

TDX Celebrates 30 Years



COURTESY OF LINCOLN SCOTT '23

Theta Delta Chi has a long history at Wabash, which includes a 110-year dormant period from 1882-1992. This 30th Anniversary offers a chance for those founding members to reconnect with the fraternity they built.

ANDREW DEVER '25 | STAFF WRITER
• This weekend, the Upsilon Deuteron Charge of Theta Delta Chi will be celebrating its 30th anniversary of the re-establishment of the Charge on campus. In what is certainly the most important fraternal weekend for all of the active brothers of the house, around 100 alumni of Wabash College and the charge, from all over the country, will be returning to Crawfordsville for a weekend full of celebration, reminiscing, dining and reflection. This will be the first major event that Theta Delt has since the onset of the pandemic, and will feature many prominent alumni, including the fraternity's founding members. While for many active brothers and alumni, this will not be a first introduction, brothers both past and present will bond easily over their love for Theta Delta Chi and for Wabash College during the commemoration of the re-establishment of the charge.

The story of Theta Delta Chi at Wabash is best exemplified by our motto as Wabash Men: Wabash Always Fights. While the past four years have been tumultuous, novel, and difficult for all

Wabash students, this uncertainty and struggle is not a new concept for any brother of Theta Delta Chi.

The original Upsilon Charge of Theta Delta Chi was founded in June of 1879. Little else is known about the mysterious origins of the fraternity. Due to the fact that fraternities in the 1800s generally did not have living units, the Theta Delts met in secret, stressing to keep the specific details of their fraternity secret. Much like today, the founding Theta Delts were small in number, but strong in heart and character, and were very active on campus. In 1881, most of the ten members of the secret fraternity were involved in Wabash sports and extra-circulars, including four members of the Wabash baseball team, editors for the monthly college journal "*The Wabash*" and two brothers even served as Vice Presidents of the '1881 and '1883 classes respectively. Suddenly, for reasons completely unknown to this day, the Upsilon Charge of Theta Delta Chi was closed, and the brotherhood abandoned. According to Senior Brother Delmas Crum '22, "the records of [Theta Delta Chi] ceasing to exist, don't even exist...

we don't have [any] records of what happened".

From 1882-1992, Theta Delta Chi ceased to exist at Wabash Campus.

In 1992, after a contentious split at the Tau Kappa Epsilon house, several dissatisfied brothers of their house decided that they wanted to form an entirely new house on campus. After doing some research, the founding members realized that it would be possible to recharter the Upsilon charge of Theta Delta Chi, rather than completely founding a new fraternity. Consequently, after the split from Tau Kappa Epsilon was complete, the Upsilon Deuteron charge of Theta Delta Chi reemerged. At that point, the number of guys in the house was around 10, and gradually the house has continued to grow in strength, size, and prominence here at Wabash College.

So this weekend, many of the founding brothers and other alumni from the Upsilon Deuteron Charge of Theta Delta Chi will return to campus and will be able to relive their old memories and see how Theta Delt has changed over the years. According to Lincoln Scott '23, President of Theta Delt, the alumni

and active brothers will have the ability to "go golfing, catch up and reminisce about fond Wabash memories and enjoy a celebratory dinner commemorating this our rechartering". Crum '22 added that for Theta Delt active brothers, experiences and gatherings with former brothers are especially significant given the crucial role those former brothers played in the "development and existence of the fraternity". Furthermore, "for us as brothers, their insight and wisdom gained from life experiences can help guide us and shape the fraternity to help strengthen our brotherhood".

In conclusion, when looking at the story of Theta Delta Chi here at Wabash, the theme of perseverance is pervasive throughout its history. Through secret meetings, disbandment, re-chartering, global pandemics, and a continual unfavorable housing situation, Theta Delt has continued to fight, thrive, and grow. In conquering challenges and misfortunes, striving to expand the number of brothers, and overcoming continuous obstacles to its continued existence, Theta Delta Chi truly exemplifies the motto of "Wabash Always Fights".

Glaude Jr. Closes Out MXI–Steward Speakers Partnership for the Year



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• The Steward Speakers Lecture Series will close out their last of three talks at Wabash this year, with Dr. Eddie Glaude Jr. speaking later tonight in Salter Hall at 7 pm.

