even their record at the Lake Forest College Invitational. The Little Giants got off to a fast start by winning all three of their doubles matches to quickly establish a 3-0 lead. One doubles - Liam Grennon '24 and Cole Borden '24 - would claim the first victory of the morning, defeating the opposition 8-2. Two and three doubles would follow up with consistent efforts to eclipse the opposing pairs 8-3 and 8-6. Continuing the momentum

established by their double's pairs, Wabash would roll on to win five of the six singles contests, with Borden '24, Alvaro Alonso-Sanchez '25, Christian Zimmermann '25, and Jett Brownlee '25 all picking up their first singles victories of the tournament. Grennon '24, would also cruise to victory (6-4, 6-0) to continue his undefeated singles season.

After steamrolling Roanoke College, Wabash played its third match in as many days against Ohio Northern University. Despite having momentum from their victory the previous day, the Little Giants would come up short against the Ohio Northern University Polar Bears, falling 2-7. Unlike the previous two days, the doubles matches were contested closely by both sides, with Wabash split 1-2 in the opening matches. One doubles would comfortably win their second doubles match of the tournament, 8-2.

Unfortunately, Wabash struggled to compete with Ohio Northern University heading into the singles matches. Borden '24 would pick up his second victory of the day, as well as his second singles victory of the tournament. He would grind out a close match against Vinh Thai. Borden would win both sets 7-6 in extremely close games and back-and-forth swings in momentum. The Little Giants would then proceed to drop the rest of their singles matches, including the previous undefeated three singles Grennon '24, who lost in three grueling sets (6-7, 6-3, 7-10).

After a much-needed day off, the Little Giants wrapped up their trip to South Carolina by facing off against Berry College. Despite some additional rest, Wabash would fall against the Berry Vikings by a score of 1-7.

This early morning contest would see



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The Little Giants Tennis Team after a practice at the University of Tennessee. They stopped to practice on their way to Hilton Head Island, where they competed in the PTR Tennis Fest.

Wabash swept in the doubles portion of the tournament and continue to struggle in the subsequent singles matches. Wabash would only pick up one win in the singles, coming courtesy of Alonso-Sanchez '25 (6-2, 6-2). This contest would also see Zimmerman '25 retire from his match due to injury, and Brownlee's '25 five

singles game go unfinished after he won the first set (6-1).

This weekend, the Little Giants look to rebound from a tough spring break and will be traveling with back-to-back games against Adrian College in Michigan on Saturday the 19th at 1pm, and Trine University on Sunday the 20th at 1pm.