

D’Amico to Lead Stephenson Institute



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JAKOB GOODWIN '23 | MANAGING EDITOR • Established last year, the Stephenson Institute for Classical Liberalism was founded to be a resource for students passionate about the study of liberalism. This year, the Stephenson Institute hired its first director, Daniel J. D’Amico, to lead the Stephenson Institute in its pursuit to support Wabash men interested in the ideals of classical liberalism. The Bachelor spoke with D’Amico to discuss his background and his plans for the Stephenson Institute in the future.

“Classical liberalism,” as D’Amico puts it, “is just the idea that individual rights are the foundational influence on political systems. So, if you were judging [two countries], which one is more just or not just? A classical liberal looks at the metric of individual rights and individual freedoms.”

While the Stephenson Institute may be new to the College, classical liberalism and its ideals are not. Richard J. Stephenson '62, the namesake of the Institute, pointed to Wabash legend Benjamin Rogge and former trustee Pierre Goodrich as figureheads for classical liberalism at Wabash. And Milton Friedman, a cornerstone economist in the liberal tradition, drew inspiration for his magnum opus, *Capitalism and Freedom*, from a series of lectures he gave at Wabash.

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While Wabash has a deep history of supporting classical liberalism, the Stephenson Institute has a director poised to bring that history to bear today.

An economist by training, D’Amico has spent his career in academia teaching and leading organizations like the Stephenson Institute. Coming from Brown University, where he was the Associate Director of the Political Theory Project, D’Amico’s arrival at Wabash will allow him to not only work directly with students but will put him in control

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Professor Morillo Retires



Professor Stephen Morillo teaches world history, with particular focuses on medieval history and the history of warfare. Morillo prides himself as a ‘generalist.’

WILLIAM GRENNON '24 | ONLINE EDITOR • After 33 years of teaching in the Wabash history department, Professor Stephen Morillo has announced his retirement.

“I’d been thinking that I would teach this year, and next year and then probably retire,” said Morillo. But after touring a house closely resembling a castle in Kalamazoo, Michigan, he and his wife decided to make an offer. Within a week, their bid was accepted, forcing his decision ahead of schedule.

Starting at Wabash in 1989, Morillo has been a staple in the history department. Over his twenty years, he has served as chair of the history department and Division III chair. While originally hired to teach world history, Morillo became a sort of ‘jack of all trades’, dabbling in European, military, and feminist history.

Originally from New Orleans, Morillo graduated from Harvard University in 1980 and earned his masters from Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar. After two short-term professorships, Morillo found himself in Crawfordsville, IN the very same year Nintendo released



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the first Gameboy.

It was here Morillo published the majority of his work, even creating his own world history textbook that he assigns when he teaches HIS-101.

As his time at Wabash comes to a close, Morillo still remembers coming to campus unsure of what teaching at an all-male campus might entail. Looking back, things weren’t quite as odd as he anticipated.

“The all male character of the student body made less difference to me than I thought it might,” said Morillo. “It turned out to be a good fit. Wabash let me be a generalist, the kind of historian I wanted to be.”

That freedom to teach what he wanted to teach is part of what Morillo hopes new generations of students take advantage of.

“Take advantage of this place. This is a period in your life where all sorts of paths and choices are open to you,” said Morillo. “All sorts of options are open to you here, don’t come in with a set plan, come in with a spirit of exploration. Take a bunch of different courses, find what you love and follow it.”



COURTESY OF DR. STEPHEN MORILLO

Morillo, sitting in spot 5, rows for the Jesus College boat team during Eights Week while a Rhodes Scholar at the University of Oxford.

What students should know about loan forgiveness



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COOPER SMITH '23 | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • In the wake of President Biden’s announcement of student loan forgiveness for up to 43 million Americans, borrowers eagerly await long-hoped-for relief.

Biden’s policy will forgive up to \$20,000 in student loans for income-eligible Americans, regardless of age. 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.

“It just touches so many people in so many ways,” said Alex DeLonis, Director of Financial Aid at Wabash. “If it didn’t touch you specifically, it definitely did touch someone you know. Everyone knows someone with student loan debt.”

DeLonis provided data describing the effect of the policy on Wabash students. 39% of current Wabash students will see some amount of loans forgiven, and that figure does not count current freshmen. 57% of eligible Wabash students will have 100% of their debt canceled.

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-Alex DeLonis

For underserved students, the forgiveness is even more pronounced. At Wabash, 93% of Pell students, 69% of underrepresented minority students, and 61% of first-generation students who are eligible for forgiveness will have 100% of their debt canceled.

DeLonis outlined the steps that eligible Wabash students must take to receive loan forgiveness. In early October, an application for forgiveness will go live, and eligible students will need to complete it to receive their forgiveness.

“Many students could be eligible automatically, but I wouldn’t want any students to assume that and miss out on the application because they think it’s going to happen automatically,” DeLonis said.

Loan forgiveness, Cont.

Hollander Launches Online Democracy Course

SARVIK CHAUDHARY '25 | NEWS EDITOR • Professor of Political Science Ethan Hollander officially launched his latest publication “Democracy and its Alternatives” on September 1, a 24-lecture course that teaches the functioning of a diverse range of governments and institutions around the world.

The course was recently made available on The Great Courses, Wondrium, and Audible. Hollander has himself been a subscriber and a fan of The Great Courses long before it was a big digital platform for online courses, and used to buy cassettes to listen to different lectures.

“They reached out to me about this opportunity in 2018, asking me to come in and audition if I was interested,” Hollander said. “I was like, ‘me?’ because I’d already taken great courses and been a subscriber. It was completely out of the blue and unsolicited, and they had seen some of my lectures on YouTube and that’s how they’d found me.”

There were three more professors who auditioned with Hollander for the same lecture series.

“So, I had competition, but about three months after the audition, they gave me a call and said that they loved my lecture and would like for me to do the 24 lecture series,” Hollander said. This is where the process of writing about a hundred thousand words for

the lectures started.

“If you want me to do 24 lectures, I can do it tomorrow. But if you ask me to write them out, they need to be fashionably correct,” Hollander said. “The weird thing for me was that these were all scripts, and I don’t speak from scripts. But they needed to be from a script, because they have closed captioning and post-editing for each lecture.”

Giving a lecture in front of a camera was certainly a change for Hollander.

“It was different in two ways. First was physically that I was sitting, but in class I am used to moving around and I couldn’t even shift much because the camera is aimed right at you,” Hollander said. “The second was the interactive aspect of it, as I love to talk to students and follow-up with them, and I am very interactive with my class, but this is not.”

While preparing the Hollander felt like a political science major again,

“...there was a lot of research work and organizing of ideas that went into it, so I had to study a lot of things that were a little outside my area of expertise, so I definitely felt like a student again.”

