

Basketball hires new coach

Putin threatens nuclear war



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TIERNAN DORAN '26 | STAFF WRITER • In the wake of a string of successful offensives by Ukrainian forces, Russian President Vladimir Putin raised the spectre of nuclear weapons. “If the territorial integrity of our country is threatened, we will without a doubt use all available means to protect Russia and our people,” said Putin in a televised speech on September 21. This threat has sent shockwaves around the world as leaders scramble to determine just how serious Putin is in his threat. Since ordering the invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, Putin has put the Russian nuclear command on “special combat readiness” alert. Throughout this time, he has also ordered a number of drills, presumably to flex his nuclear capacity and remind the world of Russia’s nuclear capabilities. But the escalation has not been limited to nuclear jingoism. According to the Brookings Institute, Putin formally and illegally annexed the Ukrainian regions of Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, and Kherson into Russia on September 30. A senior White House administration official told reporters that Putin has been “playing the nuclear card,” because of the international outcry against the “sham” referendums that Putin has used to annex sections of Ukraine, according to *Voice of America*. With Putin considering large sections of Ukraine to be Russian territory, Ukrainian attempts to retake this land could be viewed as an attack on Russia itself, giving Putin the justification to resort to the nuclear option.

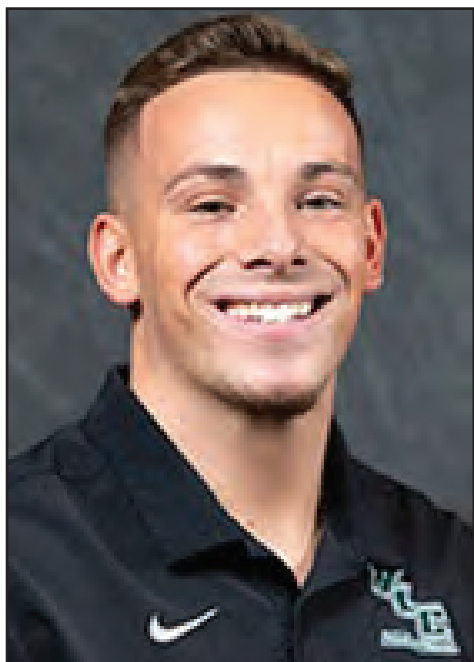
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-President Joe Biden

President Joseph Biden called out Putin’s threats during a speech at the United Nations General Assembly, calling them “reckless” and “irresponsible.” Biden also accused Russia of violating the tenets of their UN membership. The White House has also formed a response team in response to Putin’s threats. Biden has taken various steps to avoid further escalations with Russia, including postponing intercontinental ballistic missile tests and opting out of a plan to provide Ukraine with fighter jets. However, it seems that the White House plans to continue to provide arms to Ukrainian forces while targeting Russia’s economy with strong sanctions. Biden was asked about the possibility of Putin using Russia’s nuclear arsenal. “Don’t. Don’t. Don’t,” said Biden. “You will change the face of war unlike anything since World War II.” Though Putin has stressed the seriousness of his threat, calling it “not a bluff,” US intelligence has not reported any positioning changes in Russia’s nuclear arsenal. While many experts believe the current likelihood of Russian nuclear warfare to be low, some believe the probability could increase if Putin’s battlefield failures continue. Pentagon officials believe that the most likely nuclear scenario would be a smaller, “tactical” nuke used as an intimidation tactic against the Ukrainian government, ostensibly to force the US and its allies away from the conflict with the threat of nuclear holocaust. According to the Pentagon, it is unlikely that Russia is looking for an all-out nuclear war and is instead likely banking on the assumption that the US will not retaliate out of fear of devastating consequences, risking millions of lives globally.

This is a developing story. The Bachelor will continue to cover the war in Ukraine in upcoming issues

Introducing Assistant Coach Aaron Jacobs

ETHAN WALLACE '25 | STAFF WRITER • Wabash announced the hiring of new Assistant Basketball Coach Aaron Jacobs on September 30. Jacobs joins the Little Giants from Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee where he served as an assistant coach during the '21-22 season. Before coaching at Wisconsin Lutheran, Jacobs played four years of college basketball. He spent his first three at Holy Family College before moving to play his fourth season at Lakeland University, graduating in 2021. He may be early in his coaching career, but his youth and recent experience playing at the collegiate level should help him connect with Wabash players in a unique way. “I really look forward to creating a lot of relationships with the guys and continuing to add success to the program,” said Jacobs. “The program has been successful this past year, but I think we can find ways to continue to be better in every aspect of the game, both on and off the court. That starts with the guys but also goes up to us as coaches as well.”



COURTESY OF WISCONSIN LUTHERAN

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-Head Coach Kyle Brummett

Jacobs joins the Little Giants following a record-breaking '21-22 season. Wabash went on a 24-game winning streak, the longest in program history, to reach the semifinal round of the NCAA Division III Championship Tournament. Despite losing their Final Four game to Elmhurst University, the Wabash team broke a string of college records, including most points scored (2,853) and rebounds (1,150). Head Basketball Coach Kyle Brummett and the rest of the coaching staff are hopeful that Jacobs’s fresh perspective will help the program continue to move forward. “He’s a guy that’s going to bring a lot

of energy to our group,” said Brummett. “Coach Sullivan and I have been together for a long time, so it’s going to be exciting to have a fresh set of eyes. He is somebody that will grow as a coach while also bringing some new ideas.” Jacobs was drawn to the program by the strong basketball culture within the Wabash community. The support from students, parents and alumni create the environment that he wants to coach in. Jacobs says that experiencing the atmosphere of a Wabash Homecoming game is what reaffirmed his decision to come here. “A lot of people would look at the overall success, right?” Jacobs said. “The basketball, that’s one thing. But the community support, there’s something that’s really special here. It’s a small town, but the support from alumni and other sports really is the one thing that drew me to this place. I think it’s very special.” On top of his intimate knowledge of the game, Jacobs brings with him a strong network to aid Wabash’s future recruitment efforts. His connections will help guarantee the continued success of Little Giants basketball. Welcome to Wabash, Coach Jacobs.

Newly elected IFC cabinet brings bold proposals

SAM BENEDICT '25 | FEATURES EDITOR • The newly-elected '22-23 IFC cabinet has fielded various questions from students on how they will solve damaging issues surrounding fraternity life. These new officials argue that a complete restructuring of Greek life is the only solution. Following the pandemic, students have struggled to remember how to properly carry out timeless traditions on campus. This year alone, multiple freshmen have sent other freshmen to the hospital in their attempt to take part in the unique culture. The need for leadership and order is at an all time high as fraternity life is at risk of having these cultural staples eliminated.