Glaude joins Dr. William J. Barber and Melissa Harris-Perry in fortifying the possible start of a long-term relationship between the College and the Steward Speakers. Boasting over 150 speakers, including former Secretary of Defense Colin Powell and Harry Belafonte, the Lecture Series' founder, Matthew Steward, is optimistic about what is still in store. "We generally do about half-a-dozen road trips by bus each summer to places like D.C. and Atlanta," Steward

said. "Because of the pandemic, we have not been able to do them, but we hope to get that back going this summer."

The Steward Speakers have become a mainstay in the Indianapolis area over the last 36 years with their events at places of business, community centers, and high schools. Factor in the list of speakers that have been part of the Series over the years; it is no surprise that individuals from all walks of life and ages have been part of the Speaker Series. "We've had quite an experience working with and building connections with the youth and older communities in the city [Indianapolis]," Steward said.

Looking to the future of possibly

more events between the MXI and Steward Speakers, there are plenty of reasons for excitement for all involved. "With an agreement over a couple of years, we're hopeful that the relationship with the Wabash community will continue," Steward said. "After this season, we [Board of Directors] will sit down and brief on what things we can improve on for events throughout the region."

A figure like Glaude is second to none in his ability to cover race and religion in the United States, and an event like this will bring insights into these issues to the community. "One of the premises behind the Speaker Series is to expose different cultures to African American

speakers," Steward said. "It is truly an opportunity to learn for everyone present."

The format for the event will have Glaude on stage answering questions from the audience in the hope of sparking more in-depth breakthroughs for students, faculty, and community members alike.

At the time of print, over 90 people have bought tickets for what should be yet another packed house for an MXI-Steward Speaker event. Having an individual like Glaude come to the College is not an everyday occurrence, and with his work on Meet the Press and as an MSNBC program contributor, the night is set for a stimulating back-and-forth conversation.

An Ex-Independent's Guide to Rush



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Tau Kappa Epsilon 2021 pledge class during Chapel Sing this past Fall. Students gather to watch as they belt the school's fight song for 45 minutes straight. Independents also take part in this tradition, where they took third place this past year.

WILLIAM GRENNON '24 | CAVELIFE EDITOR • Wabash takes a unique approach to student housing. Currently, around 55% of the student body reside in fraternity housing while the rest of students fill Independent halls. As an incoming freshman, I remember feeling overwhelmed by the number of options and cryptic names the fraternity houses had. Regardless of the decision you make that first week of your freshman year, you can change your mind. I accepted a bid at Phi Delta Theta my freshman year, and then dropped about eight hours later. The Vice President and Rush Chairs that helped move me in earlier that day helped me move right back after I told them it wasn't the right choice for me. No one wants you to be unhappy in the place you live, and for

the most part you will be able to find good guys wherever you end up. "Rush" is a time for freshmen (or anyone considering joining a house) to go from house to house and essentially see if they are a good fit. You get a good sense of what each house is about by talking to current members and guys who have already accepted their bids. Rush also gives houses a chance to meet you! If they have room in their upcoming pledge class and they want you to be a part of that class, they will extend you a bid. A bid is an invitation to join their brotherhood and that pledge class. You can "accept," "hold," or "deny" a bid. Even if you don't think a fraternity is the place for you, it can be worth it to explore what each house and its brothers have to offer.

Independent housing is generally pretty straightforward. Prior to being assigned a room, you rank your room preferences between singles, doubles, triples, and quads. One thing to consider is that having roommates can force you to get out of your comfort zone. The late night shenanigans, study sessions, and weekend kickbacks are all some of the most rewarding moments in my Wabash experience so far, and those happen more frequently with roommates. As an Independent, you also see guys in the library, dining hall, and events around campus while still having a space of your own. I found I had more time for clubs, sports, and academics as an Independent, but wasn't forced to socialize and get out of my comfort zone. Fraternities offer more structure, a bigger time commitment, in addition to a wide network of resources and support systems. Independent halls have RA's (residential assistants) who host gatherings and are always around to help. Fraternities have their own systems of support, but also require you to socialize with more people. As someone who does well by staying busy, I made my own structure by getting involved in a bunch of clubs and playing sports. If I had joined a fraternity as a freshman, I would have still gotten that structure,

