

White House forgives student loan debt

Two elections, same seat

YAKYM AND STEURY FACE OFF IN 2ND DISTRICT

COOPER SMITH '23 | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • Voters in Indiana's 2nd Congressional District will vote not once, but twice for the same U.S. house seat on November 8. The District, which covers northern and central Indiana, including South Bend and Elkhart, will feature a general and special election between Republican Rudy Yakym and Democrat Paul Steury.

The general election was previously scheduled, and it will determine the representative for the District from 2023 until 2025. The special election became necessary only after U.S. Rep. Jackie Walorski died alongside two staffers in a car crash on August 3. The special election will determine the representative from November until January 2023.

On Aug. 20, the Ind. GOP nominated finance executive Rudy Yakym for the special election to fill Walorski's seat. Yakym secured 54% of votes on the first ballot.

"Rudy will be a strong voice for northern Indiana and continue Jackie Walorski's legacy of fighting for conservative values in Washington," party chairman Kyle Hupfer said in a statement following Yakym's selection.

Yakym has in fact won both Republican nominations for the same seat – the first for the general nomination, the second for the special nomination. With previous experience as Walorski's finance director, Yakym has cast himself as a continuation of Walorski. Walorski's husband also endorsed Yakym for the special nomination, arguing that Yakym would "stand up to the Pelosi-Biden agenda."

Due to his previous roles serving Gov. Eric Holcolmb, U.S. Sen. Todd Young, and other longtime Ind. Republicans, Yakym has drawn criticism for seeming too "pro-establishment."

Yakym secured the nomination over a crowded field of candidates, including former Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill, who lost his 2020 reelection after sexual misconduct allegations.

Democrat Paul Steury will face Yakym in both the general and special elections. Steury, a high school science teacher from Goshen, is endorsed by the National Education Association, the AFL-CIO and the Indiana State Teachers Association.

Also on the ballot will be Libertarian William Henry, a veteran and former candidate for lieutenant governor. Henry's campaign website features a call for "full medical freedom," including independent review of vaccine approval and ending the federal prohibition on cannabis.

FiveThirtyEight rates the District as "solid Republican," giving Yakym greater than 99% likelihood of winning.

Biden cancels up to \$20,000 for 43 million borrowers



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President Joe Biden announces his student loan forgiveness plan, which provides up to \$20,000 in relief for up to 43 million borrowers.

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- This week, President Biden announced a plan to forgive up to \$20,000 in student loans for income-eligible Americans, regardless of age. According to the White House's released fact sheet, Biden's policy will provide relief for up to 43 million borrowers.

"How do we remain the most competitive nation in the world? That's what today's announcement is about. It's about opportunity. It's about giving people a fair shot," Biden said in a statement announcing the policy. "It's about the one word America can be defined by: possibilities."

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Borrowers making under \$125,000 annually will receive \$10,000 in loan forgiveness. Any eligible borrower who was Pell Grant-eligible will receive an additional \$10,000 in relief. Only federal student loans qualify, not private loans. According to CNN, graduate loans can be eligible for forgiveness, provided the

borrower falls under the \$125,000 annual income threshold.

Biden's forgiveness plan does not require Congressional action, and Republicans have strongly critiqued his decision.

"President Biden's student loan socialism is a slap in the face to every family who sacrificed to save for college, every graduate who paid their debt, and every American who chose a certain career path... to avoid taking on debt," Senator Mitch McConnell said in a statement. "This policy is astonishingly unfair."



One stated goal of the policy is racial equity. The Brookings Institute found that the average Black graduate owes \$25,000 more than the average white graduate. According to a 2021 report from the Urban Institute, a Pell Grant-targeted student loan forgiveness program would take steps to reduce the racial wealth gap by disproportionately benefitting Black borrowers. The White House cited this study in its own report.

Berg '22 wins Wilkinson Award



COURTESY OF ADAM BERG
Adam Berg delivers his acceptance speech in Washington.

COOPER SMITH '23 | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • Adam Berg '22 has been awarded the Wilkinson Award by the national FIJI chapter. The Award is presented to only one outstanding senior from all chapters.

"The Wilkinson is FIJI's top national-level award and it's very competitive," said Dan Rogers, Professor of Spanish. "I was lucky enough to attend the ceremony in Washington D.C. to see Adam receive it. He was smart, funny, thoughtful and true to his nature, deeply humble," said Professor Dan Rogers. "I sat there smiling from ear to ear, proud of Adam, proud of the FIJI house, and proud of Wabash College."

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-Professor Rogers

"I joked in my speech that getting a phone call from the executive director usually isn't a good sign," Berg said. In his speech, he thanked the many people who had helped him along the way. "Above all, it was a true honor."

Berg is currently home in Tacoma preparing for his next act: teaching English in Spain under the North American Language and Cultural Assistant Program. Berg was selected by NALCAP to spend a year in Andalusia.

At the same ceremony, the Wabash FIJI chapter won the Jordan Bowl, awarded to the chapter with the highest average GPA.

Governor Holcolmb leads Taiwan Delegation

JAKOB GOODWIN '23 | MANAGING EDITOR • On August 21, Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb traveled to Taipei to begin an economic development trip in Taiwan and South Korea. Holcomb's trip comes with a backdrop of potential investment in Indiana by companies based in the South Pacific and a political conflict between the US and China over Taiwan.

Citing the 10 Taiwanese and 12 South Korean businesses that call Indiana home, Holcomb led a delegation that met with government officials, business leaders, and academic institutions to strengthen the bond between the Hoosier state and those nations.

In late June, MediaTek, a Taiwanese tech company, announced the creation of a semiconductor design facility at Purdue. One month later in July, Minnesota-based technology company SkyWater Technology made a \$1.8 billion investment to build a semiconductor research and manufacturing plant at Purdue to go along with it. With this investment in semiconductor technology secured, Holcomb led a delegation with Indiana Commerce Secretary Brad Chambers and Purdue leaders to Taiwan and South Korea, primarily to continue discussions on more investments in tech in Indiana. In his statement announcing

the trip Holcomb pointed to the massive investments coming to Indiana from foreign-owned businesses.

"Indiana is home to more than 1,050 foreign-owned business establishments, representing more than 40 countries and territories — including 10 from Taiwan and 12 from South Korea," Holcomb said in the statement. "In 2021, 47 foreign-owned businesses committed to locating or growing in Indiana. Together, these firms plan to invest \$3.55 billion in Indiana, creating jobs with an average wage of \$29.57 per hour and accounting for 14% of the total new jobs committed in 2021."

The Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors Act (CHIPS) provided help and support to create new jobs in the semiconductor manufacturing industry. Indiana has moved quickly to ensure that these high-paying tech positions come to the Hoosier State.

Holcomb's trip to Taiwan is the first by a senior U.S. politician since Speaker Nancy Pelosi at the beginning of August. On her trip, Pelosi toed the line on US-China policy regarding Taiwan by not claiming Taiwan as an independent entity. But her mere presence, given her high rank, pushed the People's Republic of China to begin military exercises in the Taiwan Strait, baring its teeth to Taiwan



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Governor Eric Holcomb and Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-Wen exchange gifts.

and the US.