Hollander’s course “Democracy and Its Alternatives” is available on Wondrium and The Great Courses, which are both subscription based online courses platforms, and an audio version of the course is also available to purchase on Audible.



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



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Loan forgiveness, Cont.

“The great majority of borrowers, they will have to do that application. DeLonis explained just how critical completing the application will be, highlighting the risk of eligible borrowers missing the forgiveness window.

“I do have a feeling that millions of people will miss out because they won’t take that step and actually do the application,” DeLonis said.

DeLonis explained that students should contact their federal loan servicers to determine if they are eligible for forgiveness, and check studentaid.gov to determine if they have ever received a Pell grant. If students need assistance with this step, they should contact the Wabash financial aid office.

The Wabash financial aid office has also created a new webpage discussing Biden’s loan cancellation policy, which students can reach at <https://www.wabash.edu/admissions/repay/cancellation>.

DeLonis is on the National Board of Directors of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA). NASFAA has welcomed Biden’s policy, but warns that the policy should be met with broader reform measures.

“We note that student loan relief without proposals for systemic reform is incomplete,” NASFAA wrote in a statement. “Loan forgiveness today will not help new borrowers who are enrolling tomorrow. Students and

parents need meaningful changes to the student loan system, and we are encouraged that the administration is proposing steps in that direction. NASFAA has also provided a set of recommendations that we hope the Biden administration and Congress will seriously consider.”

Among those recommendations are lowering student loan interest rates, eliminating negative amortization, and reforming the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program.

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-Alex DeLonis

To implement some of these broader reforms, the Department of Education has proposed a new income-driven repayment plan. According to the Department, the new rule would cut the amount that borrowers must pay from 10% to 5% of discretionary income. The rule would also raise the non-discretionary income threshold, protecting more income from



repayment. For borrowers with original balances under \$12,000, the new rule would forgive the remaining balance after 10 years of payments instead of 20. According to the Department, these rule changes would allow nearly all community college borrowers to be debt-free in the next decade.

DeLonis explained the new rule would have a larger effect on new student loans than Biden’s loan forgiveness.

DeLonis also discussed his own personal reaction to the new forgiveness, which was announced

after he repaid his own loans.

“I definitely borrowed loans myself. I’m also a Pell recipient, and I already paid off my loans – about \$30,000,” said DeLonis. “So I would have been eligible for the \$20,000, but I actually won’t come out with a penny after all of this. Which is an interesting kind of position to be in.”

DeLonis further explained:

“But for me, a Pell recipient student loan borrower who won’t receive a dime from this, I couldn’t be happier to see the Wabash community benefit from it.”



Daniel D’Amico, a classical liberal economist, focuses on the economics of mass incarceration.

COURTESY OF DANIEL J. D’AMICO

D’Amico, Cont.

of resources to create programming for students and invite scholars and speakers to Wabash so they can talk about their own research and experience.

While there is no programming scheduled in the immediate future from the Stephenson Institute, D’Amico is excited to begin inviting speakers to campus that will pique students’ interest and provide insights into political and economic issues students are less familiar with. Still, though, the Stephenson Institute will be sponsoring student research and student internship opportunities to learn about or practically engage with classical liberalism.

D’Amico shared that his biggest goal is a week-long summer event for college students — not just Wabash students — where the Stephenson Institute puts together a curriculum over the course of six or seven days and introduces students to the unique intellectual heritage of classical liberalism. He also hopes to invite scholars to become scholars-in-residence at Wabash that would allow students to collaborate on research with renowned scholars.

As the Stephenson Institute’s home on campus is being completed, the Stephenson Institute with its new director is preparing to get to work on its mission of educating students about classical liberalism.

Global Health Initiative Presents on Peru Immersion



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The Global Health Initiative travels to Peru to study comparative healthcare.

RYAN PAPANDRIA ’26 | STAFF WRITER • During the spring semester Global Health class, students had the opportunity to take a 10-day immersion trip to Peru over the summer.

Throughout the trip, the Global Health Initiative traveled to three different cities: Lima, Huánuco and Tingo Maria.

The three cities were carefully selected as they all differ in ecosystems. Lima, the capital city, sits on the coast of Peru. Huánuco is in the mountainous region of Peru and Tingo Maria is located in the rainforest region. These geographical differences played a huge role in what the GHI was trying to accomplish and experience as a whole.

This immersion trip, according to Professor Eric Wetzel, had two main goals. The first goal was to experience the healthcare system in Peru hands-on. From neighborhood clinics to large hospitals, students saw for themselves everything Peru has to offer and differences between Peru and the United States.

“Differences in temperatures,

differences in geography and differences in environmental conditions all display very different health challenges,” Wetzel said. “And oftentimes very different cultural ways of dealing with that.”

In each of the three cities, the GHI wanted to see how differing levels of healthcare work and how each differs from one another.

The second goal of the trip was to collaborate with GHI Peru, a partnership between Peruvians, Wabash and Wetzel. This partnership allows Wabash men to assist in many different programs related to healthcare, including educating kids about basic hygiene, multiple health clinics, workshops for women and more. Wetzel related the experience to a flowing stream.

“The stream is constantly flowing,” said Wetzel. “The students get there, get wet, and then we leave. We aren’t there to tell them what to do. We are going there to learn, not show them what to do.”

This partnership with GHI Peru

allows Wabash men to come back from the trip with the ability to look at the healthcare system in the US and health issues through a whole new lens.

The students on the immersion trip each took away their own lessons from the trip. But many shared common sentiments. Quinton Wood ’24 flew to Peru with the main goals of being immersed in a different culture and learning how it compares to the United States. This curiosity ultimately formed his main takeaway from the trip.

“The healthcare system is very multidimensional,” Wood said. “There’s just so much more that goes into it besides just doctors and hospitals.”

One different aspect of the healthcare system that struck Wood was how school children were taught seemingly basic hygiene like brushing your teeth, washing your hands, or symptoms of sickness.

“That’s something you don’t really think about here in the US because you just learn by example. Education plays a huge role,” Wood said.

Connor Wakefield ’23 wanted to learn about the differences in healthcare strategies between Peru and the United States. But what really struck him was the blessings he felt growing up in America. Wakefield

points out how the healthcare system of Peru can be very difficult to access for the average person.

“The biggest thing is accessibility,” Wakefield said. “It really made me gain a deep appreciation for what we have here [in America].”

This trip, Connor says, is something he will remember for as he continues on to medical school and his career thereafter.

As part of the immersion trip, it seemed necessary to participate in cultural activities while in the foreign country. One thing that stuck out to Wakefield and Wood was Cuy. Cuy, fried guinea pig, is part of the local cuisine in Peru. The two had mixed opinions on the delicacy.