with less independence and freedom to choose my own path. In a fraternity, your pledge class becomes the people you work with the most. Working together to memorize the fight song, paint the bench, and contribute to the house, I spent many late nights making lifelong memories with my pledge brothers. An important part of the fraternity process is the new member development programs. You learn the history of both your chapter and national organization, and take part in a tradition that every brother of that chapter has experienced. Traditions on campus also normally see a higher turnout from fraternities, but not exclusively. This past year, the Independents brought a group of 40 to Chapel Sing and took third place. I think it all comes down to what you put into Wabash. This is a place where hard work and challenging what you previously thought you could do are a recipe for success, regardless of where you live. On a campus of 900, it doesn't matter if the people you connect with live down the hall or down the street. You will find your people. Make the choice that feels right to you. Approach the process with an open mind, because you never know where you might end up. Regardless I suspect you will still find yourself among brothers.

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- Man or Wight
- What might occur at 2-Down
- Follower of land or moon
- Units of resistance
- Home of XOM and AIG

Down

- First name of Ms. Normus?
- Large tanks
- Like campus during admitted students weekend
- The shortest distance between two points
- How an imposter might act

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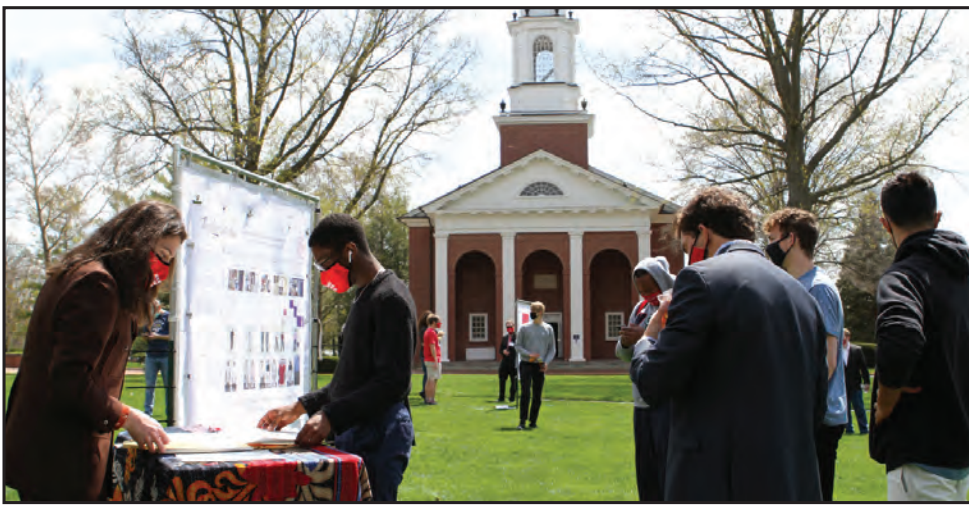
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Wabash Prepares Student Celebration



COURTESY OF COMMUNICATION AND MARKETING

The Celebration of Student Research gives students a platform to present research they've done in class, over the summer, or on their own to the community.

CHRIS ZIMMERMAN '25 | STAFF WRITER • This week marks the beginning of one of our campus's most treasured academic events of the year: the Wabash Celebration of Student Research. This event is the 22nd annual Celebration of Student Research, which began with the cancellation of classes in 2001 to promote this event's attendance initially. Not only did the event receive higher attendance than expected in its first year, but it has also gained popularity and become more successful every year. This celebration, while highlighting the academic creativity and individual achievement of students, is a true testament to the credibility of the college. In addition to the availability of professors, the strong collaborative ties between staff and students set Wabash apart and allow students to open their liberal arts education to real-world application. The sophistication of research conducted and the findings presented in these events clearly indicate the unique and challenging nature of a Wabash education.

This event began as a way for students to present their own creative work, but the most impressive part about this event is not necessarily the research. It is relatively unprecedented for all classes to be canceled, which says something about the importance placed on this event by faculty and administration. On top of this, it is not simply students learning from other students. At a Celebration of Student Research, you may find biologists, writers, and historians presenting side by side for a collection of students, coaches, faculty, staff, alumni, and even trustees.