“I want to provide more structure to the fraternity system as a whole. I feel as if the IFC has been an ineffective body thus far, but, going forward, the IFC will strive to unite the Greek community in light of the recent divisions”
-Brett Driscoll '24, IFC President

Historically, the Inter Fraternal Council (IFC) has been a relatively powerless body that utilizes diverse fraternity leadership to persuade houses to act in accordance with the Gentleman’s Rule. The organization has struggled in recent years because of bylaws that prevent them from having the power to punish fraternities as well as a lack of funding to host fraternal events. This year’s cabinet includes President Brett Driscoll '24, Internal Vice President Matthew Hendrick '25, External Vice President Brigham McGill '24, Treasurer Matt Lesniak '25, and Secretary Leo

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Theatre kicks off season with Shakespeare’s As You Like It

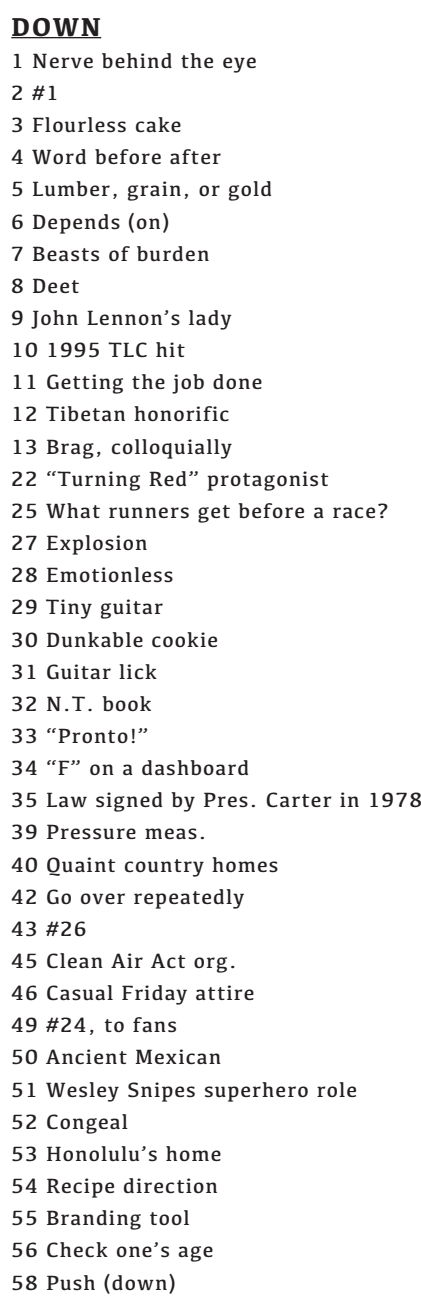


PHOTOS COURTESY OF BENJAMIN HIGH '24

The Wabash cast of Shakespeare’s As You Like It performs a complete run of the production during the final dress rehearsal on Tuesday, October 4. The cast features current Wabash students, professional actors, and Wabash professors. Dan Rogers, (top left, pictured left) is a professor of Spanish who plays Duke Frederick in the play. In the photo, Rogers/Frederick is gesturing towards Le Beau, played by Nathan Ellenberger '26.

[Theme within]

Crossword by Logan Weilbaker '25



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6 Optimistic

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20 Chiming clocks, for 19-Across
21 Monopoly space that costs you \$200
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26 Star-spangled contraction
27 Certain parade attire
33 Oft confused homophone
36 MMA outcome
37 Opera highlight
38 Deluxe hotel offering

39 "Annabel Lee" poet

40 Split, as a chin

41 Plus

42 "It ____" ("Who's there?" response)

43 Prozac alternative

44 Air travel necessities

47 Caesar, for one

48 Straight, in slang

49 Unruly bunch

52 Country whose residents call themselves Ticos
and Ticas

57 In the slightest

59 So-Do connection

60 Mideast liquor

61 Type of rays responsible for Bruce Banner's powers

62 State with a triangular swallowtail flag

63 Singer Kelly

64 Plant firmly

65 Use a screwdriver, say

66 Finishes

67 See 1-Across

‘Danny-flation’

Editorial Cartoon by Arman Luthra '25



Newly-elected IFC cabinet brings bold proposals



COURTESY OF ELIJAH GREENE '25

Fraternity brothers cheer on their freshmen as they compete in Chapel Sing on September 29.



COURTESY OF ELIJAH GREENE '25

Sphinx Club member Jonathan Silva '24 screams to disrupt Chapel Sing participants, to no avail.

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Each of these executives have previously served on the IFC in either an executive role or as a house representative. “My main goal would be to increase Greek numbers,” said Driscoll. “That’s a very tangible goal. I also want to provide more structure to the fraternity system as a whole. I feel as if the IFC has been an ineffective body thus far, but, going forward, the IFC will strive to unite the Greek community in light of the recent divisions.” The divisions that Driscoll is discussing include a freshman being sent to the hospital after being attacked while guarding the bench and multiple freshmen who have been injured in attempts to steal Beta hats. Previously, the

IFC has turned to other organizations, such as the Sphinx Club, to reprimand those involved. “We need stricter enforcement for misconduct issues,” said Driscoll. “The shenanigans are great, but the shenanigans have gone too far. The IFC can be an effective organization in amending the relationships between fraternity houses as a guider of tradition and camaraderie at the school. We may enact suspensions as far as rush during Scarlet honors weekends and admitted students weekends, bench privileges, and it could even go as far as homecoming or panhel suspensions. No one wants to see the IFC take these actions, however, we are at a crossroads where our traditions are being threatened and something

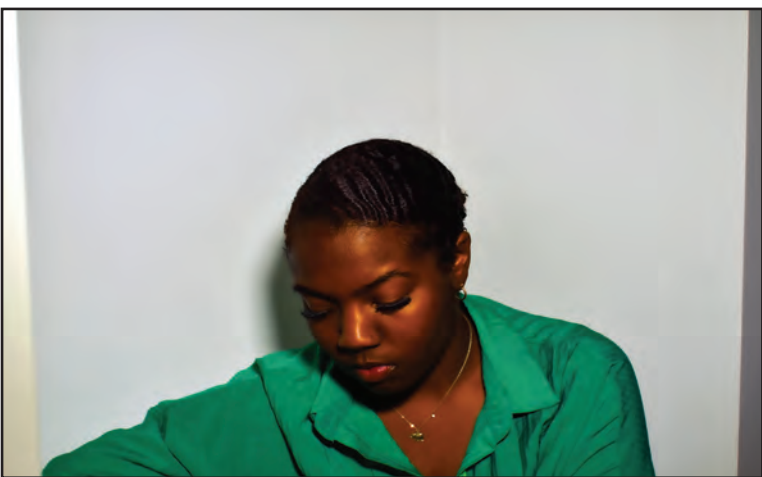
needs to be done.” From a financial side, questions have arisen over the disproportionate amount of funding given to various clubs on campus in comparison to the IFC. This year, Student Senate has allocated about \$1000 to the IFC, while the Independent Men’s Association is at almost \$19,000. As an organization that represents over half of campus, the IFC believes that they deserve to be receiving significantly more funding in the coming years. “I’d like to see IFC have more of a voice of campus,” said McGill. “Similar to IMA, we represent all fraternity men, and deserve to be treated as such.” “As treasurer, I want to assist houses in affording greek life traditions such as bench paint and homecoming

week traditions,” said Lesniak. Fraternities do pay dues to the IFC, but that only accounts for an added approximately \$3000 to the overall budget, making it hard for the IFC to host events like panhel, Fraternity Day, and other activities that boost morale for members. The future of the IFC is in question because the new executive board believes that this organization can become a leading body on campus, a refreshing take from what previous IFC leaders have done. “I think the IFC should be a governing body, working in part with the Sphinx Club and the IMA,” said McGill. “Those 3 bodies should be able to ensure the safety of Wabash men, while also preserving traditions, and the culture we want.”