“I knew I had to try it once,” Wakefield said, “but needless to say, I hated it. There was a huge mental block plus the fact they just dehaired it and sliced it open in front of you.”

Wood, however, was a huge fan.

“I ate that up. Tasted just like chicken,” Wood said.

As a follow up to the GHI immersion trip, the program is hosting a presentation about the trip on Monday, September 12 at noon. All those who traveled to Peru will share from a firsthand view how they were impacted by the experiences from the trip.



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The GHI traveled to Lima, Huánuco, and Tingo Maria during the immersion trip.

‘All the world’s a stage’



K'Tren Wilson '24

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It has been said that all of the world as we know it is comparable to a stage in a theater with each of us being merely players (or actors) in it. Such a metaphor supposes that each of us enter and exit when we are meant to, react and respond in the ways that are natural to us and exist within a context that in our roles we are not aware of; our characters have been determined, our words chosen, our actions calculated, and our costumes designed to represent who we are and how we exist in the world. Granted, these are infamous words from a monologue in Shakespeare’s *As You Like It* and thus likely not the best foundation for a life philosophy. But briefly imagine that the world, or even just Wabash College, genuinely was a stage. That would mean that each day, each of us is showing up to play our part in the large production that is the undergraduate academic experience – presumably voluntarily.

Now, I cannot say that I personally view the world in this way, but I do feel there is at least some merit

in the concept of playing a role in a production much larger than oneself as well as some decisions about how an individual exists in the world being made for them. As I thought on this more, however, I realized that a major part of being an actor and acting is choosing to take (appropriate) risks and making potentially consequential choices. I also believe that the moments an actor takes risks and achieves their goal afterward are potentially the most rewarding moments within a career. Remembering that success can be defined differently, though, allows for a different conversation: is to be a “good” actor to remain in the lines that have been drawn for you, or is it to bring a bit of yourself to any role you may find yourself in? While sitting with this question, I came to the conclusion that there is indeed room for both of these perspectives depending on the preference of the player.

There will be times when it seems that the only thing we can do to survive the situations we are in is submit to what we have always known and have been taught to believe is “right.” This could be speaking with a particular measure of respect to elders or figures in authority, wearing a particular set of clothing when going out, not going certain places or doing certain things. It could also be not speaking up in class even with a well-thought-out contribution to the discussion. It might even be giving into insecurities, doubts, habits and imposter syndrome when they arise. The thing to remember here is that none of these things are “bad,” but each of the above items requires one to accept that there are conditions that they find themselves in that they

cannot control, and this very well may be the case. I do believe, however, that such a position forces the individual to feel they must be perfect in each area that they do feel they control which is arguably even less healthy. Regardless, this is the path that many of us will choose.

On the other side, there is the risk-taker: the player that allows themselves to be seen in whatever role they occupy. This might be wearing things that society will tell you not to, enjoying things you aren’t “supposed” to enjoy, speaking a bit differently than those around you for your own sake or even asking “why.” It could mean defying a given position in a hierarchy or choosing to love outside of established confines. The risk here, in my opinion, is the required internalization of external circumstances as a means of expression. To defy what is established is to feel in opposition to that establishment. To wear what society tells you not to is to be seen as non-member of society. Maybe this is what the individual wants or feels they deserve to be happy, but there is always the danger of taking the wrong risk. To oppose the wrong person in the wrong situation could be the difference between life and death, welcome and exile, belonging or alienation. Yet, again, this is often the path so many of us choose.

Which is right or more right than the other cannot be said. In the end, the job of playing whatever role we play will be done. I do think we owe it to ourselves and all of those around us, though, to consider the ways that we do choose to exist in the world.

Wally’s Wall: Student Loans

The Question

Last week, President Biden announced a plan to forgive up to \$20,000 in student loans for over 43 million Americans. **How do you feel about Biden’s student loan policy, and what does it mean for you personally?**

Jacob White ’25

This plan is a slap in the face to every hard-working American that paid off their loans. No one is being forced to go to college and take out a loan. You borrowed money willingly with the promise of paying it back. This creates an incentive structure that breeds irresponsibility and entitlement. It is also irresponsible considering the inflation we are experiencing as this policy will only add to it.

Aidan McConnell ’26

I have some feelings of ambivalence towards President Biden’s new Student Loan Forgiveness Plan. Over the past 50 years, the average cost of attending a private college in the United States has risen from just under \$3,000 to just over \$51,000, so allocating up to \$20,000 dollars in loan forgiveness will greatly aid individuals with lower income occupations such as teachers. However, the parameters of this plan only apply to a specific population of student loan borrowers, meaning that certain individuals may receive no alleviation, especially those who make even slightly more than the median household income of those with a bachelor’s degree or higher. It is too early to say how this could affect me personally, because I am unaware of what my income will look like after college. But, while still beneficial to the general public, I believe that there are some elements of the plan that could be refined before it is passed by Congress.

Lucas Carpenter ’26

Joe Biden’s student loan forgiveness plan makes a mockery of people who’ve saved money for years to afford college. Not only this, but those same people who’ve worked to save will be the ones footing the bill for those irresponsible enough to not consider the risks of taking out loans. The government should not be using taxpayer money to bail people out who either knew the risks and proceeded anyways, or even those who genuinely didn’t understand the burden loans create.

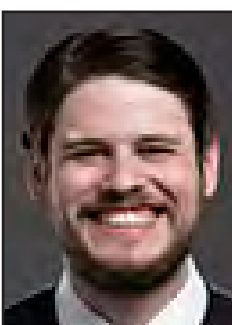
Braden Gendron ’26

I feel that Biden’s loan forgiveness plan is a step in the right direction towards making college more affordable, as well continuing to help families and communities recover from the effects of COVID-19. Many people will argue that this loan forgiveness will increase taxes and cause inflation. But removing \$10,000 of loans that build interest allows people to pursue futures that they want to have, rather than ones that are determined by their financial situation. I believe that Biden’s loan forgiveness policy will also lead to an increase in the pursuit of higher education, which will benefit the country as a whole, helping the workforce grow and ultimately leading to a better economy. Personally, this loan forgiveness plan will leave me with close to zero debt after college and give me the opportunity to go to graduate school without having to carry the burden of previous debts. This makes success more attainable for not only me, but to all college students that receive the loan forgiveness.

Nikolai Jones ’24

TLDR; buying votes. The student loan debt forgiveness plan does nothing to address the root of the problem, which is the astronomical rate at which college prices are rising. Instead, this decision only makes it more likely for colleges to continue to raise prices knowing that the government might be paying for a large portion of many people’s colleges. Additionally, it’s hard not to consider the timing of this decision, which occurred conveniently as the midterms are approaching and chances of retaining the house and senate are not exactly encouraging for Democrats. It also feels like a slap in the face to Joe Manchin, whose vote on the Inflation Reduction Act that just passed was contingent upon no reckless spending like this.