Students are first selected via competitive on-campus auditions before being able to participate in this event.

Student presenters must have a faculty or staff sponsor to ensure the presentation reaches the intellectual criteria for the event. The event usually consists of 20-minute oral presentations, which grants time for students to discuss their research findings and answer follow-up questions. Another time increment will be put in place for students to present and discuss their posters and exhibits. Additionally, students are eligible for prizes rewarding the quality and presentation of their work. Beginning in 2015, the three students who most effectively utilize library resources in the making of their Celebration presentations will receive \$500 cash prizes. In addition to prizes, students may also be awarded grants for traveling to a conference to present findings or to fund materials to support a research project.

It is evident that the Celebration of Student Research has developed into a trademark tradition of Wabash College and has become another source of camaraderie between students and faculty. Although the world has experienced massive change and has provided a seemingly limitless range of research to be done among many disciplines within the past few months and years, the prominence of this event depends on the support it receives from the entire Wabash community. With this being said, I urge you to take advantage of the class cancellations we are afforded to support and learn from your Wabash brothers as they present the intellectual material they have extensively researched and prepared. After all, you may be intrigued by the research being presented, and the participation of the student body is what empowers this event to recur and hold such significance to Wabash as a whole.

HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

BIRDS AREN'T REAL

Hi-Five to the bird caught in the Center Hall bell. We at The Bachelor hope he continues disrupting and delaying classes as we close in on finals.

POELTL THE HURDLE

Lo-Five to the Lakers for missing the playoffs. Who knew a team made up of the GOAT, the all-time triple doubles leader, and a top 5 center couldn't beat a dude named Jakob.

BRING THE BOOMSTICK TO 'BASH

Hi-Five to Pat McAfee for his appearance at Wrestlemania this weekend. It's time for his biggest fight yet: Phi Delt bouts.

TURNS OUT THERE ARE STUPID QUESTIONS

Lo-Five to the guy who wasted the only student-question with a joke at the Presidential Debate. The campaigns were already doing a good enough job there.

HIMSEL'S THE ONLY ONE SAYING "CUBS WIN"

Hi-Five to MLB for returning this week. In other news, the Cubs have already been eliminated from playoff contention.

OPINION

Como Ser un Lider



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Hola brothers, como están? Primero, me gustaría decir que esta opinión piece va a estar escrita en spanglish porque así es como me siento más cómodo. Comencemos, como sabrán, el viernes 18 de Marzo el equipo de basketball terminaron en the Final Four a nivel nacional. ¿Algo que nos llena de mucho

orgullo y pasión de ser un estudiante de Wabash, o no? ¿Talvez hasta nos haga sentir como lideres, pero que significa eso? ¿Qué significa ser un líder? Ser un líder (en mi opinión) significa tener responsabilidades, compasión, un sentido de servicio a la comunidad, comprensión, motivación, y pasión al seguir y luchar por tus ideales.

Un líder es alguien que está presente en campus, que tiene ideas, que lucha por sus ideas, que ayuda a sus otros hermanos y las causas de ellos cuando puede. Un líder es alguien que toma decisiones en grupo, que ayuda con sus capacidades mentales y físicas cuando puede. Voy a parar aquí y quiero hacerles una pregunta.

¿Cuántos hermanos Latinos crees que hay en Wabash College, 20, 30, 60? Bueno according to Wabash Common Data Set 21-22 hay 840 estudiantes en Wabash, 83 de esos estudiantes son de descendencia Hispana o Latinos. ¿Qué significa esto? Esto significa que hay

83 hermanos ahí repletos por campus que se miran, hablan, o comparten la misma cultura de nosotros. ¿Eso significa que aproximadamente el 10% de Wabash es "Latino", pero no se siente así, verdad?

Esta semana fui a Senate y quedé asombrado a la falta de representación de Latinos que hay en el senado de Wabash College, y de ahí me pregunté. ¿Cómo podemos cambiar esto? Y me di cuenta que se empieza a nivel personal.