Despite Pelosi's trip reigniting US-China tensions, Holcomb's visit garnered little international intrigue. But as Chinese threats toward Taiwan escalate, US states and companies have become increasingly concerned about

protecting the vital semiconductor industry. With more than \$2 billion of investment secured in semiconductor technology, Holcomb went to Taiwan and South Korea to secure Indiana's status as a friend to the companies most affected by China's threats to Taiwan.

Welcoming New Tenure Track Faculty



COURTESY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING

BKT Assistant Professor of Spanish Matthew Greenhalgh advises aspiring Wabash polyglots to “Listen. Speak. Make (many) mistakes. Listen and speak again.”

BENJAMIN BULLOCK '23 | SPORTS EDITOR • Wabash College recently announced its latest faculty and staff hires. Among them are three tenure-tracked faculty members. I sat down to talk to them about their backgrounds, reseach and experiences in the classroom.

Joe Scanlon '03, BKT Associate Professor of Chemistry

Q: As a Wabash alumnus, how excited are you to be back in Crawfordsville teaching in the department you earned your undergraduate degree from?

A: It is hard to describe how much appreciation I have to Wabash for the education and opportunities that I got here. I have such respect and admiration for the College, particularly the Chemistry department. I am so excited to teach here, but it is surreal to be in the same department with my former academic advisor, Prof. Ann Taylor, and to be colleagues with some of my favorite Professors like Profs. Rogers, Warner, and Krause. I do feel some pressure to make sure I meet the

standard of professor here. Emeritus Chemistry Professor Dr. Dallinger emailed me congratulating me on the position and then immediately listed the illustrious physical chemists that came before me and their many accomplishments. It's definitely a lot to live up to.

Q: What was the most important lesson you learnt from your first time at Wabash that you have carried into your career?

A: Don't put limits on yourself. Coming into Wabash, I was not confident in myself and my abilities, everyone else seemed so intelligent and confident in their abilities. Getting worked over by upperclassmen in football practice and struggling with classes that first semester didn't help. I felt that early at Wabash, I put limits on myself as a student and athlete because I didn't believe I was good enough. I missed out on a lot of opportunities because of this. Eventually, due to some amazing professors, coaches and friends, I was able to gain confidence in my abilities.

Q: What are your hobbies and interests outside of the lab?

A: I enjoy reading for pleasure, mostly science fiction or fantasy, cooking/baking and playing all sorts of tabletop and board games. My wife Kim and I have two sons, Robbie, age 11, and Owen, age 9, and we have a lot of fun doing all sorts of stuff together like playing board games, Legos, talking our dog Henry for walks, shooting hoops, or sneaking onto the football field to play catch. In the science realm, outside of my research, I am particularly interested in carbon sequestration or drawdown methods and their role in mitigating climate change and in the science of cooking and baking.

Matthew Greenhalgh, BKT Assistant Professor of Spanish

Q: Could you briefly explain which aspects of the Spanish language you are most interested in and how that is reflected in your research?

A: My research is primarily focused on representations of violence in contemporary Spanish literature and, more particularly, how these representations affect our conceptualization of Spain's social, political, and cultural climate, from the Spanish Civil War to the present as the nation continues to come to terms with the war and the 36 years of Francisco Franco's dictatorship that followed.

Q: What should students expect when taking a class with you?

A: Students in my classes should expect to speak and participate in every class meeting.

Q: Do you have any advice for aspiring Wabash polyglots?

A: Listen. Speak. Make (many) mistakes. Listen and speak again.

Matthew Gorey, BKT Assistant Professor of Classics

Q: What initially attracted you to the study of the Classics?

A: What first drew me to Classics was how interdisciplinary and connected everything felt. I think that classicists do a good job of weaving together different kinds of evidence--literary, archaeological, historical, scientific, etc.--to figure out how things worked in Greco-Roman antiquity. I liked the idea that vase paintings could illuminate some aspect of civic life in Athens, or that Pliny's description of hydraulic mining would shed light on Roman monetary policy. Once I started taking Latin and Ancient Greek, I really fell in love with the languages.

Q: What would you say to the skeptical Wabash student who isn't sure why he should care about classics?

A: I'd say that studying any foreign culture and language is valuable. But with respect to Classics, I think that Ancient Greece and Rome have had such a profound influence on global history, both for better and for worse, that it's well worth the effort to learn about them. I have always been interested in languages and literature, and studying classical antiquity opened my eyes to all sorts of interesting connections between far-flung places and times. On a slightly less philosophical note, knowing Latin and Greek is like a cheat code for the MCAT, LSAT, and GRE.

Q: Last year, you published your book Atomism in the Aeneid; do you have any other projects currently in the works?

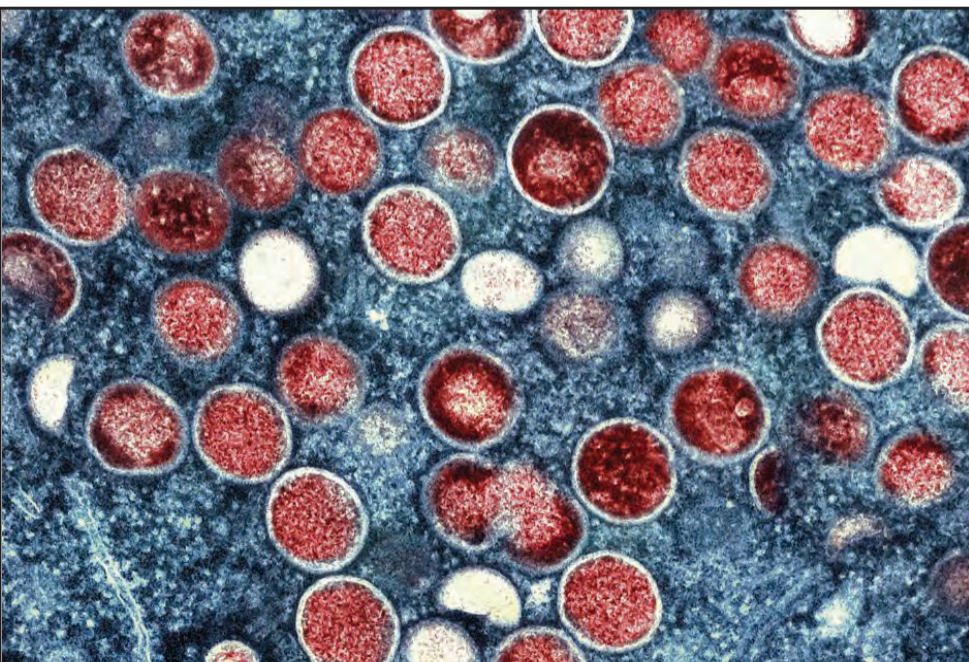
A: I've continued working on ancient atomism and Epicureanism since the book came out, and I'm now in the early stages of what I hope will be my next book on anti-Epicurean rhetoric in Ancient Greek and Roman literature. Beyond antiquity, I also work on the reception of Greco-Roman literature in early modern Portuguese and Spanish. Recently, I've been working on a project about pseudo-classical literature in the 16th century, including a fake autobiography of Marcus Aurelius written by the Spanish bishop Antonio de Guevara.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF PROFESSORS GREENHALGH, GOREY, AND SCANLON '03

Professors Greenhalgh, Gorey and Scanlon (left to right) join the College this year, excited to teach the next generation of Wabash Men.