Masking light under darkness

William Shepler '23 photo essay grapples with privacy, beauty and reality

BENJAMIN BULLOCK '23 | SPORTS EDITOR • What is the relationship of light to darkness? Is it a binary, or is the relationship more complex? And are we even looking at the right thing? Is there something beyond the light that viewers can’t see? In his latest series, art major William Shepler '23 grapples with these questions. He asks viewers to consider the darkness in their own lives. What does it mean to be in darkness, and where does one find the light in it? It is a profound study, one that has challenged the very core of his artistic being. “Before this project, I didn’t take my photography as seriously,” said Shepler. “I was just traveling and capturing moments. But with this series, I changed my mentality. Instead of capturing moments, I started setting up moments to capture.” The focus of the series is masks. What do people choose to mask in their lives, and to whom? People often think of masks as a way to cover darkness with a sheet of light. But Shepler’s collection fundamentally challenges this



“Everything in the scene was set up. I set up the lighting, I set up the background—I set up everything around the girl. But I didn’t set her up, if that makes sense. I didn’t tell her to do anything, I just cracked jokes and had a good time. I wanted to capture her naturally when everything else around her was set up. It was like the fake and the natural conflicting with each other.”

principle, instead offering viewers an alternative. What if the focus wasn’t on light, but on the things beyond it? Could we then find a way past our binaries and into a new understanding of masks and what is behind them?



“I love the dark. I don’t know how to explain it, but with light comes dark. People don’t think about what’s not in the spotlight. What’s in the back? What is what is pushing through what’s in the spotlight?”



“This one image was taken in the corner of my dorm room. There was so much beauty in the photo, but such terrible scenery. I was able to find that one corner, that one little wall, that I could just light up and have the viewer truly appreciate the beauty in the photo. I love looking at it. The subject just pops out of the screen, it’s almost like a three-dimensional photo because of how I got the shadows fall and merge.”



“The project I’m working on right now has been far more difficult than I thought it would be. I’m trying to capture the idea of privacy, which is very difficult because when you think of private, you shouldn’t be able to capture it. How do I make it seem like either the person taking the photo is being hidden or the character is being hidden? There is always something between the two subjects, so how do I present that without being too obvious?”

FEATURES

Wally's Pub Trivia

COURTESY OF HUGH VANDIVIER '91

Division I – The Sciences

- 1.) Organic chemistry, Laura Wysocki: What is the name of the gas, CH₄?
- 2.) Physics, Dennis Krause: Name the physicist whose law of gravity explains the motion of the planets around the Sun as well as why all objects near the Earth fall with the same acceleration.

Division II- The Humanities

- 3.) Philosophy, Stephen Webb '83: Which philosopher kicked a dog to demonstrate that animals are machines and that a crippled animal is nothing more than a broken clock?
- 4.) Rhetoric, Jennifer Abbott: According to Aristotle, the three persuasive appeals that compose the canon of invention include pathos, ethos, and what?

Division III- The Social Sciences

- 6.) Political Science, Melissa Butler and Ethan Hollander: How many countries are members of the United Nations?
- 7.) Economics, Peter Mikek: Which of the following is NOT an important determinant of REAL wages for the whole economy? a.) Quantity of output per unit of input, b.) Inflation, c.) Productivity, d.) Number of hours worked.

Extracurricular

- 8.) Writing Center, Julia Rosenberg: What is an Oxford coma?

Tiebreaker

- 9.) If you tallied it up during the course of a school year, how many times did Wabash students sing Old Wabash during last year? (The tally included Ringing In Ceremony, Commencement, every football score, before and after every athletic event, after each Chapel Talk, and all the reunion classes for Big Bash. It did not include Chapel Sing, which would be next to impossible to even estimate!)

This Week at Wabash



FRI 7th	• TGIF 4:30 PM
SAT 8th	• Soccer vs. Kenyon 1:00 PM • As You Like It 8:00 PM
SUN 9th	• Catholic Mass at Newman Center 5:00 PM
MON 10th	• Humanities Colloquium 12:10 PM • Student Senate 7:00 PM • Chess with Gregory Kaidanov 7:00 PM
TUE 11th	• Comic Book Giveaway! 12:00 PM • Soccer vs. Denison 4:00 PM
WED 12th	• Community Mixer 4:00 PM • Fall PIE 6:00 PM
THUR 13th	• Fall Break
FRI 14th	• Fall Break

Enjoy the break and get some rest!

From the desk of the Ramsay Archives: October 24, 1969 ‘Defining midterms’

From the Editor's Desk

Midterms Challenge A Narrow Horizon

What is a midterm?

The midterm which covers half of a semesters course material, for many, is the first exam given in a particular course.

What is a horizon?

It is not merely the geographical concept of a line where the surface of land or sea joins the sky. In a figurative, and perhaps a more real sense, it is an appeal of a great purpose, coming to us from beyond the known, it is the challenge of the uncharted sea.

Only those attuned to its wavelength can hear it, only those with a vivid imagination, a spirit of adventure and an inexorable will can respond, and move steadily towards it, just as the ancient and medieval mariners of the Phoenicians and Greeks ventured forth into the unknown "to sail—in Tennyson's words—beyond the sunset and the baths of all the western stars."

Men of Wabash broaden your Horizons by being attuned to the educational experience Wabash offers. Midterms are almost here—start studying!

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The *Bachelor* will not be published next Friday, October 31 due to mid-term examinations. The next issue of the *Bachelor* will be Friday November 7.

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The *Bachelor* will again have a humorous center section in the DePauw-Wabash football weekend issue. The *Bachelor* is sponsoring a competition for the most humorous poke, story or satire about Dannies or Wabash (through Dannie eyes). Five dollars will be awarded for the best entry. The living unit with the most entries will also receive recognition. Deadline for entries is November 6. Submit entries to the *Bachelor* Room 30, Campus Center.

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Florida recovers after Hurricane Ian



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Responders assess Hurricane Ian's destruction on Sanibel Island, Fort Myers Beach, Fla.