Lo cual significa que hay que hacer un cambio que empiece en nosotros. Y por esa razón les estoy escribiendo ahora, para alentarnos a ser líderes. ¿Tú, si, tú que estás leyendo esto, mírate al espejo, que ves? ¿Miras a un líder? ¿No? ¿Por qué? ¿Es por pereza? ¿Es por falta de ganas? ¿Es por falta de iniciativa? O por cualquier razón que sea, quiero invitarte a cambiar, quiero invitarte a ser un líder, a tomar iniciativas y comenzar a tomar posiciones de poder. ¿Sabes por qué?

Porque tú eres capaz.

Hermanos, necesitamos comenzar a ser líderes, todos los 83 de nosotros. Necesitamos colectivamente comenzar a tener posiciones de poder en el Senado, en IMA, en IFC, en AFC, para no solo crecer profesionalmente y ser mejores líderes, pero también para compartir la hermosa cultura que tenemos con Wabash College, y eso lo podemos hacer más efectivamente si tenemos una posición de poder en este campus.

Sé que no hay mucha ayuda institucional pero para eso estamos los hermanos, para apoyarnos los unos a los otros. Bueno, aquí termino este artículo, espero que haya sido de tu agrado, y si has llegado hasta aquí, te invito a convertirte en líder de este campus, las oportunidades son endless.

Y si no sabes cómo empezar, mi puerta está más que abierta, sé que no tengo tanta experiencia, pero la poca que tengo espero que sea de mucha ayuda. Hoy por ti, mañana por mí.

94th Oscars Bring Out the Worst in Hollywood



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America watched in shock last Sunday as Will Smith made television history at the 94th Oscars ceremony. Viewers were left wondering whether or not what they witnessed was even real when Will Smith slapped Chris Rock in the face after Rock cracked a joke about Smith's wife, Jada Pinkett Smith. Not only were Smith's actions unprofessional, but the crowd's standing ovation later in the show sets a terrible example of misplaced values.

The Academy Awards Ceremony is historically a classy display of appreciation for cinema's greatest accomplishments every year, but that legacy was tarnished this year. As a fan of Will Smith, I was greatly disappointed in his reaction to the joke made about his wife. Although the joke was slightly insensitive to Jada Smith's medical condition, physical violence on live television was completely unjustified.

As a person of great influence with such a large platform, Smith's actions set a terrible example of acting impulsively with violence. As violence continues to plague the nation, I would not have expected for someone like Smith, who typically sets a great example for the youth, to succumb to his emotions.

After I realized what they had witnessed truly happened, I eagerly waited for the announcement of Best Actor in hopes that we would get to listen to Smith speak. Sure enough, Smith was given the award for Best Actor for his performance in the film *King Richard*, in which he plays the father of tennis superstars Serena and Venus Williams.

In his acceptance speech, he proclaimed himself a "fierce protector of his family," comparing himself to the character he portrayed in the film.

Those who support Smith's actions cite this fierce protection of his family as honorable and justified, which they are right about, but the method of immediate reaction was inexcusable. For Smith to preach that violence is never the answer in his acceptance speech was quite ironic to me.

The audience reaction to Smith winning the award and his subsequent acceptance speech was even more troubling to me. Smith's actions do not take away from the deservance of his accolade for his performance, but glorifying his actions with a standing ovation creates a standard that his actions were justified.

Although Smith has since formally apologized to Rock, he did not mention his name or the incident in his acceptance speech. Actor and comedian Jim Carrey has been outspoken on the event, saying that if he were in Rock's shoes, he would have pressed charges.