Monkeypox: Fighting Stigma and Spread



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According to WHO, Monkeypox is a self-limited disease with symptoms lasting from

ETHAN WALLACE '25 AND SARVIK CHAUDHARY '25 | STAFF WRITER AND NEWS EDITOR • As colleges start back up across the country, talk of a Monkeypox outbreak has many health officials worried. Due to the disproportionate number of cases amongst the LGBTQ+ community, an unfortunate stigma has begun to form around the virus, similar to the AIDs epidemic of the late 80s. According to Reuters, many have dubbed Monkeypox as the “gay disease” on social media.

This insensitive generalization has been a hurdle in furthering the discussion on Monkeypox and may increase the risk of a serious outbreak

by discouraging affected people from seeking appropriate treatment. Another risk that comes with this stigma is that people who are not part of the LGBTQ community might believe that they are not at risk of contracting the disease.

“On one end, it tends to make people who are disproportionately impacted feel fatalistic and less likely to seek help... On the other end, it makes those who have been less impacted inaccurately believe they are less vulnerable,” said Dr. Joseph Lee, professor of health education, in an NPR article.

According to the CDC, Monkeypox is a disease characterized by symptoms

including fever, headache, swollen lymph nodes, chills, muscle aches, lesions, rash, and sores that may resemble blisters. The disease is rarely life threatening, but is often very uncomfortable. The disease can be spread through a variety of means most of which require prolonged physical exposure, usually skin-to-skin contact, however the disease can sometimes spread through the respiratory droplets.

Individuals who do contract Monkeypox tend to have a long incubation period before symptoms arise, similar to Covid-19. While it is possible for infected individuals to spread Monkeypox during the incubation period, it is far more common for the disease to spread after symptoms arise.

“What we're really worried about is once people have the rash,” said Amidon. “That's when they're thought to be highly contagious. So any sign, especially genital rash should always be checked out, right away.”

Activities most likely to result in Monkeypox being spread from one individual to another are: hugging, massaging, kissing, talking closely, any form of sex (oral, anal, or vaginal), touching the genitals of someone with the disease, and touching objects that were used during sex by someone with Monkeypox.

“It's important to know that it can be sexually transmitted, but it's not necessarily a sexually transmitted disease. It's just intimate skin to skin contact,” Amidon said. “So the same kind of thing that could spread herpes or HPV as well.”

According to the CDC, “data suggests that gay, bisexual, and other

men who have sex with men make up the majority of cases in the current monkeypox outbreak. However, anyone, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, who has been in close, personal contact with someone who has monkeypox is at risk.”

Physical contact in collegiate sports can similarly cause an outbreak. Close contact sports such as football and wrestling may create the conditions Monkeypox needs to spread from one individual to another.

“We're worried about athletics too, because some sports have a lot of skin-to-skin contact,” Amidon said.

Living in a fraternity where multiple students share common spaces could increase the risk of an outbreak at Wabash where the majority of the students reside in a fraternity. While it is unlikely that a single use of a certain object might help the transmission of the disease, multiple individuals using the same object repeatedly could cause one of them to contract the disease especially if one of them has a scab, rash, or lesion.

“Once we get a case or two, we're likely to have many cases,” said Amidon. “There is a concern that if somebody is changing the sheets on their bed, and they kind of flip it up in the air, and maybe they'd realize they had a scab, so now there's some material in the air or in the linens.”

According to the CDC, there are ways to greatly reduce our chances of contracting and/or transmitting Monkeypox. The best ways to reduce our risk of contracting the disease is to avoid social gatherings where close skin-to-skin contact is likely to take place and to limit our number of sexual partners.

Andrew Tate meets the Gentleman’s Rule



Hawk Ricketts ’23

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Andrew Tate, a former American-British professional kickboxer turned internet celebrity, has made headlines lately. Most of his largest social media platforms (TikTok, Instagram, Facebook) have been terminated on the account of “content that attacks, threatens, incites violence against, or otherwise dehumanizes an individual or a group.” Tate has made his living by targeting young men with videos that promote blatant and violent misogyny, shaming and blaming women for the current state of men’s mental health. All to target lonely or confused men by giving outlandish answers to what a man is and how a man should live his life whilst dangling money, sex, and sports cars in their face – claiming all of it could be theirs if they just live like him.

Now, I could spend my time in this opinion piece analyzing his horrific, disgusting views on women. Or I could speak on how his history of sexual assault, multi-level marketing schemes, and his human trafficking

accusations are reason to ignore his “sigma/alpha male” culture. Instead, I want to speak from the perspective of a senior at Wabash College directly to my underclassman on what I feel makes a Wabash Man.

Throughout my time at Wabash College, I have been through a multitude of life-changing events. I lost my own father and my service dog within six months while living through COVID as someone with increased risks. This has led to some of the most truly challenging periods in my life, but there has always been one thing that I knew I could always fall back on: the brotherhood. No matter where you turn, there is always someone out on campus looking out for you, whether it be students, professors, or faculty.

I know this firsthand, as I have been gracious enough to be the recipient of everything the Brotherhood is supposed to be. From someone knocking on my door in the middle of a snow storm asking if I needed help to get to and from Sparks in my wheelchair, to being carried up and down stairs numerous amount of times without even a chance to ask, to calls and texts from friends on campus just checking to see how I’m doing during quarantine and beyond. I could spend pages upon pages of this paper detailing all the ways I have been supported and cared for by the students at this college, so much so that I will never be able to fully articulate how thankful and proud I am to consider those around me friends and brothers.

With all this being said, I have still yet to specifically define what I deem to be a “Wabash Man” – and that’s kind of the point. Although I could just regurgitate mission statements or

speeches usually given at orientation, I feel like it is even more than that. Upon writing this opinion piece I had the chance to speak to Dean Redding about what he feels makes a “Wabash Man”, as I was having trouble articulating exact wording to put with my strong feelings on the topic. Through this conversation we discussed the interpretation of one of our school mottos “Wabash Always Fights” and how it affects our student body. The motto is not rooted in some hyper masculine “lone-wolf” who always toughs out whatever is dealt to him and fights to the death. It is instead a message of perseverance and togetherness in our community, that we lean on each other and support one another through thick and thin. Or as Dean Redding put it simply yet eloquently, “to be a good person.”

Through this I hope that whoever is reading has learned that no matter what they may be going through, you are not alone. Nor do you need some random “Macho Man” on the internet like Andrew Tate to dictate to you labels and definitions on what does and doesn’t make a man. You already have what it takes. As there are always people here on campus to support you, you also can be that person for other people. My only hope for you freshman is that during your time at Wabash, you are able to not only experience this heartfelt brotherhood but to cultivate and nurture those positive qualities that steered you in the direction of this college in the first place and are able to walk out of your graduation with your head held high, proud of whatever kind of Wabash Man you grew to be right next to your fellow brothers.