It’s not just the streaming wars



Austin Stockton '24

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When it comes to games consoles, you have three options. When it comes to all male colleges, you have two options. And when it comes to satellite radio, all you have is SiriusXM. But when it comes to streaming services, there are so many, it could make your head spin. At the beginning of the 2010s, you were everyone’s best friend if you had Netflix and Hulu. Now, it could be a huge struggle to watch your favorite show or movie because you don’t have HBO Max, Amazon Prime Video, Paramount Plus or literally dozens of other services. And it’s not just for movies and TV shows either. Spotify dominates audio streaming,

with millions of songs and podcasts exclusive to the platform, so much so that I forget that Pandora and Audible even exist.

However, I think that while the streaming wars are going to have long-term implications for the entertainment industry, this is only a small part of a much bigger, and even more dangerous, part of the future economy. The streaming wars, to me, is only a branch of what seems to be a media war, and I’m not just talking about the news, i.e. Fox vs. CNN vs. MSNBC. I’m talking about how corporations are changing the industry by outright buying parts of it. With Amazon’s purchase of MGM, Apple looking to buy a studio, and Warner Bros merging with Discovery, it is clear that the media and entertainment landscapes are not going back anytime soon. More than 90% of American media is owned by only six companies, which is shocking. In the 80s, that same percentage was owned by nine times as many companies.

What I think is even more alarming is not discussed enough. I’m talking about the corporate wars. Electric cars, folding phones, 5G networks and so many other companies and industries that will spend millions, if not, billions

of dollars to run their competition into the ground – or, even more popular, to buy out the competition.

When the cola wars were happening, it was just merely a marketing gimmick that was successful for both Coke and Pepsi, as both companies still fight to be king. However, that’s not what companies seem to care about anymore. Gone are the days when Microsoft gave Apple money to stay in competition. Instead, we’re back to the days of Rockefeller and J.P. Morgan. We’re back to no longer seeing innovation by competition, or even cooperation. We’re back to the monopolies that were once the biggest fear of the nation at the time.

Regardless of whether or not you think that the entertainment industry is important, it looks like America has forgotten its history lesson. It’s only going to be a matter of time before we see one giant monopoly looming over the American people, and even the American government. We’ve all been in the crossfire of the corporate wars, and we all know that the government has already been bought and paid for, but that doesn’t mean we need to stay silent. We can’t have another battle like Rockefeller and J.P. Morgan.

Support Indiana energy



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For the sake of our manufacturing sector, it’s time to hold other countries accountable for their pollution levels.

In America, we produce manufactured goods much more cleanly and carbon-efficiently than the world. On average, we’re a whole 40% cleaner. Compared to China, we’re 3-times more efficient.

Despite this, American producers get zero financial benefit for that clean production. This US ‘carbon advantage’ ought to be monetized to boost our manufacturing industry - including here in Indiana. If we don’t, we essentially give foreign nations a free pass for their pollution, to the detriment of our own hardworking manufacturers, not to mention the environment.

How do we address this? Republican leaders are rallying around a trade policy, called a border carbon adjustment

(BCA), that would give U.S. producers an instant advantage over their higher-polluting foreign competitors. A BCA would charge imports based on their higher pollution, thereby lowering imports from China and increasing U.S. manufacturing as a result. It’s an especially needed policy approach given the pressure to quickly strengthen domestic supply chains.

Our federal representatives - Senators Mike Braun and Todd Young and Congressmen Jim Baird and Larry Bucshon - are proud champions of the Hoosier manufacturing sector. Especially given the strong steel production in this area and across the state, I hope they will consider this approach.

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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Dunaway gives Chapel Talk




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Dr. Eric Dunaway discusses the distractions that affect our attention spans and how they affect our work.

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HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

CHARGE \$25 FOR A CLEANUP?

Lo-Five to Phi Delt for making Campus Services clean their front door after it was egged. Don't you have pledges for that?

THE EAGLE HAS NOT LANDED

Hi-Five to Dean Welch for being inducted as an honorary member of the Sphinx Club. Way to cover up that bald spot.

PLEASE... JUST CHILL

Lo-Five to the guy who dislocated a Beta pledge's shoulder trying to steal his hat. Chill.

MINT MAJESTY DOES WONDERS

Hi-Five to the pledges who are losing their voices. Drink some tea gents, it gets better.

NEED SOME TIGER BALM?

Hi-Five to Hampden-Sydney for coming over 600 miles just to prove we are the best all-male school in the country.

FEATURES

First TGIF features live music



COURTESY OF JETT BROWNLEE '25

Sphinx Club partnered with the Student Events Committee to host the first TGIF of the year, bringing students together to enjoy burgers and brotherhood on the Mall.



COURTESY OF BENJAMIN HIGH '24

'John and Brett' performed and provided music for this past weeks TGIF



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Cornhole, Kan Jam, and Spikeball were played.

Crossword by Logan Weilbaker

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Across

- 1. See 4-Across
- 4. With 1-Across, "meddling" TV mutt
- 7. Sneaker Style
- 9. Breakfast bar ingredient
- 10. Abbreviation preceding an alias
- 11. Like 4-Across, in many episodes
- 13. Sets off, as an alarm
- 14. "American Dad!" channel

Down

- 1. Jogging pace for 4-Across
- 2. "Wow!"
- 3. Gets
- 4. Dinner go-with
- 5. Some European goodbyes
- 6. Joined, as oxen
- 8. They might be found on 4-Across's feet
- 12. BBQ seasoning mixture

From nuclear weapons to Game of Thrones

A sit down Q&A with new Prof. John Valdez



COURTESY OF JOHN VALDEZ

Newly hired Professor of Political Science, John Valdez.

Arman Luthra '26 | STAFF WRITER
Q: If you could be summed up in one word, what would that be?

A: Eclectic. I don't feel pinned down by that word because I am interested in a lot of things. I am a nerd and an athlete, a scholar and a gentleman, someone who works hard but likes to be lazy too.

Q: Why Political Science?

A: One of my uncles was a local District Attorney. I grew up working on campaigns, going door to door with campaign stump speeches. My family was very political to begin with, but that experience pushed me towards politics.

My first job after college was working at the National Laboratory that made components for nuclear weapons. I very quickly decided that I was ideologically opposed to what my employer was doing, and I decided that that was not how I wanted to spend my life.

I wanted to be able to develop a vocabulary to articulate my opposition. So, I went back to graduate school for studying Political Science, and eventually

got a fellowship at Oregon. And now, here I am.

Q: If not Political Science, what would you be doing right now?

A: I've been a table games dealer in a casino. My last job before Wabash was at a super high-end casino on the harbor in Boston, where I was dealing, mostly craps, but also Blackjack, Pai Gow, and such. And that was also for my family: My family was political, so they were problem gamblers!