ANDREW DEVER '25 | OPINION EDITOR • Hurricane Ian slammed into the Southeastern Seaboard last Wednesday as a Category 4 hurricane after briefly passing through Cuba. The hurricane terrorized Florida for several days, inflicting untold damage and destruction to the state, and eventually moved north to the Carolinas as a high-capacity tropical storm.

Rescue efforts have persisted since the onset of the hurricane, with over 2,300 successful rescues completed and nearly 80,000 buildings searched. Federal efforts from the Coast Guard, combined with state and local law enforcement have continuously been providing aid to the communities affected by the hurricane. Days after Hurricane Ian's landfall, people in the southwestern regions of Florida are still struggling to regain basic necessities such as clean water and electricity.

As Hurricane Ian's reign of terror in Florida and North and South Carolina ends, the death toll in those communities continues to climb. As of Tuesday, October 5, 109 people have been reported killed, according to CNN. Over 400,000 people in Florida remain without power, while thousands more find themselves homeless. The damage incurred is incomprehensible, and many communities have been significantly destroyed.

A particularly pressing situation, harkening back to the devastation that Hurricane Fiona unleashed on Puerto Rico in September, has been mirrored by Hurricane Ian's impact on the islands off the coast of Florida. Throughout the past few days, numerous stories have emerged about the destruction and tragedy that has befallen the small communities living on island chains around Florida.

Similar to Hurricane Fiona and Puerto Rico, the islands were surprised by the trajectory of Hurricane Ian, which was not supposed to directly hit their communities, and were left unprepared for the destruction that followed the Category 4 hurricane. Additionally, the insufficient infrastructure on these islands resulted in arguably the worst hurricane destruction in American history. Due to the

150 mph winds, torrential rain and high tides, many Floridians remain isolated and unaccounted for, with rescue efforts continuing at all hours.

Hurricane Ian has also affected several Wabash students from Florida who still have friends and family residing in Florida. Andre Aguilera '25, from Naples, relayed the damage the hurricane inflicted upon his community.

"Many lifelong friends and members of my community have had their homes destroyed and lost everything they owned," said Aguilera. "To this day many are still without power and going into work remains a challenge for many while some have been left without jobs due to so much destruction. It's really heartbreaking to see the community I grew up in such a bad spot but it's also been nice to see how much they've banded together to help the rebuilding process."

Milo Paez '25 is from Fort Myers, Florida, one of the hardest-hit areas. "Being so far from Ian has been rough, seeing my community struggle. People have lost their homes, communities, livelihoods and loved ones. Many people I know don't have anywhere to go as they lost their homes and everything in it, basically starting from their life from scratch. Glory to God, my family is okay, but others were not as lucky. I have friends that are first responders and tell me how truly devastating this was. Our downtown area was full of businesses that were all wiped away."

Recent media coverage has focused on state governments' rescue and recovery efforts. Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has employed state manpower and financial resources to aid communities in their recovery efforts, while holding daily briefings on the current state of recovery efforts. DeSantis also requested federal financial assistance.

President Joe Biden plans to visit Florida within the next week to meet with DeSantis to survey the wreckage wrought by the hurricane. Speaking to the press, Biden lamented that the scale of Ian's destruction is arguably the worst in the nation's history.

HI-FIVES

FIVE THINGS WORTHY
OF A HI-FIVE THIS WEEK

HARD KNOCKS

Lo-Five to the guy who ran onto the field during Monday Night Football and is now suing Bobby Wagner for hitting him. Between him and the NFLPA suing the Dolphins, the NFL needs to watch out in the courtroom.

YIKETY YAK, DON'T TALK BACK

Hi-Five to the Yak. Y'all have actually been good this week. Keep it up--can't wait to read about the TKE "party" this weekend.

WHAT A LAST NAME

Hi-Five to Steeve Ho You Fat for creating maybe the greatest on-air call during this week's Metropolitans 92 v Ignite game. And apologies to the ESPN viewers who thought they were personally attacked by the worldwide leader in sports.

WHAT ON EARTH IS GOING ON IN THE EMERALD CITY?

Lo-Five to Dr. Oz for killing more than 300 puppies while doing medical "research." Philly Cheesesteaks are usually made with beef, so this is a weird campaign stunt.

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I'M FEELING 62

Hi-Five to Aaron Judge for hitting his 62nd homer, setting the AL record. Imagine how many he could hit if he took as many roids as Bonds.

OPINION

Indiana is not boring

Garrett Dalton '26

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Talk to anyone, and I guarantee that Indiana is on their list as one of the most boring states in the country. I mean, how could you blame them? Take a trip down any Indiana highway, and you are bound to see nothing but flat corn and

soybean fields. Not the most exciting sight, I must concede. However, I am here to defend Indiana and give it the appreciation it deserves.

First, let's talk about the weather. Now I know that my fellow Hoosiers may not take pleasure in the unpredictable nature of Indiana weather; however, there is much more to love climate-wise. Indiana is not a land of extremes. No brutally hot summer, no obscurely cold winter; Indiana is known for staying relatively in the middle. Another thing worth noting is that Indiana gets to experience the beauty of all four seasons. I think this is something that we Hoosiers take for granted. Many people will never be able to watch the leaves change into stunning shades of red, orange, and yellow. We get to

see it every year, and I think that is something special.

Moving on from the weather, something unique about Indiana is the people themselves. Indiana has something called "Hoosier Hospitality." People tend to be friendlier and show more compassion for others than you typically find in other states or regions. It is comforting whenever you walk down the street of any Indiana town and strangers ask you how you are. That is what Indiana is, a place where the people can make it feel like home for anyone.

Now going back to the terrain of Indiana. I know Indiana has always been characterized as nothing but a flyover state littered with cornfields. In some ways, that might be correct; however, there is much

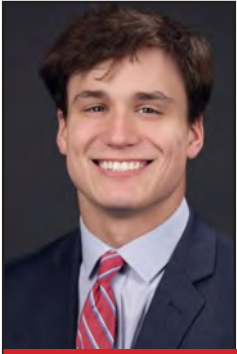
more to Indiana than its corn-filled stereotypes. Take a trip up to northern Indiana, and you will find the serenity of Indiana Dunes National Park as its rolling sand hills brush against Lake Michigan. Perhaps you will head down south to the Indiana hills and see the ocean of colorful leaves as it turns to autumn. Maybe you will stay in the middle and appreciate the beauty of seeing the corn dot the landscape as it comes up in perfect rows. Wherever you are, you can find beauty.

I leave you with this: even though Indiana has been plagued with accusations of being boring, that does not take away from the fact that Indiana is a wonderful place to be. If you want a place to forever feel like home no matter who you are, you will find that right here in Indiana.

A Little Giant family

Tanner Quackenbush '26

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I stand on giant shoulders, the shoulders of my father Tom Quackenbush '88, my uncle Rick Stults '91, my cousins Drew Stults '20 and Charles Bock '22, and brothers Brady Quackenbush '18 and Grant Quackenbush '21.