Work hard, play responsibly



Michael Bertram ’23

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As I begin my final year at Wabash College, a saying that was introduced to me on one of my recruiting visits nearly four years ago has held its valor through some tough tribulations, namely the Covid-19 pandemic. The mantra that many Wabash men live by, “work hard, play hard”, is one that has withstood the pressures of time and will inevitably stick around for many years to come. This is a saying that when done correctly, can foster great mental health on a campus that is often more stressful and work-intensive than one would expect coming in as a freshman, but when abused and not used responsibly, this is a lifestyle that can leave someone in an unforeseen and unwanted place. There has been story after story of students at other colleges and universities relating to the overuse of alcohol or other substances, and contrary to what many of us believe, Wabash is not immune to these tragedies. Even if it has not happened in recent memory, these types of terrible events are what Wabash’s mission statement strives to prevent by developing men who think critically, act responsibly, lead effectively, and live humanely. Many people close to me view me

as a workhorse in the classroom, and oftentimes, it is assumed that school and my grades are the only things ever on my mind. While at certain times of the semester this may be true, to say that there is no time for “play” in my schedule would be untrue. As I have weaved my way through Wabash’s STEM departments, I have experienced many times when the hard work of the week needs to be relieved by some play on the weekend, and as any other college kid, the next week’s work sometimes gets put off an extra day or two. As stated before, the “work hard, play hard” mantra at Wabash is something that I have partaken in along with the vast majority of our campus, but in my opinion, there needs to be some necessary precautions taken prior to diving into “play mode” once the work week ends on Friday.

These caveats are the reason that the Wabash Acts Responsibly (WAR) Council has made a reappearance on campus the last two years. As the chairman of the WAR Council, my job and goal is to provide information and resources to Wabash brothers to ensure that they are playing as responsibly as they are working throughout the semester. To say that WAR Council is a group of individuals against partying and having fun would be entirely incorrect, as we often provide resources to fraternity houses and various other organizations to help them execute an enjoyable night. This is a common misconception of the WAR Council because at the end of the day, the main thing we are interested in is keeping our brothers safe when they may have a hard time doing so themselves.

Wabash College consistently provides every opportunity for its students to earn a great education, succeed in life,

and even have fun while they are at it. The presence of parties on campus was a staple of the college up until the spring of 2020 when Covid-19 ripped it out of our hands, and we are only just now getting glimpses of what it used to be. With the return of large gatherings and parties to campus comes the possibility of unfortunate events that accompanies anything that involves alcohol and substance use. Though these are risks that most college students are willing to take, the WAR Council is here this semester to hopefully decrease the risk that comes with the presence of alcohol in large groups of people. With that, it is important that we emphasize our actual role as a committee. We are not here to take fun away from the students at this great school, nor are we here to be the “party police.” WAR Council was created with the idea of maintaining the values and behaviors relating to the Gentleman’s Rule and ensuring that the men of Wabash continue to act responsibly.

The bottom line is that Wabash was founded on the premise of its men consistently thinking critically, acting responsibly, leading effectively, and living humanely. The WAR Council was re-introduced last year to help maintain an integral point of that mission, and we are here to ensure that every single student is able to have as much fun as they can while being the responsible citizen that they are expected to be. Safety is something that needs to be taken seriously, and the work that we will continue to do will hopefully better the possibility of that coming to fruition. On behalf of myself and the rest of the executive committee, we cannot wait to resume the duties that were set before us last semester.

Wally’s Wall: Mar-a-Lago

The Question

On August 8, almost 30 FBI agents executed a search warrant at former President Donald Trump’s home in Florida. The agents recovered 11 sets of classified material, and the now-released search warrant reveals that Trump is under investigation for a potential violation of the Espionage Act. **How has the Mar-a-Lago raid shaped your thinking about Donald Trump, the 2022 midterms and the 2024 presidential race?**

Christopher Royal ’26

If I took classified documents from the national archives, and then refused to give them back, I would likely be in prison already. I believe politicians should be held accountable to the same laws regular people are. Trump should not be able to run in 2024, and any politician who supports him will not get my vote – even as a registered Republican.

Isaac Grannis ’26

The raid on Mar-a-Lago is a blatant overstep and misuse of government power. Yet I cannot help but be glad it happened: For decades, Republicans - both base and leadership alike - have only talked about being wary of government power. At last, the institutionalized abuse, incompetence and malice of our “intelligence” apparatus has been made clear for all to see. Actual anti-government ideas, movements and slogans are now on the campaign trail and throughout the public square. Mar-a-Lago has given the campaign against the State a much-needed stimulus, and I am watching the coming elections with hope.

Nathan Ellenberger ’26

My perspective on the Trump years has always been a darkly comic one, and the federal raid on Mar-a-Lago is no different -- the latest entry in a sequence of twisted and unprecedented events spearheaded by the greatest comedian and performance artist of the 21st century. Let’s face it, after four years of repeated blunders, two failed impeachments and the most incompetent attempt at an insurrection, a boots-on-the-ground invasion of the disgraced President’s symbolically decadent golf course would be a fitting, if disheartening, end to the surreal era that began in 2016.

Willie Gupton ’23

I’m afraid. I’m afraid of the power he wields over those that wholeheartedly support him as a politician and former president simply because they like the man he is. My father always instilled in me that a man is only as good as his word. Should my father ever exercise his power to jeopardize others or the integrity of institutions – like what former President Trump is being accused of – I would call him out and no longer support him. I have faith that people in this country can do that when it comes to Donald Trump, I’m simply afraid of how long it will take and how much this country loses in the process.

Next week’s Wally’s Wall question will be about President Biden cancelling student debt.

Looking to join the conversation? Want to make your voice heard?

If so, contact Andrew Dever (atdever25@wabash.edu) and get your point across to the campus in *The Bachelor* opinion section.



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Jon Pactor '71 opens Chapel Talk season



COURTESY OF JAKE PAIGE '23

Jon Pactor gives Chapel Talk titled “Wabash Student Life: 1967-1971 and Today” last Thursday August 25 to kick off the school year



COURTESY OF JAKE PAIGE '23

Students listen to Pactor's message of Wabash history and tradition.



COURTESY OF BEN HIGH '24

Bryce McCullough '23, Alex Koers '23, and Jack Bologna '23 get coffee and donuts prior to the Chapel Talk.

State of IFC

SAM BENEDICT '25 | FEATURES EDITOR • In this new regular feature, The Bachelor hopes to deliver weekly updates from both the Interfraternal Council (IFC) and Independent Men's Association (IMA). This week, we feature recent developments within IFC regarding rush numbers, fraternity grievances and IFC elections. IFC has reported an 11% increase in fraternity rush numbers compared to this time last year. Following rush week, here are the current rush numbers as we understand them. Sigma Chi has 29 accepted bids, Tau Kappa Epsilon has 15, Beta Theta Pi has 18, Phi Delta Theta has 19, Kappa Sigma has eight, Phi Gamma Delta has 19, Lambda Chi Alpha has 18, Theta Delta Chi has six, Delta Tau Delta has 24, and Phi Kappa Psi has nine. The IFC has worked with the administration to push fraternity rush to incoming freshmen and seen a return to pre-covid events, which have acted as the catalyst for a successful freshmen rush class this year. While rush numbers have been successful, the IFC has dealt with complaints of “dirty rush” across campus. Dirty rushing is when fraternities talk with potential new members and shed negative, and typically stereotypical claims, of another fraternity to the incoming freshmen with the goal of dissuading them from joining the alternate fraternity. Phi Kappa Psi rush chair, Turner Royal '24, delivered a passionate address to the IFC executive board claiming that other fraternities on campus have been “dirty rushing.” Royal stated that freshmen have discussed issues of Phi Psi being the “drug house” on campus and declared that they would have only learned that stereotype from other houses on campus. Phi Gamma Delta and Beta Theta Pi have also brought issues of dirty rushing to the attention of the IFC executive board. FIJI allege, based on events from the 2022 WLAIP, that members of other fraternities have attempted to persuade accepted Phi Gamma Delta freshmen to leave. Similarly,