Q: Has gambling taught you something valuable?

A: I think that really successful gamblers recognize when there is an opportunity and are bold with their moves, in order to win at a game that's against them. I have learnt therefore that to win, you have to really be very opportunistic and strike when there's an opportunity for you to succeed.

Q: What's your biggest strength as a teacher?

A: I think my biggest strength is public speaking. I enjoy being in front of a group of people if I have something to talk about.

Q: What advice would you give to a freshmen?

A: I would suggest that they recognize that especially as a freshman at Wabash College, they have a ton of resources, that all these people are here to help, that you're not alone. Take advantage of all these resources that are there to help you make your life better.

Q: If there's one law that you would

like to be implemented right now, what would that be?

A: It would be that women should have the right to an abortion, to make choices about their own bodies, and I would institute that nationally or globally if I could.

Q: Some people think student loan forgiveness is unfair to those who already paid their dues. What would you say to these people?

A: It's always the right time to do the right thing, your future generations shouldn't have to suffer the same injustice that you had to go through. I agree that it's unfair. It's unfair that my grandparents had to fight World War Two, but they did it and they tried to make it so that their kids didn't have to fight in a world war. We should always try to do better than we did before. Education is valuable for society broadly. It's what brings me here.

Q: Favorite Food?

A: New Mexico Chilly: it's a very regional cuisine, but that's my home.

Q: Favorite TV Show?

A: Well, I'm watching the new game of thrones. I was a huge Game of Thrones fan until the very end, just like everyone else.

Q: Favorite song?

A: Favorite song? Woof. I've got a billion favorite songs.

(Us too Professor, us too)

An Opinion

Trouble is brewing here on the Wabash campus between the fraternities. During this past week, an outbreak of Frat Wars has left an impact which perhaps will have great bearing on the future. First, the men of Kappa Sigma are contemplating pressing charges, yes actually pressing charges against one of the members of Phi Delta Theta for vandalism. This may seem far-fetched, but one can't help but sympathize with the Kappa Sigs who have taken so much abuse in the past 50 or 60 years at the hands of the Phi Deltas.

The other flare-up was between the Sig Chi's and the Phi Psis. Last Sunday evening a misunderstanding occurred between the two that resulted in total damage of over \$2,000.00. Now occasional Frat wars are fine, but outright destruction of each others property will cause undo hardship on social budgets and the like. With the constant repair work going on at the frats (windows, floors, doors, etc.) maybe we can get national coverage in another magazine: Popular Mechanics.

With this issue the Bachelor starts its extensive coverage of the co-education question. We won't try to influence anyone one way or another, the decision is yours. What should be pointed out is the fact that an honest attempt is being made to settle the question. You should take this opportunity to voice your opinion to the faculty, trustees, even to the Bachelor.

It was with great interest that I read the SI article on Wabash (DePauw). I now know why I haven't been invited to a wedding since high school, or invited my sister to visit me here. The good thing about the article is that people will now come to Wabash to look and see if this assortment of side-show freaks is really for real. So, let's be proud of Wabash, slick that hair down, let those noses run (don't risk pulling out a hankie and being mistaken for a Dannie) and stay away from those cattle pens lest you be prod. And, Coach Bowman: G. C. Murphy is having a special on footballs.

McAfee opens gallery season



COURTESY OF BENJAMIN HIGH '24

Antonio McAfee opens this years first gallery opening with his work *Mezzanine/Radiant Sons*, in the Eric Dean Gallery.



COURTESY OF BENJAMIN HIGH '24

Artist Antonio McAfee speaks to current students on the opening night of his gallery show.

Wabash College's Visiting Artists Series Presents

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This week in sports

Football stage impressive comeback, soccer’s unbeaten run comes to end

ETHAN WALLACE ’24 | SPORTS WRITER • Football wins home opener, soccer starts season with a strong 3-1 record and tennis hit the road for their first invitational. All this and more, this week in sports.

Football: Right where we left off

The Wabash Little Giants Football Team started their season off right with a home victory against Hampden-Sydney. This action packed matchup, dubbed “The Gentlemen’s Classic,” included everything a Wabash fan could ask for.

A dramatic comeback was the story of the game. Halfway through the second quarter, the Little Giants were down 21-3. But the team battled hard, bringing the game back to one possession and ending the half only four points down, 28-24.

The second half was almost entirely driven by both offenses. Wabash and Hampden-Sydney traded touchdown after touchdown for much of the half. With 46 seconds left in the game, the Little Giants trailed by a score of 48-45.

That was until Donovan Snyder ’24 carried the ball 15 yards to put the Little Giants ahead. Sixteen seconds later, Garret Mroz ’25 ended Hampden-Sydney’s final drive with an interception. The Little Giants ran out the clock to end the game 52-48 in their favor.

Liam Thompson ’23, excellent as always, completed 62% of his passes for 380 yards and four touchdowns. He also led the team in rushing yards, carrying the ball a total of 103 yards for two touchdowns. Derek Allen Jr. ’24 was the leading receiver for the Wabash team, scoring three touchdowns with 160 yards receiving.

Wabash faces off against North Central College at Little Giant Stadium on Saturday, September 10. Kick off will be at 1 p.m. This is set to be a tough contest for the team, as our defense is tasked with the unenviable duty of halting North Central’s powerful offense, which averaged 53.5 points per game in the last season.

Soccer: Goals galore

Soccer went into this season with concerns about graduating players. Key figures in the team, such as Cristian Aleman ’22, Josh Scott ’22 and Adam Berg ’22, all moved on this past spring, leaving a lot of vacant spots. But despite these concerns, the Little Giants kicked off the season in spectacular fashion, winning their first three games convincingly.

On Thursday, September 1, the team defeated Franklin 3-1 at Fischer Field in their opening game of the new year. Jose Escalante ’26 opened the scoring after just 12 minutes, assisted by the experienced Mitchell Keeling ’23. Other goals came from Cameron McIntosh ’26 and Quinn Leous ’23, the latter scoring from the penalty spot.

Soccer followed up its opening day victory with two high-scoring wins. The Little Giants swept aside Olivet College on Saturday, September 3 with goals from Hayden Eaton ’23, Caleb Castano ’26, Jesse Martinez ’26 and Myles Bernat ’26. The team followed up this victory the following day, beating Mount St. Joseph University 7-0.

However, the Little Giants lost their unbeaten streak against Rose-Hulman on Wednesday night. A 52nd minute Fightin’ Engineers goal sealed the



COURTESY OF JAKE PAIGE ’23
Liam Thompson ’24 led Wabash in rushing yards and threw four touchdown passes against Hampden-Sydney on Saturday, September 3, 2022, at Little Giant Stadium.

game, which finished 1-0 in favor of Rose-Hulman.