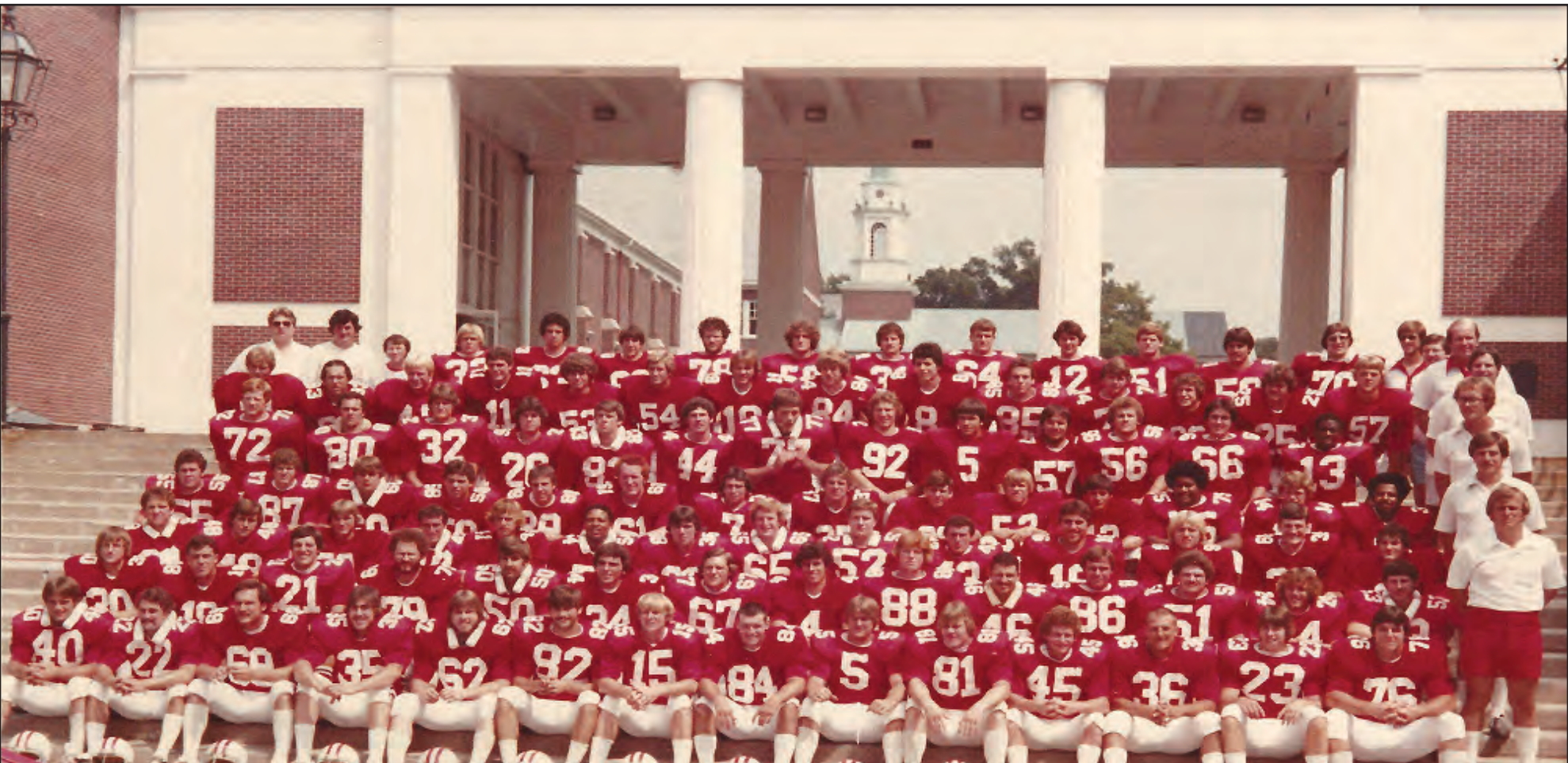
In an interview with CBS, Carrey

explains how Smith "did not have the right to walk up and smack somebody on the face because they said words." Carrey then reveals how he was sickened by the later standing ovation given to Smith and that it clearly indicated that Hollywood is no longer "the cool club anymore."

Carrey is completely correct in his appointment of the standing ovation for Smith as "sickening." For so many people with great influence to publicly applaud someone for setting such a terrible example is disappointing. As public figures they are expected to set a positive example for the youth, which they failed to do twice.

Smith's actions were unacceptable and inexcusable, which he has since admitted, but the crowd failed to condemn these actions. Many have come out in support of Will Smith for defending his wife, stating that the GI Jane joke went too far. Regardless of the insensitivity of the joke, he nor his wife was threatened by any means. For someone that I admire and look up to as a person to react in such a way and for so many to support him is concerning and disappointing.