Beta has made accusations of dirty rush against various houses on campus, claiming that potential new members have been told negative stereotypes about the Beta house that depict it in a negative light. Historically, dirty rushing and recruitment of new members who have accepted bids is forbidden, but IFC is still waiting to take a stance on this semester's accusations. The IFC will be holding executive elections on September 27th with nominations occurring on September 20th. The new IFC executive board will likely see multiple new members. All interested individuals are encouraged to attend the meeting to nominate possible members. In this upcoming election, fraternity presidents and IFC house representatives will both be able to vote for the IFC executive board. Finally, the IFC will be discussing, with both IFC members and Wabash College administrators, the ability for freshmen to accept a binding bid to a fraternity before they move into campus in the fall. semester's accusations. The IFC will be holding executive elections on September 27th with nominations occurring on September 20th. The new IFC executive board will likely see multiple new members. All interested individuals are encouraged to attend the meeting to nominate possible members. In this upcoming election, fraternity presidents and IFC house representatives will both be able to vote for the IFC executive board. Finally, the IFC will be discussing, with both IFC members and Wabash College administrators, the ability for freshmen to accept a binding bid to a fraternity before they move into campus in the fall. semester's accusations. The IFC will be holding executive elections on September 27th with nominations occurring on September 20th. The new IFC executive board will likely see multiple new members. All interested individuals are encouraged to attend the meeting to nominate possible



COURTESY OF WILLIAM GRENNON '24

Students prepare for the first Chapel Talk of the 2022-23 year.

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Summer internships prepare students for postgrad success



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Vaughn Taylor '25 presents during the Business Immersion Program.

SAM BENEDICT '25 | FEATURES EDITOR • This summer, Wabash students continued their education outside of the school year by working across the country, leaving the borders of the United States, and by walking a few minutes away from campus.

Brayden Lentz '23, Greece

This summer, Lentz traveled to Greece as a recipient of the Wabash Rudolph Scholarship where he studied through the American School of Classical Athens. “The focus of the program was the evolution

of Greek funerary customs from antiquity to today,” said Lentz. “In our studies, we did everything from climbing inside structurally unsound burial chambers, tombs, and caverns built by the Mycenaeans in 1,000 BC to visiting allied and German WWII memorials in Crete.” While intensive, the trip included time for sightseeing and excursions that proved to be the most exciting part of the summer. “For 12 hours we sailed the Aegean sea, which is an unbelievable shade of azure blue and crystal clear, stopping at and touring two islands known as Agistri and Aegina,” added

Lentz. “The best part of that trip was the sea. I will never forget sailing on the open water, or when we just dropped anchor and swam in the middle of the Aegean for an hour. ” Lentz is a member of the baseball team and a classics and Latin double major with a minor in English. He plans to attend law school and believes this trip was fundamental to his continued growth as a student and Wabash man.

Vaughn Taylor '25, Crawfordsville

Members of the CIBE spent the summer in Crawfordsville learning about business from Wabash alumni and community members. The program focused on developing students’ business knowledge and skills, understanding individual strengths and weaknesses, and improving EQ and soft skills. Taylor is a member of the football team and an economics major and business/Black studies double minor who wants to start his own business after graduation. “The most meaningful part of the BIP Program was the connections we made visiting alumni involved in business,” said Taylor. “Each alum was patient and supportive, which made me eager to help future Wabash students when I move forward in my career.” Students in the program developed their own business in small groups over the course of a month and eventually pitched their ideas to “investors” in a Shark Tank style setting. Throughout this process, speakers came in and taught students a specific part of business that they would need for their pitch. The goal of the BIP is to give CIBE consultants the skills and knowledge needed to perform well in their engagements over

the next three years and once they begin their career after Wabash College. “The BIP Program will help me after graduation through the valuable business skills we inherited in the program,” added Taylor. “Over our seven weeks we learned how to effectively lead teams, financial modeling, presentation skills, and consulting skills.”

Brett Driscoll '24, Washington

Driscoll spent the summer in Washington D.C. working for Stanton Chase as a Talent and Business Development Associate. Stanton Chase is a global management consulting firm specializing in executive search processes. The opportunity to work at Stanton Chase was a months-long process that included zoom interviews throughout the school year and various applications, but the effort spent applying was well worth it. “The most influential part of the internship was the exposure to so many different industries,” said Dricoll. Being able to spend the summer in Washington was a refreshing change from the Crawfordsville scenery. “There’s so much to do and so many people from all over the country. However, it’s also unbearably humid in D.C. over the summer, so I’m quite glad to be back in Crawfordsville to experience another great fall.” Driscoll, an economics and psychology double major and business minor, wants to go into financial and business consulting. “Working with Stanton Chase showed me that I have a passion for helping and serving clients. Knowing that you’re helping a client accomplish a goal that changes with time certainly nudged me towards pursuing a career in consulting.”

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Crossword

by Logan Weilbaker

Over 200 new students are expected as Wabash College begins 127th year

Arrival, room location, and speeches of welcome in the Chapel kicked off the first day of a new college year today as over 200 new students arrived on campus. Scheduled events for the day include a smorgashord for new students in the campus dining room, a picnic sponsored by the Student Christian Federation and a mixer in the Campus Center sponsored by the Senior Council. Entertainment this evening will be furnished by R. Robert Mitchum, director of the glee club; Dave Boyd, head cheer-leader; and Coach Garland Frazier, who will show football films. Monday morning will be the first day for regularly scheduled meals and orientation. At 9:15 a.m. roll call and announcements will be read in the Chapel. All new students are required to attend both this and the testing program which follows. The

College receives several grants

During the past summer Wabash College has received a number of new grants both for research and for additions to the college equipment. Among these was a grant of \$20,000 from the Ford Foundation to stimulate research in public affairs, governmental and political processes, and public policies. Byron K. Trippet, President of the college, announced receipt of the grant and said that it would be used over a five year period to encourage student-faculty research in the social sciences. Trippet named a special committee headed by the chairman of the Division of the Social Sciences, Warren W. Shearer, to administer the grant. A grant of \$25,000 from Lilly Endowment Inc. to purchase books and journals for the new library was also announced this summer. President Trippet accepted the grant on behalf of the college and Librarian Donald E. Thompson will administer the funds. The \$25,000 will provide for the purchase of several thousand needed volumes during the next few years. The department of zoology also announced a new grant amounting to \$6,200 from the National Science Foundation. The grant is for the construction of teaching aids to be used for courses in embryology and comparative anatomy.