Tennis: Back to action

The tennis team will begin its fall season on September 10 with a tournament in Lexington, Kentucky. This two-day invitational will serve as a great benchmark for the team moving forward. Head Tennis Coach Daniel Bickett has picked up a number of promising freshmen this year, all who look to compete at a higher level than we’ve seen in recent years.

The most important matchup for the Little Giants will be against Wittenberg University, an NCAC rival. Wabash narrowly lost to Wittenberg last season, so their performance against them will give the best indicator for how well the Little Giants will perform this year.



COURTESY OF JAKE PAIGE ’23
Jose Escalante ’26, who scored Wabash’s first goal of the season, against Olivet.

Redefining the brotherhood

The Bachelor catches up with the Thompson brothers

JAKOB GOODWIN ’23 | MANAGING EDITOR • Liam ’24 and Connor ’25 Thompson are teammates, brothers and best friends. On the field, Liam has already cemented himself as one of the best offensive players in the nation and Connor looks to burst onto the scene this year. But off the field, the brothers are as close friends as anyone can imagine.

This year is set to be the first the Thompson brothers both hit the field for the Little Giants. *The Bachelor* sat down with Liam and Connor to discuss the upcoming year, the pandemic’s effects on both their football careers and their relationship outside the white lines.

Liam Thompson came into Wabash as a freshman and took the starting quarterback role from game one against the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point in 2019. Since then, Thompson has thrown for 5,893 yards and 51 touchdowns in 51 career games. As a two-time captain, he is undoubtedly one of the leaders of the Little Giant football team, but the junior quarterback knows he has capable men pushing him in the quarterback room.

“I know that if I start, if I can’t get it done, the expectation here is to win and those guys can get it done as well,” Liam said “And I know that if I ever couldn’t play—for whatever reason went down or whatever it may be—there’s not going to be a drop off when those guys go. Those guys are gonna be ready to go.”

Everyone in the Wabash community knows Liam Thompson’s heroics in last year’s Bell Game to carry the Little Giants back from a 21-0 deficit



COURTESY OF LIAM THOMPSON ’24
Liam ’24 and Connor ’25 Thompson pictured after a game in the 2021 season.

in the first quarter, but few would recognize Connor Thompson’s crucial role in the Bell Game. DePauw scored a touchdown with 44 seconds remaining in the game and set up for an onside kick. Tigers kicker Jack Drake kicked the ball directly to Connor, who recovered the onside kick to end the game and seal the Wabash victory.

“I just knew that if the ball came towards me, I wasn’t going to let it go,” said Connor. “I was going to make that play.”

Connor, who featured primarily on special teams in his freshman season, has already seen time on offense this year. With a lot of mouths to feed

in the receiving room, the younger Thompson sees his role in this year’s offense coming on in relief and in receiver-heavy sets.

“I think being that deep on offense, especially at skilled positions, is just really helpful for us because we can stay fresh and keep guys rotating through,” Connor said. “I appreciate that I can actually have a bigger role contributing early on this year.”

Last week against Hampden-Sydney College, Connor saw that role increase. He caught three passes for 49 yards, including a 28-yard reception to put the Little Giants in scoring position in the third quarter before Liam

Thompson and Cooper Sullivan ’24 connected to score.

Connor caught his first pass last week against Hampden-Sydney and nearly scored. But he has not yet caught that elusive first touchdown. The brotherly duo are looking forward to that and assured me that they’ll have a special celebration together for when that happens.

Despite being separated by only two years, the two brothers have had few chances to play together. So, the ability to get on the field together in college is one they both relish.

“It’s the coolest thing I’ve ever been a part of, getting to share the field with him and [I’m] unbelievably grateful for it,” Liam said. “Now that we are actually on the field at the same time to go out there — obviously, I caught my first in-game pass from him the other day—that was really special,” Connor said.

While the Pandemic canceled Liam’s second season at Wabash, and Connor’s senior season at North Central was in question, they both found some good in the pandemic.

“It’s definitely a silver lining that, although we didn’t get to play that year, now we have three years of opportunity to play together and two where he’s really going to be contributing,” said Liam. “We can really be on the field together.”

The pair follow closely behind each other around campus and even live together. That closeness, they say, helps their relationship on the field. Wabash football fans can expect to see that relationship play out this year as Liam attempts to lead the Little Giants toward an NCAC Championship.



Liam Thompson ’24 vs. Hampden-Sydney

**TOTAL TDs: 4
CMP/ATT: 24/38
TOTAL YDS: 494
PASS YDS: 392
RUSHING YDS: 102
RUSHING TDs: 2**

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2021 season:

295.6 PASSING YARDS PER GAME

246.6 PASSING YARDS PER GAME



Derek Allen Jr. ’24 vs. Hampden-Sydney

**REC: 8
REC. YDS: 172
TDS: 3**

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Coach Keller's tactical re-think

Soccer's new formation propels team to early season victories

BENJAMIN BULLOCK '23 | SPORTS EDITOR • Four games, 14 goals and 13 different goal scorers. The highest-scoring game since 2015. And despite a slight slip-up against Rose-Hulman on Wednesday night, a 3-1 record to be proud of. It is a really exciting time to be a Little Giants soccer fan.

Driving this early success has, of course, been some moments of individual brilliance. Freshmen Jose Escalante '26, Myles Bernat '26 and Caleb Castaño '26 have all scored wonder goals to aid Wabash to victory. That's not to mention the amazing work done by new center back duo Andre Aguilera '25 and Hayden Eaton '25 to keep opposition defenses at bay.

"I think the new guys, and some of the guys that didn't play much last year, meshed in well with the big senior and junior group that we have," said Head Soccer Coach Chris Keller. "It has looked good in the final third. We've had those chances in years prior, but I think this season we have a little bit more quality going forward to be able to actually put those away."

However, beyond individuals, something else has been at the heart of Wabash's convincing victories: Coach Keller's new formation.

Tactics in modern soccer are fluid, and no one term can define the way a team plays all the time. But generally, in the 2021 season, Coach Keller opted for what could either be described as a 4-3-3 or 4-5-1 formation, depending on how you look at it.

A 4-3-3 consists of a solo striker who is supported by two wingers and three midfielders in behind.

A 4-5-1 is similar, except the two wing players sit in slightly deeper, operating more of a midfield role.

But looking at the Little Giants' opening four games, it appears that Coach Keller has slightly modified his tactical outlook. Rather than playing with three midfielders, it seems as though Keller has opted to push one midfielder player forward. The effect of this is what I would describe as a 4-2-3-1, with two central midfielders and three attacking players feeding the center forward. It isn't an overhaul of last year's formation, but its effect on the field is noticeable.