Since starting at Wabash, certain things have become very apparent to me, one being the importance of family. I am blessed to be the seventh member of my family to attend Wabash College, and when talking to junior Kai Warren, he said to me, "Wabash has given me everything." I could not agree any more.

My father, Tom Quackenbush, graduated here in 1988. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2012 for his accomplishments in baseball and was a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

With hard work and dedication to this College, he made a life for himself. Because of Wabash, he could get a job, raise a family, and be a fantastic father. Furthermore, the Gentleman's Rule was a law in my home growing up, "Always be a gentleman," my parents would say. Thirty-four years after his life as a student, he still uses his intense work ethic and loves Wabash as much as he did when he was here. That goes for my two older brothers, two cousins, and uncle as well.

Four members of Beta Theta Pi, two of Kappa Sigma, two Sphinx Club members, one Glee Club member, presidents and leaders of clubs, I could go on and on about the accomplishments and standards set by these Wabash men. This is a testament to them and many who helped along the way. Long lists of accomplishments are a Little Giant standard, and these six men stand T.A.L.L.

When choosing where to attend college this past summer, I was lost. Where do I go? What is the right choice? Overwhelming thoughts like these intruded on my mind. I could have gone to my mother's alma mater at Ball State and followed my dreams of being an architect. But something felt right about Wabash. An unexplainable feeling pushed me to go to the place I needed the most.

I was never once forced to go to Wabash College. The six sets of shoulders

I stand on didn't have to tell me where to go; I saw and felt it. I see it in how they act. When touring the campus as a senior in high school, it felt like home. Wabash was comfortable for me, but I also knew it would push me out of my comfort zone. This is how Wabash men grow and how my family members did as well.

Wabash was the right choice for me, and the six other Little Giants in my

family. That may not go for every man, but few places are as special as this. The traditions and brotherhood have survived the test of time. Through wars and pandemics, Wabash has stood firm, instilling in its members the virtues and lessons of what it takes to be a man and, more specifically, a gentleman. As I embark on my own path, I am learning these virtues. I am proud to be a Little Giant.

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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Intentionality key to progress

As football enters bye week, serious reflection needed to turn season around

DAVID GELMAN '26 | FOOTBALL WRITER • With the Wabash College football team on a bye weekend, perhaps now is the time to do some deeper reflection on the first five game weeks. I'm sure we'd all admit that the season so far has been a rollercoaster of different emotions. But where the offense has excelled with its attention to detail, the defense has stumbled along in lackadaisical style. It's time the defense took a leaf out of the offense's book. The Little Giants offense came up clutch again this week in a one possession win against Wittenberg. In the past three games, Wabash has been dominant on offense, scoring 132 points over the three weeks. This brings their total offense to 196 points, averaging a phenomenal 39.2 points per game. "There are always constant holes in the offense that need to be filled," said offensive lineman Quinn Sholar '26. "But our coaches do a great job of putting together practices that put us in the driver's seat to succeed. We always practice with attention to detail and intention."

Head Football Coach Don Morel has pushed his players hard in practice over the past few weeks. Not wanting to rest on their laurels, the team has continued to work hard and dominate the offensive game. With the offense averaging 532 yards per game and having 553 total yards of offense against Wittenberg alone, the devil has been in the details. "Paying attention to the smallest details keeps the team on their toes," said Sholar. "Controlling only what we can control, such as attitude and effort, is something we have to bring to the table every day. We understand that perfection is never realistic, but we are



COURTESY OF JAKE PAIGE '23

Liam Thompson '24 rushes the ball against the Denison Big Red at Wabash's Homecoming game on Saturday, September 24, at Little Giant Stadium.

always striving to be, so that is what it will take to be on top." Devotion to improvement is what this Little Giants team needs. Practice makes progress, and the progress we have seen so far this season offensively is uncanny and incomparable to the offense of last year.

However, it seems to be a different story on defense. We have seen glimmers and glimpses of what the Little Giants defense is capable of, but the question still remains: why is the defense still performing so poorly, and how does the team move forward?

"We get ourselves into a good rhythm but then let up a big play," says

defensive back Sam Ringer '26. "That causes us to lose all of our momentum, forcing us to start from scratch again. That has been one of the big things we have talked about as a defense, limiting the big plays."

The defense must, as Ringer puts it, limit big plays if it wants to improve this year. These big plays have cost the Little Giants a division win against Denison and have forced the team to rely on the offense to bail them out in almost every game. The only thing that can be held responsible for the Little Giants mediocre 3-2 record on the season is the team's underwhelming defense. It's about time that changed.

Cross country runners set personal bests

ANDREW DEVER '25 | OPINION EDITOR

• The Wabash College cross country team competed in the Louisville Cross Country Classic on October 1. With several hundred runners competing, the Little Giants performed well to finish 18th place in the team standings.

In their second competitive race of the season, several Wabash runners excelled throughout the course. Braden Curnett '25 helped lead the charge in the 8,000 meter race, achieving a personal best time of 26:15.2 and finishing in the top-35 of all competitors.

Additionally, Joe Barnett '24 secured 62nd place in the competition, finishing with a time of 26:38.2, also a career best. Thomas Gaines '23 and Justin Santiago '25 also secured their career best times in their events.

For Barnett, success at the Classic was both a positive step towards growth and an acknowledgement of the individual and team potential for the rest of the season.

"A lot of us had breakthrough performances this weekend," said Barnett. "We had a lot of personal bests, and we placed pretty well as a team. We have been training really well all season and that is starting to pay dividends as we approach the later-season meets."

The cross country team returns to action on October 14 at the Jenna Strong Fall Classic at Wilmington College in Ohio.



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Joe Barnett '24 leads the Red Pack at the John McNichols Invitational, September 16, 2022, in Terre Haute.

Heldt: 'We hope to bring back more hardware'

Wrestling practice gets underway, sets sights on national championship

COLE BERGMAN '24 | SPORTS WRITER • Off the back of a historic 2021-22 season, the Wabash College wrestling team is hungry for more. With practice for the 2022-23 season well underway, the Little Giants are looking to keep their momentum going and build on the team's recent spell of success.

Last season, the Little Giants finished with an overall record of 8-1 in dual matches. The team only lost one matchup, the final of the National Wrestling Coaches Association National Duals, to the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

Throughout the season, the team also came away with numerous individual and team tournament championships. In the NCAA Division III Tournament, the wrestling team won the Region Tournament with seven national qualifiers and placed second at the national championship, enough to earn five wrestlers All-American honors.

Looking forward to this next season, Head Wrestling Coach Brian Anderson says

"The program focuses on the process, not the outcome... the outcome will be a success if they stay focused."

- Coach Brian Anderson

part of our sport, and right now some guys are working hard to get closer to their competition weight as the season rolls around," said Heldt. "The wrestling season is long and tough, so it is very important to get nagging injuries healthy now before it gets worse when competition rolls around."