afternoon will be filled with further orientation and explanations beginning at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday will find the same schedule in effect, again required for all new students. Tuesday evening is the annual church night. Special programs are planned by many of the local churches and some have dinners in the evening. These meetings give the new students a chance to get acquainted with other freshmen and also to learn about the programs and college work of particular denominations. Registration for freshmen and other newcomers will be held in the Gymnasium all day Wednesday, and on Thursday the regular class schedule will begin. During the first week, men using the temporary food service or others who wish to use it will be handled either in the Scarlet Inn, Campus Center dining room, or in off-campus facilities. Students planning to use temporary housing should check with the admissions office for rooming assignments when they arrive on campus. Of the 200 new students expected on campus this week for the beginning of the fall semester, transfer students will account for 11 of these and 193 will be freshmen. Over 12% of the new students ranked either first or second in their graduating classes. About 144 or 70% of the newcomers were in the upper quarter of their class. Distribution includes students from 19 states and three foreign countries, Thailand, Germany, and Hong-Kong. Over 60% of the students are from Indiana, with Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania, California, and Michigan contributing most of the remainder. Twenty of the new freshmen are National Merit Scholarship semifinalists and two are winners. Other national scholarship winners include recipients of two General Motors scholarships, two Alfred P. Sloans, one American Can, one Ford Motor Company, one William T. Grant, one Weyerhaeuser, and one Latrobe Steel. Fifteen freshmen are sons of Wabash graduates and 30 are related to Wabash graduates. One hundred and seven took the Honor Scholarship examinations last spring. Activities of the group range from dramatics, to football, to fencing. Thirty-two are members of the National Honor Society and 16 were class officers.

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1. What you should use to solve this puzzle
6. Sitcom writer Chuck
7. They replaced Francs, Marks, and Guilders
8. Is a good student, say
10. "Wonderwall" band
11. James Bond or Perry the Platypus, e.g.
12. Handicaps for singers

Down

1. " _____ are the peacemakers"
2. You might have a daily one
3. Puts behind bars
4. A good choice on the fairway
5. Famed Scottish loch
8. Certain type of shark
9. Shakespearean antagonist

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TKE Celebrates 60-Year Anniversary



COURTESY OF ALPHA-ALPHA CHAPTER OF TKE

TKE alumni at the old TKE house at Grant Avenue.

JACOB WEBER '25 | GUEST WRITER •

This spring, the Alpha-Alfa Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) here at Wabash College celebrated their 60th anniversary of re-chartering. Though the fraternity debuted on campus on June 18th, 1927, the first charter was lost following financial difficulties caused by the Great Depression and World War II. On May 19th, 1962, a new set of founding members were able to successfully petition TKE National Headquarters, and were re-chartered to continue operation as the Alpha-Alfa chapter.

Tau Kappa Epsilon was brought back to campus to fulfill its tagline “not for wealth, rank, or honor, but for personal worth and character”. In the founder’s letter to TKE Nationals petitioning for the re-charter, the members specifically wanted to be an integrated fraternity – a somewhat unpopular perspective for the time period. TKE was the first fraternity on campus to accept an African-American member, Jesse Liscomb ’63, who also served as the first secretary of the chapter following its founding. The chapter was also one of the first on campus to accept members of other discriminated classes, closely following other houses that accepted brothers of Asian descent and members of the Jewish religion.

TKE continues to pride itself on maintaining a house of members from diverse backgrounds and livelihoods. Since 2000, brothers have come from many states across the U.S., in addition to 17 countries on four continents. TKE believes that by exposing ourselves to the perspectives of others, they inherently strengthen the bond that is shared between its members.

TKE has evolved, just as all other fraternities on campus have, through changes in administration, culture and the passage of time. TKE’s founding members were spread between independent residence halls and a small collection of annexes. This haphazard placement changed in the fall of 1968, when a new house was built at 607 S. Grant Ave – now home to Theta Delta Chi and College Hall. This residence was home to the chapter until 2008, when the fraternity decided to build a new house at 515 W. Wabash Ave.

This Friday and Saturday, alumni from all eras of TKE history will be returning to Wabash to celebrate the 60th anniversary with the current members of the fraternity. The alumni hail from 12 states and include several of the founding members from the 1962 charter. The chapter thanks the College for its support and assistance these past 60 years and looks forward to a promising future.



COURTESY OF ALPHA-ALPHA CHAPTER OF TKE

The old TKE House, now split with College Hall.

FOOTBALL:

W. Wabash vs.
H Hampden-sydney
Sep. 3

SOCCER:

W. Wabash vs.
O Olivet
Sep. 3

XC:

W. Wabash at
Grizzly Invitational
Sep. 3

SPORTS

This week in sports

Looking ahead to opening weekend for football, soccer, XC

BENJAMIN BULLOCK '23 | SPORTS

EDITOR • The wait is finally over. After weeks of preseason training, off-the-field chatter and growing excitement, sports at Wabash return this week. And what a packed schedule we have for this weekend. So, in this new regular feature, we will run down everything you need to know about sports on campus this week.

Return of the Gentlemen’s Classic

We start with the football team, who open their 2022 campaign tomorrow afternoon with the visit of Hampden-Sydney. The revival of the “Gentlemen’s Classic” has sparked great excitement across campus. Along with Wabash College, Hampden-Sydney is one of the only all-male colleges left in the country. The Little Giants and the Tigers have faced-off on two previous occasions, with Wabash coming out as victors both times.

But the Little Giants’ return to football action off the back of a disappointing 2021 season. Despite Wabash’s monumental comeback in last year’s Bell game, the team only managed a 7-3 record. A series of losses to Wooster, Ohio Wesleyan and Wittenberg cost the Little Giants dearly, resulting in a fourth place finish in the final NCAC standings.

In spite of last season’s shortcomings, coaches of the NCAC picked Wabash to finish second in their preseason poll. In fact, the Little Giants received four first-place votes, one more than top-ranked DePauw. No doubt the player to watch this season will be First Team All-NCAC quarterback Liam Thompson ’24. Last year, Thompson threw for 2,956 yards and 28 touchdowns, solidifying his position as one of DIII’s most prolific quarterbacks.



Soccer’s goalkeeping dilemma

The Wabash soccer team began its jam-packed fall season last night when Franklin visited Fischer Field. But the real hard work begins this weekend as the Little Giants play Saturday-Sunday games against Olivet and Mount St. Joseph respectively.



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Current and former members of the Wabash College XC team partook in the Charlie Finch ’51 alumni run last Sunday, August 28.

Perhaps the biggest story of soccer’s preseason has been Coach Keller’s selection dilemma between the sticks. All three of Wabash’s goalkeepers from last year return to the squad alongside two new faces, Soren Russell ’26 and Fernando Ramos ’25. With five custodians on the side, Keller will have a decision to make. Last season’s starter Michael Bertram ’23 still seems the favored option, but competition is immensely strong and nobody’s place on the team is secure.

Soccer finished fourth in the NCAC standings last year but fell to an embarrassing 8-0 defeat in the semifinal of the NCAC Tournament. As a result, this

season’s soccer team will be looking to get their revenge. If Coach Keller’s side can pick up some points against the NCAC big three, they could be in with a real shot of going far this year.