The 4-2-3-1 is, at least optically, far more offensive. The striker up top is no longer just a goal scorer; he becomes a target man who can



COURTESY OF JAKE PAIGE '23
Hayden Eaton '25 scores the opening goal against Olivet, September 3, 2022.

lay the ball off to the deeper central attacking player sat in behind him. Similarly, two central attackers give the wingers more options in the middle, making short passing interplay between the front four much easier.

"In the past we have been a pretty defensive group," said Coach Keller. "But knowing we have the players in the midfield and up top to create more options, we are taking more risks. I think they are calculated, but we want to attack with our outside backs more."

The formation also has an effect on the midfield players. In this line-up, the two remaining center midfielders are far more exposed than they were before. And with the wingers higher up in the attack, the defensive flanks are left very bare. This means that midfielders like Emilio Paez '25 and Jakob Faber '23 are required to do a lot more running than last season to make up for lost defensive coverage. This is arguably the biggest downside to the new formation.

"The biggest challenge for us this season will be controlling the game," said sophomore midfielder Emilio Paez '25. "We have so much talent between all the midfielders where we can lead and help control the game. But being consistent is a challenge for any team, even the professionals. Constantly training and just communicating to be on the same page is what will ultimately help us solidify our midfield from

week to week."

The exposed wing area also means that the Wabash full backs need to be extra careful. Thankfully for the Little Giants, the team has two very capable outside backs in Quinn Leous '23 and Jerry Little '24. Both players' defensive capabilities are more than matched by their ability to play the ball forward, essential qualities in this new system.

Time will tell if Coach Keller's tactical re-organization pays off. But as long as Wabash's midfield players can cover exposed ground on defense, the changes should produce a powerful Wabash side capable of scoring a myriad of goals.



COURTESY OF SUSAN ALBRECHT
Center back Andre Aguilera '25 swins at the ball against Mount St. Joseph.

Sharp shooting soccer team scores 14 goals in four games

PRECIOUS AINABOR '26 | SPORTS

WRITER • It was a weekend to remember when Wabash soccer took on their first three non-conference opponents: Franklin College, Olivet College, and Mount St. Joseph University. They left their opponents in desolation as they put 14 shots into their oppositions' goal and only conceded one against Franklin. However, the Little Giants suffered a slight setback when they lost 1-0 to Rose-Hulman on Wednesday, September 7.

These first few games have seen a marked improvement on last season's opening results. In 2021, the Little Giants lost two of their first three games, scoring eight goals and conceding eight.

"The coach is doing a good job," said freshman goalkeeper Soren Russell '26. "He's running practices and making clear what he wants. He gives the perfect amount of encouragement and tells us what we are doing well and what needs improvement."

Franklin seems to be one of the Little Giants' favorite opponents. Wabash hasn't lost to Franklin since 2013 and, prior to this game, had won the previous four matchups. Wabash dominated the game, with the Little Giants scoring their final goal of the game from the penalty spot at the 63rd minute. It was a twist of fate at

the 68th minute for Andre Aguilera '25 when he gave away a penalty kick opportunity to the Grizzlies from a foul in the penalty box. The match subsequently ended 3-1 in the Little Giants' favor.

Ahead of their opening games, the Little Giants put in a great shift on the training field. This spring saw the departure of some of the team's key players, who had all been vital in the past. Among them were Adam Berg '22, Timothy Herring '22 and Christian Aleman '22, the latter of whom was the first Wabash athlete to be named to an All-American team since Momodou Jagne '01 in 1998. But with a range of fresh talent coming into the team, Head Soccer Coach Chris Keller won't have a hard time filling those gaps.

After a brilliant performance from the Little Giants to beat Olivet 4-0 on Saturday, it took Peter McArdle '23 just five minutes to put Wabash ahead on Sunday against Mount St. Joseph. What followed was an outpour of goals and a brilliant interminable attacking performance from the Little Giants. Wabash won 7-0.

It was a magnificent performance from Caleb Castano '26 as he added his second goal of the season from a stunning goal curled into the top corner. Castano, a talented winger, has been a constant cause of chaos in every opponent's penalty box.

There have been several star performers in the opening games. Defensive midfielder, Hugo Garcia '24, has proven himself to be a real fighter; a powerful and terrific anchorman who looks to intercept opposition attacks before they get into the penalty box. He gave the backline of Aguilera and Hayden Eaton '25 no reason to panic.

Eaton and Aguilera complemented each other in the Little Giants' defensive line, both being cool, calm and confident both on and off the ball. In the second half of the match against Olivet College, Aguilera was remarkably strong with his one-one duels and shot interceptions.

One of the beauties of the Little Giants' game has been the support provided by the fullbacks on both attack and defense. Quinn Leous '23 and Jerry Little II '24 showcased sportsmanship by intercepting opposition plays and starting the team's attacks from the wing.

However, even the heroic efforts of Wabash's new stars was not enough against Rose-Hulman on Wednesday night. Despite dominating possession all game, the Little Giants fell to a 52nd minute goal, losing 1-0 and leaving the team with a 3-1 season record. But there is no time to dwell on the loss. Wabash plays again on Saturday, September 10 in the Robbie Dreher Classic.



COURTESY OF JAKE PAIGE '23

Soccer players celebrate goals in a 4-0 victory over Olivet, September 3, 2022. Left, Myles Bernat '26 scores his first career goal for the Little Giants. Right, soccer celebrates the senior class of 2022.

Robbie Dreher Classic returns

ARVID ULLAH '26 | SPORTS WRITER

• The Wabash College soccer team kickstarted their season with three consecutive victories, and now get ready for this year's Robbie Dreher Classic.

This year's tournament gets underway on Saturday, September 10, when the Little Giants face off against the Fontbonne University Griffins at Fischer Field. The tournament continues on the following day, with Wabash taking on the Gorlocks of Webster University.

The Robbie Dreher Classic is one of the soccer team's most important events. The tournament was first played between Wabash, Spalding University and Maryville College in September 2010 to honor the memory of Robbie Dreher. Robbie was the 12-year-old son of Wabash graduate Scott Dreher '82 who died in a plane crash in December 2006.

"We would wake up every weekend at 4 a.m. for Premier League games, Spurs were his team, and travel to anything resembling a live match" said Robbie's father Scott. "Occasionally I would go to his school and tell them he was sick and had to leave class. Instead we'd drive to the local British pub to watch a big Champions League match. 'I need to pick Robbie up, he's got the fever,' I'd tell the office – which was certainly technically true."

Wabash and Fontbonne have met on four previous occasions, the Little Giants winning all four matches comprehensively. When the two sides met last season, goals from Coledon Johnson, Alexis Delgado and Austin Hughes fired Wabash to a 3-1 win. "It's a great tournament and we enjoy hosting it in remembrance of Robbie," said Head Soccer Coach Chris Keller. "We've always brought in good teams. There's a trophy on the line and we'd love to come out with it on the other end."