Stan Parrish's Legacy Remembered by Former Wabash Players



COURTESY OF JOHN KEREZY '77

Coming off of the success Wabash legend Frank Navarro did for the Little Giants football program, Parrish in his five years would not miss a beat going 42-3-1 during his five year tenure. His 1978 team is often considered one of the all-time great teams in the history of Wabash football.

BEN BULLOCK '23 | STAFF
WRITER • Last Sunday night, former Wabash Football head coach Stan Parrish passed away at age 75. One of the Little Giants' most famous and successful coaches of all time, Parrish led Wabash to two unbeaten seasons and a remarkable 42-3-1 record.

Born in Ohio in 1946, Parrish served as head coach at Windham High School and assistant at Purdue before joining the Wabash staff in 1977. Parrish worked alongside the late Frank Navarro for one year before accepting the head coach position in 1978.

Parrish got off to a flying start. In both of his first two years, he led Wabash to 8-1 seasons, including 11-3 and 16-13 victories over DePauw in 1978 and 1979 respectively. Then, in 1980, Parrish scored his first unbeaten season, his team tying 22-22 with DePauw on the final day to go 8-0-1 on the season.

"The impact Coach Parrish had on my life was outstanding," Daryl Johnson '82, Wabash's all-time leading rusher and all-time highest scorer, said. "Stan never discriminated or devalued you in any sort of way. He was not outwardly compassionate with his players, but you always knew he cared about the well-being and positive outcomes for all the young men who played for him. He was a winner."

Over his five-year tenure, Parrish led arguably one of the strongest teams in Wabash Football history. He coached seven members of the Wabash Athletics Hall of Fame, including Johnson, Bill Cannon '79, and Mel Gore '81. He also coached Pete Metzelaars '82, the tight end from Michigan who went on to play professionally for the Seattle Seahawks and Buffalo Bills.

"We've been blessed at Wabash with a series of outstanding football coaches in recent years," said longtime Wabash

Athletics supporter Rem “The Big Cookie” Johnston ’55. “Frank Navarro put us on the national stage. Stan Parrish followed with a record of 42-3-1 over a 5-year span, highlighted with an enormous win over Dayton, his personal favorite win.”

The game against Dayton in October 1982 was perhaps the most difficult of Parrish's Wabash career. Billed as the Little Giants' toughest matchup of the year, Wabash headed into the game 7-0 on the season and hungry to earn another unbeaten campaign. But the odds were stacked against Parrish's side; Dayton were arguably one of the nation's best Division III teams in 1982 and were themselves coached by a legend of the college game, Mike Kelly.

"As a team, we never really worried too much about the opposition," said Parrish's star quarterback David Broecker '83. "Instead, we focused on making ourselves the best we could be. We practiced to a level of perfection and that really put Wabash on the map as a top football program."

With 2:30 remaining, the Little Giants were down 7-13. But, led by Broecker, Coach Parrish orchestrated a miraculous final drive that ended when Broecker rushed the ball over the goal line with 25 seconds left on the clock. Wabash won 14-13, the first and only time the Little Giants have defeated Davton.

“Coach Parrish respected the mission of Wabash and knew that we were all smart kids, so for him coaching was about teaching,” Broecker said. “He took it as a challenge to get his staff, Coach Carlson and the Deal brothers, to prepare us like it would be going to class every day, with the test every Saturday.”

After Wabash, Parrish went on to hold coaching positions across the country at both the college and professional levels. In 1996, Parrish joined the coaching ranks at the University of Michigan. His tenure



COURTESY OF JOHN KEREZY '77

Parrish's long year spanned across all levels of NCAA and the pros, which included stints at Michigan and with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

at Ann Arbor lasted six years, including serving as offensive coordinator in 2000 and 2001. He also served as quarterback coach, the role in which he tutored future stars Tom Brady and Brian Griese

“Coach Parrish was a terrific coach,” Pete Metzelaars ’82 said. “I remember him talking to me a week or so into fall camp about playing tight-end. I didn’t like the idea a whole lot, but obviously the move worked out okay. He knew how he wanted the program to work and knew what worked and didn’t deviate from that.”