One final thing to note for this soccer season is a change in the NCAA’s overtime rules. In regular season games, overtime will no longer be required if the scores are tied after 90 minutes. Instead, the game will end and both teams will be awarded one league point. In previous years, teams always played a 20-minute sudden death overtime if the match ended in a tie. This new rule brings NCAA tournaments more in line with their international counterparts.

XC welcomes back alumni

Last Sunday, the Wabash Redpack welcomed a group of alumni back to campus for the Charlie Finch ’51 Alumni Run. The event saw current students and alumni running together across campus, quite the sight to wake up to on a Sunday morning.

XC’s season gets underway tomorrow as the team travels to Franklin for the Grizzly Invitational. Head XC Coach Tyler McCreary will be looking to build on his team’s fourth place finish in last year’s NCAC championship.

Tomorrow’s XC event, then, should be a good tone-setter for the Redpack’s upcoming fall season.

Football rookie highlights

ANDREW DEVER '25 | FOOTBALL REPORTER

TJ Alexander '26

Position: Wide receiver
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 170lbs
High school: Bishop Chatard, Fishers

Alexander is a promising wide receiver out of Bishop Chatard High School. He was a dual sport athlete, primarily starring in basketball. In fact, he only played one year of varsity football in high school. Despite this, his pure athleticism has allowed him to stand out among freshmen in his first week at Wabash. Look for TJ to improve quickly as he gains valuable experience and reps among a talented wide receiver corp.

Sam Ridgeway '26

Position: Tight end
Height: 6'8"
Weight: 210lbs
High school: Tipton

Ridgeway is a tight end from Windfall, IN. He is an extremely large yet mobile player who averaged 20.6 yards per reception his senior year. The dual sport athlete helped lead Tipton to the third round of the Indiana football playoffs while also starting in basketball. With his tall frame and good hands, look for Sam to make an immediate impact on an already extremely imposing and talented Wabash offense.

Gavin Ruppert '26

Position: Linebacker
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 215lbs
High school: Greenwood

Ruppert is a versatile, skilled linebacker out of Greenwood, IN. He can cover significant space due to his athleticism and is good at locating the ball out of the backfield. A proven tackler, Gavin will help bolster the revamped Wabash defense this fall. At Greenwood, Gavin played on both sides of the ball, averaging about 100 all-purpose yards per game as a senior while making 6.9 tackles per game. In his first year on varsity, Gavin averaged 10.4 tackles per game. Look for Gavin to play a prominent role for Wabash football this season.



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Players emerge from the tunnel at Little Giant Stadium against Wooster, 2021.

Coach Morel: '135 years of football tradition? It's adjunct to the Wabash experience'

BENJAMIN BULLOCK '23 | SPORTS

EDITOR • Sitting down with Coach Don Morel this week, it is hard to ignore the ethereal buzz of quiet confidence around this year's football team. On the practice field, in the football office and all across campus, one can sense the gentle hum of excitement that lingers on the eve of every new season.

That buzz, says Morel, is not only that of contemporary expectation. Sure, we as fans have come to expect big things from the Little Giants. Success is, and always will be, the chief motivator of Wabash's football program. But the heavier weight on the shoulders of this Little Giants team is not what tomorrow's papers might say about them. It's history.

"What do you expect from your new players this season," I asked Morel, "and what can they expect from you and this program?"

"It's not just me," he responded. "It's 135 years of football tradition. It's an adjunct to the Wabash experience. In the world we live today, young men really don't get much of a physical challenge. But we present a rigorous physical challenge with football here. It's the cherry on top of the sundae."

Rigorous is perhaps the only way to describe Morel's model. His team

began their preseason preparations way back in January with a host of early morning gym sessions. But the real hard work started in earnest last month with the return of football players for preseason training camp.

A highly influential part of the Little Giants' preparations has been new defensive coordinator Mike Ridings. Ridings joined Wabash this January from Keiser University where his defensive unit allowed an average of just 18 points per game. Prior to his time at Keiser, he spent four years at Marian University in Indianapolis where, in 2019, he was named American Football Coaches Association NAIA Assistant Coach of the Year.

"I think Mike [Ridings] is going to bring a new look to our defense," said Morel. "We've looked good in practice. Our players are enthusiastic and we're looking for a completely new level of energy from the defense. Our fans are passionate, and they want to know how the defense is going to be, but I think you're going to get a good taste of it on Saturday."

If a "good taste" of Wabash's new-look defense is what Morel wants, he couldn't have asked for better opening day opponents than Hampden-Sydney. The Tigers, by Morel's own admission, have two star players on offense, namely quarterback Tanner Bernard

and wide receiver Braeden Bowling. There is no doubt that the Little Giants defense will be pushed to its absolute max, the perfect test of Ridings' fresh system. But Hampden-Sydney's strengths do not end with Bernard and Bowling.

"Yes, Hampden-Sydney has a very talented quarterback and wide receiver," said Morel. "We're going to have our hands full there. But defensively too, they have a number of players returning. So, I think Saturday is going to be a real challenge."

Despite a disappointing 2021 season, expectations are high going into the new year. In a preseason poll of NCAC coaches, Wabash was picked to finish in second place, behind rivals DePauw. But the season, as Morel sees it, is a marathon, not a sprint.

"You have to take the season in daily bites," said Morel. "It is one day at a time for the next 11 weeks. And if you looked at the enormity of it all, it would be overwhelming. So, I don't lend much credence to that [NCAC coaches] poll. I'm happy where we are, and we'll let the chips fall where they may."

But despite Morel's efforts not to focus too much on preseason hype, there is no escaping first day nerves.

"Every college football coach is terrified of the first game because they're full of the unknown unknowns," added Morel. "We are going to have some guy run the wrong way. There is going to be a silly turnover and a stupid penalty. It's the nature of the first game. You just hope it's not a critical mistake. Hopefully we've worked those out."

Morel's team takes to the field for the first time in 2022 tomorrow at 1pm. Prior to kickoff, the team will celebrate the accomplishments of its senior class for senior day. But while there may be more than 135 years of football tradition on the shoulders of these Little Giants, beginning tomorrow they have the chance to write their own history.



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Coach Morel says his players are "enthusiastic" for the new season.

Gentlemen's Classic will be a battle of offensive prowess



COURTESY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING

Liam Thompson '24 hands the ball off to 2021 leading rusher Donovan Snyder '24.

DAVID GELMAN '26 | FOOTBALL REPORTER • Tomorrow afternoon, the football team returns to Little Giant Stadium to take on the Hampden-Sydney Tigers in the highly anticipated season opener, dubbed the "Gentlemen's Classic." Both teams have high-powered offenses but often underperformed on defense last season. Wabash currently leads the series 2-0 against the Tigers, but will we see

a shift in momentum this weekend?

Opening day is going to test the adaptability of the Wabash offense. In 2021, Wabash had a deadly rushing attack on offense led by Donovan Snyder '24. The team accumulated a grand total of 1,893 rushing yards, yielding an average of 4.4 yards per carry and 189 yards per game. 1,023 of those yards came from Snyder, so expect nothing less than a heavy

dose of carries for the junior from Mishawaka, Ind.