On the second day of the competition, Wabash takes on Webster. The Little Giants last faced the Gorlocks in 1992 where the match was tied at 1-1.

"Robbie was a small kid, a feisty defender unafraid to challenge an onrushing opponent or venture forward in an attempt to score a goal," Dreher wrote in a 2015 article. "His spirit [was] indefatigable."

This year will be the seventh edition of the Classic, the first since before the pandemic. Both games kick off at 4 p.m. and a bumper crowd is expected. But the most important thing this weekend is honoring the legacy of Robbie Dreher.

Tennis prepares for fall season

PETER LEITHAUSER '26 | TENNIS

REPORTER • The Wabash College tennis team starts out their short fall season on Saturday, September 10 as the Little Giants travel to Lexington, Kentucky to compete in the Transylvania University Invitational. This will be the first of three tournaments for the tennis team this fall.

"We just wrapped up our first week of practice," said Head Tennis Coach Daniel Bickett. "It's been a very competitive first week of practice. I've been really pleased so far".

This is encouraging news for Bickett. In any sport, the first week can be difficult as athletes get back to practicing. But the fall tennis season is a shorter one, allowing Coach to focus on more specific areas of the team's game.

"A lot of it is just getting into the rhythm of what our season is going to be like," said Bickett. "Getting them used to going to practice every day and figuring out how they are going to manage their time. Once we get into the spring season it's full steam ahead and there is not a lot of time to get caught up, so you get a feel for how you will manage your time for the spring."

With the freshman being the focal point of our conversation, I asked Coach Bickett how he has felt about their performances in practice so far.

"They're doing really well. We've had them play some practice matches against returners and they are staying toe to toe with those guys," said Bickett. "It's very clear with these nine freshmen that they've all come in and committed to the program. It is going to be fun to watch them grow up and develop".

One of the freshmen on the team is Cole Shifferly '26, a native of Decatur, Indiana.

"The first week of practice has been great," Shifferly said. "We have a really strong lineup of guys, and the positive team chemistry is certainly present. One of the changes I'm facing is the importance of conditioning and work in the weight room. Being bigger, stronger and faster is a large factor in who wins matches at high levels".

The Transylvania Invitational takes place across two days on September 10-11. Wabash will be hoping to get into their stride quickly ahead of the Wabash College Invitational the following week.

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Always means always...

Derek Allen Jr. '24, pictured, scored three touchdowns against Hampden-Sydney

COURTESY OF JAKE PAIGE '23

Football faces defensive challenge

Coach Ridings looks to remedy defensive woes ahead of highly-anticipated game

DAVID GELMAN '26 | FOOTBALL REPORTER • The second most highly anticipated week in football is upon us as the Wabash College Little Giants take on the North Central Cardinals at Little Giant Stadium. The Cardinals were national runners-up in 2021 and are currently the second-ranked team in DIII. These are two teams with high powered offenses, one coming off the back of a nail-biting win last week against Hampden-Sydney, the other expecting to open their season with an away game blowout. This week is the tale of two teams on opposite ends of the spectrum with the same goal in mind: to win a national title.

In order for Wabash to compete this weekend, both the offense and defense will have to adjust their approaches. In an interview with Cooper Sullivan '24, he hinted that the coaching staff have taken a more technical approach to this week's game.

"This week's agenda means a lot of film study, seeing what their tendencies are in regards to their defensive backs," Sullivan said. "Film study is a big thing, especially for this week, looking at what we did wrong from a defensive perspective against Hampden-Sydney."

If Wabash is to win this weekend, they have to understand North Central's tendencies both on offense and defense. Sullivan hopes that the Wabash offense will learn those lessons well and adjust accordingly. "We're being really creative with our offensive game plan," said Sullivan, a native of Jacksonville, Florida. "We're just being really smart."

Expect Head Football Coach Don Morel to dig deep into his bag of tricks this week. It will be no easy task, but Morel will attempt to lead a valiant charge and drive the Little Giants to victory. It should come as no surprise that quarterback Liam Thompson '24 will head up the offense, especially after a lackluster week for Wabash's running backs.

On the opposite side of the ball, the Wabash defense gave up 48 points, 147 rushing yards and 346 passing yards last week, looking completely disoriented and clearly out-played by the Hampden-Sydney offense. If Wabash wants to control North Central's dominant offense, Defensive Coordinator Mike Ridings has some work to do.



Donovan Snyder '24 (left) and Liam Thompson '24 (right) on the field as Wabash beats Hampden-Syden 52-48 on September 3, 2022, at Little Giant Stadium.

COURTESY OF JAKE PAIGE '23

But Sullivan insists these are just growing pains.

"It was the first game running a new defense under a new defensive coordinator," said Sullivan. "They just need to recognize that each individual on defense has their assignments and not worry as much about everyone else's. Last year, that was a big problem for us on defense."

Look for North Central to go heavy on running the ball. Last season, they more than doubled Wabash in total rushing yards, accumulating 4,104 yards. Hopefully Wabash will be remedying their lackluster rushing defense by relying on each

man to step up and be accountable for each of their roles.

All in all, this matchup is one of great anticipation for the Little Giants. The last time these two teams met was in 2019 when Wabash suffered a massive 51-15 defeat away from home. Expect the upperclassman to take authority in this game and play with a chip on their shoulder. This week is highlighted with offensive potential, but the question remains: is Wabash's defense up to the challenge, and can each player hold themselves accountable for their roles? All will be answered this Saturday, September 10 at 1 p.m.

Results summary

Football

Saturday, September 3, 2022
Hampden-Sydney College – 48
Wabash College – 52
At Little Giant Stadium, Crawfordsville

Soccer

Thursday, September 1, 2022
Franklin College – 1
Wabash College – 3
At Fischer Field, Crawfordsville

Saturday, September 3, 2022
Olivet College – 0
Wabash College – 4
At Fischer Field, Crawfordsville

Sunday, September 4, 2022
Mount St. Joseph – 0
Wabash College – 7
At Fischer Field, Crawfordsville

Wednesday, September 7, 2022
Rose-Hulman – 1
Wabash College – 0
At Fischer Field, Crawfordsville

Upcoming schedule

Football

Saturday, September 10, 2022
North Central College, at
Wabash College
At Little Giant Stadium, Crawfordsville

Soccer

Saturday, September 10, 2022
Fontbonne University, at
Wabash College
At Fischer Field, Crawfordsville

Sunday, September 11, 2022
Webster University, at
Wabash College
At Fischer Field, Crawfordsville

Tennis

September 10-11, 2022
Transylvania University
Invitational
Lexington, Kentucky