As for long-term goals, Heldt and Anderson agree that the team only has one objective in mind: winning the 2023 national championship.

"We don't focus on the goal, but everyone knows what it is and what they are shooting for as individuals and as a team," said Anderson. "The program focuses on the process, not the outcome. They all know day-by-day and week-by-week what they need to do. The outcome will be a success if they stay focused."

Adding to the lineup this year are a handful of new freshmen prospects. This season will be their first taste of college life and next-level collegiate competition.

"The offseason is going amazingly," said Daniel Alves '26, one of the team's new additions. "We are learning how to push each other to our full potential and have been getting stronger while doing so. Last season, we were short by one point and now we are even hungrier to push through and come out on top."

Even through the grueling practices, the freshmen are pushing through. "The freshmen are doing great and really hitting the ground running," said Anderson. "The preseason really helps them adjust to college courses while managing short workouts throughout the week."

Heldt also looks forward to finally getting back onto the mat in front of Wabash fans soon.

"I think everyone is excited for the season," said Heldt. "We like to wrestle, that's why most of us came to Wabash. So, the sooner we can get to season the better."

"We want to thank the school for cheering us on this past season. We hope to bring back more hardware for the Little Giants in a few short months."

The Wabash wrestling team begins their season on November 5 at the Adrian College Invitational.



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Wrestler Jack Heldt '24 finished national runner-up in the 197-pound bracket at the 2022 NCAA tournament.

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A team with a point to prove

Soccer faces its toughest opponents of the season so far

PRECIOUS AINABOR '26 | SOCCER WRITER • The Wabash College soccer team has won plaudits for its stellar performances so far this season, but their toughest opponents lie ahead. The Little Giants take on the Kenyon College Owls on Saturday, October 8 before facing off against the Denison College Big Red on Tuesday, October 11. These are arguably the two most important games of Wabash's season, but who will prevail?

In their opening conference match against Oberlin College on September 24, the Little Giants came from a goal behind to win 3-2. After going 1-0 down in the 18th minute, Wabash responded with three successive goals from Alexis Delgado '23 and Jesse Martinez '26, the latter picking up a brace. Oberlin scored a late consolation goal, but the damage was already done and Wabash picked up its first conference victory.

“We have a real opportunity to prove some things from last year.”

- Peter McArdle '23

Then, on October 1, the Little Giants humiliated Hiram College in Ohio. Delgado and Jose Escalante '26 both fired braces to put together an astonishing 5-0 victory. Jackson Grabill '24 rounded out the scoring, getting his second career goal for the Little Giants.

“We have a well-rounded team that is looking better and healthier each day,” said midfielder Mitchell Keeling '23. “We are optimistic and confident in our ability as we approach big conference games. We have been working hard this year on better imposing our style of play on the game and on staying connected as a group.”

In every game so far, the team has



COURTESY OF JAKE PAIGE '23

Right back Jerry Little '23 rises for the ball as Wabash defeat Hanover College 1-0 on September 19, 2022, at Fischer Field.



COURTESY OF ELIJAH GREENE '25

Quinn Leous '23 (front) and Alexis Delgado '23 (back) wait to get the ball against Fontbonne University on September 10, 2022.

worked well as a unit, with every player striving to make an impact on the game. The team has scored 37 goals from 17 different players, a testament to the squad's strength in depth.

The Little Giants have played away from home in their last three games but return

to Fischer Field on October 8 to face off against Kenyon College. The Little Giants remember all too well the last game against Kenyon, an 8-0 loss in the NCAC playoff semi-final. But the players say that the mentality going into this year's game is completely different.

Team total goals, 2022:



Wabash College Soccer

37 goals



Kenyon College Soccer

37 goals

ALEXIS DELGADO '23



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2022 STATISTICS

GOALS: 6 SH%: 0.375
ASSISTS: 2 SOG: 10
SHOTS: 16 SOG%: 0.625

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COURTESY OF KENYON COLLEGE ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT

2022 STATISTICS

GOALS: 9 SH%: 0.321
ASSISTS: 1 SOG: 15
SHOTS: 28 SOG%: 0.536

Time to dream? Not yet.

BENJAMIN BULLOCK '23 | SPORTS EDITOR • There is definitely something special about this Wabash College soccer team. They have out-muscled, out-performed and out-witted a number of quality opponents, a feat made all the more impressive by their relative youth. And it has people wondering... are we witnessing the beginning of something historic?

But it isn't time to get excited—not yet, at least. Because if the Little Giants want to be considered as serious conference contenders, they still have one big task to prove: that they can score goals when it matters.

It sounds strange, I know. This is a team that has scored 37 goals so far this season, an average of more than three per game. Only Kenyon College, the favorite to win the conference, has a higher goal per game ratio (4.1).

But a brief glance over the Little Giants' results will tell you most of what you need to know: we struggle to break down strong defensive teams.

Don't misconstrue my meaning, this is not to take anything away from Wabash's compelling victories. As the old adage goes, you can only play what is in front of you, and the Little Giants have done just that. In six of Wabash's nine wins, the team has scored four or more goals, an impressive achievement regardless of the caliber of opponent.

However, we need to look more closely at the games in which Wabash hasn't scored as many goals. Only four opponents have held the Little Giants to a goal or fewer, but those games tell us a lot more about this Wabash team than the big wins do.

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and Webster University both shut Wabash out in two equally frustrating home contests. In these games, the Little Giants dominated possession but faltered in the attacking

third. Wabash only registered one shot on goal against Webster, a dull attacking performance to say the least.

One of Wabash's biggest strengths this season has been using the outside backs to push forward. Right back Quinn Leous '23 and left back Jerry Little '23 have done excellent work moving the ball higher up the field and feeding into the front line.

“Coach wants our outside backs to play high and wide from the get-go, and that's different from how we've played in the past,” said Leous. “I think it makes sense, though, because now we have the most attacking depth and firepower that we've ever had.”

Both Rose-Hulman and Webster countered this threat by sitting their wingers in deep, not allowing Leous and Little much time on the ball and thus shutting down the wide attack. As a result, the Wabash forwards didn't get the service they needed to get shots away.

“If you watch any of the times we've struggled this season, it's been against teams that sit in on us,” said Leous. “I guess it's a good thing that other teams respect our attacking abilities, but it has also been very frustrating at times.”

Wabash's upcoming NCAC opponents are adept defensive teams. Kenyon and Denison, the Little Giants' next two fixtures, have conceded just six and nine goals respectively, an average of less than one per game. Wabash will need to get creative to break down these sides.

So, what options does the team have? Well, it certainly won't be last season's top goal scorer Coledon Johnson '23. Having picked up an ankle injury early on in the year, Johnson is expected to be out for the rest of the season. As a proven goal scorer against NCAC opponents, the loss of Johnson is a huge blow to Wabash's offensive front.