Snyder in particular will pose a serious threat to the Hampden-Sydney defense, which looked extremely lackluster in 2021. The Tigers gave up an extraordinary 1,482 rushing yards and 22 touchdowns, with an average of 142 yards given up per game. In order to stop Wabash's heavy rushing attack, Hampden-Sydney will need 11 men on defense to swarm the ball every time. If the Tigers wish to prevent Snyder from running wild, they will need to use their powerful and strong run support safety in Brendan Weinberg, who had an amazing 15 tackles for loss last season. This key focus might help compensate for their history of having a nearly non-existent run defense.

As well as Snyder, Wabash's offense will have to lean on the leadership of their fearless quarterback Liam Thompson '24. But Wabash's star man will need to be a little patient this week. Last year, Hampden-Sydney made amends for their poor run defense by making a total of 14 interceptions and allowing only 13 touchdowns in the air. If Wabash does choose to throw, expect the Little Giants offense to rely heavily on play action passes. Hampden-Sydney loves capitalizing on one-on-one deep ball scenarios, so expect most Wabash completions

to be checkdowns or safe routes. This will be the only way to avoid the Tigers' prolific intercepting abilities.

Hampden-Sydney was not alone in its defensive struggles last year. On average, the Little Giants allowed 30.6 points per game, compared to Hampden-Sydney's 28.2. Wabash particularly struggled in the air, allowing an average of 291.2 yards per game. Continuing in such a manner would play perfectly into Hamden Sydney's strength on offense.

Wabash will need senior Jose Franco '23 to step up and lead the charge on defense. Franco was a strong backbone for the Little Giants last year. Out of his defensive back position, he collected 55 total tackles, 41 of which were solo tackles, along with nine pass breakups and an interception. Expect Franco to cover Braeden Bowling, Hampden-Sydney's explosive deep threat who made 41 catches for 828 yards last year. It will be of critical importance to prevent Bowling getting the ball, so Franco will need to be on top of his game.

Tomorrow's game is set to be a clash of two remarkably powerful offenses. There could be no greater test for new defensive coordinator Mike Ridings, and this game will be the perfect opportunity to see his and his team's hard work in action for the first time.

Quarterback

Yards: 2,956
TDs: 28
Comp. %: 59

Liam Thompson '24

Quarterback

Yards: 2,546
TDs: 15
Comp. %: 59

Tanner Bernard
COURTESY OF HAMPDEN-SYDNEY

Donovan Snyder '24

1,023 RUSHING YARDS

(entire team)

956 RUSHING YARDS

Wide receiver

Receptions: 57
Yards: 850
TDs: 7

Cooper Sullivan '24

Wide receiver

Receptions: 41
Yards: 828
TDs: 6

Braeden Bowling
COURTESY OF HAMPDEN-SYDNEY



With six home games in 12 days, fans are asking...
Is soccer up for the challenge?

Who will replace Aleman '22 and Scott '22?

Soccer faces center back selection dilemma

BEN BULLOCK '23 | SPORTS EDITOR • Earlier this week, the Wabash College soccer team began preparations for its 2022 season. However, they did so without both of last year's starting center backs. Cristian Aleman '22 and Josh Scott '22 graduated in the spring, leaving fans wondering: who will replace them?

Aleman and Scott were two high-quality center backs. Between them, they made 109 appearances and scored five goals for the Wabash team. They were an experienced defensive duo with all the composure, stature, and technical ability required of the modern college center half. Aleman in particular was a ruthless tackler, a marksman with an excellent eye for the ball and more than enough ability to snatch it away from his opponent. The pair were the lifeblood of the Wabash defense in the 2021 campaign.

But now, the Wabash defense has a gaping cavity with no obvious replacements. So, who will fill the gap? Here are my top choices to take on the central positions in 2022.

Quinn Leous '23



For many, the obvious choice is senior defender Quinn Leous. For most of his Wabash career, he has played as a right-sided full back, sitting wide of the two central defenders. He racked up over 24 hours of game time in 2021, consistently standing out as one of the squad's most influential members.

But despite his prowess at full back, Leous has all the makings of a top-quality center back. Tall, commanding, and calm on the ball, Leous plays to a level of quality Coach Keller will need in his new back line. What's more, as a senior, Leous brings a level-headedness and degree of experience others on this list simply do not have. Of vital importance at center back is a heightened self-awareness; Leous certainly has this quality in abundance.



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The soccer team sing a rousing rendition of Old Wabash after their game against Franklin, 2021.

There is, however, one notable downside to moving Leous into the center: filling his old position. If Coach does move Leous into the center back role, somebody else will have to step up at right back. Luckily for the Little Giants, there are a number of capable players willing to take Leous's spot, including Peter McArdle '23, recently returned from injury, and Andre Aguilera '25. This strength in depth makes Leous an even more appealing choice to come in at center back. The real question is who will line up next to him.

Hugo Garcia '24



One option for Coach Keller would be to drop a player back from the midfield into the defensive line. Perhaps the most obvious choice would be fan-favorite Hugo Garcia. Garcia is a characterful player and really knows how to excite the Little Giant supporters. Last season, he played almost exclusively at center defensive midfield, in-between the defense and the midfield lines, where he excelled all year.

But despite playing more centrally last season, he is no stranger to the back line either. In his freshman year, Coach rotated him between defense and midfield, a few times featuring in the center back role.

Garcia even describes himself as a "primarily defensive player," a mentality not shared by most of his midfield compatriots. Garcia also has all of the stature and composure you'd wish for in a center back, making him an excellent candidate. One option for Coach Keller would be to drop a

Hayden Eaton '25 & Quinn Manford '25



In Eaton and Manford, Coach Keller has two very adept defensive players entering their sophomore year. Eaton hails from Crown Point, but is not a name that featured all too often for the Little Giants last season. In total, he racked up only 210 minutes of game time across nine appearances. However, it does seem that Coach Keller is eager to experiment with Eaton at center half. According to other players, Keller has mentioned the possibility of playing Eaton in this role, so it may prove to be a sensible prediction.

Manford, a native of Fishers, played only a little more than Eaton last season, racking up 10 appearances and 335 minutes of game time. But he is no stranger to the central role. For Fishers High School, he was a star center back and captain. So, will we see more of Manford in a Wabash shirt this year?

The Freshmen

With a new year of course comes new signings, and two in particular stand out as potential center back replacements. The first is Quentin Enyeart '26, a central defender from Morocco, Ind.. Enyeart was a stand-out player in high school, captaining his Lake Central side to the state finals in 2021. He was also a starting center back and captain for Indiana Elite FC, a highly regarded youth team.

The other exciting freshman prospect is Niall Gavin '26, a talented defender from Lincoln Way Central High School. Gavin is noted for his leadership qualities and also played for the youth branch of Chicago United FC, a professional soccer team that competes in the United Soccer League Division 2.

Other Contenders



With both center back spots available, there is a real chance to see a wild card take up one of the positions. I have already mentioned McArdle and Aguilera, two very capable defenders who may wish to take their chances in a more central role.

Another option could be midfielder Alexis Delgado '23. However, given the excellent season he had in 2021, Keller will probably be reluctant to move his most creative midfield player into the defense. In all likelihood, I can only see this happening if Coach were to switch to a three- or five-man back line.

Upcoming soccer schedule

Sep. 3: **W.** vs. **UC** 3p.m.

Sep. 4: **W.** vs. **MSJ SOCCER** 2p.m.