After Michigan, Parrish worked as quarterback coach for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers where, in 2002, he mentored

Brad Johnson to the Bucs' first ever Super Bowl title. He went on to coach at Ball State, Siena Heights, and Eastern Michigan before retiring in 2013.

Coach Parrish's career was nothing less than successful and storied, but nowhere does his legacy live on quite as deeply as at Wabash.

“Coach Parrish will be fondly remembered as a player’s coach who wanted the best of the person, both on and off the field,” Broecker said. “He was a teacher first, coach second. He held everyone accountable for their actions towards the success of the team, and these lessons continue to influence me to this day.”

Baseball Looking for Answers

Little Giants Start Four Game Road Stretch Friday Afternoon at Kenyon

ANDREW DEVER '25 | STAFF WRITER • Last weekend, the Wabash Little Giants Baseball team played Allegheny College in a conference home doubleheader against the Tigers. In their first North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) games of the season, Wabash fell 8-3 in the first game and then 11-0 in seven innings in the second game.

In the both games of the doubleheader against the Allegheny Gators, the story for the Little Giants was one of missed opportunities and unfortunate errors. Throughout the game, Wabash would tally 12 hits, including Kamden Earley '24, going 3-5 with an RBI, and Brayden Lentz '23, Liam Patton '23 and Reece Bauer '24 all getting two hits respectively.

Unfortunately, once the runners were on base, Wabash's bats went silent. Wabash would leave 13 runners on base. Several times, Wabash loaded the bases but were unable to score. According to Earley, the problem consisted of having "a few situations where we could have hit people in, but [did not capitalize] on those opportunities enough."

The Little Giants would fall behind in the first inning after an error, and despite Earley tying the game in the 3rd inning with an RBI single, the Allegheny Gators would take a commanding 5-1 lead.

Furthermore, the Gators would knock ace Dylan Scheid '22 around and dealing Scheid his first loss of the season.

The second game of the doubleheader did not get any better for the Little Giants, who would fall 11-0 to Allegheny in seven innings. Once again, the recurring theme

of errors would plague the Little Giants, who committed many fielding and pitching errors. Austin Simmers '22, Earley, and Adam Oxley '25 would contribute the only hits for Wabash the entire game.

Additionally, Wabash was scheduled to play against Illinois Wesleyan University on Sunday at 12 p.m. in Bloomington, Illinois. This game was canceled and no date for rescheduling has been proposed.

Then this past Wednesday, the Little Giants continued their homestand against the Wittenberg Tigers in their third NCAC game of the season. The game started extremely well for the Little Giants, with Earley and AJ Reid '24 both scoring in the first inning. Unfortunately, Wabash's offense would stall again, failing to produce many significant opportunities and runs the rest of the game. With the game tied 2-2 in the 8th inning, Oxley, made his only appearance at the plate, which resulted in a double. Then, with the go-ahead run on second base, the next two batters would fly out, leaving Oxley stranded.

Despite keeping Wittenberg relatively quiet, the Tigers would finally break through in the 11th, stringing together four consecutive hits and scoring three runs to win 5-2. As a result, Wabash fell to 12-6 overall on the season, losing their third consecutive conference game. Wittenberg improved to 13-5 overall, and 2-1 in NCAC play. The second game of the doubleheader was postponed due to the inclement weather.

Wabash's next games will be at Kenyon College (13-6, 2-0 NCAC) in Gambier,



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Kamden Earley '24 scores in the the Little Giants' fast start against Wittenberg on Wednesday. The team takes a four game losing skid into the weekend.

Ohio, tomorrow at 12 p.m. Wabash will play Kenyon again at 3.30 p.m. to complete the doubleheader. The next day, the Little Giants will return to Indiana to play a doubleheader at Manchester University in North Manchester, Indiana. The Manchester University doubleheader will be held at 12 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. respectively. This four-game road trip will be imperative for Wabash, who currently find themselves in last place in the NCAC

standings.

The Little Giants will look to regain the momentum that they had during their 12-2 start to the season and transition that to conference play. The games over the weekend test the team's resilience. "It's super important for us to come ready to play this weekend," Earley said. Obviously these past few games, the conditions haven't been perfect... so getting a win would be great to get us going again."