COURTESY OF ELIJAH GREENE '25

Alexis Delgado '23 is currently Wabash's leading offensive player with six goals and two assists. Pictured with the ball against Webster University on September 11, 2022.

Thankfully, there is another proven goal scorer in the team, somebody who, despite his excellent form, has gone somewhat under the radar so far this season. Alexis Delgado '23 is currently the Little Giants' most powerful offensive player. With six goals and two assists on the season, Delgado has been a consistent attacking threat.

However, Delgado has at times struggled to find his rhythm against more defensive-minded opposition. Against Webster, for instance, he played 75 minutes but managed to pull off only one shot all game. It was a similar story against Illinois-Wesleyan, getting no shots on goal in 60 minutes of play time.

The Little Giants will only succeed in breaking down their NCAC opponents if they get Delgado into scoring positions. It is as simple as this: when Delgado shoots, Delgado scores. He currently has a .375 shot conversion rate, higher than his Kenyon counterpart Alem Duratovic whose conversion rate it .321. Playing to Delgado's strengths, then, should be at the top of Wabash's offensive priority list.

“I think the main problem for us is combining in the final third,” said forward

“Although the loss last year is potent in all the returner's minds, we know that Kenyon is not facing the same team and pieces they did last year,” said defender Peter McArdle '23. “We are ready and excited to be on the field with them again. We have a real opportunity to prove some things from last year.”

Although it would be easy to brood on the playoff defeat, Little Giants fans should remember that Wabash gave Kenyon a tough game in the 2021 regular conference season. When the two teams met on October 16, 2021, Kenyon only won the game by the skin of their teeth. Coledon Johnson '23 gave the Little Giants a 1-0 lead in the first half, but Kenyon equalized midway through the second period. It took an overtime winner from a set piece to hand Kenyon the points.

But one should never underestimate Kenyon's abilities. In the last decade, Wabash has only beaten Kenyon one time, a conference game in 2014. And this year, the Owls look as impressive as ever. They are unbeaten on the season with nine wins from nine matches, and have scored an average of more than four goals per game. Little wonder, then, that the United Soccer Coaches ranks them fourth in the nation for DIII soccer.

After Kenyon, Wabash immediately faces another tough opponent in Denison. The Big Red emerged as 2021 NCAC champions, beating Kenyon in the conference playoff final. In program history, Wabash has played Denison 27 times but has only won four matchups, the most recent victory coming in 2016. The Little Giants will be looking to turn the tide and score a victory to propel them into the playoffs.

If there is a real test of this Wabash team's abilities, it will be these two crucial games. It will take an almighty team effort to overcome these fearsome opponents.

Teeing off the Kopp era in style

Golf finishes second at Stateline Shootout

RYAN PAPANDRIA '25 | SPORTS WRITER

• Putts are finally rolling again, and the Wabash College golf team has made a historic start to its season. Under the reign of Interim Head Golf Coach Justin Kopp '21, the team has already shattered all expectations. Following on from their first ever team event win at the Forest Hills Invitational, the Little Giant golfers continued to stay hot at the Stateline Shootout on October 1-2, placing second out of nine teams.

“We really have something special going on.”

- Brayden Weiss '24

At the Forest Hills Invitational on September 17-18, Wabash instantly wrote themselves into the history books, capturing the overall team title and finishing five strokes ahead of second-

placed IU-East. Sean Bledsoe '26 and Brayden Weiss '24 also finished first and second respectively in the individual standings. Bledsoe led the Wabash team with a two-round score of 143, finishing one over par on the first day and even par on the second. Brayden Weiss '24 also had a strong weekend, finishing with a two-round score of 147.

This was Kopp's first tournament as a coach, but it didn't show. A recent Wabash graduate, Kopp is the third new head coach in three years following the resignation of Josh Hill over the summer. But while the team has been impressive on the course, perhaps even more surprising has been Kopp's ability to rally the team around him.

“The guys have been super understanding and appreciative of me as a human and a coach,” said Kopp. “They have made this process so much easier than it could've been.”

Kopp already has his sights set on founding a winning golf culture. In fact, he wants to emulate one of Wabash's most successful athletic programs to do so.

“I am willing to put in the work to be one of the best teams in the country,” said Kopp. “When you walk in the Allen Center, and then you walk by Chadwick Court, there is always someone in the gym shooting, and I got to see that culture get built with the basketball team. I want my guys to mimic that, I think that is where the program can really take off.”

In the Stateline Shootout, there was a lot to be proud of, even if the Little Giants did not come out on top. After leading the team rankings through round one of the tournament, Wabash finished the weekend in second place. Weiss and Bledsoe once again led the team, tying for fourth place individually with two-round scores of 78-74 and 73-79 respectively. Weiss wants to make sure that his teammates do not become complacent with their early success.

“You can never stop getting better,” said Weiss. “We do a great job competing among ourselves. When you try to beat the guy next to you, it's like you're playing against your brothers.”

Not only does he want this culture to surround the team this year, but he also wants it to build into following years, even after he graduates. He notes the early-season wonder of Bledsoe's big tournament win.

“We've got guys like Sean that will come in and compete this year,” said Weiss. “I hope they continue that and keep up this culture in the future.”

The next event for the Little Giants will be the Wabash College Invitational, held on October 10-11 at Broadmoor Country Club in Indianapolis. It will be one of the Little Giants' most difficult tournaments yet, but Kopp and his team are ready for the challenge.

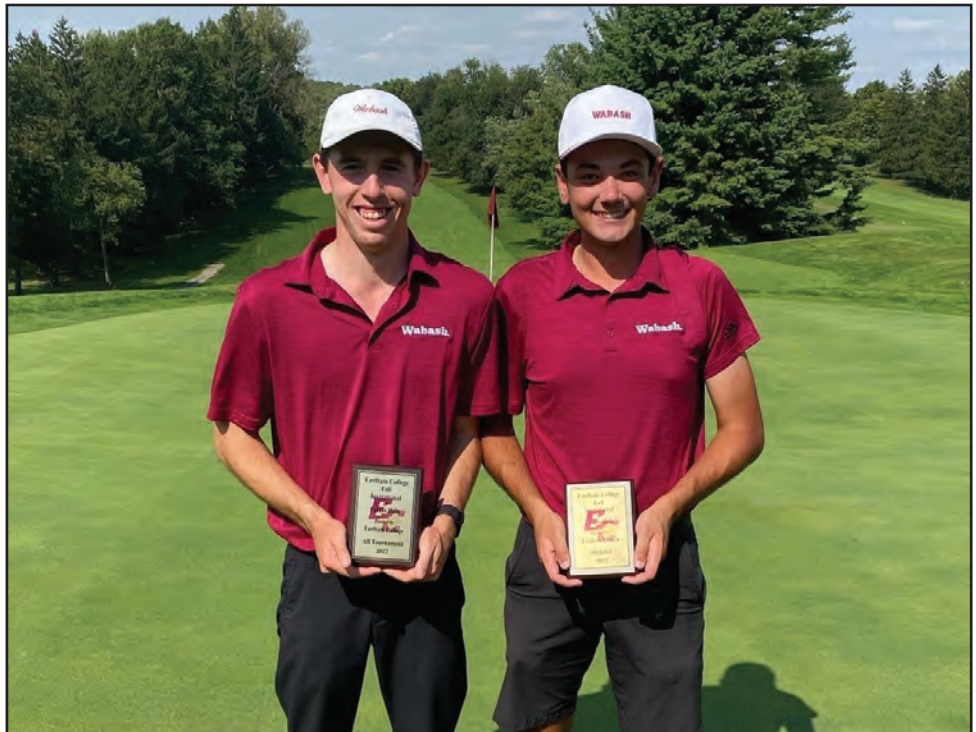
“There are some top 25 teams coming to our tournament, so we can really use them as a measuring stick to see how good we can really be,” said Kopp. “We'll surprise some teams with how good we are.”

For Coach Kopp, Brayden and the rest of the Little Giants golf team, the future is brighter than ever. “We really have something special going on,” said Weiss.



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Brayden Weiss '24 finished first in the individual standings at the Forest Hill Invitational on September 17-18.



COURTESY OF NORTH COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

Brayden Weiss '24 (left) and Sean Bledsoe '26 (right) pictured after the Forest Hill Invitational.

Introducing Mark's Model

A new way of predicting Wabash football games

MARK STOLTE '25 | SPORTS WRITER

In the world of football, predictions are of vital importance for a plethora of reasons. Some use them to make money betting. Some use them to analyze player and team performances. And others use them to get the upper edge in fantasy. But whatever the reason, we are obsessed with making predictions about the outcome of football games.

Of course, NFL predictions are readily available on a number of different platforms. But what if we wanted to try and predict the outcome of a Wabash College football game? Could we take a predictive model and apply it to Division III football? And if so, how reliable would it be?

Introducing Mark's Model, a new, Wabash-centered statistical model that aims to predict the outcome of Wabash football games. Using a combination of football insight with statistical reasoning, the prediction takes a variety of stats and produces a percentage chance of Wabash winning.

So, how does it all work? The first thing to note is that this model was originally created for predicting NFL games. Of course, the NFL collects far more and better quality data than even the top Division III football programs. But that wasn't going to stop us.

The first thing we had to do was create a base rating system for football teams. To do so, one has to figure out which statistics matter most. Of course, this is a subjective process. We decided that, because the goal of a football game is to win, we would use a correlation coefficient to figure out how each stat should be ranked.

But which stats equate to victories? In the NFL, there are a plethora of stats to choose from, making this a rather difficult question. But in Division III, we are limited by the stats available. So, Mark's Model uses the following pieces of information to make its predictions:

- 3rd down %
- Yards per attempt
- Passing yards per game
- Rushing yards per game
- Yards per rush
- Passing efficiency
- Defensive points per game against
- Sacks per game



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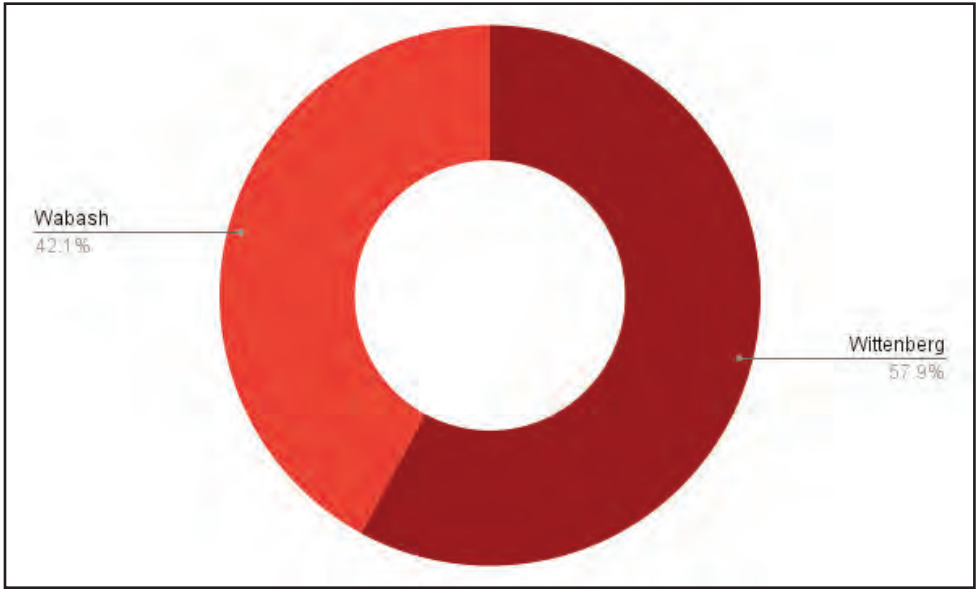
Head Football Coach Don Morel (right) and Gavin Patrick '23 (left) on the sidelines against Hampden-Sydney on September 3, 2022.

- Turnover margin

From here, the model works its magic and produces a percent chance of a Wabash win. So, how good is it? Well...limited. After plugging in the numbers from Wabash's first four games, the model gave Wittenberg University a 57.9% chance of winning the matchup on October 1. Of course, this is not

quite how the game turned out, and Wabash came out the other side 42-35 victors.

Like any model, it will never be right 100% of the time. But as we input more data, it should be able more accurately to deduce the outcome of Wabash games. So stay tuned for future issues of The Bachelor as we attempt to predict the rest of the season.



COURTESY OF JAKE PAIGE '23

Mark's Model gave Wittenberg University a 57.9% chance of winning against Wabash on October 1, 2022. However, Wabash actually won the game 42-35.

Results summary

Football
Saturday, October 1, 2022
Wabash College – 42
Wittenberg University – 35
At Edwards-Maurer Field, Springfield, Ohio

Soccer
Saturday, October 1, 2022
Wabash College – 5
Hiram College – 0
At Malmisur Stadium, Hiram, Ohio

Golf
October 1-2, 2022
Stateline Shootout (2nd/9 teams)
Hosted by Mount St. Joseph University

Cross Country
Saturday, October 1, 2022
Greater Louisville Classic (18th/35 teams)
Hosted by University of Louisville

Upcoming schedule

Soccer
Saturday, October 8, 2022
Kenyon College, at Wabash College
At Fischer Field, Crawfordsville

Tuesday, October 11, 2022
Denison College, at Wabash College
At Fischer Field, Crawfordsville

Golf
October 10-11, 2022
Wabash College Invitational
At Broadmoor Country Club, Indianapolis

Cross Country
Friday, October 14, 2022
Jenna Strong Fall Classic
Hosted by Wilmington College